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Howard College dental hygiene students are seeking patients in need of teeth cleaning or X-rays for the dental hygiene clinic.

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The dental hygiene clinic is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 264-5075.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ DAV chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams.

□ Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church youth hall. All singles in the community are welcome.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club meets Tuesday at noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork.

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

□ Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 6 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

□ Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with meeting to follow, First and Goliad.

□ Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the basement of Howard County Library, 500 Main.

□ Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star will have a covered dish dinner at 6:30 p.m. with meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

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Howard College to host Black History Month activities

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College will be celebrating Black History Month with two upcoming events.

On Wednesday, the Fort Concho Buffalo Soldiers from San Angelo will provide a display of uniforms, weapons and regalia from the Civil War.

The soldiers were a part of the United States western expansion movement dur-

ing the in the 1800s, according to local historian Clarence Hartfield Jr.

Hartfield, who researches the 24th and 25th Infantry of the Buffalo Soldiers, said the units were stationed all over the western United States.

The display will be available for public viewing at noon in the Student Union Building.

Hartfield began his interest in the Buffalo soldiers at

an early age.

"I was asked a question in college about Alex Hailey (the author of 'Roots')," Hartfield said. "I did not know about him."

His interest piqued, Hartfield began to learn more about black history.

"I didn't know there was so much black history," he said.

A U.S. Army veteran, Hartfield's interest turned to black history in the mili-

tary.

Hartfield will return to Howard College on Wednesday, Feb. 27, to speak about his experiences as a member of the last class to graduate from Lakeview High School, the city's black high school before integration.

The event is set for noon and the public is encouraged to bring lunch.

Hartfield will be joined by former Lakeview students including Melton Perkins,

who will share his experiences of transitioning to Big Spring High School during the first year of the high school's integration.

Big Spring Independent School District was the first school district in Texas to integrate.

Any former Lakeview students interested sharing their experience can contact Marsha Sturdivant, the college's director of communications, at 264-5011.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring High School senior Dena Cook looks at her artwork, "Journeys." The young artist will be traveling to Houston at the end of March to take place in state Interscholastic League Visual Arts Scholastic Event contest. She qualified Saturday at UIL contest held in Odessa.

Big Spring students fare well at visual arts scholastic event

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring High School art students had a strong showing for their first University Interscholastic League Visual Arts Scholastic Event contest Saturday, earning several top



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awards.

"I am extremely pleased and proud of the students' works and accomplishments," Judy Terelestky, BSHS art instructor said.

Dena Cook, the daughter of Martha and Dean Cook, received an area medal for her artwork "Journey," qualifying her for state competition to be held in Houston at the end of March.

"Dene is a very strong artist," Terelestky said.

"Her artwork has a lot of contrast to it and that makes an impact on the viewer."

Cook, Jason Goodwin, Tapely Holguin, Ashely Keener, Krystal Sawyer and Cody Vela earned regional medals.

Competing against students from 1A to 5A schools around the area, 12 BSHS students entered 21 artworks. The competition

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Federal government takes responsibility for airline security

CHANTILLY, Va. (AP) — Airline passengers had their airport routines sharply altered after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and now the way they're protected has changed as well.

The new Transportation Security Administration took over responsibility for airline security Sunday, the

first step toward a system where better-trained, higher-paid federal employees screen passengers and luggage.

The new system received two early tests Monday.

At Los Angeles International Airport, an inactive Army National Guardsman tried to pass an

nonfunctioning military explosive through airport security and was arrested.

A screener became concerned after noticing the device, which resembled an M-80 firecracker, said Sgt. Greg Glodery of the Los Angeles Police Department.

A Federal Aviation Administration official said

the device was found in the man's carry-on luggage.

At New York's La Guardia Airport, a flight that had left for Cleveland was forced to return after it was discovered that one passenger had not been properly screened,

FAA spokesman Laura Brown said in Washington. A concourse was evacuated

and passengers were screened again after the flight returned.

Passengers at Washington Dulles International Airport were pleased with the changes, even if security is tougher.

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Main Street group looks for funding sources to move ahead

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring Main Street Inc. had a successful year but officials say tougher challenges are ahead.

The non-profit corporation organized to promote the development and renovation of downtown Big Spring accomplished a number of goals with in the last year, said Drew Mouton, former president.

Asbestos abatement of the Petroleum Building was completed, another step forward in renovating the structure for tenant use.

"It looks better than we ever imagined," Mouton



MOUTON

said. "They did a wonderful job."

The Rotary Club is currently developing a piece of land in the downtown area into a park with about 90 percent of the work finished, Mouton said.

Another positive step toward beautifying and developing the downtown area was accomplished with the demolition of the old Howard House.

"Not only did we demolish the Howard House but the lot is now paved and being used as a parking lot," he said.

The Doc Hardy Railroad Museum is up and open with regular operating hours, thanks to volunteer Jack Harrison, who moved to the city within the last year.

The building that houses a number of trains and a large working model railroad had been closed,

Harrison has volunteered his time to maintain the museum and give presentations of the railroad to area groups.

The downtown area gained another business.

"The Blue Room Cafe is up and running," Mouton said.

Mouton said the organization will probably be turning to much larger projects that are expected to take more funding and time.

"We probably cannot look toward the community to fund these projects," he said.

Mouton said the organization will be looking to secure grants to help renovate the infrastructure of the Petroleum Building to the point it can hold tenants.

"It will be a real asset to the downtown area," he

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

The Perman Building has undergone asbestos abatement, another step forward in the renovation of the structure. Big Spring Main Street Inc. hopes to eventually open the building for tenants. The reopening of the Perman Building is a goal towards the organization's mission of improving and revitalizing the downtown area.

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OBITUARIES

Joyce J. Glover

Funeral service for Joyce J. Glover, 66, of Big Spring is pending with McNett Funeral Home in Andrews, Mrs. Glover died Feb. 17, 2002, in Ruidoso, N.M.

where he attended services for nine years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam Ratliff and Ruthie Eawler Ratliff, his brother, George Ratliff, his sister, Ruby Nelle Barfield and her husband, Jiggs Barfield, and two nieces, Barbara Nelle Fonville, and Diana Lu Currie Nichols.

His survivors include his wife, Barbara Lu; his daughter, Laura Maud Huitt; and grandson, Luke Huitt, all of Garden City.

Pallbearers are John Sam Barfield of Garden City, Bill Currie of Big Spring, Jerry Jon Currie of Big Spring, Freddy Chaney of Greenwood, Jose Lopez of Garden City, Howard Engle of Adrian, Juan de Luna of Garden City, and Michael Hoch of Garden City.

Honorary pallbearers are Lester Ratliff of Big Lake, Derwood Ratliff of Midland, Jay Cunningham of Houston, Dale Cunningham of California, Kent Morgan of Big Spring, John Currie of Big Spring, Jerry Currie of Big Spring, Duane Cox of Midland, Choc Harris of St. Lawrence, Harry Love Calverley of Lubbock, James Currie of Garden City, Glenn Riley of Midland and all of the men of the First United Methodist Church of Garden City.

