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## WEATHER

Tonight:



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## 'Health Break' set Wednesday in county library

A "Walk Across Texas Health Break" is planned Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room.

Dr. Guy Owen will discuss the benefits of regular exercise in this workshop, which is part of a series leading up to the kickoff of the "Walk Across Texas" program. It involves teams of friends, relatives and co-workers who walk, run and ride in friendly competition with each other.

Everyone is welcome to attend Wednesday's "health break," bring a sack lunch and learn more about starting and maintaining an exercise program.

Call the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, 264-2236, for more information.

## Two blood drives scheduled for Big Spring donors

The United Blood Services of San Angelo will be in Big Spring again this week. They are reporting a critical shortage for type O-negative blood, and are appealing to those with that blood type to please call and make appointments to donate.

A drive is planned Wednesday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Thursday at the VA Medical Center. Call SMMC at 268-4778, or the VA at 264-4824, ext. 7136, to make an appointment. The times for the drive will be 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Scenic Mountain and will be from 8 a.m. until 12:30 at the VAMC on Thursday.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds.

## WHAT'S UP...

### WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.

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

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

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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## County commissioners approve vehicle bids, renew burn ban

By GINA GARZA  
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners Court on Monday approved the purchase of four used vehicles for the sheriff's department.

The bid was awarded to Salt Lake County at the amount of \$73,200.



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"The used vehicles already have the lights and sirens so we won't have to add them," said Bill Jennings, Howard County sheriff.

County commissioners also approved the replacement of the modem and multiplexer between the county auditor's office and the justice of the peace office in Coahoma.

"Right now there is no communication between us because the equipment is broken," said Jackie Olson, Howard County auditor.

She said the equipment has

not been replaced since 1992. The cost will be about \$6,000.

In other business, commissioners approved renewal of the county burn ban.

"We must review this ban every 90 days and decide on it at that time," said County Judge Ben Lockhart.

Other items discussed were the ongoing projects by the Texas Department of Transportation.

"Those making the priority list are the widening of existing farm to market roads to 24 feet and doing extensive seal coat-

ing on them. Also, to make a truck reliever route along the west side of U.S. 87," said Art Barrow, Big Spring area engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation.

Permission was given to Eddy Jameson of the Road and Bridge Administration to go out for bids on asphalt and aggregate. He was also given permission to hire a truck driver.

Kathy Sayles, Howard County tax assessor/collector, asked and received permission from the court to go out on bids for a new computer system.

"We will eventually have to change because of changing times," she said.

Crossroads Housing Development was approved to use state and federal money for community housing in the Howard County jurisdiction.

"There is a great need for this kind of housing development in this area," said Paul Pryor of Crossroads Housing Development.

Lezlie McCurdy, occupational therapist for Dora Roberts

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Stephanie Horton sings a gospel song with the Mt. Bethel Baptist Church sanctuary choir in celebration of Black History Month at the Veterans Administration Medical Center on Monday. A standing-room-only crowd gathered for the event, which featured entertainment and food.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

## Amtrak

### Sunset Limited to be routed through Big Spring, impact under study by local officials

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Amtrak has announced it will reroute its Sunset Limited through Texas on a course that takes it through Big Spring, but what impact that might have locally isn't known as yet.

"That will probably be determined by Big Spring, whether it has a need for a stop there and whether it wants a stop. I'm assuming it would," said Kevin Johnson, Amtrak manager of media relations in Chicago.

Local officials are certainly interested in hearing more about it.

"We'd like for them to stop here because it further enhances our transportation connectivity to the rest of the world," said Kent Sharp, Moore Development for Big Spring executive director.

"Obviously we want to do everything we can to facilitate that."

"It looks like a possibility that Big Spring might get a stop, at



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least that's our understanding from a fax we received late yesterday from Kay Bailey Hutchison's office," said Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua.

U.S. Sen. Hutchison is chair of the Senate surface transportation subcommittee.

"Of course we're excited about about that. It's great news," said Fuqua. "We think that will be a real benefit to our community. Hopefully we could build some tourism off it and certainly give our citizens another mode of

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## Howard College trustees hire local firm for diagnostic center work

By GINA GARZA

Staff Writer

Howard College board of trustees approved Johnston Construction of Big Spring to remodel Burke Hall on the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus.

The hall will be used as the diagnostic center for the assessment of hearing and learning disabilities for both children and adults.

The Texas Legislature has budgeted more than \$500,000



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this year for the remodeling as well as furnishings and staff salaries. Almost \$200,000 is already in the budget for next year.

"After that, we're hoping to be fully self-supporting," said Ron Brasel, provost for SWCID.

The board approved Texas Furniture Source of Carrollton, Concho Business Solutions Inc. of Big Spring, Virco Inc. of Aubrey and Lamesa Printing Co. Inc. of Lamesa for office furniture and equipment. The bid award totaled \$10,357.92.

The center will provide services to all public school students and families within Texas who experience hearing loss or who have children who are hearing and educationally impaired.

The target age is about 5 years old and older.

"This is a great opportunity for deaf people in general. We

## Enrollment up slightly at community college

By GINA GARZA

Staff Writer

Enrollment for Howard College is up 2 percent from the fall semester and 3 percent over last spring, trustees were told Monday.

According to preliminary fig-



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ures, Howard College has a spring enrollment of 2,090 at all campuses. Fall 1999 enrollment stood at 2,041 while some 2,025 students were enrolled in the spring of 1999.

"We don't have certified figures because the state is having problems with getting these into their system, but these percentages are safe to assume," said Linda Conway, vice president for instruction.

Trustees approved the continuation of employment of Conway, Terry Hansen, execu-

receptionist," said Brasel.

Brasel also said there will be a

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## Community Fund assists needy in Martin County

LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

STANTON — Those who have trouble affording enough to feed their families have a place to turn to for food and other necessary items in the Martin County Community Fund.

Bob Deavenport and eight other volunteers help run the MCCF in Stanton which keeps in stock food and other necessary items such as toothpaste or soap for needy Martin and Glasscock residents.

The average earning per month of a family who uses the MCCF is around \$550 to \$750 and many user's sole income is from social security, Deavenport said.

A typical family might include just one person such as widows, widowers or grandparents on Social Security raising their grandchildren.

The MCCF is a subsidiary fund of the Permian Basin Area Foundation which gave the initial funding for the organiza-

tion.

During past year, the MCCF received funding from Abell Hangar, the Connell Family Fund and the Scarbauer-Lineberry Foundation.

Also, profits from the Old Sorehead Gazette, published three times yearly, go to help support the MCCF.

The new funding greatly enabled the organization to expand operation last year.

"We served at various times during the last year over 200 different families in the Martin and Glasscock Counties," Deavenport said.

According to Deavenport, the MCCF supplied 19,000 pounds of food to needy county residents.

The MCCF receives the bulk of its supplies from the West Texas Food Bank warehouse in Big Spring.

"The West Texas Food Bank warehouse in Big Spring is a tremendous help to us," he said.

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Bob Deavenport stands in front of the Martin County Community Fund building which houses food items for needy area community residents. Eight volunteers donate their time to run the MCCF.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

OBITUARIES

Beulah Harrison

Graveside funeral service for Beulah Harrison, 83, Big Spring, will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at Mr. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Tommy Williams, Evangelist, officiating.



Mrs. Harrison died on Sunday, Feb. 27, in a local hospital.

