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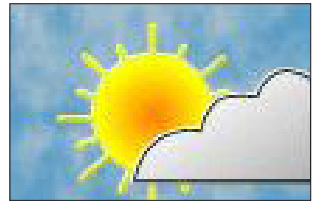


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EDC board to consider aiding distribution center

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A new warehouse and distribution operation could be making its way to the Big Spring area, as the board of directors for the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation are expected to make a decision on an incentive package for the unnamed business during its Tuesday meeting.



Wegman

Terry Wegman, executive director for the EDC, said details concerning the possible deal will be kept under wraps until the board gives it a nod. "The board is expected to discuss the incentive package, and we should have a decision by the end of the executive session,"

said Wegman. "I expect to be able to make an announcement during Tuesday's meeting. The business is a warehouse and distribution outfit. It's pretty small from an employee standpoint."

Bringing the business in could be a bright spot for the EDC, according to Wegman, as the city is losing two employers. StarTek Inc. and Solitaire Homes recently announced they would be closing down their Big Spring

operations in August.

"We could certainly use some positive news at this point," said Wegman.

The board is also expected to discuss moving funds currently in the Settles Hotel escrow account — money the board voted to invest in the ongoing efforts to renovate the historic hotel by the Settles Hotel Development Company — to take advantage of higher interest rates.

"The funding in the account is very liquid," said Wegman. "Officials with SHDC contacted us and let us know they would like to see some of the funds moved into an account that is accruing interest a couple tenths of a point higher than what it's drawing now. So it's just a matter of moving it from one area to another."

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King of Beers to sell for \$52 billion

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The maker of the King of Beers has agreed to go to work for the Belgian brewer InBev SA.

Anheuser-Busch Cos. said early Monday it had agreed to a sweetened \$52 billion takeover bid from InBev, creating the world's largest brewer and heading off what was shaping up as an acrimonious fight for the maker of Budweiser and Bud Light beers.

The deal, which would also create the third-largest consumer product company, will be called Anheuser-Busch InBev.

The Anheuser-Busch board accepted the higher takeover offer Sunday night from Belgian-based brewer InBev SA, according to a joint press release.

"I think we're going to bring the best of both companies into one company, our footprint with their amazing brands," InBev CEO Carlos Brito said in a video posted on InBev's Web site.

For InBev, the maker of Stella Artois and Beck's, the deal gives an aggressive company an iconic beer brand — Budweiser

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

More than 50 hang gliders from all over the world will converge on Big Spring August 2-9 as the Hang Gliding Association prepares to hold the Big Spring International at McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark.

Hang gliders will return for Big Spring International

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

More than 50 hang glider pilots from around the world are expected to converge on Big Spring later this month, as the Big Spring International prepares to get under way at the Big Spring Airport and McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark Aug. 2-9.

Col. Jim Little, director of



Little

the airpark facility, said this year's hang gliding competition will be much smaller than last year's world championships — which drew more than 200 pilots from all over the world — but is certainly nothing to sneeze at.

"It's not a national or world championship like last year, but they are calling it the Big Spring International," said Little. "Event officials are telling me this is still one of the Hang Gliding Association's biggest events of the year."

Little said the scaled-down nature of the event should

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Mid-Summer Festival set for weekend

Family-oriented event to feature food, music, games

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Food, games, music, fun — all in one place.

Mark your calendar for this weekend, Friday and Saturday and plan to attend the Mid-Summer Festival at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

"There will be activities everyone in the family can enjoy," said Irene Galan, festival spokesperson.

Food? The kitchen inside the parish hall will open each day at 11 a.m. and feature enchilada plates, gordita plates and guiso plates, drinks and desserts. Later, about 6:30 p.m., outdoor food booths will begin serving brisket burritos, hamburgers, turkey legs, corn on the cob, Frito pie, drinks and snow cones.

Games? Try your luck at Wheel of Fortune, Ring the Bottle, the Prize Walk, Duck Pond, Cake Walk, Baseball, Canes, Cascarones and more. Or put your child on the train ride. From 7 p.m. until 11 p.m., bingo will be held inside the parish hall.

