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THURSDAY

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WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 35°-40° TOMORROW 48°-52°

Soul food luncheon set for Friday

A soul food luncheon will be held at noon Friday in Room 212 of the VA Medical Center.

Mayor Russ McEwen will read a proclamation and the Mt. Bethel choir will sing.

Lunch will be served in the recreation hall afterwards.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m., 3203 W. Hwy 80.

FRIDAY

□ Soul Food luncheon at the VA Medical Center. Mt. Bethel choir will present a program in room 212 and lunch will be served in the VAMC rec hall.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

□ ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

SATURDAY

□ Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

□ Dance 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

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Deadline nears to name winners in local spelling bees

HERALD Staff Report

Several Howard County schools already have crowned their own spelling bee champions in preparation of the 2002 Howard County Spelling Bee.

The Howard County Spelling Bee will be Feb. 28 at 4:30 p.m. at the Big Spring High School Cafetorium, 624 E. Sixth St. The winner of the Howard County Spelling Bee will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee March 9 in

Lubbock's McInturf Conference Center. The Regional Spelling Bee champion will advance to the national meet May 26-June 1 in Washington D.C.

A runner-up in the Howard County Spelling Bee will be named in the event the Howard County champion is unable to advance.

Each school should hold its individual spelling bee by Monday to enable the *Big Spring Herald* an adequate amount of time to take each

school winner's photo for publication prior to the county spelling bee.

Their photos will be taken from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 19-20 in the *Herald* newsroom.

Spelling bee coordinators who are unable to meet the Feb. 19-20 deadline should contact Spelling Bee Coordinator Valerie Avery at 264-0403 to make alternative arrangements.

The Howard County Spelling Bee will follow Option A of the 2002 Stripp

Howard Paideia Spelling Bee booklet, listed on page 41. These are the same rules followed by the national spelling bee held in Washington D.C.

The spelling bee is open to students in public, private, parochial and charter schools. Home-school students are eligible to participate. If more than one home-school student chooses to participate, home-schooled children must hold their own competition. Home-schooled children

must contact the director prior to Monday's deadline.

The pronouncer for the 2002 Howard County Spelling Bee will be Cindy Michaelis, executive director of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

Judges will be Robin Ritchey, Big Spring Junior High School librarian; Marilyn Clark, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Quality Oversight; and Debbie Jensen, a freelance writer and former features editor for the *Herald*.

First graders get to meet their hero

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

First graders in Loyce Phillips' Kentwood class have been buzzing with talk lately about their big hero. No, it's not Michael Jordan, Brad Pitt or Puffy "Sean" Combs, but a 2000 Big Spring High School graduate who is serving overseas for the Air Force.

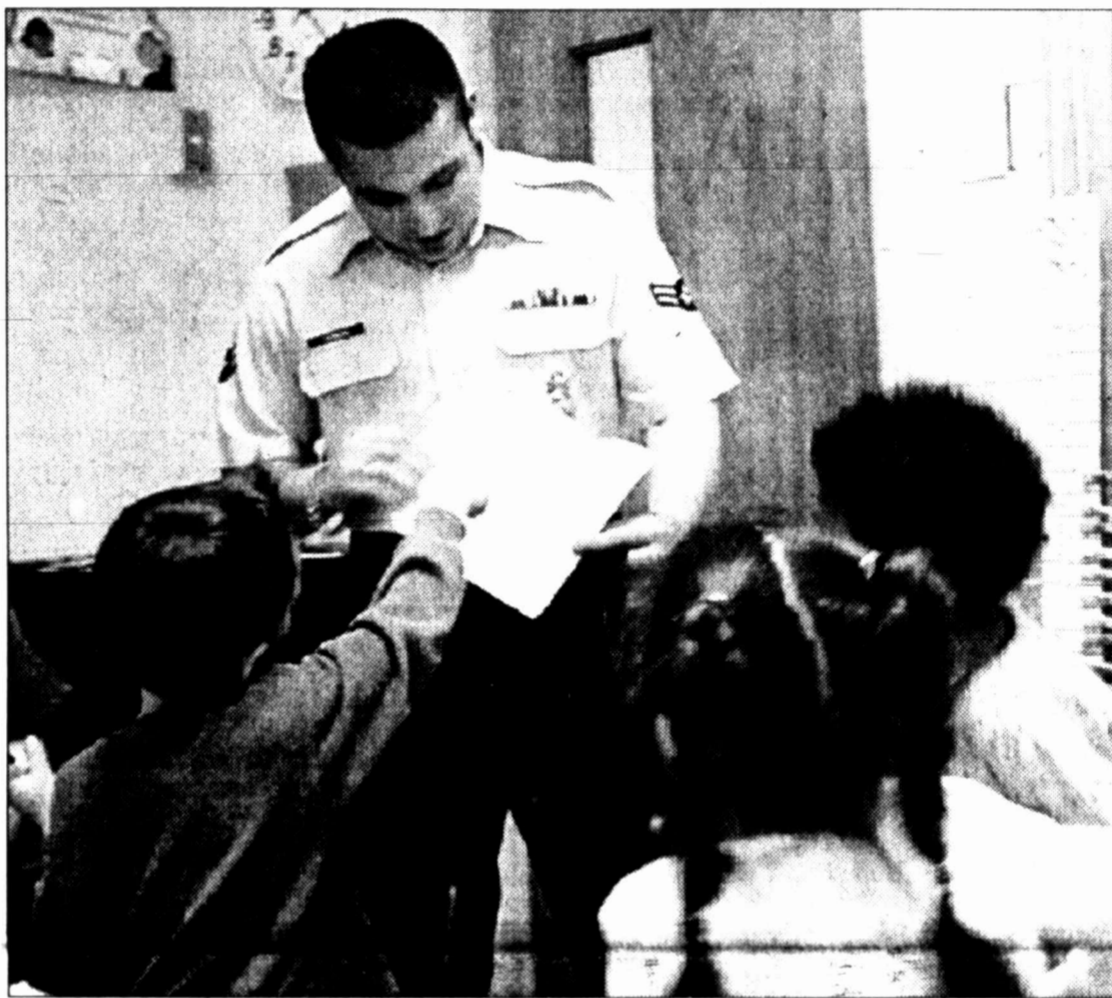
As a writing project, 19 first graders in Loyce Phillips' Kentwood class wrote to Airman 1st Class Jose Carnero, the son of school custodian Jesse Carnero.

The former high school football and baseball player is stationed at RAF Lakenheath in Great Britain.

The project began before the tragic terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 but the letters took several months to reach Carnero, who at the time was serving three months of duty in Bosnia. Mail to the servicemen stationed there was nonexistent, Carnero said.

Once he returned to Great Britain, Carnero was greeted with a package of letters, drawings and questions from eager the young students.

"They thanked me for what I do for the country,"



Airman 1st Class Jose Carnero listens to Kentwood first grader Wesley Edwards, left, while Ariel York and India Parker wait for their turn to talk to the young airman. Loyce Phillips' first grade class has been corresponding with Carnero, who is serving overseas.

Carnero said. "Some of them told me they pray for me every night. The kids

are really special." And the boys were especially interested in the mil-

itary aspects of his job.

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BSISD

May elections, realignments on agenda for trustees tonight

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees are expected to call for board elections at tonight's 5:15 meeting.

Two single-district positions currently held by Larry McLellan, District 3, and board president Irene Bustamante, District 1, are up for the May 5 elections.

McLellan, a three-term veteran, has served on the board for 10 years since he was appointed in 1991 to fill an unexpired term.

Bustamante was also appointed to the board to fill an unexpired term eight years ago and has served two terms.

Filing for candidates to run in the elections begins Monday and runs through March 20. Anyone intending to run can file at the district's central office, 708 E. 11th Place.

After three weeks of pub-

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All across the country, it's a very special day

Furr's to honor couples celebrating half-century of Valentine's memories

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Fifty-one couples who celebrated half a century worth of Valentine's Days will be honored at Furr's Cafeteria today.

"We have the couples come in, they have a free meal on us," said Griego Cipriano, general manager of the Big Spring Furr's location. "We honor them for being married for 50 years or more. A lot of the local merchants, they donate gifts and we have a drawing to give away the prizes."

The annual event, which starts at 3 p.m. today, is Furr's "Golden Sweethearts" celebration, and has been going on for 14 years, Cipriano said.

"Here, we've been doing it since the cafeteria first opened up in Feb. 1997," Cipriano said. "It's a tradition for Furr's. We're very proud of it."

"It's just great to have people that have been married for 50 years or more," Cipriano said. "We believe in the tradition of marriage, we stand behind it, and it's great."

Danny Meisenheimer, Furr's vice president of marketing, said Golden Sweethearts is the cafeteria chain's most popular event.

"We are delighted once again to honor this very special milestone in many of our restaurants across the country," he said in a press release about the event.



Jay and Judy James, Big Spring State Hospital volunteers, present Valentine's Day gifts to Phyllis Graumann, center. The gifts were two of 500 which were being delivered across Howard County today by volunteers as part of the hospital's effort to generate funds for patient activities. Not pictured is Gus Graumann. The couple's son, Keith, sent one of the gifts while the other was given by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Lester.

