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Heroes, characters being sought for Progress Edition

The *Herald* is encouraging its readers to participate in this year's Progress Edition, "Heroes and Characters of the Crossroads."

Specifically, we are looking for people who have made some type of impact on others in the Crossroads Area, through their kindness, wit, talent, determination or other traits.

If there is someone you consider to be a hero or a character, submit that person's name to the *Herald* in writing. Be sure and explain why you think he or she should be included in this special, four-section edition. Also include information so that we may get in touch with you, as well as the person's name you submit. The person you submit may be living or deceased.

The *Herald* will select individuals from those submitted to feature in the special edition, which will be published in late March.

All names must be submitted in writing no later than Friday and either brought to the *Herald* office at 710 Scurry or mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

□ Big Spring Commandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. There is a 6:30 p.m. dinner.

□ Big Spring Assembly No. 21, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. There is a 6:30 p.m. dinner.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.

□ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library annex, 500 Main.

□ Big Spring Chapter no. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

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

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Public invited to Main Street's annual meeting

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring Main Street Inc. will hold its annual membership meeting at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday at



MOUTON

Howard County Library. "Big Spring Main Street is a non-profit corporation organized to promote the development and preservation of downtown Big Spring," said Drew Mouton, a member of the board of directors. "We own a number of properties and have been involved in an effort to fix up a number of downtown areas. Recently, there has been renewed interest

in the organization, primarily because of the success of the Settles window project." Out-going directors are Pat Porter, Gail Earls and Cynthia Marshall. Current directors are Mouton, Tommy Churchwell, Delbert Donelson, Jerry Kilgore, Greg Biddison and Dr. Cheri Sparks. Members Charles Beil, Shirley Shroyer and Richard Atkins will be

electing three new directors to serve as well as new members to expand the membership. "We will have a full board for the first time in a number of years," said Mouton, who added that plans will be laid out for the future at Wednesday's meeting. "We are encouraging the public to attend. Anyone that is interested, please feel welcome," said Mouton.

Rain rally is tonight

The second annual "West Texas Rain Rally" will be held at 6:30 p.m. today at First Baptist Church.

The rally will follow the format from a year ago, when the session opened with old-time gospel music, followed by a period of testimony and then, finally, prayer.

Persons of all denominations and ages are invited to participate. 1999 went into the record book as the 11th driest year in Howard County history, according to records maintained for the past 100 years by the USDA's Agriculture Research Station and the Big Spring Herald.



This accident occurred on Eighth and Main around 8:30 a.m. today. Crystal Ferguson, driver of the car, was headed west and collided with a pick-up driven by Jim Parks. No injuries were reported.

Buckle up

Child safety advocate urges parents to make sure kids are secured

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

This is Child Passenger Safety Week, and a local child safety advocate is urging parents to make sure their children are buckled up correctly when they are riding in a vehicle.

"Eight of 10 car seats are improperly installed or misused," said Brian Jensen, Big Spring Fire Department interim fire chief. "The feeling is that 'anybody can put in a car seat,' but it's really not that simple. There are hundreds of car seats and when you consider all the makes of cars out there, there is a lot of chance for error."

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for children of every age from 6 to 14 years, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Association. That's a fact that can be linked, at least in part, to the reality that most children are either unbuckled or improperly restrained in vehicles. Texas law says that all children under age 2 must ride in safety seats. Children ages 2 and 3 may ride either in safety seats or be buckled up with safety belts. Children ages 4 through 14 must be restrained by safety belts.

However, parents need to be aware that for their child's safety, they should take extra precautions.

"Infants should ride in a rear-facing seat until they are at least 1 year old and weigh 20 pounds. Rear-facing infant safety seats should never be replaced in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with airbags. 'Until they are at least a year

old and weigh 20 pounds, their shoulders are not developed enough, and a kid can pop out between the harness. That's why it's important to have them in a rear-facing seat," said Jensen.

"Toddlers, 20 to 40 pounds should ride facing forward in a convertible safety seat."

"We see a lot of people take off the clasp that keeps the shoulder straps together because it is just too much of a hassle and they don't understand the need for them," said Jensen. "They have one purpose, and that is to hold the shoulder straps in place upon impact. They are very important. We have seen too many kids who have slipped through the shoulder straps and right out of the belt in a crash."

"Pre-schoolers, from 40 up to 80 pounds, should be restrained by a belt-positioning booster seat."

"On a small child, the adult lap belt rides up over the stomach and the shoulder belt cuts across the neck. In a crash, this could cause serious injury," said Jensen. "Booster seats are very effective in saving lives."

Studies show that as children get older, parents become more lax about having them buckle up. Nationwide, restraint use for children from birth to age 1 is 97 percent, and ages 1 to 4, 91 percent. But from age 5 to 15, restraint use falls to 68.7 percent.

"It's important to start young and not give children any slack," said Jensen. "If they move through the progression, from rear-facing seat, to booster seat, to safety belt, it becomes natural for them."

"Some parents think they can stick their hand out and stop a child from being thrown forward in an accident," said Jensen. "The reality is, a 10-pound child in an accident at 30

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Odessa Brand New Opree to feature music for all tastes during performance Saturday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Local talent will take the stage Saturday night when the Odessa Brand New Opree comes to Big Spring.

Musicians from the local community as well as Midland and Odessa will perform a variety of pop, gospel, country and 1950s style rock-n-roll in the show, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 each, available in advance or at the door.

"I'm happy to be able to bring the Odessa Brand New Opree to Big Spring," said local resident Lawrence Thibeault, who is producing the show. He organized a similar event in Odessa

last year, which also featured several local musicians and singers.

Saturday night's show is planned to benefit the Big Spring Independent School District choir programs, including high school and junior high. Choir boosters are selling advance tickets; for more information, call the choir room at 264-3641, Ext. 171.

"We wanted to support local musical programs in some way, and we think this is a great way to do it," said Thibeault.

Local performers will include Thibeault, a veteran of the Opree who works at Harris Lumber and Hardware; Joan Harmon, a guard at the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institute; Meagan Matthews, a Big Spring Junior High School student; and Johnny Moore, service manager at Shroyer Motors.

Also performing are Darrel Hendrickson, minister at First Church of God and Raford

Dunagan, music minister at Midway Baptist Church.

Linda Lindell, choir director at Big Spring High School, is singing in the show, while Craig Felty, junior high choir director, is helping backstage.

Master of ceremonies for the event will be J. Gordon Lunn, with KOSA Channel 7 in Odessa. Other performers from area communities include Jennifer Mahan, Bill Provance, Tami Jo Whitmire, Zack Casey, Philip Lewis, Les Goddard, Larry Blue, Normand Goulet and Emmet Roach.

Many of the performers were on hand Nov. 20 when the Opree show in Odessa took place. Thibeault said the success of that show prompted him to try one closer to home.

"We packed the house," he explained, adding that about half that audience was from Big Spring. "If it could work there, we think it can work even bet-

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Census hiring director to be in Howard, Martin and Borden counties

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Individuals interested in learning more about Census jobs in Howard, Martin and Borden counties won't have to go far to get information, or even apply.

"We're trying to place people in the community they are familiar with," said Gene Quigley, who is directed with hiring census takers and crew leaders for the three-county area. "We provide maps and all, but we think people who are in their own neighborhood are more familiar with who lives there and what is going on."

Full or part-time jobs are available at \$9.75 an hour for field assignments. Individuals need to have transportation and will be reimbursed at 32.5 cents per mile.

"They are temporary positions with flexible schedules," said Quigley, who is set up

schedules to be in various communities through February.