The family especially appreciated the loving care and concern that was given to Arlis during his illness by Rosie Roberts of Hobbs, N.M.; John Sam and Mary Barfield of Garden City; Bill Currie of Big Spring; Janet and Harry Middleton of Big Spring; Wilma Dean Webb of Midland; Derwood Ratliff of Midland and Elia Gomez of Midland. Also a special thanks to Mildred Harris, Billy Nunley, and Dorothy Webster, his telephone and television buddies. We would also like to thank the physicians who took wonderful care of Arlis: Dr. John McKenna, Dr. N.M. Patel, Dr. Bruce Cox and the superior nursing staff on the fourth floor of the Midland Memorial Hospital and Best Home Health Care of Big Spring.

The family will receive friends at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home today from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

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Fred Schuelke

Funeral service for Fred Schuelke, 92, of Ackerly will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, at the First Baptist Church of Ackerly with the Rev. Derek Looney officiating. He will be assisted by Jeff Scott of Levelland. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Schuelke died Sunday, Feb. 17, at his residence. He was born on Feb. 6, 1910, in Denison and married Pauline on April 27, 1939, in Georgetown. They moved to Ackerly in 1945 from Midland. He farmed in Ackerly until retiring in February 1975 and continued to help his sons farm until last fall.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Ackerly. He volunteered with church groups and state hospitals as well as Circle Six Encampment. He played profession baseball in Stanton and in Austin. He worked in the Civil Conservation Corps and helped develop the Longhorn Caverns and

where he attended services for nine years.

His survivors include his wife, Barbara Lu; his daughter, Laura Maud Huitt; and grandson, Luke Huitt, all of Garden City.

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

Blanco State Park.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Schuelke of Ackerly; three sons, Roy Schuelke of Albuquerque, N.M., Jimmie Schuelke of Ackerly and Kenneth Schuelke of Lenora; a sister, Vergie Johnson of Stanton; a brother, Cecil Schuelke of Midland; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Family will receive visitors from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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

Snowy Teeters

Funeral service for Snowy Teeters, 74, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Teeters died today, Feb. 18, 2002, at her residence.

Delmar Ray Brown

Graveside service for Delmar Ray Brown, 65, of Coahoma will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, at Lexington Cemetery in Lexington with the Rev. Reuen Cooper, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Mr. Brown died Friday, Feb. 15, at his residence.

He was born on Oct. 13, 1936, in Jack County. He worked as a truck driver for Price Construction Company. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include one son, Danny Brown of LaVernia; two daughters, Sharon Martinez of Giddings and Leah Turner of Fort Worth; two sisters, Betty Haywood of Wynnewood, Okla., and Juanita Clark of Houston; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

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received 358 entries. Students were judged both by their artwork and by their responses to questions posed by the judges, who are professional artists.

"While the students waited to be interviewed and for their works to be judged, they were able to go to a series of workshops and meet professional artists," Tereletsky said.

This was the first time for the high school to enter the UIL art contest, a competition that is only two years old.

Tereletsky said she was not surprised by the students' strong showing. For several years, the high school art students have earned top honors at other art contests.

Other BSHS students participating were Raymond DeLuna, Bryan Giles, Janae Giles, Alicia Kremsky, Vanessa Parra and Kristina Williams.

The artwork will be on display this week in the main office of the high school, 707 11th Place.

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arrive in time to set them for Memorial Day observances.

The bricks can be

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engraved with up to three lines of 14 characters per line and are priced at \$30 each. Application forms can be picked up at Athletic Supply in the Big Spring Mall and at the Sparenburg Building downtown.

"We feel like this is another way we can personalize the memorial for the veterans who served in Vietnam, as well as those who served during other wars," committee president Gene Wilson said. "It's also a way for the families of those who died during the war, were prisoners of war or are still listed as missing in action to further honor those sacrifices.

"As a matter of fact, the person being memorialized doesn't even have to be a veteran," he continued. "What's important for us is for the community to feel as if it's involved in this project. So if you have a loved one that you want remembered at the Vietnam Memorial, we're interested in letting you have that opportunity."

Wilson and Jerry Groves, the committee's publicity chairman, said plans call for the granite bricks to be used to replace a stone wall that circles the memorial's monolith.

Both fund-raisers are of paramount importance to members of the committee, who stress they need help in maintaining the memorial that draws visitors from all over the nation each year.

"We're constantly needing funds just to keep the memorial kept up," explained Groves. "A lot of the members of the committee put a bunch of their own money into maintaining the memorial, but there's no way we can do this by ourselves. We need help from the community. Luckily, the community has always responded.

"It costs us a minimum of \$3,000 per year just to pay our utility bills," he added. "And that doesn't include materials and equipment needed to keep the grounds and do essential maintenance."

The projects represent the two fund-raising events the committee is allowed to hold each year by law.

"That's one of the reasons that it's important that we have success on both these fronts," Wilson explained. "Our tax-exempt status limits the number of fund-raisers we can have each year, so we need people to take part in both of these efforts."

Wilson added that anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution toward the memorial's upkeep can mail them to: Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79720.

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said. Also, Main Street Inc. is considering possibly working with the city to help renovate the Settles Hotel, but the organization will continue to seek smaller projects to help promote the downtown area.

If funding can be secured, a full-time staff position with Main Street may be created to help coordinate many of the promotional activities and draw people

to the downtown area, Mouton said.

The board is expected to meet in the next few weeks to set goals for the new year, Mouton said.

In other business, the board terms of Mouton, Dr. Cheryl Sparks and Jerry Kilgore ended. Terry Hansen, Gloria McDonald and Emma Brown were voted in to replace the outgoing board members. Tommy Churchwell was elected president; Hansen was elected vice president. Pam Welch, secretary, resigned and was replaced by Sandra Waggoner.

AIRLINES

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Corp. employee, now arrives two hours early at the airport. "They're a bit stricter, to say the least," he said before going through the security checkpoint en route to San Francisco.

"If a private organization does it, they're looking to make money so they're cutting costs and cutting corners in order to make money," said Brandon Buhai of Chicago, departing O'Hare Airport, also for San Francisco. "You hope cost is not as much of a concern to the government."

Travelers, however, said the security changes they observed Sunday weren't dramatic.

"I was with passengers a lot, and they really didn't notice any difference," said Melanie Miller, a spokeswoman for Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

Employees have not been given any new instructions, said American Airlines spokesman John Hotard. "We've always reinforced that they need to do their jobs," he said.

At Boston's Logan Airport, originating point for the two jetliners that crashed into the World Trade Center Sept. 11, there were no outward signs of the federal takeover.

The only things passengers will notice at first are chairs to sit on when asked to remove their shoes to be checked for explosives, said John Magaw, undersecretary for transportation security. In addition, travelers inspected with handheld wands will have their valuables in front of them.

"I hope that they'll notice a slight difference in the courtesy," Magaw said. Magaw was at a security checkpoint at Dulles, where a plane was hijacked Sept. 11 and crashed into the Pentagon.

"Hopefully, they won't notice anything much different than that," Magaw said.

Some arriving passengers said they saw tighter security.