Music? Grupo Sierra will perform Friday

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ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Someday, when a boy named Dixon and Willoughby Partin asks how he got his 24-letter name, he'll learn it came with a hundred bucks worth of gasoline.

David Partin of Orlando offered the right to name his unborn son to a local radio station that offered \$100 worth of free gas to the listener with the most interesting item to trade. Radio hosts Richard Dixon and J. Willoughby took Partin's deal.

When the baby is born this winter, he will be named Dixon and Willoughby Partin, with the "and" included.

Miss Venezuela crowned

NHA TRANG, Vietnam (AP) — Miss Venezuela was crowned Miss Universe 2008 on Monday in a contest marked by the spectacle of Miss USA falling down during the evening gown competition for the second year in a row.

The new Miss Universe, Dayana Mendoza, was once kidnapped in her homeland and says the experience taught her to remain poised under pressure.

Tension got under the skin of Miss USA, Crystle Stewart of Texas, who tripped on the train of her bejeweled evening gown as she made her entrance.

Needed: New Reveille

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M is calling the dogs.

The university is trying to find a canine to replace Reveille VII, a 7-year-old collie who retired at the end of the spring semester as the school's mascot.

Reveille I came to Texas A&M in January 1931.

Reveille is described on the Texas A&M Web site as "the first lady of Aggie-land, is the official mascot of Texas A&M University."

"She is the highest ranking member of the Corps of Cadets, and she is a Five-Star General."



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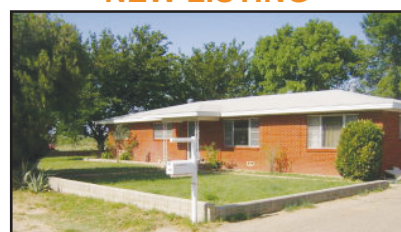
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Just let go: Favre should move on

It's never easy for one to let go of the things he or she loves. However, sometimes the best decision one can make is just to move on.

For years now, Brett Favre has considered retiring from the NFL and the Green Bay Packers and appeared to finally make the final decision to exit the league a few months ago in a very tearful goodbye.



JONATHAN HULL

But, apparently it wasn't real. Favre is understandably struggling to leave behind the game he loves and apparently is OK with also leaving the team and community where his legend is forever enshrined.

And all I can think is shame on him.

It's time for Brett to let go, no matter how painful it might be. Several NFL players have the same difficulty in leaving the game. That's why many of them never completely leave the confines of the NFL, becoming coaches or signing on with ESPN or one of the other national media outlets that cover the nation's most popular sport.

However, one gets the feeling Favre won't relegate himself to one of those fields. Apparently, in his mind, the only field he belongs on is the gridiron.

Unfortunately, I can't write the only field he desires to perform on is Lambeau, since Favre has asked Green Bay for his unconditional release after the Packers' front office balked at the idea of their legendary, retired quarterback returning for at least another season.

Personally, I can't blame the Packers for their response. Favre has toyed with the idea of retirement for year after year, usually waiting until after the draft in April to announce his return. It's almost as if he had

to have the attention generated from his threats of retirement. As if the Packers' front office and fans groveling for his presence in Green Bay was part of his daily diet.

The best move that can be made is to keep Favre cut off, though, and to make a move to the future. Green Bay has to find out what it has at the quarterback position in Aaron Rodgers. It's never easy replacing a legend and Rodgers needs to get his feet wet.

Favre, on the other hand, now appears offended Green Bay is even considering not bringing him back. General Manager Ted Thompson is making the correct decision, though. It is

time to move on and don't be fooled by the Packers' success being built around Favre.

Thompson realizes the talent around Favre had much more to do with Green Bay's success than did the play of the NFL's all-time leader in completions, yards and touchdowns.

There was Greg Jennings providing big plays at wideout. Donald Driver was being a reliable veteran receiver, picking up critical yardage in drives. Also, the offensive line is probably one of the best Favre has ever played behind.

The defense was the best it had been in several years in

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All-Stars pace Rangers to 12-11 victory over Chicago

Texas finishes season's first half with 50 wins

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Ian Kinsler, Michael Young and Milton Bradley took care of business at home before heading to the All-Star game.