She was born on Jan. 12, 1917, in McAllister, Okla. She married Marion Arthur Melton on March 20, 1935, and he died in 1975. She married Clyde C. Harrison on April 21, 1971, in Big Spring and he preceded her in death on March 23, 1995. She came to Big Spring in 1966, and worked in restaurants as a cook for many years. She attended the Assembly of God.

Survivors include: three daughters and sons-in-law, Christine and Clarence Schaefer of Coahoma, JoAnn and Tommy Williams of Fort Worth, and Mary and Jim Grummitt of Sand Springs; one sister, Elsie Syfert of Seminole, Okla.; one brother, Joe Pulliam of Seminole, Okla.; eight grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

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

Herman Wesley Shifflett

Herman Wesley Shifflett, 72, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Feb. 28, 2000, in an Odessa hospital. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



He was born on June 14, 1927, in Montague County, and mar-

ried Pearl Burkett on August 29, 1944, in Levelland.

He moved to Big Spring in 1958, and was a carpenter for many years. He then drove a truck for Birdwell Trucking before retiring. He loved his family and friends.

Mr. Shifflett was a member of Midway Baptist Church. He served his country in the United States Army in World War II.

Survivors included: his beloved wife, Pearl Shifflett of Big Spring; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Frances Lynn and Carol Trotter of Colorado City, Sammie Jo Ussery, Dorothy Gayle and Chuck Tidwell and Pamela Kay Hadorn, all of Big Spring; her grandchildren, Donna Madrid and husband, Michael, of Odessa, Herman Hogue and wife, Kim, of Guthrie, Okla., Bobby Joe Hogue and Sarah Graves of Leeday, Lori Lowery and husband, Rich, of Dallas, Shana Cole and husband, Dale, of Coahoma, Stephanie Fortenberry and husband, Steve, of Big Spring, Chad Tidwell and wife, Jamie, of Arlington, Brandon Shifflett and fiancée, Jennifer Stephens, of Weatherford, and Jason and Darrick Shifflett of Big Spring; eighteen great-grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law, Virgil and Sandra Shifflett of Merkel; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Myrtle and Servando Gerardo of Abilene, Jo and Dub Sharp of Deleon, and Pat and Charles Collins of Woodson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Lacie Shifflett.

Pallbearers will be Herman Lee Hogue, Bobby Joe Hogue, Mike Madrid, Michael Madrid, Ricky Henderson, Richard Overton, Jim Rinard, J. J. Birdwell, Richard Thurmand and Billy Sullivan.

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Paid obituary

William L. Walker

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Amtrak officials said the reason for the route change is twofold: one, to serve more populated areas, and two, to shave 10 hours off the Fort Worth to Los Angeles leg.

Johnson said he has not been given any timeline on the

changes.

"Right now, I have no idea when this will all take place. They have not provided that information," he said.

One report said that service along the Del Rio, Alpine, Sanderson route would be eliminated in 2002, but Johnson said he couldn't confirm that, either.

"There are a lot of dates and numbers floating around, but that is probably someone's best guess. It's certainly not official," Johnson said.

He said that whether the train stops in Big Spring will probably be up to the community.

"If the city is interested, we get together. There needs to be a place to stop, facilities, and maybe even the state could help chip in with that. We are willing to see what can be negotiated," Johnson said.

Amtrak's Crescent Limited, which links New York with Atlanta and New Orleans, will split at Meridian, Miss., and go through Shreveport, La., to provide passenger and express package service to Fort Worth. Amtrak also plans a new express train between New York and Los Angeles, officials said.

The move allows Amtrak to develop its mail and shipping business from the East Coast to the Dallas-Fort Worth area and tap into the flow of gamblers heading to Shreveport.

In other moves, service is scheduled to between cities on its Northeast Corridor and Chicago and Florida.

All in all, officials expect the growth to improve the government-owned passenger railroad's bottom line by \$65 million a year.

A key component in the reorganization is a 1998 ruling by the U.S. Surface Transportation Board that has expanded Amtrak's authority to carry mail and express parcels. That led to studies to see where more profitable routes might be located, officials said.

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CORRECTION

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Rehabilitation Center, made a presentation on pre-employment testing.

"This is specific testing to place people in the right job and to make sure they can do the job they were hired to do," said McCurdy.

She also said this would help the turnover rate.

"There is a \$500 start-up fee and the cost for each applicant is \$80," she said.

Commissioners are currently reviewing the proposal.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 3,0,5

Cash 5: 1,20,27,34,39

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL. 21th & Johnson 267-8288. Mary McClure, 89, died Sunday. Graveside services were 10:00 AM, today at Trinity Memorial Park. Floyd Smart, 70, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 3:00 PM, today at Myers & Smith. Private burial will be at a later date.

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# Governors grapple with Internet sales tax issue

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and the nation's governors grappled with one of the thorniest issues of the Internet age Monday, debating whether states should be allowed to charge sales taxes for online purchases.

With tens of billions of dollars in revenue at stake, Clinton said states should decide quickly among themselves what to do. "It may have to involve some simplification of sales taxes," presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart said. "But this is something they will have to work out ... with some urgency."

Clinton met with members of the bipartisan National Governors' Association for two

hours in the White House. Aside from Internet taxes, the group discussed trade with China; Lockhart said general support emerged for granting permanent normal trade relations to Beijing, a contentious issue facing Congress.

Later, Clinton addressed a \$5.1 million fund-raising dinner for the Democratic Governors' Association. He said the United States, with its longest economic expansion in history, has a rare opportunity to address the nation's problems.

"Don't you dare be complacent about this," the president told the audience of 1,500 people at Union Station. "I have waited for 35 years for my country to be in shape again to build a future of our dreams for our children."

Sales taxes are the single largest source of revenue for most states and local governments, about \$150 billion overall. Some argue it is unfair to penalize traditional brick-and-mortar businesses by exempting online sales from taxes; others say online taxation would slow economic growth by shackling the Internet.

Democratic Gov. Gray Davis of California said he opposes Internet sales taxes because they might "kill the golden goose laying the egg." He said "money is just pouring in over the transom" in California — \$10 billion beyond what was estimated two years ago — because of increases in personal wealth, stock valuations, expanding opportunities and productivity gains.

Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening, also a Democrat, said everyone agrees that Internet access should not be taxed, but there is no agreement on the sales taxes question. "We are concerned that if the states lose on the average across the country 40 percent of their revenue, what would happen to education and other services?" Glendening said.

Gov. Paul Patton, D-Ky., said, "About 40 of 50 state governors feel very strongly that it is a problem that has the potential to undermine the sales tax as a source of state revenue."

The federal government should butt out, Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura said. "I support the right of each state to make that determination," said Ventura, an independent.

# Census Bureau working to repair image after error

WASHINGTON (AP) — The agency charged with compiling accurate statistics on the population is working to right its public image after the wrong addresses were printed on mailings intended for nearly every household in America.

The printing glitch caused 115 million informational mailings from the Census Bureau to be printed with an extra digit before the recipient's street address. For instance, the address "10 Main St." would read "110 Main St."

Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt said Monday his agency is reviewing its quality-control procedures to make sure it never happens again — especially since the actual census surveys are due to arrive in homes in less than a month.

He described the error as cosmetic and "a public embarrassment" to the bureau.

"In describing the problem as cosmetic, I do not intend to trivialize it. The public image of the census is nearly as important as the actual operations of the census," Prewitt added.