"They were very thor-

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Rev. Jesse Castillo, Sr., 59, died Friday. Services are 1:00 PM today at Miracle Revival Center. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Rene A. Valdez, Sr., 75, died Sunday. Services are pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

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906 Gregg St.
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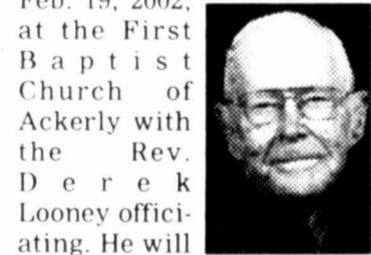
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Convicted killer escapes from prison near Abilene

ABILENE (AP) — John William Roland III, serving life in prison for murder, had often said how easy it would be to escape, his father said.

Roland, 33, turned the boast into reality early Sunday, overpowering a correctional officer at the Robertson Unit just north of Abilene, donning his uniform and driving away from the maximum-security facility.

Roland handcuffed Sgt. Wesley Hurt and beat him in the head and legs before taking Hurt's gray 2001 Silverado Chevrolet pickup about 4:50 a.m. and driving away, Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Todd said.

Todd said there was no

weapon in the officer's pickup, which has a license plate number 5SBC30. He added: "We know the possibility always exists for him to obtain a weapon."

Roland is white, 5-foot-8, 182 pounds, with hazel eyes, brown hair and a ruddy complexion.

The inmate's father, Johnny Roland Jr., said his son talked frequently about how easy it would be to escape.

"He told me how easy it would be to overpower a guard and put on his uniform and walk out the gate, that security at the prison was really kind of lax," the father said Sunday.

Roland's father, speaking from his home in a Fort Worth suburb, said he

expects his son to "turn into a hermit" in the woods somewhere.

"I don't think he would hurt anybody. I don't think that's what is on his mind. I just know he does not want to go back to prison ... does not want to live as a caged animal," the father said.

"What I'm afraid of is that he will make them kill himself."

In June 1994, Roland was convicted of capital murder in the death of Thomas Columbus "T.C." Barrett, 56, a construction contractor with whom Roland had been living for several weeks.

Police went to Barrett's residence in Hurst, a Fort Worth suburb, on May 25, 1993, after neighbors report-

ed that his pickup and boat had been parked in a Hurst shopping mall parking lot for days.

Police found Barrett's body under a quilt in the hallway of his residence in Hurst, a Fort Worth suburb. He had been shot several times with his own .22-caliber handgun. Police said Roland used Barrett's credit cards to make a string of illegal purchases across the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Two days after Barrett's body was found, Roland was arrested when he showed up at his sister's apartment in Haltom City, another Fort Worth suburb. Police said Roland, 25 at the time, attempted suicide by slitting his wrists just minutes before his arrest.

NEWS BRIEFS

Man killed when house explodes

IRVING (AP) — A suburban Dallas home exploded and burst into flames early today, killing a man inside.

Neighbors said they heard what sounded like two claps of thunder about 5 a.m. Monday. "There was a loud explosion, then a big burst of flames up in the air, then several smaller explosions," neighbor Don Ford said.

Firefighters said the first blast apparently happened in the garage, and the house was engulfed in flames by the time they arrived. A neighboring house had minor damage.

Firefighters found the man's body around daybreak. He was unidentified pending notification of relatives.

Neighbors said the man lived alone and was an ammunition reloader who kept large amounts of gun powder in the house.

Protestors want cardinal's resignation

BOSTON (AP) — Demonstrators carried protest signs and sang hymns Sunday outside the residence of Cardinal Bernard Law, demanding that he resign because of his handling of allegations that priests sexually abused children.

Calls for Law's resignation have intensified since he admitted he transferred defrocked priest John Geoghan to other churches after learning of sexual abuse accusations against him.

"Law Breaks Law — Resign" said one sign Sunday. Another said, "Jesus Wept."

Among the demonstrators was Steven Lynch, 42, who said he was sexually abused by a priest in Salem when he was 9. Tears ran down his face as he demanded Law's resignation as spiritual leader of Boston's Catholic community.

"A father does not trick or deceive his sons and daughters," Lynch said before the group of about 75 protesters. "A father does not fill his children with fear, shame, guilt or darkness. A father does not disempower his own children in order to be empowered himself."

Geoghan is awaiting sentencing for sexually abusing a 10-year-old boy. At least 130 people have accused Geoghan of abuse. He faces two more criminal trials and more than 80 civil lawsuits.

Calls to a spokeswoman for the Boston Archdiocese were not immediately returned Sunday. Law has said he will not step down.

The archdiocese has said it recently gave prosecutors the names of more than 80 active and former priests suspected of sexual abuse.

Community shattered after bodies found at crematory

NOBLE, Ga. (AP) — Like hundreds of residents in this hamlet, Lisa Cash can't understand how anyone could leave her mother's body to rot alongside piles of other human remains.

Cash's mother, Norma Hutton, 55, died Dec. 31 of kidney failure. Based on her deceased mother's wishes, Cash asked for the remains to be cremated. They weren't.

Over the weekend, the Cash family discovered that Hutton's body had been found, still intact, on the grounds of a crematory where up to 200 bodies were decomposing. Investigators believe the crematory had stacked the corpses for up to 15 years.

Now Cash must try to reconcile for her kids the

newly uncovered body of their grandmother with the urn that they were told contained her remains.

"They don't understand. How can granny be there and here too?" Cash said of her four children, ages 13, 12, 11 and 8. "I explained: 'Somebody lied.'"

Ray Brent Marsh, 28, the operator of Tri-State Crematory, was charged with five counts of theft by deception for taking payment for cremations he didn't perform. Authorities said additional charges are likely.

Marsh was released Sunday after posting a \$25,000 bond. A call to Marsh was not immediately returned, and calls to the crematory were answered by a recording directing

callers to the sheriff's office.

Investigators said Marsh told them the bodies were not cremated because the incinerator was broken.

"They just piled them on top and then piled more on top. And then they just left them," said Dr. Kris Sperry, Georgia's chief medical examiner. "I wish we had a good explanation for this, but we don't."

Authorities said they recovered 97 bodies — including one infant — from storage sheds and in the woods behind the crematory. Sixteen have been identified.

"We're just barely skimming the surface," Sperry said. "Some of the remains are mummified."

The final toll is expected to be at least 200.

Between 25 and 30 funeral homes in Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama routinely sent bodies to Tri-State for cremation.

One day after declaring a state of emergency to provide financial assistance to help identify remains, Gov. Roy Barnes visited Noble and met privately Sunday with about a hundred people who believed their loved ones were at the crematory.

"They are mad," Barnes said.

"They are angry. I would be upset too. They thought they had closure on the death of a loved one and they do not."