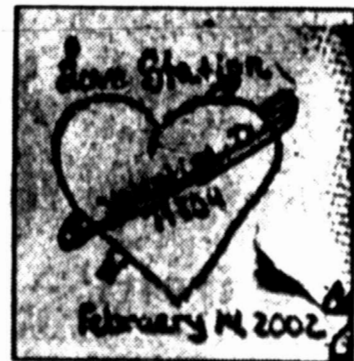
Postmaster in Valentine handles hearts with loving care

VALENTINE (AP) — The crush always starts around early February, when the envelopes begin pouring into this tiny West Texas town seeking the "Valentine" postal cancellation that will make the heartfelt missives complete. From as far away as Australia and Thailand the envelopes come, and Postmaster Maria E. Carrasco delivers. In her nearly 15 years here, she lovingly has stamped more

than 200,000 valentines and moved them on their way to lovers, mothers and others dear to the senders.

"A lot of people think we charge for the postmark, but it's free," Carrasco said.

There are other cities named Valentine in this country, but Feb. 14 is special in Valentine, which apart from the work of its postmaster would be a dot some 140 miles southeast of El Paso. Heck, it's even 300 miles west of Brady, known



as the geographic "heart of Texas." Carrasco says the popula-

tion is closer to the 184 counted in the 2000 census than the 217 marked on the highway sign. A few of the residents wander in as she sorts the mail.

"That's hard work," said Wendy Brown, a Texas Tech student who returned home for a weekend holiday. "Do you need help?"

Valentine used to have a bar, dance hall, 24-hour cafe, grocery store and a roundhouse where trains swung around on a giant

lazy Susan to reverse direction. In those days, residents enjoyed a Valentine's Day dance and a parade with floats and a queen. But when the train operations were automated by the early 1990s, the depot shut down and the only jobs left were at the school or on the local ranches.

"All you can do here is teach and the postmaster job is taken," Brown jokes.

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OBITUARIES

Don Errol McCown Sr.

Don Errol McCown, Sr., 58 of Odessa, passed away Feb. 11, 2002. He was born Dec. 19, 1943, in Big Spring to John and Jackie McCown.



He attended Big Spring High School, Howard College and Texas Tech University. He married Joan Jordan on Jan. 6, 1962, in Big Spring. They lived in Lubbock for 10 years before coming to Odessa in 1976. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Army for four years. He was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

He worked for many years as a wine salesman for Pinkies and spent a number of years in oilfield sales.

Don Errol is survived by his wife, Joan McCown of Odessa, son, Don McCown Jr., of Alexandria, Va.; daughter, Marley Williams and husband, Tony of Odessa; mother, Jackie Church of Lubbock; brothers, Joe McCown of Mississippi, Johnny Ray McCown and Tom Jay McCown, both of Lubbock; sister, Nancy McCown of Lubbock; and grandson, Daven Williams.

Memorial services are scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, at Westminster Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Robert Sams and the Rev. Cheryl Homsher officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials to be sent to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4901 Maple, Odessa 79762.

Services are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Rebecca "Becky" Calhoun

Rebecca "Becky" Calhoun, 45, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002, at her residence after a lengthy illness.



The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

She was born on Jan. 21, 1957, in Big Spring. Rebecca graduated from Big Spring High School in 1975. She worked at the Big Spring State Hospital, the Abilene State School and then for the Texas Department of Corrections before retiring due to ill health.

She was a Baptist. Survivors include two sons, Deric Calhoun of Big

Spring and Dillan Calhoun of Midland; a daughter, Amanda Calhoun of Fort Worth; her parents, Royal C. and Anna M. Mills of Midland; and a brother, Robert Mills of Tyler.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Teresa Mills, in 1954.

The family suggests memorials to Lupus Foundation of America, Lubbock Area Chapter, 1717 Ave. K, Suite 127, Lubbock 79401 or to American Diabetes Association Inc., Texas Affiliate Inc., Western Regional Office, 8008 Slide Rd., Lubbock 79424.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

Mozelle A. Riddle

Graveside funeral service for Mozelle A. Riddle, 84, of Big Spring will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.



Mrs. Riddle died Wednesday, Feb. 13, at a local nursing home.

She was born Jan. 10, 1918, in Comanche and married J.B. Riddle on Sept. 11, 1933, in Midland. He preceded her in death on Jan. 5, 1973.

They moved to Big Spring in 1941 from Midland. She had worked for Anthony's Department store for 20 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church and a member of the Quester's Sunday School Class.

Survivors include two daughters, Shirley Warren of Big Spring and Reba Harry of North Richland Hills; three brothers, Wendell Jackson of Dallas, G.W. Jackson of West Columbia and Gene Jackson of Bristo, Okla.; two sisters, Billie Saffell of Odessa and Katie Jackson of Dallas; seven grandchildren; and 17 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Scottish Rite Children's Hospital, 2222 Welborn, Dallas 75219 or Gideon's International, Big Spring Camp, P.O. Box 133, Big Spring 79721-0133.

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

Jesse Clark

Funeral service for Jesse Clark, 71, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Clark died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002, at an Abilene hospital.

STAMP

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The formal stamp program started in 1983 with a simple heart design created in El Paso. Locals would head to the post office to get the cancellation stamp "and then they would just hand it to their special person," Carrasco said.

After postal officials told Carrasco that the town needed to create a local postmark, residents began submitting designs, and a new one is chosen each year. The first year, 1994, Carrasco's daughter sketched the honored design — an elegant double heart with a sash — that was stamped on 39,022 letters.

Today, the town's schoolchildren vie for the winning concept, which this year is a heart wrapped with a sash

and the words "Love Station" across the top, "Valentine, TX, 79854" through the middle, and "February 14, 2002" along the bottom.

Since 1983, about 240,000 cards have passed through the simple, whitewashed adobe building standing nearly alone on Texas 90, about 25 miles from the Mexico border. Another 15,000 are expected to be stamped this year.

To obtain the stamp, senders put their stamped valentine inside another envelope addressed to the Valentine post office. Then Carrasco pulls them out, cancels them and sends them along.

Sometimes, Carrasco pitches in her own money when people forget to include postage or use foreign stamps. She sends the forgetful ones letters noting the charges. Most, grateful that their heartfelt sentiments didn't hit a dead end, mail a payment, she said.

"These valentines are special," Carrasco said. "The fact that they take the trouble to address these cards and send them here, (that means) a lot to me."

Gary Hamilton, superintendent of schools in Marfa, stopped by the post office on his way to a meeting in Van Horn.

"I told my daughter, 'Get your cards ready and I'll get them stamped,'" Hamilton said.

Carrasco takes care of her patrons, translating for Spanish speakers or filling out forms for some of the older residents. That small-town spirit is inked onto thousands of letters each day as the namesake holiday approaches.

"I'm a dedicated Christian," Carrasco said. "I try to emphasize how much this world we live in today needs a lot of love and understanding."

BSISD

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lic forums over the closure of Anderson Kindergarten Center and elementary school zone realignments, BSISD Superintendent Murray Murphy will recommend the proposed plan at tonight's meeting in the Big Spring High School boardroom.

The proposal seemed to meet with little if no opposition from the public at each of the six forums held at the district's elementary schools.

The changes included the closure of the kindergarten center and bringing those school-age children back to the neighboring elementary schools, changing Goliad Elementary into an intermediate fifth- and sixth-grade center and moving displaced Goliad first through fourth grades to neighboring schools — specifically, Kentwood, Marcy and Washington elementaries.

Finally, administrators will recommend moving rural students from Washington to Bauer Magnet School or Marcy depending which part of town the student resides.

Administrators have cited the continuous drop in student enrollment, under-used facilities and limited revenues as the reason for the changes.

In an attempt to fully utilize the district's facilities, Murphy plans to bring to the board the possibility of vacating the lease on 214 S. Main, the building that cur-

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rently houses the food service offices and the Personalized Achievement Center classes.

The recommendation is an action item but Murphy said he expects that trustees will probably wish to mull over the idea first and delay action until another meeting.

Students may see a change in one of their holidays as the board will consider switching one planned snow day on Good Friday, March 29 to Memorial Day, Monday, May 27.

The district has to make up two snow days after several inches of snow stopped school in November.

Other items on the agenda include approval:

- of the high school choir trip to New York;
- of the 2002-2003 school calendar;
- of school bus requests for the 2002-2003 budget year;
- of retirements, resignations, and/or employments;
- of employment recommendations for administrators, directors and coordinators.

HERO

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"They're interested in knowing if I have shot anything. If I've seen the war," he said. "They're interested in the cool stuff, not about working a 12-hour shift."

As soon as he received the letters, Carnero e-mailed the students. Last week, the children had a chance to see their real life hero in person when he came to class for a visit.

Carnero was greeted with a large red, white and blue welcome home cake. He brought the children pizza and a teddy bear dressed in military fatigues.

"The kids have adopted him as a military hero," Phillips said. "When he gave the bear when he came to class that day — well, that was the icing on the cake."

The children sang "God Bless America" to Carnero and inundated him with all kinds of stories.

"He was so cute with them," Phillips said. "He just listened to all the kids' stories. They all had stories to tell Jose."

Carnero hopes to continue corresponding with the children once he returns to duty in Great Britain. He takes his job to protect them seriously during this troubled time.

"I think I will do my best to protect our country," Carnero said. "It's the job I signed up for. I am willing to sacrifice my life so these kids can enjoy life."

Students in Phillips class are Karra Aguilar, Brandon Carruth, Kim Clapp, Wesley Edwards, Nick Ervin, Evelyn Fierro, Tyler Graves, Alex Lujan, Christian Melchert, Chelsey Parker, India Parker, Wesley Payne, Carson Reibe, Andrew Shafer, Trent Thomas, Michael Waight, Brady Weber, Garrett Wiley and Ariel York.