The mailings will get to the intended homes anyway because a computer bar code printed on them which the Postal Service uses to sort mail has the correct addresses, he

said. This is the first time the bureau used an informational mailing in advance of the questionnaire to publicize the census, which occurs every 10 years. Census officials are putting out new ads this week urging residents to open the census letter when it gets to their home.

Freedom Graphic Systems of Milton, Wis., had a \$5.9 million contract with the Government Printing Office to produce the mailings. It was unclear if any money would be refunded, said Anthony Allighen, government projects coordinator at the company.

"At this point, I don't think anybody has gone that far yet," he said.

Quality-control checks by the company and government officials did not catch the mistake, and the error was first discovered last week by postal workers in New England, officials said.

Until then, Census operations had been relatively glitch-free.

On Monday, officials noted they were ahead of schedule in attracting 1.7 million qualified applicants to fill more than 860,000 temporary jobs — mostly workers who will go door-to-door this summer to get information from people who did not mail back their surveys.

# Leap Day brings only scattered, minor computer glitches

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leap Day brought scattered and minor computer glitches around the world today in perhaps the final echo of the Y2K problem that wasn't.

At a nuclear plant in Japan, a computer system that monitors employee work hours shut down but didn't affect operations. The Monju plant, 220 miles west of Tokyo, hasn't produced nuclear energy since 1995.

At Japan's Meteorological Agency, weather monitoring stations reported double-digit

rainfall even though no rain fell outside, while computers at six observatories failed to recognize Feb. 29.

Elsewhere in Japan, seismographs at more than 20 sites considered today March 1, and the postal service had problems with receipt printers for registered mail and display screens for interest rates.

In addition, 1,200 automated teller machines at post offices shut down, though officials were unsure whether Leap Day was to blame.

At a dam in northern Iwate prefecture, the bug caused a screen displaying data on water

leakage to stop functioning. The dam's operations were not affected.

In New Zealand, merchants had trouble verifying banking transactions and government experts said as many as 4,000 money transfer terminals might have been affected before the problem was fixed.

The Jakarta (Indonesia) Stock Exchange was closed today as a precaution because of fear that the automatic trading system would encounter computer problems, while the Singapore subway system rejected some riders' cards.

The problems were dismissed

as minor by Bruce McConnell, who heads a United Nations-World Bank monitoring group for Y2K.

"I would conclude that, as we predicted, there will not be any significant disruptions, and the world will barely notice Leap Day," he said from Washington late Monday.

There were no early reports of problems as Leap Day arrived in the United States.

The North American Electric Reliability Council declared shortly after midnight Eastern time that all power systems in the United States and Canada were "in green status."

# U.S. envoy says China raising tensions over Taiwan

WASHINGTON (AP) — China has complicated an already tense situation by threatening to use force if Taiwan indefinitely puts off negotiations on reunification, the U.S. Ambassador to China, Joseph Prueher, says.

Prueher spoke Monday as the commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific, Adm. Dennis Blair, was in Beijing attempting to revitalize U.S.-Chinese military-to-military communications at a time of uncertainty between the two countries.

China caused concern here last week by issuing a white paper that raised the stakes on the reunification issue less than a month before Taiwan holds presidential elections.

Prueher told the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations that in both timing and substance, the white paper does not advance the goal of a peaceful resolution between China and Taiwan.

"This complicates an already tense situation," Prueher said. "It makes it more tense."

CIA Director George Tenet testified recently that there is "high potential for another military flare-up across the Taiwan Strait" this year, with the catalyst being the March 18 elections in Taiwan.

For its part, China is angry with proposed legislation in the Congress that would increase cooperation between the U.S. and Taiwan militaries. The Clinton administration opposes the bill and has threatened to veto it.

But the measure, nonetheless,

has heightened suspicions in Beijing about U.S. involvement in the Taiwan question. China fears U.S. support could embolden Taiwan to declare formal independence — a move Beijing says would mean war.

Prueher said the proposed legislation does not enhance security for Taiwan and could increase tensions.

"Anything that exacerbates tensions in the Taiwan Strait diminishes security for Taiwan and also diminishes the opportunities for solutions," he said.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Monday's fete a fitting tribute to black history

If you missed Monday's Black History celebration at the VA Medical Center, start singing the blues. You missed a great program of music and food that emphasized the roots of a rich culture.

Organizer Stephanie Horton, an employee of the medical center and city council member, planned this celebration to honor history through music. It included a gospel choir, a three-piece rhythm and blues band, and even an African chant that invited audience participation.

After selections of music that had the crowd clapping their hands and stomping their feet, those gathered headed for the recreation hall to feast on many types of "soul food."

It was no surprise this event drew a standing-room-only crowd. People of all races and creeds came to share in celebration of the contributions of black Americans to this country.

Horton has spent the month of February, which has been Black History Month, sharing information about black achievement with her co-workers. The work of black inventors, not included in most history books, was highlighted.

Monday's program was a fitting way to end this month of recognition. We applaud Horton and those who helped her organize and create this tribute.

Thank you for reminding us that our country's history is a tapestry of many colors, our culture a combination of many traditions.

## OTHER VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

I'm a junior at Iowa High School in Iowa, La. I have chosen your city to help me with an American History Project.

Our class is working on a World War II project to help us learn more about the personal stories from anyone who was involved somehow in World War II (soldiers, nurses, politicians, clergy, family, and friends of veterans, etc.)

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Thank you Big Spring High School Key Club members, and thank you Mrs. Nutting for doing such a wonderful job with these kids.

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### TO THE EDITOR:

As one of the many room mothers for the kids at Moss Elementary, I would like to thank all of the Key Club members from the Big Spring High School for

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# The faces I have seen, the places I have been

Once, through the thin walls of a cheap motel in Dothan, Ala., I overheard a marriage ending. The fight was over Foosball.

She had been staying out late, playing table soccer with someone else. The young husband said he wouldn't take it anymore.

He left. She wept. All night long she wept. If I live to be 200, I'll remember the raw anger in those two voices, desperate voices that drilled straight through the sheet paneling, curses that crawled beneath my blanket.

Well-meaning souls often insist that traveling the South to find good newspaper stories must be like enjoying a perpetual vacation. I get that a lot, at library soirees or book-club gatherings where some sweet-talking program chairman has shanghaied me into talking about my work.

And I think but do not say that, no, the travel itself is not the point. The travel is not unlike the computer, or the infernal telephone, or a Bic and a notebook. The traveling I've done for two decades is

necessary, all right, but rarely exotic, often lonely and exhilarating only when you're headed home, story in the bag.

If I were a great thinker, I might just sit still in one comfortable place and write. At this point in my life, I honestly would prefer it. But I am not a great thinker. I need to talk to people. To see places. To rap on the door of a house at the end of a road not on the map.

Travel has its rewards. My method of operation brought me eyeball to eyeball with Guy Bush, the last pit-cner to give up a home run to Babe Ruth. Babe's last at-bat became poor Guy's claim to fame.

It allowed me to meet Talmage and Louise Heathcott of Tennessee, who kept handwritten records of every cent they spent for more than 50 years, including three pennies for a parking meter in 1959, and in 1966, a 43-cent purchase: a package of Feen-a-Mints.

I have chatted with a Confederate widow and said howdy to Percy Sledge.

