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Local, area ISD boards to meet

Local and area public school boards are meeting this week.

Big Spring Independent School District trustees meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday. The superintendent's report will include an update on the new junior high school building and a budget workshop, along with a report from the county appraisal district.

Trustees will also discuss employment and resignations, and several bids on equipment, tennis courts, athletic insurance and food service.

A second-grade grading policy, the gifted and talented criteria and site-based plans also are part of the action agenda.

Sands Consolidated ISD trustees meet Thursday at 8 p.m. to consider hiring a new head boys basketball coach, as well as other employment and resignations.

Also, handbooks for athletics and employees will be discussed, and dates for the budget workshop and the first and second reading of the 1998-99 school year tax rate will be set.

A training session for school board members has also been scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Coahoma ISD trustees meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Thursday to discuss and take action on personnel and technology.

Glasscock County ISD board convened today at 9 a.m. in a specially called session to discuss instructional and support personnel.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

□ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.

□ Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

□ Book Club meeting, 7 p.m., Howard County Library. "The Gift of Fear," by Gavin De Becker will be discussed.

□ Quarterback Club, 7:30 p.m. All football parents and fans welcome. For more information call Monika at 263-6729.

WEDNESDAY

□ Line dance, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center in the Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

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Left-lane laggards may be targeted for tickets

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Professional drivers call them "left-lane bandits."

And those motorists who prefer cruising in the left lane of the highway need to beware.

Soon, law enforcement officials will be calling them traffic violators.

Motorists who drive in the left-hand lane of a multi-lane highway longer than it takes to pass a vehicle can now be stopped and issued a citation for a misdemeanor, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

A little-noticed law passed by the 1997 Legislature makes it a violation to drive in the left-hand lane on any major (four lanes or more) thoroughfare in Texas longer than it takes to pass a slower

1997 law is subject to local interpretation

vehicle and return to the right lane.

Drivers who insist on staying in the left-hand lane can be fined up to \$200.

Sergeant Roger Sweat of the Big Spring Police Department, said a good measure of common sense should prevail when interpreting the law locally.

"Police officers have discretionary powers to be used whether something is enforced or not. I don't think there will be a great influx of left-hand lane tickets," Sweat said.

He said the law was written primarily for highway traffic, and will be a good tool for reducing the congestion on Texas highways.

The law went into effect last Sept. 1,

but signs warning "Left Lane for Passing Only" are only now going up in most parts of the state.

Signs began being erected in El Paso about six weeks ago, but have yet to be placed in the Crossroads area or Permian Basin.

The new signs replace older ones that read "Slower Traffic Keep Right."

"Those signs will be removed from Howard County, said Johnny Moore, supervisor for the Texas Department of Transportation, but new signs will not be used.

"No signs is one of the options," Moore said.

Speed limits and all other traffic laws remain in place, he said.

"If someone is breaking the law, we'll let the law enforcement take care of that," he said.

"The left lane is supposed to be for

passing only," he said.

Moore added that Third and Fourth streets in Big Spring will not be affected.

"This law is for multi-lane US highways. This will affect US 87 and I-20 in Howard County," Moore said.

Mary Beth Kilgore, public information officer for the TxDOT, said the district engineer made the decision not to post the 'Left Lane Passing Only' signs in this district.

"We have very few (of the old signs) in the district anyway, the district engineer decided new signs were really not necessary," Kilgore said.

However, on climbing lanes of the highway, those steeply inclining areas that provide an extra lane for 'slower traffic to keep right,' the old signs will remain.

They will be replaced with the new signs as they wear out, she said.

Inmate classes look to cut recidivism

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Time isn't the only thing prisoners do at Cornell Corrections facilities, where they use voluntary educational programs to reduce the number of repeat offenders.

"Cornell offers these classes in conjunction with Howard College," said Cornell Director of Education Donnie Green. "We offer the inmates classes to help them get their GED, as well as certificate courses in horticulture, occupational specific English, business management, and other work-related classes."

"The English as a second language course is probably our most popular," said Green. "We have more than 60 nations represented here in our prison."

"When someone in prison learns a skill or trade that they can actually apply in the outside world, they are a lot less likely to go back to doing what

it was that got them here in the first place."

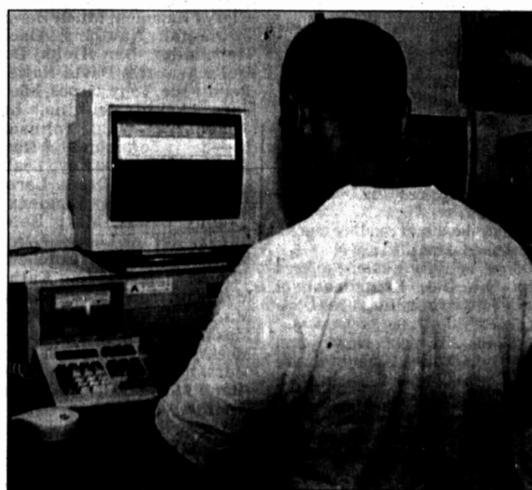
The inmates are also encouraged to participate in correspondence courses, and other "by mail" certification programs.

These classes are taken on a voluntary basis only, unlike Federal Correction Institutes, where participation is required of all inmates.

"Because it is strictly on a voluntary basis, we don't have the problems related with a required course," said Green. "The inmates who are in the classroom are there because they want to be, so they obviously want to learn. That makes it so much easier on the teachers who instruct these classes, because they don't have as many interruptions or troublemakers to deal with."

The students in these programs aren't given much room to stray, either, explained Green.

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate
Inmates at Cornell Corrections facilities have the opportunity to get an education. The classes are on a volunteer basis, and instructors don't allow troublemakers.