TEXAS LOTTERY PICK 3: 5,3,5 LOTTO: 40,47,42,41,21,18

BRIEFS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 506, located at 3203 West Hwy 80; will have a fish fry Feb. 16, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Plates are \$6. Delivery will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Carry out is also available. Everyone is welcome.

VFW POST 2013 WILL be having a chili supper March 2, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Post, 500 Driver Road.

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Dell	27.17 -17
Du Pont	43.7 -3
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Total Fina	71.85 -17
Unocal Corp	35.05 +09
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Wal-Mart/Mexico	28.61-29.33
AMCAP	15.63 +11
Europacific	25.95 +13
Prime Rate	4.75 %
Gold	297.6 -300.5
Silver	4.50 -4.58

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 50
Wednesday's low 30
Record high 87 in 1979
Record low 10 in 1951
Average high 63
Average low 31
Precip. Wednesday 0.00
Month to date 1.42
Year to date 1.42
Sunrise Friday 7:29 a.m.
Sunset Friday 8:32 p.m.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of EMS and Fire Department activity:
6:40 a.m. — 900 block of Goliad, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
8:24 a.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.
10:12 a.m. — Howard

College, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.
11:10 a.m. — 2900 block of W. Hwy. 80, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.
11:48 a.m. — Howard College, medical call, service refused.
12:50 p.m. — 600 block of Goliad, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.
1:52 p.m. — 100 block of W. 17th, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.
3:43 p.m. — 1400 block of Rannels, medical call, service refused.
11:48 a.m. — Howard College, Tarpot—structure fire, extinguished.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following from 8 a.m. Wednesday until 8 a.m. today:
• TYRONE WALKER, 27 of 538 Westover was arrested for local warrants.
• SHANE ESTES, 19, of 1302 Grafa was arrested for local warrants.
• RICHARD MCCUTCHEON, 33, of 417 Westover was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
• ROCKY AUTRY, 18, of 113 E. 16th was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption.
• COLBY THURMAN, 19, of 111 E. 16th was arrested on charges of minor in consumption, resisting arrest and assault Class C.
• WILLIAM WADDILL, 43, of 2509 Carol was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
• DEBORAH DARNELL, 29, of 710 E. 17th was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.
• DARLENE SHELDON, 43, of 907 E. 1-20 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
• YOLANDA LEOS VELA, 49, of 411 N. Scurry was arrested for local warrants.
• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 block of Washington.
• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1800 block of south Scurry, the 400 block of Scurry and the 1000 block of Stadium.
• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 200 block of west 19th, the 2900 block of west Highway 80 and the 100 block of east 16th.
• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of northeast 10th where a 1987 gray vehicle was reported stolen.

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Campaign spending bill clears House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress took a major step toward enacting the most significant campaign spending bill in a generation with House passage of legislation to ban millions of unregulated dollars flowing into national party coffers.

"Soft money just received a death sentence," Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., said shortly after the 2:30 a.m. vote today that culminated a 16-hour debate.

Meehan and his co-sponsor, Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., succeeded in defeating a dozen attempts to kill their bill or sidetrack it with damaging amendments.

The measure, passed 240-189, now goes back to the Senate, which passed a

nearly identical bill last April.

Forty-one Republicans and one independent joined 198 Democrats in voting for the House bill, while 12 Democrats, 176 Republicans and one independent were opposed.

Senate backers, led by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russ Feingold, D-Wis., need 60 votes to stop a likely filibuster and win approval for sending the bill directly to President Bush for his signature. The Senate vote last year was 59-41.

If the Senate does not accept the House version, a conference committee would be needed to reconcile the differences — albeit minor ones — between the

two measures.

Bush has stayed away from the congressional battle over campaign spending and, despite some reservations about the Shays-Meehan bill, is expected to sign the measure if it reaches his desk.

Congress hasn't changed campaign spending rules since the post-Watergate year of 1974 despite repeated efforts in the past decade to do something about the explosive growth of soft money in the political system.

These unregulated donations that corporations, unions and individuals make to national parties, often in hundreds of thousands of dollars, grew from \$86 million in the 1992 presidential election to \$500 million in the 2000 election.

"Soft money is now being given in a shameful way," said Rep. Zack Wamp, R-Tenn. "It has proliferated beyond measure in recent years and it is a real corrupting influence."

Shays-Meehan would ban such donations to national parties, although it would allow soft money contributions to state and local parties, in amounts up to \$10,000. None of that money could be used for political ads.

It also bans the use of soft money to finance "issue ads" — that in effect are often used to attack candidates — during the 60 days leading up to an election, or 30 days before a primary.

Outlaw country singer Waylon Jennings dead

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Friends remembered country star Waylon Jennings as an uncompromising artist whose bad-guy image was mostly a front to deal with the absurdities of the music business.

Jennings, 64, died Wednesday in Arizona after a long battle with diabetes-related health problems.

Spokeswoman Schatzie Hageman said he died peacefully at home.

His list of hits spans four decades and includes country music standards like "Good-Hearted Woman" and "Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys," both duets with Willie Nelson. His deep, sonorous voice was unmistakable, and Jennings was an underrated songwriter and guitarist.

"Waylon Jennings was an American archetype, the bad guy with a big heart," said Kris Kristofferson, who sang with Jennings in the Highwaymen along with Johnny Cash and Nelson.

"He cared so deeply about the things he loved — Jessi (Colter, his wife), music, children, his country."

Rodney Crowell, who wrote the hit "I Ain't Living Long Like This" for Jennings, said Jennings bonded with him after he

found out Crowell was the single parent of a 16-month-old girl.

"Waylon fell in love with me about that. It was the thing that touched him more than my songs," Crowell said. "For all of Waylon's tough stuff, he had such a tender heart. He was such a sweet soul."

Jennings recorded 60 albums and had 16 No. 1 country singles in a career that included playing bass for Buddy Holly just before the rock 'n' roller died in a plane crash. Jennings was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in October.

Jennings had been plagued with health problems in recent years that made it difficult for him to walk. In December, his left foot was amputated at a Phoenix hospital. Jennings and Colter sold their home in Nashville more than a year ago and moved to Chandler, Ariz.

In 1959, Jennings' career was nearly cut short by tragedy soon after it began. He was scheduled to fly on the light plane that crashed and killed Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. Richardson. Jennings gave up his seat on the plane to Richardson, who was ill and wanted to fly rather than travel by bus with those left behind.

Business blooming for florists - no thanks to husbands

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cynics can take it as more proof that marriage kills the romance and tightens the pocket book.

A florist research group says husbands are likeliest to buy their Valentine's Day flowers at the supermarket — generally, the cheapest outlet.

Fortunately for retailers this Valentine's Day, young love seems to be in bloom.

"I've been speaking to retailers, and we're expecting a strong Valentine's Day," said Jennifer Sparks of the Society of American

Florists, the industry's representative to government.

"Even in a recession, florists are known as a great communicator."

Actual numbers won't be available until after the holiday, because men — who buy 70 percent of flowers on the day — are notorious last-minute purchasers.

Florists are excited that the day falls midweek, which traditionally causes deliveries to spike.

"There's the surprise impact of delivery to the office," Sparks said. "She gets attention, and he's a

hero."

"She" should enjoy the grandstanding while she can, because it often comes to a grinding halt once the ceremony is over, according to NP Group, a market research firm that tracks the industry.

Husbands make 46 percent of their purchases at the supermarket.

In contrast, just over 11 percent of overall flower purchases are made at the supermarket, with most people preferring the Internet and traditional florists.

"Valentine's Day skews younger, to those people trying harder to impress their girlfriend," said Barrie Rappaport of NPD. "After you get married, you're done."

Census Bureau figures for 2000 show the median ages for first marriages are 25 for women and just shy of 27 for men, up about four years from the 1970 census.

The figures show 115 single men in their 20s for every 100 women the same age and 109 men for 100 single women in the 30-44 range.

Bush says he will push for changes in farm legislation to produce less costly plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush says a Senate-passed farm bill "doesn't get the job done" and pledges to work with congressional negotiators on a compromise that would be less costly and better for producers.

The Democratic-crafted bill, which passed the Senate 58-40 on Wednesday, authorizes \$45 billion in new spending for agriculture, conservation and nutrition spending over the next five years, a 26 percent increase over current programs.

A House-passed measure, also criticized by the Bush administration,

authorized a \$38 billion increase over the same period.

The White House says the Senate bill is too expensive and certain to stimulate price-depressing crop surpluses because of its increases in subsidy rates. The legislation also could violate subsidy limits under an international trade agreement.

But Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said the Senate bill would "provide certainty to producers, fix our failed farm safety net and help address the challenges we face in rural America."

One of Bush's top priorities, the

creation of special subsidized savings accounts for farmers, a cornerstone of Canadian farm policy, was soundly rejected by the Senate, 80-17.

Bush and Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman have said they want Congress to authorize the savings program.

Democrats said the Senate vote suggests there is little congressional support for the idea.

Both the House and Senate versions represent dramatic departures from the Republican-authored 1996 farm law that was intended to wean farmers from

government subsidies.

"We're basically involving government in agriculture in some ways more than it ever has been involved," said Otto Doering, an agricultural economist at Purdue University.

Control of the Senate could hinge on races in several key farm states this year, including Minnesota and South Dakota.

"This bill is tremendously important for the 2002 congressional election," Doering said.

There are numerous thorny issues for the House and Senate negotiators to resolve, including

the spending levels as well as a new payment limit that the Senate bill includes.

Under the legislation, no farm could receive more than \$275,000 per year in total payments. Some subsidies are essentially unlimited now.

