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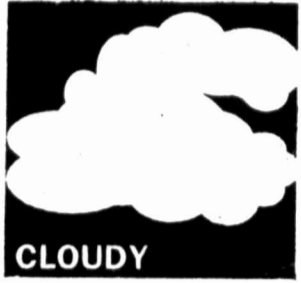
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### WEATHER

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### VITA helps prepare taxes on Mondays

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance volunteers have begun assisting local residents with their 2001 income tax returns.

The volunteers will be at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday through April 1.

Those interested are asked to bring their 2000 tax return, W2s and 1099 forms along with their tax booklet and other documents showing their 2001 income.

For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur, VITA volunteer, at 398-5522 or 267-1628.

### WHAT'S UP...

#### TODAY

□ Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

#### THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp U42060, Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

□ Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for people 55 and over.

□ Coffee Club, 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

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

□ Rackley-Swords chapter 379 Vietnam Vets of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Rd.

□ Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

#### FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

□ 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.

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## Gem show promises lots of fun, educational exhibits

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

For 32 years, Big Spring has been the site for the Gem and Mineral Show. Make that 33 years, come Saturday.

"We hope to have a super good show this year," said Jerald Wilson, show chairman for the Big Spring Prospector's Club, which puts on the event.

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday and again at 10 a.m. Sunday, citizens are invited to look over some 50

special displays, enjoy live demonstrations on rock shaping, select from a wide variety of unique items offered by the many vendors and have something to eat or drink at the snack bar. The show will be held at the Howard County Fair Barn off FM 700 and runs through 5 p.m. both days.

Best of all, admission is free.

"We have a brochure we pass out at the door to everyone. Businesses take out ads in the brochure and

### SHOW FACTS

What: Big Spring Prospector's Club Gem and Mineral Show.

Where: Howard County Fair Barn.

When: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission: Free.

that is how we are able to pay for the show and to let the public in for no charge."

said Wilson.

One lucky visitor will walk away with a special prize — a blue topaz cut in the Star of Big Spring cut. There will also be hourly door prizes.

"I'm pretty excited about seeing some material from a new exhibitor this year, a lady from Oregon, Janice Lamm," said Wilson. Oregon has a lot of good agate and jaspers. There are some very rare materials there that are truly beautiful and she's bringing some

of those."

J.E. "Swose" Alexander will give demonstrations on making arrow heads out of flint.

Others include Bill Myers of Keller who will have some manufactured items and a line of polish; Nolen Niabuck of Terra Firma, a Wisconsin company that produces synthetic items that look natural; and John and Ruth Sparks of Brownfield, whose business

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## Back to the Middle Ages

Reenactment group gets council OK for city park

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring is going to take a trip straight back to the Middle Ages next month.

The time warp will be March 22 through 24, when about 350 medieval lords and ladies will arrive in town for a weekend of tournaments and pageantry.

The Society for Creative Anachronism, a group devoted to recreating medieval culture, will hold a camping event between the tennis courts and the lake at Comanche Trail Park that weekend.

The public is invited to come out and watch the proceedings.

"The main thing that's going to be going on that day is a tournament to determine who's going to be the next king of Ansteorra, the kingdom that includes Texas and Oklahoma," said



Members of the Society for Creative Anachronism battle in a recent competition. The reenactment group received permission Tuesday from the Big Spring City Council to hold a camping event at Comanche Trail Park in March.

Robert Black, an official of the local SCA chapter.

Black said contestants will face each other in a two-out-of-three, single-elimination tournament involving a recreation of sword-and-shield combat using safe rattan weapons.

"We're safer than any other sport I can think of,"

he said. "We're safer than football."

The event will also include arts and crafts displays in the Dora Roberts Community Center, he added.

Black estimates the event will draw around 350 participants from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico

and Colorado.

"Our king and queen competitions are big events," he said. "In fact, they're probably the biggest events we have, other than an interkingdom war."

Speaking for the SCA, Black obtained permission

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## Under fire, Enron's Skilling defends himself

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators said they didn't believe him. Former colleagues continued to contradict him. Yet, ever the salesman, former Enron Corp. chief executive Jeffrey Skilling defended himself at length and combatively before Congress.

Putting himself at potential legal risk for the second time this month, Skilling testified Tuesday at a Senate hearing and dominated the scene during a five-hour appearance with an Enron vice president,

Sherron Watkins, and President-Chief Operating Officer Jeffrey McMahon.

McMahon acknowledged that, with massive shredding of financial documents said to have occurred at Enron's Houston headquarters, "I don't believe we know what records are destroyed."

Watkins, separated from Skilling at the witness table by his lawyer, told the Senate Commerce Committee she had no doubt Skilling was aware of the problems posed by Enron's

use of partnerships that were largely buttressed by company stock, contrary to normal accounting practices.

Sharply disputing Watkins, Skilling denied he had misled former Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay, who recently resigned.

"I never duped Ken Lay," Skilling declared, using Watkins' wording.

Watkins characterized Lay in harsher terms than she had at a House hearing earlier this month, saying Tuesday that he missed an

opportunity to "salvage" the company when she warned him of problems last summer.

Skilling maintained he was unaware of improper financial transactions with a web of outside partnerships that kept more than \$1 billion in debt off the energy-trading company's balance sheet and eventually brought it down.

Skilling, who cashed in \$66 million of company stock, resigned abruptly in

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## Big Spring man arrested by marshals

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring businessman Daniel Ray Heckler was arrested by federal marshals Monday after his bail in a odometer tampering and conspiracy case was revoked.

Heckler and Jim McNutt, both of Red Barn Auto Sales in Big Spring, were indicted Dec. 12 in U.S. District Court in Abilene on charges of conspiracy involving the interstate transportation of altered securities, odometer tampering and aiding and abetting.

David Guinn, Heckler's attorney, said he planned to

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The Maddux Student Center at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf is in the process of being renovated. The \$785,000 project includes addition of cafeteria facilities and a complete overhaul of the building's auditorium, said SWCID Provost Ron Brasel. "The whole interior of that building is being renovated to better fit the needs of the students on our campus," he said.

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

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OBITUARIES

Lusia C. Cortez

A vigil service for Lusia C. Cortez, 80, of Big Spring will be held at 7 p.m. today, Feb. 27, 2002, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



Mrs. Cortez died on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at a local hospital following a short illness. She was born on Dec. 13, 1921, in Martin County and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She married Amando B. Cortez on Aug. 8, 1949, in San Angelo.

LaVerne Starrett Waldrep

Funeral service for LaVerne Starrett Waldrep, 82, of Lubbock was held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, at White Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Hollis Shumake officiating. Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

Funeral service for Lusia C. Cortez, 80, died Tuesday. Vigil service will be at 7:00 PM Wednesday at Myers and Smith Chapel.

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1975. She was a homemaker most all of her life, working with her husband at Waldrep Supply Company. She later went to work at Furr's Cafeteria for many years then retired in February 2000 after working as an elderly caregiver. She was very active with George Bean and O.L. Slaton Schools helping with the PTA, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Juanita Janice Henson

Juanita Janice Henson, 64, of Stanton, died on Monday, Feb. 25, 2002, at her residence. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today, Feb. 27, 2002, at First Baptist Church, Stanton, with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Assisting will be the Rev. Arnold Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle Church in Big Spring. Internment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.



Tommye Walker Keisling

Funeral service for Tommye Walker Keisling, 76, of Sherman, formerly of Midland and Big Spring, is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home. Mrs. Keisling died on Tuesday, Feb. 26, in Sherman.

Hattie Gilbert

Funeral service for Hattie Gilbert, 90, of Granbury, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Gilbert died on Tuesday, Feb. 26, in a Granbury care center.

SCA

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Tuesday night from the Big Spring City Council to hold the event in the area where camping is not normally allowed, saying that the group has no problems with the contract drawn up by City Attorney Jean Shotts. "Not at all," he said. "I contacted our corporate office to let them get in touch with you and get you an insurance certificate for your records."

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R.J. Wire Rapped Jewelry, features, well, just what the name says. Others include Melissa Veale, owner of White Buffalo, which features silverwork and unusual items; Ray and Norma Cox of Hobbs, N.M., who sell a general line of items; and a familiar face at the show, silversmith Jay Ross. Dealers offering crystals will also be on hand.

ENRON

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August around the time that Watkins was warning Lay of potentially serious accounting problems. The company, which was ranked the seventh-largest in the country, crumbled Dec. 2 in the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history. Watkins says Skilling, along with Enron's auditor, Arthur Andersen LLP, and its outside legal advisers, misled Lay and Enron's board of directors. Lay and several other former Enron officials have invoked their Fifth Amendment right against potential self-incrimination and refused to testify to Congress.