PD investigating report of indecency with a child

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department is conducting an investigation into a report of indecency with a child filed Friday afternoon.

"We are still doing some checking," said BSPD Sgt. Roger Sweat. "We are still trying to contact any witnesses. So far, we haven't had any luck locating any."

The incident reportedly

occurred in the East-Central part of Big Spring, on the afternoon of July 2.

"We are not at liberty to divulge the exact location at this time due to matters of privacy," said Sweat.

The victim, an 11 year old girl whose identity could not be released, was reported to be uninjured.

The girl reported that the unknown male had sexual contact with her, but not intercourse.

"Indecency with a child can be

touching of a sexual nature, without intercourse," said Sweat. "That's the difference between indecency and rape charges."

The suspect was unknown to the victim, and police are searching for clues as to his identity at this time.

"Right now, we don't have anything in custody," said Sweat.

"The case is ongoing, however, and we will continue to investigate."

To avoid similar circum-

stances, the BSPD encourages parents to educate their children on these matters.

"We need to make it clear to our kids what's appropriate, and what isn't," said Sweat.

"It's really bad that they have to be on the look out all of the time, but that is what it is coming to."

"Kids have a pretty good sense of what people are up to, and they should really trust their instincts. If something doesn't feel right, then it probably isn't, and they should get help."

Reading program helps students retain knowledge

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Summer may be a great chance for children to relax and

take a break from school, but for most children, it's also a time when they forget what they've just learned.

To help students retain their

last year of education, and to prepare for their next school year, the U.S. Department of Education has developed a summer reading program.

Summer school said great success

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Summer school concludes for the Big Spring Independent School District Friday, and for the 280 students in grades first through eighth who attended.

Helen Gladden, director of curriculum for BSISD, said the summer school program this year was a great success.

"Summer school is an excellent place for children to continue and extend their skills. This is a great opportunity, and we're very proud of the work our teachers have done," Gladden said.

The high school offered tuition-based summer classes for grades nine through 12.

"Many students take these classes to get ahead. Grades first through eighth offered a remedial type summer school, for reading, writing and math," Gladden said.

The district provided lunch for those students attending summer school, and bus service for those who lived in town.

"We also had parent involvement, and offered parent workshops," Gladden said.

"Read*Write* Now! for students up to sixth grade.

And for children up to 5 years old, the department offers Ready*Set*Read!

Carol Rasco, director of the America Reads Challenge, said children who do not read during the summer months lose ground by the fall.

"This summer reading drop-off has a predictable, corrosive impact on student achievement, particularly for disadvantaged kids," she said.

"Summer reading activity can help students maintain their school year gains, catch up to grade level, or even get ahead!" she said.

When school begins, teachers will often spend several weeks reviewing last year's material, to help students remember what they've forgotten.

The Howard County Library celebrated 1,995 books read by 66 students at their end of program party Monday night.

Children of all ages participated in a cow chip toss, made paper-plate shakers, road in a 60-gallon drum train and made necklaces and bird feeders at the party.

Also, Retired Senior Volunteer Program members helped the children create their own bookmarks and fish for plastic ducks out of a small wading pool, all to show the children that reading is fun.

Eloise Wynn, a teacher at Anderson Kindergarten Center,

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Cotton

Area producers to consider boll weevil measure

By JOHN WALKER
Managing Editor

Northern Glasscock County cotton producers will have the opportunity to vote on Aug. 31

to decide

whether cotton acreage in their part of the county should become part of the six-county Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

Producers in the northern part of the county are currently part of the St. Lawrence Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

Eligible voters should receive an official ballot by mail the week of Aug. 10.

Completed ballots must be postmarked before midnight, Aug. 31, to be counted.

If the proposal is approved, approximately 18,000 cotton acres in northern Glasscock County would join the Permian Basin zone.

To effect the change, approval is required by either a two-thirds vote of growers and landowners or 50 percent of the cotton acreage in northern Glasscock County.

In May, the Texas Department of Agriculture adopted a rule allowing northern Glasscock County to move from the statutory St. Lawrence zone to the Permian Basin zone, pending approval in a referendum.

The ruling was adopted following a request to Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry. The request came from members of the Permian Basin advisory committee and the St. Lawrence Cotton Growers.

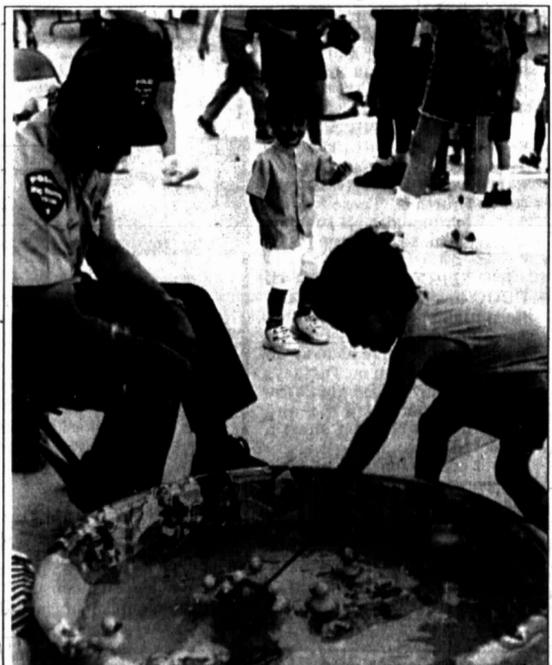
The reason cited for the proposed change is that producers in the Permian Basin zone and northern Glasscock County are contiguous and share similar planting practices.