"Everything is open" to negotiation, said Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

A congressional budget agreement last year set aside \$73.5 billion in new farm spending over the next decade, a level the Bush administration supports.

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OUR VIEWS

Tell someone special how much you care

It's Valentine's Day. Just the mention of this holiday devoted to romance conjures up certain images — roses, chocolate, intimate dinners by candlelight, a quiet evening alone letting the one person we love the most know just how special they are to us.

Valentine's Day means different things to different people. It becomes as individual as each of us.

For some, it's a time to go full bore. To spend freely. Shower the one we love with one lavish gift after another.

Others adopt a more reserved tone. A whispered sentiment. A simple card.

All those varied methods mean the same thing, however.

That message is simple: I love you. No three words are more warming to the human soul.

Perhaps nothing is more desperately sought by each of us. And certainly, nothing is more difficult to find.

That's because love isn't something you can purchase, regardless of how much you spend. Love can't be summoned on demand. It's something given freely from the heart.

Love is shared and should be nurtured — not just today, but every day. Better yet, every moment. So, on this Valentine's Day, we hope each of you takes the time to do just that. Regardless of the manner you choose, let those you love the most know they fill a special place in your heart and your life.

Their lives will be enriched, as will yours.

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Saving of the Western Civilization

It's easy to dismiss Patrick J. Buchanan's new book "The Death of the West: How Dying Populations and Immigrant Invasions Imperil Our Country and Civilization" as just another anti-immigrant rant. But it would be a mistake to do so. In his book, Buchanan raises some important issues about the future of Western culture. And while I don't agree with Buchanan's policy prescriptions, the problem he describes — the dramatic decline in birth rates among Europeans and, to a lesser extent, native-born Americans — is sobering.

Buchanan describes a world in which whites are disappearing as a significant component of the world's population, even in Europe, where declining birth rates and increased Third-World immigration promise to make Europeans a minority in their own

countries of origin. By the end of this century, Germany's native-born population will decline by more than 50 percent. Italy's birthrate has been falling for 25 years; by 2050, demographers predict Italy's 57 million will become 41 million. Spain, which has the lowest birthrate in all Europe — 1.07 children per woman — will lose one quarter of its population in the next 25 years. The United States' population continues to grow, but primarily because of immigration from Latin America and Asia.

A civilization whose population does not replace itself in each generation will die — and these statistics suggest the end of Western Civilization is coming sooner than we imagine. But the problem isn't one of race or color. It doesn't matter in any important way that there will be fewer fair-skinned, fair-haired people in the world of the future. What does matter is that Western culture — which has been responsible for the greatest advances in science, literature, the arts, and, most

importantly, human liberty — may disappear as well.

So who's to blame — all those Chinese, Indians, Mexicans and others who keep having babies while those of European descent choose not to? Should we blame the immigrants who leave behind lives of poverty and repression in order to seek freedom and opportunity in the United States or Europe? Or should we blame ourselves, and if so, for what?

Buchanan, to his credit, largely avoids blaming the immigrants: "Most of the people who leave their homelands to come to America, whether from Mexico or Mauritania, are good people, decent people. They seek the same better life our ancestors sought when they came," he writes. This is a refreshing shift from the man who famously worried in 1991, "If we had to take a million immigrants in, say Zulus, next year, or Englishmen, and put them in Virginia, which group would be easier to assimilate and would cause less problems for the people of Virginia?"

No, "the long-term threat to the West lies deep with-

in, and whether the West survives is a question Western peoples will answer," Buchanan warns.

Buchanan is short on answers to the dilemma he proposes, however, asserting "the prognosis is not good." But that kind of pessimism won't do much to reverse the cultural erosion he complains of. In fact, it sounds downright un-American.

One of the defining characteristics of American culture has been its optimism and willingness to solve problems. "American exceptionalism" was born of the notion that we are different from every nation that has come before us.

I'm not giving up hope that Western culture will survive, if only in America. If we have faith in ourselves and our culture, we can transmit it to the newcomers, no matter where they come from or what they look like. And we might even learn something from them in the process, including a renewed sense of self-sacrifice and belief in the future — which is, after all, what motivates people to bring future generations into the world.



LINDA CHAVEZ



Parents, talk to your children

By ANITA PERRY
Guest Columnist

You can't enter a store in February, without encountering images of hearts, roses and chocolates. Everywhere you look the wonderful experiences of being in love are being promoted.

Unfortunately, for an alarming number of young people, dating is not as simple as pretty valentines and long hours on the telephone. For some teens, these relationships lead to fear, emotional and physical abuse.

It's a heartbreaking fact that young women in their late teens and early 20s are three times more vulnerable to intimate partner violence than any other age group in our nation. One in five adolescent girls in this country will be physically and/or sexually abused in a dating relationship. While the abuse most often reported involves females, young men can be victims as well.

As a nurse, I often saw some of the tragedies of this abuse on a personal level. Too often, by the time an abuse victim makes it to a medical facility the abuse has been going on for months - or even years. During the teenage years especially, it's often socially difficult to speak out or stand up for yourself against an abuser. It's even

harder still to ask for help.

The good news however, is that parents already hold the best tool in the prevention of these tragedies — their voice. Parents who discuss this difficult and uncomfortable subject early with teens are protecting not only their own child, but their child's friends through their influence.

While almost a quarter of teens surveyed say that they personally know of at least one dating violence victim their age, only a fifth of parents knew or believed that teen dating violence is an issue. If you're a parent of a teenager, take a chance this Valentine's Day to show your son or daughter how much you care. Talk to them about healthy dating relationships. Ask them if they are aware of dating violence. Most importantly, listen to what they have to say, what their concerns are and any incidents of which they are aware.

Let your teen know of the warning signs that often accompany an abusive relationship. Explain that people who honestly care for them will not make fun of them, put them down, or embarrass them in front of other people. Tell them that people in healthy relationships don't try to control others, refuse to take their boyfriend's or girlfriend's opinion seriously, or make

decisions for others such as who they see, or what they wear.

You can instill the knowledge and confidence in a teen now that can protect them not only during their teens, but the rest of their lives. If we talk honestly and openly with our teens about the signs of abuse, appropriate ways of dealing with emotions in dating relationships and resources that are available for teens dealing with abuse, we can turn the tide on the grim statistics about dating violence.

However, if you are concerned a teen might already be a victim of dating violence, there are resources to help you and help them. Many are available on the Texas Council on Family Violence's website at www.tcfv.org. The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) can also direct you to additional assistance in your area.

Relationships aren't always as simple as chocolates and roses, but they should never be about abuse. Offer your support to your teen. It's one of the most loving gifts you can give this Valentine's Day.

A registered nurse with 17 years in the health care profession, Anita Perry continues to focus on women's and children's health issues as Texas' first lady.



Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY

February is national cherry month

One day this month make sure to include cherries in your meal so you can celebrate National Cherry Month!!! How do you make a cherry turnover?



KATIE WALKER

Tickle its stomach. There are two different kinds of cherries: tart and sweet. Tart cherries are sometimes called pie cherries or sour cherries. Ninety percent of all America's tart cherries are grown in three states. Seventy-five percent come from Michigan, 10 percent from Utah, and five percent from Wisconsin. Sweet cherries are often sold fresh, especially during the summer months. Almost a fourth of the nation's sweet cherries are grown in Michigan. Some people claim that cherries help relieve the pain of arthritis or gout, while others say that cherries have aphrodisiac qualities. No guarantees on those claims, but cherries are a healthy snack and pretty tasty too. Cherries can be used in many different ways and in various types of foods. Cherries are a good way to add flavor to beverages. Other ways to use cherries are in sauces or syrups over pancakes or waffles. They may be used to bake muffins or as a topping for oatmeal. Cherries are used in fruit salads and sauces. What is your favorite way to eat cherries?

Cherry Ping

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Combine the following ingredients in a bowl and mix well:
 1 cup sugar
 1/2 cup all purpose flour
 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
 and
 2 teaspoons baking powder.
 Add, stirring until dry ingredients are moistened, and then set aside:
 2 teaspoons vanilla and 2 eggs, lightly beaten.
 Drain, reserving 1 cup of liquid:
 3(16-ounce) cans pitted tart red cherries in water.
 Place cherries in a 9x13-inch baking pan and set aside. In a separate bowl, combine the following:
 2/3 cup sugar
 3 tablespoons cornstarch and
 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 Gradually add stirring with a wire whisk until blended:
 1 cup reserved cherry liquid
 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon lemon juice and
 1/4 teaspoon almond extract.
 Pour over cherries. Drop flour mixture by heaping teaspoonfuls onto cherry mixture. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until top sounds hollow when tapped.
 Cool 15 minutes on a wire rack, then sprinkle with:
 2 teaspoons sifted powdered sugar.
 Serves 12

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Area students place in UIL contest hosted by Stanton

