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Museum sets festival, seeks volunteer chefs

Chefs are being sought for the March 24 "Around the World in 80 Bites" food festival at the Heritage Museum.

The event offers participants a bite-size taste of foods from different regions, countries and cultures. Chefs are asked to prepare about 300 tastes of their dish and serve it during the festival from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

About 50 cooks are needed for the event. All proceeds benefit the museum; its fundraising goal is \$2,500.

For more information, call the museum at 267-8255.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Library annex, 500 Main, Community Room.

□ Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 6 p.m. in the high school band hall.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

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

□ Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria. People 50 and older are invited to participate.

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

□ Line dancing 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

□ Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 267-1628.

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Kiwanians returning to tradition for pancake supper

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Members of the Big Spring Kiwanis Club learned a valuable lesson last year when they held their annual pancake supper fund-raiser.

Don't mess with success! According to Billy Smith, a veteran of 33 pancake suppers, the club will return this year to what made the functions so successful over the 54 years they have been held.

"Last year we thought we would make a few changes," said Smith. "We changed from having it at Howard College where we had been

having it over the years and instead of selling tickets we just accepted donations or contributions at the exit door."

Smith said that the annual fund-raiser, which will be held on Friday, March 9, will also return to its regular serving times of 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Last year the Kiwanians began serving an hour earlier.

"We got a lot of feedback after last year's pancake supper, some good, some bad," said Smith. "Some of our senior members that have been coming for years said it (the supper) was too difficult to get in and out of



Kiwanis Club members (from left) D.D. Johnston, Bob Goodwin, Billy Smith and president Bruce Griffith look at a map of the city to plan advance ticket sales for the group's annual pancake supper. More than 400 tickets for the supper have already been sold.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

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Spellers ready to face off Tuesday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Twelve of the area's best spellers are ready to do battle Tuesday at the Howard County Spelling Bee.

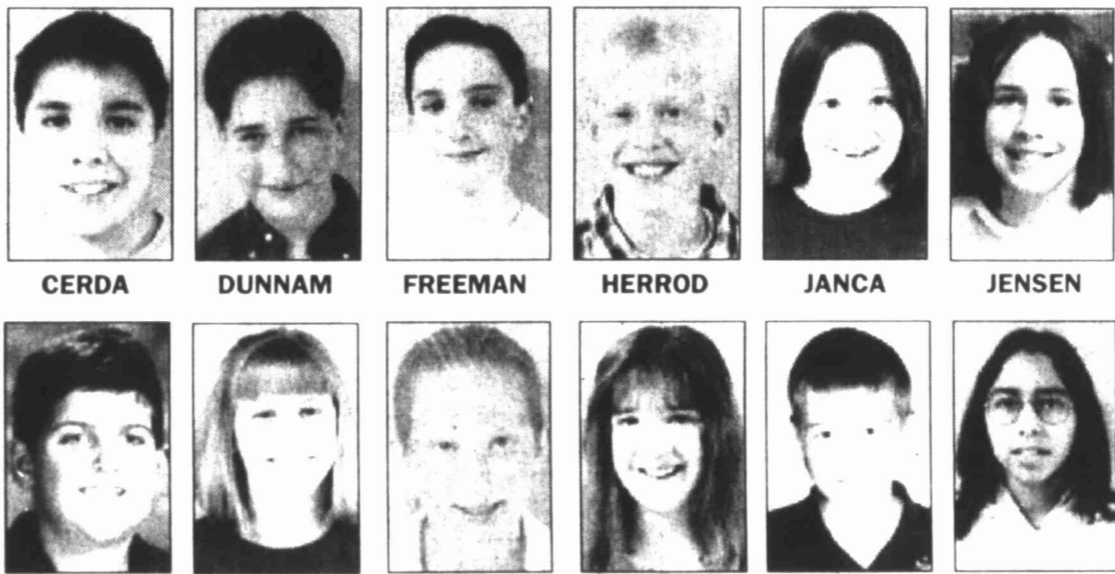
The event, sponsored by the Big Spring Herald, brings together the winning speller from each local school and homeschooled students. Starting at 4:30 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria, they will compete for the chance to go to the regional bee in Lubbock. From there, the winner goes to Washington, D.C. for the national spelling bee.