I was there when they buried Bear Bryant, and when they exhumed 20 people on the Kentucky-Tennessee line because the local funeral director was accused of burial irregularities. (They found an empty Alpo can and embalming fluid bottles beneath a dead grandmother's satin pillow, and corpses that were buried rolled up in carpet pieces.) I visited Fyffe, Ala., after

policeman Fred Works thought he saw a UFO, and talked with a gregarious promoter named Bill Smith after Elvis phoned him in 1989. "All that bawling and squalling going on over in Memphis. It's bullcorn!" Smith said.

I have prided myself on finding everyday people in interesting circumstances and out-of-the-way places. The datelines are my diary: Elba, Ala.; Rome, Ga.; Paris, Tenn.

A few things get old about travel besides the actual driving, and the semis, and queasy, drive-through digestion. I have grown weary, for instance, of talking to earnest inventors of perpetual-motion machines and nonwriters with novels in progress. Men pulling crosses on wheels are a dime a dozen. (I literally ran from one in Pass Christian, Miss., but he caught up with me at the post office.)

And I am a little tired of theme days, like the Poke Sallet Festival, or the Egg Festival, organized frivolity that must fit a narrow theme.

I never again want to look into the cold, lying eyes of Byron De La Beckwith. Or interview the Ku Klux Klan's chaplain on her doorstep in rural Georgia. Or see the Flint River lapping the rooftops of Albany, Ga.

Or, for that matter, return to Oktoberfest in Cullman, Ala., which was dry.

I'd just as soon not sit like a

vulture on a low-hanging limb at Parchman Prison, Miss., waiting for the state to kill a man. The night they re-juiced the gas chamber at Parchman was the loneliest one I ever spent. Idle talk with other reporters seemed inappropriate.

On the other hand, there are big moments on the road, satisfying times when you know it's your lot to be the luckiest person alive — even if you have to be lucky on deadline.

Along the way I got to sleep in William Faulkner's bed, and see Sequoyah's printing press, and touch the pump where Helen Keller first saw the light. I heard B.B. King sing inside Parchman's rodeo arena, not far at all from the gas chamber.

Greatness doesn't rub off on mere mortals like newsprint on wet hands, but often there is inspiration at the well, the graveside, the bed. There is a point to the pilgrimage, and the miles are an investment. I imagine there's lots more meaning out there to mine.

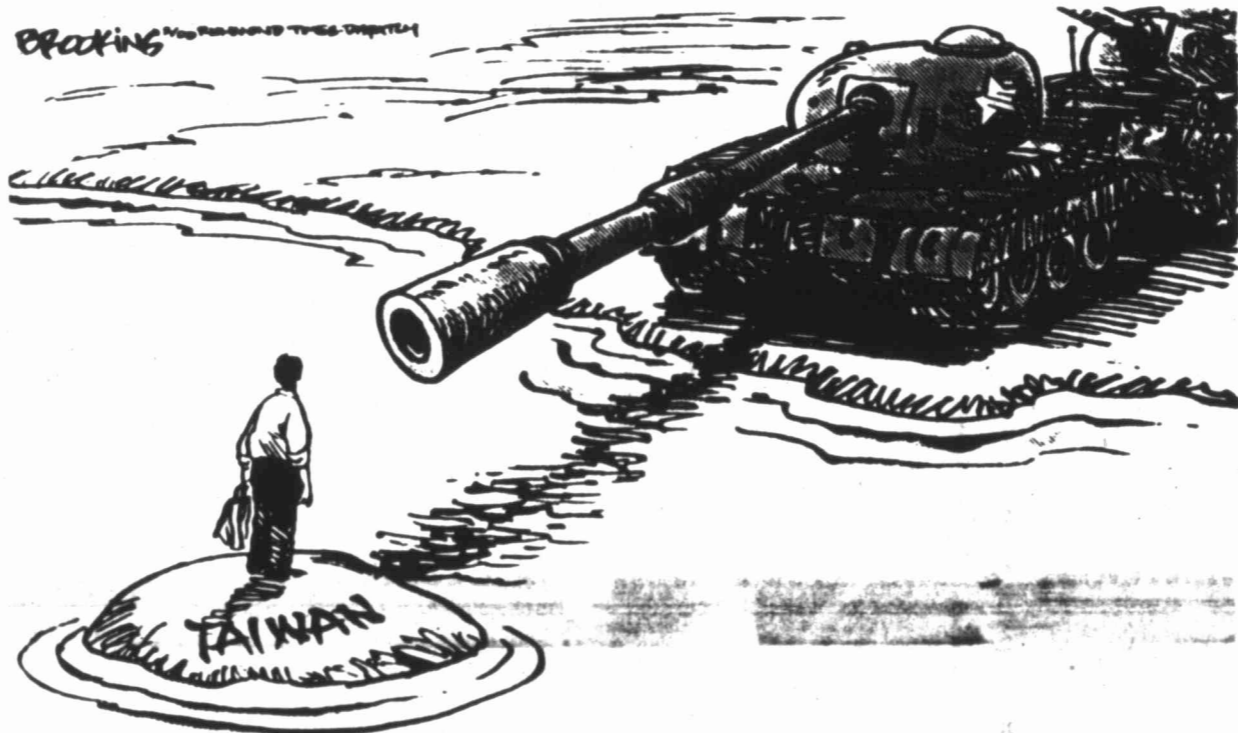
You have indulged me, taking interest in my family, failed gardens, distant ramblings, occasional rants. It's you, the reader, whom I'm thinking about when I sit on the side of the bed in some motel.

You are the point of the traveling.

Please stick with me. Together, we'll go far.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



## Serenyi once blindfolded Liberty

Had lunch recently with a man who once put a blindfold on the Statue of Liberty.

Istvan V. Serenyi is one of those forgotten heroes of the rapidly being-forgotten Cold War. He had good reason to hate communism. He was forced to live under it when the communists seized control of his native Hungary. One of the first things they did was send him to prison for his editorials against communism.

After the Hungarian Revolution in 1956, when brave Hungarians actually defeated the Soviet troops and the puppet government only to be crushed by Red Army reinforcements, Serenyi fled to Austria. There the only job the refugee could find was delivering Stars and Stripes, a newspaper produced for the U.S. armed forces. His route was 20 miles long, and he ran or walked it every day.

Serenyi, you see, had been one of Hungary's top athletes, a long-distance runner who had participated — as the youngest member of the team — in the 1936 Olympics. His friendship with American Army officers

got him and his wife into the United States.

Here, he took up a new occupation as a lens grinder and is very proud that he worked on the lenses used in the American spy satellites. He developed such a great love for America and its freedom that he was outraged that Russian dictator Nikita Khrushchev would even be allowed in the country. So he devised a way to protest the visit.

He carefully constructed a blindfold on an extendable frame and went to the uppermost part of the statue. He planned to blindfold the lady of liberty just as Khrushchev's ship entered New York harbor. Serenyi said that he had assumed that he would be alone in the topmost part of the statue, but when he climbed up he found three German tourists there.

Pressed for time, he had no choice but to tell them of his plan. These three young men, who were students from Berlin, became his enthusiastic assistants. Just as the Russian dictator's ship came into the harbor, people were surprised to see a black blindfold drop over the eyes of the lady of liberty.

On another occasion, Serenyi walked from New York to California, setting an AAU record, as a demonstration in support of what were then called the Captive Nations — nations under the rule of communism. For all of his life, Serenyi used his spare time

and athletic ability to demonstrate for freedom and used his speeches to remind Americans of their invaluable blessings.