HERALD Staff Report

Numerous students from Elbow and Coahoma elementaries placed in the University Interscholastic League district 3-2A academic contest hosted by Stanton Elementary. "The UIL Academic Contest is a great opportunity for students to expand upon their academic talents," Elbow Elementary Principal Tommy Gibson said. Stanton placed first in overall points with Elbow earning fourth followed by Coahoma in fifth place. Elbow student who placed were:
 In second grade competition, storytelling, Jodie Jones, second.
 In third grade competition, storytelling, Briana Amos, first; music memory, Alex Massingill, Blake Brorman, Cameron Churchwell, Ashley Buzbee, Sterling Chaney, first place team; oral reading, Keyv O'Brien, third; reading writing, Ben Avery, fifth; spelling, Avery, fifth.
 In fourth grade competition, music memory, Amanda Barber, Evan Burton, Reagan Rotan, Ryan Flores and Sheree Atkinson, third place team; oral reading, Caitlin Hearn, fifth; reading writing, Laura Spence, first; art, Aric Denton, Shelby McDowell, Shelby, fourth place team.
 In fifth grade competition, music memory, Shawna Hesson, Alyx Pappajohn, Rodrick Rodriguez and Tiera Mohan, first place team; oral reading, Melanie McDonald, fourth, Shelby McDonald, sixth; reading writing, Mohn, first; art, Mohn, McDonald, Jace Avery and Monica Garza, fourth place team; learning skills, Mohn, first, Benjamin Mancha, second, Avery, fourth; map, graph and charts, Charlene

Stanley, third. Coahoma students who placed were:
 In second grade competition, story telling, Cole Sneed, first, Alex Gonzales, sixth; creative writing, Justin Coker, first, Jesi Morgan, second, Jennifer Castilaw, sixth.
 In third grade competition music memory, Jason Martinez, Austin Rinard and Hunter Williams, third place team; ready writing, Matt Wynn, fourth place.
 In fourth grade competition, music memory Josh Paniagua, Kirstyn Pulis, Nick Sevey, Megan Parrish, Kale Neff, first place team; art, Katie Dunn, Kylie Gee, Kourtney McAdams and Jackie Ruiz, fifth place team.
 In fifth grade competition, music memory, Ashley Martin, Nina Toscano and Hilari White, second place team; oral reading, Megan Conley, first, Karly Green, third; ready writing, Devin Adamson, fifth; art, Kelsey Butts, Harrison Chevalier, Conley, Spencer Smith, fifth place team; listening skills, Green and Jared Blythe, tied for fourth; and dictionary skills, Heather Scoggins, third place.
 In sixth grade competition, music memory, Teryn Bibb, Christie Rich and Kayla Gutierrez, fourth place team; oral reading, Rich, fourth, William Reilly, sixth; reading writing, Logan Stone, third; number sense, Bobby Payne, fourth; dictionary skills, Heather Sheppard, fifth; map, graphs and charts, Colter Morgan, first; Bibb, second; Reilly, fourth; mathematics, Simon Stolarczyk, fourth; Payne, fifth; spelling, Payne, first, Linsey Chavez, fifth; and listening skills, Joshua Thompson, second.

Love and chocolate; enough said

Valentine's Day is a day we celebrate the feeling of love and being loved. Maybe even that we deserve that love and have someone who deserves the love we give.



ANDRIELA MEDLIN

That feeling you get when you're with someone who, in the immortal words of Van Morrison "...ease my troubles, that's what you do," is the single most treasured state of being sought by the human race. However, love is sometimes fickle, fleeting, and sometimes just fizzles out. This leaves an emotional gap that has to be filled with something, anything. Well almost. How about some chocolate instead? Some researchers believe that chocolate is the only substance known that can duplicate that wonderfully peaceful state. Thank you Mr. Hersey! Chocolate contains over 300 known chemicals and scientists have been working on isolating what causes some of the pleasurable effects of consuming chocolate. Although caffeine is the most well known chemical ingredient found in chocolate it can only be found in small quantities. Another chemical called phenylethylamine is also found in chocolate and is related to amphetamines (a.k.a., speed), which are very strong stimulants. All of these stimulants increase the activity of chemicals in the brain that control our ability to pay attention and stay alert. While stimulants con-

tribute to a temporary sense of well-being there are other chemicals and other theories as to why chocolate makes us feel good. One of the most controversial comes from researchers in San Diego, Calif., who believe that "chocolate contains pharmacologically active substances that have the same effect on the brain as marijuana, and that these chemicals may be responsible for certain drug-induced psychoses associated with chocolate craving." Hide the Godiva! Does this mean that there is a conspiracy in the candy industry to get us all hooked on chocolate? No, I don't think so, and it doesn't mean that if you eat a mountain of chocolate you'll get high either. It just means, according to the researchers, that there are compounds (not THC which is found in marijuana not chocolate) in chocolate that may be associated with the good feeling that chocolate consumption provides. And despite the old wives' tales that chocolate causes acne and tooth decay there has been no real proof that this is true.

Actually, some researchers have found that chocolate carries high levels of chemicals that may help lower the risk of heart disease. However, remember that eating too much of any food can cause health problems so moderation is key especially for those who are allergic to it and for those who are diabetic. Valentine's Day is a great opportunity to feel good about yourself and the person you've selected to receive the love you have to give. If you have a terrific mate you should be proud of yourself because, chances are, you're pretty terrific too. So, break open that box of chocolate and enjoy yourself and each other. As Ayn Rand once said, "Love is a response to values. It is with a person's sense of life that one falls in love..." Editor's note Exploratorium Magazine at www.exploratorium.edu contributed to the information on chocolate found in this column.

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Here is the weekly as compiled for the and Wildlife Depart 13. (Report also ava as www.bxfishing.com

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WEST

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IN BRIEF

Youth basketball player recognition

All players and coaches from Big Spring Youth Basketball Association teams will be recognized during halftime festivities of tonight's Howard College Hawks and Lady Hawks games at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

All youngsters are asked to wear their team T-shirts. Free admission will be provided for players, parents, grandparents and coaches.

Playoff games set at Howard College

Two girls' high school basketball playoff games have been scheduled for Tuesday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The first game, scheduled for 6 p.m. will be a Class 2A area contest pitting Colorado City's Lady Wolves and Wall's Lady Hawks.

The second game will see Garden City's Lady Bearkats taking on Roby's Lady Lions at 8 p.m.

Ticket prices are set at \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Coahoma boosters to meet on Monday

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

All parents and supporters of Bulldog and Bulldogette athletic programs are encouraged to attend.

Industrial softball league sets meeting

The Big Spring Men's Industrial Softball League will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at John Wesley's Pick-pockets.

Anyone interested in having a team in the league is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Sally Grant at 268-4728 or 393-5237.

Four-person scramble scheduled at BSCC

A four-person scramble has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23-24, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees are \$75 per player, plus cart rental.

For more information, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

ON THE AIR

Radio JUCO BASKETBALL

Women
5:35 p.m. — Midland College Lady Chaparrals at Howard College Lady Hawks, KBST-AM 1490.

Men
7:35 p.m. — Midland College Chaparrals at Howard College Hawks, KBST-AM 1490.

Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
6 p.m. — N.C. State at Duke, ESPN.
8 p.m. — Notre Dame at Rutgers, ESPN.

11 p.m. — Arizona at UCLA, FXS

PRO BASKETBALL
7 p.m. — Washington Wizards at Sacramento Kings, TNT.

OLYMPICS
5 p.m. — Women's hockey, U.S. vs. Switzerland; Men's curling, U.S. vs. Switzerland; Women's curling, U.S. vs. Switzerland, CNBC.

7 p.m. — Figure skating, men's long program; Alpine skiing, women's combined; Speedskating, women's 500; Snowboarding, men's parallel giant slalom, NBC.

Doctors saying high school athletes need better care

DALLAS (AP) — Concerned that many high school athletes feel pressured to stay in the game and "tough it out" when injured, orthopaedic surgeons on Wednesday urged team trainers and physicians to exercise more caution.

These athletes often lack advanced medical care as well, said members of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

"We may look like heroes when we get an injured player back in the game, but we have to stick to our guns about what's best for the athlete," said Dr. Mary Lloyd Ireland, team physician for Eastern Kentucky University in Lexington.

An estimated 10 million adolescents participate in high school sports each year. But young athletes may not complain about injuries because they don't want to miss the game or disappoint their parents.

Of the estimated 300,000 concussions that occur in the United States each year, 126,000 are football induced and 20 percent of those occur among high school football players.

Athletes who sustain concussions have a two to four times greater incidence of a second injury, the surgeons group said in a consensus statement with the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American College of Sports Medicine.

The group recommends that athletes who have had concussions should not be allowed to return to play until they are free of all symptoms, which include memory loss, headache and nausea.

"The coaches and parents don't always know when to pull the kids, and some kids are being rushed back too soon," said Dr. Joseph Bosco of New York University

Medical Center.

