

TEXAS BRIEFS

Federal panel denies redistricting ruling challenges
BEAUMONT (AP) — A Democrat attempting to unseat a Republican congressman has been denied legal status to challenge the ruling by a three-judge federal panel that redrew the lines for 13 congressional districts in Texas.

In an order signed Monday and filed Tuesday in Houston, the judges said Nick Lampson cannot intervene in the lawsuit that resulted in new congressional lines for the 9th District.

Lampson opposes Republican congressman Steve Stockman of Friendswood.

The judges also denied a similar request from the Natural Law Party and requests for a stay and/or injunction from U.S. Reps. Sheila Jackson Lee, Gene Green and Eddie Bernice Johnson, whose districts were affected by the Aug. 6 ruling.

Paroled rapist gets 55 years for assaulting therapist

HOUSTON (AP) — A paroled rapist has been sentenced to 55 years in prison for attempting to rape the therapist in charge of his sex offender counseling.

Joseph Tyler, 42, cornered the therapist in her office last Dec. 26 while she was preparing a bill for him, prosecutor Cindy Marshall said.

Tyler, who had been attending group therapy as a parole condition after serving time for a 1983 rape conviction, was sentenced Tuesday by District Judge George Godwin.

The prosecutor said the incident began with Tyler verbally harassing the therapist before lunging at her in the hallway.

The therapist said Tyler wrestled her to the floor and pinned her wrist down. When he let go of one arm in an attempt to unfasten her pants, she stabbed him in the face with a pen, she said.

Car dealers' group sues Irvin, saying arrest ruined ads

DALLAS (AP) — A group of North Texas car dealers want two things from Michael Irvin: The keys to the vehicle they loaned him, then more than \$1 million — at least.

The North Texas Toyota Dealers Association sued Irvin on Tuesday for about \$1.4 million in damages, alleging that the football star misrepresented himself as a moral person when he signed an endorsement contract on Feb. 12.

"Had the dealers association known of Michael Irvin's immoral lifestyle, it would not have entered into the (endorsement) agreement," the lawsuit states.

However, the suit accuses Irvin of violating deceptive-trade laws, which could mean a jury could assess a verdict three times the specified amount of damages if the Cowboys' star is found to be liable.

Mexican national on death row faces possible retrial

HOUSTON (AP) — An illegal immigrant from Mexico, armed with a federal court decision that holds his capital murder conviction was improper, was set to return today to the same Harris County court where 14 years ago he was sent to death row.

Ricardo Aldape Guerra, who has insisted an associate was the triggerman in the 1982 death of a Houston policeman, faces arraignment in what could be a move toward a possible retrial.

Montford departure rattles Senate alignment

AUSTIN (AP) — Politicians of both parties called John Montford's resignation a loss for the Texas Senate, where he has served for 14 years.

But it might become a bigger — possibly historic — loss for Texas Democrats.

Even before Montford's decision Tuesday to become chancellor of Texas Tech University, the Democrats' century-long hold on the Legislature's upper chamber was under pressure from determined Republicans.

In 1994, the GOP trimmed the Democrats' Senate margin to 17-14, the closest this century. And the Lubbock Democrat's seat wasn't supposed to be up for election again until 1998.

But with the latest developments in West Texas, the GOP now has its sights set on control. If Republicans can win a net gain of two seats in November, they would run a legislative chamber for the first time since Reconstruction.

"It's good news for us politically," said Tom Pauken, state GOP chairman, as the Texas Tech regents hired Montford.

"Obviously, the Montford seat is one that's definitely conservative and leans Republican. I hope we pick it up in November," Pauken said.

That's a view shared by state Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, who chairs the Campaign for Republican Leadership.

His effort is aimed at winning control of the Texas House by claiming 76 of its 150 seats this fall. So Grusendorf has been looking at voting trends and demographics. He believes the Montford district is tilting toward the GOP column.

"Based on the numbers up there, I don't see any way (Democrats could hold it). I guess there's always a chance, but I'd say the high probability is that seat goes Republican," he said.

Democrats disagree, of course.

Montford long enjoyed electoral success as a Democrat. He was Lubbock County criminal district attorney from 1979-1982 and has won repeated Senate elections since 1982. He rose to become one of the state's most powerful lawmakers, chairing the budget-writing Senate Finance Committee.