Today, Serenyi is a walking advertisement for the athletic life. Sitting across from him, I figured him to be in his 60s. Though grayed and a bit stout, he remains a vigorous man and an animated conversationalist. He's in his 80s. He and his wife, now both retired, live in Vienna, Austria.

One day, historians will give us a good account of the Cold War, especially if they can gain access to the KGB archives. But it was a time when people saw clearly that two opposite systems were contending for the world. Thanks to nuclear weapons, the Cold War was fought mostly by proxy, by spying, by propaganda, by coups and counter coups, and by assassinations. Nevertheless, 100,000 Americans gave their lives for freedom during this period, and many thousands of East Europeans died or suffered torture and imprisonment in their fight for freedom.

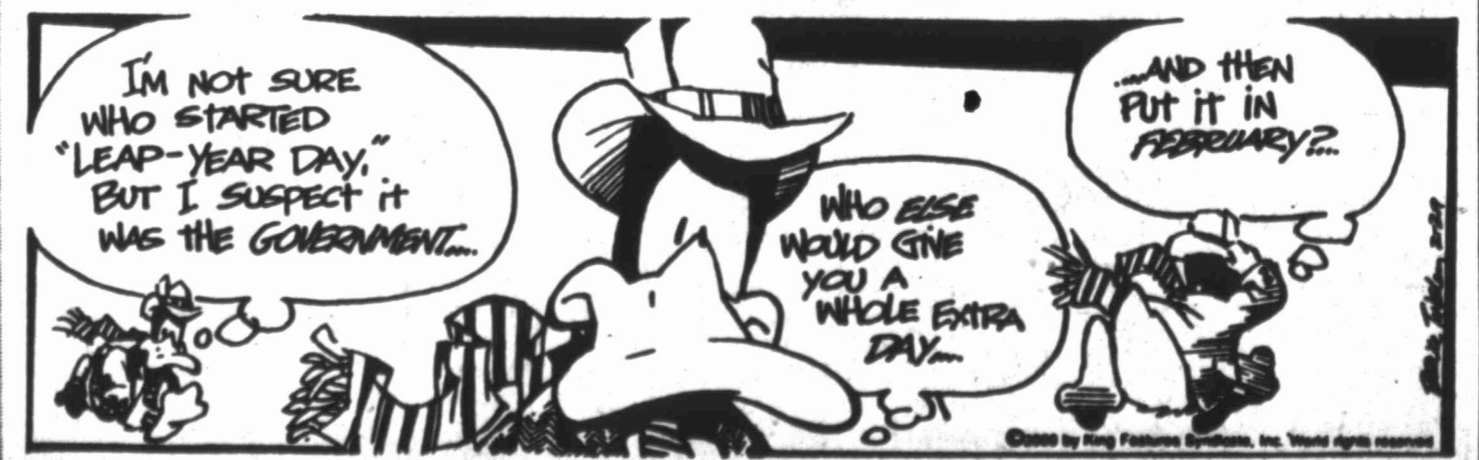
An old friend once said to me that Americans would never understand communism "until someone butt-strokes 'em with an AK-47 and burns their houses down."

I think of that when I see people taken in by Fidel Castro's propaganda and see American businesses so eager to use the slave labor of communist countries like China.



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Mallard Fillmore  
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### IN BRIEF

#### Playoff game scheduled tonight at 'The Dorothy'

Tahoka's Bulldogs and Reagan County's Owls will play a Class 2A regional quarterfinal playoff game at 7 tonight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The playoff will be the 13th postseason high school game Howard College has hosted this season.

Tahoka reached the regional quarterfinal with a 61-48 win over Ozona on Friday, while Reagan County defeated Plains, 51-47.

#### Softball boosters set meeting for March 9

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

All parents of BSHS softball players, as well as others interested in the program, are encouraged to attend.

#### Softball umpires training set to begin Wednesday

The Permian Basin Softball Umpires Association will begin training for all umpires at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Bill Williams Complex in Midland's Hogan Park.

All prospective and returning umpires need to attend.

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

#### Coahoma Little League schedules registration

Coahoma Little League and Junior League will conduct registration Thursday and Friday for youngsters planning to play baseball this season.

Registration will be held at the Coahoma ballpark from 6 to 9 both nights.

#### 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. The fee is \$30 per player.

For more information, call 267-7466, 267-2208 or 267-4947.

#### Three-on-three tourney scheduled for March 11

A 3-on-3 basketball tournament benefiting the American Cancer Society has been scheduled for Saturday, March 11, at Forsan High School.

Entry fees are \$50 per four-person team and the deadline for registering is 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8.

For more information, call Ernie Strickland at 263-4659.

### AREA GAMES

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#### HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

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Big Spring Lady Steers at Lubbock Monterey Lady Plainsmen.

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#### Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men  
6 p.m. — Purdue at Indiana, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
8 p.m. — Kentucky at Mississippi State, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
NBA  
7 p.m. — Miami Heat at San Antonio Spurs, TNT, Ch. 28.  
9:30 p.m. — Los Angeles Lakers at Portland Trail Blazers, TNT, Ch. 28.

## St. John's impressive week earns it a ranking in Top 25

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

All season long, people were pointing at last week as the most important on St. John's schedule — Syracuse, Connecticut and Duke.

Now that it's over, people are pointing at St. John's as one of the best teams in the country.

The Red Storm (20-6) swept the three games against ranked teams, the last an 83-82 victory at Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium, and moved into the AP Top 25 Monday at No. 18.

"You certainly had to hope and pray for the best that week," St. John's coach Mike Jarvis said Monday night. "I haven't quite digested it yet. You want a week like that as your last week of the season. The one thing is that the kids should be very proud of it and remember it for the rest of their lives."

While St. John's and No. 25 Illinois were the newcomers to this week's rankings, Stanford remained No. 1, this time as a unanimous choice.

The Cardinal (24-1), who won their games against Washington and Washington State last week by an average of 31 points, received all 70 first-place votes and 1,750 points from the national media panel. They are the first unanimous No. 1 since North Carolina on Dec. 22, 1997.

Cincinnati and Arizona, the only team to beat Stanford this season, each moved up one spot to second and third in the poll. The Stanford-Arizona rematch is March 9 in Tucson.

Duke, which had been second, dropped to fourth following the loss to St. John's.

Temple, which extended its winning streak to 13 games with victories over St. Bonaventure and Massachusetts last

week, moved from eighth to fifth, matching the Owls' highest ranking since the second poll of the regular season.

Ohio State held sixth and was followed by Michigan State, Florida, Syracuse and Iowa State, which jumped from 17th to No. 10 with wins over Texas and Oklahoma State.

The Top Ten ranking is the first for Iowa State since the Cyclones were seventh in the poll on Feb. 17, 1997.

Tennessee dropped four spots to 11th and was followed in the Second Ten by LSU, Oklahoma State, Indiana, Tulsa, Texas, Maryland, St. John's, Auburn and Purdue.

The last five teams in the rankings were Oklahoma, Kentucky, Kansas, Connecticut and Illinois.

St. John's has won seven straight games, the last three over the first-place team in the Big East and the teams that

met in last season's national championship game.

The Red Storm were ranked for two two-week periods earlier in the season, reaching as high as 15th.

"I think at this time of year, being ranked starts to matter," Jarvis said. "Up until the last week or two of the season, most of the time, it's a detriment. At this stage, it's very important because a lot of teams, players and coaches look at it and respect it because it's what you have accomplished over the whole year. Still, the one that counts the most is that one after the final game of the whole season."

