

Mexico, Colombia get passing grades in Clinton drug policy review

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ignoring recommendations by top Republican lawmakers, President Clinton declared Wednesday that Mexico is fully cooperating with U.S. counter-narcotics efforts as it attempts to curb the country's well organized and often violent drug cartels.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Jesse Helms and House International Relations Committee chairman Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y., said last week that the situation in Mexico continues to deteriorate. They recommended that Mexico be "decertified" as a cooperative partner, a move that, under law, could have brought about economic reprisals against Mexico.

Barry McCaffrey, the White House drug control chief, responded to Helms and Gilman by issuing a powerful defense of Mexico's effort. "They're spending a higher per capita percentage basis of their budget on counter drug activities than the United States is," he said.

Mexican Attorney General Jorge Madrazo said Mexico's own best interests demand fighting drug trafficking. "It's a matter of national security, for the protection of our children. We believe in multilateral cooperation," he said.

Mexico or any other country so designated, but any such move is highly unlikely. On Colombia, McCaffrey said President Andres Pastrana is pursuing an integrated strategy for curbing drug trafficking and deserves continued U.S. support.

Colombia is the world's largest producer and distributor of cocaine and has been working closely with the Clinton administration on drug issues. Clinton is seeking \$1.6 billion in assistance for Colombia over the next two years, most of to counter drug activities. Colombia suffered an embarrassing setback Wednesday when an American drug suspect wanted for extradition to the United States escaped from a maximum security prison in Bogota, smuggled out in an old mattress, prison officials said.

Judge orders death row inmate released after 16 years

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas death row inmate who could be freed after 16 years says he'd likely settle in with a fishing pole on an Oklahoma lake — promising law officials to stay "out of sight and out of mind."

In his 16-page ruling Wednesday, U.S. District Judge David Hittner wrote that Burdine is being held unconstitutionally. The inmate was sent to death row for fatally stabbing his roommate. His conviction was thrown out last year by Hittner because his lawyer allegedly slept through long segments of his 1984 trial.

"I'm gonna get to hug my momma," he told the news crew. The judge gave the state 120 days to give Burdine a new trial or set him free. That time ran out in late January. Hittner did not grant Burdine's request to prohibit the state from retrying him.

Burdine was convicted of the April 3, 1983, stabbing death of W.T. Wise, a former Houston-area housemate. Burdine told police he argued with Wise and moved out of their trailer because Wise, 50, wanted him to work as a prostitute. Evidence showed Burdine and an accomplice, Douglas McCreight, were involved in the burglary in which Wise was stabbed. McCreight served eight years in prison.

Broken door apparently set shooting suspect off

WILKINSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Maintenance worker John DeWitt was so worried about the verbal abuse coming from Ronald Taylor that he picked up a hammer for self-defense. He was at Taylor's apartment to fix a door.

"We don't have a history with this individual," he said. "There were no signs, no clues that would lead us to believe this individual was someone who had to be watched." Taylor is charged with two counts of criminal homicide, an umbrella charge that includes various degrees of murder and manslaughter. Specific charges Taylor will be set at a subsequent hearing.

House passes repeal of Social Security earnings limit

WASHINGTON (AP) — In uncommon election-year bipartisanship, House Republicans and Democrats united Wednesday behind legislation allowing 800,000 senior citizens between ages 65 and 69 to work without fear of losing Social Security benefits. President Clinton pledged his support.

Sponsors said the time has arrived to scrap the Depression-era law, originally enacted to make more jobs available for younger workers. Retailers, restaurants and other businesses are battling a labor shortage and Congress is searching for modest accomplishments to offer senior voters — particularly because agreement is less likely on broader Medicare and Social Security reforms.

Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. "Americans are living longer now, and older Americans can work, they want to work, and they shouldn't be punished by an outdated law."

American who wants to and can stay active and productive," said Clinton, who first called for the repeal in his 1992 campaign book "Putting People First" and included it in his past two budgets.

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QUICK TRIVIA

◆Today would have been the 96th birthday of Theodore Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss. He died in 1991.

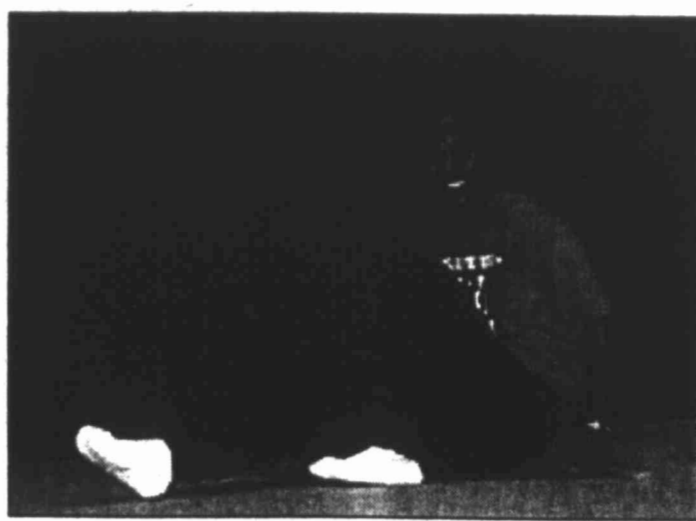
◆The first sports trophy awarded in America was a silver porringer presented to the winner of a horse race in Long Island in 1669. A porringer is a shallow cup or bowl with a handle.

Got an Item?