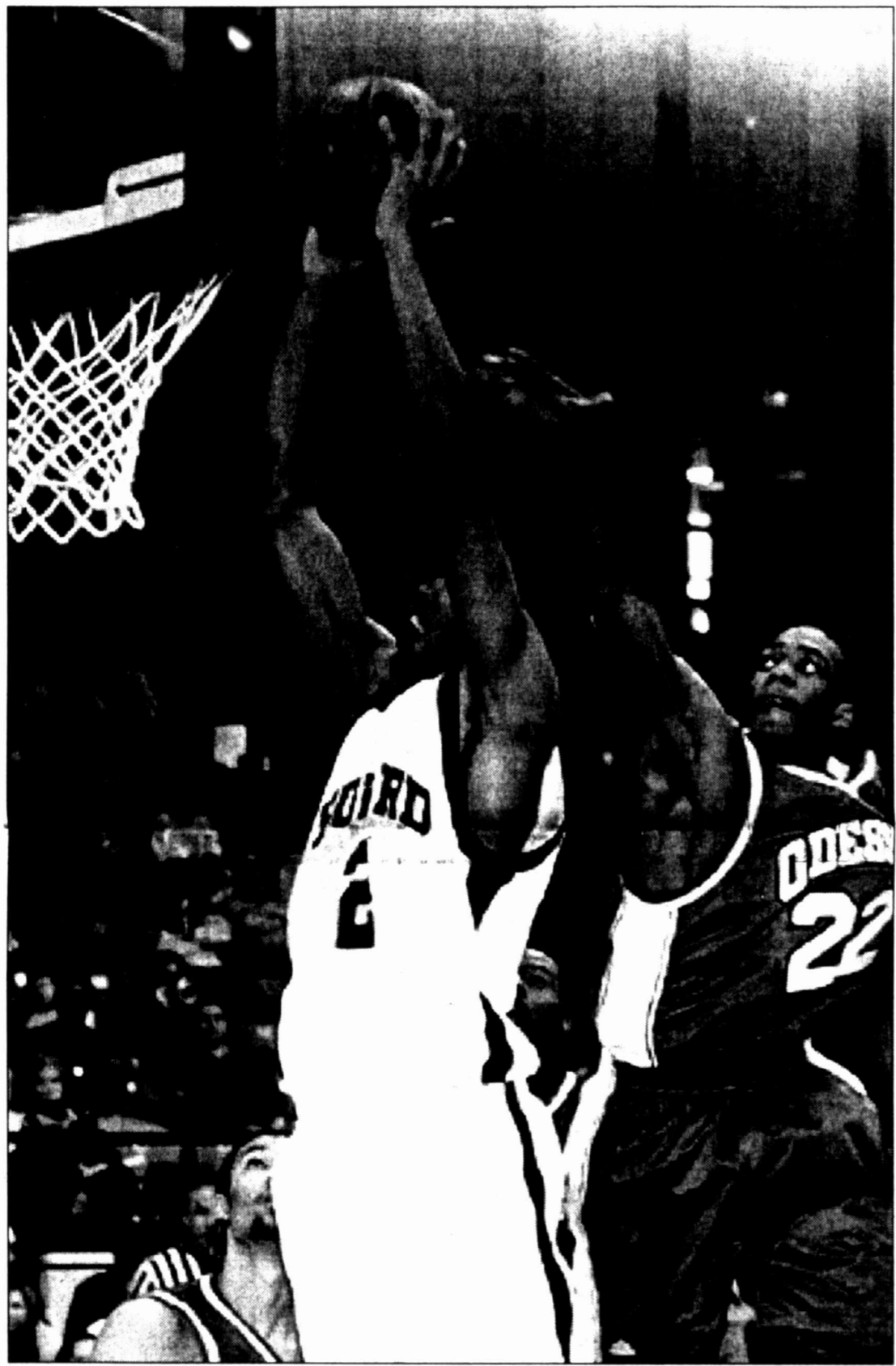
Bosco said high school athletes deserve the same level of medical care as professional and collegiate athletes.

"We haven't focused enough on these kids, despite strides in the prevention and treatment of injuries," he said.

Teen-agers can suffer more serious injuries because their bone structure is still growing. A sprain in an adult could be a serious injury in a high school player.

High school athletes also suffer more inflammation of the cartilage and underlying bone, as well as slipped vertebrae.

Bosco said medical advances that have improved the long-term outlook for many injured athletes. For example, aggressive outpatient surgical treatment of dislocated shoulders can prevent recurrences and allow athletes to continue playing.



Howard College's Zach Moss (2) goes up and slams a dunk, despite the defensive efforts of Odessa College's Clarence Brown during the Hawks' loss to the Wranglers last week. Moss and his Hawks teammates will play host to Midland College's Chaparrals at 8 tonight in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Action will get under way with the Lady Hawks taking on the nationally-ranked Lady Chaps at 6 p.m. Both games will be broadcast on KBST-AM 1490. Players and coaches from all Big Spring Youth Basketball Association teams will be honored during halftime festivities of both games. They will be admitted free, as will their parents and grandparents.

Somewhere Don King is crowing over figure skating flap

It takes a lot to make boxing look good. But somewhere in America, Don King is crowing, "Only in figure skating!"

The judging controversy still raging over the Olympic pairs competition didn't set a new low for the sport — but only because no one can say for sure what the last one was.

It could have been at the world championships in 1999, when one judge from Russia and another from Ukraine were suspended after being caught on TV exchanging glances and information before their marks were announced. It could have been a year earlier at the Winter Games in Nagano, where another alleged Russia-France collaboration sunk the medal hopes of another Canadian pair in ice dancing.

Or it could have been in 1994, when Tonya Harding's people put a baton to Nancy Kerrigan's knee — the one time an attempt to fix the

outcome of a figure skating event was careless enough to leave marks.

Funny, isn't it, how an investigation or just a whiff of scandal will jog people's memories, loosen their lips, screw up their courage or make the light bulbs over their heads suddenly switch on.

For the past two days, the International Skating Union has been insisting that all its judges saw what they saw. And that was the Russian pair of Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze — despite an obvious technical error — edging Canada's Jamie Sale and David Pelletier to win gold in the free skate program Monday night.

But Wednesday night, the head of the French Olympic team told The Associated Press that the French judge who voted with the majority in the 5-4 decision that gave the Russian pair gold was pressured to "act in a certain way."

Didier Gailhaguet, who doubles as president of the French skating federation, denied reports that his organization was in cahoots "with the East European nations."

But he said of Marie-Reine Le Gougne, the French judge at the center of the controversy: "She is a fragile person and I think she has been somewhat manipulated."

Next we're going to be told that the moment when Sikharulidze stepped out of a double axel — the most glaring of the Russian pair's four miscues — was the very same moment that several of the judges chose to scour the floor for dropped pens.

Bad judging — let alone crooked judging — isn't a victimless crime. But until this latest flap you wouldn't know that because it's almost always committed in silence. In the past, skaters and their coaches rarely learned why they were being low-balled, although they knew for certain that complaining would only get them low-balled even more.

Most often, judges did it to leave room for skaters from their own country. Other times, it was done to return a favor. And in this case, given the geopolitical addresses of the four ISU judges who joined Le Gougne — Russia, Poland, Ukraine and China — it appears that some Cold War leftovers are being warmed up.

The only body that was supposed to go on behaving like this is the United Nations.

What's changed, thankfully, is that the skaters finally are willing to complain. Skate Canada filed an appeal with the ISU on behalf of Sale and Pelletier and called for an

Olympics

Ice skating controversy overshadows other events and medal performances

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Even on a day when Bode Miller stormed back from 15th to a silver and Apolo Anton Ohno began his bid for four medals, there was no escaping the dominant story of these Winter Olympics: the judging scandal in pairs skating.

The head of the French Olympic team said Wednesday that a judge from his country was pressured to "act in a certain way" before she voted to give the gold to the Russians.

The admission came after the International Olympic Committee made the unusual move of telling the International Skating Union to settle the mess that began Monday night and settle it fast. Hours earlier, the ISU president said he received "certain allegations" from the American referee who oversaw the judging and that he was trying to protect the integrity of his sport.

The controversy surely will be on the minds of everyone at the Salt Lake Ice Center tonight when the men's pairs title is decided.

Miller's comeback was a great start on getting the focus back on the action.

Actually, it was a bad start that made it so memorable. He fell during the downhill part of the combined and came out 15th, roughly 2 1/2 minutes behind Norway's Kjetil Andre Aamodt.

Then the event moved to slalom, Miller's specialty, and his run of 49.73 seconds is sure to become a staple of future Olympic highlights.

His dash was more than a second faster than the next-

best time even though he shattered a gate en route. Aamodt held on for the gold, his sixth Olympic medal, the most by an Alpine skier. "I really didn't feel I had anything else I could do," Miller said. "I'd been trying to ski how I needed to ski all day and it wasn't working. So I decided to ski how I wanted to ski."

Miller's medal was the only one Wednesday for the United States, upping the host's total to 10. Germany earned six, vaulting to top of the overall list with 12.

Ohno could help make up the difference.

The short track speedskating star got off to an electric start Wednesday by advancing to the 1,000-meter quarterfinals and by helping the U.S. team move into the semifinals in the 5,000 relay.

"This is the opportunity of a lifetime," he said.

Today, medals were to be awarded in men's cross country 10K freestyle, women's combined slalom, women's 500 meter speedskating and men's figure skating.

SHORT TRACK SPEED-SKATING: South Korea's Ko Gi-hyun became the youngest individual Olympic medalist in short-track history, winning the women's 1,500 meters at age 15. Teammate Choi Eun-kyung got silver and Evgenia Radanova of Bulgaria got bronze.

The South Korean men, however, were disqualified from the 5,000 relay because star Min Ryoung took out an Italian on a spectacular crash.

independent investigation — even though it had yet to uncover any irregularities. More encouraging still, the International Olympic Committee is prepared to put its foot down.

"It's our games, too," IOC director general Francois Carrard warned ISU president Ottavio Cinghenta. "We are concerned for the athletes. It is our concern that this be settled expeditiously."

During the reign of autocratic Juan Antonio Samaranch, the chance of the IOC coming down on a federation was as likely as Mariah Carey getting nominated for an Oscar.

Laugh if you want, but if the voters of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences had as bad a record as figure skating judges, it could happen.

A real sport needs a clock, or a scoreboard that everybody can follow, or like boxing, at least the chance for one competitor to take the other out before the result falls into the judges' hands.

Not counting the attack on Kerrigan, figure skating still can't offer any of these.