Georgia Emergency Management director Gary McConnell said the state would pay the cost of identifying the bodies.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 19:
Keep communication open this year. Maintain a certain type of poise or diplomacy when dealing with others. Learn what to reveal and what not to. Often, you could be jolted by what you hear. Nicely let others know when they have crossed some of your barriers. Also, learn to walk in someone's footsteps. If single, romance will bloom, especially after this month. You might decide you have met the right person. Still, wait a year and a half before tying the knot. If you are attached, your relationship will intensify and warm up in March. Maximize the time through July, heating up the love temperature. Work more together as a team after July. TAURUS pushes you to do what he or she wants!
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) *** Unexpected developments could jolt your financial structure. You might feel the need to intervene in someone's problem. Don't let this person think that you don't have a basic interest here. Be clear about feelings as well. Tonight: You pay!
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** At times, your strong personality overwhelms those around you. In fact, a boss seems destined to make anything you say wrong. Don't get into a power struggle or disagreement, as someone is likely to rip the rug right out from under you. Tonight: Make a must appearance.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ** Others touch base, as they need and want your feedback. You might be more than pleased with what you are hearing and someone's reaction. Keep your own counsel right now. As you are a talkative sign, saying less is important. Tonight: Do your thing.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Keep your long-term objective and don't lose sight of what you want and need. A partner or someone you depend on acts like a boomerang, reversing directions. You might want to run, but you're going to have to deal with this person in any case. Don't kid yourself. Tonight: Hook up with your

friends.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Continue to maintain a high level of control over your work and day-to-day dealings. Someone starts leading a revolution. Let it go. You've known for a while that this person is not trustworthy. Hopefully, you've protected yourself. Tonight: Work late.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Upset surrounds the best laid plans. As you head into work, you might have an inkling of what lies ahead. Detach and take it easy. Nothing is worth the angst or the problems. Listen to someone's opinions graciously. Tonight: Relax, watching a good movie.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Your intentions are

excellent. When dealing with someone individually, you feel great. Think in terms of success and change. You gain because of your ability to detach from an immediate crisis. Don't allow a child or loved one to pull you in. Tonight: Togetherness works.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Others clearly have expectations and their own agendas. You're not going to be able to change what they want. Upstairs intimates and/or family. You're not going to change anyone. All you can do is let go of an issue. Tonight: Accept someone's invitation.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Deal with work by yourself if you can. Communication runs off-

kiler and could even shock you! Do whatever you can on your own. Don't count on others. Zoom in on what you want, as long as you're not dependent on someone's reaction. Tonight: Play away.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Dig into your imagination for answers. You might be surprised by what you come across. Lighten up about a money matter. You are going to have to find a solution either way. You might as well relax. Laughter surrounds a friendship. Tonight: Be with the one you love.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ** Though you want to build security, your innate wildness sabotages your best intentions. You could

cause problems within a domestic relationship. On a broader scale, you could discover that you could mess up an investment. Tonight: Happy at home.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Zoom in on what you want. Discussions could reveal far more than you would like to know. In fact, you could be a bit shocked by what someone shares. Stay on top of conversations. Curb an uncomfortable discussion, if need be. Tonight: At your favorite spot.
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"The opportunity Midland area bargain-hunters have been waiting for happens this Wednesday through Saturday at Jack Sherman Chevrolet Mazda. Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$59 then start making payments.* Customers may never see savings like this again," said Mr. Dixon.

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OUR VIEWS

Filing begins
for school,
city boards

Citizens who are interested in serving their community as a public school trustee, council member or mayor should take note. Today is the first day to file as a candidate for the May 4 elections. For entities such as the city of Big Spring which are honoring President's Day, the filing period begins Tuesday.

There are seats open on councils and school boards in every Crossroads area community. Only a handful require that the candidate reside within a certain area of a community. Most are at-large positions, meaning any person who meets the legal age and residency requirements can file as a candidate.

If you've been considering running for a school board or council seat, now is the time to act. If you have thought about it and are not sure, then think a little longer. You have until March 25. The decision to seek one of these positions is one that should only be made after much thought. The men and women who serve in them help shape the future of our schools and our communities. Their decisions affect each one of us in some way, whether it is the amount of taxes we pay, the services we receive or the quality of education that our children and grandchildren get in the classroom.

They don't teach, coach or put in water lines or fill potholes, but their decisions determine how funds should be allocated to accomplish those tasks.

We've mentioned before, and won't hesitate to add again, that these individuals serve as role models for our communities and schools, representing us not only on the boards they serve, but many times on a broader scale, such as regional service centers and councils of governments. In other words, those seeking to fill one of these positions must be committed to their community and to its future. They must be willing to study all sides of an issue and make a decision based on the welfare of the community and not one group of people. Finally, they must be able to understand that they cannot please everyone.

If you think you "fit the bill," we encourage you to think seriously about filing. Our communities can never have enough talented, compassionate leaders.

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The silent patients speak volumes

Have you ever thought about the thousands of people in this country who spend countless hours confined to a bed in a hospital or a nursing home, who for one reason or another cannot speak for themselves or make their wishes known? If I had family or loved ones in this condition, I would want to know they were receiving the best possible medical care, but I would also want to know that the people who were taking care of them were thoughtful, tenderhearted and kind, especially in light of a touching article I read a while back.

This article is titled The Silent Patients Speak, and it was written by Anita Wildhaver, a registered nurse. If you have never had a reason to contemplate the plight of people in

this condition, I believe the message this article contains will speak to your heart.

"Though we can't speak, see, or move of our own will, we are living beings. We are your stroke patients, the brain damaged, and all your other patients who by illness or injury are locked inside the dark, silent shells of our bodies. We can't cry out in pain or discomfort, regardless of how severe they are. We can't express anger, despair, disgust, nor even happiness. But hear us, you walking, talking, feeling, doing beings. Some of us are aware. We hear, think and know. We are not living vegetables, nor do we think we would be 'better off dead'. We still have enough self-respect to be embarrassed at hearing your conversation about your personal problems and your sex lives.

"We are frightened by your conversations that relate the latest gossip about the questionable ability of the doctor who is responsible for our care, for his knowledge must be

used to save us, if we are to ever recover. We feel shame at having our bodies exposed for any and all to see. It does matter to us that we lie in feces or urine for hours, and our muscles ache with pain from the strain of remaining in one position without being moved. We can feel our mouths filled with mucus, drying and caking to form ulcerated areas. We can feel the stomach cramps from ice cold tube feedings with all the speed and lack of concern of pouring water down the drain.

"We can feel the pain of our skin breaking down from poor and careless nursing care. We can also feel joy — the joy derived from the firm, gentle touch of a person giving us good nursing care. We can rest more carefully when we are bathed, when our mouths and lips are cleansed, when our bodies are correctly positioned, when good skin care is given, when our beds are made neat and straight. We can appreciate being told when procedures are about to be done, before they are begun."

Thanks, Anita, your words have so much meaning and hopefully, my sharing this will help some of these dear people receive better care. The vast majority of people in the nursing profession are kind, thoughtful and considerate, and highly qualified from a medical standpoint. Unfortunately a small percentage are not. Then, too, because of human nature, we all have bad days from time-to-time, and get up on the wrong side of the bed. Still other people have so many personal problems and are so wrapped up in themselves that they just don't think at all.

Sometimes all it takes to make tremendous changes for the better is a simple reminder of things we know but have forgotten. As Will Rogers once said, "It's just as important to be reminded as it is to be educated." If you know someone, either a nurse or a patient who might benefit from this article, why not take a moment and share it? It could result in some of the greatest blessings you have ever received.

