

Almanac

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Today is Tuesday, Feb. 19, the 50th day of 1980 with 316 to follow. The moon is moving toward its first quarter. The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury and Venus. Those born on this date are under the sign of Pisces. Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus, who formulated the modern model of the solar system, was born Feb. 19, 1473. On this date in history:
In 1922, vaudeville and musical comedy star Ed Wynn became the first big name in show business to sign for a regular radio show.
In 1945, American marines landed on Iwo Jima to start one of the bloodiest battles in the Pacific during World War II.
In 1964 Greek Prince Constantine was named regent of the country as the condition of his father, King Paul, worsened. Three years later Constantine was deposed as king by a military regime.
In 1977, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Crossland died at the age of 55.
A thought for the day: British statesman William Gladstone said, "Selfishness is the greatest curse of the human race."

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Agent Orange prompts vet to sue

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HOUSTON — An Army veteran who blames persistent skin problems, nervous ailments, unemployment and marital stress on exposure to the herbicide Agent Orange used in Vietnam sued Dow Chemical Co., Monday, for \$9 million in damages.
Joseph G. Ginn Jr., 30, of Austin, served in Vietnam for two years as a medic and was discharged in 1971, after developing skin and nervous

problems that doctors later blamed on the herbicide Agent Orange, lawyer Joseph Jamail said.
"We're claiming, and I'm certain I can prove, that Dow, the maker, failed to disclose how really toxic this substance was. From information we have they should have known about the side effect," Jamail said.
"It's a simple proposition — the failure to warn — which would have enabled the government or these

people, who were forced to be exposed to it to take protective measures, (such as) clothing, gas masks, (and) many things that were available."
Jamail said Ginn has suffered from persistent skin blistering, nervous problems and resultant personal difficulties including joblessness and marital stress since 1971.
"He's got blisters and running sores on his hands and feet. His

nerves are shot. It has effected his libido so much that his marriage might as well not exist," Jamail said. "He is now an absolute physical and mental wreck."
The lawyer said the suit was delayed for several years because "it was only in 1979 when enough information was gathered that diagnosis could be made that his infirmities were caused by Agent Orange."
Jamail said that, under existing federal law, Ginn could not sue the Army, which has given him partial disability benefits. Jamail said the suit was filed in Houston because Dow offices are located there.
The Army used Agent Orange to clear combat zones of foliage during the war in Vietnam. The use of the herbicide, and the resultant harm to soldiers exposed to the chemical, have stirred nationwide controversy.

School's prayer opposed by teen

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DALLAS — Constance Adams, 15, is Catholic and considers herself "very religious" — a seeming paradox for a high school sophomore trying to stop her school's practice of broadcasting a prayer each morning on its public address system.
Adams began her campaign to stop the saying of a prayer at Highland Park High School a few weeks ago and brought the controversy to light during a visit to the school by Gov. Bill Clements, a graduate of the institution.
Adams asked the governor his opinion of school prayer and he answered that he favored it, prompting applause from an audience.
The high school's student council Monday overwhelmingly voted to keep the prayer. Council president David Davis, who describes himself as a "very strong Christian," said the body preferred to keep the existing prayer rather than replace it with silent meditation.
But Adams said her group may appeal the vote to the school board

and, if necessary, may go to the American Civil Liberties Union for a possible law suit.
Adams also describes herself as religious, saying, "Personally, I'm a very religious person. I'm a Catholic. But I'm deeply offended that Highland Park has chosen to ignore the fundamental precepts on which this country was founded — freedom of religion and separation of church and state."
Senior Eddie Tatum, another of those opposing the prayer said, "The prayer itself doesn't offend me. What offends me is that some people's civil rights are being violated every time it is said."
School Principal E.A. Sigler explained the school district's attorney has said the prayer is legal because it is an activity of the student council rather than the school administration.
The U.S. Supreme Court issued rulings in 1962 and 1963 banning mandatory or official prayers in school.

Iran trip successful, activist says

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DALLAS — Brown Beret leader Juan Perez, back from a trip to Tehran to talk with the militants holding 50 Americans hostage, says the 49-member group of "progressive activists" accomplished its goals.

The trip was sponsored by the Committee for the American-Iranian Crisis Resolution, which also arranged for the Christmas visit to Tehran of several clergymen.
"I think we were able to accomplish what we set out to do," said Perez, who returned to Dallas Sunday. "We got a better understanding of the hostage situation. We got a better understanding of the Iranian revolution, and most importantly, we learned how the Iranian people feel about the American government."

Perez said he did not speak with any of the hostages, but he did enter the U.S. Embassy compound.
The 27-year-old Mexican-American activist said he left Tehran with the understanding the militant students had the support of the Iranian populace and that the American news media was distorting the hostage crisis.

"If nothing else, I learned that the news media has an obligation to print the truth of what is happening there, and that the American news media has betrayed that obligation," Perez said.
Perez said he was most impressed by the contrast between the American and Iranian people in their attitudes toward each other.
"In Tehran, they hate our government, but they have absolutely no animosity toward the American people, none whatsoever. In America, the people actually hate the Iranian people."

Citizens say El Paso oldest despite Nacogdoches' claim

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EL PASO — El Paso citizens are disputing Nacogdoches' claim to be the oldest town in Texas.
The El Paso Lower Valley community of Ysleta, supposedly first settled in 1682, is actually the oldest European settlement in Texas, local historians argue.
A spokesman for the Nacogdoches Tourist Commission said Nacogdoches' claim to the honor is based on Indian and prehistoric settlements.
Lucille Fain of the Nacogdoches

Tourist Commission said the basis of the East Texans' claim was a definition of a town as being a place of continuous habitation.
But Dr. W.H. Timmons, retired history professor at the University of Texas-El Paso, said "Traditionally, when you tell American history or history of the United States, it's a matter of when the Europeans came."
Nacogdoches was, however, among the first Texas cities to be incorporated, the El Paso historians concede.

Students' apathy sparks 18-year-old's mayoral bid

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LUBBOCK — Billy Roddy says his experience as junior class president last year probably won't help him if he's elected mayor of this city of 200,000.
"It's doubtful. It just helps open up your mind to foresee future problems that could arise," said the Coronado High School senior, who turned 18 in December.
An athlete and high school debater, Roddy announced recently he'll challenge current city councilman and television station owner Bill McAllister in the April 5 mayoral race.

Although he hasn't officially filed for office yet, he already has designated an insurance underwriter as his treasurer and is seeking a campaign manager. His war chest is filling, too.
"It's pretty much nickel and dime," he said, "but that's the way I expected it. One hundred dollars is my largest contribution. I'm not planning to spend a lot anyway, but it's adding up."
Before his senior year began, the teen-ager said he considered running for a City Council seat.
"It was just a thought but nothing serious. It was like thinking about buying a Lear jet," he said. Later, he began focusing on the mayor's race.

"He said, 'Why don't you run?' I thought, 'Wow! How ironic. How silly. Me run?'"
Roddy said he began asking students and neighbors about issues such as transportation and the critical need for a new Lubbock water supply, but found little interest.
"I felt like I was asking them 'How do you like bananas?' The not-voting syndrome doesn't only affect the younger voters, it carries on into the adults," he said.

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Of the 472 children in the Beverly Hills, Calif., school system who do not command English as their native tongue, about 80 percent speak Farsi — the language of Iran.

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