"There are 560,000 acres of cotton in the Permian Basin zone already and this move would only add another positive to the area from an economic impact," explained Howard County Agricultural Extension Agent David Kight. "There is a natural buffer zone between the northern part of Glasscock County and the St. Lawrence zone."

The Permian Basin zone was formally created in January and includes cotton acreage in Dawson, Ector, Howard and Martin counties along with parts of Midland and Borden counties.

Growers and crop-sharing landowners in the Permian Basin zone have not voted to participate in an eradication program.

Producers who planted cotton this year, but do not receive a mail ballot, are asked to contact the Texas Department of Agriculture at (512) 462-7593.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate
Juan Rogers, 6, was one of many children who fished in the duck pond, monitored by Wayne Rogers, at the Howard County Library Fun Fair for the conclusion of the summer reading program Monday night.

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OBITUARIES

William H. Sartin

Service for William H. Sartin, 91, Stanton, will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 8, 1998, in the Calvary Assembly of God Church in Midland. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery, Stanton.

Mr. Sartin died Saturday, July 4, in Midland.

He was born on April 30, 1907, in Oklahoma City, Okla. He farmed in Deming, N.M., and Anthony, N.M., until moving to El Paso where he was foreman at Southwest Portland Cement Co. He moved to Stanton six years ago. He married Eula Jo Tomlinson on Oct. 26, 1929, in Oklahoma City. Mr. Sartin was a member of the Assembly of God Church and was an adult Sunday School teacher for 48 years.

Survivors include: his wife, Eula Jo Sartin of Stanton; a son, Robert D'Wayne Sartin of Lancaster, Calif.; three daughters, Sharon Anne Gerald of Stanton, Gwendolyn Stephens of Ovilla, and Carol Jayne Johnson of Atlanta, Ga.; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

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"If one of the inmates is disruptive or causes problems for the instructor, they are removed from the curriculum immediately, and permanently."

"Every once in a while, we will get a habitual offender in one of these classes," said Green. "But it is extremely rare that we have to remove someone from the program. In the last eight years, we've only had to remove two inmates from the program, which I would say is a really good success rate."

"We have a lot of different programs in the works right now," said Rosie Torres, Howard College administrative secretary for instruction. "We would like to offer classes in areas like plumbing and other trades the inmates can use when they get out. All of the courses have to be approved, however, by Cornell Corrections, as well as the state of Texas, so we are still waiting for the go ahead on a lot of good programs."

"We just got approval for a greenhouse," said Torres. "Kevin Gibb, one of our instructors who teaches at the prisons, will be directing that program in conjunction with the current horticulture course he is in charge of."

As to the rehabilitative effect of these programs?

"I think the amount of education an inmate has really makes a difference in their behavior," said Torres. "It has a real impact on how they look at society, as well as the way society looks at them. By educating them, they can leave prison a more inspired entity."

"The biggest problem for the inmates is idle time," said

Green. "This keeps them busy and out of trouble, as well as educates them. Those who participate in these programs are a lot less likely to go back to prison, so when you look at the cost of education versus the cost of repeated incarceration, there's no comparison."

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said her 5-year-old son has participated in the library's summer reading program since he was 2, and now has a second-grade reading level.

"Reading during the summer is very important, to reinforce reading skills and to prevent the loss of skills during those two and a half months students are not in school," Wynn said.

The U.S. Department of Education offers several suggestions to keep children reading during the summer, including writing to a pen pal, visiting the library, limiting television, and demonstrating the need for reading.

"Help your child read and follow a fun food recipe, such as cookies or pancakes. Read directions and use a map on a trip. Write a grocery list and read it together as you shop," are some of the suggestions provided by the America Reads Challenge.

Sharon Chancy, a fifth-grade teacher at Bauer Elementary, offered the suggestions that older brothers and sisters read to their younger siblings.

"You can always tell who hasn't read during the summer. Students lose their reading skills over the summer if they don't keep reading," Chancy said.

She added that reading together bonds a family.

Free activity kits are offered by the U.S. Department of Education by calling 1-800-USA-LEARN.

Read* Write* Now! and Ready* Set* Read! materials are available, which include a growth chart, a free calendar, bookmarks and a certificate for completion of the program.

One Florida county's residents return to uncertainty

PALM COAST, Fla. (AP) — Three days after being driven out by wildfires closing in around them, the 40,000 people of Flagler County were allowed to return Monday and found the woods and fields charred but most of their homes unscathed.

Neighbors ran up and hugged each other. Some stopped passing fire trucks to thank the firefighters who saved their homes.

"I love you guys," Diane Mastropietro told them. By early afternoon, even the weather seemed to cooperate — it began to rain.

The entire county was ordered evacuated Friday for fear that four fires would merge and burn all the way to the Atlantic Ocean. By Monday morning, firefighters had managed to contain the blazes, though the threat of flare-ups remained.

About 97 percent of the homes in Flagler County escaped the fires, Sheriff Robert McCarthy said. At least 46 homes were destroyed and 179 were damaged, and 49,000 acres were scorched.

The most heavily damaged areas, in the Matanzas Woods and Indian Trails parts of Palm Coast, looked like war zones with burned-out homes, scorched yards and not a green tree in sight. At the Matanzas Woods Golf Club, trees were blackened and the fairways were burned.

Hugh and Geraldine Conklin's house was the only one in their Palm Coast neighborhood to be destroyed. "I

cried a lot last night and a little bit this morning," Mrs. Conklin said. "I'll probably cry some more."

Some people who returned to find their homes still standing were angry that the lush greenery of palmettos and pines that had been a big reason for their moving to Flagler County were gone. Some also found that their neighborhoods had been plowed up by firefighters using bulldozers to create fire breaks.