JIM
DAVIDSON

Crushing the 'netwar' is paramount

WASHINGTON — Just as the terrorists of Sept. 11 were finalizing their attack plans on New York and Washington, John Arquilla of the Naval Postgraduate School and David Ronfeldt of RAND were winding up a book for the Secretary of Defense called "Networks and Netwars."

By "netwar," the authors do not mean battles waged on the Internet. The term refers to wide-ranging networks, both violent and peacefully militant, that rely for their effectiveness on five critical aspects: "technological, social, narrative, organizational and doctrinal."

While high-tech sophistication certainly helps, it is far from the most important element in the success of a network bent on terrorist, criminal or civil action. Some, in fact, communicate by courier or, in the case of the Chechens, ham radio.

Often more significant than technology is the social basis for banding together, especially ethnic or religious ties. No doubt this was crucial to the operation of Sept. 11.

Activist movements are propelled primarily by their common story (narrative) of wrongs to be righted, people who need protection, or dangers that must be averted. Osama bin Laden used a narrative based on alleged Western affronts to Islam. Arquilla and Ronfeldt call it a "time war." This "terrorist mindset," they say, "is, in a sense, so tribal, medieval, absolutist, and messianic that it represents an effort to challenge the 21st century with 16th century (and earlier) ideals."

Osama bin Laden is not "clinically insane," they aver, but his charisma is perverse. He speaks not to the destitute but to the dispossessed. To explain the phenomenon, they cite Eric Hoffer, who wrote that such a movement "appeals not to those intent on bolstering and advancing a cherished self, but to those who crave to be rid of an unwanted self. A mass movement attracts and holds a following not

because it can satisfy the desire for self-advancement, but because it can satisfy the passion for self-renunciation."

In response to Sept. 11, the United States mounted a narrative of its own, quickly declaring the attacks to be "acts of war" and another Pearl Harbor. However, these analysts warn, if Washington takes the war to the Middle East, the story may be more difficult to sell.

Networks live and die by organization. This study points out that they may have a hub system with units communicating through a leader at the center. Or each may be able freely to contact all the others. Or some work like a chain with information moving from link to link. If Al Qaeda has Osama bin Laden at the hub it will fall with him. If it is an "all-channel" network, which seems more likely, his death would change little.

And it will operate with a doctrine called swarming, which means to strike from all directions. "Swarming works best ... if it is designed mainly around the deployment of myriad, small, dispersed, networked maneuver units" which

"converge on a target from multiple directions."

Excellent examples of swarming, according to this study, are the Chechens in their fight with Russia and the 1999 demonstrators against the World Trade Organization in Seattle, Wash. Another possibility for swarming would be smuggling drugs across a border by breaking them into small packets for "simultaneous surreptitious transport," not sending them in one large load.

It is hard to defend against swarming, clearly the doctrine of Al Qaeda. You think you've knocked out a number of nodes, but others disperse and regroup to attack again.

As for our current situation, Arquilla and Ronfeldt believe that Al Qaeda "holds advantages at the social and doctrinal level, and apparently in the organizational domain as well." What the United States must do, they say, is "build its own networks and ... learn to swarm the enemy, in order to keep it on the run or pinned down until it can be destroyed."

This includes, they add, "pressure on any states that harbor or sponsor terrorists."

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IN BRLady Hawks suffer
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The Lady Hawks play a doubleheader against Navarro College Lady Bulldogs Thursday at a University of Arlington field.

Class 5A girls
scheduled at

A Class 5A girls' basketball quarterfinal game has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday at Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium. The game will be between Lubbock Christian and Abilene Christian.

Coahoma boys
will meet ton

The Coahoma County Booster Club will host a boys' basketball game tonight in the Elementary School gymnasium.

All parents and supporters of the Bulldogs are encouraged to attend.

Industrial softball
league sets

The Big Spring Industrial League will host a game Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at John Wesley's.

Anyone interested in joining is encouraged to call Sally Grainger at 4728 or 393-5237.

Four-person
scheduled at

A four-person basketball game has been scheduled for Saturday at the Big Spring Club.

Entry fees are \$10 per player, plus cash. For more information call the pro shop at 5354.

Softball tour
scheduled in

The "Pre-Spring" for Cash Men's Tournament is scheduled for in Stanton.

Fees are \$11 and a 6-home run will be used. Line for entries: For more information call Michael Frazier at 4361 or call J. 2846.

ON THE

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OLYMPICS

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IN BRIEF

Lady Hawks suffer loss in semifinals

Howard College's Lady Hawks suffered a 3-1 loss to No. 4-ranked Midland College's Lady Chaps in Saturday's semifinals of the Midland College Invitational softball tournament.

The Lady Hawks got solid pitching from Jennifer Reed, who also provided offensive heroics along with Breanna Bohl, Diana Faulkner and Ashley Whittenburg.

The Lady Hawks will play a doubleheader against Navarro College's Lady Bulldogs at 1 p.m. Thursday at the University of Texas-Arlington field.

Class 5A girls playoff scheduled at BSJHS

A Class 5A girls' regional quarterfinal playoff game has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium.

The game will pit Lubbock Coronado's Lady Mustangs up against Abilene High School's Lady Eagles.

Coahoma boosters will meet tonight

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet at 7 tonight in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

All parents and supporters of Bulldog and Bulldogette 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.

Anyone interested 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 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.

Softball tournament scheduled in Stanton

The "Pre-Spring Bash for Cash Men's Softball Tournament" has been scheduled for March 2-3 in Stanton.

Fees are \$110 per team and a 6-home run format will be used. The deadline for entries is Feb. 28.

For more information, call Michael Paul at 631-4361 or call Jose at 631-2846.

ON THE AIR

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7 p.m. — Figure skating, free dance; Ski jumping, team K120; Freestyle skiing, women's final, NBC.

Lady Steers competitive, but win just once in Fort Worth

HERALD Staff Report

FORT WORTH — Big Spring's Lady Steers proved to be extremely competitive, but managed just one win for their efforts during the Fort Worth Invitational softball tournament over the weekend.

Despite three losses in pool play and two more in bracket play on Saturday, Big Spring head coach Dan Arista said he believes the level of competition the Lady Steers faced played a huge part in his team's frustration.

"It was just a really strong and competitive field," Arista said following the Lady Steers 2-1 loss to

Waxahachie's Lady Indians that eliminated Big Spring. "We played six games and were in every one of them with the exception of that one with Fort Worth Brewer (an 8-3 loss). But Brewer has a great team and the programs at Irving Nimitz, Waxahachie and Bowie always have good teams."

The Lady Steers opened pool play on Friday with a 5-3 loss to North Crowley before dropping the 8-3 decision to Brewer — the big blow in that game coming in the sixth inning when a Lady Bears grand slam turned a 4-3 lead into the final 8-3 margin. They closed out pool play with a 3-0 loss to Bowie.

In Saturday's first game, the Lady Steers took a 1-0 lead into the final inning behind a strong pitching performance by Alex Watkins before the Lady Vikings managed three successive hits.

The Lady Steers rebounded for a 9-1 win over Pantego in their next outing, as Watkins, Bridget Cain and Trista Casey provided much of the offensive fireworks, each with a pair of RBIs to their credit.