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Feb. 13. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 42 degrees; 4 below spillway; Black bass to 4 pounds are slow on spinnerbaits along the shoreline in 2 - 10 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass to 2.5 pounds are fair on minnows and silver spoons in 15 - 30 feet. Crappie to 14 inches are slow on minnows in 4 - 12 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 4.5 pounds are fair on minnows and Canadian nightcrawlers in 25 - 35 feet. Yellow catfish to 20 pounds are fair on shad and perch in 20 - 35 feet.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 56 degrees; 1015.50'; Black bass are fair to good on 1/4 oz. red spinnerbaits, 4" chartreuse Disc Worms and pumpkin 3/16 oz. Terminator Finesse jigs with a Devil's Tongue trailer on breaklines of channels in creeks and pockets in 5 - 10 feet. Striped bass are good on live or cut bait, jigging Pink Minnows and 3" Lit'l Fishie Shads and trolling 1/2 oz. Curb's striper jigs in 18 - 30 feet. White bass are improving, jigging 1/4 oz. Pink Minnows and 2" chartreuse Lit'l Fishie Shads in 20 - 30 feet in creek channels. Crappie are fair on minnows, 1/32 oz. chartreuse Solid Tubes and Curb's crappie jigs around brushpiles in 16 feet.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 52 degrees; 1157.14; Black bass are slow on red shad plastic worms. Striped bass are good on perch and worms. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad, perch and worms. Yellow catfish are slow on shad and perch on trotlines.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 55 degrees; 47 low; Black bass are good on Carolina-rigged watermelon seed worms. Striped bass are good on slabs and striper jigs up the Rio Grande. White bass are good on slabs and striper jigs up the Rio Grande under birds. Crappie are slow on live minnows up Rough Canyon. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait in 70 - 90 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines on live bait.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 48 degrees; Black bass are fair on red spinnerbaits and jigs around brush. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water stained; 48 degrees; 8 low; Black bass to 8 pounds are slow on minnows and crankbaits near the fishing pier and rocky points. Crappie are fair on minnows around the fishing pier and derricks. White bass are fair. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with stinkbait and worms.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 55 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow. Fishing reported generally slow due to a golden algae bloom.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 53 degrees; Black bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are good on goldfish and minnows.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water murky; 50 degrees; 19 low; Black bass are very slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Striped bass are very slow. Catfish are fair on slabs and trotlines baited with shiners. The concrete boat ramps are out of the water. A temporary ramp is open near the dam (turn at Wal-Mart and follow the paved/caliche road to the east side of the dam).

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 51 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair on minnows. White bass and striped bass are fair. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with shad. Lake is being dredged of 2-feet of silt (3 year project started summer 2000).

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 49 degrees; No boat ramps open. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow around docks on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows.

OH, IVIE: Water stained; 53 degrees; 19 low; Black bass to 13 pounds are fair on minnows and salamanders. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows at 20-30 feet. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs. Smallmouth bass are slow. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with minnows.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water stained; 52 degrees; 6.5 low; Black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

SPENCE: Water stained; 51 degrees; 7' low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair on minnows. Striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad. Fishing is slow due to a golden algae bloom.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 51 degrees; 10 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows and perch.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 49 degrees; 19 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows.

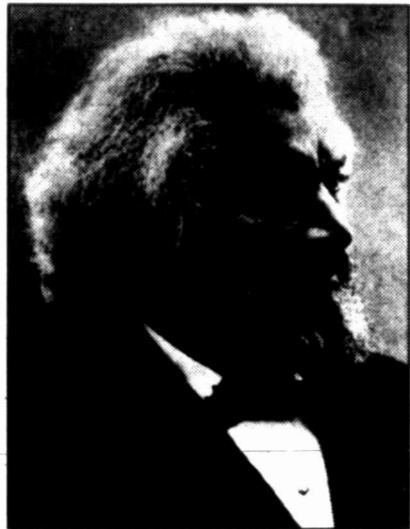
WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 45 degrees; 20 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair at the crappie house on jigs and minnows. Walleye are fair. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with worms and minnows.



By BETTY DEBNAM

A very powerful one...

Frederick Douglass' Secret



Frederick Douglass was born in Maryland in February 1818. His mother was a slave. He never knew his father. He also never knew his exact birthdate. He died on Feb. 20, 1895, at the age of 77.

Let us tell you a story about a little boy who lived many years ago.

This little boy was a slave named Frederick Bailey. He had a powerful secret. The secret was that he could read. A very understanding woman, his owner's wife, had taught him his ABCs.

When Frederick's owner found out about these lessons, he became very angry. He made his wife stop giving Frederick lessons and would not let him have books.

Most slave owners would not let their slaves learn to read. It was thought that if slaves learned this skill, they would be harder to handle.

Frederick kept his secret, but he didn't stop learning. He became more determined than ever.

He would trick his white playmates into letting him see their homework.

He later bought a book, "The Columbian Orator." An orator is a good speaker. Frederick studied the

book to learn how to make good speeches. The book also gave him other ideas. Many of the speeches were about freedom.

At the age of 20, Frederick ran away to freedom. He changed his name to Frederick Douglass in order to escape capture by slave catchers.

Learning to read had changed his life. Frederick Douglass was proud to be an American. He overcame many challenges and rose to be one of the most important Americans of his day.

He was an outstanding speaker for equal rights for blacks and for women. He was also a writer and newspaper editor. He was a friend and adviser to presidents, including Abraham Lincoln.

The Mini Page wishes to thank the National Park Service and the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site for help with this story.



Douglass' first wife was Anna Murray. She was a free black. She sold her belongings to help Douglass escape from Baltimore to freedom in New York City. They had been married for 44 years when she died in 1882.



Douglass fought against slavery. He helped recruit blacks like the ones shown above for the Union forces during the Civil War. He also helped slaves escape to freedom through the Underground Railroad.



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Gus Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Steve Yzerman
Height: 5-11 Birthdate: 5-9-65
Weight: 185 Birthplace: Cranbrook, B.C., Canada
Since 1983, Steve Yzerman has been one of the stars of the Detroit Red Wings hockey team. He plays center and is the team captain.
He started playing hockey when he was 7. He began playing in the Ontario Hockey League when he was 16.
In his first NHL game with the Red Wings, he scored a goal and an assist. That season he was selected to play in the All-Star Game, the youngest person ever to get that honor. He was also runner-up for the Rookie of the Year trophy.
Steve, who grew up in Nepean, Ontario, Canada, lives in Grosse Pointe, Mich. He is married and has three daughters. His favorite musical group is U2.

Meet Tamera Mowry
Tamera Mowry, 23, has been acting since she was 12. Today she is best known for starring in the TV show "Sister, Sister" with her twin sister, Tia.
The sisters were born in Gelhausen, West Germany, where their parents were in the military. The girls grew up in Hawaii and Texas. They later moved to Los Angeles to work in show business.
Besides her TV show, Tamera has been in commercials, music videos and other TV shows.
She volunteers with several charities, including the Make-A-Wish Foundation. She also likes inline skating.
She has two little brothers, Tahj, an actor, and Tavlor.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes
All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?
Jason: What does a lima bean wear on its head?
Henry: A lima beanie!
Elizabeth: Who grows the cucumbers for a pickle factory?
Julio: The farmer in the dirt!
Gretchen: Did you hear the one about the onion?
Jose: Yes, I laughed so hard I cried!

Frederick Douglass TRY 'N FIND
Words and names that remind us of Frederick Douglass are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: FREDERICK, DOUGLASS, HERO, EQUAL RIGHTS, SLAVERY, WORK, LIBRARY, BOOKS, ANNA, SPEECHES, MEMORIAL, HOME, PARK, MARYLAND, WRITER.
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The Frederick Douglass Historic Site
When Frederick Douglass moved to Washington, D.C., from Rochester, N.Y., he was 54 years old and very famous. The fight against slavery had been won. The Civil War was over. There was much to do. Douglass continued his work for equal rights for blacks and women. He was well-to-do. He became wealthy by making speeches.
This is a photograph of Douglass at work at his desk in his library. He wrote books, newspaper articles and speeches. He also kept very accurate business records.
This is Cedar Hill, Frederick Douglass' home that is now a National Historic Site. It is a beautiful home, high on a hill overlooking Washington, D.C. Park rangers sometimes dress in clothes similar to those worn in the 1800s.
The Douglass family entertained many famous people in their dining room.
Douglass lived in a period called the Victorian age. The furniture in the house is of this very formal style.
This photo was taken of Douglass and his wife Helen on their honeymoon at Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Cedar Hill is kept up by the National Park Service. Rangers conduct tours and care for the property. There is also a visitors center that shows a film about Douglass' life. Pictured above is park manager Kym Elder.
Douglass' second wife was Helen Pitts, a white woman. They were married 11 years before he died. After his death, she worked to keep Cedar Hill as a memorial to him. Today, the home has 80 percent of its original furnishings.
Next week, The Mini Page visits Ohio from A to Z.
Look through your newspaper for news of contributions of African-Americans in your community.
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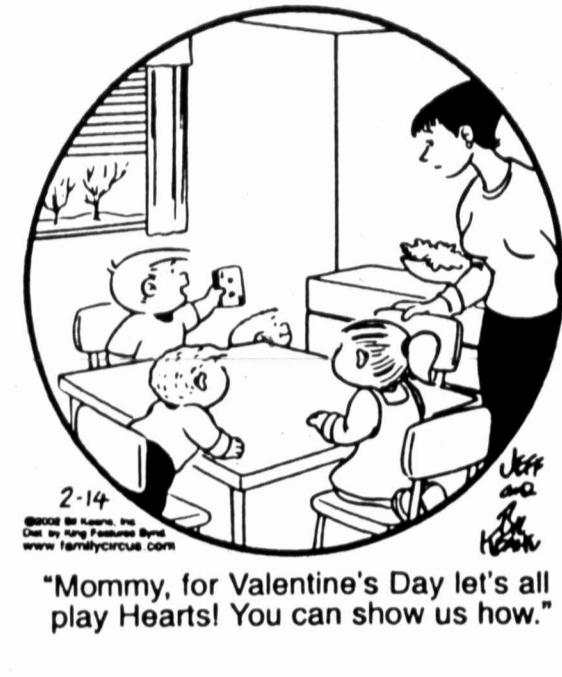
THURSDAY FEB. 14