The jump into the poll at No. 18 for an unranked team matches what Wake Forest did earlier this season, although the Demon Deacons remained in the Top 25 for three weeks before falling out and have not returned.



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Howard College base runner Andy Harrington pops up from his slide into third base during the Hawks' win over Frank Phillips College on Feb. 18. The Hawks improved their record to 11-9 Monday with a 10-1 run-ruling of Vernon Regional Community College and will travel to Abilene on Wednesday for a doubleheader with McMurry University's junior varsity.

## Hawks' pitching, hitting too much for VRCC, 10-1

HERALD Staff Report

LUBBOCK — Howard College's Hawks needed just seven innings to take a 10-1 win Monday over Vernon Regional Community College's Chaparrals in a non-conference baseball game at Texas Tech University's Dan Law Field.

The Hawks not only turned in an overpowering display of hitting, but got a sterling pitching effort from Matt Burriss.

Burriss, a 6-foot-2, 211-pound freshman from Houston, allowed the one earned Vernon run, scattering five hits, walking two and striking out three in going the distance.

It was Burriss' performance, not the Hawks' virtual hitting clinic, drew the biggest raves from Howard coach Justin Hays.

"We hit the ball well, but the real key was our pitching," Hays explained, noting that Hawks Brett Headland, who was struck in the head by a batted ball in Saturday's doubleheader with Panola, will be lost for six to eight weeks.

"Matt really dominated and we needed that," he added. "We're going to need people to step now Brett's going to be out for the rest of the season."

While Headland, whose jaw was wired together by doctors while the Hawks were facing Vernon, theoretically could return to the Howard lineup in time for the Region V tournament in May, Hays said he expects the college to seek a medical red-shirt for the Fort Worth freshman, saving him a year of eligibility.

The Hawks gave Burriss all the run support

he'd need in the first inning from sophomores Danny McMurry, Jay Alsup and Caleb Reger.

McMurry got things started with a one-out single and scored when Alsup ripped a triple. Reger grounded out and scored Alsup on the play.

That 2-0 lead was trimmed in the third inning when Vernon managed to group of pair of singles off Burriss. But the Hawks retaliated in their half of the inning when Kennard Bibbs led off with a walk, swiped second and scored on an error charged to the Chaps' shortstop.

Howard made it 5-1 in the bottom of the fifth, as Bibbs again got things started with a single. McMurry followed with a single up the middle that got past Vernon's center fielder, allowing Bibbs to score and McMurry to advance to third. Reger then provided an RBI single that gave Burriss a little more breathing room.

The Hawks' big inning, however, was the sixth.

Zack Matthews led off the Howard sixth with a single and moved to second on a passed ball. Trey Ensor then reached base on a fielder's choice that left runners at the corners. Mike McMillan singled home Matthews and brought the top of the order to the plate.

Bibbs singled to score a run and McMurry followed with a triple that plated two more. Alsup capped the rally with an RBI groundout.

The Hawks, now 11-9 on the season, return to action Wednesday when they travel to Abilene for a 3 p.m. doubleheader with McMurry University's junior varsity.

## 'Horns refusing to fade, despite slim title hopes

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Texas Longhorns certainly aren't fading as quickly as their Big 12 title hopes.

The 16th-ranked Longhorns used stifling defense to take a 17-point halftime lead, then fought off a Kansas rally in the second half for a 68-54 victory Monday night.

They kept their slim conference title hopes alive. But if Texas (21-7, 12-3) is to repeat as Big 12 champs, it will need to win Saturday at Kansas State and hope for unlikely losses by conference leader Iowa State to Texas Tech and Baylor, who are a combined 6-22 in conference play.

"I think we need a lot of help. But if we get that help in the last two games, we'd be more grateful than anyone could know," said Ivan Wagner, who scored a career-high 19 points in Texas' first win against Kansas since 1938.

The Longhorns are 2-7 against the Jayhawks (21-8, 10-5) overall, and 1-3 since the Big 12 was formed.

In the only other game involving a ranked team, No. 24 Connecticut beat Rutgers 74-69.

Texas grabbed a 14-2 lead on 3-pointers by Wagner and William Clay. Chris Owens then scored six straight points, including a layup when he slapped the ball away at mid-court and spun around two Jayhawks defenders near the basket to bring the crowd of 13,561 to its feet.

Texas, 5-5 against ranked teams, was equally effective on defense, forcing Kansas into missing 13 of its first 16 shots and 11 turnovers in the first 14 minutes.

"I have to congratulate Texas," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "They ran out early and with a lot of intensity and got the easy buckets."

The Longhorns shot 54 percent in the first half, helped by six dunks on breakaway and alley-oop baskets, en route to a 38-21 halftime lead. Gabe Muoneke had 10 points in the half, six on dunks.

"We wanted to show our killer instinct and attack," said Muoneke, who finished with 16 points.

"I'd like to put that first half in a bottle and keep it for a while," Texas coach Rick Barnes said.

Kansas finally showed signs of life in the second. The Jayhawks scored the first two

### NCAA SCORES

#### MEN'S GAMES

**EAST**  
Connecticut 74, Rutgers 69  
**SOUTH**  
Alabama A&M 76, Grambling St. 69  
Alabama St. 76, Jackson St. 72  
Alcorn St. 82, Texas Southern 65  
James Madison 67, N.C. Wilmington 65  
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Southern 76, Prairie View 75

#### MIDWEST

Creighton 102, Evansville 69  
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N. Iowa 81, Wichita St. 68  
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#### SOUTHWEST

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TCU 86, SMU 83  
Texas 68, Kansas 64  
UT-Pan Am 55, Washington St. 52

#### FAR WEST

Denver 55, W. Kentucky 52  
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#### WOMEN'S GAMES

**EAST**  
Albany, N.Y. 56, Navy 50  
**SOUTH**  
Alabama St. 81, Jackson St. 64  
Ark. Little Rock 66, Centenary 50  
Howard 73, Morgan St. 63  
New Orleans 77, Louisiana-Lafayette 67  
Southern U. 54, Prairie View 43

#### SOUTHWEST

MVSU 73, Ark. Pine Bluff 70

#### TOURNAMENT

**Mid-American Conference**  
First Round  
Ball St. 94, Cent. Michigan 81  
Bowling Green 84, Ohio 70  
Buffalo 70, Akron 55  
E. Michigan 67, N. Illinois 65  
Miami 78, Marshall 68

baskets after halftime, and Texas missed its first five shots.

Kansas closed to 42-30 in five straight points by Eric Chenoweth and finally made it 46-36 11:58 left.

Barnes called a timeout, and the Longhorns came back with a 3-pointer from Wagner and yet another breakaway dunk by Muoneke to push the lead to 55-38.

"We stuck our head out of the hole, but couldn't get all the way out," Kansas forward Drew Gooden said.

Kansas twice more cut the lead to 10, the last at 59-49 with 3:09 left, but hit just three field goals during the final seven minutes and couldn't make a final push.

The Jayhawks finished with 17 turnovers and shot just 31 percent with no 3-pointers. Kirk Hinrich was the only Jayhawks player in double figures with 11 points.

Wagner made up for four turnovers with five assists and hit seven free throws in the final 3:31.

Chris Mihm had a relatively quiet game with nine points in what might be his last game in the Erwin Center.