ARREST

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appear before the judge in the case today to find out why his client's bail was revoked and to try to have it reinstated. Guinn said he didn't know what his chances of success are. "I know the government will oppose it vigorously," he said. Denise Williams, U.S. attorney assigned to the case, was unavailable for comment Tuesday and this morning. A representative with the U.S. Marshals Service confirmed that Heckerl is currently in Terry County Jail in Brownfield.

FBI tests for fingerprint experts are 'joke,' expert testifies

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The FBI's tests for fingerprint examiners are "a joke" because the examples are far easier to read than typical crime scene prints, an expert testified. "If I gave my experts these tests, they would fall (down) laughing," Allan Bayle testified Tuesday, the second day of a federal court hearing on the validity of fingerprints as evidence. Bayle is a one-time Scotland Yard fingerprint analyst whose work led to a conviction in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. He now works as a private consultant. Bayle's testimony was intended to discredit gov-

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ernment witnesses who said FBI examiners almost never err when linking the tests' make-believe crime scene prints to their maker. The government wants to convince U.S. District Judge Louis H. Pollak to rethink his Jan. 7 decision barring fingerprints from testing by a crime scene match those of a particular defendant. Bayle said the fingerprints on the FBI's long-secret proficiency exams are far clearer than the often smudged and incomplete prints from real-life crime scenes.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. today:
• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 800 block of East Third Street, the 600 block of Circle Drive and the 1800 block of South Gregg Street.
• MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of South Gregg.
• NEIGHBOR DISPUTE was reported in the 1800 block of Grafa Street.
• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80.
• ASSAULT CLASS C was reported in the 700 block of Creighton Street.
• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1800 block of South Owens. The front door was reportedly forced open and \$600 worth of jewelry was reported stolen.
• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1700 block of Alabama Street. Someone reportedly entered the vehicle through an unlocked front door and stole \$400 worth of vehicle parts or accessories.
• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA LESS THAN TWO OUNCES IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported at Big Spring Junior High School in the 600 block of East Sixth Street and at the Alternative Education Program School in the 1900 block of Goliad Street.

BRIEFS

HOWARD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY is offering adoptions of all adult dogs 1-year-old or older at a special discount of \$9, which includes shots and vaccinations. These dogs are neutered. The normal fee is \$18. This special will run through Easter, March 31. For information, contact the humane society at 267-7832.

MELANIE GAMBREL, OWNER OF the Pet Connection, has been diagnosed with breast cancer and has no insurance. She will have surgery Thursday in Midland.

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

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# Amendment easing identification requirement threatens election bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate's \$3.4 billion proposal to upgrade the nation's voting system is in jeopardy because of a dispute over a proposed identification requirement for first-time voters.

Lawmakers are expected to vote today on a Democratic amendment that would allow voters to guarantee their identities by signature, matched by records on file with state or local election officials.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said House

and Senate leaders discussed the bill, among other legislative issues, with President Bush over breakfast this morning at the White House.

Republicans have complained that a signature is not enough to deter fraud. They want to keep provisions in the bill that require first-time voters to present photo identification or proof of address, such as utility bills and paychecks, when they show up to vote.

"It would be easier to vote and easier to cheat," Sen.

Kit Bond, R-Mo., said of the Democratic proposal. Bond included the more strict identification provisions in his bill in response to election-year problems in his own state that included dead aldermen and a dog being registered to vote.

Sen. Conrad Burns of Montana, R-Mont., insisted the requirement was not burdensome, noting that citizens have to use identification for everything from boarding a plane to picking up a theater ticket. "It boils down to the responsibility

of each and every citizen to be in a position to vote," he said.

Democrats said the requirement would disenfranchise poor and elderly voters.

"The outcry that occurred in Florida was not because of fraud," said Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, a sponsor of the amendment. "It was because of disenfranchised voters. For one reason or another, they could not vote."

The bill as written "disenfranchises so many who

aren't typical middle class Americans," Schumer said, noting that half the states already allow some form of signature verification system. "The poor person doesn't have a car, doesn't have a phone, doesn't own a home."

There are also concerns that the bill would cause problems for states with vote-by-mail systems like Oregon and Washington state.

"Putting a photo ID system in place ... is not the way to go," said Sen. Ron

Wyden, D-Ore., another sponsor of the amendment.

A group of senators is also complaining about an amendment proposed by Sen. Robert Torricelli that would require broadcasters to offer low-cost political ads to federal candidates.

"The Torricelli amendment is a subsidy for federal candidates," said the letter sent to senators from Burns and Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., Jesse Helms, R-N.C., Ted Stevens, R-Alaska and Ben Nelson, D-Neb.

# Government to weigh computer chip implants

WASHINGTON (AP) — The science of security may soon get under your skin.

A Florida technology company is preparing to seek government approval for a computer ID chip that would be implanted inside the body and could be used to store everything from secret codes to sensitive medical information.

Applied Digital Solutions' new "VeriChip" is another sign that Sept. 11 has catapulted the effort to secure America into a realm with uncharted possibilities — and also new fears for privacy.

"The problem is that you always have to think about what the device will be used for tomorrow," said Lee Tien, a senior attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a privacy advo-

cacy group.

"It's what we call function creep. At first a device is used for applications we all agree are good but then it slowly is used for more than it was intended," he said.

The company also is developing another implant device that would work in conjunction with the VeriChip to allow satellite tracking of an individual's every movement.

The tracker is already attracting interest across the globe for asks like foiling kidnappings, the company says.

Applied Digital, based in Palm Beach, Fla., says it soon will begin the process of getting Food and Drug Administration approval for the VeriChip, and intends to limit its marketing to companies that ensure its

human use is voluntary.

"The line in the sand that we draw is that the use of the VeriChip would always be voluntarily," said Keith Bolton, chief technology officer and a vice president at Applied Digital. "We would never provide it to a company that intended to coerce people to use it."

More than a decade ago, Applied bought a competing company, Destron Fearing, which had been making chips implanted in animals. Those chips were bought mainly by animal owners wanting to provide another way for pound workers to identify a lost pet.

Chips for humans aren't that much different.

But company officials say they were hesitant to market the chips for people because of ethical questions

— until the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

"It's a sad time ... when people have to wonder whether it's safe in their own country," Bolton said.

The makers of the chip also foresee it being used to help emergency workers, for instance, diagnose a lost Alzheimer's patient or access an unconscious patient's medical history.

Getting the implant would go something like this:

A person or company buys the chip from Applied Digital for about \$200 and the company encodes it with the desired information.

The person seeking the implant takes the tiny device — about the size of a grain of rice, to their doctor, who can insert it with a large needle device.

# New experimental AIDS vaccine shows promise in initial testing

SEATTLE (AP) — A new vaccine that is perhaps the most closely watched experiment in all of AIDS research is showing promise in early human testing, but researchers caution they are still years away from proving it works.

The approach, called prime-boost, is highly effective in monkeys. Until now, scientists were unsure whether the same would be true in people.

Results released Tuesday at the 9th Annual Retrovirus Conference in Seattle suggest the immune system response in people is identical to that in newly vaccinated monkeys, which are able to withstand exposure to the

virus.

Experts believe a vaccine is the only way to stop the worldwide AIDS epidemic, which has already killed 20 million people and infected 40 million more. But the search has been frustrating, because the virus has evolved elaborate and effective strategies to elude the body's usual defenses against microbes.

Volunteers in the early-stage testing of Merck & Co's experimental vaccine have not been put to the crucial challenge of exposure to HIV, and proving the vaccine does its job will require testing on large numbers of people who are at risk of catching it through sex or drug abuse.

# Deputy who shot Special Forces soldiers says he feared his life was in danger

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A sheriff's deputy said he believed his life was in danger when he mistakenly killed one soldier and wounded another during their Green Beret training exercise.

Deputy Randall Butler said the soldiers were in civilian clothing, and he had no way of knowing they were taking part in a role-playing exercise when he shot them.

"I feared that they were trying to kill me," Butler told The Charlotte Observer. "I have known in the past that soldiers would be training in our wooded areas. Never

have I known them to come out in public like this."

In Saturday's accident, 1st Lt. Tallas Tomeny was killed and Sgt. Stephen Phelps was wounded. Phelps was in fair condition Tuesday, Army officials said.