Quigley will be at the Texas Workforce Commission in Big Spring from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday and at the Veterans Administration Medical Center from 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays.

On Wednesdays, Quigley will be at the Texas Department of Human Services in Stanton from 2-4 p.m. He will also be in Stanton at the Martin County Community Center from 6-8 p.m. on Mondays.

Saturdays, Quigley will be at the Borden County Community Center in Gail from 10 a.m. until noon.

"Anyone who can walk around and talk to people, go around their neighborhood with questionnaires, is someone we are interested in talking with," said Quigley.

Those interested in applying should bring two forms or original, valid identification with them. Veterans are asked to bring a copy of their DD-214.

"We're trying to reach as many people as we can, and that is why we are doing this," said Quigley. He can also be contacted at 263-7013.



Census 2000 committee members Chris Cole and Emma Brown display T-shirts the group will be wearing at the local Census kickoff event, set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Dora Roberts Community Center. Meanwhile, Census takers are still needed for Howard, Borden and Martin counties.

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OBITUARIES

Jimmie "Jim" C. Harper

Jimmie "Jim" C. Harper, 86, Big Spring, died on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000, in a local nursing home. Funeral service will be 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jim Wilkerson, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in San Angelo, and Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church of Big Spring, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. He was born on April 22, 1913, in Howard County, and married Tessie Faye Mattingley on Oct. 18, 1932, in Merkel. She preceded him in death on Oct. 7, 1971.



Mr. Harper was the son of William E. and Lula Harper. He served on the islands of Guadalcanal and Tulagi in the South Pacific with the United States Navy during World War II. After the war, he returned to Big Spring where he owned and operated a trucking business and worked for Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Company. Mr. Harper worked in civil service at Webb Air Force Base and retired as the manager of shipping after 18 years. He had also owned and operated the Hilltop Nursery. He enjoyed volunteering his time at Crestview Baptist Church, playing golf, woodworking and traveling. He was a member of Crestview Baptist Church. Survivors include: one son and daughter-in-law, Jimmie F.

and Gay Nell Harper of Corpus Christi; one daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Sam Froman of Big Spring; one sister, Billie Lue Byerley of Del Rio; four grandchildren, Donald F. Harper of Plano, Pamela Gay Easley of Seabrook, and Kenneth J. Froman and Gene Froman, both of Big Spring; 14 great-grandchildren; and three sisters-in-law, Sonny Harper of Odessa, Berta Harper of Kemp and Gladys Evers of Colorado.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Claude, Robert and Paul Harper, a sister, Inus Bradley, a granddaughter, Tanya Sue Froman, both of Big Spring; 14 great-grandchildren; and three sisters-in-law, Sonny Harper of Odessa, Berta Harper of Kemp and Gladys Evers of Colorado.

Funeral service for Leon C. Bodine, 90, Ackerly, will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000, at the First Baptist Church of Ackerly with the Rev. Clifton Igo, Baptist minister of Lamesa, and the Rev. Derrick Looney, pastor of First Baptist Church of Ackerly, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Bodine died Sunday, Feb. 13, in a Lubbock hospital. He was born on Sept. 18, 1909, in San Augustine. He married Clovis Wright on June 26, 1942, in Lovington, N.M. He came to Ackerly in 1926, and had farmed there. He was an active sportsman and loved to hunt. Mr. Bodine was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ackerly and had taught Sunday School for over 50 years. He was a member of the Lamesa Masonic Lodge and had received his 50 year membership pin. Mr. Bodine had served on the Sands school board and the Ackerly Coop Gin board.

Survivors include: his wife, Clovis Bodine of Ackerly; two daughters, Rhea Herman of Seminole, and Zelda Bilbo of Ackerly; one son, Steve Bodine of Ackerly; one step daughter, Wanda Martens of Lamesa; one brother, R.E. Bodine of Hobbs, N.M.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society; c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121; Big Spring; 79721-2121.

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

Almeda C. Shive, 86, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 2000, at her residence.

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Mrs. Brown died Sunday, Feb. 13, in Kerrville. She was born on March 10, 1913, in Vincent. She married J. Lloyd Brown in 1945, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on April 18, 1997. She was a member of a pioneer Howard County family, her parents were William and Anna Creighton. She had lived in Kerrville since 1984 and was a homemaker. Mrs. Brown was

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a member of the First Baptist Church of Kerrville.

Survivors include: numerous nieces and nephews.

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ter here."

The show will last about two hours, including solos and small ensemble performances. Such popular hits as "Help Me Make it Through the Night," "Walking After Midnight," "From This Moment," and "Your Cheating Heart" are all on the program. A 1950s rock-n-roll medley is also planned, as is a piano solo called "Last Date," and the classic song, "Sentimental Journey."

During intermission, refreshments will be available, provided by the choir boosters.

"Everybody will be entertained by this show," Thibeault said. "There is truly some kind of music for everyone's tastes."

If this local Opree is successful, it might be repeated, he added.

This week, performers are busy doing their own rehearsals, leading up to a full rehearsal at the Municipal Auditorium at week's end.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. 4206, Hermans, 7 a.m.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m.

□ Rackley-Swords Chp. 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

FRIDAY

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

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

SATURDAY

□ Eagles Lodge Pot Luck supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian church, 21st and Goliad.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galyann Gamble at 263-1271.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041.

•Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

•Survivors of Suicide will meet Monday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Care Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, Midland. The topic will be "Dealing with the Shock of Loss."

BRIEFS

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS is offering disaster training courses. Thursday, Feb. 24, is introduction to disaster and damage assessment from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, is mass care and shelter operations from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, is emergency assistance to families from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Introduction to disaster is a prerequisite for all other courses. These classes will be held in the library at Balmorhea High School. To register for the class please contact Susie at 1-800-219-2154.

THE CITY OF BIG SPRING will be completing water line repairs Wednesday in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place. The following areas of the city will have no or low water pressure:

• 11th Place from State to Virginia.

• Washington Place from 11th to Virginia.

to Virginia.

• Lincoln from 11th to Washington.

• Jefferson from Lincoln to Virginia.

Repair work is scheduled from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or until completed.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE volunteers have been trained and are ready to begin preparing 1999 tax returns for individuals from Monday, Feb. 7-Monday, March 27. Hours are 9 a.m.-noon at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

All citizens are eligible to receive this free assistance. Interested persons should bring their tax booklet, all W-2 and 1099 forms, as well as anything else received showing 1999 income and their 1998 tax return. Please call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522, or the center, 267-1628, for more information.

BOBBY HOLLEY, 18, was arrested on a charge of driving without a valid drivers license.

JAMES TAYLOR, 22, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

RUSSEL DAVIS, 38, was arrested on a charge of driving without a valid driving license.

ASSAULT was reported in the 800 block of Pine.

THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa, in the 1800 block of Gregg, in the 3300 block of E. Marcy, in the 1700 block of E. Marcy, and in the 2300 block of Wasson road.

BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 700 block of Galveston.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of Madison.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100 block of Douglas, in the N.E. 12th & Benton.

ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 1800 block of E. Marcy.

MARKETS

March cotton 57.30, up 33 points; Feb. crude 29.70, up 26 points; cash hogs at \$1 lower at 38 even; cash steers steady at 69 even; Feb. lean hog futures 54.97, down 22 points; Feb. live cattle futures 69.50, down 42 points.