Already having proved their skills with words such as "misdemeanor," "icicle," "jeer" and "cereal," the students from fourth through eighth grade will take turns spelling words from an approved list provided to them ahead of time in a study booklet.

This year's contestants are from Big Spring and Forsan schools. They are:

Jacob Cerda, from Bauer Magnet Elementary, an 11-year-old fifth grader whose parents are Pete and Jackie Cerda. He won his school spelling bee Wednesday with the word, "Proverb."

Sean Dunnam, 14-year-old eighth grader representing the older group of homeschooled students. The son of Barry and Marie



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Dunnam, he won the home-school bee with "jeer."

Chris Freeman, 12-year-old Goliad Elementary School student in sixth grade. The son of Lori Huesman and Allen Freeman, he won the school bee with "misdemeanor."

Jordan Herrod, 10-year-old Marcy Elementary School student in the fifth grade and the son of Lorinda Herrod and David Herrod. He won the Marcy bee Feb. 19 with the correct spelling of "frightened."

Abby Janca, 13-year-old Forsan Junior High School eighth grader and the daughter of Jeff and Pam Janca. She won the school bee on Feb. 14 with the word, "whisperer."

Carissa Jensen, 11-year-old fifth grader at Elbow

Elementary and the daughter of Marlene Riffe and Brian Jensen. She won the school bee Feb. 21 with the word "icicle."

Kyle McDaniel, 11, representing Kentwood Elementary, is the son of Roxie McDaniel. He won the school's contest Friday by conquering the word "cereal."

Lauren Sage, 11, a home-school student and the daughter of Bill and Terry Sage. The fifth grader won the homeschooler competition with the word "wholesome."

Shelbi Stewart, 10-year-old fourth grader from Washington Elementary and the daughter of Barbi and Tracey Stewart. She won the Feb. 16 school competition with the correct

spelling of "southpaw."

Eric Welch, St. Mary's Episcopal School fifth grader and the son of Phillip and Nancy Welch. The 11-year-old won his school spelling bee with "tattle-tale."

Crystal Ward, 10, Moss Elementary School fifth grader. She is the daughter of David and Ann Ward, and won her school spelling bee with "convention."

Lucia Yanez, 12, a seventh grader representing Big Spring Junior High School. The daughter of Janie and Genaro Yanez, she won her school's bee with the word, "crusade."

Judges for the county-wide competition will be Robin Ritchey, Big Spring

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Jobs

Seasonal rise experienced throughout Crossroads

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Howard County's unemployment rate rose slightly during the month of January but the figures are still lower than they were this time a year ago, according to figures provided by the Texas Workforce

Commission.

Howard County had a 4.2 percent rate of unemployment for January as compared to a 3.6 rate in December. The 4.2 rate is significantly lower than the 6 percent unemployment rate reported for January of 2000.

Virginia Belew, area manager of the Texas Workforce Center which serves Howard, Glasscock, Borden and Dawson counties, said the slight increase is typical for this time of the year.

"Our rate usually goes up slightly in January," said Belew. "In December you have a lot of people who were hired for the Christmas season and there is a lot of temporary help during that time frame. Even the agriculture industry uses a lot of temporary help, such as the boll weevil eradication program. As soon as the holiday passes, we usually get back to normal. The change is rather insignificant."

Belew said that the Crossroads area's jobless rate is still below the

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Colorado City chamber honors top citizens

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — The highlight of the annual Colorado City Chamber of Commerce banquet Saturday was the presentation of "Citizen of the Year" and "Outstanding Farm and Ranch Family" awards.

The award for Citizen of the Year was conferred to

Tom Scott, who played an important part in the formation of the Colorado City Community Network (CCCN).