Kinsler extended his majors-best hitting streak to 25 games with three hits and drove in three runs, and Young and Bradley also had key hits, leading the Texas Rangers to a wild 12-11 victory over the AL Central-leading Chicago White Sox that clinched another series win.

"We're showing a lot of character, clawing our way through games," said Young, who has a 15-game hitting streak. "We're playing as a team. ... The momentum we've built up over the last couple of months, hopefully we can carry that over into the second half."

Since having the worst

record in the majors at 7-16 in late April, the Rangers (50-46) have won 16 of their last 23 series — and split three others, including a four-game set last week against the AL West-leading Angels, who are 7½ games ahead of third-place Texas.

Chicago (54-40) maintained a 1½-game division lead over Minnesota despite its third loss in four games.

The White Sox had a 2-0 lead only three pitches in, and finished with a season-high 22 hits. And that still wasn't enough.

"This was the worst baseball game I've ever seen. ... The pitchers should look themselves in the mirror and be embarrassed," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said. "That was ugly. That's the worst I've seen in a long time."

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AP photo/Matt Slocum

Texas Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler follows through on a two-run double off Chicago White Sox pitcher Jose Contreras in the second inning of an AL baseball game Sunday in Arlington. The Rangers won 12-11.

Astros head into break with 5-0 win over Nationals

By **JOSEPH WHITE**

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — Brandon Backe loves to bat, slide and play the field. All things being equal, he'd rather be an everyday player than a pitcher.

On Sunday, he was about as close to Mr. Everything as he's ever going to get. He pitched seven-plus innings, went 2-for-3 with a double and scored twice in the Houston Astros' 5-0 victory over the notoriously shutout-prone Washington Nationals.

"I would just love be able to be the

everyday player — diving catches, running into the wall, getting dirty," Backe said. "I'm just sad I didn't get to slide today."

Backe raised his batting average to .345 while lowering his ERA to 4.76. He was so effective at the plate that other players were laying down sacrifice bunts to move their pitcher along. About the only thing he didn't do was execute a squeeze play in the fourth inning, instead fouling the pitch off.

"We feel like we're playing with nine instead of eight," outfielder Carlos Lee said. "Backe's a good hitter."

Ty Wigginton added his eighth homer of the season and Lee had three RBIs for the Astros, who took two of three from the Nationals and finished 4-5 on their road trip leading into the All-Star break.

But back to Backe (6-9), who apparently hasn't heard that pitchers aren't supposed to spend a ton of time on the basepaths on a hot summer day. He supplemented his first multihit game of the year with his best game to date on the mound, allowing only five hits with four walks and five strikeouts. He worked out of

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Fight for attention

Stars battle for New York spotlight

By **RONALD BLUM**

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Baseball is saying goodbye to Yankee Stadium during the All-Star break, a time when the sport's best gather and fans focus on one ballpark. New York general manager Brian Cashman hopes it isn't a final farewell.

"Certainly we're hopeful that we can get our act together," he said, "and extend it into October."

As the scoreboard in center field points out, just 32 regular-season games remain at Yankee Stadium, the 85-year-old monument to baseball history. There have been 106 World Series games played at the big ballyard in the Bronx — more than one-third of the American League's home total of 300.

"I've had a lot of great memories here and a lot of sad memories," said Hall of Famer George Brett, who hit three homers during a 1980 playoff game at Yankee Stadium but is best remembered for the 1983 Pine Tar Game, when his go-ahead, ninth-inning homer was disallowed by umpires, then reinstated by the AL president.

While 13 of the Yankees' last 14 regular-season games are sold out and the team is headed to its fourth straight

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Sports in brief

Steer football season ticket sales to begin

Big Spring High School 2008 football season tickets go on sale July 28 at the Athletic Training Center.

Only people who have previously owned season tickets are able to buy from July 28-Aug. 7.

Sales for the general public begin Aug. 11 and end Aug. 22.

Tickets can be bought Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the ATC.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

UIL-required physicals due for some athletes

UIL requires all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th grade athletes to have a physical before they are allowed

to participate in any sport.

