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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 50°-55°

TODAY 72°-76°

Blood drive set here Wednesday

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be holding a blood drive from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the first floor classroom. Contact the medical center volunteer desk for an appointment.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m. VAMC room 212.
□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.
□ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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. U42060, 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.
□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

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

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

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Consumer rights information available locally and on Internet

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Howard County citizens can find out what their rights are on a myriad of consumer rights topics at the local tax assessor-collector's office.



TROILO

The Texas Attorney General's office has recently set

up a display of pamphlets in that office, which cover such topics as "Giving to Charities," "Car Repair," "Rights of the Elderly," "Home Improvement" and "Telemarketing Fraud."

All of the pamphlets are free. "We've put out this information in a public place so that individuals who have a problem can get the help they need," said Arthur Troilo III, program director with the Consumer Protection Division.

The pamphlets offer various tips on a variety of subjects. The one on charitable giving,

for instance, instructs the reader how to ask the right questions, how to tell if an organization is legitimate, "red flags" that indicate dishonesty, and tips on how to give and how not to give.

"This information is the basics, but lots of people don't know what their rights are when they think they receive an auto repair bill that is far more than they expected," said Troilo. "The one on automobile repair lists a number of common scams unscrupulous mechanics have used and what

to watch for, how to resolve disagreements, and how to report a problem."

Other pamphlets include "Charitable Raffles," "Mail Order Sales" and "If You Have A Consumer Complaint."

The latter explains who to contact, how to explain the problem, dispute resolution, special problems, securing an attorney and more.

All consumer complaints to the Texas Attorney General's Office must be made in writing. However, for information on a topic, citizens can call 1-800-821-

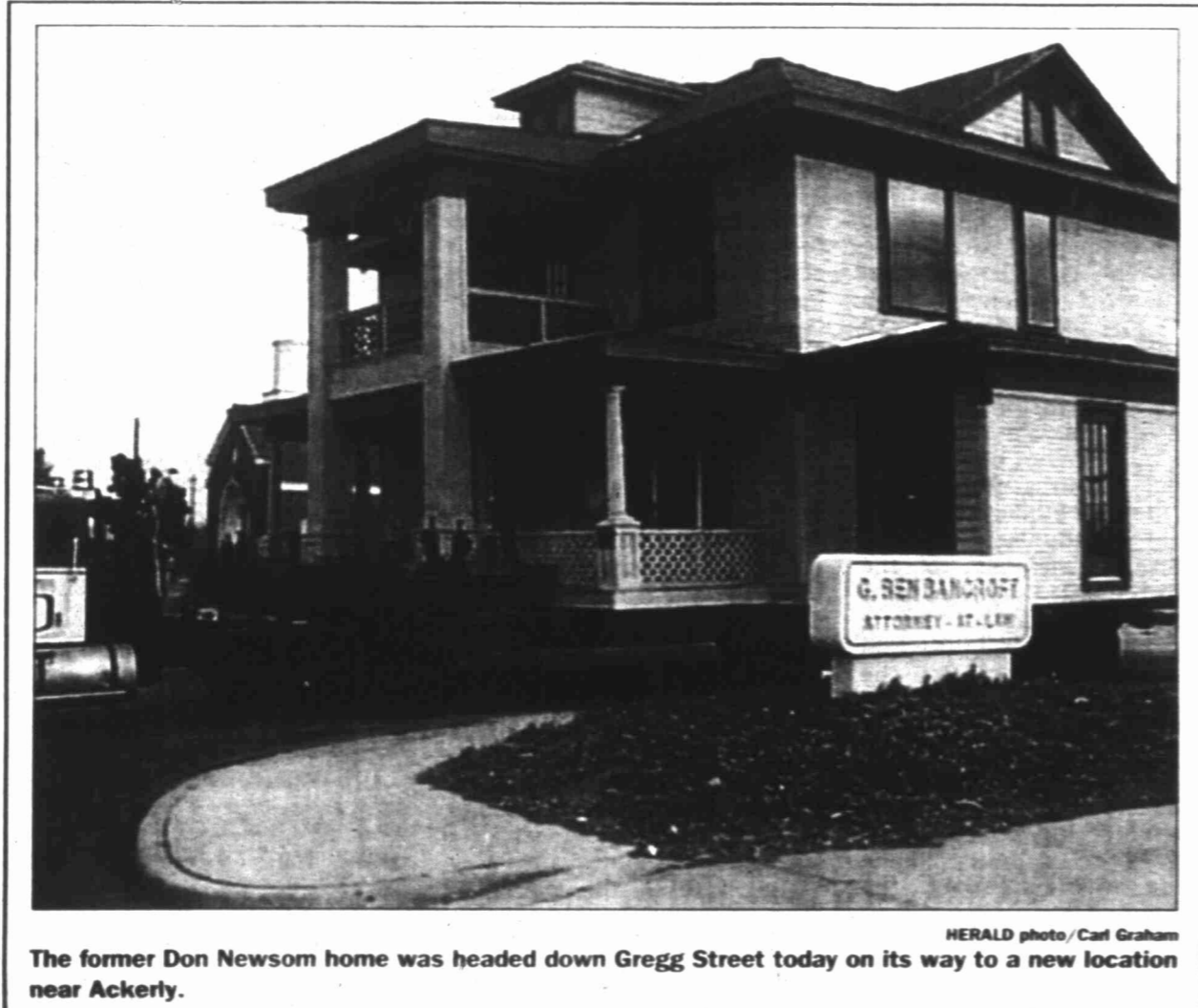
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In addition, consumers may now file complaints online.

"There have been a lot of chances to the consumer protection page on our web site," said Troilo. "Consumers can file a complaint, read brochures about consumer issues and e-mail the Attorney General's Office with questions."

The web site also provides advice on how to contact the business to resolve the complaint, how to file a complaint.

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The former Don Newsom home was headed down Gregg Street today on its way to a new location near Ackerly.

Candidates

Howard College trustee board members Davis, McKinney quick to file for 6-year terms

By MARSHA JONES

Herald Correspondent

Two Howard College board members today filed to serve another six-year term — the first day candidates could do so in the May 6 election.

Harold Davis, current board secretary, and Don McKinney, board president, both submitted the paperwork necessary to declare their intention to seek the District 3 and District 4 positions, respectively, on the board.

"It's been my pleasure to serve the board these past 28 years, and I have had the privilege of watching Howard College grow into a first-rate institution," said McKinney. "I hope to continue to serve in this capacity for many years to come."

Davis agreed. "I have been associated with the college in some manner for most of my adult life. My service to this college and this county has been a great source of pride throughout the years. My main interest is the college and I would be proud to serve the community as their representative for another term if re-elected," Davis said.

An at-large position is also on the ballot for May 6. Incumbent Sue Partee has indicated she will not seek re-election.

"At this time, I am evaluating my priorities and placing the needs of my family first. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as

a board member for Howard College, and I proudly continued a tradition that began with my parents. However, after thoughtful consideration, I have decided that I will not be seeking re-election to the Howard College board of trustees," Partee said.

Candidate filing for the three seats runs through March 22. Filing packets are available in the president's office at Howard College.

Davis is a lifelong resident of Howard County and began his association with the college in 1947 as head basketball coach. He also served as head basketball coach for the University of Texas at El Paso.

After returning to Howard College, Davis was named athletic director, then dean of students. He was also a business department instructor.

First elected to the board in 1971, he has served as president, vice president and secretary during his 29 years as a trustee.

Davis was named Man of the Year in 1994 by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. He has also served as a member of the United Way, Boys Scouts, YMCA, American Business Club and the Big Spring Country Club. He is a member of the Big Spring Industrial Foundation and a past chairman of the Big Spring Parks and Recreation board.

He founded and served as chairman of the board for Gamco Industries, served as an executive committee member of Sibony Corp., Gamco's parent company, and is on the board of directors at Security State Bank.

McKinney is seeking his fourth term of office, having served the junior college district since 1972. Also a lifelong resident of the county, McKinney is a retired electrical

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Filing begins for council, mayor posts

HERALD Staff Report

Today is the first day for filing for the May 6 local and area city council and mayoral elections.

In Big Spring, three city council seats are up for election. They are District 2, held by Oscar Garcia; District 4, held by Tommy Tune; and District 6,

held by Greg Biddison.

The Big Spring mayor's position is vacant but is being filled with a March 4 election. Early voting in that election is under way at a rapid pace. As of mid-morning today, 281 ballots had been cast in that election. Garcia, Biddison and former city councilman Russ McEwen are the candidates.

The mayor's seat and three city council members terms will be expiring in Stanton in May. The council seats are currently held by James Jenkins, Ronnie Christian and Kyle Averitt. Those are all three-year terms. Mayor Lester Baker's term of office is also expiring.

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Literacy tutor training set at library

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

A training session is planned Saturday for tutors through the Howard County Literacy Council.

Volunteers who are interested in teaching adults to read are asked to attend the three-hour session, 9 a.m. - noon at the Howard County Library's Community Room.

"This will prepare you to

teach adult students how to read," said Loraine Redman, Howard County Librarian and a member of the literacy council. "We want to get more tutors signed up, and we want the ones we have to attend this training to get updated on the information that is available."

Tutors who attend the session will learn how to use the Laubach Method, a curriculum that is designed for one-on-one teaching of adults.

"We will teach the tutors exactly what they need to do," Redman said.