Other markets unavailable by press time.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Saturday through 8 a.m. today:

DANIEL HARTMAN, 33, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

LESLIE McCURTAIN, 39, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

GENARA AGUIRRE, 27, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

KENNETH HARTMANN, 35, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

TONY De LAGARZA, 34, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

LARRY RIGGINS, 26, was arrested on a charge of driving while license was invalid.

MARK LEAL, 33, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

BENITO RODRIQUEZ, 32, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

SUNDAY

12:45 a.m. — 600 block N. Runnels, traffic accident, three patients transported to SMMC.

6:04 a.m. — 2000 block Morrison, public service.

8:04 a.m. — 2600 block Chanute, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:59 a.m. — 100 block Airbase Road, medical call, service refused.

12:16 p.m. — 1400 block W. Third, medical Call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:00 p.m. — 400 block Gregg, structure fire, smoke scare.

11:20 p.m. — 600 block Caylor, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 72

Sunday's low 38

Average high 63

Average low 31

Record high 85 in 1962

Record low 14 in 1963

Precip. Sunday 0.00

Month to date 0.07

Month's normal 0.22

Year to date 0.49

Normal for the year 0.80

Sunrise Tuesday 7:29 a.m.

Sunset Tuesday 6:32 p.m.

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Lois Osburn Brumley, 61, died Thursday. Graveside services were 11:00 AM, today at Trinity Memorial Park.

Clifford Skelton, 79, died Friday. Funeral services are 2:00 PM, today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services are 11:00

Schulz dies just as farewell 'Peanuts' hits doorsteps

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — Monte Schulz, eldest son of the "Peanuts" creator, saw his father's spirits sag as the cartoonist battled illness and was forced to give up his beloved comic strip.

For the son, it was no coincidence that Charles Schulz's last strip featuring Snoopy and the gang was published on the very day the artist died.

"He just didn't seem all that willing and interested to fight the colon cancer," Monte Schulz said. The diagnosis came in November, and the cartoonist announced plans to retire his strip a month later.

The 77-year-old cartoonist died in his sleep Saturday at home with his wife, Jeannie. The exact cause of death wasn't known. A public memorial service was tentatively set for Feb. 21 in Santa Rosa, the artist's adopted hometown.

In addition to his wife and son Monte, Schulz is survived by

son Craig and three daughters, Meredith Hodges, Amy Johnson and Jill Schultz Transki; two stepchildren and 18 grandchildren.

Schulz's final strip showed Snoopy at his typewriter and other "Peanuts" regulars along with a "Dear Friends" letter thanking readers for their support.

"I think maybe he decided that his true passion was in the strip, and when that was gone, it was over," Monte Schulz said. "He had done what he had wanted to do, and that was it for him..."

Year after year in "Peanuts," the long-suffering Charlie Brown faced misfortune with a mild, "Good grief!" Tart-tongued Lucy handed out advice at a nickel a pop. And Snoopy, Charlie Brown's wise-but-weird beagle, re-fought World War I atop his doghouse.

While some cartoonists hire assistants, Schulz would have

none of it, said Sergio Aragones, a longtime friend and colleague.

"He sat there and he drew," he said.

Schulz had a clause in his contract dictating that no one else could ever draw "Peanuts." His last daily comic ran in early January, though old strips will continue to be published.

Fans and colleagues hailed Schulz as an irreplaceable artist whose work had become infused in American popular culture. Even in orbit, the crew of space shuttle Endeavour heard the up-tempo "Peanuts" theme song early today.

At the International Museum of Cartoon Art in Boca Raton, Fla., Schulz fans became mourners as they came to see an exhibit featuring his work.

"I said when they called me, 'It's not true,'" said a tearful Jeanne Greever, the museum's director of operations.

Schulz was born in

Minneapolis on Nov. 26, 1922, and was raised in St. Paul. He studied art after he saw a "Do you like to draw?" ad. He was drafted into the Army in 1943 and sent to the European theater, though he saw little combat.

After the war, he did lettering for a church comic book, taught art and sold cartoons to the Saturday Evening Post. His first feature, "Li'l Folks," was developed for the St. Paul Pioneer Press in 1947.

In 1950, it was sold to a syndicate, and "Peanuts" made its official debut in seven newspapers on Oct. 2 of that year. Eventually, it ran in more than 2,600 newspapers in 75 countries.

Schulz went on to win the Reuben Award, comic art's highest honor, in 1955 and 1964.

In 1978, he was named International Cartoonist of the Year, an award voted by 700 comic artists around the world.

Tornadoes slash through southwest Georgia today

CAMILLA, Ga. (AP) — Tornadoes slashed through southwest Georgia early today, killing at least 12 people and injuring more than 100.

The Mitchell County town of Camilla appeared to be hardest hit, with tornadoes cutting a 5-mile path through a housing development south of town.

"It's like somebody took a bulldozer and leveled it," volunteer firefighter Mikie Newsome said after he and his father watched a large dark funnel cloud dipped down about three miles from their home.

"All you heard was a roar, woo-woo-woo," said Johnny Jones, whose mobile home south of Camilla was lifted up and thrown on its side.

He said he freed his 14-year-old son, who was pinned under a washing machine, and they crawled out a window.

"All I could see was that everything was demolished. People were hollering and crying 'Where's my child?'" he said.

Newsome estimated that 50 to 60 homes were demolished, 90 percent of them mobile homes.

Red Cross spokeswoman Robin Dotson said the Mitchell County hospital lost power and was operating off a generator. Six people were reported

dead in Mitchell County, five in Grady County and one in either Colquitt or Tift. Emergency officials reported more than 100 injuries.

"As the sun comes up, I'm sure the injury count may go up," said Georgia Emergency Management Agency spokesman Ken Davis.

Just after daybreak, search and rescue teams went into the area to look for more dead and injured.

Davis said multiple twisters were reported in Colquitt and Mitchell counties but officials had not yet been able to determine how many tornadoes touched down. Dotson said one tornado touched down at 1 a.m. in Camilla, about 200 miles south of Atlanta.

The National Weather Service had not yet confirmed that the damage was caused by tornadoes, senior forecaster John McLeod said.

The twisters grew out of a line of thunderstorms that swept across the South during the night and by morning extended all along the East Coast.

Thunderstorms also ripped off roofs and knocked down trees in parts of Alabama, and earlier strong wind destroyed at least six houses in Arkansas and injured two people, was

injured by wind-blown debris.

Donald Trump decides against running for president

WASHINGTON (AP) — New York tycoon Donald Trump said today he won't run for president because the Reform Party is "self-destructing" and can't provide the support a candidate needs to win.

"You could only win the whole thing with a totally unified party," Trump said on NBC's "Today."

After months of speculation about a possible candidacy, the colorful and controversial billionaire said he was dissuaded in part by the departure of Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, who had been an ally of Trump's

in the Reform Party squabbles. He also took a shot at former Republican Pat Buchanan, who is seeking the party's nomination, and his unlikely supporter, leftist activist Lenora Fulani.

"The Reform Party is a total mess," Trump said. "You've got Buchanan, a right-winger and Fulani, a communist, and they've merged."

Trump's announcement ends a lengthy flirtation with the notion that the real estate developer could tap his fortune for a long-shot bid to capture the White House as a third-party candidate.

Trump said he would no longer consider running for president or vice president in 2000, even if Ventura or others got a new party off the ground.

"In a number of years I might consider it," Trump said.

Trump met over the weekend with advisers to consider the option of running as an Independence Party candidate,

but determined that there is not enough time to get on state ballots.

Trump considered that option out of respect for Ventura, who had been the Reform Party's highest elected official before leaving the party — he called it "dysfunctional" — last week to reinvigorate his state's Independence Party.