Scott donated countless hours of time and talent to help the organization formulate mission and vision statements and objectives for achieving their goals.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church, Scott is also a member of the

Noon Day Lions Club and the Keep Colorado City Beautiful Committee as well as being active in the youth program of his church. He is often called on to speak for various civic organizations and has donated numerous hours in setting up displays at the Heart of West Texas Museum.

The Outstanding Farm and Ranch Family Award went to Billy and Kaye Nell

Cornutt, who farm south of Loraine. He has been actively farming on his own since 1962 after helping his father, the late Willis Cornutt, for many years. She is chief appraiser for the Mitchell County Tax Appraisal Office.

The Cornutts are both graduates of Loraine High School. He was won the

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AMBUCS now gearing up for Rattlesnake Roundup

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

It's still a few weeks away but local residents might as well get ready, the 39th annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup — complete with lots of slithering snakes — is just around the corner.

This year the roundup has been scheduled for March 23-25 at the Howard County Fairbarns and will once again bring in professional snake handlers from all over the country.

Sponsoring the event once more is the American Business Club of Big Spring (AMBUCS), which has conducted the roundup for many years now.

On Friday, March 23, the weigh-in of snakes will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 6 p.m.

Snakes will continue to be weighed in on Saturday,

March 24, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing through 7 p.m. Throughout the day Saturday there will be handling demonstrations of live poisonous snakes, featuring educational exhibitions of western diamond-back rattlesnakes.

Also on tap for Saturday will be milking demonstrations and snake races to help keep everyone entertained.

Starting at noon on Saturday, members from the AMBUCS will show their skills at skinning and cooking the snakes through 7 p.m.

An arts and crafts show will be conducted on both Saturday and Sunday in the Dora Roberts Building. In addition, an outdoor flea market will be in operation.

Sunday's activities will include the final weigh-in of

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Nila Allen cuts slices of cake Saturday during a reception for Heritage Museum curator Angle Way. The cake depicted Way's plan to leave West Texas, and the state, for Louisiana next week to take a job there. Way will become branch director at the Louisiana State Museum in Patterson, La.

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Misdiagnosis caused her years of crippling pain

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this in hope that other women won't have to experience the years of pain that I did.

As a teen-ager, I began to experience disabling pain when I had my period. It got worse in my 20s. Although I didn't realize it then, I was suffering from endometriosis, and eventually the pain affected my life on a daily basis.

I lost a lot to this disease. I was in graduate school, but couldn't keep up because the pain caused me to miss class, and in the end, I had to drop out. I was fired from a job for taking too many sick days. I lost the love of my life because he couldn't handle my constant pain and the resulting depression, nor the effect on our sex life. For years I couldn't even plan social events, because I never knew when the pain would get too bad. Endometriosis took away my choices.

I consulted doctors and tried many different treatments. Many of the doctors trivialized my symptoms. While there is no cure yet for endometriosis, I have finally been successfully treated, and I'm no longer living with pain.

I now lead the life I always wanted. I'm successful in my job and enjoy my friends and family. I hope any girls or women who read this and identify with my experience will seek help. Their pain is not normal, and they do not have to live with it. — KAREN IN VIRGINIA

DEAR KAREN: I'm glad you wrote. I have known several women who suffered debilitating pain with their menstrual cycles — and I'm pleased to reinforce the message that it's NOT "part of being a woman."

Endometriosis is a serious disease that affects

more than 5.5 million girls and women in the United States and Canada, yet many are unaware that they have it.

My experts tell me the most common symptom of endometriosis is pelvic pain that may have a monthly pattern and may interfere with the ability to perform daily activities. Other common symptoms are: fatigue or exhaustion; pain during or after sex; lower backache during menstruation; painful bowel movements, diarrhea or other stomach upset during menstruation; stomach bloating and swelling; and heavy or irregular periods.

If women experience symptoms such as the ones I have described, they should seek help. Pain is NOT normal. It is your body's way of telling you that something is wrong.

One of the most distressing things about endometriosis is that it often takes women years to get an accurate diagnosis. Studies show it can take more than 4 1/2 years for girls and women with endometriosis to report their symptoms to a doctor!