Even as ambulances and more police officers arrived at the scene, Butler said, the soldier he wounded did not mention the exercise.

"He never said a word," Butler said. "He didn't even budge."

Army officials said Tuesday they have adopted new procedures in Green Beret training in the

wake of the deadly mix-up.

Among the changes, soldiers will no longer wear civilian clothes during role-playing exercises outside Fort Bragg, and no role-playing will involve civilian law enforcement agencies, said Col. Charles King, commander of the 1st Special Warfare Training Group, Airborne.

Military officials said the shooting resulted from a breakdown in communications. Butler, who was unaware of the off-base exercise, stopped a pickup carrying two soldiers who were wearing jeans and flannel shirts and carrying a duf-

fel bag containing a disassembled rifle.

The soldiers apparently thought the deputy was part of their role-playing exercise and tried to disarm him, officials said.

Butler will not be charged.

In addition to the changes in procedures, Army officials have met in person with sheriff's departments in each county where the exercises occur, King said.

The Special Forces also will conduct an internal investigation to determine what can be done to prevent such accidents, King said.

Training will continue in the

current "Robin Sage" exercise, the final step in the qualification course for soldiers seeking the coveted Green Beret. Robin Sage is run four times a year in central North Carolina.

Butler said his thoughts and prayers are with the soldiers' families. At night, he wakes up periodically and relives the trauma, he said. He added that he was eager to return to work and resume his daily routine.

He also said it was wise to end the practice of allowing local authorities to participate in the Robin Sage exercise.

# Secret Service lost security document for Cheney during Winter Olympics

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Secret Service acknowledged that an agent shopping for souvenirs left behind a document outlining security plans for Vice President Dick Cheney's appearance at the Winter Olympics.

The agency said Tuesday the papers were meant for law enforcement's eyes only, but contended the temporary loss did not constitute a major security breach.

"Even if this thing were released, it would not compromise our overall security plan," said Agent Brian Marr, a Secret Service spokesman.

Marr said an agent left the papers, which described the assignments of 17 Secret Service personnel, at a store while making a purchase near the Rice-Eccles Stadium in Salt Lake City, where the Olympics closing ceremony was held Sunday night.

The damage was limited by the fact that the 17 were a fraction of the hundreds of agents helping protect the site, Marr said.

The store owner returned it to the Secret Service office in Salt Lake City, Marr said.

"We were relieved to have it returned by the shop owner," said Mark Camillo, Secret Service agent in charge of his agency's operations at the games. "Those are our eyes and ears out there."

Marr would not identify the agent or agents involved and could not say what discipline might be imposed. Another Secret Service official said two agents were at the shop when the document was left behind.

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OUR VIEWS

Make plans to attend 'Rhapsody'

Something really special is coming to the Municipal Auditorium on Saturday. Guest pianist Cynthia Bauhof Williams will join the Big Spring Symphony for a performance of George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

Williams, who hails from the Los Angeles area, performs regularly with members of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Pacific Symphony and Long Beach Symphony.

Conducting the orchestra will be Gary Lewis of the Texas Tech University School of Music. Many will recall he directed the symphony's Christmas program.

Following the performance, the public will be invited to meet Williams and Lewis at a reception at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Parish Hall.

Saturday's performance — the third of the season — will begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased in advance at the Big Spring Symphony Office, 808 Scurry Street; Blum's Jewelers in the Big Spring Mall; Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third; Dunlap's, 111 E. Marcy; First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM-700; Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry; and Faye's Flowers, 1013 Gregg.

Be sure and make plans to attend Saturday. The Big Spring Symphony is one of our greatest treasures, and appearances by such notable talents as Williams and Lewis add to what will undoubtedly be a remarkable evening.

OTHER VIEWS

Americans see the 'Saddam problem' with different eyes and interests from most of their European and Arab coalition partners.

There are worthy arguments on both sides. (President) Bush's critics see the Iraqi despot as 'contained' and capable of unleashing regional mischief only on a limited, tolerable scale.

They see a frontal military strike — particularly because of the casualties and human suffering that would result, but also because of its political explosiveness and the potential costs to the world economy — as too risky and therefore irresponsible.

Bush, apparently joined in opinion away from home only by former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, considers Saddam (Hussein), who not only set fire to oil fields in Kuwait but also

used poison gas on his own people, to be incorrigible.

Bush faces two problems in justifying an attack and its political and military preparations.

For one, there is no 'smoking gun' that directly links Saddam to the Sept. 11 attacks.

The other problem is the danger that, with the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians currently burning out of control, an attack on Iraq could ignite a widespread firestorm.

That is what Saddam and his loyal confidence man Tariq Aziz presumably will be counting on if, like 12 years ago, they deny, cover up and feign willingness to compromise while setting impossible conditions — exactly what led to the Gulf War.

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Better way to commemorate Black history

Like clockwork, the debate over slave reparations is heating up again to coincide with the end of Black History month. Last week, USA Today ran a lengthy, front-page article touting new evidence that some of America's most prominent private companies may have profited from slavery, including the newspaper's own publisher, Gannett, which published advertisements for the sale and return of slaves prior to the Civil War. Already, a group of prominent black scholars and attorneys have announced they will sue those corporations they allege made money from slavery, even if indirectly.

The reparations debate has the potential of replacing affirmative action as the most volatile race issue in America, with Americans deeply divided on the topic. USA Today's own polls show that large majorities of black Americans believe that companies that profited from slavery should apologize, pay reparations to the descendants of slaves and establish scholarships for

black students. Only about a third of whites, on the other hand, think a formal apology from the corporations is necessary or that the companies should establish special scholarship funds. And barely one-in-10 whites favor paying direct monetary reparations.

Now, a new book by author and activist David Horowitz, "Uncivil Wars: The Controversy Over Reparations for Slavery," takes on not just the controversial issue of reparations, but the motives of those who are promoting the cause. Horowitz is the founder and president of the Center for the Study of Popular Culture. Last year, he tried to place ads in some 71 campus newspapers listing "10 Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery Is a Bad Idea — And a Racist One, Too."

Only 28 student newspapers actually printed the ads, but the campaign sparked a furor on college campuses across the nation. Protesters, including faculty and administrators at some of the nation's most elite colleges and universities, denounced Horowitz, calling him everything from a racist to a fascist. Many of the campus editors who agreed to carry the ad issued public mea culpas. The editors of University of California at Berkeley newspaper apologized that they had

"allowed the Daily Cal to become an inadvertent vehicle for bigotry."

When Horowitz traveled around the country debating reparations, he became the object of even more abuse. On some campuses, he had to hire security guards to ensure he would make it on and off stage safely.

I can sympathize with Horowitz, having faced similar abuse on college campuses, where I've been shouted down, threatened, and, on one occasion, punched for criticizing racial preferences and bilingual education. So what exactly did he say that provoked such outrage against Horowitz? As he points out in his book, the most controversial items had to do with his assertions about the success blacks have enjoyed in the United States. Admittedly, Horowitz made his point provocatively. Since the reparations debate was largely initiated two years ago by Randall Robinson in his book "The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks," Horowitz asks, "What About the Debt Blacks Owe to America?"

He notes, accurately, that American blacks "enjoy the highest standard of living of blacks anywhere in the world," and he says that "in the thousand years of slavery's existence, there never was an anti-slavery

movement until white Anglo-Saxon Christians created one."

Horowitz's purpose is not to defend slavery or even America's terrible history, but to recognize that what is unique about the American experience is that the United States rejected an institution that was inhumane and that many white Americans — including 140,000 Union soldiers — were willing to give their lives to do so. "For all America's faults, African-Americans have an enormous stake in this country and its heritage. It is this heritage that is really under attack by the reparations movement. The reparations claim is one more assault on America, conducted by racial separatists and the political left," Horowitz writes.

It is unlikely that reparations claims will go anywhere in the courts, despite the efforts of high-profile lawyers involved with the movement, including Johnnie Cochran and Harvard's Charles Ogletree. And Congress shows no interest in pursuing the issue legislatively. Which leaves reparations as a debating topic — but one that has the potential to inflame racial animosities and divide Americans. Surely there is some better way to commemorate Black History Month than to reignite the reparations debate each February.



LINDA CHAVEZ



He had an intelligent pet owl

Harry Potter is not the only one who has a pet owl. Ron Weasley had one when he was growing up around Commerce.

"It was a barred owl," says Ron. "Most remarkable."