REUNIONS

THE BSHS CLASS OF 1978 is having a 20-year class reunion in July. We are trying to locate the following people: Paul Abundez, Beverly Adams, Sandra Alarcon, Alice Amaro, Valerie Anderson, John Armstrong, Ronnie Barber, Mark Bergeron, Becky Bettis, Michael Bickford, Michael Blalack, Twayne Bledsoe, Debbie Bonner, Rusty Braun, Clara Brown, Marie Buckner, Bob Byrer, Denise Byrd, Isabel Cisneros, Charlotte Coleman, Andre Couvillion, Shelia Crockett, Laura Davila, Teresa Davis, Sandra Denton, Lana Derryberry, Paula Dockter, Karl Evans, Elizabeth Florez, James Forney, Clay Fuller, Mark Garrett, Ellie Garza, Joe Granato, Andrew Grosse, Gloria Hammon, Mitch Harris, Jowonnah Hawkins, Oscar Hernandez, Ben Hicks, Don Hollingsworth, David Howell, Ronnie Ille, Tony Jacobs, Maria Jara, Vikki Jenkins, Lee Jimenez, Gerald Johnson, Lloyd Johnson, Dana Kenner, Mark Key, Leslie Marie Kimble, Diana Larez, Marty Latta, Ray Leudecke, Tammy Lewis, Mary Helen Lopez, Rafael Lopez, Lynne McBride, David McCutcheon, Tracie McElyea, Kathie McIntire, Tony Mann, James Martin, Jay Martin, Sharon Mathews, Wayne Mayo, Jeff Meeks, William Merrick, Mary Merworth, Doris Mitchell, Alana Morris, Brett Morton, Dianne Murphy, Gilbert Narbaiz, Ernie Nichols, Mike Padgett, Josephine Padilla, Vicki Phillips, Roy Lee Pierce, James Pinkard, Pam Price, Tom Purcell, Jim Reed, Phil Riegel, Karen Riley, Clem Sanchez, Joyce Scott, Chris Shortes, Kenneth Smith, Rhonda Smith, Robert Smith, Wayne Soles, Brad Springer, Debbie Steagald, Jeff Stovall, Craig Strong, Susan Sweeden, Donna Taylor, Wesley Taylor, Shelly Thomas, Casey Thompson, Frank Vasquez, Harry Vela, Gary Don Weeks, Donna Wiley, Tammy Woodard and Chippo Wright.

If you have any information to help in this endeavor, please call Jackie Swinney at 263-1137.

THE BSHS CLASS OF '68 is having a 30-year class reunion on Oct. 9-10.

We need your help in locating the following classmates: Thomas Land, Johnny Perez, Glenda Wilkes McNallen, Johnetta McCullough Morris, Nancy Ivie, Mario DeLeon, Jeff Phares, Mike Warren, Kathy Molpus, Delores Williams, Gary Lagerstrom, Wanda Ball, Paula Ramirez, Donna Ferguson, Patty Goodman, Janice Morris, Kay Aton, Sheila Tidwell, Craig Frank, Dana Baker, Jill Lewis, Billie Mike Eggleston, Debbie Reeves and Brenda Smith.

Please call Jeanie Johnson Knocke at 263-1757 or Vivian Dickson Glickman at 267-6808 if you have any information about any of the names listed.

BSHS CLASS OF '88 is going to be having its 10 year reunion in October. The following is a list of missing classmates:

Thomas Ashley, Juan Baldwin, Kenneth Banks, Beki Bertrand, Michelle Brooks, Nora Chapel, Garry Chavez, Alice Cruz, Josephine Cruz, Unis Drew, Carey Duffy, Thomas Figueroa, Julie Fortner, Angie Gonzales, Stephen Gonzales, Terry Hart, Mary Ann Herrera, Tracy Hicks, Sammy Hilarlo, Diana Howard, Sean Jackson, Paula Jolley, Michelle LaGrand, Debbie Lee (lost this address, please call back), Donavan Lucero, Christina Marquez, Gina

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Martinez, Stephanie Marx, Shawn Meredith, Kelly Myles, Elsie Nieto, Lucinda Oliver, John Osborne, Kelly Parks, Diana Rodriguez, Mary Rodriguez, Robert Rodriguez, Trevor Roten, Lisa Seeley, Heath Shotts, Jason Smidt, Allan Smith, Joseph Sosa, Anna Vega, Mary Lou Villa, Charles White, Danny Williams.

If anyone has any information on the missing classmates, please contact Cheri Wyrick Reibe; 2513 Central, Big Spring; or call 268-9587; or Leslie Patterson Stevens; 2717 Carol Drive; Big Spring; or call 267-6620.

MARKETS

July cotton 81.50 cents, no change; Aug. crude 13.75, down 17 points; Cash hogs steady at 38; cash steers steady at 62 cents even; July lean hog futures 57.85 down 10 points; Aug. live cattle futures 64.47, up 17 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets were unavailable by press time.

BRIEFS

UNITED BLOOD SERVICES WILL conduct a blood drive Thursday from 8-10:30 a.m. at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Office. If you have questions concerning donor qualifications or to schedule an appointment, call 268-7535.

MARTIN COUNTY OLD SETTLERS Reunion is planned for Saturday in downtown Stanton. Registration will begin at the Martin County Community Center at 9 a.m., with the traditional downtown parade kicking off at 10 a.m.

Events will continue all day, and a catered meal will be served at 6 p.m. in the community center. The evening program is set for 7:30 p.m. A dance will follow outside the center after the program. Call Kathleen Lewis at 756-3744 for more information.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club has free eyeglasses for all adults the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third. All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome.