The only requirement for becoming a tutor is a willingness to help others, and of course, the ability to read. Redman said they don't need to have special skills.

Literacy council programs are offered free of charge to area residents. All materials are provided free, and the names of students are kept confidential.

Crossroads Area school students to enter TXU's 'Race of Century'

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

Students from four schools in the Big Spring area will be competing in the "Race of the Century" as part of the TXU Electric & Gas fifth annual competition for solar-powered model cars.

Local public schools scheduled to compete in the race are from Big Spring Junior High, Coahoma Junior High, Garden City Junior High, and Stanton Junior High.

These will be among 22 schools to compete in an area qualifying race on March 25 in Midland.

Contestants are students in grades 6 through 9 who build the model cars using kits supplied by TXU, plus a generous amount of creativity. Winners of the area competi-

tion will receive trophies and prizes of \$50-300 for their school science departments.

The four top area teams then advance to the championship race in Dallas-Fort Worth in April. There they will compete against winners from five other areas of Texas for additional prizes for their schools.

"The championship race commemorates Earth Week and salutes environmentally clean, renewable energy resources such as solar power," said Mike Nieto, TXU manager in Big Spring. "The solar cars are an effective way of making renewables real to the students and emphasizing TXU's priority on clean air as we enter a new century."

In designing and building the bodies of the cars, students face the challenge of balancing speed with visual appeal.

In addition to prizes for the fastest cars, awards will be presented for the most overall creativity, most creative car design, best use of recycled materials, and best use of the school mascot.



NIETO



Mark Odle, president of Wells Fargo, presents a check for \$5,500 to Diane Wood, chairman for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The relay dates in Big Spring are May 12-13 at Blankenship Field.

OBITUARIES

Lonnie Almon Feaster

Lonnie Almon Feaster, 79, of Big Spring, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2000, in a Lubbock hospital. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.



FEASTER

He was born on August 19, 1920, in Colorado City and married Verna Ruth Boen on Sept. 4, 1949, in Colorado City. She preceded him in death on Jan. 16, 1992.

Mr. Feaster was a longtime resident of Howard County. He farmed in the Vealmoor and Luther Communities and was still active at the time of his death.

Survivors include two daughters, Blenda Feaster of Big Spring and Londa Fellows of Midland, five sons, Rodney Feaster, Rendy Feaster, and Stan Feaster, all of Big Spring, Ronny Feaster of Glen Rose and Larry Feaster of Abilene; two sisters, Ada Henderson of Colorado City and Blanche Roberson of California; 15 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

He was also preceded in death by one brother, Albert Feaster, and two sisters, Elsie Mae Lloyd and Lenora Adams. Pallbearers will be Rodney Feaster, Rendy Feaster, Stan Feaster, Ronny Feaster, Larry Feaster and Darrell Fellows.

Lonnie's compassionate nature and generous heart touched the lives of many. Throughout his life, he had a tremendous sense of humor and his large circle of friends will remember him for his hearty disposition. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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with the Attorney General's office and how the Attorney General's office will work to resolve the complaint. In addition, there are 15 links to consumer protection agencies. They include The Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, which regulates certain consumer credit lenders and practices in Texas; Phone Busters, which provides tips on

avoiding telemarketing scams; and the Texas Lemon Law information, provided by the Texas Department of Transportation. To file an online consumer complaint, consumers should access the Attorney General's web site at www.oag.state.tx.us and then go to the Consumer Protection page.

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foreman for Cosden Oil and Chemical, where he has served as president of the 25-year club. He is past-president of the Howard College Foundation board and a past member of the Howard County Tax Appraisal board. He served as chairman of the Howard College board of trustees from 1972 to 1982 and again from 1994 to the present.

He is a Mason, a charter member of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club and is a member of the board of directors for the Texas Farm Bureau.

CITY

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The terms of three Coahoma City Council members will be up in May. They are Eleanor Garrett, Marc Luttrell and Tim Greenfield. All those are three-year at-large terms. People interested in filing for one of the council seats can do so through March 22.

Spindletop site found just in time

HOUSTON (AP) — Capt. Anthony F. Lucas could have made it much easier for the people planning for a party next year honoring the birth of the Texas oil boom.

But as he stood atop Spindletop Hill in Beaumont a century ago — the most significant oil strike in U.S. history raining down around him — Lucas didn't give much thought to recording his place in history.

"There's always been a debate as to where the exact spot was," Christy Marino, curator of the Gladys City Museum, told the Houston Chronicle. The museum re-creates the oil boom town born of Lucas' discovery.

Now the question may have finally been settled. The Spindletop 2001 Commission, which is planning the celebration to mark the 100-year anniversary of the oil discovery on Jan. 10, 1901, and Beaumont-area surveyors Joe Breaux and Darrell Shine say they now know definitively where Lucas drilled his historic well.

The location is not exactly scenic. The land has subsided and a marsh has formed in the depression. The original well site is on private property accessible only by a muddy mining road that is closed to the public.

The ground is littered with chunks of yellow sulfur and debris from well sites long since abandoned. Remnants of Spindletop's heyday can be found in the large wooden oil tanks still stained with pitch.

"It's unfortunate that something so significant has to be so entangled," said Breaux, a surveyor for the Texas Department of Transportation who volunteers at Gladys City in his free time.

The gusher's plume shot 150 feet into the air. Though the Spindletop strike was not the first oil discovery in the United States, never had it been discovered in such quantity.

It took Lucas nine days to cap his first well. By that time, the

oil rush was under way. Within a year and a half, there were 285 oil wells on Spindletop Hill and derricks were so thick a person could walk from one to another without touching the ground.

Breaux's connections to Gladys City made him think about how a Spindletop centennial celebration would be incomplete without Lucas' original well site. Connections to the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors led him to Shine.

Shine spent the bulk of his career surveying Texas oil fields. Today, he is a consultant in Silsbee who specializes in deciphering old land records.

Many maps were drawn of Spindletop Hill, and many of them conflicted with one another when it came to the location of Lucas' original strike.

Shine said he solved the mystery by reviewing the maps drawn by four separate surveyors of the time. He also corroborated his findings by reviewing the journals of surveyors who worked the site during the oil boom.

Some of the records were found in the archives of Houston oil companies that had mined Spindletop, Shine said. Others were in Shine's personal collection of surveying records.

Now that the surveyors have found the site, the Spindletop 2001 Commission wants to ensure it is never lost again. On the cement platform, which stands just feet from the well site, they have placed a small, round, brass plate designating the ground as historic.

The commission hopes to build a wooden observation platform about a quarter-mile from the well site on West Port Arthur Road, said Laurie Leister, a member of the Spindletop 2001 Commission. If all goes according to plan, a marker would identify the well site, and signs would tell the Spindletop story.

"The importance of (Spindletop) is the way it affected the world, and it really did," said Jo Ann Stiles, an associate professor of history at Lamar University in Beaumont. She is writing a book about the Spindletop strike.

"People kept asking where the original site was. Everybody wants to know."

Convicted killer's decision to appeal draws judge's stay

ARLINGTON (AP) — A stay of execution has been granted to a convicted killer who once admitted he and a friend tortured and killed a developmentally disabled woman "for the adrenaline rush."

A state district court judge has granted the stay to Robert Neville, who was set to die in about two months, so he can prepare an appeal, a court-appointed attorney for Neville said Sunday.

The 25-year-old Neville was scheduled to die April 27 after being convicted in December 1998 for his role in the slaying of Amy Robinson, a 19-year-old woman from Arlington who was mentally retarded.

The decision to appeal — a marked reversal of earlier stances, when Neville said he was ready to die — could postpone his execution for another 2 years, his attorney, Robert Ford told the Arlington Morning News.

Ford, a Fort Worth lawyer, said Neville expressed a desire to have the execution stayed a couple of weeks ago but never explained why. Nevertheless, Ford said he suspected Neville's impending execution date had something to do with the request.

The stay came late last week as Neville's co-defendant, Michael Wayne Hall, was being tried on capital murder charges in the death of Robinson. Hall was convicted of capital murder Friday in Fort Worth and

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returns to court today for the punishment phase of his trial. The jury could sentence Hall to death or life in prison.

After the Arlington newspaper heard about the stay, Robinson's grandmother, Carolyn Barker, told a reporter she was aware of the development and that she expected Neville to change his mind from when he first waived his appeal.

"I knew Neville was going to back out," she said Sunday.

A response from Neville's family, which maintains an address in Arlington, was not immediately available. Ford said he had not discussed the stay of execution with his client's family.

During Neville's capital murder trial in December, prosecutors showed jurors a televised confession he gave to Dallas-Fort Worth television station KDFW after Neville's March 3 arrest for the killing.

At the time, Neville seemed to smirk as the jury watched the half-hour interview in which Neville said he and Hall killed Robinson "just for the adrenaline rush."

He also said he and Hall had initially set out to commit a racial hate crime.

Robinson, who was reported missing Feb. 15 after she failed to arrive at the Arlington supermarket where she worked as a sacker, had a genetic disorder known as Turner's Syndrome. Neville and Hall were caught during a customs check at the Mexican border.

Defense attorneys have acknowledged that Neville shot Robinson, but they took issue with the kidnapping charge.

Barker said she understands that the state has no choice but to grant Neville's request for a stay.

"But I think the timing is kind of bad," she said.