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Romona Blunte, above, left, a student from Bermuda, won the Miss Black Deaf Pageant Tuesday at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. She is shown with runner-up Rhonda Simmons, a student from Missouri. Top right, Blunte shows her dancing talent. Below, right, Simmons shows her singing ability. Both women, who are studying to be para-professionals for the hearing impaired in schools, will represent SWCID in August in Houston at the statewide convention and pageant.



Loyalists: Picking up their paper trail

The Loyalists left a paper trail for us to follow, but having access to those records has been a downfall to we American genealogists.

The papers tracing the Loyalists, Americans who fought on the side of the English in the Revolutionary War, are stored in the Public Records Office in London, England. The PRO is their equivalent to our National Archives.



BOBBY RAWLS

Peter Wilson Coldham has published 25 books covering passenger arrival lists, probate records, convicts, indentured servants and abstracts from court files pertaining to immigration to America.

His newest book covers the vast paper trail left by the Loyalists. They were persecuted, saw their lands and property confiscated, were accused of treason and some expelled from their country. Some were even executed.

Both sides tried to entice the

(The Loyalists) had risked everything they had and lost it all.

men to fight before the war, but after, many of the Loyalists felt betrayed. They had risked everything they had and lost it all. Parliament set up a commission to hear the complaints of these Americans who had remained loyal to the Crown.

The claimants filed affidavits, depositions, wills, correspondence and a variety of other court records, such as deeds. It was really hard to get cooperation from the court-houses at home in the United States. Lawyers and judges viewed them as traitors.

Mr. Coldham has examined the 146 boxes of claims and had compiled biographical entries. He has arranged them by the former state of residence and alphabetically. These records provide information about the whereabouts of family members who otherwise disappeared without a trace, and can reveal parents, places of nativity, names of family members, dates of death and property losses.

The book sells for 75 cents, plus \$3.50 handling. It can be ordered from Genealogical Publishing company, 1001 N. Calvert St. Baltimore, MD 21202-3897 or call 1-800-296-6687 to order by phone.

One of my own ancestors was a Loyalist and perhaps this book will help me find more information on him and his family. I explore all avenues in my research.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bobby Rawls writes a weekly column on genealogy for the *Big Spring Herald*. To contact him, call the *life!* desk at 263-7331, ext. 236 and leave a message.

Setting life goals can be more difficult for some

QUESTION: I'm 21 years old and still haven't figured out what I want to do with my life. How can I find an achievable goal and begin moving toward it?

DR. DOBSON: Selecting an occupation and training for it can be a very difficult assignment. It's tough to predict what you'll want to be doing when you're 50 or 60 years old, yet you're obligated to guess. You may not even know what the work will be like, yet you enroll yourself in a lengthy academic program or otherwise seek ways to train for it.

The decisions you make under these circumstances may lock you into something you will later hate. And there are social pressures that influence your choices. For example, how many young women secretly want to be wives and mothers but are afraid to admit it in today's "liberated" society? Furthermore, how can a girl plan to do something that requires the participation of another person -- a husband --

who will love and commit himself to her for the rest of his life? Marriage may or may not be in the picture for her. Yes, there is plenty to consider for men and women at your age in life.

I was very fortunate to have stumbled into a profession when I was young that I have been able to do reasonably well. If I had been born in ancient times and had been required to earn a living with my hands, perhaps in carpentry or stonemasonry, I would have probably starved to death. Craftsmanship is just not in my nature. I spent an entire semester trying to make a box in which to store shoeshine stuff. What a waste! At least that experience helped me rule out

a few occupational possibilities. To make an informed decision about a profession, you'll need to fit six essential components together:

1. It must be something you genuinely like to do. This choice requires you to identify your own strengths, weaknesses and interests.

2. It must be something you might want to be an attorney but lack the talent to do the academic work and pass the bar examination.

3. It must be something you can earn a living by doing. You might want to be an artist, but if people don't buy your paintings, you could starve while sitting at your easel.

4. It must be something you are permitted to do. You might make a wonderful physician but can't gain entrance to medical school. I went through a Ph.D. program in graduate school with a fellow student who washed out after seven years of classwork. He made it

to the last big exam before his professors told him, "You're out."

5. It must be something that brings cultural affirmation. In other words, most people need to feel some measure of respect from their contemporaries for what they do. This is the one reason women have found it difficult to stay home and raise their children.

6. Most important, for those with a faith, it must be something that you feel you should be doing with your life. Some refer to this as a "calling," or a sense of meaning that work should provide.

What makes it so tough to choose an occupation is that all six of these requirements must be met at the same time. If you get five of them down but you don't like what you have selected, you're in trouble. If you can get five together but are rejected by the required professional schools, you are blocked. If you can get five lined up but you can't earn a living at the job of your choice, the system fails.

Given this challenge, it isn't surprising that so many young people like yourself struggle in their early 20s. They become immobilized for years, not knowing what to do next.

Young adults in this situation remind me of rockets sitting on their launch pads. Their engines are roaring and belching smoke and fire, but nothing moves. The spacecraft was made to blast its way through the stratosphere, but there it sits as if bolted to the pad. I've met many men and women in their early 20s whose rockets just would not lift them off the ground.

And yes, I've known a few whose engines blew up and scattered the debris of broken dreams all over the launch pad.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the *Big Spring Herald*. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.



DR. JAMES DOBSON

Study: Black TV characters still face segregation

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Black characters on TV tend to be segregated in certain sitcoms and on fledgling networks UPN and WB, according to a Screen Actors Guild study released this week.