For more information call Al Valdes or Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL is in need of 1998 magazines. They can be delivered to the Community Relations Office at the front of the campus.

The sheltered workshop is also in need of the following items: Costume jewelry, inexpensive toys, old appliances such as toaster and coffee pots, baseball gloves and footballs. These donations can be taken to the sheltered workshop on the campus or call Mary Jane Phillips at 268-7700 for more information.

THERE WILL BE A scrap-booking basics workshop, Tuesday, July 14 from 7-9 p.m., East Fourth Baptist Church, 401 E. Fourth St. There is a \$20 fee which includes all supplies needed to make an album page.

BIG SPRING'S MUNICIPAL POOL has "family night" and "teen nights" planned this summer. Families are invited to swim together from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Teen nights are Fridays from 7-9 p.m., and those age 13-17 must show a school I.D.

Pool admission fees of \$1.50 per person apply at these special evening events, as well as

Texas Lottery Pick 3: 6, 1, 2
Cash 5: 4, 15, 23, 27, 30

during regular pool hours, 1-6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Call 264-2484 for more information.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY

•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Runnels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling

and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

MONDAY
9:28 a.m. — 100 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:09 a.m. — 1900 block North Highway 87, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:17 p.m. — 1600 block E. 17th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:54 p.m. — Mile marker 174 I-20, traffic accident, service refused.

5:39 p.m. — 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

TUESDAY
3:47 a.m. — South Anderson Road, house fire, extinguished by responding units.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• FELENCIO DELEON, 28, was arrested on local warrants.

• ISABELL LOMAS, 41, was arrested for public intoxication.

• JOSE LARA, was arrested for fictitious inspection sticker.

• JASON THREATS, 20, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2oz.

• THEFT in the 2300 block of Wasson, the 400 block of Birdwell, the 1000 block of E. 13th, the 1100 block of N. Lamesa, the 700 block of Wasson, and the 1700 block of E. Marcy.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 700 block of E. 2nd, and the 100 block of Virginia.

RECORDS

Monday's high 105

Monday's low 78

Average high 94

Average low 70

Record high 106 in 1994

Record low 61 in 1958

Precip. Monday 0.26

Month to date 0.26

Month's normal 0.50

Year to date 5.05

Normal for the year 9.29

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Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331
Martell "Bud" Lewis, 81, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Strike: trucks, cars block major highway in Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — With trucks and cars, strikers blaring horns blocked the main highway leading to San Juan's international airport today, the first volley in what could be Puerto Rico's biggest strike in decades. "I'm with the strikers," Mildred Gonzalez, a driver caught in the traffic jam, told a radio station by cellular telephone. Union leaders expect up to a half million of Puerto Rico's 3.8 million people to join a 48-hour general strike starting today to protest the sale of the state telephone company. Most are government employees, including

utility and health workers. The blockade on the six-lane Baldorioty de Castro cut off the sole highway to the east of San Juan, including Luis Munoz Marin International Airport and the towns of Carolina, Loiza, Rio Grande and the port of Fajardo. Riot police who had set up barricades to protect the airport were taken by surprise by the blockade, which began at dawn. In preparation for the strike, shopkeepers barred windows with steel shutters, riot police guarded ports and power plants and residents stocked up on water and batteries. "You'd think we were prepar-

ing for a hurricane," one shopper said, her arms crammed with candles and water bottles. The strike was called to support 6,400 telephone workers who stopped working June 18 and are accused of slashing telephone lines, leaving more than 250,000 islanders without long-distance service. "Put your names on the list for picket line or special missions starting at 3 a.m.," strike leaders told employees Monday outside the Puerto Rico Telephone Co. headquarters. They refused to say what the "special missions" entailed. Riot police, firefighters and civil defense workers were on

alert. Last week, a bomb hidden in a flashlight exploded in a policeman's hands, blowing off a finger. Hundreds of tourists have called off vacations, hotels reported. At least one airline, Antigua-based LIAT, canceled flights. Protesters have made telephone bomb threats and planted hoax bombs, prompting major shopping malls to announce they would close during the strike. About 4,000 airport workers vowed to walk off the job. Port Authority director Hector Rivera said his 134 managers would keep the international

airport open. The telephone company sale is part of the most ambitious plan yet from Gov. Pedro Rossello, who has sold state hospitals, prisons, ports and hotels. Independent-minded leaders of the biggest unions, which belong to government workers, see their power waning and accuse Rossello of "selling the patrimony of the people." Rossello last week signed a law completing the \$1.9 billion sale to a consortium led by U.S. communications giant GTE Corp. and the local Banco Popular. It awaits federal approval. The bank, which lost \$140 mil-

lion in labor union accounts last week, planned to close for the strike. Last week, gunmen attacked one San Juan branch, and protesters planted the bomb that mutilated the police officer at another. Annie Cruz, president of one of two telephone workers' unions, said she hoped the strike would persuade the government to hold a referendum on the sale. It would cost \$25 million to abandon the deal. In the last general strike in Puerto Rico, tens of thousands of sugar cane cutters stopped working in 1934 to demand better conditions.

Crackdown on insurers illegally denying coverage

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is increasing the pressure on health insurance companies to abide by a new law that bars them from denying coverage based on pre-existing illnesses or conditions when workers move from one job to another. The president planned to direct the Office of Personnel Management today to inform insurers covering federal employees that they must meet all the requirements of the 1996 Kennedy-Kassebaum health insurance law, according to a White House official who spoke Monday on condition of

anonymity. The official said the idea is to send a message to insurance companies that they must certify they are complying with Kennedy-Kassebaum if they intend to do business with the federal government. Clinton's order would affect 350 health plans offered to federal employees and their families. The president is acting out of concern over reports that some insurance companies were denying health benefits to people with pre-existing conditions when they changed jobs, the official said.