Crime experts say stats show police not trigger-happy

NEW YORK (AP) — In many popular police movies, the heroes shoot their weapons repeatedly and kill one bad guy after another, making for sensational action footage.

Those fantasies, coupled with the last year's real-life killing of an unarmed man by four New York City police officers, reinforce the stereotype that all officers are trigger-happy.

But according to police officials, crime experts and studies by The Associated Press of law enforcement methods, the majority of police officers nationwide never fire their weapons during their careers.

"Well over 95 percent never shoot their weapons here," said New York City Police Commissioner Howard Safir.

With 41,000 officers on the nation's largest police force, there were 155 incidents last year when New York police fired their weapons. Forty-two "offenders" — people pursued for questioning or arrest — were shot by police in 1999, according to department firearms discharge statistics. Officers also shot three bystanders; none was killed.

Police killings steadily declined from 41 in 1990 to 11 in 1999. Amadou Diallo's killing last year received the most attention and protest.

Diallo, an immigrant from West Africa, was standing in the doorway of his apartment building when four white officers in plainclothes approached him for questioning, officially putting him in the "offender" category. They shot at him 41

times; 19 bullets struck him. The officers are now on trial for murder in Albany, N.Y. They testified they thought they saw Diallo with a gun.

Geoffrey Alpert, a criminologist who studied police shootings in Miami over a 10-year period, said most officers do their best not to get into a situation where deadly force is required. "That's true in L.A., true in Chicago, true in Miami, true in New York," said Alpert, a professor at the University of South Carolina.

Indeed, such large departments as those in Chicago, Los Angeles and Philadelphia report low incidences of police shootings. But in 1998, The Washington Post published a series revealing that the District of Columbia police shot and killed more people per resident in the 1990s than any other large U.S. police department.

The series, which won a 1999 Pulitzer Prize for public service, prompted action by city and federal officials. Police Chief Charles Ramsey asked the Justice Department to probe a decade of police shootings to try to restore public confidence, and announced a sweeping retraining program for the entire force.

Hubert Williams, president of the Police Foundation, a non-profit research group, said retraining may be needed in other cities to prevent some shootings that result from the cultural gap between black suspects and white officers.

"We need to engage in a broader set of parameters that involves the culture of inner-city youth," said Williams, who once headed the Newark, N.J., police department. "We need to draw from savvy street officers, who day after day engage these young kids and never shoot anybody."

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 Galynn 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 Wason. Call 268-9041.

FIRE/EMS

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

Friday 8:20 a.m.-1400 block West Fort, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:45 a.m.-SMMC, transfer patient to Lubbock.

10:38 p.m.-SMMC, transfer patient to Midland Memorial.

2:09 p.m.-300 block F.M. 700, traffic accident, patient refused service.

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3:04 p.m.-SMMC, transfer patient to San Angelo Shannon.

3:26 p.m.-1200 block Frazer, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:05 p.m.-SMMC, transfer patient to 3000 block Parkway.

8:10 p.m.-2700 block Gregg, traffic accident, three patients refused service.

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Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to Veterans Administration Hospital.

11:18 a.m.-1800 block Birdwell, traffic accident, three patients transported to SMMC.

3:59 a.m.-1200 block Lloyd, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:37 a.m.-100 block East 22, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:17 p.m.-1300 block Mesa, trauma call, patient refused service.

6:55 p.m.-300 block Aylesford, medical call, patient refused service.

Sunday 1:09 a.m.-1900 block Simler, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:58 a.m.-900 block Golaid, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:15 p.m.-1800 Block East F.M. 700, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities from noon Saturday through 8 a.m. today:

•WOODSON McEWEN, 17, was arrested on a charge of carrying a prohibited weapon.

•STAN FARLEY, 35, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

•JEREMY MINTER, 20, was arrested on a charge of forgery warrant.

•FELIX MARTINEZ, 19, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

•LUIS PENA, 21, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

•KENNETH MURPHY, 20, was arrested on a charge of driving without a valid driver's license.

•IRMA MEDRANO, 35, was arrested on a charge of driving without a valid driver's license.

•SHANE ANDERSON, 28, was arrested on a charge of driving while license was suspended.

•BOBBY FRANCO, 18, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•MANUEL ARRIAGO, 21, was arrested on a charge of running a red light.

•JOHNNY LOPEZ, 19, was arrested on a charge of minor in possession.

•ROSA ALFARA, 28, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•ALEJANDRO CASAEREZ, 26, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1100 block of Stanford and in the 500 block of NE 8th.

•THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of W. Lamesa, in the 1500 block of E. 11th, in the 5300 block of E. Marcy, and in the 4100 block of South US 87.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100 block of E. 6th, 1600 block of E. 11th, 3900 block of Dixon, and in the 800 block of E. 4th.

•CLASS C THEFT was reported in the 1300 block of Harding.

•UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 4200 block of Harding.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 210th & Johnson 267-8283 Willie John Word, 73, died Friday. Funeral services were 11:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 F. D. Rogers, 84, died Saturday. Services were at 10:00 AM Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Lonnie Almon Feaster, 79, died Saturday. Graveside services were at 2:00 PM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office on Wednesday by noon for Friday publication. Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry, mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721; or faxed to 264-7205. For more information call 263-7331.

DENT AREA'S NEWEST... 195 to 1995

South Carolina outcome prompts role reversal for Bush, McCain

DETROIT (AP) — The flip-flop of the finish between the New Hampshire and South Carolina primaries has brought a role reversal to the campaign styles of Republican presidential rivals John McCain and George W. Bush.

The Arizona senator, who beat the Texas governor decisively in New Hampshire but suffered an 11-point loss in South Carolina, went on the attack Sunday.

"Governor Bush is the governor of a state that has the most liberal campaign contribution laws," McCain told a rally in

suburban Livonia, Mich. "If Governor Bush is a reformer I'm an astronaut."

Bush said he supported campaign funding reforms such as his decision to promptly post the names of his contributors on the Internet.

Otherwise Bush, who attributed his South Carolina victory to a newfound aggressiveness, reverted to a front-runner's posture of trying to ignore his rival and instead lay out his agenda for the country.

"It sounds like Senator McCain spent a lot of time talking about me, and I want to

spend a lot of time talking about the future," Bush told reporters during a news conference in Southfield.

The stylistic differences came as the two competed with former ambassador Alan Keyes in Tuesday's GOP primary. The election will award 58 convention delegates, the biggest bounty to date in the 2000 campaign.

Today, McCain was traveling to Traverse City, Saginaw and Ypsilanti, Mich., before heading to his home state. Arizona also was holding its primary Tuesday. Bush planned to stay in Michigan today, campaign-

ing in Detroit, East Lansing and Grand Rapids.

After a run of early, isolated primaries, the campaign has gone national en route to "Super Tuesday." In elections on March 7, large states including California and New York will award almost 60 percent of the delegates needed for the nomination.

Bush is airing ads in California, Washington, North Dakota, Virginia, Michigan and Arizona. McCain was advertising in Michigan, Washington, California and Virginia.

That made Michigan, a classic

swing state in general election campaigns, a critical battlefield in the nominating contest.

To Bush's advantage, the primary will be the first contest where he enjoys the institutional support of a fellow Republican governor, John Engler.

"It helps to have a governor who is popular and strong," Bush said. "It helps to have a group of friends who we both can call upon to turn out the vote, because this is a primary and primaries not only require a message and a messenger, but they require a ground game — a

grass-roots organization that has the capacity to take the energy and convert it to votes."

Exit polls in South Carolina showed that Bush's claim to be a "reformer with results" had connected, and also that voters believed McCain, more than his rival, had engaged in unfair attacks.

That left McCain with a tricky task of trying to underscore his conservative credentials at the same time he was angling to undercut Bush's claim of being a reformer — all the while upholding his pledge to run a positive campaign.

Rural Texas counties coping with shortage of doctors

FORT WORTH (AP) — Many Texans are farther away from health care than in the past, mainly because the counties they live in can't recruit new country doctors, according to a state agency that monitors the dwindling number of rural physicians.

"Today, rural Texans are worse off in their access to health care than they were two years ago," Sam Tessen, executive director of the Center for Rural Health Initiatives, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for Sunday editions.

According to the center, 25 Texas counties don't have a primary-care physician and another 13 only have one. Two rural hospitals have closed in the past year, and many others are struggling to stay open.

John Boff, chief executive of the Austin-based Texas Organization of Rural and

Community Hospitals, said Medicare and Medicaid cutbacks, compounded by a managed-care system that directs patients out of their communities, are putting a squeeze on small-town medicine.

"If you close a hospital that serves 5,000, there are going to be lives lost," he said.

Tessen blamed reduced funding brought about by the federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997, which cost some clinics as much as \$20 per patient visit.

Last year, Texas had a net loss of 44 small-town health clinics, he said. And more than 250,000 rural Texans eligible for benefits have no Medicare HMO in their counties.

But professional isolation, a lack of big-city amenities and resistance to country living from spouses mean recruitment and retention of doctors is a never-ending challenge for

many small towns, said Tessen. To attract medical staff members, some areas are advertising generous salaries and start-up bonuses. Others try to recruit doctors while they are still in medical school with offers of hefty scholarships or future help in repaying school loans.

Similar incentives are being offered to physician's assistants and nurse practitioners, all with equally poor results, public health officials and hospital administrators said.