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Unlike Harry Potter's owl named Hedwig, Ron called his owl Tex. Ron says this was before the hawk and owl protection act went into effect in 1965. Ron knows about things like that. He's deputy director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"My brother got Tex out of a nest before it could fly. He brought it to the house and put it on a perch outside the kitchen window." The owl became a member of the family in a big hurry.

"It would sit on that perch quietly during the day, then in the evening when it got hungry it would call a real soft feeding call two or three

times." Ron can make the sound of the call. I can only describe it as the sound of a hungry owl.

"If somebody didn't come out to feed it, it would fly over and land on the screen window. It would land at the bottom of the window and walk up the screen flapping its wings. Then it would fly back to its perch."

His mother was pretty quick to get out there with the owl food after that.

"That owl lived in the yard and flew around the property. It didn't know how to hunt. Didn't need to, since we fed it. One time it caught a small snake about a foot long and brought it to its perch by the kitchen window. Tex was real proud of it and showed it off. He carried it around for a day or two before it actually ate it."

Ron milked cows in those days and would walk up to the barn early in the morning. He didn't carry a flashlight, since he knew the trail by heart.

"I was walking up that trail one morning way before daylight and the owl flew up behind me and got directly over my head. I didn't have any idea it was

there. Owls are totally silent on the wing. Then it came out with a piercing, loud call that really scared me. I threw my hands up in the air and the milk bucket went flying off and I reached up, touched some owl feathers and then felt something land on top of my straw hat. I put my hand up there and it was a cold, wet piece of liver. It was the owl's food for the night before. He hadn't eaten it. I guess owls have a sense of humor."

Tex didn't have anything to do with strangers. When somebody would come, he would leave. But he had a fetish for steering wheels.

"One day we had a plumber who did some work, then went to his pickup to leave. He came running back to the house telling us there was an owl sitting on his steering wheel. We told Tex to get off and he did."

When Ron's wife started coming around, Tex didn't take to her at first.

"He swooped down at her a couple of times. Tex got in her face once, then she whacked him with her hat and it didn't bother her any more after that."

Tex stayed around the George house for 10 years.

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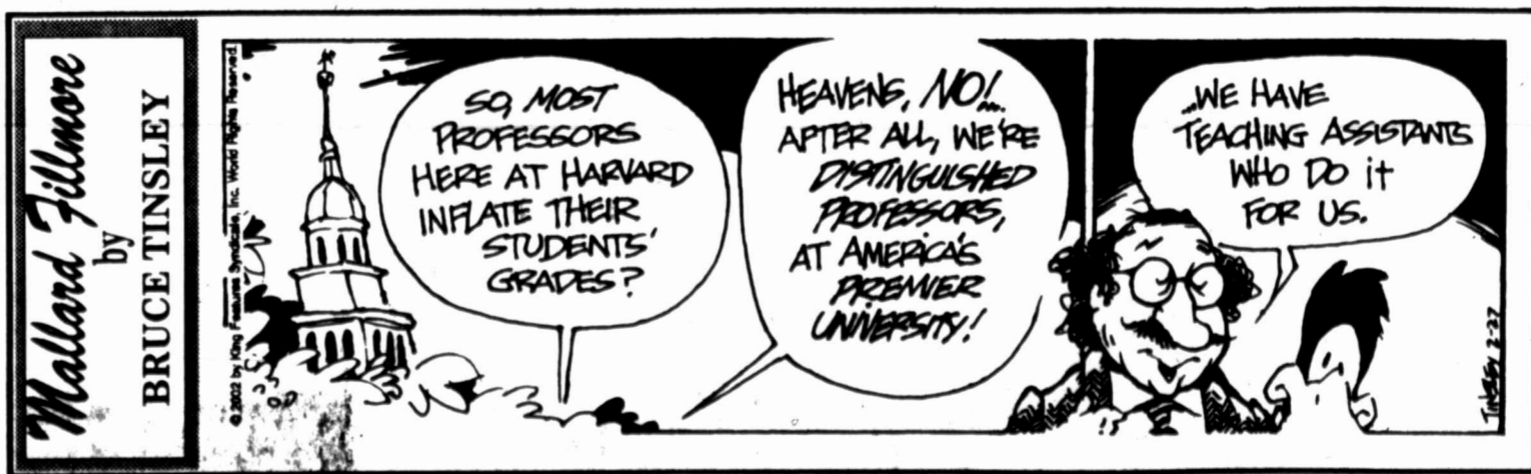
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002:

Often you're unsure as to what direction to proceed in with personal situations. You question how much to give. As you work on establishing boundaries, exercise more sensitivity with those in your life. You find that many of your long-term desires change substantially as a result. You can count on your attractiveness to bring many opportunities to you. If single, you will have your share of admirers. Making a good choice stars as your issue. If you are attached, your relationship will transform, taking you in a new direction together. Learn to be a better listener. Also, establish a better way to discuss problems. You both mutual-

ly benefit from developing a new way of dialoguing. VIRGO challenges you.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* You could easily be zapped of energy, yet score high in intensity. Mix this combo with care. Your self-expression could come out in a less-than-positive manner. Ask someone for support or to pitch in and help. Don't make more of an incident than need be. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Express your happiness with someone. This person needs positive feedback from you. Use your unusual perspective to clear out excess work,

which could be a problem on some level for you. Relate on a one-on-one level for success. Tonight: Play the night away.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\* Pressure builds. In some way, you could feel as if you're in a pressure cooker. Scheduling takes skill right now. Build in a little extra time for confusion and, if need be, a problem. Manifest your calm manner with others. Tonight: Vanish as fast as you can.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Speak your mind if you wish, but don't be surprised at others' reactions. Upward appears to be the nature of the moment. You cannot change those around you, but you might detach. Hop on the Internet. Make phone calls. Tonight: Swap war stories.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*

Listen to someone's feedback, especially about funds. Nix risking for the moment, but explore options. No commitment works right now. Someone expresses his or her caring in an unusually meaningful manner. Let someone take the lead. Tonight: Play it low-key.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* The Full Moon emphasizes you. Though usually you're more than pleased to be the center of attention, right now you might not be. Flak arrives from different sources. You might wonder what to do as a close associate or friend goes on a tirade. Tonight: It's your decision.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\* Step back and let others take the lead. Someone will challenge any conclusion you reach right now.

Debate ideas, perhaps only with yourself. Do what you can with your door closed. You get much more accomplished this way. Be open to others' input. Tonight: Let your computer or television keep you company.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Your friends and associates seek you out. Your help and insight might be needed. The tone you choose and what you say determines how your message is received. Lighten up about a key friendship in your life. Act with caring. Tonight: Where the fun is.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\* Pressure builds around work. You have your plate full. Answering to someone could be exhausting. Listen to the feedback you get from those who care a lot about you. Good news surrounds the home front. Focus on the positive in your life. Tonight: Work late.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Integrate news

that comes forward. Someone might not have the same way of looking at a situation as you have. Laughter surrounds communication later on when you swap war stories of the day. Flow with uproar. You can't change it. Tonight: Take a drive and visit with a friend.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Reach out for an important financial adviser. You might not be getting all the information you need. Think through a decision that surrounds a long-term goal with care. How important is this really? Consider alternatives. Tonight: Accept someone's invitation.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Someone plays into your hands if you simply sit out of a problem. Adapt your plans accordingly, realizing a change could be most appropriate. Be thoughtful with a loved one who could be having a hard time. Give others space. Tonight: Smile away.

Poison Control Centers launches new hotline

Dear Ann Landers: Last year, more than two million people called poison control centers for an emergency. Most poison exposures happen at home, and more than half of them involve children under 6 years of age.



ANN LANDERS

Please let your readers know that the American Association of Poison Control Centers has launched a new national, toll-free hotline. By calling 1-800-222-1222, anyone in the United States is automatically connected to their local poison treatment and prevention experts, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All services are free and confidential, and available for the hearing impaired and non-English speakers.

Specially trained nurses, pharmacists and physicians will provide immediate emergency help to callers. If medical treatment is needed, the poison center will call an ambulance and provide advice to Emergency Medical Service workers when they arrive.

Your readers can also call the hotline anytime for advice about poison prevention. The experts at the hotline center are ready to answer a wide range of questions about poisonous plants, how to use pesticides safely and how to poison-proof one's home. Please encourage your readers to post the new hotline number on their telephones. It can help save someone's life. — Rose Ann G. Soloway, RN, Associate Director, American Association of Poison Control Centers

Dear Rose Ann Soloway:

Thank you for providing me with this priceless information. Please, dear readers, write down the hotline number and put it near every one of your phones. It could make the difference between life and death.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a waitress and seven months pregnant with my fourth child. I have to work through my pregnancy because I need the money. You would not believe how many people poke, prod, rub, squeeze and grope my stomach. The restaurant is crowded, and it is difficult for me to back away from these touchy-feely types. And you would be amazed at the rude and nosy comments I hear.