"The fact that the seat is now held by a Democrat is good news," said Anne Marie Kilday, spokeswoman for the Texas Democratic Party.

"We're very hopeful. There are a number of excellent Democratic candidates who've made it clear they would like to run for the Senate seat," Ms. Kilday said.

And she noted that another key Democratic legislator comes from the same region — House Speaker Pete Laney of Hale Center.

The new vacancy further rattles an already shaky partisan alignment, however, with half

the Senate seats up for election this year.

Here's the math: After Democratic erosion in recent years, Republicans hold 14 seats. A net gain of two, for a total of 16, would put the GOP in control by a 16-15 margin.

To achieve that, the GOP's strategists had been hoping to retain the East Texas seat held by Sen. Drew Nixon, R-Carthage; pick up the seat vacated by Sen. Bill Sims, D-Paint Rock; and oust Sen. David Cain, D-Dallas.

Now there's another seat in play, and the GOP chairman likes what he sees when he looks west toward Lubbock.

"It will be a targeted senatorial district," Pauken said. "It gives us the opportunity to potentially win three or more state Senate seats."

That may be a long shot. But if the GOP pulls it off, it will be one for the history books.

Former Whitewater partner gets two years in prison

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Susan McDougal was sentenced to two years in prison because the former Whitewater partner wouldn't offer testimony damaging to President Clinton or his wife, McDougal's lawyer said.

"To my knowledge, my client does not have any incriminating information on Bill or Hillary Clinton," Bobby McDaniel said. "If she had caved in, she wouldn't be looking at any prison time."

Mrs. McDougal, 42, faced up to 17 years in prison and a \$1 million fine after being convicted May 28 of misusing a \$300,000 loan obtained in the name of her Master Marketing advertising company.

At her sentencing hearing Tuesday, she tearfully pleaded

for the same leniency shown former Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, who was spared prison Monday because he suffers from chronic liver disease. Mrs. McDougal claimed she blindly left all financial details to her then-husband, James McDougal.

"I signed those documents and I picked up that check just as I did everything that Jim told me to do, without thinking and without taking responsibility for it," Mrs. McDougal told U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr.

"I just want to have a normal life," she begged tearfully.

Howard rejected claims that Mrs. McDougal naively received an illegal \$300,000 loan — \$25,000 of which prosecutors say was used to buy land for the

Whitewater real estate venture. The prison term "will take Mrs. McDougal out of circulation for a reasonable amount of time," the judge said.

Mrs. McDougal also was ordered to repay the loan with interest and pay a \$5,000 fine. After prison, she will be on probation three years. Howard ordered Mrs. McDougal to report to prison by Sept. 30.

Tucker, 53, was sentenced to four years' probation, starting with 1 year of home detention, after his conviction in the same case.

Her husband, James McDougal, 55, faces a maximum 84 years in prison and \$4.5 million in fines after his conviction on 18 fraud and conspiracy counts. But his sentencing has been

postponed until Nov. 18 in the clearest sign yet that he is cooperating with prosecutors.

The McDougals were partners in 1978-92 with Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton in the Whitewater real estate development in northern Arkansas.

McDaniel said that after Mrs. McDougal's conviction, chief prosecutor W. Ray Jahn offered to recommend probation for her if she cooperated.

"He said, 'You know the focus of our investigation is Bill and Hillary Clinton. That's what we're looking for,'" according to McDaniel. He said she refused.

"The story today is, if you don't cooperate with independent counsel and do their bidding, they will crush you," he said.

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Indians' big bats batter Rangers, 10-4

CLEVELAND (AP) — For the Cleveland Indians, three, four and five added up to 10 runs. The heart of the Indians' order came through Tuesday night, accounting for all of Cleveland's runs in a 10-4 victory over the Texas Rangers.

four in a season. "I guess I'm just lucky," said Ramirez, who has four grand slams in his career. "I've never tried to hit a grand slam."