Since last year, the 15-bed hospital in Morton, a town of 2,600 located 57 miles west of Lubbock, has been offering a \$150,000 salary plus \$30,000 toward medical school loans as incentives for a second doctor.

"It's very difficult," said Paul McKinney, administrator of Morton's Cochran Memorial County Hospital. "We're such a

small community, and it's not exactly the garden spot of the world."

Tessen said income is rarely the issue for doctors. Nationally, the median income of rural family physicians is slightly higher than that of their urban counterparts, \$127,000, compared with \$126,000, according to a May 1998 survey by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

The key to retaining medical professionals is finding people who prefer country living, Tessen said. He also said communities have the best chance of keeping a doctor if the physician or the physician's spouse has a small-town background.

"My standard of living has risen dramatically by anything that matters in this life," said John Howard, who runs a practice in Clarendon, a Panhandle town of 2,067.

Astronauts shut down radar, complete mapping mission

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — After scrutinizing three-quarters of the Earth's land area, the crew of space shuttle Endeavour switched off its eye to the planet this morning.

The astronauts finished their unprecedented Earth mapping mission after passing over Flinders Island, just southeast of Australia in the Tasman Sea. Next, the crew was to stow the 197-foot radar mast.

In nine days and six hours of mapping, the astronauts surveyed 43.5 million square miles of the Earth's terrain at least twice. Double imaging is needed to create ultraprecise 3-D maps of the planet's peaks and valleys, as far north as Alaska and as far south as the tip of South America.

The mapping gathered enough geographic data to fill 20,600 compact discs.

"We'd like to congratulate you on a flawless operation of this most sophisticated mapping instrument in the universe," Mission Control told the astronauts after mapping ended, just before 7 a.m. EST. "This topographic database will be a real treasure of the human race for many years."

Scientists are getting more radar data than they had expected a week ago, since the astronauts squeezed in an extra nine hours of mapping late Sunday and today. It will take scientists one to two years to go through all the material the shuttle will bring back.

NASA and its partner, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, expect the maps to be

the most complete and accurate ever produced.

The Defense Department will use the maps to improve its aim of missiles and its deployment of troops. Almost everyone else will have to settle for less precise data because of national security issues, but the information still will be far superior to what is currently available.

"There's every reason to be excited," said the mapping agency's Thomas Hennig.

A malfunctioning thruster on the end of the mast, the longest rigid structure ever flown in space, chopped 2.5 million square miles off of the area the shuttle was able to map. The crew managed to conserve enough fuel during the last week to permit mapping on Sunday.

NASA tacked on an extra nine hours and 10 minutes of mapping time. The 10 minutes, added over the weekend, gave the Endeavour one last survey of Australia. But the extra surveying means the \$35 million mast and its antenna will have to be dumped overboard if it does not retract, since there is no time left for an emergency spacewalk to bring it inside.

Michael Kobrick, a scientist working at Mission Control, said the mast extended from Endeavour's cargo bay with ease a few hours after launch Feb. 11.

Except for the problem with the thruster, the radar system has worked flawlessly since it began working Feb. 12.

Endeavour was scheduled to return home Tuesday.

Summit promotes new approach to U.S.-Africa relations

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposed new plan for U.S.-African relations is to begin landing on policy-makers' desk this week, following its passage in a five-day convention of black Americans and others concerned about Africa.

The plan, approved Sunday at the close of the National Summit on Africa, calls for a Marshall Plan-style reconstruction program among some 250 recommendations aimed at uplifting the impoverished continent.

The summit, a 3-year-old project, hopes to continue as a per-

manent lobby in the United States for Africa, a part of the world that advocates say has long been mishandled, misjudged and ignored.

They said copies of the plan would be sent to members of Congress, Clinton administration officials, mayors and others and posted on the Internet.

"The time has come for the elaboration of a new and bold policy toward Africa," said the plan.

Some of the recommendations already constitute U.S. policy toward the continent. Others have not been tried, such as the

Marshall Plan idea. The plan also includes suggestions for debt relief, improving trade and investment and encouraging stronger democracy, better education, human rights and peace.

Africa needs a "massive inflow of public and private capital and technology," the document said. The United States should convene world powers to devise a plan for reconstruction and reparations, it said, similar to the Marshall Plan implemented by the United States to rebuild Europe after World War II.

The recommendations said

the plan should "systematically transfer capital and resources to Africa and people of African descent ... commensurate with their historical losses due to slavery, colonialism and the Cold War."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told the group Thursday that she looks forward to receiving the plan.

It was unclear, however, how much of it might become policy. Critics of the gathering pointed out that previous summits and seminars on Africa have done little to stop violent conflicts in a dozen of its nations.

Abuse allegations against new "Millionaire" groom leads to rebroadcast scrap

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox has canceled the rebroadcast of its highly-rated special "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire?" after learning that the groom, Rick Rockwell, once was accused of hitting and threatening to kill an ex-girlfriend.

"In light of that new information, the network feels that to rebroadcast the special would be inappropriate, and consequently we have removed it from our schedule," the network said in a statement Sunday.

The cancellation was ordered by Fox Television Network chairman Sandy Grushow.

The repeat was to air Tuesday night, a week after Rockwell, a real estate investor and motivational speaker, chose a bride from a group of 50 women he had never met. The two-hour special drew a huge audience. Viewership grew from 10 million viewers in the program's first half-hour to an enormous 22.8 million in the final half-hour.

Rockwell, 42, and his new wife, emergency room nurse Darva Conger, 34, were scheduled to return from their Caribbean cruise honeymoon Sunday night and were unavailable for comment.

But Fox contacted Rockwell, and he confirmed a restraining order had been issued against him nine years ago. The New York Times reported today.

On Saturday, the Web site TheSmokingGun.com posted

court records filed against Rockwell by Debbie Goyne, a woman who described herself as his former fiancée. She said she lived with Rockwell for more than 18 months.

Goyne's 1991 petition accuses Rockwell of shoving and slapping her, twice entering her home without permission and vandalizing her car after she broke off their engagement.

"Recently, he said he would find me and kill me," her court papers alleged.

A Los Angeles County Superior Court judge issued a restraining order prohibiting Rockwell from coming within 100 yards of Goyne for six months.

It was unclear how the "Millionaire" cancellation would affect Fox's plans for another such special in May, the next sweeps period.

The special sparked plenty of controversy because of its premise and format, which included women parading around in bathing suits and wedding dresses for Rockwell, who was not shown on-camera until the end of the show.

Fox said it checked out Rockwell's financial records and determined he was worth "at least \$2 million."

Rockwell was born Richard Balkey in Pittsburgh and now lives near San Diego. From the mid-1980s to the mid-1990s, he was a regular on the Southern California comedy circuit and appeared on a comedy show on KFMB-TV as a beach bum.

Former schoolgirl POW meets rescuer nearly 55 years later

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Wearing a bright red blazer and a big smile, Mary Previte walks up behind a man she credits with saving her life and says, "Lieutenant."

Retired Lt. James Hannon rises from his seat and turns to face her.

"Can I hug a hero?" she asks, as the two embrace in the lobby of the Hilton Hotel.

The meeting came nearly 55 years after Hannon and five other paratroopers landed in Weihshien, China, to rescue Previte and about 1,400 other civilians held captive by Japanese during World War II.

Previte, now a 67-year-old New Jersey assemblywoman, came to Southern California to meet Hannon and to speak

Sunday of her "amazing" rescue to a veterans group.

"He was handsome in 1945 and he's still handsome today," Previte said of the 80-year-old Hannon, now sporting a white beard and mustache but still with a striking smile and full head of hair.

Previte, the daughter of Methodist missionaries, was studying at a coastal boarding school for children of American and British missionaries when the Japanese took it over as a military base in 1942.

The children and teachers were taken to the prison camp across the Shandong peninsula, where they awaited the end of the war. Previte's parents, working in central China, were never taken prisoner.

Lotto winner keeps \$18 million secret

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Juan Rodriguez can keep a secret.

The Atascosa County man did not tell his family that he was a Lotto Texas jackpot winner for 10 days.

Rodriguez, who is divorced and has a 14-year-old son, quit his oil field job two days after winning the Feb. 9 drawing and \$8.9 million.

But he didn't tell his parents or siblings he was now a millionaire because no one at work believed him and he thought his family wouldn't either, he told lottery officials.

He even pretended he had found another job to appease his parents.

He kept up the ruse for a week by getting up at 5 a.m., dressing for work and returning at the end of the day to his small

house in back of the Rodriguez family home.

The 37-year-old Rodriguez finally told his family about his \$8.9 million prize on Friday.

His mother Sylvia Rodriguez told the San Antonio Express-News her knees nearly gave way when her son, the eldest of nine children, told her the news after he returned from picking up the check at lottery headquarters in Austin.

"When he got here, he said, 'Mom, I'm a millionaire,'" she said. "I felt like I was going to fall."

A mistake proved profitable for Rodriguez. He said he scratched in the wrong number on the play slip he purchased at a Stop N Go in Pleasanton. Instead of selecting 49, he filled in the space for 50.

"I was going to throw it away, but I bought it," Rodriguez said. Rodriguez likely will stay in Charlotte about 40 miles southwest of San Antonio, but he will never return to the oil fields.

"He was hurt too many times, and nearly killed once," she said. "Now he'll do what he wants."