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OUR VIEWS

TxDOT meeting chance to tout Ports-to-Plains

An opportunity to further economic development in West Texas and the Crossroads Area takes place Tuesday in San Angelo with a meeting of the Texas Department of Transportation. Specifically, the meeting is to discuss selection criteria for new highways that want to be added to the Texas Trunk System.

Fortunately, already included in the system is the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, which we feel will someday be a very important economic asset to our area. A goal of the corridor coalition now is to get U.S. Highway 287 north of Amarillo and U.S. Highway 277 south of San Angelo included in Phase II of the trunk system. According to TxDOT officials, separate meetings on Phase II will be held later this year.

However, there are a couple of reasons why Tuesday's meeting is important to the Ports-to-Plains Corridor and our area. For one, additions to the trunk system could jeopardize the effort to have the remaining sections of U.S. 277 and 287 placed in the corridor. Funds for highway improvements are limited, and the competition is great.

Second, it is important that Ports-to-Plains coalition members be present to show support for the corridor whenever possible. This is one of those opportunities. A number of officials are planning to attend the meeting from our area. It is open to the public. Displays will be available beginning at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. TxDOT officials will make a presentation. Following that will be an opportunity for members of the audience to make comment and ask questions.

The meeting will be held at the TxDOT District Office, in San Angelo at 4502 Knickerbocker Road. Come help show your support for economic development in the Crossroads Area.

OTHER VIEWS

President Clinton entered office eight years ago as a firm believer in free trade, using his formidable political skills to push through Congress some difficult trade expansion agreements. No longer.

Trying to please important Democratic constituencies — mainly labor — in an election year, he has yielded to some of the most protectionist elements, diminishing his free-trade legacy. More important, his position is undermining the World Trade Organization, an important ally in Washington's push for open markets.

Last December's WTO meeting in Seattle, aimed at kicking off a new round of trade liberalization talks, did not fail because of street demonstrations by opponents. Rather, the col-

lapse came on Clinton's insistence that labor and environment standards be included in trade agreements, a position that a vast majority of WTO member countries see as protectionist. ... He has clearly decided that electing Al Gore president is more important than free trade at this time. ...

But the world needs the WTO. With its basic rules of fairness and equal treatment, along with reams of specific regulations and a system to enforce them, the WTO acts as the only referee in the global economy. By playing to political elements at home, Clinton has planted the seed of discord, suspicion and downright hostility within the organization. ...

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LETTER POLICIES

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- Letters should be submitted to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

Indian leader should be granted clemency

For those of you who were in diapers 25 years ago, Leonard Peltier, who has been rotting away in Leavenworth Prison the past 24 years, was one of the leaders of the American Indian Movement. He was convicted of murdering two FBI agents during a gun battle involving 30 Indians and about 150 FBI and other law-enforcement officers.



CHARLEY REESE

All indications are that Peltier is innocent and is, in fact, a victim of a federal government vendetta. There is a petition for clemency on the president's desk, and supporters of Peltier want people to write the president urging him to grant it. Peltier is now 54 and in poor health.

The best evidence of his innocence is a statement in the record made by the man who prosecuted him during a hearing on appeals. He said flat-out that the U.S. government did not know who killed the agents. Of course, at Peltier's trial, he had looked the jury in the eye and said Peltier killed the agents. The jury that convicted Peltier was not told that two other Indians who were also charged with the agents' murders but tried separately were acquitted after evidence of FBI misconduct was brought to light.

There is plenty of evidence that the FBI disgraced itself by suborning perjury and concealing evidence from Peltier's defense. For example, he was extradited from Canada on the basis of an affidavit from an Indian woman who said she was Peltier's girlfriend and had been at the scene of the shooting. She later admitted that she did not even know Peltier and was not present at the scene. She said she had been terrorized by the FBI. The U.S. government, however, refused to

let her testify to this at Peltier's trial on the grounds that she was mentally incompetent.

Testimony by a ballistics expert was found, through the Freedom of Information Act years later, to have been inaccurate. The tests did not tie the rifle alleged to have been Peltier's to the murder. There were no witnesses who could testify that they saw the murders committed. No one could place Peltier near the agents until after the murders. In short, as the prosecutor belatedly admitted, the FBI doesn't know who killed the agents. But government lawyers convicted Peltier and have continued to vigorously oppose clemency or parole.

I used to have great faith in the FBI, but it has squandered its trust by its misbehavior not only in this case, but in several cases since. Even today, the FBI continues to refuse to release 6,000 documents concerning Peltier's case, though there is certainly no danger to national security 25 years after the fact. Unless the next presi-

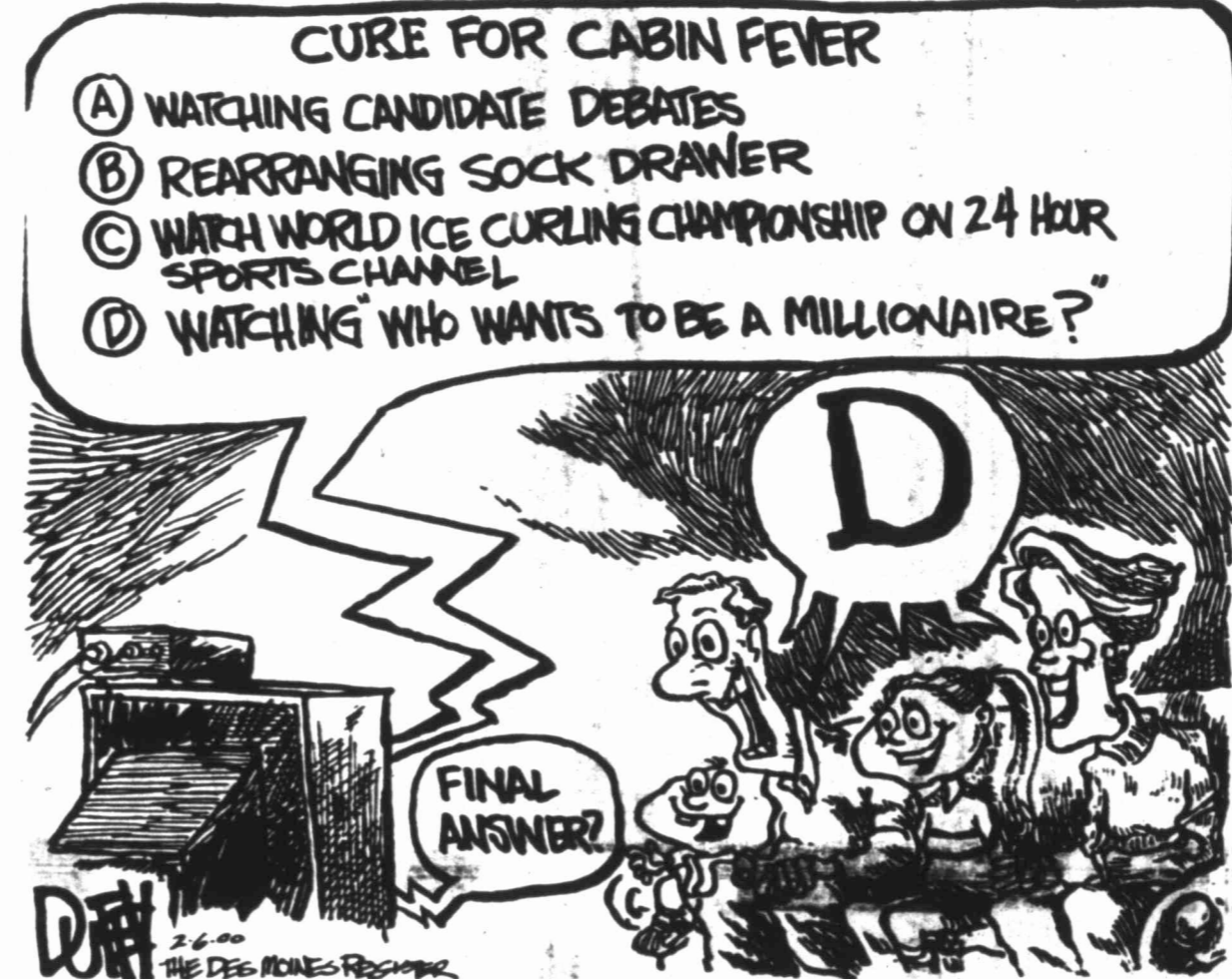
dent cleans house and insists on reforms, Americans are going to have to reconcile themselves to the fact that the United States, like other authoritarian governments, has a political police.