The Endometriosis Association has been helping women and girls for more than 20 years. Because March is Endometriosis Awareness Month, the association is sponsoring a nationwide program of free screenings. Their new self-test, which uses five "yes" or "no" questions, can be found on the Internet at www.killer-cramps.org.

Volunteer doctors are also offering free endometriosis screenings. To locate a physician in your area, call 1-800-992-3636.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001:

Deal with fundamentals this year. You make money well and spend money well. You might not always be sure of what you want, especially when you make a purchase. You often blot out your feelings by spending. Take a hard look at your patterns. Speak your mind. If you are single, a relationship bounces into your life in the middle to late part of the year. You could be excited by the potential of this. If you are attached, your relationship benefits from conversation. Plan something romantic for the fall. TAURUS stabilizes you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Your personality helps you zero in on what is important. Review a situation carefully, especially if it involves your money. A friend whispers in your ear. Check out information before you run with it. Confusion surrounds a meeting. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You don't need to move into high gear right off the bat. If you want to take your time and mull over an idea, do it. Someone you put on a pedestal could mix up a message. Your job will be to clarify and clear up a

misunderstanding. Tonight: You blossom and another responds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

If possible, get an early start on your day. Not everything is as it seems. Schedule a meeting, and get together with others. You find that working as a group could draw many ideas. Carefully check out suggestions to see if they'll be workable later on. Tonight: Curl up with a book.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Work with others, especially those who have clout. You might not be sure about your exact goals for a friendship. Confusion surrounds a partnership. Separate wishful thinking from reality. Not all answers come immediately. Be patient. Tonight: Do something with a group or with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Information comes forward. Make calls and catch up on news while getting all the facts together. Understand that someone has good intentions, but he can be confused sometimes. Take charge where another cannot seem to follow through. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Deal with another on a one-on-one level. Though you might not be 100 percent sure of yourself, a discussion helps you see what is workable. Don't kid yourself about your limits. Ask for help, if need be. Use the

afternoon to make calls and get help. Tonight: Watch a favorite show.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Others call on you. You have many choices, but don't feel like you have to jump on another's ideas. Seek out a trusted friend and adviser who can help you delineate exactly what is happening. Don't hear only what you want to hear. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Share information with those who care and want to know. You might not be able to convince a family member of your logic. Refuse to keep hitting your head against a brick wall. Jump over any obstacles. Others seek you out and welcome your feedback. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

If you delve into your ingenuity, you'll come up with answers. Test them out on a welcome listener. Curb a tendency to scatter. Your sense of organization needs to emerge so you can maximize an opportunity. Don't let any details slip. Tonight: Soak away stress in a hot tub.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You have the answers. The issue might be accessing them. Don't push yourself too hard, and think about what you are doing. Get together with an associate or friend who helps you

loosen up. Good ideas naturally happen when you're together. Tonight: Lighten up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You tend to speak your mind, but sometimes you inhibit others with your strong opinions. Understand your impact on others. Be sensitive to those around you. Pull back and allow another to express his thoughts. Work with others by using a more easygoing attitude. Tonight: Order in. Put up your feet.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Go over your budget with a fine-tooth comb. Realize what is happening within your group of friends. Step back from a need to keep up with the Joneses. You are unique. Act that way. Someone has a curious way of expressing himself. Tonight: Out and about.

BORN TODAY

Actress Elizabeth Taylor (1932), writer John Steinbeck (1902), consumer advocate Ralph Nader (1934)


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OUR VIEWS

Spelling bee will feature best, brightest

Want to spend time with winners? Then plan to attend the Howard County Spelling Bee on Tuesday at the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria.

Each of the 12 contestants has already won a school-wide contest, allowing them to move forward to the county competition. And one of these "winners" will leave with another title Tuesday, Howard County Spelling Bee champion.

That title will earn the young man or woman the right to spell with another group of winners at the regional spelling bee in Lubbock.

Each year, the *Big Spring Herald* is proud to sponsor this competition for our local young people. Like any achievement, it promises to bring out the best in our kids; that's why we want to encourage you to attend the bee if you can.