Under the law, co-sponsored by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker, R-Kan., people moving from one job to another are supposed to be promptly eligible for coverage through the new employer if it provides health benefits to employees. The New York Times reported in today's editions that the National Association of Insurance Commissioners has agreed to inform the federal government of any violations found by state officials. Glenn Pomeroy, the association president and North

Dakota insurance commissioner, told the newspaper: "We are pleased to work with the administration in a partnership to make sure that everyone entitled to the protections of the Kassebaum-Kennedy law gets them." Federal and state officials said they could not immediately identify companies that had violated the 1996 law, the Times reported. But state officials said they would probably discover violations when they investigated complaints or conducted routine examinations of insurers' practices.

Regulators propose 2nd largest fine for 'slamming'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators have proposed the second largest-ever "slamming" fine — \$1.04 million — against a Texas company for switching people to its long-distance service without permission. The Federal Communications Commission in an order issued Monday alleged that All American Telephone Company Inc. of Fort Worth violated the agency's anti-slammings rules by intentionally falsifying or forging forms that authorize a change in a person's long-dis-

ance carrier. According to the FCC, in one of the complaints filed against All American, the company allegedly forged a man's signature on a change-of-service form. The man had died three months before the form was "signed." All American has 30 days to either pay the proposed fine or make a case to the FCC as to why the fine should be reduced or not imposed. The largest fine, more than \$5 million, was imposed against The Fletcher Cos.

Inventories running low at GM dealerships as strike talks drag on

DETROIT (AP) — As their new-car lots thin out, General Motors Corp. dealers are turning to late-model used cars and promoting their service departments to make up for what could be a big hit to business. "I expect that by the beginning or middle of August, we'll be out of the new-car business," said sales manager Gary Schroeder of Hansen Motor Co., a Chevrolet dealer in Roseburg, Ore. GM dealers across the country said Monday that they were starting to run out of some popular models as the first of two

United Auto Workers strikes at a pair of crucial parts plants in Flint, Mich., entered its second month. "We're real scared it's going to dry up," said John Anthony, sales manager of Grimes Motors, which sells GMC trucks, Buicks and Cadillacs in Helena, Mont. Anthony said his dealership was running low on GMC Sierra pickups and Buick Century and Regal sedans. It also is being more selective in trading with other dealers, refusing to give up one of its vehicles without immediately

getting one in return that is equally easy to sell. Schroeder said he expects his inventory to hold out until the end of the month. "A lot of dealers are getting in a big panic, running around trying to buy cars from other dealers," he said. "It's not looking good." Even if the strikes were to end this week, GM's idled assembly plants would not be able to resume operation by Monday, the end of the automaker's two-week annual summer vacation shutdown. "It's going to take them a long

time to get the pipeline filled back up," Schroeder said. Negotiations were to resume today in Flint. In addition to separate talks at both plants, there was another high-level meeting of GM labor chief Gerald A. Knechtel and UAW Vice President Richard Shoemaker on Monday, a union official said. "That's a good sign — at least they're talking," said Norm McComb, first vice president of UAW Local 659. The strikes by about 9,200 workers are over staffing levels, work rules and health and safe-

ty issues at the Flint Metal Center, a stamping plant, and the Delphi Flint East plant, which makes instrument clusters, spark plugs and other engine components. More than 161,000 GM workers at assembly and parts plants throughout North America remained idled by the strikes. GM said about 1,800 workers returned to work at GM Powertrain plants to fill orders that had been scheduled before the strikes were originally called. In Ohio, GM and union officials met Monday to discuss

issues that led workers at two brake plants to authorize their leaders to call a strike. The union accuses GM of moving work out of the plants in Dayton, Ohio, to subcontractors, going back on a promise to maintain a certain employment level and proposing to cut the plants' total work force from about 3,400 to 1,520 by the end of 1999. Union members last week authorized a strike, and UAW officials have said a strike at the Dayton plants might be called after the Michigan strikes are settled.

Angry fallout continues from CNN's retraction

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
CNN's top executive said he tried to resign in the wake of the network's retracted story about U.S. military use of nerve gas against Vietnam War defectors, but was rebuffed by network founder Ted Turner, published reports said today. Two producers have been fired and one resigned when CNN last week admitted to mistakes in its report, which was heavily criticized by the military. Tom Johnson, CNN's chief executive, told staff members in a conference call Monday that he twice submitted his resignation but was rejected. Rick Kaplan, president of CNN/USA, said he had considered quitting but decided not to. Johnson also said he is considering further action against Peter Arnett, the veteran war correspondent who was reprimanded for the June 7 report. Accounts of Johnson's comments were published today in The Washington Post, New York Daily News and The Wall Street Journal. Also today, CNN was expected to appoint Rick Davis, an executive in charge of the network's Washington news shows, to a new position as ombudsman to watch that journalistic standards are being followed. The two producers fired for reporting on the secret 1970 "Tailwind" mission defended their work Monday on CNN's "Crossfire" program. They said executives only retracted the story because "they couldn't take the heat." Johnson and other executives talked about the fallout to staff members during conference calls which were held on Monday.