Peltier has become an international celebrity, and his release has the backing of, among others, Amnesty International and Nobel laureate Bishop Desmond Tutu. "In the Spirit of Crazy Horse," by Peter Matthiessen, is a book about Peltier.

But a fat lot of good that does.

Peltier is suffering the results of a botched prison surgery. He was put in an isolation cell infested with roaches in which to recover.

The issue for us is plain: No American can sleep securely if the U.S. government is allowed to abuse the law, suborn perjury, doctor evidence and lie to cover it up just to seek vengeance. If you're inclined to help, drop Mr. Clinton a line. If he can pardon his own behavior, he can pardon an innocent man.



Electing a president or the Court?

The challenge for the front-runners in the presidential nominating race is to avoid taking positions in the primaries that could come back to hurt them in the fall campaign. For a Republican, that means avoiding being pulled too far to the right on social issues.



JACK ANDERSON

Until very recently, George W. Bush steered a moderate course on the emotional issue of abortion rights, refusing to embrace a "litmus test" in naming Supreme Court judges or a potential running mate.

Then, with contests in Iowa and New Hampshire looming, and publisher Steve Forbes pressing him from the right, Bush apparently felt the need to harden his position. He revealed that he favors overturning Roe vs. Wade, the landmark abortion rights decision, and fully returning the power to regulate abortion to the states. Asked whether he thought the Texas legislature would make the procedure illegal during the first trimester, when the vast majority of abortions occur, Bush replied yes.

It's hard to know whether Bush is sincere about wanting to end legal abortion or

whether he's being swayed by political pressure to adopt a more Reagan-like pro-life stand. His wife, Laura, has made statements that suggest she is pro-choice. His mother is pro-choice. And his father, the former president, conspicuously moved from pro-choice to the pro-life side in 1980 when he became Reagan's running mate.

Regardless of motivation, Bush's comments make it harder for pro-choice moderates and swing voters to trust him. The next president will almost certainly get the opportunity to name two and possibly three Supreme Court nominees as aging justices retire. Roe vs. Wade is hanging by a thread, and the next president, through his appointments, can reinforce the pro-choice majority or ensure the demise of the 1972 ruling.

Normally, only political activists pay attention to the makeup of the Court when they cast their ballots. But this presidential election will be different: There won't be a voter left come November who doesn't understand what's at stake when it comes to the future of the Court.

Voter awareness will be heightened by a Supreme Court decision, due in June, on the constitutionality of state laws that ban so-called partial-birth abortions. Some 30 states have passed such laws, and doubts about their constitutionality prompted the Supreme Court to take up the matter.

However the justices rule, the result will increase public interest in the Court. If two of the six pro-abortion-rights justices retire, and are replaced by justices who hold opposing views, three decades of abortion law could be reversed.

Other hot-button issues will come before the Court in the next president's term. Gay rights, affirmative action, and separation of church and state all loom as potential donnybrooks that could be settled one way or another depending on who sits on the Supreme Court.

Bush has said that he most admires Judge Antonin Scalia, a strong intellect and a strident voice for conservatism on the Court. And Bush has kind words for Judge Clarence Thomas, whose nomination liberals bitterly fought when President Bush named him to the Court.

Bush also says he will do nothing to moderate the Republican platform on abortion, calling the party's refusal to allow exceptions in the case of rape or incest a statement of principle. His own principles allow for such exceptions, but Bush has apparently decided there are some fights not worth waging. From a political standpoint, he's probably right not to challenge his party's social conservatives about a platform they regard as sacred, and nobody else reads. Unlike a party platform, however, which is fleeting, Supreme Court appointments are forever.

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IN BRIEF

Borden County, Dawson set for playoff tonight

Borden County's Lady Coyotes, currently ranked No. 4 in the Class 1A girls' basketball rankings, will take on Dawson's Lady Dragons in a bi-district playoff game tonight at 7:30 in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

On Tuesday, "The Dorothy" will be the site for two more postseason games. The Ira Bulldogs will face Reagan County's Owls in a boys' practice game at 6, followed at 8 by a bi-district girls' playoff between Grady's Lady Wildcats and Klondike's Lady Cougars.

The latest game added to the coliseum's schedule is a 6 p.m. area playoff on Friday featuring Ozona's Lady Lions and the winner of Tuesday's Seagraves-Sundown bi-district game.

A boys' bi-district doubleheader is also set for Tuesday, Feb. 22. Grady's Wildcats will take on Wellman at 6 p.m. and Ira will take on Klondike.

Softball boosters slate meeting for Thursday

The Big Spring Softball Boosters Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the meeting room at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Congression stand workers for Lady Steers softball games are still needed.

For more information, call Kelley Howell at 263-0747 or 263-4624.

American Little League to hold meeting Tuesday

The American Little League of Big Spring will hold an open meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at LaContesa Beauty Salon.

For more information, call Robby Wegner at 267-1440.

National Little League sets Thursday meeting

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

All persons interested in coaching is asked to attend the meeting.

For more information, call Allan Johnson at 267-7416 or 263-1163.

Steers relay team earns spot in state meet field

Big Spring's boys' 400-yard freestyle relay team of Michael Carrasco, Wolfgang Robinson, Josh Pike and Doug Willberg will be headed to the Class 4A state swimming and diving championships on Feb. 25-26.

The foursome's time of 3:42.24 finished second at the Region I, Class 4A meet in Lubbock on Saturday and was among the eight best non-winning times among the four regional meets.

AREA GAMES

TODAY HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS

7:30 p.m.
• Borden County Lady Coyotes vs. Dawson Lady Dragons, Class 1A bi-district game, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

JUCO BASKETBALL

6 p.m.
• Howard Lady Hawks at New Mexico Junior College Lady Thunderbirds.

8 p.m.
• Howard College Hawks at New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds.

ON THE AIR

Radio

JUCO BASKETBALL
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5:50 p.m. — Howard Lady Hawks at NMJC Lady Thunderbirds, feed from Hobbs station, KBYG-AM 1400.

Men
7:45 p.m. — Howard Hawks at NMJC Thunderbirds, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Men
7 p.m. — Rice at Tulsa, FXS, Ch. 29.

Lady Steers set to open softball season Tuesday in Monahans

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

After seeing his team struggle in his first year at the helm, Big Spring Lady Steers head softball coach Dan Arista is looking ahead to Tuesday's 5 p.m. season opener in Monahans with some optimism.

One of the reasons for that optimism is the number of returning starters on the Lady Steers roster.