This includes practices and games. All local athletic departments are encouraging athletes and their parents headed into the grades listed above to make an appointment with their doctor and get this physical before the start of the school year.

Football and volleyball players would want to get this taken care of before the start of two-a-days.

Contact your school's athletic department with any questions.

Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp scheduled

Big Spring native and former Olympian Rose Magers-Powell will hold a volleyball camp from July 28-30 at Big Spring Junior High.

The camp will be held from 9 a.m. until noon all three days.

Cost is \$125 per camper.

For more information, visit www.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com.

Ivie hunting permit applications now accepted

Applications for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas will be accepted by mail only beginning Monday and ending Aug. 15 at the reservoir field office.

Permits are limited and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal Water District at 267-6341 or by writing to: CRMWD, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring 79721.

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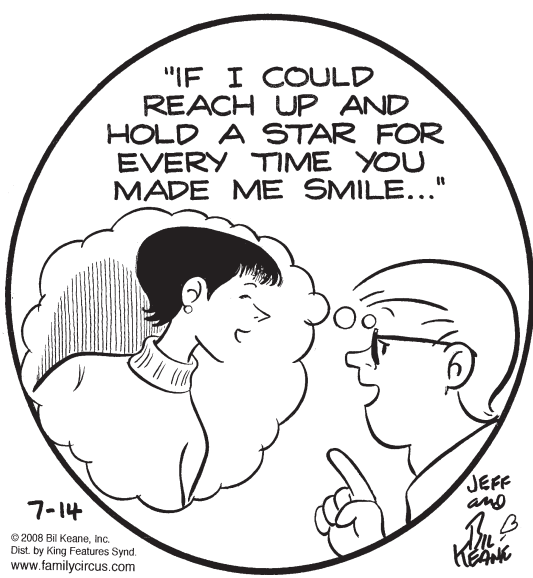
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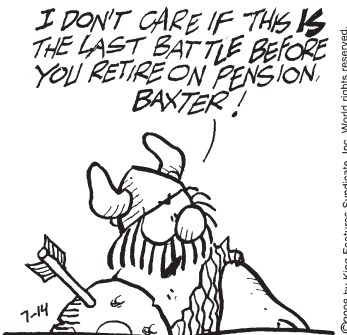
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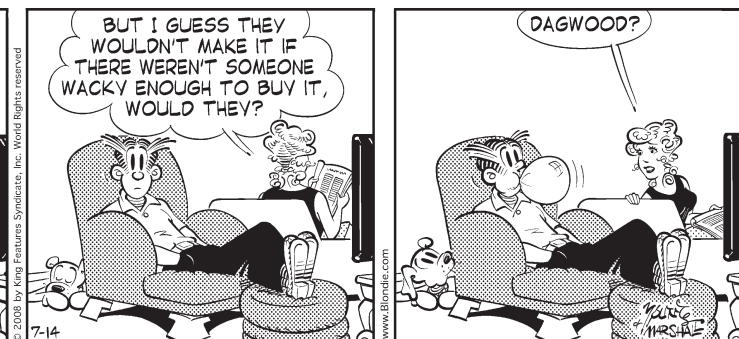
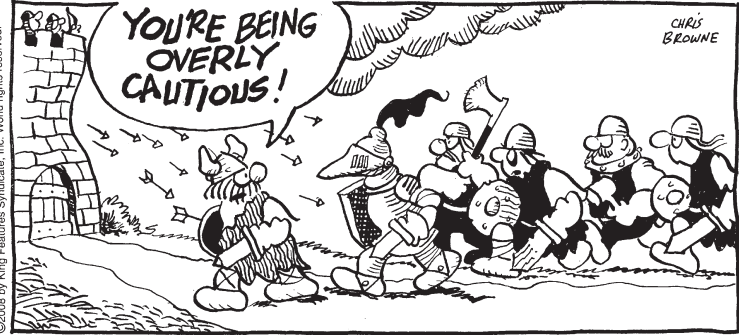