Police dig for bones of woman missing since 1948

DENTON (AP) — The long-forgotten case of a college student who vanished 50 years ago has been reopened after a tip from an elderly man who claims to have known the woman's killers. Police excavated the earthen dam of a stock tank east of downtown Denton on Monday, sifting dirt for the remains of Virginia Carpenter. The 21-year-old woman was last seen on June 1, 1948, after arriving in town to begin summer school at Texas State College for Women, now Texas

Woman's University. Police were never able to crack the case. No suspects were ever named. Denton County Sheriff Weldon Lucas said the informant, now in his 70s, came forward about two months ago to say he knew who killed Ms. Carpenter and where she was buried. "He evidently was real close with some of the people who were supposed to be involved in this murder," said Lucas, who added that two suspects in the murder are now dead. "They

had told him where they had buried the body." The site is a stock tank that was under construction at the time of Ms. Carpenter's disappearance. A 75-yard-long dam surrounds the tank, which holds a shallow pool of water but is apparently no longer used by thirsty cattle. Officials found nothing Monday except cattle bones, but planned to resume the excavation today. "We're going to start at one end and just keep eating away at it," Lucas said.

According to historical accounts, Ms. Carpenter traveled to Denton by train and took a taxi to the college campus. The taxi driver told police the woman got in a yellow convertible with two men who were waiting. The informant's story, including the part about the yellow convertible, matched the cab driver's story, Lucas said. The man also gave details about how Ms. Carpenter died. "One of them hit her hard," Lucas said. "It hurt her bad, and they brought her here,

raped her and killed her." Most people associated with Ms. Carpenter and the investigation into her disappearance are long gone. Her mother, Hazel Carpenter, died in 1984, as did the taxi driver, Jack Zachary. Lewis Rigler, a retired Texas Ranger who worked on Ms. Carpenter's disappearance on and off for years, said he's pessimistic the case will be solved now. "I have my doubts, but I wish them well," said Rigler, 84, of Gainesville.

Ex-cadet's trial Judge still concerned about publicity

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — The judge in the capital murder trial of former Air Force Academy cadet David Graham warned potential jurors to ignore whatever they may have heard about the heavily publicized case. Judge Don Leonard has already moved the trial from Fort Worth to this town 30 miles northeast of San Antonio because of publicity, particularly about Graham's ex-fiancee, Diana Zamora, who was convicted of murdering a romantic rival. Leonard was scheduled to continue questioning the jury pool today. "Some of you, or maybe most of you, have heard about this case," the judge told prospective jurors on Monday. "It is criti-

cally important that you set aside what you may have heard." Miss Zamora, who had been a Naval Academy cadet, was convicted of capital murder in February in Fort Worth and is serving a life sentence. Both Graham and Miss Zamora were charged with killing 16-year-old Adrienne Jones, a high school classmate with whom Graham allegedly had a brief romantic fling. Prosecutors are alleging that Miss Zamora became jealous and ordered Graham to kill the girl. Graham, 20, sat attentively in court Monday, smiling occasionally. He stood up straight as he was introduced to the jury pool. At the request of the victim's

family, prosecutors did not seek the death penalty against Graham or Miss Zamora. The other possible punishment for a capital murder conviction is life in prison. Defense attorney Dan Cogdell, noting the judge's gag order, declined Monday to answer questions from reporters about his defense strategy. He said he hasn't decided if Graham will testify. Graham typed up a confession while detained in a military lockup in Colorado nine months after the Dec. 4, 1995, slaying. He allegedly described Miss Zamora striking Miss Jones with a dumbbell weight, and said he then shot Miss Jones.

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It's time to say goodbye to the Permian Building

Sometimes, even the best-laid plans... Well, actually we can't even agree that the concept of renovation the Permian Building was ever a "best" plan, or even a good one. Call it an intriguing idea, an enterprising endeavor. But it's clear now that it was a bad idea. After years of disuse, it's time to bring out the demolition ball. The Permian Building isn't just an eyesore. It proved in April of 1997 that it can be a danger. That's when the east wall collapsed. Fortunately, no one was standing nearby at the time. Now, not only does the brick east facade lie in a heap at the building's base, the area is barricaded off. Yellow tape runs around it as if it were the scene of some major crime. Moreover, by putting up with this, we seem to say, "Welcome visitors to Big Spring, but beware the Permian Building. Keep away." The city has given owner Al Moore more than adequate time to come up with a plan for renovation of the building. Most recently, he had been called before the city's Board of Adjustments on April 27 after missing several previous deadlines to submit plans for repair of the building. He was ordered to obtain a permit by May 27 and begin repairs to bring the building up to code. That hasn't happened. And while we don't wish to judge the dreams of any man, it should be obvious this dream is a nightmare. Maybe it always has been. In 1994, a report estimated that it would take more than \$2.6 million to repair and renovate the Permian Building. That same report, interestingly, warned that the east and west walls might collapse. We figure it's one down, one to go. The city has some options, the actions of which Mr. Moore can appeal. It can file a lien and repair the building itself. Not likely. Or it can take action against Mr. Moore in court. Or, the city can foreclose on the building if it feels it has been abandoned. In that case, ownership would revert back to the taxing entities. The Permian Building is not just a quickly dilapidating structure. It is, in fact, a potential hazard. It's only a matter of time before things get worse. Sometimes, the best-laid plans just won't work. This is one of them. It's time to say goodbye to the Permian Building.