Veterans return at almost every infield position, with Amy Jackson back at third base, Monica Rubio holding the fort at shortstop and Lindsey Marino behind the plate.

In addition, Leticia Hernandez, who

made extensive action late last season, moves into the first base position left vacant by the graduation of Juanita Valdez.

Bridget Cain will start at second base in the opener, while Arista is still not set on his lineup in the outfield where veterans Tracy Padilla, Terri Denton, Tricia Fulgham and Vanessa Rodriguez are battling for the three positions.

Kaci Aciri, who split pitching duties with the graduated Jessica Canales a year ago, figures to be the Lady Steers' starter Tuesday.

Aciri is expected to get some help once the Lady Steers basketball squad finishes its run in the Class 4A playoffs and freshman Christina Gwyn is available

for mound duty.

That doesn't mean that Arista doesn't have some concerns following the Lady Steers most recent scrimmages.

"We're still trying to find the right chemistry right now," Arista said. "Our first scrimmage against Greenwood and Odessa High we looked pretty good, but we had some problems Saturday when we went against Greenwood and Permian."

Not only did the Lady Steers suffer through a lack of offensive production, but committed some costly mistakes.

"We're having some difficulty at the plate right now," Arista noted. "We've got to hit the ball better and score more runs than we have. But we also had

some errors that really cost us. We've got to get that corrected right now."

"It's basically a matter of eliminating errors and going to work at the plate," he added. "We've just got to generate runs and that's something we didn't do this weekend."

The Lady Steers will get plenty of work on the road before playing their home opener March 4 when they host Grape Creek's Lady Eagles in a doubleheader beginning at noon.

Prior to that home opener, the Lady Steers will head for the Abilene Invitational tournament this weekend, take part in Midland's Tall City Invitational, March 24-26, and then travel to Lubbock Monterey on Feb. 29.



Howard College sophomore guard Derrick Franklin (00) makes an impressive pass back to a teammate on a fast break, leaving a surprised Ricky Duff (32) of Midland College with no way to defend the follow, as the Hawks took a 72-62 win last week, avenging their only loss in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. The Hawks and Lady Hawks travel to Hobbs, N.M., tonight to take on New Mexico Junior College's Thunderbirds and Lady Thunderbirds. Women's play gets under way at 6 p.m. in the Lea County Events Center.

UConn still No. 1; Marquette makes debut in Top 25

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Connecticut held the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press women's basketball poll for the 15th straight week today and led a top six that remained the same as last week.

There was considerable change among the final 19 places, however, as 12 of those teams lost during the week and two newcomers made the poll. Marquette gained its first ranking at No. 23. George Washington, ranked for one week in January, returned at No. 25.

Kansas and Stanford dropped out.

Connecticut (22-1), which routed Miami and came from 11 points down to win at Rutgers, received 31 of 44 first-place votes and 1,080 points from a national media panel.

Tennessee (21-3), which has won eight straight since a 27-point loss at Georgia on Jan. 17, was second with four first-place votes and 1,031 points. No. 3 Georgia (24-2) had nine first-place votes and 1,029 points. The Lady Bulldogs have won 10 straight.

Louisiana Tech was fourth, Notre Dame fifth and Penn State sixth. Then the changes began.

North Carolina State, which has won all three of its games since center Summer Erb was sidelined by a broken foot, jumped four places to seventh. Rutgers beat Providence before losing to UConn and climbed two spots to eighth. LSU dropped two places to ninth after losing to Alabama and Iowa State fell from eighth to 10th after losing at Kansas State.

UC Santa Barbara moved up one place to 11th and Texas Tech fell three places to 12th after losing on the road to Missouri. Then it was Auburn, Duke, Arizona and Old Dominion, followed by Purdue, Oklahoma, Boston College and Tulane.

Virginia, Mississippi State, Marquette, UCLA and George Washington held the final five places.

Marquette (20-4) has won 11 of 12 since a 75-60 loss at Notre Dame on Jan. 2 and is coming off road victories over Cincinnati and Louisville. The Golden Eagles, who beat Tulane by 21 a week ago, clinched the Conference USA American

WOMEN'S POLL

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Feb. 13:

Rank	Team	Record
1.	Connecticut (31)	22-1
2.	Tennessee (4)	21-3
3.	Georgia (9)	24-2
4.	Louisiana Tech	19-2
5.	Notre Dame	21-2
6.	Penn St.	20-3
7.	N.C. State	20-4
8.	Rutgers	16-5
9.	LSU	19-4
10.	Iowa St.	18-4
11.	UC Santa Barbara	21-3
12.	Texas Tech	19-3
13.	Auburn	18-5
14.	Duke	19-4
15.	Arizona	20-3
16.	Old Dominion	18-4
17.	Purdue	17-6
18.	Oklahoma	20-4
19.	Boston College	19-6
20.	Tulane	21-3
21.	Virginia	19-6
22.	Mississippi St.	18-5
23.	Marquette	20-4
24.	UCLA	13-7
25.	George Washington	20-3

Others receiving votes: Stanford 64, Oregon 63, Kansas 57, Michigan 55, Xavier 33, Illinois 16, Vanderbilt 13, Alabama 8, SW Missouri St. 8, Villanova 8, Drake 7, Utah 6, Missouri 4, Stephen F. Austin 4, Kent 3, Nebraska 3, Kansas St. 2, Colorado St. 1.

Division championship with the win at Louisville.

They are the 131st team to be ranked in The AP poll, which began in 1976.

George Washington (20-3) was ranked 24th the week of Jan. 17, then fell out the next week after losing at Xavier. The Colonials have won six in a row since and are 18-1 following a 2-2 start.

Kansas, 23rd last week, beat Texas but lost at Nebraska on Sunday. The Jayhawks (17-6) had been ranked in all but one of the previous polls this season.

Stanford (15-6) returned to the poll last week at No. 24 after being out for a week. The Cardinal dropped out this time after splitting on a road trip, losing to Oregon and beating Oregon State.

Tulane went from 25th to 20th for the best jump in the poll. The Green Wave bounced back from the loss to Marquette with decisive victories over Houston and South Florida.

It's Mickelson who ends Woods' streak

SAN DIEGO (AP) — After denying Tiger Woods a seventh straight PGA Tour victory, Phil Mickelson offered neither apologies nor condolences.

Mickelson had just survived a round in which he had two double bogeys in five holes on a course he'd grown up playing, and wanted only to savor his Buick Invitational victory.

"I wasn't out to end his streak," said Mickelson, who did just that on Sunday in dramatically stopping the tour's longest run in 52 years. "I don't want to be the bad guy here. I just wanted to win."

"To go against the best player in the world, and to come out on top, means a lot to me."

Mickelson showed grit after his two big stumbles to beat Woods and Japan's Shigeki Maruyama by four strokes on the Torrey Pines South Course.

Heck, he even pumped his fist, just like Woods does, after sinking a 6-foot birdie putt on No. 14, his second straight birdie to recover from the double bogeys that wiped the smile from his face.

So Byron Nelson's record run of 11 straight victories is safe, for the time being.

Can Woods or anyone else win six straight again?

"It just all depends if someone gets hot like I did; someone plays well and give themselves enough opportunities," Woods said. "Either you are going to win them outright yourself or you might need a little help, but I think it can be done again."

After lurking six shots off the lead after each of the first three rounds, Wood made another exciting run.

He trailed Mickelson by seven strokes with 12 to go — nothing compared to his rally last Monday at Pebble Beach.