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	Midland	Odessa	Dallas		Odessa	Dallas	Midland	Atlanta	Spanish	Premium	Nashville	Premium	Premium	Premium	Odessa	New York	Discovery	Atlanta	Learning Ch.
6 PM	News Fortune	King of the Hill Raymond	Cyberchase Zoboombafo	Funnest Home Videos	News Ent Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC) Roseanne	Intrusa	My Date- President's	Mad TV (CC) Mad TV (CC)	Movie:	Filmmaker	of a Child Movie: All the	Update With John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Wild & Weird: Wild Sex	Pretender (CC)	In the Mind of Criminal
7 PM	Charlie Brown Winnie-Pooh	Family Guy	Antiques-UK	Movie: Au Pair (CC)	Raymond King	Charlie Brown Winnie-Pooh	Olympic Writer	Movie: Mars Attacks!	Amigas y Rvales (SS)	Daughter (40) Movie:	Star Trek: Next Gener	Superstar (CC)	Movie: Mission	Pretty Horses (CC)	Debbie Good Sam Soleyn	Biography (CC)	Mysteries of the Sea	Law & Order (CC)	Secrets of Forensic Science
8 PM	Funnest Home Videos	Temptation Island 2 (CC)	Secrets of the Dead (CC)	...	CSI: Crime Scn	Funnest Home Videos	Games (CC)	...	Derecho de Nacer (SS)	The Thirteenth	Movie: The Russia	Movie: Whatever It	Impossible 2 (CC)	Vagina	Light of the Southwest	Movie: Longitude	Science Mys- teries (CC)	NBA Basketball	Unwrapped
9 PM	Be a Millionaire	Cops (CC) Blind Date	Frontline (CC) Whose Line?	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Agency (CC)	Be a Millionaire	...	(25) Movie:	'Oue Bodas'	Year (CC) (20) Movie:	House	Takes (CC) (35) Movie:	Gong to Cali- fornia (CC)	Monologues (CC)	...	(CC)	Would You Believe It	Wizards at Kings	Mummies: Frzn
10 PM	News Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	...	Wildcats	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ	Arborne (CC)	Star Trek:	Blame It on Rio	Movie: The Story of Us	Taxcab Confessions	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files (CC)	...	Secrets of Forensic Science
11 PM	Politically Inc. Cineers	Suddenly Mad Abt. You	Senior Year Am High	Who'da Years Who's Boss?	Show (CC) Nissan Open	Ent Tonight Politically Inc	News (35) Olympic	(25) Movie:	En las Me- jores Familias	So Weird (CC) Jett Jackson	Next Gener Mad TV (CC)	(15) Movie: Wrey	(CC) Movie:	Movie: Pay It Forward (CC)	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	Mysteries of the Sea	Movie: Cahill, United States	Unwrapped
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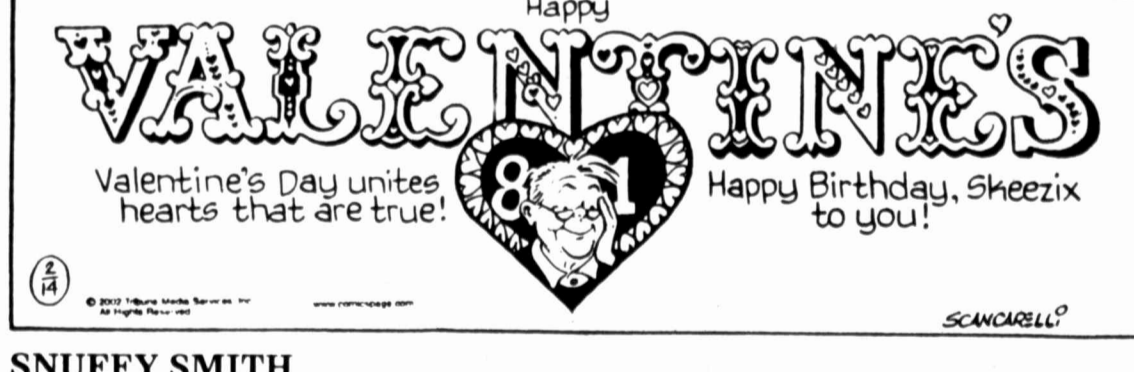
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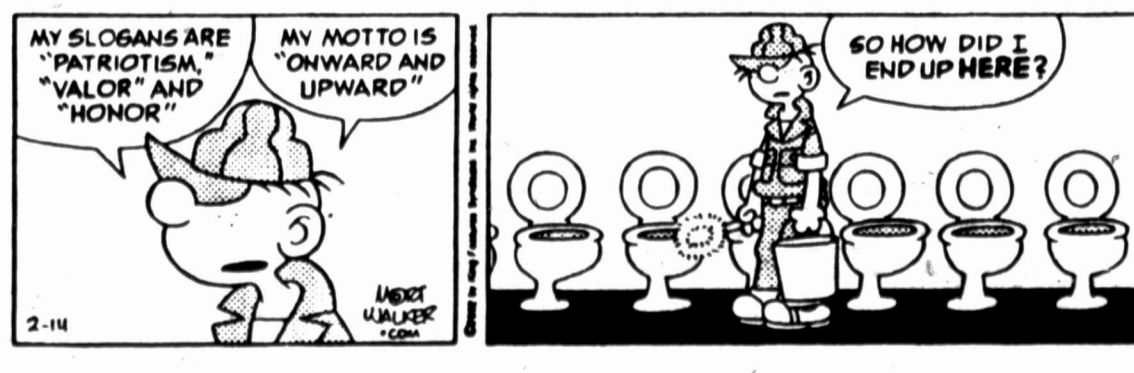
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Thursday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2002. There are 320 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 14, 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union. On this date: In 1778, the American ship Ranger carried the recently adopted Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France. In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state. In 1899, Congress approved, and President McKinley signed, legislation authorizing states to use voting machines for federal elections. In 1903, the Department of Commerce and Labor was established. In 1920, the League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago; its first president was Maude Wood Park. In 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down. In 1945, Peru, Paraguay, Chile and Ecuador joined the United Nations. In 1962, first lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House. In 1979, Adolph Dubs, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, was kidnapped in Kabul by Muslim extremists and killed in a shootout between his abductors and police. In 1990, 94 people were killed when an Indian Airlines passenger jet crashed while landing at a southern Indian airport. Ten years ago: American speed skater Bonnie Blair won her second gold medal of the Albertville Olympics, in the 1,000 meters event. The former Soviet republics of Ukraine, Moldova and Azerbaijan rejected a proposal for a unified army, sharply rebuffing Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin. Today's Birthdays: TV personality Hugh Downs is 81. Actress-singer Florence Henderson is 68. Country singer Razy Bailey is 63. Jazz musician Maceo Parker is 59. Movie director Alan Parker is 58. Journalist Carl Bernstein is 58. Actor-dancer Gregory Hines is 56. Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., is 55. TV personality Pat O'Brien is 54. Magician Teller (Penn and Teller) is 54. Cajun singer-musician Michael Doucet (Beausoleil) is 51. Actor Ken Wahl is 45. Actress Meg Tilly is 42. Singer-producer Dwayne Wiggins is 41. Actor Enrico Colantoni is 39. Actor Zach Galligan is 39.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

WORDS FOR TODAY by Lee Weaver Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
1 Bit of trivia
5 Good thing
9 New Deal org.
12 Cupid alias
13 Foolhardy
14 Alien vehicles
15 Margarita extra
16 Tomatoes, once
18 Acquire molars
20 Wall tapestry
21 "If You Knew ___"
22 Evergreen
25 Jalapeño, e.g.
28 Cloud layers
30 Old salt
32 Meal with matzoh
34 Oxlike beasts
35 Like a snail's pace
37 Deep-sea explorer
39 Icelandic literature
40 Ritzy
41 Stereo component
43 Wistful wishing
44 Young girl, in Australia
47 Lawn trimmers
49 Evaluate
51 Slacken off
53 Poker pot
55 Prepared a road surface
57 Care
61 Green land
- DOWN**
1 Hat material
2 Zodiac ram
3 Turn out great
4 Dangerous fly
5 Big leaguer
6 Flowing rock
7 Manipulative ones
8 E Major has four of these
9 Steelers' org.
10 Future fish
11 Stubborn one
13 Censored, in a way
14 Rapid increase
17 Hair line?
19 Rose fruit
23 Fabric pattern
24 Practice piece
26 Modify text
27 Variety show
29 Wise owl
30 Cook's abbr.
31 Hawaiian "Hi!"
33 Tear apart
36 Narrow margin
38 Yacht race
42 McEntire of country
45 Star Wars princess
46 Inhaler target
48 Most difficult to find
50 Iron output
52 Like séances
54 Lock inventor
56 Family rooms
57 Independence initials
58 Consumed
59 Family vehicle
60 ACLU concern