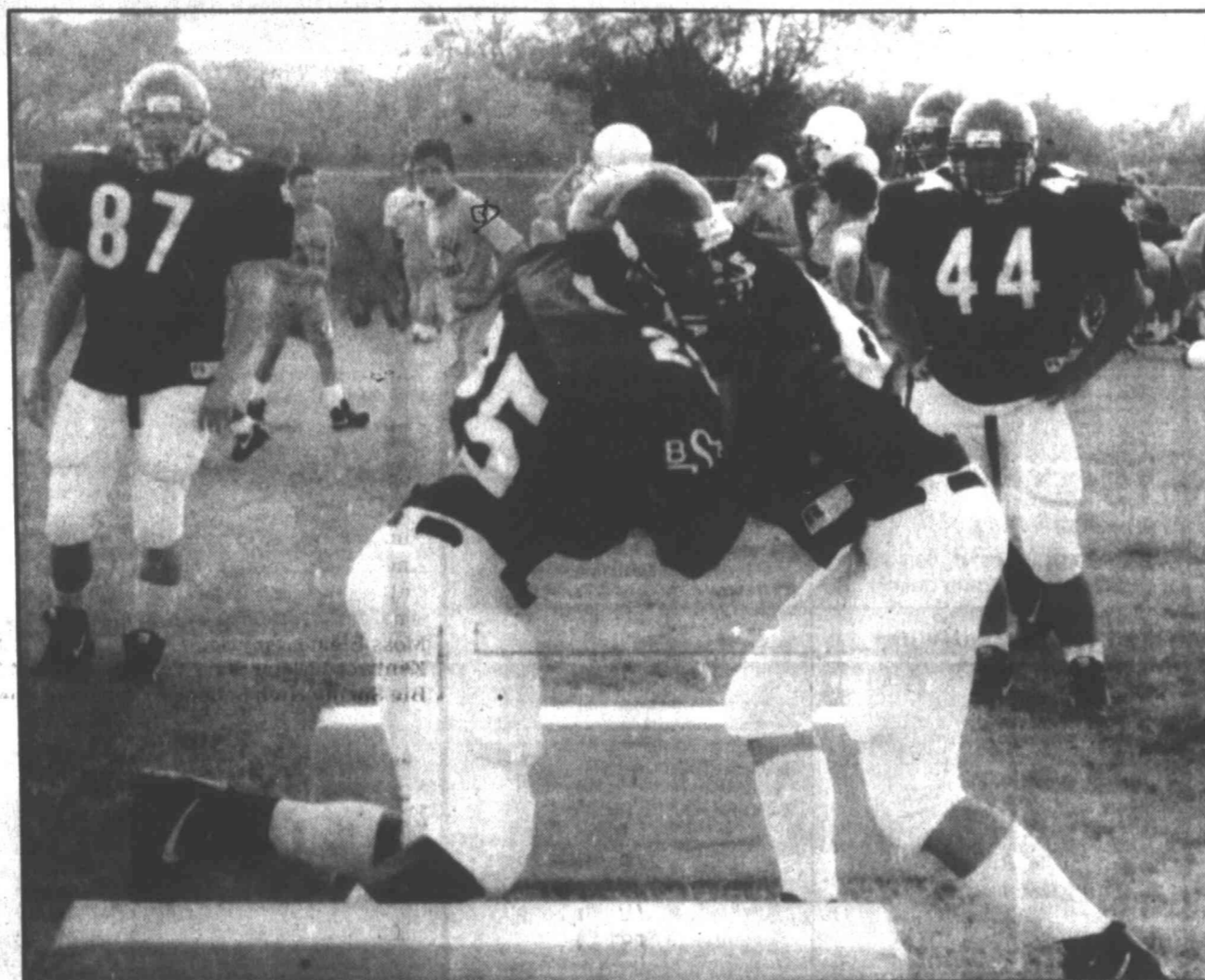
homer on Saturday and two on Sunday against Detroit, has eight hits in his last 16 at-bats. "When you're swinging the bat well, any ball that's in the zone looks good," said Thome, whose 28 homers and 87 RBIs are both career highs.

games." Juan Gonzalez hit his 36th home run for Texas, a two-run shot in the fifth that gave the Rangers a 4-3 lead. Gonzalez extended his hitting streak to 12 games and drove in three runs, giving him 114 RBIs.

Astros crunch Pittsburgh, 9-4

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros overwhelmed the Pittsburgh Pirates with numbers. John Cangelosi came off a four-game suspension with four hits. Derek Bell drove in his 100th run and Donne Wall ended a personal four-game losing streak as the Astros beat the Pirates 9-4 Tuesday night.