## Lady Steers thinclads post win at Sandhills Relays in Monahans

HERALD Staff Report

MONAHANS — Big Spring's Lady Steers dominated the field Saturday, as they took first place in the team standings at the Sandhills Relays.

The Lady Steers piled up 155 points for a comfortable 61-point margin over runner-up Andrews' Lady Mustangs.

Big Spring dominated the three relays, taking first place in all three, as well as chalking up first-place finishes in five individual events.

It was just the kind of start to the season Lady Steers head coach Jay Kennedy was looking for.

"We had a lot of young kids that did a

great job and older kids proved to be good leaders," he said following the win. "I told the kids this was just a starting place and we started off pretty well. It was a good meet for us."

The point total mounted early as April McGee won the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 6 1/2 inches and teammate Angelica Hinojos finished second with a 15-9 effort.

Leandra Williams added first-place points in the shot put, with a heave of 34 feet, 10 3/4 inches and Rachelle Guinn tacked on another win in the triple jump with a leap of 32 feet, 9 3/4 inches.

Sterling Burchett was fourth in the triple jump with a 32-11 1/2 leap.

Amber Maves and Deena Cook rounded out the Lady Steers' point production in the field events, finishing tied for third and fourth in the discus. Both had tosses of 106 feet.

Ashley Larson gave Big Spring its first points in the running events when she finished third in the 3,200 meters with a 13:43.11 clocking.

Then McGee, Hinojos, Tosha Banks and Stormie Huff swiped the spotlight by winning the 400-meter relay with a clocking of 52.6 seconds.

McGee and Hinojos would team with Kourtnee Rushin and Guinn to win the 800-meter relay, posting a time of 1:50.9.

LaTrisha Rollins added a win in the

400 meters, posting a time of 64.4 seconds and the Lady Steers 1,600-meter relay foursome of Burchett, Huff, Britannia Perez and Guinn rounded out Big Spring's wins with a 4:25.5 clocking.

Perez would add a second-place finish in the 300-meter low hurdles with a time of 50.5 seconds, while McGee was second in the 200 meters, timed at 27.6 seconds.

Hinojos rounded out her personal showing with a third-place clocking of 12.6 seconds in the 100 meters and Guinn added a fourth in 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.6 seconds.

Tejal Patel added a third-place clocking of 2:45.7 in the 800 meters and Donna Payne was fourth at 2:47.5.

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Aim for what you want this year. Be more clear about your direction. Success can be yours, with persistence and networking. Expand your immediate circle of contacts, acquiring as many as you can. A hobby could bring many new friends into your life. Express your ideas, personality and essence. If you are single, a friendship could blossom into much more. Your ability to communicate draws others toward you. If attached, work on the friendship between you and your mate. Discussions tie you closer, but don't always assume you know what your partner is thinking. CAPRICORN provides ideas.

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) \*\*\*\* Being direct is important in a professional situation. Evaluate your words; think through your decisions. Others find you an endless source of information and leadership. However, convincing everyone to think like you is another issue. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Circulate ideas. Let others know what you are thinking. Fast feedback makes this a wonderful opportunity to brainstorm and talk turkey. Investigate rumors - don't accept hearsay at face value. Clarify what is real and what is fiction. Tonight: Take it in a movie.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* A partner has much to say and share. You could be overwhelmed by what you hear. Discussions are fertile, especially those regarding joint financing and emotional matters. Consider the basics when making a decision with an associate. Tonight: Survey other opinions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Popularity, soars. You see more possibilities than you have in a long while. Beam in what you want. Remain sure of yourself when making a request. A meeting at work brings positive results; network and seek out what you want. Tonight: Say yes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Brainstorm with co-workers. Efficiency is maximized as you charge through work. Listen to an associate who has a lot of good ideas. You make a great team. Work on a one-on-one level. Success greets you. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* You express yourself clearly and concisely. Creativity increases after a discussion. Others seek you out en masse. Enjoy this popularity, but understand your limits. Know when enough socializing is enough. Or decide to take the

day off! Tonight: A happy smile works wonders. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* Pace yourself. Decide what would be best for you, both professionally and emotionally. A home office might be most appealing, but it would allow you to be more distracted. Practice more self-discipline. Make needed changes. Tonight: Putting in extra hours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Reach out for others. Remain sure of yourself with a child or loved one who knows how to pique your interest. Stay centered in your dealings. Don't lose sight of what you want. Communication remains key in all avenues of your life. Tonight: Fun and games.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Dig into money matters, taxes or your budget. Listen to others, though ultimately it is your call. Remember, with your money, only one person is ultimately responsible. A family member might encourage you to follow his direction. Tonight: Treating yourself doesn't need to be expensive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* You have a way of saying things that makes others listen. Use your people skills and see where they lead you. Allow more creativity in your communication. Charisma speaks. Another understands you loud and clear. Tonight: Visit with a dear friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Febr. 18) \*\*\*\* Listen to the drumbeats. News you hear could impact a money decision. Understand more of what you want for yourself. Structure goals with an eye to your personal security. Do needed research. Pay attention to feedback. Tonight: Take a night off.

PISCES (Febr. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Often, how you say something can make a difference in how your message is received. Network, spread news; let others know what is on your mind. By verbalizing what you want, you are taking the first step in making it so. Tonight: Where your friends are.

BORN TODAY

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To grandma's house we go - if first it's babyproofed

DEAR ABBY: I am a first-time mother of a beautiful 18-month-old son. My mother is crazy about being a grandma and begs me to come for extended visits so she can get to know her grandson. I just returned from a week's visit - and I am exhausted. Why? Because Mother refuses to "baby-proof" her house for our visits, so I spend all my time watching my son to ensure that

chemicals should be out of reach and out of sight. 5. Sharp-edged furniture, such as coffee tables or end tables, should have easily installed corner protectors applied, or should be turned on their sides during visits. One of my girlfriends told me that when she's coming for a visit, her mother buys diapers, baby wipes and appropriate baby food. She also has bibs, baby cups and spoons on hand. She even buys age-appropriate toys to keep at her house so her granddaughter has special toys to look forward to playing with during the visit.

In most cases, it's been about 20 years since these grandparents have been around babies. I think if they would read a current baby/toddler book, they would be surprised to learn about the new information available. - BENT OUT OF SHAPE IN BEND, ORE.