One customer rested his ear on my belly. Another asked me to turn around so she could see how big my backside was. I have been told that I am irresponsible, that I should get my tubes tied, and asked if all my children are from the same father.

If I don't talk about my condition, the customers say I am rude and complain to the manager. What is wrong with them? They are all old enough to know better. How can I make them stop? — Still Pregnant in Florida

Dear Flo: Smile politely and ignore the rude comments. They don't deserve a response. If someone touches you, firmly remove the offending hand (or ear), and say sweetly, "Sorry, but I am very sensitive to being touched." As long as you say it with a smile, it should work. Meanwhile, notify the manager, and enlist his help. No one has the right to touch you without your permission, customer or not.

Dear Ann Landers: I have read several letters in your

column about abusive mothers. You always tell the writers to keep working on the relationship. I agree.

My mother was controlling and verbally abusive. If things weren't done to her satisfaction, she would punish me by pulling my hair until I cried. When I married, her nasty behavior toward my family eventually led us to stop seeing her.

Then my mother became terminally ill. I made peace with her because I didn't want to feel guilty. She died in our home, and I would not have had it any other way. Even though I did not like my mother, I did love her. I know in my heart what I did was right for both of us. — Guilt-Free in California

Dear Guilt-Free: I hope your mother managed to let you know how grateful she was. Bless your kind and forgiving heart.

Dear Ann Landers: Would you please tell me why people insist on bringing their young children to adult movies? These kids are 2 or 3 years old and not able to sit through a two-hour feature. I love kids, Ann, but they don't belong at movies they cannot possibly understand, at a time when they ought to be in bed.

Last week, a toddler sitting in front of me was so frightened by a scene in the film that she screamed for the rest of the movie. One mother spent at least 10 minutes scolding her children for making noise and telling them how "disappointed" she was because they couldn't sit still. What idiot parent thinks her toddler can sit still for 90 minutes or more?

These children ruin the film for the rest of the audience. Meanwhile, the kids are not enjoying the movie, and their parents are frazzled trying to keep them

quiet. There are plenty of movies made specifically for young children, and parents can take little ones to a matinee, where the noise will be tolerated. Otherwise, tell them to hire a baby-sitter. — Fed Up in Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Fed Up: I do not recommend bringing a child under the age of 3 to a movie of any kind. Children between the ages of 3 and 8 should be taken to age-appropriate children's films, and only during daylight hours.

Too many parents overestimate their child's ability to sit still. Please, folks, be considerate of other moviegoers. Hire a baby-sitter. If you cannot do that, stay home and rent a video. The kids will grow up soon enough.

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### IN B

#### Bowe Butlers in spring season

Former Big Spring Steers football player Bowe Butler was on the sidelines in the end's spring game at Southern University. Butler, a free backer, came out of three past seasons, and due to from coaches heading the squad which play during "Buc Blast" game.

#### Region I, Cowboys' field

The field for the end's Region I boys' basketball tournament at Doran Coliseum is now set. The tournament will get underway under Lubbock Estabrook on Fort Polytechnic and followed by an event between Canyon Worth Dunbar. The winners will square off at 7 p.m. Saturday regional championship and a trip to the tournament in.

#### Lady Hawks games postponed

Howard College Lady Hawks have had to postpone their Junior College Conference game at Odessa College. Those games for Tuesday. They will be for a later date. That means the Hawks' conference game will come later. They play host to College's Larrals in a double at 1 p.m.

#### Little League sign-up schedule

All boys between the ages of 12 interested in a Big Spring League team from 5 p.m. today through the Big Spring. The final session will be 6 p.m. Saturday. Players must be their birth date.

#### Lady Steers set Monday

The Big Spring Steers Boosters meet at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring School Athletic Center meeting. Parents of Steers athletes encouraged to come inform Debbie Chubb at 267-7538 or Pe at 263-4847.

#### Industrial league sets

The Big Spring Industrial League will begin at 7:30 on Wesley's. Anyone interested encouraged to call Sally G. 4728 or 393-52.

#### Softball tournament scheduled

The "Pre-Spring" for Cash Merit Tournament scheduled for in Stanton. Fees are \$1. The deadline is Thursday. For more call Michael 4361 or call 2846.

### IN BRIEF

#### Bowe Butler shines in spring scrimmage

Former Big Spring Steers football star Bowe Butler was one of several standouts in last weekend's spring practice game at Charleston Southern University. Butler, a freshman linebacker, came up with one of three pass interceptions, and drew praise from coaches in spearheading the defensive squad which dominated play during the annual "Buc Blast" game.

#### Region I, Class 4A boys' field now set

The field for this weekend's Region I, Class 4A boys' basketball tournament at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is now set. The tournament will get under way with Lubbock Estacado taking on Fort Worth Polytechnic at 6 p.m., followed by an 8 p.m. tip between Canyon and Fort Worth Dunbar. The winners of those games will square off at 2 p.m. Saturday for the regional championship and a trip to the UIL state tournament in Austin.

#### Lady Hawks' softball games postponed

Howard College's Lady Hawks have been forced to postpone their Western Junior College Athletic Conference games with Odessa College due to inclement weather. Those games were set for Tuesday and today. They will be rescheduled for a later date. That means the Lady Hawks' conference opener will come Friday when they play host to Midland College's Lady Chaparrals in a doubleheader at 1 p.m.

#### Little League sign-up scheduled

All boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12 interested in playing on a Big Spring Little League team can sign up from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today through Friday at the Big Spring Mall. The final registration session will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Players must bring their birth certificate.

#### Lady Steers Boosters set Monday meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center meeting room. Parents of all Lady Steers athletes are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Debbie Churchwell at 267-7538 or Penny Phillips at 263-4847.

#### Industrial softball league sets meeting

The Big Spring Men's Industrial Softball League will hold a meeting at 7:30 tonight at John Wesley's. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. For more information, call Sally Grant at 268-4728 or 393-5237.

#### 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. The deadline for entries is Thursday. For more information, call Michael Paul at 631-4361 or call Jose at 631-2846.

## Cowboys reportedly ready to offer deals to Noble, Nguyen

DALLAS (AP) — Cowboys defensive tackle Brandon Noble and linebacker Dat Nguyen have reportedly been extended \$1.227 million offer sheets for the 2002 season in a gesture that indicates Dallas plans to build around the restricted free agents for the team's future. "It obviously means they don't want to let me go, which is always a good thing," Noble told The Dallas Morning News in Wednesday's editions. "We need to keep this defensive group together as long as we

can, so we can keep things going in the right direction." Dallas finished the 2001 season ranked fourth in the National Football League by allowing just 287.4 yards per game. The Cowboys, by giving Noble and Nguyen a tender offer of \$1.227 million instead of the minimum of \$563,000, will be compensated with a first-round pick by any team that signs Noble or Nguyen, a linebacker. The Cowboys have made mini-