The contestants this year come from Big Spring schools public and private, Forsan Elementary and Junior High, along with two homeschooleders.

They are Jacob Cerda, from Bauer Magnet Elementary; Sean Dunnam, an eighth-grade homeschooler; Chris Freeman, Goliad Elementary School student; Jordan Herrod, Marcy Elementary School student; Abby Janca, Forsan Junior High School eighth grader; Carissa Jensen, fifth grader at Elbow Elementary; Kyle McDaniel, Kentwood Elementary fifth grader; Lauren Sage, 11, a homeschool student; Shelbi Stewart, Washington Elementary School student; Eric Welch, St. Mary's Episcopal School fifth grader; Crystal Ward, of Moss Elementary School; and Lucia Yanez, representing Big Spring Junior High School.

Recognize these names? Perhaps not now, but we feel certain you will. Taking on the spelling bee has already demonstrated their commitment and dedication: It's a place where leaders are born.

Come by the bee on Tuesday. It's as exciting as any sporting event, and you'll see some of Big Spring's best and brightest in action.

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Markets need to stop the short-selling

Short-selling is a common and legal stock market tool that has reached the point of doing more harm than good. An investor, stock broker or market maker sells a stock "short" by borrowing the stock and selling it. Later, the sale will be "covered" when the short-seller buys the stock and replaces the borrowed shares. Short-selling is one of the major factors often blamed for the 1929 stock market crash. Investors use this tool to make money on a stock they believe will fall in price. They lose money if it increases. Of more significance, short-selling is used by stock brokers and market-makers. Here, the justification is that short-selling is necessary to maintain an orderly market. Market-makers range from specialists on the New York Stock Exchange to companies



JACK ANDERSON

that "make markets" in over-the-counter stocks, such as those traded on the NASDAQ or the NASDAQ's Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board (OTCBB).

For each stock in which they make a market, market-makers post a bid price (the price they will pay for a stock) and an ask price (the price at which they will sell a stock). Unlike investors, who use short-selling to make money on a price drop, market-makers theoretically use short-selling to create orderly markets. The idea is for market-makers to short a limited amount of stock at the ask price and buy a limited amount at the bid price so the price does not move dramatically. Reality is often otherwise.

Unscrupulous market-makers short stocks to drive them down. The practice is illegal, but it is done — especially on the OTCBB, where investor shorting is not allowed. And because it is not allowed, short-selling is not monitored as it is on other exchanges. Further, short-selling rules are not applied on the OTCBB, including the reporting of short posi-

tions and the illegality of shorting on the bid price, unless it is at or above the last trade.

The Short Sale Rule of the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD), which regulates the NASDAQ and OTCBB, "allows qualified market-makers to sell short when providing a benefit to the market by engaging in bona fide market-making activity." Such bona fide activity, NASD says, does not include "short-selling that is aimed at driving a stock's price down."

So OTCBB shorting provides market-makers with an incentive that is too often overwhelming. Market-makers don't even have to borrow shares to short. Instead, they can engage in naked shorting. They put up money that represents only a portion of the stock's value. The result is that law-breaking market-makers can short a given stock to the tune of millions of shares, and they do so repeatedly, with apparent impunity. Short-selling on other exchanges can be almost as pernicious. There, market-makers and investors alike join

forces, albeit under some scrutiny, to sell stocks they do not own.

The orderly market benefit is clearly outweighed by the devastating damage done by short-selling. Other rules can accomplish the same thing. Market orders can be eliminated, for example. A market order is an order without limit, and, as such, it can drive a stock up or down significantly in a thinly traded market. On the other hand, if an individual is willing to pay a price well above the current price of a stock, he should be allowed to do so, and he can with a limit order. And if a given company's stock is unavailable for sale at that moment in time, then no stock will be sold.

Shorting has simply become a method of lining the pockets of unscrupulous market-makers with millions of dollars in ill-gotten gains. Ironically, though, for several years, the Securities and Exchange Commission has been floating the idea of lifting all restrictions on short-selling, when what needs to be done is ending short-selling altogether.