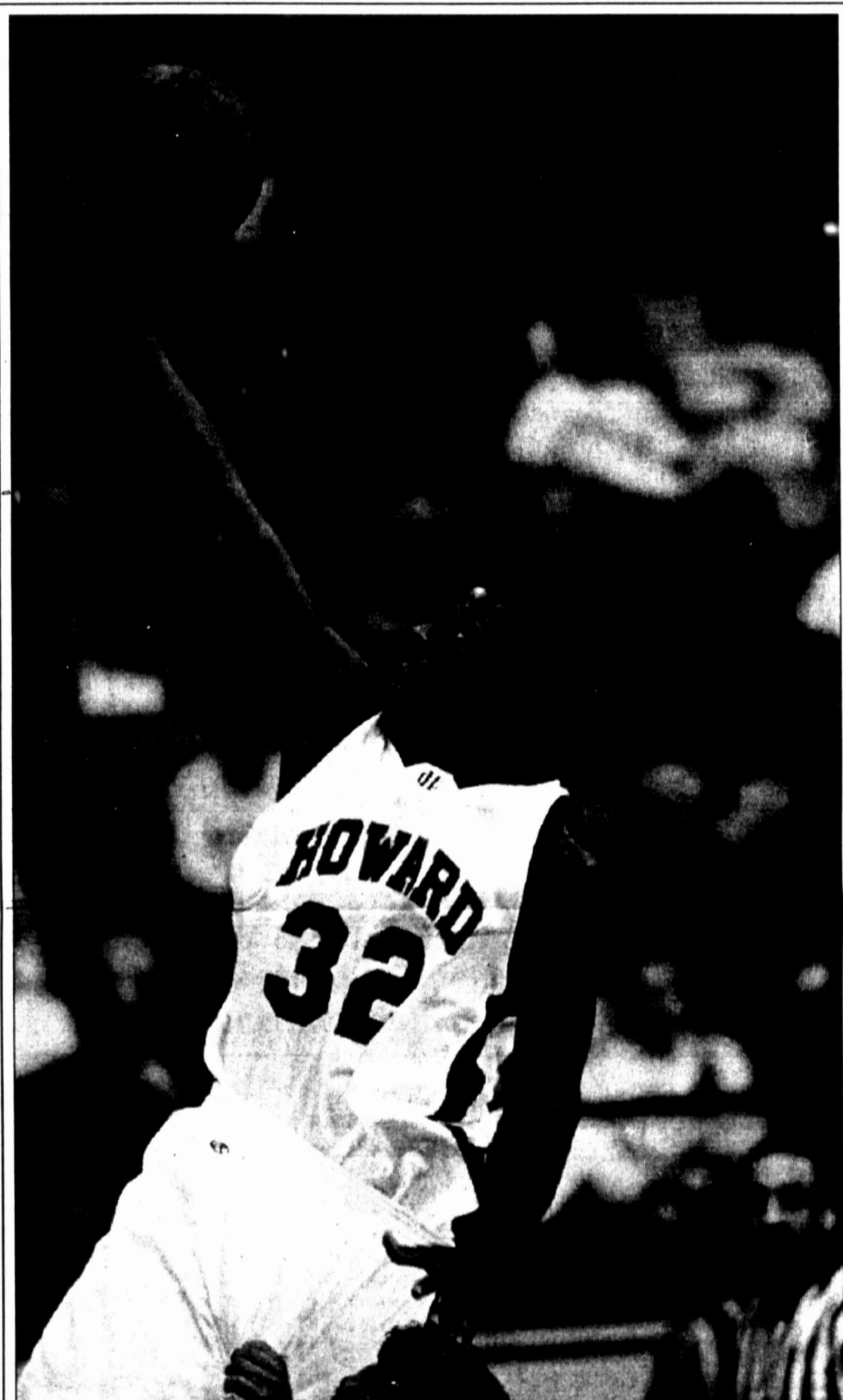
In the final loss to Waxahachie, the Lady Steers carried a 1-0 lead into the fourth inning, but committed two errors that allowed Waxahachie to score a pair of runs, just before the game's time limit

expired.

"In order to get better, we've got to face teams like we played at this tournament," Arista noted. "If we'd taken away a few of our errors and had a little clutch hitting, who knows what the outcome would have been?"

"The important thing is that we're doing the things we need to do to reach our goal," he added, noting that the Lady Steers are gearing everything to being at their best when District 4-4A play begins.

"We want to improve each and every day ... we have to if we're going to be a competitive ballclub in our district."



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro
Howard College's Dominique Brown (32) puts in a layup during the Hawks' win over Midland College at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum last week. The Hawks travel to Hobbs, N.M., tonight to take on New Mexico Junior College's Thunderbirds in another crucial Western Junior College Athletic Conference game. The Hawks have already played NMJC twice this season and won both games. Action gets under way at 7 p.m., Big Spring time, with the Lady Hawks taking on the Lady Thunderbirds. Both games will be broadcast on KBST-AM 1490.

Olympics futility extended for U.S. Nordic athletes

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — For the U.S. Olympic team, 78 years have passed without a Nordic combined medal, 46 without one in the bobsled. In her first Winter Games, Daniela Ceccarelli of Italy went home with a gold.

Go figure. Even at an Olympics of unprecedented U.S. success, before wildly enthusiastic home crowds, the American Nordic combined team couldn't break its decades-old losing streak. Ditto the two-man bobsledders.

Between the two teams, they have a 124-year run of futility.

This was nearly the year the run ended for both, but each was forced to settle for a painful fourth-place finish.

The Americans in the Nordic combined were third heading into Sunday's cross-country skiing portion of the event, but wound up fourth — 1 minute, 11.9 seconds behind the winning Finns.

"We left it all out there," U.S. team member Bill Demong said. "It just didn't happen for us."

Even far away from home in Rocca Priora, Italy, after never having won even a World Cup event, skier Ceccarelli surprised everyone with a gold medal in the Super G.

One Olympics. One gold. The Norwegian cross-country ski team had a surprise, too: leaving triple gold medalist Ole Einar Bjoerdalen off its relay.

Norway won anyway — its Winter Games' high eighth gold medal.

After Saturday's ski jump, the U.S. Nordic combined squad was third and talking medal. By the end of Sunday's event, the Americans were still 0-for-the-Olympics.

"Unfortunately, we just didn't put it all together on

the cross-country today," Demong said.

Germany captured the silver, finishing 3.5 seconds ahead of the bronze medal-winning Austrians.

BOBSELED: The U.S. team of Todd Hays and brakeman Garrett Hines was fifth heading into Sunday's two runs. They managed to move up one spot, but not enough to grab the medal that has eluded the Americans across the last half-century.

The German team of Christopher Langen and Markus Zimmermann, with the fastest run in the fourth heat, won their country's first two-man gold in 18 years. The silver and the bronze went to the Swiss.

WOMEN'S SUPER G: Even Daniela Ceccarelli couldn't provide an explanation for her gold medal run in the Super G.

"I don't know," the Italian skier replied when asked about her success.