No 'Air Apparent' emerges from NBA All-Star game

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Those who were looking for the next Michael Jordan to break from the pack at the All-Star game will have to wait another year.

At least another year. For now, there is only a diverse group of distinct talents, but no Air Apparent.

With Jordan watching from the eighth row in a suit, the Western Conference All-Stars defeated the East 137-126 Sunday, led by Shaquille O'Neal, Tim Duncan and Jason Kidd.

In a way, it was a fitting first All-Star game for the start of the post-Jordan era. Nobody is sure who the next super-superstar is, and none burst forward in this game.

"You know what?" Kevin Garnett said. "I think what you're seeing in the NBA is not one dominant player."

"What you're seeing is a wide spread of talent throughout the league, everything from high-risers to (those) redefining positions. I see more positives as far

as setting the standards for the next generation."

O'Neal and Duncan were co-MVPs. Garnett scored 22, Kidd handed out 14 assists and the West used its superior size to break a three-game losing streak in this annual showcase event.

O'Neal had 22 points, nine rebounds and three blocks, while Duncan shot 12-for-14 for 24 points with 14 rebounds and four assists.

Kobe Bryant added 15 for the West, while Michael Finley and Kidd had 11 apiece.

The West started the fourth quarter with a 10-2 run, led by five points from Finley, to go ahead 109-99. The East never made a run the rest of the way.

As for the best move of the day, that award might have to be shared by O'Neal and Vince Carter for their 360-degree dunks — although Carter's was infinitely more fluid.

The first basket for the East was an alley-oop dunk by Carter off a pass from

Allen Iverson, while the second was a breakaway slam by Carter that closely resembled one of his best from the dunk contest Saturday night.

Carter did a 360-degree spin to his right — rather than doing it the easy way by spinning left — and dunked the ball with two hands.

"All everybody talked about coming into the game was how many lobes I was going to throw to Vince," Iverson said. "And it was getting frustrating because they didn't want Vince to show off. Every time we got on the break, they took the lob away from him."

In the third quarter, O'Neal did a 360-degree slam of his own, cheating on the first 180 degrees. NBC microphones caught him saying, "it wasn't a 360, it was a 257."

"It caught me off guard," Bryant said. "I didn't know he had that."

Bryant had an out-of-character shot, too, making a sky hook reminiscent of something out of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's

repertoire.

After the breakneck start keyed by Carter's dunks, the pace slowed early in the second quarter as the reserves got their minutes.

Ray Allen and O'Neal injected some life back into the game — Allen with a Cartersque drive and dunk; O'Neal by dribbling coast to coast for a layup and then following with a fast-break slam and an alley-oop dunk off a pass from Kidd complete with a chin-up on the rim.

"Any time you're in a game like this it's a free-for-all, so you let it all go," Allen said. "It's that type of game."

Carter, who won the slam dunk contest with a dominant performance Saturday night, had a pedestrian dunk for the final basket of the first half.

Carter had a chance to close the game with a flourish, but a full-court pass to him was thrown too far and he ended up trying to shoot the ball from behind the backboard.

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"It Pays To Read Big Spring Herald Classifieds"

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 15:

Build a stronger connection with co-workers. As a result, the quality of your work atmosphere will change substantially. Be sensitive to learning new technologies and increasing your work potential. Consider working at home, or at least taking more work home. Be careful. You often run around busily, not thinking about what you are doing. Concentrate on one item at a time. Pick and choose your words carefully as well. The Stars>Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 15:

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***You could blow a fuse. You have a lot on your plate, but you can handle it. Money-making opportunities tumble into your lap. Keep talking and sharing ideas. Tonight: Happy at home.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 15:

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***Communication flourishes as you clear obstacles. Be careful if you have been swallowing frustration or anger; it will come out. Another can and will hear you loud and clear right now. You don't have to yell! Tonight: Out and about.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 15:

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***Your intuition serves you well, especially in money dealings. You could be overwhelmed by what you are hearing. Say no if you need to. Don't be shy! Tonight: Pay bills.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 15:

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***All eyes look to you, as you naturally seem to make the right moves. Your sense of humor takes over when dealing with loved ones and friends. A boss pushes hard, however. Seek to establish a better working relationship. Tonight: Cook a gourmet meal.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 15:

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***Take a back seat. Let others play out their own dramas. Any feedback you contribute might not be appreciated, or even heard. Listen to your inner sense regarding work. Maintain responsibilities. A change in plans is for the better. Tonight: Turn in early!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 15:

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***A long-trusted associate goes on the warpath. Know when to

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 15:

say "enough is enough." You might opt to communicate your discomfort to friends. Discuss your long-term goals with a friend. Be willing to break the mold. Tonight: Where your friends are.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 15:

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***Responsibilities weigh heavily. Others clearly let you know when you haven't met their standards. Their demanding natures could push you into a tizzy. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 15:

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***Take an overview, especially if someone you work with cannot seem to get it together. Pitch in; be willing to help out and make another's work easier. Caring flows; you are coming from a centered point of view. Others appreciate you and your effort. S. Tonight: Avoid office gossip.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 15:

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***Aim for what you want. Openly discuss problems with a partner. Your ability to understand what goes on with others helps them open up. Another's temper flares. Choose not to trigger. Jealousy could be at the bottom of this problem. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 15:

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***Others seem to act on their thoughts, giving you the privilege of observing rather than acting. Your sense of humor comes out with a friend. Sharing your point of view in a light way makes friends. Tonight: Happy at home.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 15:

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***Work needs attention; it seems no one can get the job done like you can. Trust your inventiveness and creativity in a pinch. Be careful how you frame your words. Another could take them in a different vein than you had intended. Tonight: Where the gauntlet is.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 15:

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***Keeping your focus on work proves challenging. Your loving ways break through another's defensiveness. You have a tendency to exaggerate and go to extremes. Tonight: Play the night away.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 15:

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Be a sweetheart today and love thy spouse

DEAR READERS: It's Valentine's Day already! And what better time to revive my Ten Commandments of Love.

Yes, dear readers, I actually had the chutzpah to write my own Ten Commandments. However, it wasn't as though I was stealing from strangers. One of my ancestors was privileged to have received them on Mount Sinai from the Lord himself - at least that's what the Good Book says.

Originally, I wrote two sets of commandments - one for men and one for women. Then Mandy Stellman, a lawyer from Milwaukee, pointed out that one set of commandments should apply to both men and women. She was right, of course. So how's this for a gender-bender?

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF LOVE

Put your spouse before your mother, your father, your son and your daughter - your mate is your lifelong companion.

Do not abuse your body with excessive food, tobacco, drink, or any foreign substance that goes into your arm or up your nose.

Remember that cleanliness is a virtue.

Willingly share all of your worldly goods with your mate.

Do not forget to say, "I love you."

MONDAY

FEB. 14

Table with 24 columns (KMD, KPEJ, KERA, FAM, KOSA, WFAA, KWES, WTBS, UNI, DISN, NASH, TMC, SHOW, HBO, KMLM, A&E, DISC, TNT, USA, SCIFI, LIFE, TLC) and 6 rows of program listings.