Rock em, sock em



The Big Springs Steers line up and hit each other at a recent practice. But they'll get to hit somebody else when they scrimmage at Lamesa on Thursday night at 7:30.

"We've got guys on this team who can drive in runs, but they've got to have people on base to do that," Cangelosi said. "My job is to get on any way I can."

Cangelosi did his job by getting on base five times, with four hits and a walk, and he scored two runs. Jeff Bagwell and Bell did their parts by driving in three runs apiece.

Bell's sacrifice fly in the eighth gave him 100 RBIs for the year.

"He's just doing his job," Bagwell said of Bell. "His job and my job are to drive in runs. The guys in front of us are supposed to get on. If everybody does their jobs, these things happen."

Bell has done his job this season because he's remained healthy.

NFL Roundup Top kickers get boot as cut deadline arrives

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kickers usually compete for jobs until the final days of training camp, then learn whether they made the final cut. This year is playing out a bit differently. Two of the NFL's better known kickers, Matt Bahr and Lin Elliott, and 15-year veteran punter Rohn Stark were among those waived Tuesday as teams whittled their rosters to 60 players.

The Vikings cut Elliott, leaving the job to Scott Sisson unless someone else is signed. Elliott was dumped by Kansas City during the off-season after his three missed field goals contributed to the Chiefs' playoff loss to Indianapolis in January. He signed with the Vikings early in training camp when it became apparent Fuad Revez's foot injury was serious. Revez was forced to retire. Stark, whose 1,103 punts are the second most in NFL history, was cut by Pittsburgh. The 37-year-old played with the Indianapolis Colts before joining the Steelers last year as a free agent. He punted 59 times, averaging 40.1 yards with a net of 33.3 yards.

Others handing in their playbooks included running backs Garrison Hearst (cut by the Cardinals) and Johnny Johnson (49ers), quarterbacks Gino Torretta (49ers) and Dan McGwire (Dolphins), tackle Steve Wallace (Eagles) and defensive backs Shawn Gayle (Chargers), Nate Odomes (Seahawks), Maurice Hurst (Rams) and John Booty (Buccaners).

Stark, is just 51 punts behind Dave Jennings. He has won three NFL punting titles, just one behind Sammy Baugh and Jerrel Wilson for the most in league history. The Cardinals waived Hearst in a salary-cap gambit that allowed them to strengthen their defensive line by offering high-dollar contracts to Simeon Rice and Eric Swann.

Two others players will miss the season because of suspensions, each presumably because he failed a third drug test. The NFL lengthened Colts fullback Roosevelt Potts' suspension from four games to 16 and suspended Ravens defensive tackle Larry Webster for a year. One trade was made, too, as Miami dealt running back Terry Kirby to San Francisco for an undisclosed 1997 draft pick.

Tobin unloaded defensive end Clyde Simmons on Monday. Coupled with Hearst's waiver and the new contracts for Rice, a first-round pick from Illinois, and Swann, a Pro Bowl tackle, the moves left Arizona about \$1.5 million with which they can acquire another running back. Johnson, who twice rushed for more than 900 yards in five seasons with the Cardinals and Jets, was signed by the 49ers to a two-year, \$3 million contract last March.

"He's the best kicker I ever had," said Patriots coach Bill Parcells, who coached Bahr for three seasons with the New York Giants and two full seasons in New England. "He was just a dependable guy and a true professional." Parcells, calling the decision one of the most difficult he has made as a head coach, said Vinatieri's ability to kick off as well as convert field goals and extra points was an important factor. Bahr, despite hitting a career-long 55-yard field goal last season, was inconsistent on long-distance attempts and did not handle the kickoff duties for the past two seasons.

"This is a new opportunity for me to run the ball and also catch it," Kirby said. "It's exciting to come here and do the things I'm capable of doing." San Francisco also cut Torretta, the 1992 Heisman Trophy winner, who lost out to Jeff Brohm in the battle for a spot as the third quarterback behind Steve Young and Elvis Grbac.

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BASEBALL

AL Standings

Table showing AL Standings for East and Central Divisions, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

Table showing Monday's Games, Tuesday's Games, Wednesday's Games, and Thursday's Games for the AL.

Table showing NL Standings for East Division, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

Table showing Monday's Games, Tuesday's Games, Wednesday's Games, and Thursday's Games for the NL.