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OUR VIEWS

Downtown area latest focus for local development

With all the economic development we have witnessed in the past four or five months, it's clear that Big Spring is in a time of growth. Construction is going on from one end of the city to the other. The Texas Workforce Center is working overtime as more and more employers are looking to fill positions.

Building of the State Veterans Home, growth of StarTek, Solitaire Homes rolling out its first double-wide and adding employees, millions of dollars in renovations at the VA Medical Center and Big Spring State Hospital — these are all signs that our city is prospering. That doesn't even begin to take into consideration upcoming projects such as construction of a terminal at the airport and the refurbishing of U.S. Highway 87, both of which will enhance transportation into our city.

So, what could be next? Well, we're glad you asked, because there is a group of people who have something in mind. It's not new, mind you. But their dedication is.

We're talking about Main Street Inc., the organization that a number of years ago did so much to begin beautification of our downtown area. Main Street has been quiet for a few years, but now — with a new board of directors — the group is ready to move forward again.

This board of directors is comprised of individuals who have a strong interest in seeing the downtown area prosper and grow. And coming on the heels of the Settles windows project and the demolition of the Permian Building, the timing is right. With so many good things happening around the city, it is only fitting that a focus be placed on the downtown area as well.

We're looking forward to seeing what this new board can do, while also paying our thanks to the outgoing members — Gail Earls, Pat Porter and Cynthia Marshall — who kept Big Spring Main Street alive.

It's a great time to be living in Big Spring.

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

The Spring City Senior Center would like to take this opportunity to extend a very sincere thank you to you and the Big Spring Herald for the support you have given us in the newspaper. We appreciate your help very much in getting the word out about our financial problems at the Senior Center.

Bobbie Leonard,
Director
Big Spring

To the Editor:

Big Spring youth are to be commended for their loving and caring acts.

So often youth problems of drugs, alcohol and violence are publicized in the news media.

This influence would

cause one to think this is the norm.

Our city is blessed with youth who seek to serve others. Without thought of recognition or financial gain, youth unselfishly reached out to help others in their needs.

Youth from First Baptist Church donated their time and resources to spruce up the Birthright office. Going beyond, they donated baby clothing and materials to bless needy babies of our community.

Even beyond that, their circle of prayer for a baby tragically injured in our city exemplified the highest calling to truly care for others.

Big Spring is blessed with youth that care.

Pat Sutton
Big Spring

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The Writer's Art: Beware the dingle-dangle

Several years ago a reader sent me an item about the Old Alcohol Plant hotel in Port Hadlock, Wash. A wall hanging related a part of its history:

"After lying dormant for 65 years, retired Bellevue Buick dealer Ray Hansen purchased the property."

On close examination, the sentence collapses into the haw-haws and the tsks-tks. It becomes apparent that it was not the dealer who had been lying dormant for 65 years; it was the property. The same confusion clouded an item in the Bangor (Maine) Daily News many years ago: "After years of being lost under a pile of dust, Walter P. Stanley III found all the old records of the Bangor Lions Club."

These are Horrid Examples of the boo-boos known to grammarians as dangling modifiers or dangling participles. They are orphan clauses, poor things, for they have no parent

subject to call their own. They will sneak into a sentence while a writer is out to lunch, and they will lie there until the work has gone to press. Then they will pop out and make the raspberry noise.

In San Antonio, many residents of an area off Medical Drive befriended a homeless man. The fellow refused to accept gifts and lived by collecting garbage. He was a survivor of adversity, but cancer was more than he could handle. "After becoming ill in September, paramedics took him to a local hospital."

A columnist for the Posey County (Ind.) News apologized for failing to get his usual weather report into the paper. "After being in Oklahoma a few days, the report is incomplete."

In Los Angeles, an outstanding restaurant published a book of its most popular recipes. A short history went with it: "Classically trained in his native France, Chef Gibert's goal was to maintain traditions but to revitalize them by adding his own culinary flare." (Unless he meant to speak of dishes set on fire at the table, the author meant to praise the chef's flair, not his flare, but no matter. It's the dingle-dangle that should have caught an editor's eye.)

The Las Vegas Review-Journal carried an item a year ago about actress Gwyneth Paltrow "Once romantically linked with Brad Pitt, her boyfriend now is Academy Award winner Ben Affleck."

An orphanage in Florida thanked a contributor for his gift: "Coming from abusive and neglectful environments, your contribution helps these boys learn positive skills for dealing with life."

The editors of Webster's Dictionary of English Usage take a tolerant view of most dingle-dangles. "The dangling modifier," they remark, "is a venial sin at most." I would concur. It is only when an orphan clause provokes whoops and snickers that a reprimand is deserved.

Besides, it is often clumsier to repair the damaged sentence than to let it stand. I'm not sure that, "Your contribution helps boys who come from abusive and neglectful environments to learn positive skills for dealing with life" is much of an improvement. If we recast the sentence about the homeless man in San Antonio, we wind up in the passive voice: "After becoming ill in September, he was taken by paramedics to a local hospital."

Try your editing skills on this one: "Although they can

be found all over the world, coastal Florida south of Sebastian Inlet is the only place in the United States where giant land crabs can be found." Should we put the horse in front of the cart?

"Although giant land crabs can be found all over the world, they can be found in the United States only in coastal Florida south of Sebastian Inlet." Maybe that's a little smoother.

One more word on the topic: There's nothing wrong with such familiar constructions as, "Considering the circumstances, it's no wonder that he failed." Or, "Barring accidents, the damfold machine ought to work now." The venerable Fowler said that only fanatical purists will condemn such sentences, and I am not going to knock them.

We ought to reserve severe punishment for such howlers as, "Walking across Lafayette Park, my billfold fell out of my coat pocket."

Or to borrow from R.W. Burchfield, "While serving as a sentry outside St. James's Palace, on an extremely hot day, the Queen Mother sent an equery ..."

An old remedy remains the best remedy still: Read your copy! Read your copy! Then read it one more time.



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Another generation learns its lesson

In 1900 the lid came off in China. It had happened before. It happened again.

China's geography and Chinese patience have historically combined to give the population a sense of insulation from the central government.

"Heaven is high, and the emperor is far away," their saying goes.

So Chinese leaders have traditionally watched as troubles boiled. They even occasionally removed the "lid" to let the human frustrations boil over. But the "lid" has always returned, usually with great brutality.

The Boxer Rebellion is of interest primarily because the United States and other industrialized nations were involved. The Boxers were a radical element opposing foreign control of trade and foreign interference with the internal affairs of China. This led to their

denunciation of foreigners in general. Bloodshed resulted.

The Empress Dowager Tz'u Hsi, old and isolated in Peking's (Beijing's) Forbidden City, secretly sympathized with their cause. The army did not.

The number of atrocities began to mount as the empress allowed her discontented subjects to vent their anger. But as complaints from foreign ministries also mounted, she was compelled to act. With impartial ruthlessness, she ordered the execution of a number of Boxers, thus easing relations with foreigners and the army alike.

Of course, these were sacrifices, not executions. The Boxers understood, and the attacks against foreigners continued.

The situation finally boiled over when Germany's minister was assassinated. A siege of the foreign legations ensued, and the empress ordered the Imperial Chinese Army to support the Boxers. A multinational army eventually came to the rescue.

What is of note in this analogy with China's 1900 crack-down in Tiananmen Square is the manner in which decisions were made and disturbances handled.

First, the army often acts as a major force in its own right, not simply as a tool of the political leaders. It must be dealt with, and it can assert a restraining influence because, in any fighting, it would take the casualties.

Second, the people — who have ranged from xenophobic Boxers to pro-democracy students — seem, every generation or so, to coalesce around an idea that best expresses their frustrations. And in China those frustrations are severe, exacerbated by the harshness with which the preceding generations' hopes were crushed.

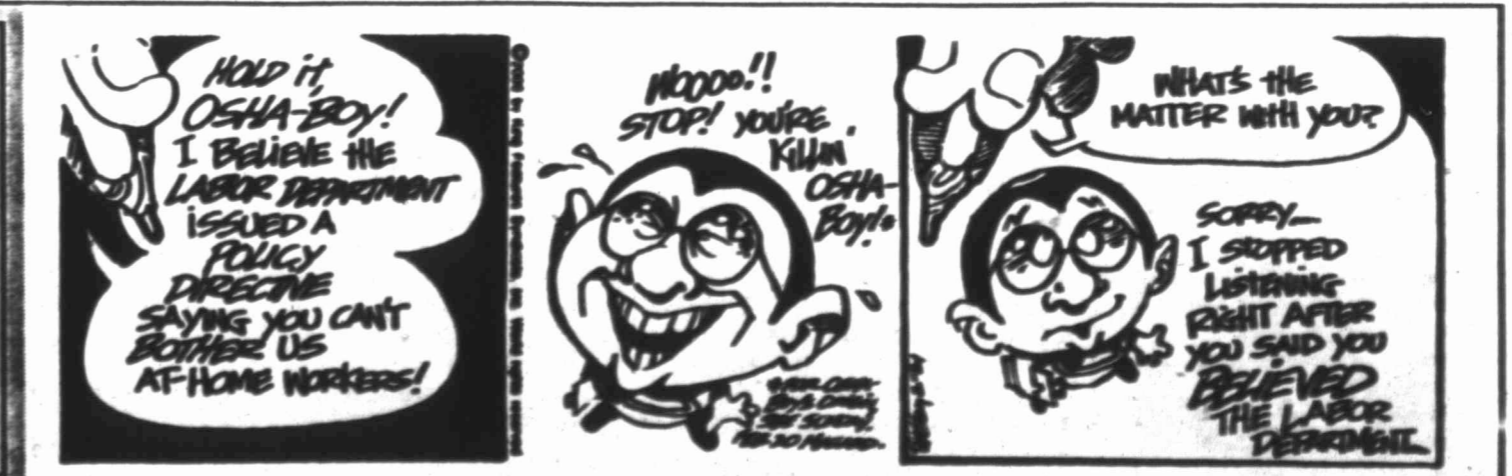
Finally, the leaders, understanding the reticence of the army and the frustrations of the people, generally let the people stew and boil and even boil over. Such patience allows the people to let off steam — expend their resources and energy — and at the same time, it energizes the army to prepare for meeting any threat to stability.