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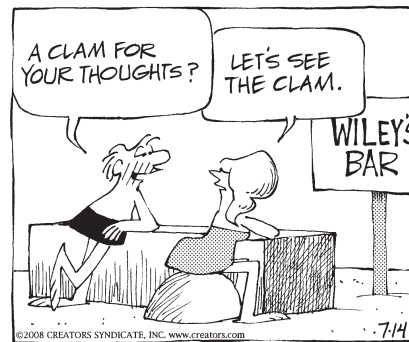
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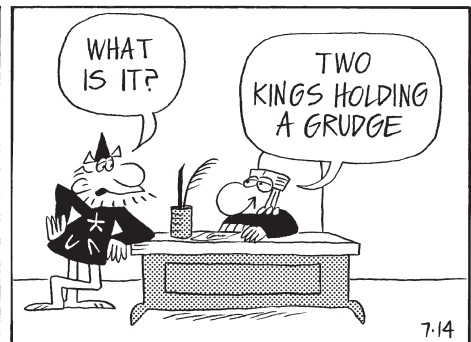
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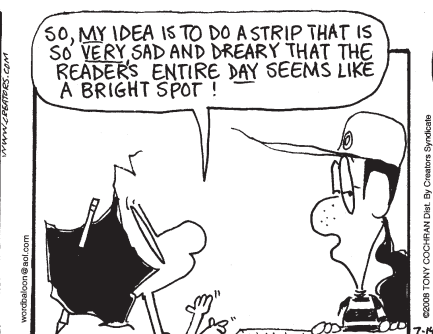
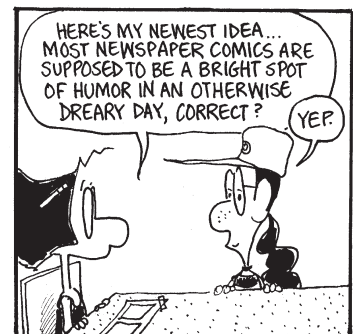
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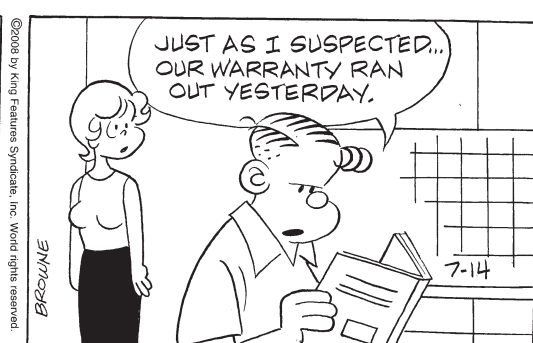
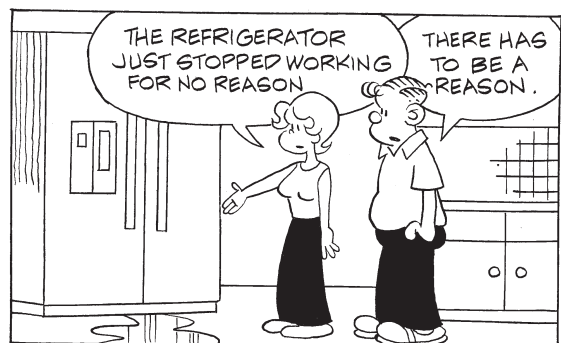
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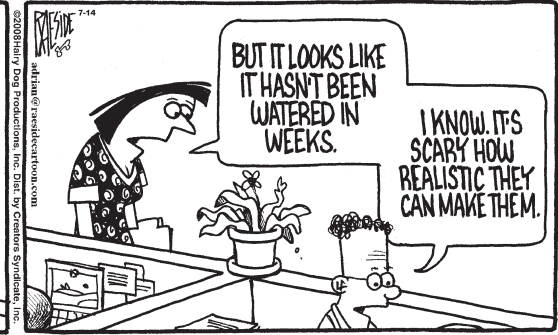
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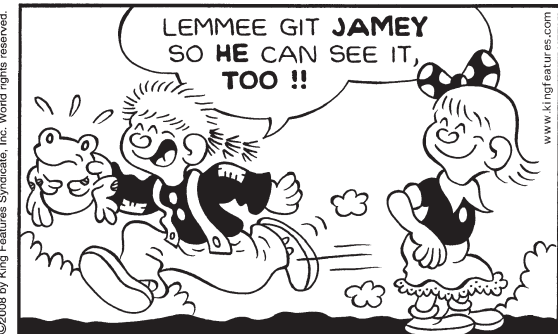
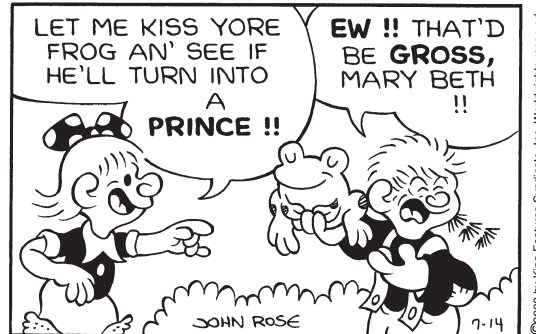
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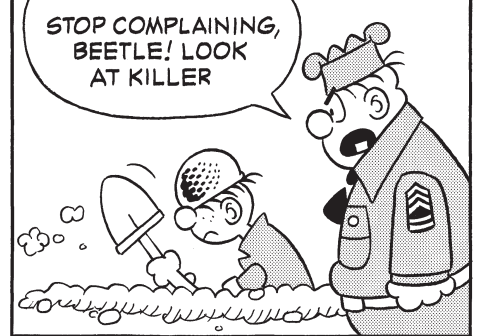
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, July 14, the 196th day of 2008. There are 170 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 14, 1789, during the French Revolution, citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison and released the seven prisoners inside. On this date: In 1798, Congress passed the Sedition Act, making it a federal crime to publish false, scandalous or malicious writing about the United States government. In 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry relayed to Japanese officials a letter from President Fillmore, requesting trade relations. (Fillmore's term of office had already expired by the time the letter was delivered.) In 1858, British suffragist Emmeline Pankhurst was born in Manchester, England. In 1881, outlaw William H. Bonney Jr., alias "Billy the Kid," was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner, N.M. In 1908, the short film "The Adventures of Dollie," the first