Conducted by University of Southern California sociology professor Darnell Hunt, the study examined all comedy and drama series that aired on ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and the two newer networks during five weeks in 1999.

The report was released Thursday, shortly after the NAACP and other civil rights groups wrapped up agreements with the four major networks to commit to more ethnically diverse programming and hir-

ing. A nearly all-white slate of fall 1999 new series prompted the groups to act.

Hunt said his findings were important because the way TV includes or excludes groups of people reflects "unresolved questions about power imbalances in our society."

Hunt found that blacks were numerically well represented. Blacks make up 12.2 percent of the U.S. population but accounted for nearly 16 percent of the characters seen on the six networks during the period reviewed.

But about half of all black characters appeared in comedies, compared with less than a third, 30 percent, of all white characters, the study found.

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The black characters were concentrated on UPN and WB. The networks produced less than a third of the episodes aired, 29.4 percent, but accounted for more than 44 percent of all black characters seen in prime time.

Seven predominantly black sitcoms airing Monday and Friday nights on UPN and WB

represent nearly two-thirds of all black prime time characters who appear for a substantial amount of time, more than 10 minutes.

The study "seems to go right to the heart of what our effort has been all about," said Frank Berry, Western region executive director of the NAACP. Blacks "are being steered, for whatever reason, into comedies."

Berry said blacks need to branch out not only into dramatic acting roles, but into writing and directing jobs to ensure their experience is accurately portrayed.

While every show on UPN featured a black series regular, less than half of WB's shows

had blacks as regular characters. That suggests "the WB lineup is largely segregated into 'black' and 'white' shows," according to the study.

The statistics reflect the tendency of newer networks to go after underserved minority audiences to build viewership, a tactic Fox once used.

But now blacks are underrepresented at Fox, the study found, and at NBC as well: Less than 10 percent of the characters on Fox and about 11 percent of those on NBC were black, and most were not central to story lines.

Nearly 15 percent of all characters in ABC series and 13 percent of CBS characters were black.

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YOUTH NEWS

Jason Ray Wright, grandson of Maurice and Nell Wright of Big Spring, received his Eagle Scout badge on Feb. 5. The son of Ray and Norma Wright of Tulsa, Okla., Jason began Scouting as a Tiger Cub. In Cub Scouts, he earned his Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos badges, as well as the highest rank in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light. He earned all possible rankings in Boy Scouts, including Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star and Life. He also earned 29 merit badges.

Jason enjoys camping, and will be going to Philmont this summer. When planning his Eagle project, Jason thought about how fortunate he is to never have to worry about where his food comes from. From this, he began a can food drive for the less fortunate. He and eight fellow Scouts plus four adults walked through neighborhoods collecting cans. He delivered a total of 1,000 cans to the John 3:16 Mission in his hometown of Tulsa, Okla. His project earned a special award from the Scout office for his help with the needy.

Jason, at age 13, is one of the youngest Scouts to earn the Eagle, which only 4 percent of Scouts will attain.



JASON RAY WRIGHT

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a volunteer program promotes immunizations. Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program. RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations. To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE is available each Monday through March 27, 9 a.m.-noon at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive. All citizens are eligible to receive this free assistance. Interested persons should bring their tax booklet, all W-2 and 1099 forms, as well as anything else received showing 1999 income and their 1998 tax return. Please call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522, or the center, 267-1628, for more information.

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SPORTS EXTRA

TOP 25 - MEN

Table with 2 columns: Rank and Team Name. Lists top 25 men's college basketball teams.

TOP 25 - WOMEN

Table with 2 columns: Rank and Team Name. Lists top 25 women's college basketball teams.

NBA STANDINGS

Table with columns: Conference, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Shows Eastern and Western Conference NBA standings.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Table with columns: Team, Score, Time. Lists NBA games for Wednesday.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Table with columns: Team, Score, Time. Lists NBA games for Friday.

TRANSACTONS

Baseball: Anaheim Angels, Baltimore Orioles, Boston Red Sox, Minnesota Twins, Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Texas Rangers.
Basketball: National Basketball Association, Philadelphia 76ers, Detroit Lions, Carolina Panthers, Philadelphia Eagles, Miami Dolphins, Oakland Raiders, Florida Marlins, St. Louis Rams, Seattle Seahawks, Los Angeles Dodgers.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League: Atlanta Thrashers, Tampa Bay Lightning, Minnesota Wild, Montreal Canadiens, St. Louis Blues.

NHL

Wednesday's Games: Washington 4, Tampa Bay 2, Florida 3, Toronto 1, Montreal 4, Chicago 1, Dallas 2, Philadelphia 0, Calgary 6, Pittsburgh 2, Phoenix 7, Carolina 5.
Today's Games: Montreal at Boston, 6 p.m., Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m., St. Louis at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m., New Jersey at Colorado, 8 p.m., Anaheim at Vancouver, 9 p.m., Carolina at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m., Nashville at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Friday's Games: Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m., New York at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m., Indiana at Phoenix, 9 p.m., Golden State at Denver, 8 p.m., Vancouver at Portland, 9 p.m., Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

MLB EXHIBITIONS

Wednesday's Games: Tampa Bay 13, South Florida 0, Detroit 4, Florida Southern 0, Anaheim 7, Arizona State 3.
Thursday's Games: U. of Georgia vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m., Philadelphia vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 12:05 p.m., New York Yankees vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m., Manatee CC vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m., Milwaukee vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m., Arizona vs. Chicago White Sox at Tucson, Ariz., 2:05 p.m., San Diego vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m. (charity), Boston vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 6:05 p.m., Philadelphia vs. Cleveland at Vero Beach, Fla., 12:05 p.m., New York Mets vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m., Kansas City vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m., Minnesota (ss) vs. Cincinnati (ss) at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m., Cleveland vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m., Pittsburgh vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m., Cincinnati (ss) vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 12:05 p.m., Florida vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg, Fla., 12:05 p.m., Texas vs. Minnesota (ss) at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m., Toronto vs. New York Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 12:15 p.m., Arizona (ss) vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 2:05 p.m., San Diego vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m., Oakland vs. Milwaukee at Maryvale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m., Chicago White Sox (ss) vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m., Chicago White Sox (ss) vs. Arizona (ss) at Tucson, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.