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The moon and a blinking red light

The view from my living-room window has been a great illusion, a pie slice of a Georgia swamp.

My one acre is surrounded by one farmer's great holdings and the Little Tallapoosa River. Through one big window, a wilderness. At night, when the moon rises over the Little Tallapoosa, I can pretend there are at least a thousand acres around me, an adequate buffer from the Atlanta suburbs and confusion fast reaching this way.

In the warm months, when I open the door and stand on the deck, I can hear owls arguing with one another, and in the summer, a chorus of frogs. Herons with outlandish legs sometimes glide in with improbable grace, and wood ducks often take a breather on a fallen tree.

A great illusion. In the daytime, I ride the roads and watch the curbs and gutters going in, the old farms being subdivided into lot sizes, a slicing and

packing of the land that reminds me of nothing so much as an efficient butcher's shop.

Nearby is the syrup shack where every fall the farmers deliver their sorghum to be crushed for its juice. The bulldozers have been busy behind it lately. I wonder if by this time next year the sorghum cook will stir his boiling pot before a backdrop of brand-new vinyl-and-brick houses.

All of the rural landmarks are disappearing, one by one, as homeowners who understandably want 5 or 10 acres — their bit of this lovely countryside — bring in truckloads of sod and buckets of decorative trees, transforming the woods into neighborhood. With each home arrive at least two cars, concrete driveways, typical commerce and demands.

And nobody wants a small house, not anymore, a cottage at the edge of the woods, a bungalow by a barn. They build big, imposing, city-worthy homes in the middle of as much cow pasture as their budgets allow.

Each day the landscape changes just a fraction more, the country becomes less country, the quiet takes another hit.

The night, though, so far

had kept the secret, at least once the commuter traffic died down. Most evenings when I was home I could still find peace in my trick pocket of a view.

Until last evening. I sat in my usual spot on the sofa, facing the window, watching for the moon. Instead I saw the red light. A solitary, blinking red light that was new on the black canvas.

The day before I had watched with fascination the derring-do of the construction men building a cellular-telephone tower on the edge of the swamp. The tower went up fast, section by section, until the four brave men were bumping their heads on a cirrus ceiling.

Finally, the workers climbed down and called it a day. I suspect they went home and hugged their wives.

I surveyed the damage to my view and found the metal structure blended well with the trunks and winter branches of the swamp trees. Nothing to really worry about. The first night, nothing changed.

Last night, the light had been activated, and with electronic monotony pierced the sky. I found I couldn't look away from it. Again and again I'd force

my eyes down to the moon that was spilling its light on the shallow river waters. But the blinking light was too alien to ignore, and I sat transfixed.

Soon I am moving home to Mississippi. I have a little land there, and my part of that state is slow to change, loath to grow. I don't fool myself it never will, but right now the peaceful prospects of that place are a real draw.

I will miss this marvelous little swamp, a natural oasis in a region fast going the other way. My nights staring out into it many times have cured my moods and homesickness. The swamp has kept me sane.

The next occupants of this house no doubt will sit and look out at the river, watch it rise and fall with the seasons. They will count the birds and float down to Victory Church in the spring, tote home sprigs of laurel from the riverbank, a breath of spring.

Only now the window overlooking the swamp is cracked in the top right corner by a red light, flashing like a danger signal for encroaching civilization.

Maybe if it's part of the landscape from the start, they'll not be bothered.



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Little League registration p
Big Spring's Little League has begun registration at the Big Spring Players may from 5 p.m. t Monday through and from 10 a.m Saturday.
For more info call Denise Ya 756-2841 or 263-1

Admission wi for fans wear
Anyone who to the Lady Hawks final Junior College Conference hot tonight will re admission.
Howard's te match up Clarendon's Bul Lady Bulldogs. action begins with the men's for 8 p.m..
For more in contact the col letic departmen 264-5040.

Country club Young Life go
The Big Sprir Club will hold annual Young Classic on Sat Sunday.
Play will begi both days. Er \$75 plus cart fe
For more in call Larry Bry 5354.