Ultimately, however, official patience gives way to retaliation and repression — vengeful, brutal and unrestrained. Another generation is held in check. Another generation learns its brutal lesson.



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IN BRIEF

Playoff game scheduled tonight at 'The Dorothy'

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will be the site of a Class 4A boys' bi-district basketball playoff game at 6 tonight, as Fort Stockton's Panthers take on Granbury.

Several more playoff games will also be played at the Coliseum this week.

A Class 1A boys' bi-district doubleheader is set for Tuesday. Grady's Wildcats will take on Wellman's Wildcats at 6 p.m., followed by Ira's Bulldogs taking on Klondike's Cougars at 8 p.m.

And on Friday, Eldorado's Eagles will face the winner of a bi-district playoff between Stanton and Sundown at 8 p.m.

Lady Hawks post split at Cowtown Tournament

Howard College's Lady Hawks emerged from pool play as a fourth seed Saturday at the Cowtown Tournament in Fort Worth, but played only two games before being eliminated.

In the bracket play opener, the Lady Hawks rolled to an 8-0 win over North Central Community College, as they pounded out 13 hits to back the pitching of freshman pitcher Shawn Drake.

The second game of the day, however, was an 11-0 loss to Blinn that left the Lady Hawks with a 4-5 record going into a Tuesday doubleheader with UTPB in Odessa.

The Lady Hawks will then return home to host Ranger Junior College in a 10 a.m. Wednesday doubleheader at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

International LL slates board meeting Tuesday

Board members of the International Little League will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Country Corner Cafe.

The board will discuss the upcoming season and all coaches and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Yandrich at 263-1945, Raymond Ontiveros at 263-3811 or Delbert Green at 263-2631.

UGSA schedules sign-ups for Saturdays in March

Big Spring's United Girls Softball Association has scheduled registration for each Saturday in March at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Saturday, March 4, and March 25 will be the final day for girls to sign up.

The fee will be \$30 per player and applicants must have a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, call 267-7466, 267-2208 or 267-4947.

AREA GAMES

TODAY

JUCO BASKETBALL
6 p.m. — Howard College Lady Hawks at Clarendon College Lady Bulldogs.

8 p.m. — Howard College Hawks at Clarendon College Bulldogs.

ON THE AIR

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JUCO BASKETBALL
Women
5:50 p.m. — Howard College Lady Hawks at Clarendon College Lady Bulldogs, feed from Clarendon station, KBYG-AM 1400.

Men
7:45 p.m. — Howard College Hawks at Clarendon College Bulldogs, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

NBA

7 p.m. — Miami Heat at Detroit Pistons, TBS, Ch. 11.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
6 p.m. — Connecticut at St. John's, ESPN, Ch. 30.
8 p.m. — Oklahoma State at Missouri, ESPN, Ch. 30.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

7 p.m. — Dallas Stars at Nashville Predators, FXS, Ch. 29.

Lady Steers take third place at Abilene Slugfest 2000 tourney

HERALD Staff Report

ABILENE — Big Spring's Lady Steers took third place at the Abilene Slugfest 2000 Softball Tournament, posting a 7-5 comeback win over Abilene Wylie's Lady Bulldogs late Saturday.

The Lady Steers' rally was one of the most encouraging things head coach Dan Arista saw from his team during the tournament, as they improved to 7-1 on the young season.

"We showed a lot of character and a lot of heart coming back like that," Arista said after 4-run, fifth-inning rally allowed Big Spring to erase a 4-3 Wylie lead.

"The other really good thing we saw was that we're finally hitting the ball as a team," he added. "We still need to improve in that area, but we did a good job of coming up with hits when we needed them against Wylie."

Pitching her third straight game, Lady Steers freshman Christina Gwyn seemed to tire after the first couple of innings against the Lady Bulldogs.

As a result, Wylie managed five hits and made the most of them. The Lady Bulldogs also drew three walks and benefited from one Lady Steers error.

But the Lady Steers did more damage at the plate, pounding out 11 hits. Trista Casey, Gwyn and Amy Jackson led the attack with multiple hits.

Casey pounded out three singles, while Gwyn racked up a pair of RBIs with two singles. Jackson also had two singles. Bridgette Cain added an RBI double and Misty Padilla added a run-scoring single.

Casey and Jackson opened the Lady Steers' fifth-inning rally with back-to-back singles and Cain followed with her double. Kaci Aciri reached base on an error and Gwyn singled to drive in a pair of runs.

Big Spring's final run of the rally came when Lindsey Marino singled to plate Aciri.

The Lady Steers suffered their first loss of the year in a 1-0 loss to eventual tournament champion Brownwood, wasting an impressive pitching perfor-

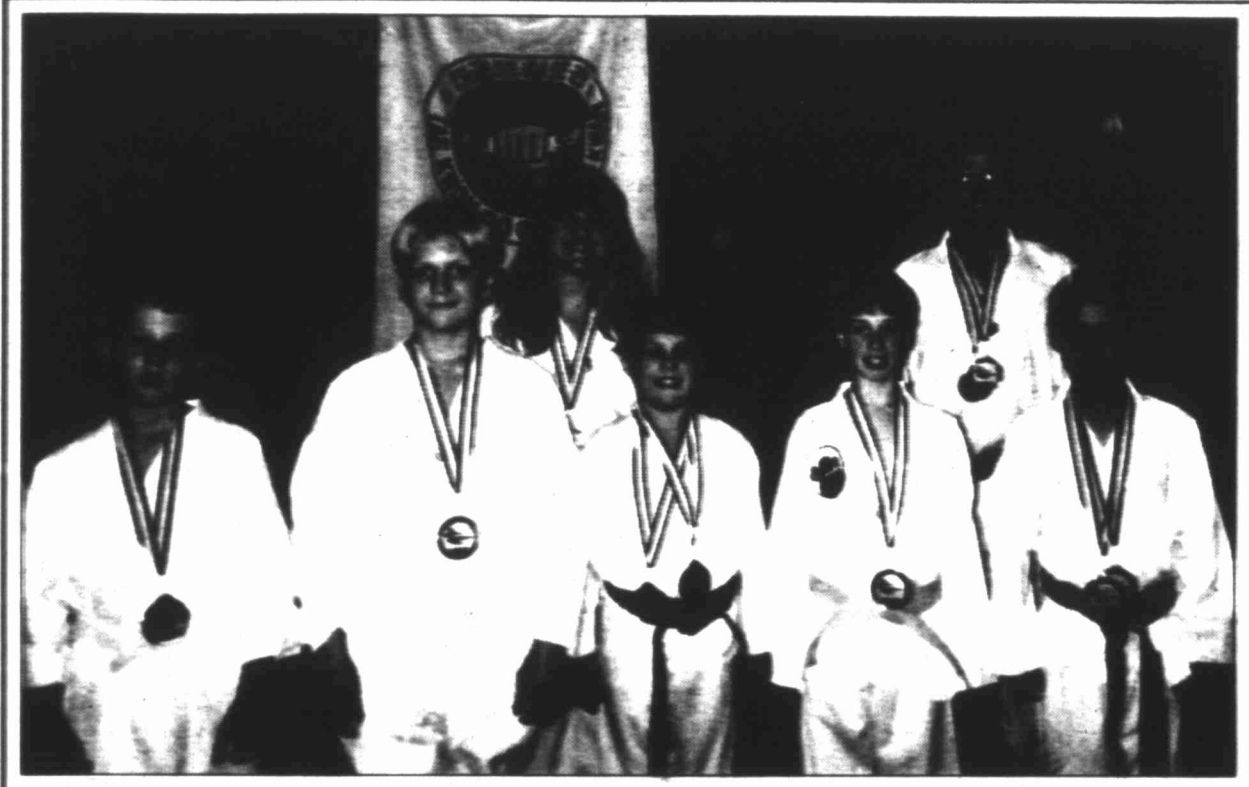
mance by Gwyn.

Gwyn struck out three, walked one and scattered just three Brownwood hits, but suffered the loss as a result of two Lady Steers errors in the top of the first inning that allowed the game's only run.

Big Spring had reached the showdown with a 10-0 pounding of Abilene Cooper's junior varsity in which Gwyn struck out 10 and allowed just one hit.

The Lady Steers had opened the tournament with a 9-1 win over Jim Ned, again providing plenty of run support for Aciri, who scattered three hits and two walks while striking out three.

Big Spring returns to action Friday when they enter the West Texas Classic in Midland.