FOOTBALL

NFL Preseason

Table showing NFL Preseason games for the American Conference, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

Table showing NFL Preseason games for the National Conference, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

TRANSACTIONS

Table showing NFL Transactions, listing teams and player movements.

Unwanted pinch may cost Rodman

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Delta Center usher wants \$750,000 from NBA forward Dennis Rodman for purportedly pinching her on the bottom during a game.



RODMAN

Lavon Ankers, who was an usher at the May 5, 1994, game between San Antonio and the Utah Jazz, alleges in a suit against Rodman that he chased a loose ball out of bounds, then pinched her buttocks while returning to the court. "The touching and pinching was witnessed by bystanders and spectators," according to the suit filed last week in U.S. District Court.

The suit also states that a local television broadcast of the game showed Rodman walking past Ankers, turning around and "apparently touching her on the backside."

NBA officials have refused to release copies of the broadcast because the incident is now under litigation, said Joel Litvin, of the league's legal department. Ankers "was and continues to be greatly humiliated, shamed, embarrassed, and endured great mental suffering," according to the suit, which seeks \$250,000 in general damages and \$500,000 in punitive damages.

Ankers' attorney Harry Caston said Tuesday he and his client decided to file the suit after receiving no response from Rodman's agent in an attempt to resolve the matter without litigation. "Frankly, she didn't invite or in any way ask Rodman to touch or pinch her on the buttocks," Caston said. "It's been something that she doesn't think is funny and never thought was funny ... and it's undignified."

Ankers, who is still employed at the Delta Center, did not return a telephone message left at her home. A call seeking comment from Rodman's representatives with the Rodman Group also was not immediately returned on Tuesday. Rodman, 35, said in a radio interview Monday that he's headed to Europe Wednesday to be married, but he refused to name his betrothed or provide many other details. "You'll be totally surprised by who I'm going to marry," Rodman told syndicated radio host Jim Rome from New York. Rodman, known for his aggressive rebounding, dyed hair and eccentric behavior, played for the NBA-champion Chicago Bulls last season and signed a one-year contract with the team earlier this month.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Little League football having sign-ups Crossroads Little Football League sign-ups will be held through Aug. 24 at the Big Spring Mall. Players from the third through sixth grades will need a birth certificate. Entry fee is \$30. Cheerleader entry fee is \$10. Registration will be held Monday through Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, contact Bobby Lang at 263-7510 or Carla Crow at 263-7206.

Bass Club to sponsor kids tourney The Big Spring 6th Annual Kids Tournament will be held on Sept. 21 at Comanche Trail Lake. Fishing hours are from 9 a.m. to noon. The registration table opens at 8 a.m. Age categories are from 0 to 16. Meet HC athletes on Thursday "Meet the '96-97 Howard College Athletes" will be held on Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Building on the Howard College campus. All sports, trainers, cheerleaders and coaches will be present. The Hawk Booster Club will enroll members (\$10 membership fee) for the 1996-97 campaign.

Senior citizens to get passes The Coahoma Independent School District will issue senior citizen passes to any person 65 years of age or older. Passes may be picked up at the Administration Building located at 600 Main Street in Coahoma.

NL Roundup

Home sweet for Rockies in victory over Cardinals

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If the Colorado Rockies played their entire schedule at home, they'd be World Series champions.

Back at Coors Field following a 4-7 road trip, the Rockies showed how dominant they are at home. With Colorado trailing St. Louis by a run in the 13th inning Tuesday night, Dante Bichette hit his second homer of the game, a two-run drive that gave the Rockies a 5-4 victory.

"This is what I live for," Bichette said. "This is what you dream of, winning games with a home run. It's every hitter's dream."

Bichette won the Coors Field opener on April 26, 1995, with a three-run homer in the 14th to beat the Mets. On July 11, he hit a three-run homer off Trevor Hoffman in Colorado's final at-bat to defeat San Diego.

"Dante has done it so many times for us in our last at bat," Colorado manager Don Baylor said. "All we had to do was get somebody on and let Dante do the rest."

Brian Jordan gave St. Louis a 4-3 lead with an RBI single in the top half off Mike Munoz (1-2).

Andres Galarraga singled off T.J. Mathews (2-5) in the bottom half before Bichette hit the next pitch for his 25th homer.