WOMEN'S SCORES

East: American U. 84, William & Mary 66, Plymouth St. 72, Springfield 69.
South: Barton 58, Queens, N.C. 52, James Madison 71, George Mason 66, NYSU 69, Prairie View 64, N.C.-Wilmington 67, East Carolina 45, South Alabama 67, East Orleans 66, Va. Commonwealth 79, Richmond 72.
Midwest: Emporia St. 102, SW Baptist 64, Evansville 68, Indiana St. 55, Kansas 71, Texas A&M 60, Kansas St. 64, Colorado 47.
Southwest: Iowa St. 79, Texas 66, Oklahoma 77, Oklahoma St. 68.
Tournaments: ECAC Division III Tournament Quarterfinals: Trinity, Conn. 66, Babson 53. ECAC Metro First Round: FDU-Madison 77, Hunter 68.
WPHL: Wednesday's Game: Austin 4, Lake Charles 3.
Today's Games: Odessa at Amarillo, Corpus Christi at Central Texas, Tupelo at Lubbock, Austin at Fort Worth.
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LADY HAWKS

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ing to blow people out when we're winning big," Mayberry explained. "We don't drop off any in quality when we go to our bench. In fact, at times we're a little better with people coming off the bench, depending on how well individuals match up."
There's little question in Mayberry's mind that this year's Region V women's field is one of the strongest in many years.
Not only is No. 18-ranked Midland among the eight teams, but so is No. 2-ranked and unbeaten Grayson County, which boasts a 30-0 record, and another Top 10 team in Weatherford.
The women's tournament begins at 10:30 a.m. Friday with Odessa taking on Weatherford. New Mexico Junior College was open with Grayson at 2:30 p.m. and Midland will take on Temple at 4:30 p.m. Saturday's semifinal games

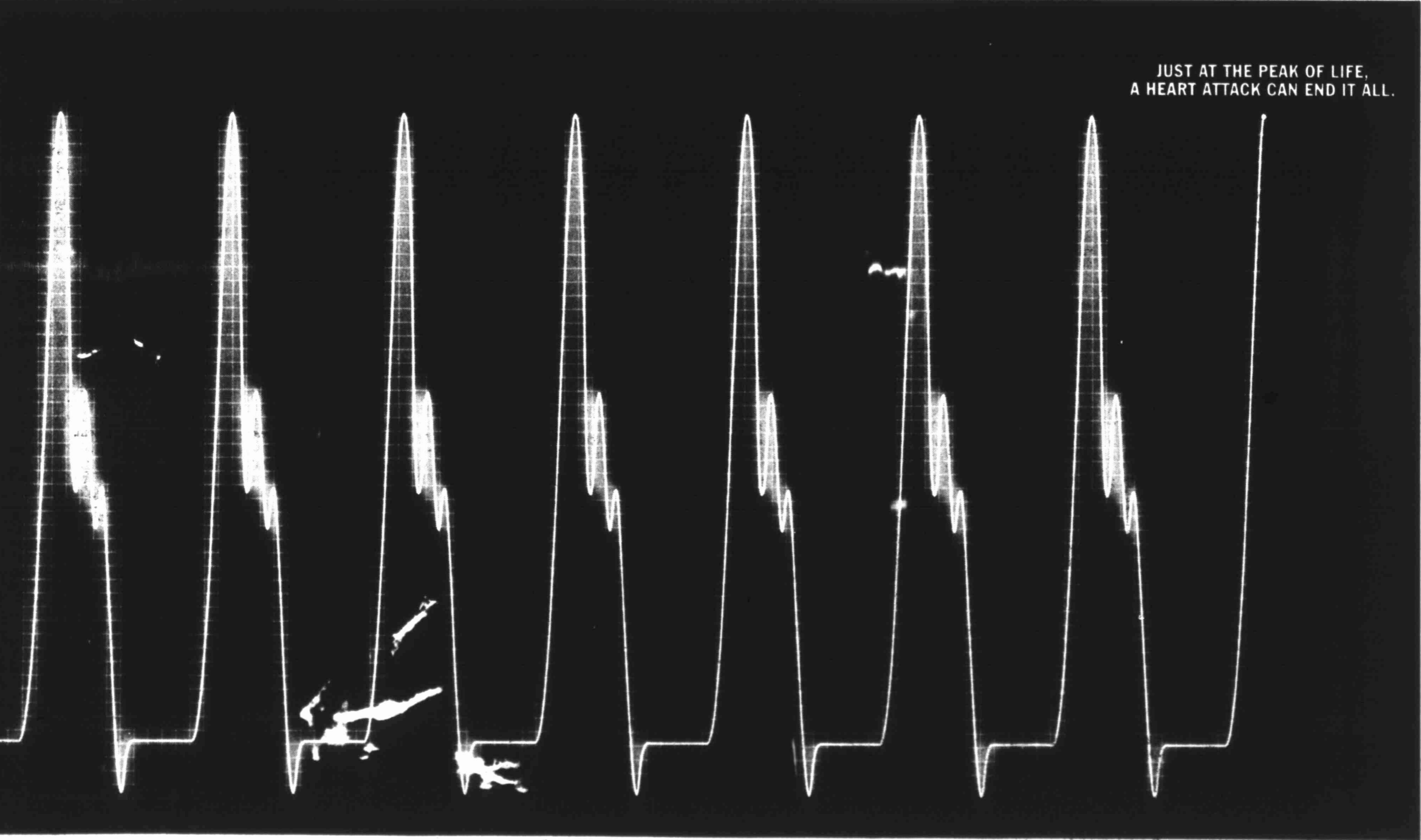
will have the Howard-McLennan winner playing the NMJC-Grayson winner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Odessa-Weatherford winner facing the Midland-Temple winner at 8:30 Sunday's championship game is set for 5 p.m.
"It's a tremendously strong field ... especially Grayson," Mayberry said.
"The Lady Vikings have been absolutely destroying people. I think we probably played them better than anyone else has and they wound up beating us by 30," he continued.
"Of course, that was early in the season when we were still learning," he added. "But Weatherford has probably the best team they've ever had and they won the region three years ago and went to the national tournament. Midland's got a great team that finished third in the nation last year.
"One thing's for sure, it's going to be a great basketball tournament, no matter who wins it."