Seven students from Howard College Continuing Education program's Taekwon-Do class display the medals they won during competition at the 14th annual West Texas Taekwon-Do Championships in Snyder. Posing in front, from left, are: Josh Bales, bronze medalist in sparring; Matt Posey, gold medalist in sparring; Lance Fitzgibbons, silver medalist in forms and bronze in sparring; Justin Kyle Roberts, gold medalist in sparring; and Matt Thomas, silver medalist in both forms and sparring. In the adult division, Karen Crandall finished with a silver medal in forms, while Bryan Burton was a silver medalist in sparring and won a bronze in forms.

Temple win leaves Cincinnati falling to No. 3 in AP poll

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Temple found its best shooting touch of the season at the same time Cincinnati's defense collapsed, leaving Bearcats coach Bob Huggins with only one conclusion.

"We're not very tough," Huggins said after No. 8 Temple beat No. 3 Cincinnati 77-69 Sunday. "We've got to get a whole lot tougher."

Temple went into the game ranked No. 15, and the Owls knocked Cincinnati out of the No. 1 spot.

Temple's always-stingy defense was no surprise. But the Owls' high-percentage shooting — especially from long range — stunned Huggins.

"We had a defensive discussion at halftime and they shot 60 percent in the second half," Huggins said. "We did everything you're not supposed to be able to do against Temple, but they made shots."

Cincinnati, outscored Temple 24-12 in the paint, 18-8 off turnovers and 12-6 in second-chance points, but couldn't stop the Owls on the perimeter.

In the only other Top 25 game Sunday, No. 23 Kansas beat No. 20 Oklahoma 53-50.

Mark Karcher had 28 points for Temple, 22 in the second half, and Lynn Greer — a 36 percent shooter from long range — went 5-for-5 on 3-pointers in the first half. Quincy Wadley added 16 for Temple (20-4), including 10 in the final 3:08.

"There were a lot of big shots that broke our hearts," said freshman DerMarr Johnson, who led Cincinnati with 16 points.

Kenyon Martin had 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Bearcats (24-2). Pete Mickeal had 14 points and Kenny Satterfield 10.

Cincinnati had won 16 in a row — tops in Division I — and its home winning streak was at 42. The win put the Owls' streak at 11.

"They're good," Huggins said. "They beat us. But if we play them again, I don't know if they beat us again."

Temple did something nobody had done against Cincinnati in 63 games. The Owls shot 52 percent from the field. Nobody had shot 50 percent against Cincinnati since Alabama-Birmingham did it March 7, 1998.

Temple coach John Chaney said beating Cincinnati might have been good for both teams. "They can walk away knowing they lost a very close game and knowing they can win a

game like this," Chaney said. "I don't think this is the worst thing that could have happened to them."

Huggins wasn't buying that. "Everybody keeps trying to convince me losses are good. I'm having a hard time with that," he said.

Temple's tight, matchup zone bothered Cincinnati all afternoon as the Owls delivered yet another blow to the Bearcats. It was Temple that knocked Cincinnati out of the NCAA tournament in the second round last year, as it had in 1997.

Chaney said Sunday's win wouldn't have been possible without point guard Pepe Sanchez, who had a "miracle" recovery from an ankle sprain suffered in Thursday's game at Dayton.

"This wouldn't have happened if he hadn't played. There's no way we could have won. No way," Chaney said. "This kid has so much ability to run this team that he guides you to the next level."

Chaney had planted the idea that Sanchez was badly hurt. He said Saturday that Sanchez would not play "even if the swelling went down and if it became a miracle."

"I wouldn't play him because I'd really be throwing away my whole season," Chaney had said.

Temple is 15-1 with Sanchez, who averages eight assists, but was 5-3 during a span he missed with an injury to his other ankle.

Temple led most of the first half while Cincinnati was unable to generate any perimeter offense. The Bearcats' first lead came with 1:25 left when Johnson hit the second of two consecutive 3-pointers.

The Bearcats led 34-33 at halftime, and had a 9-0 run with Logan hitting two 3-pointers to give Cincinnati a 53-46 lead with 9:39 to play.

But Karcher scored 13 points during a 16-8 run by Temple, and Wadley hit two consecutive baskets and then went 5-of-6 from the free-throw line in the final 1:08 as Cincinnati was forced to foul.

No. 23 Kansas 53,

No. 20 Oklahoma 50

Kansas forced Eduardo Najera into his worst game of the season and beat visiting Oklahoma despite scoring only one point in the final 4:19.

Kenny Gregory led Kansas (19-7, 8-4 Big 12) with 11 points, and Drew Gooden and Ashante Johnson had 10 apiece.

Jarrett wins Daytona 500, then gets to meet The King

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dale Jarrett shook hands with The King, and that meant almost as much as winning the Daytona 500 for the third time.

"That sent chills up and down my spine," Jarrett said of his meeting with Richard Petty after the race.

The defending Winston Cup champion wouldn't have gotten the chance if not for his winning pass of surprise contender Johnny Benson with just four laps to go in NASCAR's premier race.

But making the right move at the right time is what Jarrett does best. His victories are almost always big.

Of 23 in his career, seven have

been majors. That's the way it is with racing royalty, something The King certainly realized.

"Petty made his way across pit road and shook my hand," said Jarrett, whose series championship last year was the third for his family.

His father, Ned, won two titles when he raced against Petty 40 years ago.

The younger Jarrett knows plenty about winning, too, much more than Benson, who has yet to drive to Victory Lane. He almost got there Sunday, and Jarrett almost wished he had.

"I wouldn't have felt bad to lose to Johnny Benson," Jarrett

said. "He's a good guy and they need a break."

But it was Jarrett who got one when a caution flag slowed the field on the 194th of 200 laps at Daytona International Speedway. The green waved for the final time three laps later, and Jarrett did what most in the crowd of 190,000 figured he would, despite an accident that damaged his car at the final practice Saturday.

Powered by a Robert Yates Racing engine, he drove his repaired Ford to the low side of the high-banked second turn, blew by Benson and raced to a NASCAR record prize of \$2.3 million from a \$9.4 million purse.

Griffey arrives at Reds camp a little early

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A red No. 30 jersey was hanging in his locker and a six-inch stack of mail already was piled up on the floor. Everything was all set for Ken Griffey Jr. to arrive today.

And then — surprise! — he walked into the clubhouse Sunday.

Griffey slipped unannounced into the Cincinnati Reds' spring training complex to unpack his things and start the next phase of his baseball career, a day before his formal introduction.

"I don't even know what I'm

supposed to wear," he said in Sarasota, Fla.

The morning workout was long over, and nearly all of the Reds had gone home when Junior showed up. Outfielder Michael Tucker was the only teammate in the clubhouse Griffey drove in with his wife and two children.

"It's definitely exciting," said first baseman Sean Casey, whose cubicle is next to Griffey's. "It's going to be awesome to see him play every day. That's going to be awesome. It's also going to be nice to get to know him as a person. I've heard good things about him."

Today, Griffey planned to answer questions at Ed Smith Stadium from atop the same dugout where Michael Jordan held a news conference with the Chicago White Sox in 1994. It was not certain, however, when he would work out for the first time with the Reds.

Griffey was sent from Seattle to Cincinnati in a 4-for-1 trade Feb. 10. Asked if it has sunk in yet that he's part of his hometown team, Griffey thought for a second and said, "Yeah and no. No, because I haven't run out on the field yet. Yeah, because I know where I'm going to be."

Triplet brings end to another streak with first win on PGA Tour

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Another streak is over on the PGA Tour.

Kirk Triplett might never know what it's like to win six straight tournaments, an incredible run by Tiger Woods that ended a week ago in San Diego. But the pressure of going 11 years and 266 tournaments without a single victory gnawed at him every week.

"It's not as good of a career if you don't win," he said.

On Sunday, a journey that began on the "miniest of minitours" and dragged through an entire decade suddenly got a whole lot better.

Triplett won the Nissan Open at Riviera Country Club by building a 3-shot lead early on the back nine and fighting off his emotions, not to mention a few errant shots, for a 1-stroke victory over Jesper Parnevik.

"An incredible feeling," said Triplett,

who closed with a 4-under 67 for 272.

"This has been a long time coming."

Triplett had been a runner-up five times, but was never in the lead on the back nine on a Sunday. That changed on a wet, gloomy day at Riviera.

While Woods and David Duval, playing together in the final round for the first time, failed to mount any semblance of a charge, Triplett birdied five of his first 10 holes. With every hole, he ventured further into foreign territory and tried to stay out of the way.

He had never held the lead after 12 holes on the final day, he kept telling himself.

Then it was 13 holes.

Then 14.

"And we made it to 18 — finally," he said.

18th, Triplett pulled his drive on the 451-yard closing hole into the rough and had to lay up 61 yards short of a pin cut to the back left of the green. Parnevik applied the pressure with an approach to 25 feet.

"I knew it was going to be rocky coming in, and it was," Triplett said.

Still, he answered the challenge with a lofted chip that settled 4 feet behind the hole, which must have looked like a mile after Parnevik rammed home his birdie.

"I don't know if the putt got longer," Triplett said, "but the hole sure got smaller."

Four feet from victory, Triplett told himself to give it a good stroke and saw it disappear. He thrust his fist into the gray sky, closed his eyes and smiled wide under his bucket hat.

He earned \$550,000, more than he won in all but two of his previous seasons on

tour.