"I was looking fastball all the way. If he'd thrown me a slider, I would have been left spinning in my shoes," Bichette said.

Colorado, 41-19 at home and 23-43 on the road, also got homers from Galarraga and Eric Young. St. Louis left the

bases loaded in the 13th. In other NL games, Atlanta beat Cincinnati 4-1, Philadelphia edged Los Angeles 3-1, San Diego blanked Montreal 3-0, Houston defeated Pittsburgh 9-4, Chicago beat Florida 8-1 and New York beat San Francisco 7-3.

Braves 4, Reds 1

Terry Pendleton hit his first home run since returning to Atlanta, and Chipper Jones and Ryan Klesko also hit third-inning homers at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium.

Tom Glavine (13-7) allowed five hits in eight innings as the Braves won their fifth straight and eighth in nine games. Mark Wohlers pitched a perfect ninth for his 31st save, setting a team record.

Dave Burba (7-12) gave up all four runs and nine hits in four innings.

Phillies 3, Dodgers 1

Pinch-hitter Ruben Amaro Jr. connected for a two-run homer off Antonio Osuna (8-5) with two outs in the ninth at Dodger Stadium.

Padres 3, Expos 0

Greg Vaughn hit his fifth NL homer — 36th overall — and Bob Tewksbury (10-8) allowed just three hits in 7 2-3 shutout innings for his first win since July 21. Trevor Hoffman pitched the ninth for his 30th save.

Vaughn, who went 2-for-3, homered on a 3-0 pitch from Rhee Cormier (7-9) at Jack Murphy Stadium.

Tony Gwynn doubled off Omar Daal in the eighth and scored on John Flaherty's single off Mel Rojas.

Tiger burns brightly at U.S. Amateur

CORNELIUS, Ore. (AP) — The Tiger Woods story sometimes seems too good to be true.

Here he is trying to be the first person ever to win three consecutive U.S. Amateur Championships, and all he does is shoot the lowest score of any of the 312 golfers at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club.

Here he is saying he will play in the World Amateur Team Championship in November, seemingly shooting down rumors he will turn pro this week, and the most noticeable guy in his gallery is Phil Knight, CEO of Nike, the company that desperately wants to sign Woods.

Here he is on the verge of history and he is trading barbs with his father on the course and giving his mother a playful squeeze after ripping yet another monster drive.

Tiger Woods is not too good to be true. He is just too good.

Woods shot a 67 Tuesday to finish 36 holes of qualifying at 7-under-par 136, two strokes better than Bo Van Pelt. Woods now has a chance to be the first stroke-play medalist to win the tournament since Phil Mickelson in 1990.

The low 64 scores in the two-day medal qualifier advanced to six rounds of match play, culminating with a 36-hole final Sunday.

"That wasn't the plan," Woods said about being medalist. "The plan was to just go out and shoot right around par."

"I guess the putter got hot a little bit," he said about his backside 32.

Woods was completely relaxed in his round. After driving off No. 14, he walked into the gallery and gave his moth-

er, Kuitida, an affectionate squeeze. When he missed the fairway on No. 16 by inches with his drive his father, Earl, yelled: "It doesn't count as a fairway hit."

Woods turned to his caddie and with a huge smile said: "I told you he'd say that."

The last time Woods lost in the U.S. Amateur was in the second round in 1993 when he was defeated by Paul Page of England 2 and 1. Page isn't playing this year.

Since then Woods has defeated 12 consecutive opponents.

Now he faces one match today, two Thursday and one opponent Friday, Saturday and Sunday — if he advances that far.

"It means I've got to get up early tomorrow," Woods joked about the 9:30 a.m. tee time the medalist gets, going out in the first group of the day.

The way Van Pelt started his round it looked like he might

struggle just to qualify for match play. The Oklahoma State junior went out in 36, but rallied to come back in 32.

"After making three bogeys the first five holes I was just saying, 'You better hit this solid or you're going to miss the cut,'" Van Pelt said.

"No. 6 I hit a bad shot in that fairway bunker and I hit a good shot in there about 10 feet and that kind of turned my day around," Van Pelt said.

Ten men played off for the last eight spots and six of them got in on the first extra hole with one birdie and five pars. Another advanced on the second hole and the final spot — the player who meets Woods in the first round — went to J.D. Manning on the third extra hole.

The last two men Woods defeated in the Amateur finals also advanced to match play.