Ceccarelli, 26, a military policewoman, seemed stunned when she looked up at the board to see her winning time. Her competition appeared just as stunned.

Janica Kostelic of Croatia, gold medalist in the combined, took the silver, while Italy's Karen Putzer won the bronze.

America's top medal hope, Caroline Lalive, suffered another disappointment. Lalive fell 10 seconds into her run.

CROSS-COUNTY SKIING: Norway won its Salt Lake City-high eighth gold medal — and it did so without its triple-gold winner, Ole Einar Bjoerdalen.

The team decided not to include Bjoerdalen on its 40-kilometer cross-country squad because he had already raced more than 46 miles in competition.

Aussie skater knows all too well, 'It doesn't happen every day'

Plenty people go through life with wrong-headed notions. The difference between Steven Bradbury and the rest of us is that he has a gold medal to show for his.

So much for the Olympic motto of "Swifter, Higher, Stronger."

Because Bradbury's is "hang around and wait for a crash."

And after the way the 28-year-old Australian won the most improbable of golds in the 1,000-meter short track speedskating final, who's going to say which is better?

Midway through the last lap of Saturday night's race, the only guy trailing Bradbury with 50 meters to go was the Zamboni driver.

That was by design. He had made it through the quarterfinals because the two skaters ahead of him crashed. By the time he started the semifinal, his legs were shot. This time, Bradbury was praying for a crash. He got through instead because the skater ahead of him was disqualified.

Rather than wrack his brain devising a new strategy the night before the final, Bradbury decided

to make productive use of his time.

He was so sure that Apolo Anton Ohno would win, that he dashed off an e-mail to the American cover boy asking him to plug the speedskating boots he was wearing on the medals stand. That's because Bradbury had manufactured them. Then he put his head on a pillow and said one final prayer.

"I was just hoping," Bradbury recalled Sunday, "for another accident or a collision."

For most of the race, he looked exactly like what he was — a slacker. Up ahead, leading a pack of four skaters into the final corner was Ohno, about to deliver the first of an expected four golds. Just outside of Ohno was China's Li Jiajun. On their heels were Korean Ahn Hyun-soo and Canadian Mathieu Turcotte.

One moment, all Bradbury could see were flashing blades, jostling skaters and elbows flying at acute angles. In the next moment, miraculously, the thicket of bodies parted like the Red Sea.

"I can't recall a race where four guys went down together," he said. "It doesn't happen every day."

Some athletes' struggles are worth celebrating as much as their victories. Bradbury's story is one of those, an overnight sensation that was a dozen years in the making.

Along the way, he was impaled

on a skate blade in one race — a wound that required 111 stitches to close — and broke his neck in another. And yet, somehow, he always found a way to hang around.

Bradbury was a promising 20-year-old and a gold-medal contender in the 1,000 at the Lillehammer Olympics in 1994. He got wiped out in a first-round crash. His consolation was a bronze in the 5,000-meter relay, Australia's first Winter Games medal of any kind.

Four years later, there wasn't even that much. In Nagano, he finished 19th in the 500, 21st in the 1,000, and the Aussies finished eighth and last in the 5,000 relay. But Bradbury still couldn't let go.

He went back home to Brisbane and started making the speedskating boots in the garage of his parents' home. He used what little money it generated to supplement the stipend he received from the Australian Olympic Committee — about \$10,000 annually in U.S. dollars — and moved into their basement to save money.

He trained at the ice rink they worked at and came here with modest ambitions. John and Rhonda Bradbury came along for once, too. The Bradburys might be Australia's first family of short track speedskating, but in a country with one winter resort to speak

of that doesn't translate into much.

John was the national champion almost 40 years ago, and his younger son, Warren, was on the Aussie team from 1995-97. But the family still had to scrimp and save for 18 months to make the trip to Salt Lake.

"Whatever happens," Rhonda said, "at least this time I'm going to be here to see it."

She almost didn't. The only tickets the Bradburys could afford stuck them in the next-to-last row of seats in the arena.

Seconds after their son crossed the line with Australia's first-ever Winter Games gold, his countrymen burst into celebration.

John and Rhonda tried calling Warren in Canada, but by the time they got through, a friend answered and said he was already on his way to the bar.

Fate jumps up and plants a golden kiss on your cheek only once in a lifetime — if you're lucky. Bradbury's Olympic moment was the best of these games precisely because it came when no one had a right to expect it.

"Sometimes it's a very cruel sport. Sometimes," he said, "it's a sport you smile a lot about."

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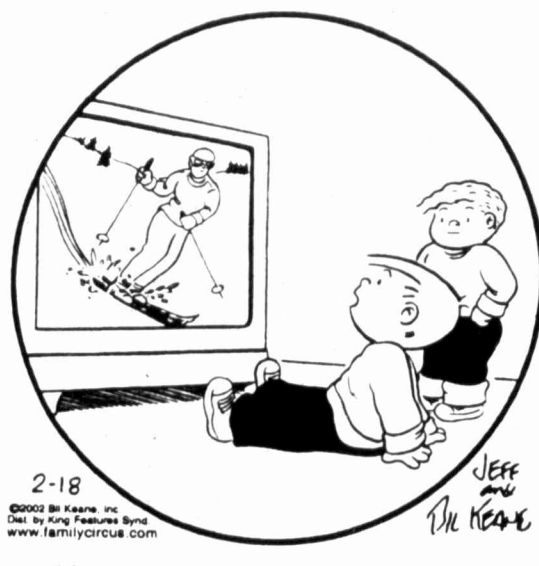
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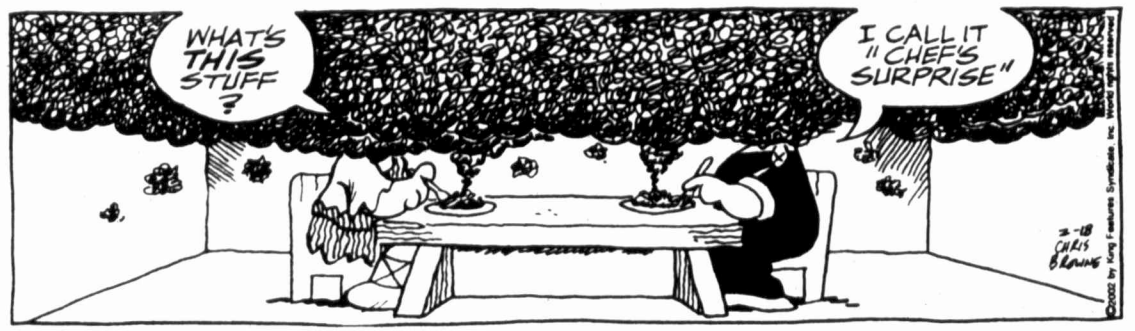
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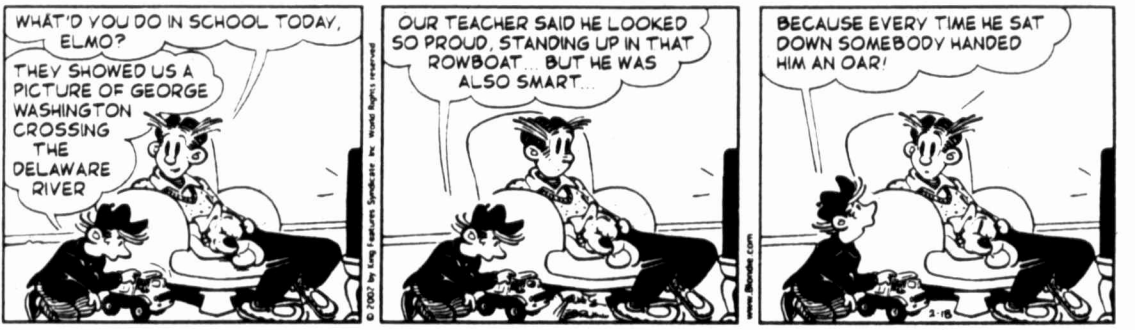