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FISHING

Here is the weekly compiled by the Texas Wildlife Department (Report also available at www.tfwildlife.com.)
CENTRAL: BROWNWOOD: Water 55 degrees; Black bass are slow on spinnerbaits. Crappie are slow on minnows. White bass are fair on spinnerbaits. Yellow catfish are slow on minnows. Blue catfish are slow on minnows.
BUCHANAN: Water 55 degrees; 100-90; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits. Texas worms and 1/4oz Crappie are slow on minnows. White bass are fair on spinnerbaits. Yellow catfish are slow on minnows. Blue catfish are slow on minnows.
PROCTOR: Water 55 degrees; Black bass are slow on spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows. Yellow catfish are good on minnows. Blue catfish are slow on minnows.
SOUTH: AMISTAD: Water 55 degrees; 30' low; Black bass are slow on spinnerbaits. Carolina rigs in 4 to 6 feet are slow to fair on minnows. Striped bass are fair on minnows. Shad are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on minnows and prepared bait fish.
WEST: ALAN HENRY: Water 55 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits. Crappie are slow on minnows. Yellow catfish are slow on minnows. Blue catfish are slow on minnows.
ARROWHEAD: Water 55 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are good on minnows. Yellow catfish are slow on minnows. Blue catfish are slow on minnows.
BRADY: No report.
COLORADO CITY: Water 52-54 degrees; 14.5' low; Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits. Redfish are good on minnows. Yellow catfish are slow on minnows. Blue catfish are slow on minnows.
FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water 55 degrees; 14.5' low; Black bass are slow on minnows. Yellow catfish are slow on minnows. Blue catfish are slow on minnows.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water 55 degrees; 14.5' low; Black bass are slow on minnows. Yellow catfish are slow on minnows. Blue catfish are slow on minnows.
KEMP: Water 55 degrees; 14.5' low; Black bass are slow on minnows. Yellow catfish are slow on minnows. Blue catfish are slow on minnows.
NASWORTHY: No report.
OAK CREEK: Water 55 degrees; 17.8' low; Black bass are fair on minnows. Yellow catfish are slow on minnows. Blue catfish are slow on minnows.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water 55 degrees; 8.5' low; 7.3 pounds are fair on minnows. Crappie are slow on minnows. Yellow catfish are slow on minnows. Blue catfish are slow on minnows.
SPENCE: Water 55 degrees; 17.8' low; Black bass are slow on minnows. Yellow catfish are slow on minnows. Blue catfish are slow on minnows.
TWIN BUTTES: No report.
WHITE RIVER: No report.



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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for March 1. (Report also available on Web as www.tdfishing.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 62 degrees; Black bass are good on jigs, Rat-L-Traps and medium diving crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in the rivers. Hybrid strippers slow to fair on shad. Catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 65 degrees; 1007.90'; Black bass to 6.4 pounds are fair on silver/blue 1/4oz. spinnerbaits, Texas-rigged bloodline worms and 1/4oz. Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow on tiny tubes and minnows. White bass are fair vertically jigging 1/4oz. blue Horizon Pirk Minnows and trolling shad-type crankbaits at Maxwell Slough and Shaw Island. Striped bass are fair drifting live bait in 28 feet at mid-lake. Channel catfish are good on cut and live baits. Yellow catfish to 12 pounds are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

PROCTOR: Water clear; 62-64 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and Carolina-rigged worms. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished at the dam. Hybrid strippers are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps, white jigs and shad fished at the dam. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut shad or perch set in the river.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 60-64 degrees; 30' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits, Rat-L-Traps and Carolina-rigs in 4 to 12 feet. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows and jigs fished up the Devil's River. White and striped bass are fair on slabs and shad fished in the Devil's River in 30 to 35 feet. Catfish are fair on cheese and prepared bait fished in 40 to 60 feet.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 56 degrees; Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps fished in 4 to 8 feet. Crappie are fair the crappie dock on minnows and jigs. Catfish are slow.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 50 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are good on chartreuse spinnerbaits fished in 2 to 4 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished around the derricks. White bass are fair on jigs and small spinnerbaits. Channel and blue catfish are good on night-crawlers.