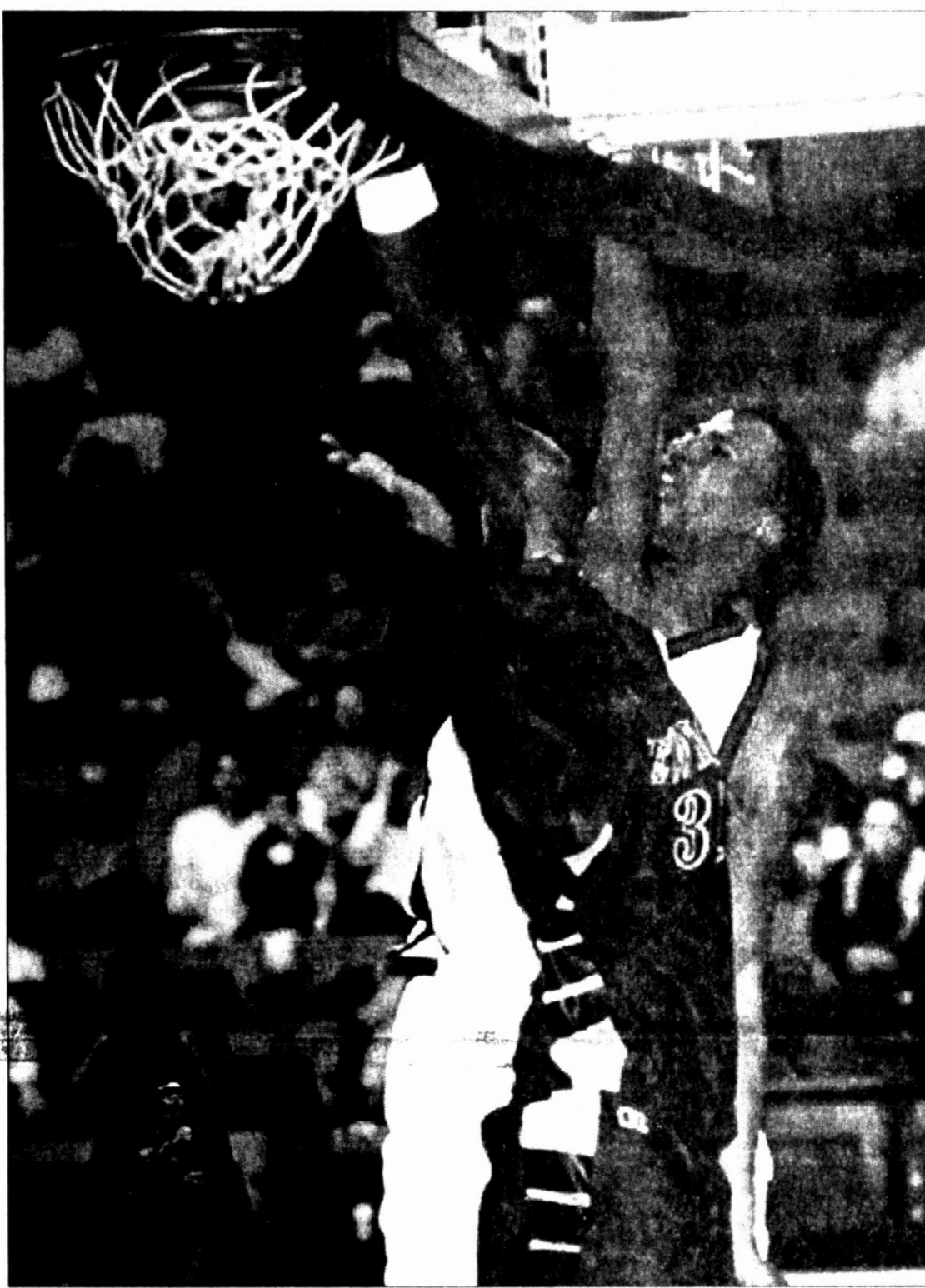
mum tender offers to their other restricted free agents: receiver Darrin Chiaverini, cornerback Duane Hawthorne, tight end Mike Lucky and center Ben Fricke. If another team signs these players, the Cowboys will be compensated with a draft pick, depending on where these players were drafted. However, only Lucky was drafted by the Cowboys. The Cowboys have also made minimum tender offers to their exclusive rights free agents. They are

quarterbacks Anthony Wright and Clint Stoerner, punter Micah Knorr, wide receivers Ken-Yon Rambo, Randall Williams and Reggie Swinton, kicker Tim Seder, linebacker Louis Mackey and tight end James Whalen. Those players have no choice but to sign Dallas' offer, which varies depending on the players' years in the NFL. Exclusive rights free agent kicker Jon Hilbert was not offered a new contract by Dallas and thus becomes an unrestricted free agent.

## Hawks still in must-win bind

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald  
Howard College must take care of business against New Mexico Military Institute and hope that Clarendon College has saved its best game for last against Midland College. If both scenarios play out Thursday night, the Hawks will slip in as the fourth seed in the Region V Tournament in Lubbock next month. Howard tips off at 8:50 p.m. (Big Spring time) in Roswell, N.M. "If I'm educated properly, we have to win and Midland has to lose, and that's the only way that I've been made aware to be in the playoffs," Hawks head coach Chris Jans said. "This is the same scenario we were in before we played South Plains College (Monday night). We are in the same situation. We're in a survival mode. And we have to hope Clarendon beats Midland." Both situations are possible, Jans said. Clarendon forces opponents to forego game plans by playing a helter-skelter offense and suffocating defenses. If their shooters are on, it's anyone's ball game. But Jans is less concerned about Clarendon and then what his squad can do Thursday in Roswell. If it mirrors anything like Monday's performance against No. 5 South Plains College, the Hawks should be in good shape. "We were pleased with our effort with South Plains going in to play NMMI, but it's a whole different environment. We need a much better effort if we want to have a chance to compete and win the game in the end."



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Howard College's Zach Moss slams a dunk over a New Mexico Junior College defender during action at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Moss and his teammates head into their regular season finale Thursday needing to beat New Mexico Military Institute and hope Clarendon beats Midland College if they are to qualify for the Region V tournament this season.

Howard handily defeated the 26-3 Texans, 76-63, behind strong scoring performances by Jared Fears, Van Jamison, Dominique Brown, Maushae Byles and Rodney Blackstock. Zach Moss grabbed 12 boards in the win, which moved Howard to 7-6, one game behind 8-5 Midland which beat Odessa College Monday in overtime. NMMI was the only other conference opponent to hand the Texans a loss this year. Jans' charges spent most of Tuesday nursing tired bodies and shooting on their own. "We'll really go at it (today). I just felt like we needed a day off to prepare for the game and a pretty

rough trip," Jans said in explaining the Hawks' light schedule Tuesday afternoon. NMMI hasn't lost at home in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play this year, and Jans has heard the gym is usually a tough place to play. The Bronchos will be comfortable and confident shooting in their home environment. The last time the two met at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Howard jumped out to an 18-3 lead but dropped a 73-67 contest, despite Byles' coming-out party, hitting five three-pointers. Howard led 34-32 at half-time, but the Hawks allowed NMMI to get back into the game.

"It was probably by far the worst effort at home and we were really disappointed at that time and really struggling at that time," Jans said of the game that was sandwiched in three-game skid. Guards Travis Degroot and Curtis Marshall hurt Howard by scoring in double figures. The Hawks are working on ways to contain the explosive guards. "We're going to do some things to give ourselves a different look defensively and give them some problems," Jans said. "It's just some things I've been thinking about since we played them last to put us in a better situation." For a team that at one time sat 3-5 in conference

play, the turnaround has been fueled by dedication in the gym during practices and games. "We feel like we need to red-empt ourselves. We can't control just us. We can't control anything but our effort in games. And that's what we talked about with our kids," Jans noted, saying the Midland-Clarendon game was something the Hawks can't control. "When we were 3-5 who would have thought we would have a chance that meant something? South Plains meant something to us, and going into the Military game, if we don't do our part and really focus on us and try to win that game, then we haven't taken care of business."

## Aikman is happy with new careers

WACO (AP) — Troy Aikman's new careers as a broadcaster and father have made him content with the fact that he probably won't play football again.

"There's a general perception that I'm looking to get back into the league, and that's really not true," Aikman said Tuesday night before his induction into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

"I'm very happy doing what I'm doing with Fox and I'm happy right now in my personal life with my family," he said. "It was a really good year for me and it would take a pretty good situation football-wise for me to get out of that and back on the field."

Aikman's induction into the Texas hall comes just a year after the Dallas Cowboys, the team he led to three Super Bowl championships, cut him because of salary and health concerns. He officially retired a month after his release.

Aikman was one of seven inductees. The others were NFL Hall of Fame defensive back Dick "Night Train" Lane, Pro Bowl linemen Bruce Matthews and Mike Munchak, NASCAR racing brothers Bobby and Terry Labonte and former major league first baseman Norm Cash.

Lane, who died last month in Austin, and Cash were honored posthumously.

Since his retirement, Aikman said he has been contacted by "a few teams" to gauge his level of interest in playing.

"I'm certainly not going out of my way trying to figure out where I can latch on with a team," Aikman said. "If I had wanted to play, I could have played last season and be with a team right now."

Aikman instead anticipates returning to the broadcast booth with the Fox network in the fall.

In the meantime, he and wife, Rhonda, are preparing for the birth of another daughter. They have a 6-month-old daughter together and a 12-year-old daughter from her previous marriage.

Much has changed for Aikman since this time last

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## East Carolina stages one of season's biggest upsets

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

East Carolina waited until the last couple of weeks of the college basketball season to provide one of the biggest upsets.

The Pirates held No. 9 Marquette to six points in the final 12 1/2 minutes Tuesday night for a 51-46 victory, the first over a Top Ten team in the program's 42 years.