BHS frosh volleyballers lose openers

The Big Spring High School freshman volleyball teams opened their season with two losses to Greenwood on Wednesday.

The Gold team fell 8-15, 15-8, 15-12. Players performing well were Nicci Vizcaino, Francis Martinez, Heddy Wigginton and April McGee.

The Black team lost to the Greenwood sophomore team, 15-4, 17-15. Top players were Nicole Young, Cathy Jarr, Theresa Porras and Tisha Cooper.

The frosh volleyballers return to action on Tuesday night against Denver City.

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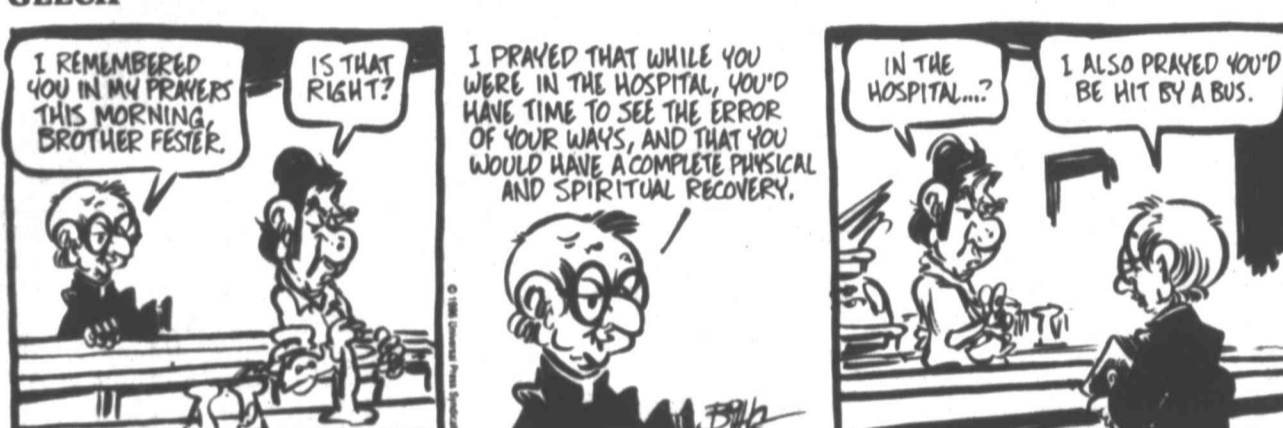
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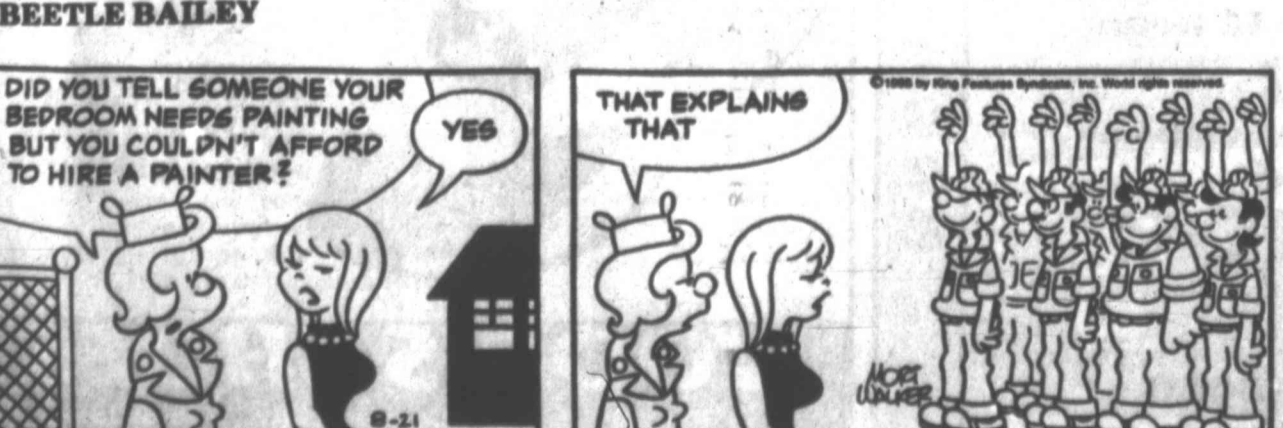
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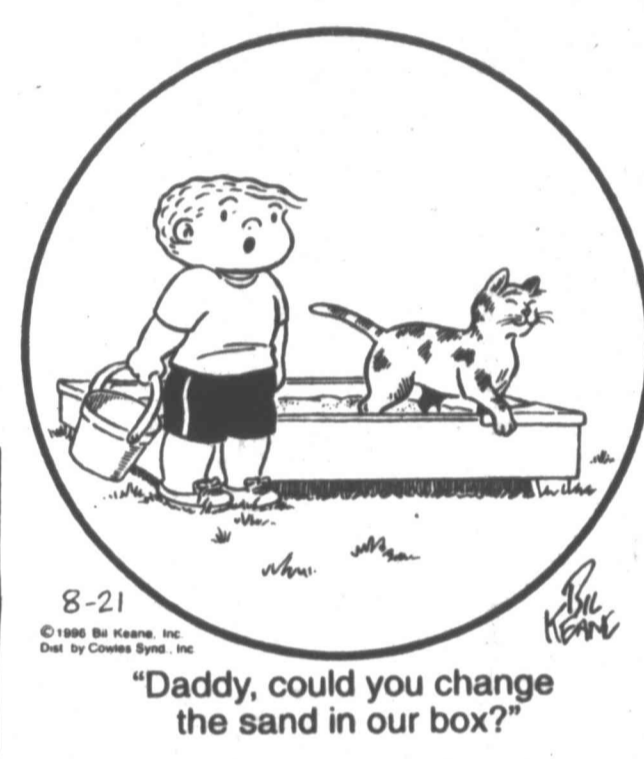
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Wednesday, August 21, the 234th day of 1996. There are 132 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 21, 1959, Hawaiian statehood took effect as President Eisenhower signed an executive order proclaiming Hawaii the 50th state of the union.