BRADY: No report available.
COLORADO CITY: Water fairly clear; 52-54 degrees; 14.5' low; Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and red Rat-L-Traps fished in the shallows. Redfish are good on Rat-L-Traps fished off the sandy banks.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water fairly clear; 55 degrees; 17.5' low; Black bass slow. Hybrid strippers are good on cut shad. Blue catfish are good on shad.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained on the lower end, murky on the upper end; 58 degrees; 10' low; Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps fished in 2 to 4 feet and Carolina-rigged lizards fished around the hardwoods in 8 to 10 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on small spinner and crankbaits fished in the back of Hubbard Creek. Channel catfish are fair on cut baits and worms fished from the bank.

KEMP: Water stained; 52 degrees; Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and flukes fished in the shallows. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs. Catfish are fair on cut baits and worms fished from the shore.

NASWORTHY: No report available.
NOCONA: No report available.
OAK CREEK: Water off-color; 50-52 degrees; 17.8' low; Black bass to 9.2 pounds are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps and Carolina-rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished by the dam. No reports of white bass. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

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STAMFORD: Water stained; 48 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and minnows fished in 5 to 12 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 46-48 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and Texas-rigged lizards. Few fishermen out due to high winds.

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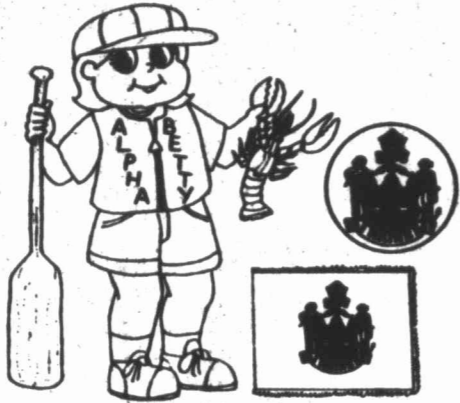
WHITE RIVER: No report available.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Alpha Betty Visits the Vacation State

Maine From A to Z



Maine is at the northeastern tip of the United States. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean, two Canadian provinces and New Hampshire.

About 1,200,000 people live there. Some of them include French, English, Irish, Swedish, Canadian and Native Americans. Some of the Native Americans include members of the Passamaquoddy, Penobscot and Maliseet tribes.

Until 1968, Maine held its presidential elections two months before the rest of the country. People said, "As Maine goes, so goes the nation." They looked at the results from Maine to predict who would be president.

Augusta, the state capital, has about 21,000 people. It began as an Indian village. In 1628, Pilgrims from Plymouth Colony set up a fur-trading post there.



WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 56 degrees; Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps fished in 4 to 8 feet. Crappie are fair the crappie dock on minnows and jigs. Catfish are slow.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 50 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are good on chartreuse spinnerbaits fished in 2 to 4 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished around the derricks. White bass are fair on jigs and small spinnerbaits. Channel and blue catfish are good on night-crawlers.

BRADY: No report available.
COLORADO CITY: Water fairly clear; 52-54 degrees; 14.5' low; Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and red Rat-L-Traps fished in the shallows. Redfish are good on Rat-L-Traps fished off the sandy banks.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water fairly clear; 55 degrees; 17.5' low; Black bass slow. Hybrid strippers are good on cut shad. Blue catfish are good on shad.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained on the lower end, murky on the upper end; 58 degrees; 10' low; Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps fished in 2 to 4 feet and Carolina-rigged lizards fished around the hardwoods in 8 to 10 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on small spinner and crankbaits fished in the back of Hubbard Creek. Channel catfish are fair on cut baits and worms fished from the bank.

KEMP: Water stained; 52 degrees; Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and flukes fished in the shallows. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs. Catfish are fair on cut baits and worms fished from the shore.

NASWORTHY: No report available.
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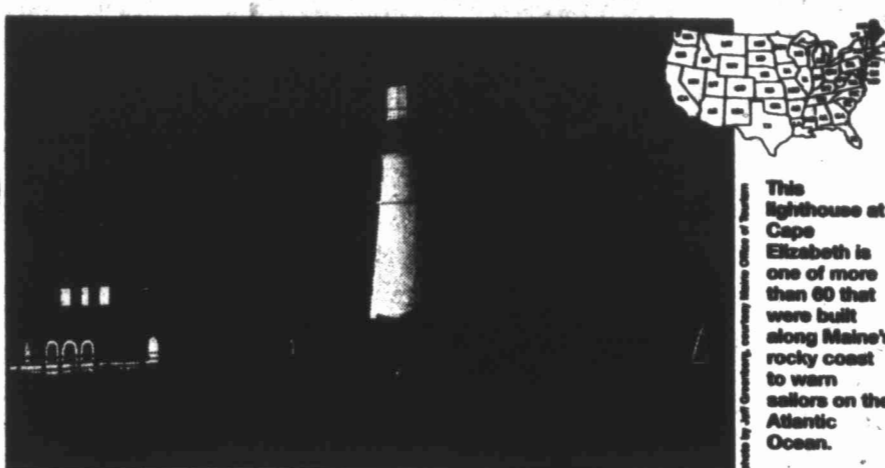
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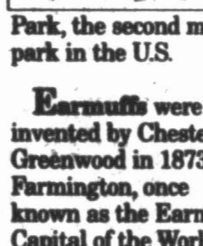
More Blueberries are grown there than in any other state.