DEAR BENT IN BEND: Your suggestions for grandparents seem sensible to me, and worth sharing with any new grandparent who might be out of touch. Since your mother seems to fall into that category, send her a book on baby/toddler child care as a gift. It could save her, you and your son a lot of stress or even an unfortunate accident. © 2000 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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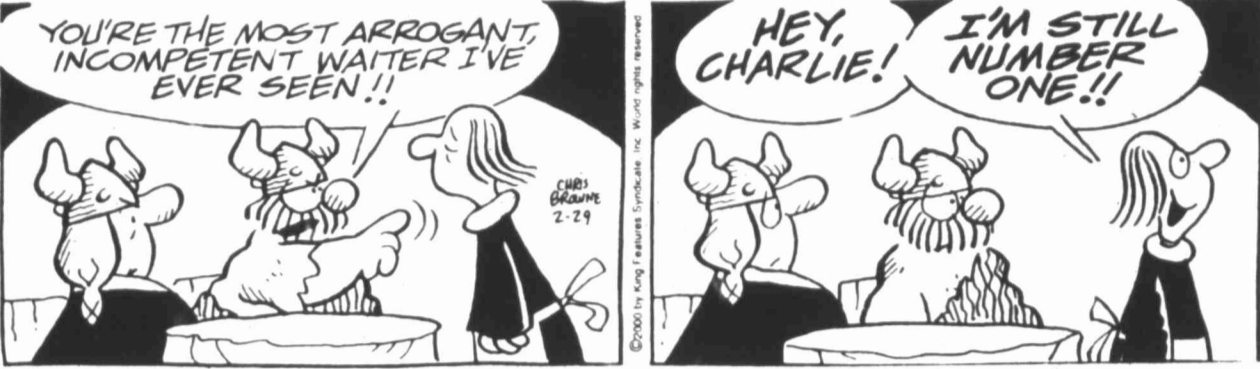
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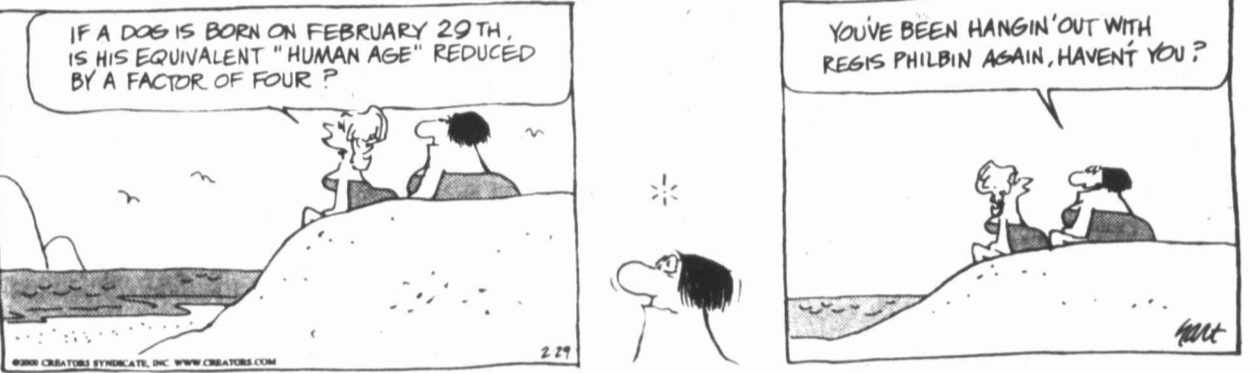
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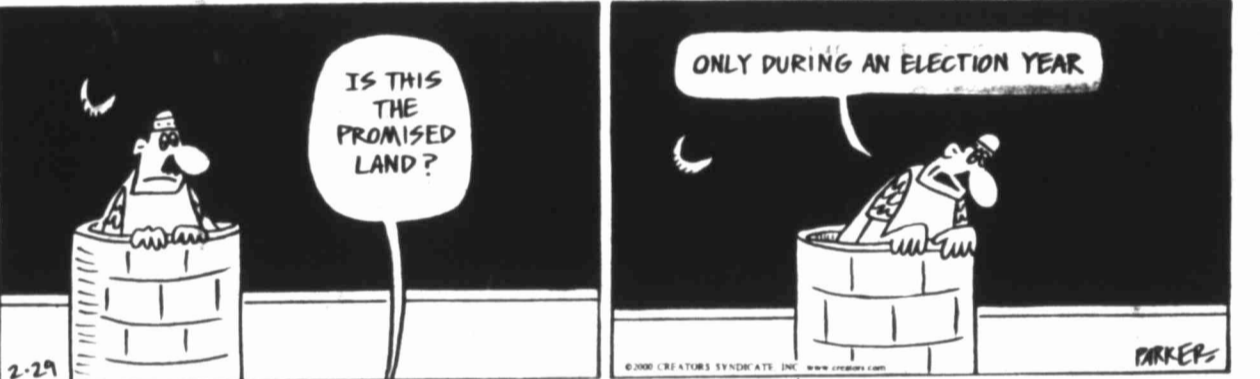
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"Hi, Mr. Wilson. Bet you were afraid this weather would keep me at home."

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Feb. 29, the 60th day of 2000. There are 306 days left in the year. This is

Leap Day. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 29, 1940, "Gone with the Wind" won eight Academy Awards, including best picture of 1939.

On this date: In 1504, Christopher Columbus, stranded in Jamaica

during his fourth voyage to the West, used a correctly predicted lunar eclipse to frighten hostile natives into providing food for his crew.

In 1792, the composer Gioacchino Antonio Rossini was born in Pesaro, Italy.

In 1796, President Washington proclaimed Jay's Treaty in effect; it settled some outstanding differences with Great Britain.

In 1904, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed a seven-member commission to hasten completion of the Panama Canal.

In 1956, President Eisenhower announced he would seek a second term of office.

In 1960, the first Playboy Club, featuring waitresses clad in "bunny" outfits, opened in Chicago. (Hugh Hefner closed the corporate-owned clubs in 1986, calling them "passe.")

In 1968, the discovery of the first "pulsar," a star which emits regular radio waves, was announced by Dr. Jocelyn Bell Burnell at Cambridge, England.

In 1968, President Johnson's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (also known as the Kerner Commission) warned that racism was causing America to move "toward two societies, one black, one white — separate and unequal."

In 1980, former Israeli foreign minister Yigal Alon, who had played an important role in the Jewish state's fight for independence, died at age 61.

In 1984, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau announced he was stepping down after more than 15 years in power.

Twelve years ago: South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other religious leaders were arrested while kneeling near Parliament with a petition against government bans on anti-apartheid groups.

Eight years ago: Muslims and Croats in Bosnia-Herzegovina began casting ballots in an independence referendum; Serbs boycotted the vote, calling it illegal.

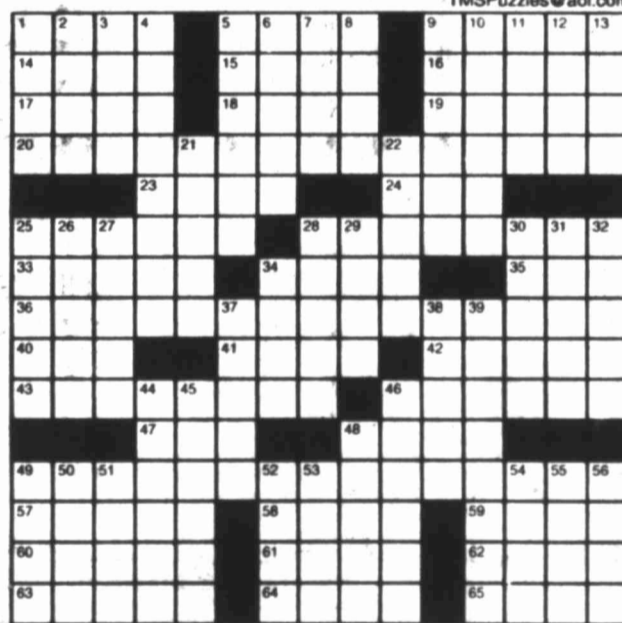
Four years ago: About 30 television and entertainment industry executives met with President Clinton at the White House, where they promised to devise a TV ratings system. Daniel Green was convicted in Lumberton, N.C., of murdering James R. Jordan, the father of basketball star Michael Jordan, during a 1993 roadside holdup. (Green was sentenced to life in prison; an accomplice who had testified against him, Larry Demery, is also serving a life sentence.) A Peruvian commercial jetliner crashed in the Andes, killing all 123 people on board.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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