movie directed by D.W. Griffith, opened in New York. In 1913, Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr., the 38th president of the United States, was born Leslie Lynch King Jr. in Omaha, Neb. In 1933, all German political parties, except the Nazi Party, were outlawed. In 1958, the army of Iraq overthrew the monarchy. In 1966, eight student nurses were murdered by Richard Speck in a Chicago dormitory. In 1978, Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky was convicted of treasonous espionage and anti-Soviet agitation, and sentenced to 13 years at hard labor. (Sharansky was released in 1986.) One year ago: North Korea told the United States it had shut down its nuclear reactor, hours after a ship cruised into port loaded with oil promised in return for the country's pledge to disarm. Former presidents, fellow first ladies and about 1,800 other people attended a private funeral in Austin, Texas, for Lady Bird Johnson, the widow of President Lyndon B. Johnson. Today's Birthdays: Playwright Arthur Laurents is 91. Actor Dale Robertson is 85. Actor Harry Dean Stanton is 82. Actress Nancy Olson is 80. Actress Polly Bergen is 78. Former football player Rosey Grier

is 76. Actor Vincent Pastore is 62. Former music company executive Tommy Mottola is 59. Actor Jerry Houser is 56. Actor-director Eric Laneville is 56. Actor Stan Shaw is 56. Movie producer Scott Rudin is 50. Singer-guitarist Kyle Gass is 48. Country musician Ray Herndon (McBride and the Ride) is 48. Actor Jackie Earle Haley is 47. Actor Matthew Fox is 42. Rock musician Ellen Reid (Crash Test Dummies) is 42. Rock singer-musician Tonya Donnelly is 42. Actress Missy Gold is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tameka Cottle (Xscape) is 33. Hip-hop musician taboo (Black Eyed Peas) is 33. Actor Scott Porter is 29.

Thought for Today: "Jealousy is no more than feeling alone among smiling enemies." - Elizabeth Bowen, Irish novelist (1899-1973). © 2008 The Associated Press.

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