The Chickadee is the state bird.



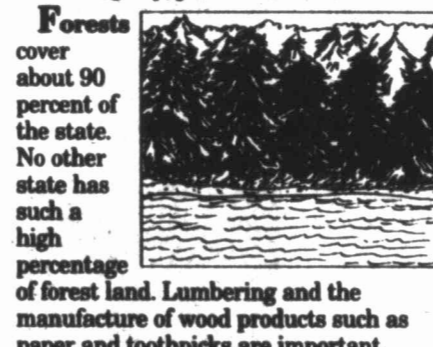
Mount Desert Island is the site of Acadia National Park, the second most visited national park in the U.S.



Earnuffs were invented by Chester Greenwood in 1873 in Farmington, once known as the Earnuff Capital of the World.



Fishing is a top industry in this coastal state. Commercial fishers harvest about 200 million pounds of shellfish and other ocean fish a year. People who fish for a living or for fun also catch salmon, trout and bass in the rivers and streams. Ice-fishing is popular in the winter.



Forests cover about 90 percent of the state. No other state has such a high percentage of forest land. Lumbering and the manufacture of wood products such as paper and toothpicks are important.

E.B. White
Years ago, E.B. White talked to The Mini Page about writing "Charlotte's Web." He said: "I have a barn, and I had been watching barnyard animals for 40 years. I knew the characters. It was just a matter of reporting. I like to write about animals. I take animals seriously."
E.B. White (1897-1985) also wrote for adult magazines. He and his wife, Katharine, had two sons.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S FUNNY PHONICS
It's fun to learn phonics, or the sounds that letters make. This week's target sound is the one made by the letter F.
Q: What's gray and has purple feet?
A: An elephant that makes its own grape juice!
Q: What did George Washington's father say when he saw George's report card?
A: "George, you've gone down in history!"
Q: What goes around the yard but never moves?
A: A fence!
Go on an F word hunt. What other words can you find beginning with F? What sound do you hear?

BASSET BROWN THE NEWS HOUND'S MAINE TRY 'N FIND
Words that remind us of Maine are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: MAINE, SHIPS, HIKING, JEWELS, KENNEBUNKPORT, LOBSTER, MOOSE, COLD, FOGGY, ATLANTIC, ROCKY, COAST, BAYS, PUFFINS, RIVERS, SKI, ZINC.
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Mini Spy ...
Mini Spy and Basset Brown are canoeing in Maine. See if you can find:
• ladder
• hot dog
• arrow
• comb
• witch's head
• fish
• snake
• ice-cream bar
• sailboat
• word MINI
• number 2
• pickax

More About Maine
The Great Schooner Race in Rockland highlights the beauty of these old-time sailing ships.
Northeasters are fierce storms with strong winds from the northeast and much rain or snow. Maine weather also includes cold, snowy winters and cool summers. The coastal areas are often foggy.
Hiking is popular, especially on the Appalachian Trail, a hiking path stretching from Maine to Georgia.
Maine's Atlantic Ocean border is famous for its rocky coast, beaches, inlets and bays.
Puffins were almost extinct in Maine because people killed so many. For the last 25 years, the Project Puffin has been bringing puffins to Maine from other places. Today it once again has healthy puffin colonies.
Quoddy Head Light overlooks a channel separating the United States from Canada. The most eastern point of the United States is on the West Quoddy Head peninsula.
More than 5,000 rivers and streams flow through the state.
There are more than 450 downhill ski trails. Cross-country skiing has been popular for more than 100 years.
The Moose is the state animal. There are more moose per square mile than in any other state. Deer, bear, bobcat, foxes and mink are also at home there.
Millions of tourists from all over the world visit there each year. One of Maine's nicknames is the "Vacation State."
Less than half the population lives in urban, or city, areas. The biggest city is Portland, with about 64,000 people.
Vikings probably landed on the Maine coast about 1,000 years ago.
Whale watching is a top activity.
The White Pine is the state tree.
MoKee Falls is a 96-foot waterfall in the Jackman-Moose River area. People can swim near the bottom.
The Yarmouth Clam and Maine Lobster festivals are traditional celebrations of the sea harvest.
Zinc and copper deposits in Maine are some of the biggest in the country.
The Mini Page thanks David Pearson, manager, education and library services, Bangor Daily News, for help with this issue.
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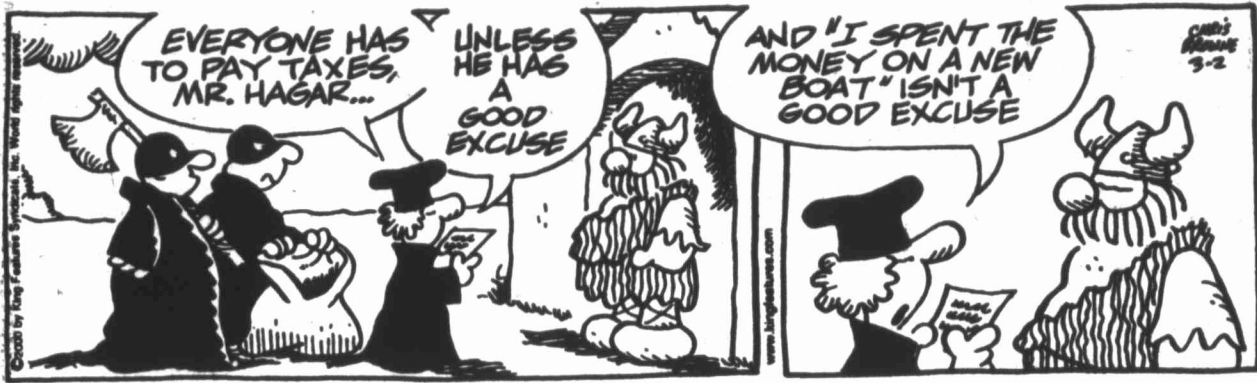
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THURSDAY