On this date: In 1690, Pueblo Indians took possession of Santa Fe, N.M., after driving out the Spanish.

In 1831, former slave Nat Turner led a violent insurrection in Virginia. (He was later executed.)

In 1858, the famous debates between Senatorial contenders Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas began.

Today's Birthdays: Britain's Princess Margaret is 66. Actor-director Melvin Van Peebles is 64. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Wilt Chamberlain is 60. Singer Kenny Rogers is 58. Actor Clarence Williams III is 57. Singer Harold Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 57. Singer Jackie DeShannon is 52. TV host Harry Smith is 45. Rock musician Joe Strummer (The Clash) is 44. Country musician Nick Kane (The Mavericks) is 42. Actress Kim Cattrall is 40. Football quarterback Jim McMahon is 37. Actress Alicia Witt is 21.

Thought for Today: "I believe I've found the missing link between animal and civilized man. It is us." - Konrad Lorenz, Austrian zoologist.

THE Daily Crossword by Stephen Floreck

ACROSS

- Dusting powder
- Gemstone
- Chemical compound
- Samoan capital
- Frigga's husband
- Land or sea end
- Revived, in a way
- Inflamed spots
- Wood chopper
- Come upon
- Certain socialites
- Depict
- Great party
- By reason of this
- Converse
- Transfer a plant
- Hygienic
- Qom native
- Certain Russian lady: var.
- Subtle distinctions
- Restrict
- Turn to the right
- Laundry worker
- Vegetable
- Abundance
- Brands
- Scrawny
- Legume
- Ancient Greek marketplace
- Blushing
- Suburb of Ft. Worth
- Russian city
- Medicinal plant
- Hindu queen
- Abstract being
- Church benches
- Sailors
- Dueling sword
- What's left
- Linguistic suffix
- Denim pants
- European river
- Membership
- Convey
- Elevated dwelling
- The last frontier
- Peruvian tennis star, Yzaga
- A Palmer
- Lawman Earp
- Tickle
- Scarlett's home
- Highest point
- Biography
- Elevator cage
- Pulitzer
- Cling
- Calorie counters
- Conclude
- Indispensable
- Sir Walter
- Water: Sp.
- "- on the Fourth of July"
- Stack
- Plenty, to poets
- Long time
- Fish eggs
- Doze

Tuesday's Puzzle solved:

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OTIC VOTER TAME
PALOMINO NARROW
NOLI DIVA
PANDA CLOVEPINK
ADULTS EROS TAI
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