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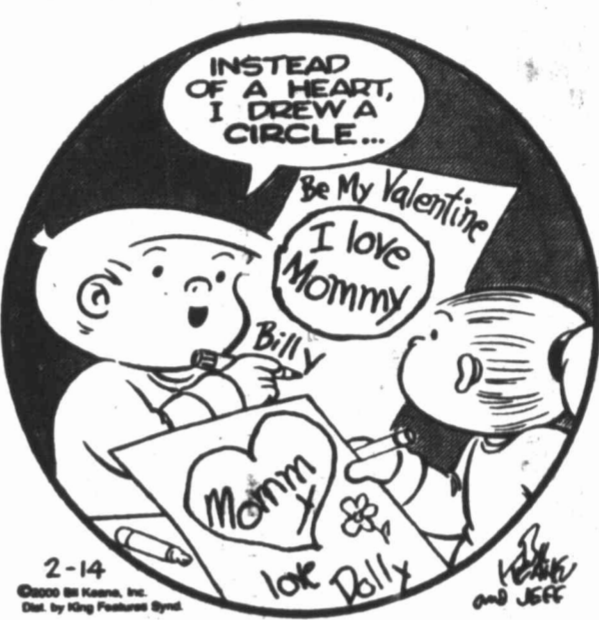
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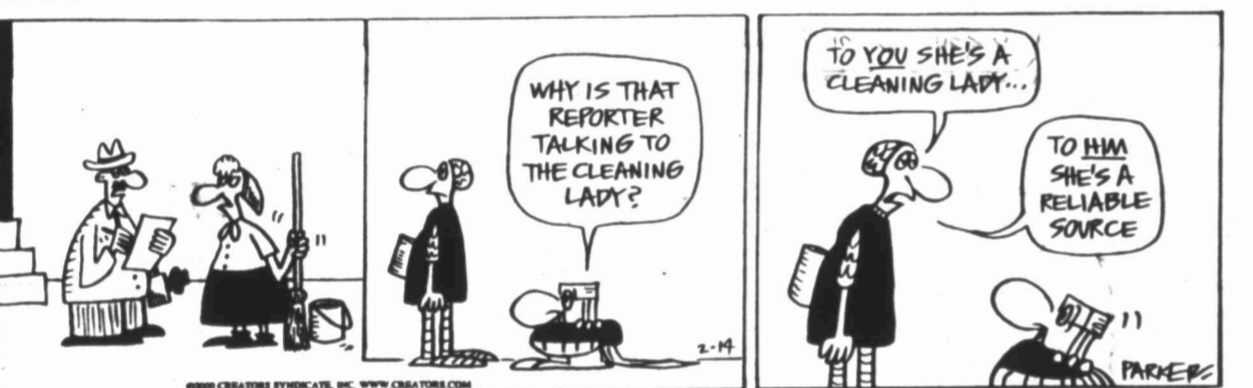
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... A heart can be broken, but a circle goes on forever.

OL' MARGARET LOVES TO BLOW ME A KISS, BUT I ALWAYS DUCK JUST IN TIME.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

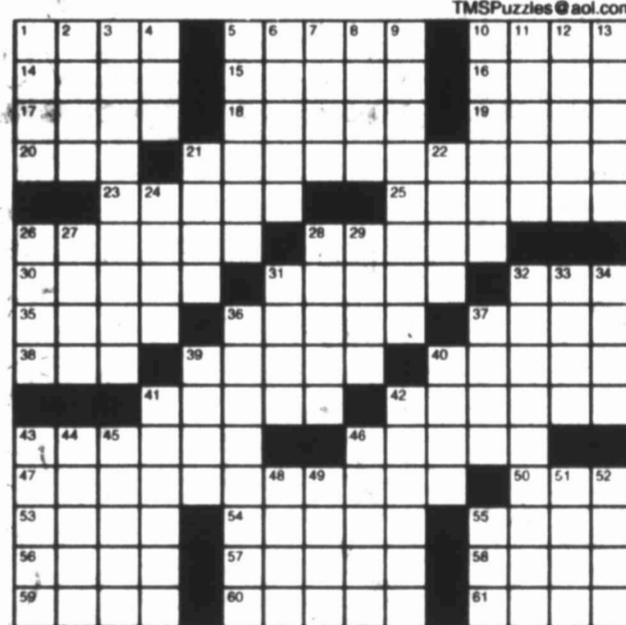
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2000. There are 321 days left in the year. This is

Valentine's Day. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 14, 1920, the League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago; its first president was Maude Wood Park. On this date: In 1778, the American ship Ranger arrived in France, fly-

ing the recently adopted Stars and Stripes in a foreign port for the first time. In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state. In 1895, Oscar Wilde's final play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," opened at the St. James's Theatre in London. In 1899, Congress approved, and President McKinley signed, legislation authorizing states to use voting machines for federal elections. In 1903, the Department of Commerce and Labor was established. In 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union. In 1929, the St. Valentine's Day Massacre took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down. In 1945, Peru, Paraguay, Chile and Ecuador joined the United Nations. In 1962, First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House. In 1989, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini called on Muslims to kill Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," a novel condemned as blasphemous.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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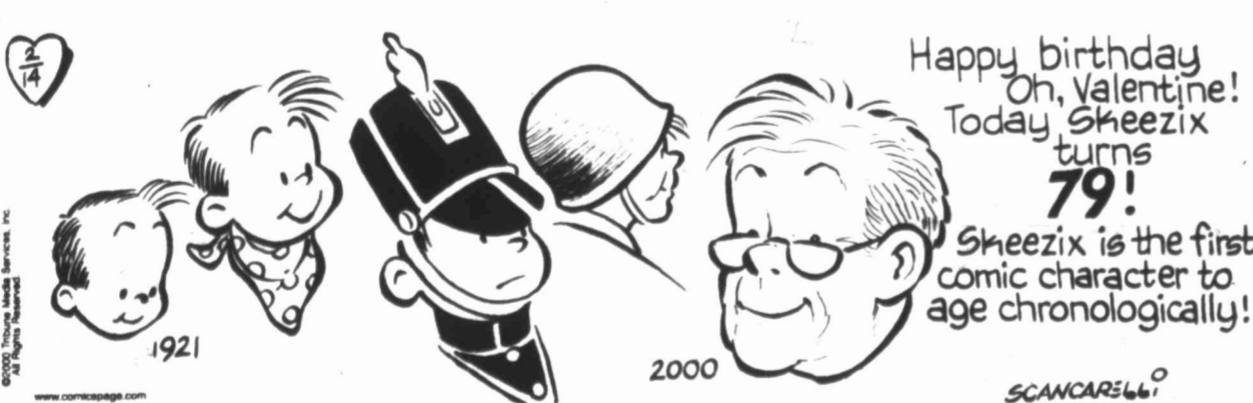


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Ten years ago: Ninety-four people were killed when an Indian Airlines passenger jet crashed while landing at a southern Indian airport. Five years ago: A federal judge rejected the Justice Department's proposed antitrust settlement with Microsoft Corporation; U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin was later overruled by an appeals court. The House passed the centerpiece of the Republican anti-crime package, voting to create block grants for local governments while eliminating President Clinton's program to hire more police. (The president later vetoed a spending authorization bill containing this provision.) One year ago: President Clinton, accompanied by his wife, Hillary, began a quick visit to Mexico to encourage its struggle against narcotics and government corruption, and grow its markets for U.S. products. John D. Ehrlichman, President Nixon's domestic affairs adviser imprisoned for his role in the Watergate cover-up that ultimately led to Nixon's resignation, died in Atlanta at age 73. Today's Birthdays: TV personality Hugh Downs is 79. Actress-singer Florence Henderson is 66. Country singer Razzie Bailey is 61. Jazz musician Maceo Parker is 57. Movie director Alan Parker is 56. Journalist Carl Bernstein is 56. Actor-dancer Gregory Hines is 54. Senator Judd Gregg (R-N.H.) is 53. TV personality Pat O'Brien is 52.