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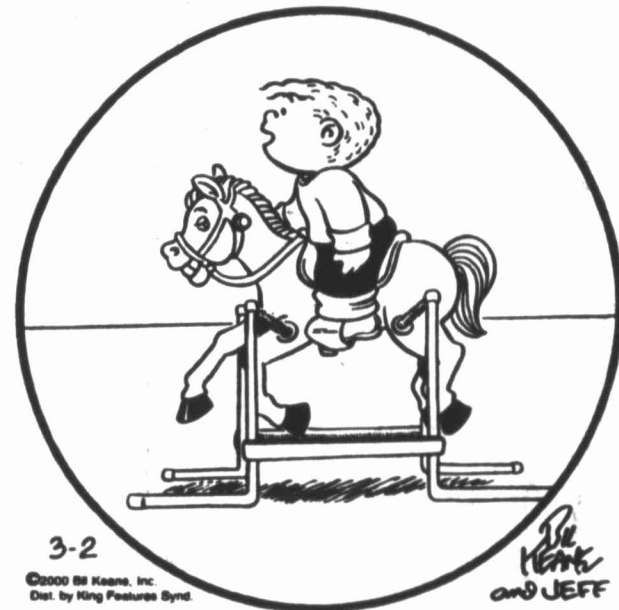
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DENNIS THE MENACE



GEECH



3-2 Mommy, do you need anything at the store while I'm out riding?

...AND THE BEST PART IS WHEN WE GO OVER THE BIG BUMP AT THE BOTTOM!

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, March 2, the 62nd day of 2000. There are 304 days left in the year.

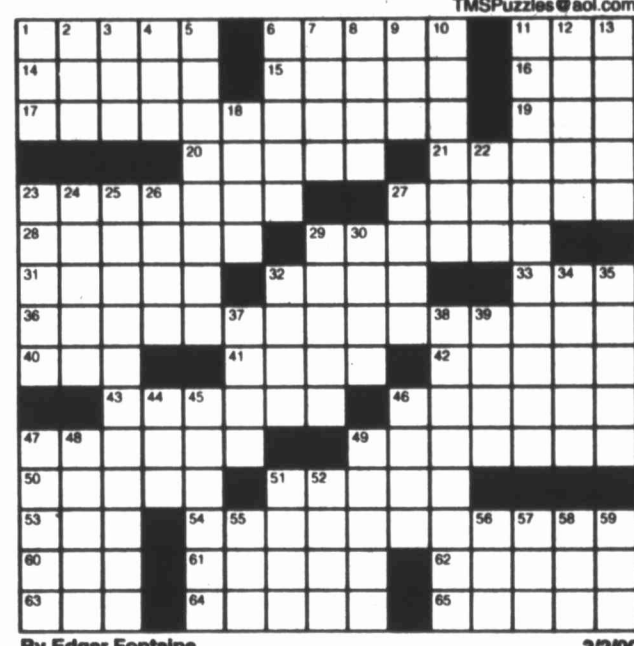
Today's Highlight in History: On March 2, 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote. On this date:

- 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.
1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico.
1899, President McKinley signed a measure creating the rank of Admiral of the Navy for Admiral George Dewey.
1899, Mount Rainier National Park in Washington state was established.
1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship.
1923, Time magazine made its debut.
1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli was elected Pope; he took the name Pius XII.
1939, the Massachusetts legislature voted to ratify the Bill of Rights, 147 years after the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution had gone into effect.
1949, an American B-50 Superfortress, the Lucky Lady II, landed at Fort Worth, Texas, after completing the first non-stop round-the-world flight.
1977, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a strict code of ethics.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Ten years ago: More than 6,000 drivers went on strike against Greyhound Lines Inc. (the company, later declaring an impasse in negotiations, fired the strikers). A grenade attack on a discotheque in Panama killed a U.S. soldier and injured 28 other people.
Five years ago: The Senate rejected the balanced-budget amendment; the vote, 65-35, was two votes shy of the two-thirds majority needed for passage. The space shuttle Endeavour blasted off to study the far reaches of the universe. The last U.N. peacekeepers in Somalia were evacuated. British trader Nick Leeson, blamed for the collapse of Barings PLC, was detained in Germany.
One year ago: Conservative commentator Pat Buchanan launched a third presidential bid. Texas Governor George W. Bush announced he was forming a presidential exploratory committee. Singer Dusty Springfield died at her home west of London at age 59.
Today's Birthdays: Actress Jennifer Jones is 81. Bluegrass singer-musician Doc Watson is 77. Actor John Cullum is 70. Former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 69. Author Tom Wolfe is 69. Actress Barbara Luna is 61. Actor Jon Finch is 59. Author John Irving is 58. Singer Lou Reed is 58. Singer Eddie Money is 51. Actress Cassie Yates is 48. Actress Laraine Newman is 48. Senator Russell Feingold (D-Wis.) is 47. Singer Jay Osmond is 45.