"You can't put a price tag on what this win does for our basketball program," said East Carolina coach Bill Herrion, whose team clinched a spot in next week's Conference USA tournament.

The Pirates (12-16, 5-10) played in the Colonial Athletic Association last season and made the move to the higher profile Conference USA.

"I doubted whether we could compete in this league before we got in it," Herrion said. "I told everybody we had to figure out how wide the

gap was here. Can we even get on the floor and function in this league?"

They did against the Golden Eagles (23-5, 12-3), who were coming off a last-second loss to No. 4 Cincinnati that snapped a 12-game winning streak.

"East Carolina plays as hard as anybody in this league, and that includes us, Cincinnati — you name it," Marquette coach Tom Crean said. "We didn't play for 40 minutes, and when you don't play for 40 minutes in this league, you are not going to succeed. We need to understand that — this time of year more than any time."

In other games involving ranked teams Tuesday, it was No. 5 Oklahoma 89, Iowa State 75; No. 8 Florida 68, Tennessee 62; No. 10 Pittsburgh 73, Seton Hall 66 in overtime; No. 15 Illinois 70, No. 25 Indiana 62; Michigan State 81, No. 18 Ohio State 76; and No. 22 Miami

81, Providence 65. Travis Holcomb Faye had 12 of his 15 points in the second half when the Pirates held Marquette to 19 points on 35 percent shooting.

Dwyane Wade led the Golden Eagles with 19 points, four in the second half.

East Carolina trailed by 12 points with 12:37 left when it went on an 11-0 run. Marquette scored the next four points, but Holcomb-Faye hit a 3-pointer and then a runner on the baseline with 4:29 left to tie it at 44.

Moussa Badiane and Kenyatta Brown scored on layups to put the Pirates up by four. Marquette closed to 48-46 with 36 seconds left, but Holcomb-Faye hit a free throw and Badiane rebounded Scott Merritt's miss on the front end of a 1-and-1 to set up a dunk by Brown that sealed it.

"I don't think there was any intimidation," Brown said. "We're not scared to play anybody."

Intimidation wasn't ever a factor." Crean wants to make sure his team knows what the next few weeks hold.

"We've got to step up and keep understanding we can have a lot of season left," Crean said. "We've got a chance to be pretty good and a chance to keep improving, but I don't think we've gotten a lot better this week."

#### No. 5 Oklahoma 89, Iowa St. 75

Aaron McGhee had 26 points and 10 rebounds, and Hollis Price added 24 points as the Sooners (23-4, 12-3 Big 12) capped a 16-0 home season and extended their home winning streak to 22 games.

McGhee has seven double-doubles in the past nine games and has scored 20 or more points in six of the past seven.

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# Jordan's surgery leaves Wizards short-handed ROUNDUP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doug Collins doesn't know whether Michael Jordan will miss five games, five weeks or the rest of the season — or whether M.J.'s career is over.

The Washington coach is certain of one thing, however. The immediate outlook for the Wizards just turned a deep shade of bleak.

"The things that we do with Michael, we necessarily can't do with the team now. We have to do a lot of different things," Collins said. "We're going to find out who we are. What if Michael doesn't play next year? I've got to do a better job than I've ever done."

The Wizards announced Tuesday that Jordan will have arthroscopic surgery this week on his ailing right knee. He was placed on the

injured list for only the second time in his career and will have to miss at least five games, starting Wednesday night at home against Portland. The length of his rehabilitation won't be known until after the operation.

The Wizards are 0-2 this season without Jordan, who is averaging a team-high 24 points. They have lost five straight and seven of eight since the All-Star break to drop to 27-28.

Centers Jahidi White and Brendan Haywood are also hurt and probably won't play Wednesday. Richard Hamilton, the team's second-leading scorer, has a sore groin. The toughest part of the schedule, a brutal West Coast road trip, is coming in March.

"Everybody's going to

wait for us to collapse, and everybody's going to wait for us to fold up the tent," Collins said. "I've got to be the leader of the ship more than ever. I have to be positive. I can't let corners be cut, and I can't let us make alibis. If we're going to lose games, I want it to be that we're prepared, that we're ready, that we compete."

Jordan's knee has been giving him problems since he began workouts a year ago in preparation for his second comeback.

The injury initially was diagnosed as tendinitis, and he had fluid drained from the knee at least three times, most recently before a game at Miami on Saturday. He also banged the knee in a collision with teammate Etan Thomas 2 1/2 weeks ago.

Doctors are now concerned there might be a more chronic, arthritic condition in the knee.

"If it's a cleanup, hopefully he could be back," Collins said. "If it's something a little more severe, then we'll have to wait and see. You can't just keep sticking a needle in that joint and draining out fluid and then try to play. That's going to continue to irritate that joint."

Jordan committed to play two seasons when he returned to the court last fall. He also said he planned to play all 82 games this season, a mild surprise considering he had to overcome broken ribs, back spasms, wrist tendinitis and the knee injury in the previous six months. He also lost about 30 pounds.

## ROUNDUP

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Tyrar Pearson scored 20 points for Iowa State, which had won three of four, but is 0-10 on the road.

### No. 8 Florida 68, Tennessee 62

Brett Nelson made all four of his 3-pointers in the last 11 minutes to help the Gators (21-6, 10-5 Southeastern Conference) keep their slim hopes alive for the regular-season title.

If Alabama beats Auburn on Wednesday, the Crimson Tide win the championship outright.

Marcus Haislip scored 17 points for the visiting Volunteers (13-15, 6-9).

### No. 10 Pittsburgh 73, Seton Hall 66, OT

Brandin Knight scored 19

points, including six in the 12-0 run to close overtime, and the Panthers (24-4, 12-3) clinched first place in the West Division of the Big East.

Donatas Zavackas added 15 points, including a 3-pointer with 3.4 seconds to go in regulation that forced the overtime, as the visiting Panthers won their sixth straight game.

John Allen had 18 points for Seton Hall (12-16, 5-10), which lost its fifth straight and seventh of eight.

### No. 15 Illinois 70, No. 25 Indiana 62

Frank Williams had 24 points in his final home game, and the Illini (22-7) won their seventh straight and helped create a four-way tie for first place in the Big Ten.

## AIKMAN

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year when Cowboys owner Jerry Jones was making his decision to let go of the quarterback who was the first player he drafted after buying the team in 1989.

Jones was in attendance for the Tuesday night ceremony, and spent time speaking with Aikman.

"I'm here to recognize and substantiate in any way I can the great contributions that Troy Aikman made to the success of the Dallas Cowboys," Jones said. "It's quite an honor."

Jones has called the deci-

sion to cut Aikman one of the hardest he has ever had to make.

In 2000, his final season, Aikman missed five games with injuries and was knocked out of three more in the first quarter. He suffered four of his 10 concussions in his last 20 starts.

The Cowboys waived him March 7, one day before owing him a \$7 million bonus and seven-year contract extension. Jones still took a \$10 million hit on his salary cap last season, but no longer is hampered by that contract.

Aikman, the No. 1 overall pick in that 1989 draft, had

32,942 career passing yards with 165 touchdowns. He is the Cowboys career leader in passing yards, touchdowns, completions (2,898) and attempts (4,715).

His 90 wins in 1990s are the most by any quarterback in any decade. Aikman also won his first seven playoff games and 10 of his first 11, and was the MVP of his first Super Bowl, after the 1992 season.

"I'm proud of what our teams accomplished and I'm happy with how my career went," Aikman said. "But once I announced my retirement, I haven't given a lot of thought to what I accom-

plished as a football player. That time of my life is gone."

Lane, an undrafted free agent, played 14 NFL seasons with the Los Angeles Rams, Chicago Cardinals and Detroit Lions from 1952-65. He was an aggressive tackler whose signature hit — a clothesline-type move dubbed the "Night Train Necktie" — was banned by the league.

Lane, an Austin native, was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in 1974, and his 68 career interceptions remain among the most in league history.

Matthews and Munchak

were teammates with the Houston Oilers from 1983-93.

Munchak, the first offensive lineman selected in the 1982 draft, played 159 games in 12 seasons with Houston and went to the Pro Bowl nine times before retiring after the 1993 season.

Matthews just finished his 19th season, all with the same franchise. He played 16 seasons with the Oilers, then remained with the team when it became the Tennessee Titans. He made 11 consecutive Pro Bowls, and holds Oilers' records for games played (348), consecutive games played (184) and started (181).