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The Herald is Crossroads are softball, golf, track coaches not provided their varsity and rosters for season to do so as possible.
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TODAY JUCO BASKETB
6 p.m.
• Clarendon C Bulldogs at How Lady Hawks.
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Radio JUCO BASKETE
Women
6 p.m. — Cl Bulldogs at Hc Lady Hawks, KE
Men
8 p.m. — Bulldogs at Hc Hawks, KBST-A

Television AUTO RACING
6:30 p.m.
Winston Cup, E (tape delay), FC COLLEGE BASI
Men
6 p.m. — N Connecticut, ES
8 p.m. — Texas, ESPN, C
11 p.m. — N Wyoming, ESPN
NBA
9:30 p.m.
Mavericks at Clippers, FXS, I

MONDAY

FEB. 26

Table with 21 columns representing different TV channels (KMID, KPEJ, KERA, etc.) and rows listing various programs and their scheduled times.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"Boy! It's a good thing I came over. You look like you could use some cheerin' up."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"At least this time I only lost ONE glove."

HAGAR



CONGRATULATIONS, MEN! TODAY WE FOUGHT THROUGH MUD, SMOKE AND CRIME TO FINAL VICTORY!!



AT LEAST MOST OF US DID!!

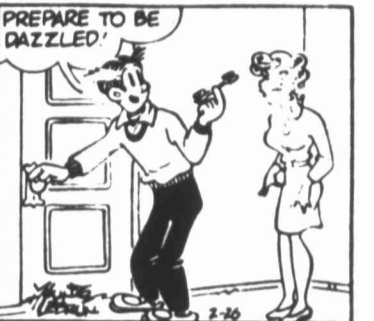
BLONDIE



PREPARE TO BE DAZZLED... A TOOTHBRUSH WITH BRISTLES ON BOTH ENDS!! THAT'S CRAZY!



NO, IT'S NOT! IT'S LIKE BUYING TWO TOOTHBRUSHES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!



PREPARE TO BE DAZZLED?

B.C.



HOW WELL DO YOU GET ALONG WITH YOUR NEW MOTHER-IN-LAW, LEONARD?



WE HAVE A NODDING ACQUAINTANCE...



YEP. I DON'T SAY NODDING TO HER, AND SHE DON'T SAY NODDING TO ME.

GEECH



ARTIE, YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR WORK.

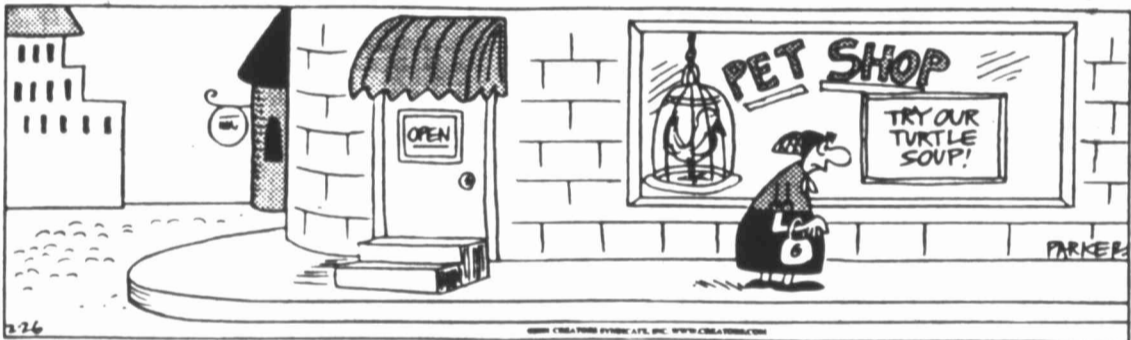


WHAT TIME IS IT?



IT'S TIME TO GET UP.

WIZARD OF ID



HI AND LOIS



HERE COMES CHIP HOME FROM SCHOOL!



HERE COMES MOMMY HOME FROM WORK!



THERE'S DADDY HOME FROM WORK!