Parnevik birdied two of the last three holes for a 68 that left him one stroke behind. Robin Freeman, who provided the stiffest challenge to Triplett until a three-putt bogey on the 17th, was another stroke back after a 68.

"I was hoping he would make the putt," Parnevik said. "But in the back of my head I'm shouting, 'No, you want to be in a playoff.' Anyone who knows him, he's just a nice guy. This must be a huge relief. I'm very happy for him."

A week after the end of The Streak, Woods failed to record a top-10 finish in a stroke-play tournament for the first time since he tied for 18th in the MCI Classic on April 18.

Woods got within two shots of the lead at one point early in the round, but closed with a 1-over 72 and finished in a tie for 19th.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A dream becomes possible because of your willingness to revise your thought processes and reasoning. You grow and change a great deal this year, gaining enormous insight into yourself and others. If you aren't happy with your work, you can make improvements there as well. Listen to close associates, who have your best interests in mind. If you are single, romance knocks on your door early in the year. Carefully choose who you hook up with. You could find yourself in love with someone who isn't what you thought. If attached, your relationship grows because of your openness and tender treatment of your mate. LIBRA reads you cold.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Tempers flare - especially yours - as you deal with a lot of confusion and moodiness. Take an overview; you'll feel better and regain needed control. Unexpected developments put a new slant on what has gone down. Tonight: Relax, for your own sake!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Watch what is going on with others before jumping to a conclusion. Another's reaction could simply be a good defense. Read between the lines. Make inquiries and calls. Be willing to see the other side. Attend to a child or loved one. Tonight: You are a master of your own ship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Take a break if you are having a difficult time dealing with others, especially co-workers. Be realistic about just how much anger you can absorb. Pull back and regroup. Take a hard look at your health and dietary patterns. Tonight: Make a resolution toward your well-being.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Focus on what is important. Remember what you want and expect from a key situation. Though you might not be able to realize it today, you could in the near future. Work with the unpredictable and let go of any rigidity, and you'll succeed. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
All eyes turn to you. Go within for answers; an external approach doesn't work. Finances remain key to an important decision. Don't let anyone or anything pressure you. A family member is out of sorts; count on his lack of support. Tonight: Work late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Make calls; do your own sleuthing. The answers you find could surprise you, but they will bring insights nevertheless. Don't get caught up in an argument or disagreement. Take the high road. Friends reverse course. Tonight: Browse through a favorite store.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Withdraw into yourself. Make decisions involving a partnership and finances. Do not take another for granted - listen carefully to his opinions. You could reverse an important decision as a result. Show your willingness to break patterns. Tonight: Be with a favorite friend.

BORN TODAY
Actress Drew Barrymore (1975), actor Kyle MacLachlan (1959), U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy (1932)

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Abby, I think I should level with her, but how do I go about it without breaking her heart? - HURTING IN OTTUMWA, IOWA

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eled 150 miles to come to the hospital, even though she was told there was no need for her to be there. I was very upset with her presence. I wanted some private time with my husband in the pre-op room, but within minutes, Winifred ushered herself in. I became upset and told her so. However, she refused to go back to the public waiting room.

While in the waiting room, during my husband's surgery, Winifred asked me if I would like to "talk about" the way I was acting. I told her I had wanted private time with my husband. She said I was selfish, that she is dearly fond of her brother Abby, in the nine years we've owned our home, I can count on one hand the number of times Winifred has visited us. For the past year she has lived only 150 miles away.

Winifred has three children and a granddaughter to go home to, but what would my son and I have if my husband didn't make it? She would have lost her brother, but our lives would be drastically changed. Fortunately, my husband does not have cancer. Do you think I was selfish requesting private time with my husband? - BELIEVES IN THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY

DEAR BELIEVES: Your sister-in-law was frightened over the possibility of losing her brother, and probably felt guilty for not visiting him more in the past. Although you were understandably upset, you could have acted with a little more sensitivity. She is your husband's sister, not a stranger. She, too, could have been more sensitive to your request, and left you and your husband alone after making her presence known. Since your husband appears to be healthy and the crisis is past, I urge you to bury the anger and resentment you feel toward each other and try to become a closer family. Everyone will benefit.

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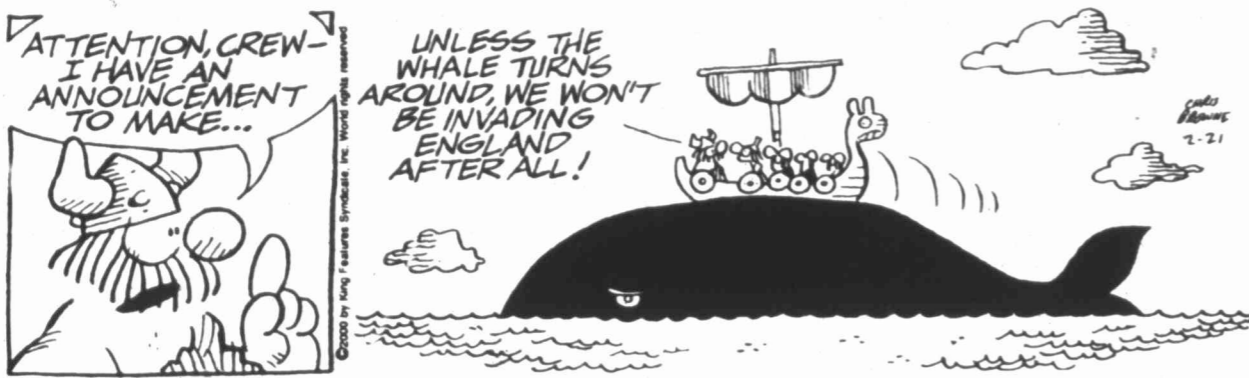
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"WE DECIDED TO TRY A 'DRIVE-THRU' SNACK."

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Monday, Feb. 21, the 52nd day of 2000. There are 314

days left in the year. This is Presidents Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 21, 1965, former Black Muslim leader Malcolm X, 39, was shot to death in New York by assassins identified as Black Muslims.

On this date: In 1846, Sarah G. Bagley became the first female telegrapher, taking charge at the newly opened telegraph office in Lowell, Mass.

In 1866, Lucy B. Hobbs became the first woman to graduate from a dental school, the Ohio College of Dental Surgery in Cincinnati.

In 1878, the first telephone directory was issued, by the District Telephone Co. of New Haven, Conn.

In 1885, the Washington Monument was dedicated.

In 1916, the World War I Battle of Verdun began in France.

In 1925, The New Yorker made its debut.

In 1947, Edwin H. Land publicly demonstrated his Polaroid Land camera, which could produce a black-and-white photograph in 60 seconds.

In 1972, President Nixon began his historic visit to China.

In 1973, Israeli fighter planes shot down a Libyan Airlines jet over the Sinai Desert, killing more than 100 people.

In 1975, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman were sentenced to 2 to 8 years in prison for their roles in the Watergate cover-up.

Ten years ago: Addressing the U.S. Congress, Czechoslovak President Vaclav Havel said his nation welcomed U.S. help after decades of Soviet domination, but also said Europe should eventually "decide for itself" how long American and Soviet troops should remain.

Five years ago: The United States and Mexico signed an agreement to unlock \$20 billion in U.S. support to stabilize the peso, but under tough conditions. Chicago stockbroker Steve Fossett became the first person to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean in a balloon, landing in Leader, Saskatchewan, Canada.

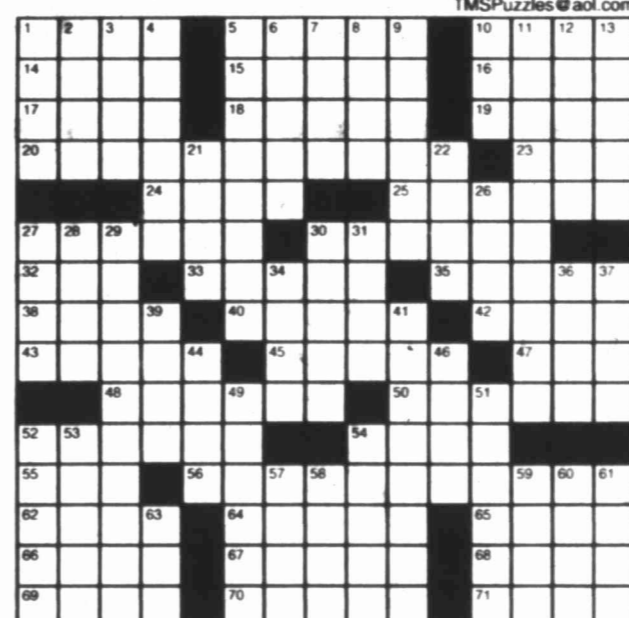
One year ago: Secretary of State Madeleine Albright reported little progress toward a Kosovo peace settlement during talks in Rambouillet, France.

Today's Birthdays: Fashion designer Hubert de Givenchy is 73. Movie director Bob Rafelson is 67. Singer Nina Simone is 67. Actress Rue McClanahan is 66. Actor Gary Lockwood is 63. Actor-director Richard Beymer is 61. Actor Peter McNabney is 60. Recording executive David Geffen is 57. Actor Alan Rickman is 54. Actress Tyne Daly is 54. Tricia Nixon Cox is 54. Senator Olympia J. Snowe (R-Maine) is 53.

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Saturday's Puzzle Solved



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