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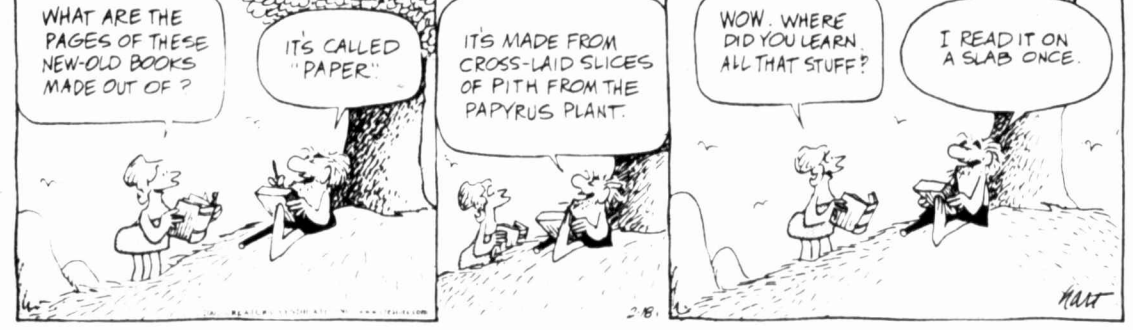
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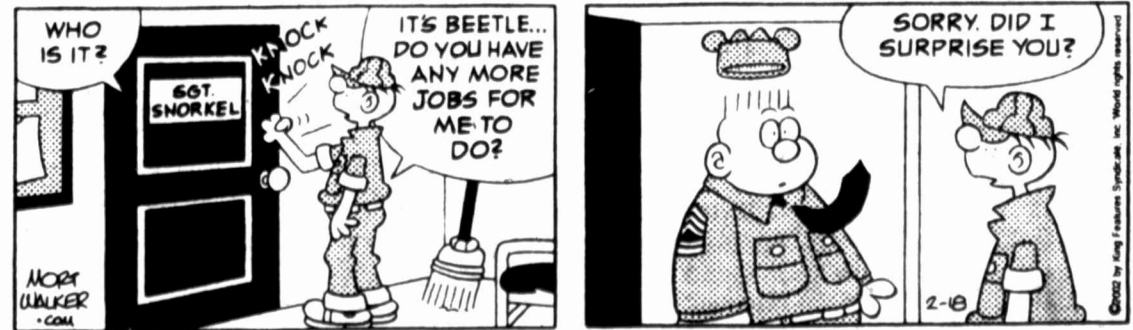
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Monday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 2002. There are 316 days left in the year. This is Presidents' Day.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 18, 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.
On this date:
In 1516, Mary Tudor, the Queen of England popularly known as "Bloody Mary," was born in Greenwich Palace.
In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died.
In 1564, artist Michelangelo died in Rome.
In 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the United States for the first time.
In 1930, the ninth planet of

our solar system, Pluto, was discovered.
In 1960, the Eighth Winter Olympic Games were formally opened in Squaw Valley, Calif., by Vice President Nixon.
In 1970, the "Chicago Seven" defendants were found innocent of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention.
In 1972, the California Supreme Court struck down the state's death penalty.
In 1977, the space shuttle Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its maiden "flight" above the Mojave Desert.
In 1988, Anthony M. Kennedy was sworn in as the 104th justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.
Ten years ago: In the New Hampshire primary, President George H.W. Bush won the Republican contest while challenger Patrick Buchanan placed a strong second; among Democrats, Paul Tsongas came in first.
Five years ago: Astronauts on the space shuttle Discovery completed their tuneup of the Hubble Space Telescope after 33 hours of spacewalking; the Hubble was then released using the shuttle's crane. Bill Richardson began work as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.
Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Palance is 81. Former Cosmopolitan editor Helen Gurley Brown is 80. Actor George Kennedy is 77. Sen. John Warner, R-Va., is 75. Author Toni Morrison is 71. Movie director Milos Forman is 70. Singer Yoko Ono is 69.

Answer to previous puzzle

PESTER	CABBAGE
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EVE ELI	LAVERNE
MINER	EMS OTTER
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Newsday Crossword

RIVER CITIES by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mollifies
- 6 Spelling contest
- 9 Stared at
- 14 Time keeper
- 15 Kay follower
- 16 Garlic portion
- 17 Capital on the Red Cedar River
- 20 Verb suffix
- 21 Bovine sounds
- 22 Gunsmoke star
- 23 Osaka's land
- 25 Born and
- 26 Indistinct image
- 28 Listened to
- 30 Kindergarten basics
- 34 Pointed at the target
- 36 Public defender's request
- 38 Feel sorry about
- 39 Capital on the Mississippi River
- 43 Golf-ball platform
- 44 Accomplishment
- 45 Tonto's horse
- 46 Goes wrong
- 48 Planter's purchases
- 51 Sound boosters
- 52 Chore
- 54 Takes it easy
- 56 Barbarian
- 59 Treaty
- 60 Office neckwear
- 63 Capital on Crow Creek
- 66 Fall flower
- 67 Had a meal
- 68 Word form for "large"
- 69 States of mind
- 70 _ capita
- 71 Jabs with the finger
- DOWN**
- 1 251, in old Rome
- 2 Actor Alda
- 3 Track-and-field athlete
- 4 Banquet hosts: Abbr.
- 5 Cut corners
- 6 "Scram!"
- 7 Shade trees
- 8 Inventor Whitney
- 9 Earthy pigment
- 10 Wizard of Oz good witch
- 11 Stadium level
- 12 Perón's namesakes
- 13 Lairs
- 18 Ark builder
- 19 Designer Pierre
- 24 Vicinity
- 25 Cereal material
- 26 Sew temporarily
- 27 Soda size _ by (agree to)
- 31 Witch craft?
- 32 Funny person
- 33 Holds, as a stadium
- 35 Fizzling firecracker
- 37 Bandleader Brown
- 40 Reduce
- 41 Not at all bold
- 42 "Scram!"
- 47 Hung around
- 49 Dresser section
- 50 Office asst.
- 53 Maturing agents
- 55 Walk heavily
- 56 Con game
- 57 Chan's remark
- 58 Presidential option
- 59 Folk singer Seeger
- 61 Regarding
- 62 Scram! heads
- 64 Short snooze
- 65 _ Tse-tung