YOU'VE HAD A DAY'S SUNBEAM COMING HOME!

GASOLINE ALLEY



How'd Papa fo'get he hid \$1,000 in Amanda Lynn's mandolin?



He suffer from water on th' brain!



On real cold nights, th' water freeze up an' turns t' ice!



Ever'thin' slips his mind then!

SNUFFY SMITH



PAW!! LOOK AT TH' PRIZE I GOT FROM MY QUILTIN' CLUB!!



PRIZE FER WHAT? JUICY GOSSIP

BETLE BAILY



I NEED A VOLUNTEER TO DIG A TRENCH



NICE TRY, BEETLE

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2001. There are 308 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Feb. 26, 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified. On this date: In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from the Island of Elba. In 1848, the Second French Republic was proclaimed. In 1919, Congress established Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona. In 1929, Calvin Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park. In 1940, the U.S. Air Defense Command was created. In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb. In 1979, a total solar eclipse cast a moving shadow 175 miles wide from Oregon to North Dakota before moving into Canada. In 1987, the Tower Commission, which probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued its report rebuking President Reagan for failing to control his national security staff. In 1993, a bomb built by a group of Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of the World Trade Center in New York, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Mason Adams is 32. Actor Tony Randall is 81. Actress Betty Hutton is 80. Singer Fats Domino is 73. Political columnist Robert Novak is 70. Singer Johnny Cash is 69. Country-rock musician Paul Cotton (Poco) is 58. Actor-director Bill Duke is 58. Singer Mitch Ryder is 56. Rock musician Jonathan Cain (Journey) is 51. Singer Michael Bolton is 48. Band leader John McDaniel ('The Rosie O'Donnell Show') is 40. Actress Jennifer Grant is 35. Singer Erykah Badu is 30. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rico Wade (Society of Soul) is 29.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
1 Child rearing
10 British baby buggies
15 Of lymphatic glands
16 Load more salsa on one's chip
17 Teach a refresher course
18 Early-stage seed
19 Priscilla's dear John
20 Getty of 'The Golden Girls'
22 'The best plans...'
23 '... Comedy Jam'
26 Separated
27 Invent facts
28 Belem's state
29 Excretes
30 O'Neill and Sullivan
31 Addiction: suff.
32 Cellmate
33 Have a ball
39 Member of the fam.
40 'The Joy of Cooking' author
41 Thai's neighbor
42 'Phaedra' dramatist
45 Corrida calls
46 Drunk-tank letters
47 Mental pictures
48 '... sequiter
49 Against: pref.
50 Weakest
52 Painter of the Ashcan School
53 Large antelope
54 Too big
58 Katmandu's land
59 Slowpokes
60 Stone tablet
61 Sugary quality

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-61 indicating starting positions for words.

By Josiah Breward Scranton, PA 2/24/01
Sunday's Puzzle Solved
SPINE SPAS JAVA
KABUL KANT OVID
IRENE DUNNE DICE
MAX VOLE WAIVES
DANK CAPE
AGLETS BAREFOOT
BRIBE LIND OAHU
HOBOROPES STAR
OVEREVERSTERN
RELAPSED THESESE
HOPS BOOR
PICKLE BONG ALS
ACRE CHOWYUNFAT
GOER TILE NERVE
ONER SPAR STOAT
3 Most thin and fragile
4 Finished
5 Person, place or thing
6 Muscle spasm
7 Lupino or Tarbell
8 'King' Cole
9 Delight
10 Greek considered to be the first Sophist
11 Minister
12 Mature individuals
13 'The Gleaners' painter
14 Slow and fast, for example
21 Sample
23 Stag
24 Goddess of strife
25 Current mode
28 Fir leaf
34 First
35 Woody Guthrie's son
36 Ancient Icelandic tongue
37 Power figures
38 Busybody's problem
42 Matures
43 Charm
44 Hors d'oeuvre
49 Prost or Resnais
51 Toddlers
52 Tab's target
55 Solemn promise
56 Before, to a bard
57 Hwy. sign