The Labontes, who grew up in Corpus Christi, are the only set of brothers to win NASCAR Winston Cup season titles. Terry Labonte won the 1984 and 1996 season titles, and Bobby Labonte was the 2000 champion. Terry Labonte has won 21 races, three more than his younger brother.

Cash, a native of Justiceburg, hit .271 with 377 home runs over 17 seasons for the Chicago White Sox (1958-59) and Detroit Tigers (1960-74). He played in the 1958 and 1968 World Series and led the AL in 1961 with a .361 average and 193 hits.

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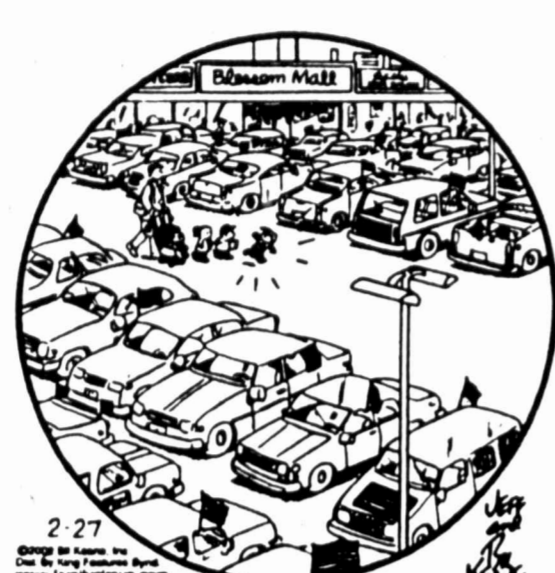
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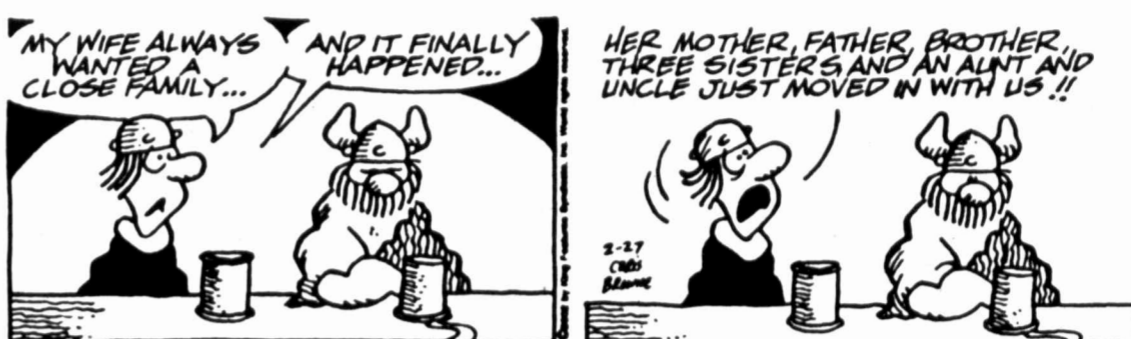
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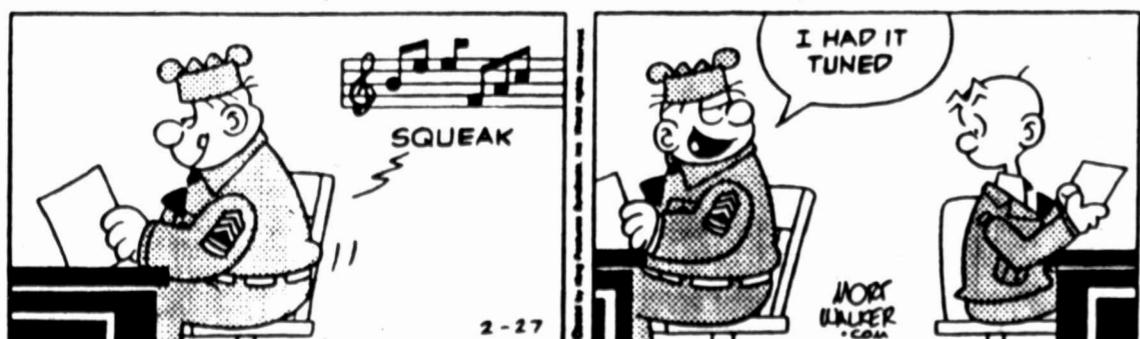
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Wednesday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2002. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Feb. 27, 1902, American author John Steinbeck was born in Salinas, Calif.

On this date:

In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

In 1807, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine.

In 1861, in Warsaw, Russian troops fired on a crowd protesting Russian rule over Poland; five marchers were killed.

In 1922, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to vote.

In 1973, members of the American Indian Movement occupied the hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. (The occupation lasted until May.)

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In 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, caught fire. The Nazis, blaming the Communists, used the fire as a pretext for suspending civil liberties.

In 1939, the Supreme Court outlawed sit-down strikes.

In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, three goals to two, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1972, President Nixon and Chinese Premier Chou En-lai issued the Shanghai Communiqué at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.

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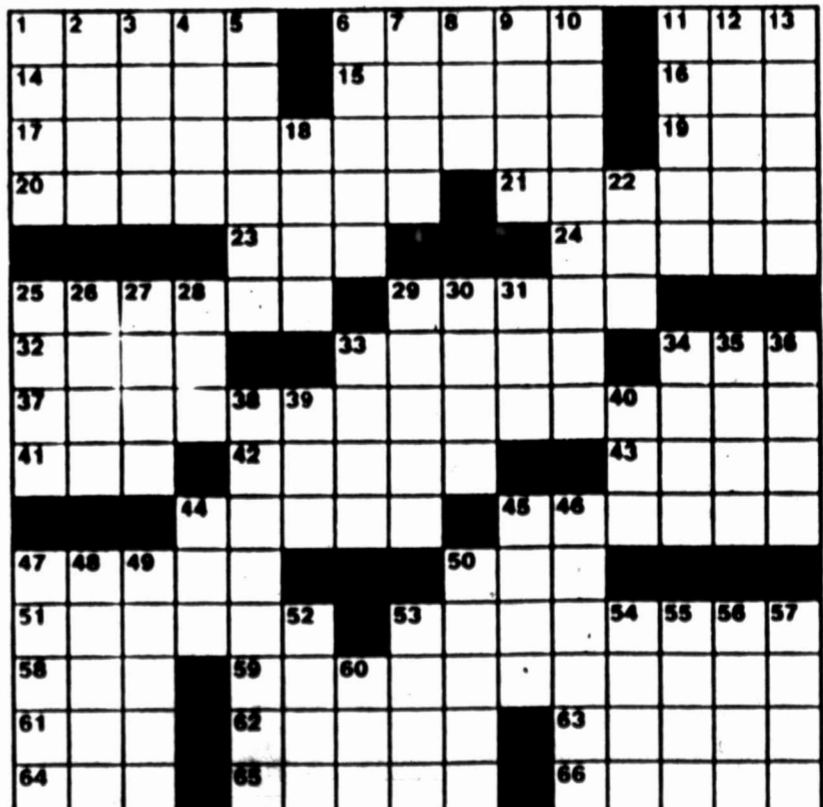
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21 Prepares ham  
23 Extremely long time  
24 Actress Dunne  
25 Quaking in one's boots  
29 Politically Incorrect host  
32 "That's terrible!"  
33 Exterior  
34 \_\_\_ culpa  
37 Doesn't pass or run  
41 Vein contents  
42 Israeli port  
43 Jannings or Gilets  
44 Fairway vehicles  
45 Oily  
47 England's \_\_\_ Downs  
50 "The Gold Bug" author  
51 One who's up  
53 Ford or Chrysler  
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31 Scornful laugh  
33 "Think nothing \_\_\_"  
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39 Lifeboat need  
40 Quilting event  
44 Bedroll alternative  
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46 Charts anew  
47 Reviewer Roger  
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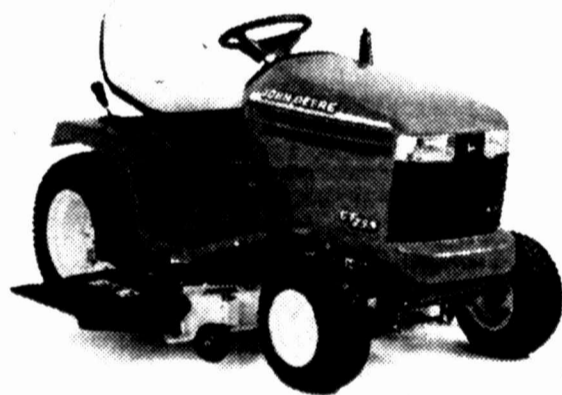
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