OTHER VIEWS

Before he left for China, President Clinton vetoed a bill that would have imposed new sanctions on any government or business that provided missile technology to Iran. His was a wise action — even though the bill passed Congress by overwhelming margins, and even though it contained needed implementing language to bring the United States into compliance with the Chemical Weapons Convention. The Iran Missile Proliferation Act, as the vetoed bill was called, was aimed specifically at Russia, the source of worrisome technology capable of carrying nuclear arms or other weapons of mass destruction. The United States very much wants to discourage the Russian government and Russian businesses from aiding Iran in its missile program. Unlike Congress, however, the Clinton administration recognizes that unilateral sanctions are not the best way to accomplish that policy objective. Such sanctions almost never work as intended. ... STAR TRIBUNE OF MINNEAPOLIS
Signs are mounting that Iran and the United States are steadily moving toward rapprochement after 19 years of isolation and antagonism. ... The opening came in the surprise election last year of Iranian President Mohammed Khatami, a moderate. ... His election reflected a yearning by a new generation of Iranians for political and social freedom. ... Lessons might be drawn from reaction to Iran's soccer victory over the U.S. team. Players and fans of both countries showed respect for each other in a highly charged atmosphere. Celebrations in Tehran were devoid of customary references to the Great Satan. Name-calling doesn't bring nations together. Respect does, and it is reflected in the moderate tone used in recent statements by presidents of both countries. DAYTONA BEACH (FLA)

Politics runs blindly into public education

I got a message from a teacher I'd like to share with you. It's real, but I've protected her identity. It refers to a column I wrote about the failure of public school reform.

"(I) just wanted to congratulate you for having the courage to say what we as public educators all know but know better than to say outside our circles. You were right on the money with everything you said."

"I'm a third grade teacher in (never mind where) and know all too well about lack of discipline, academic tests and differences in intelligence. This past year I had only one child with an IQ above 100. The rest were in the 90s all the way to the 50s. I'm not kidding. Try being held accountable for the fact that a child with an IQ of 70 is expected to pass an academic test. Ha. Public education reform? Yeah, right."

There's a funny thing about the egalitarians who run the educational bureaucracy, dominate politics and often pontificate in the media. They love to talk about diversity, but they use the word only as a code word for racial and gender quotas, affirmative action, busing, reasons not to control immigration, etc. The genuine diversity that exists as a result of nature, they refuse to recognize.

Egalitarians don't wish to recognize nature's true diversity because to do so wrecks their political and ideological beliefs. The basic premise of socialism,

All of God's children have souls and deserve respect and dignity. But all of God's children most definitely do not have the same IQs, the same talents and aptitudes, the same energy levels, the same drives, the same ambitions, the same dreams, the same support systems at home.

communism and American liberalism is that all people are the same and that differences in outcome are the fault of outside factors such as the political or economic system, poverty or racism. Change these outside factors and the measurable results will be equal.

No they won't. It's simply a false premise. All of God's children have souls and deserve respect and dignity. But all of God's children most definitely do not have the same IQs, the same talents and aptitudes, the same energy levels, the same drives, the same ambitions, the same dreams, the same support systems at home. And nothing will ever change any of that.

You would think that American liberals would have learned something from the Soviet Union. You have to give the Soviets credit. For 70 years they used the immense power of the state with total ruthlessness to prove the basic premises of socialism. And they failed.

The "new communist man" the theory predicted never appeared. After 70 years, Russians were the same people they had been under the czars. There were just fewer of them than there should have been.

A good society is one in which there is a place for everyone. People are judged on the basis of their character, not on their

test scores or job or income. The foreign notion of "inferior" and "superior" based on academic tests or income is treated as poisonous and is discarded.

Re-creating a good society should be our goal, not jamming everyone into an institutional hopper and expecting them to conform to some ideological ideal. A public school system that recognizes real diversity and attempts to help each child on the basis of his true abilities could help create that good society, particularly under the following conditions:

- 1. If there were classroom discipline.
 - 2. If classroom size in the elementary grades were reduced to less than 20.
 - 3. If children are not held to be failures if they cannot match some predetermined, uniform test score regardless of their abilities and talents.
- But public education is a political institution. Like all of our political institutions at the moment, it is screwed up by the bad character of the people who run it. It is run by politicians, both elected and appointed. The people in the system who know what's really wrong and how to fix it — the classroom teachers — are entirely out of the loop.

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Song of the South a snake stomper's special

Our eyes met across a crowded dance floor. It's true that nobody was dancing.

Rotarians don't dance, they sing. That's bad enough. But there was a floor. And our eyes did meet.

Rudy Sams, 79, was performing with his band, the Coal Hill Snake Stompers. He was singing "Funny How Time Slips Away."

Rudy had a wonderful voice, a voice time had tamed and made mellow. And he had a strong, tired face that swore he understood the material — that part about time slipping away. I wove through the happy hour of the happy Fort Smith, Ark., Rotarians, through the dentists and public relations specialists and motel moguls. I snaked by the handshakes and wine glasses, trying not to be obvious. I wanted to find out

more about Rudy. The Rotary program called the Snake Stompers the "musical interlude." Rudy took his interlude seriously. He sang "Georgia on My Mind" and "Tennessee Waltz." He sang that waltz twice, in fact.

He sang right up until the prayer, which came right before the meeting, and that gave us no time to talk.

I later would learn he is a retired hearing aid salesman, a fisherman, a 1937 graduate of Coal Hill High School. Rudy had married his wartime sweetheart, Ruth Lorenze, on Dec. 2, 1945. She died eight years ago.

Rudy fought in the Battle of Britain, and from Omaha Beach to Leipzig, Germany.

In his youth he'd been a farm hand, harvesting cotton and Kansas wheat, working some whole days for \$1. Later he'd joined Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps and worked in a St. Louis factory.

And now he was here, in Fort Smith society, playing and singing, wondering where the years had gone. I shook his hand and he asked if I'd brought the hot weather.

I didn't pay close attention to the rest of the program. There were some new officers inducted, a few jokes, the usual civic club banter.

When it came my turn to talk, I wished, in a weak moment, that I could hold forth about interviewing presidents and movie stars, about the state of the world or the future of the stock market.

But that's not what I do. So I gave my usual spiel.

I spent less than 24 hours in Fort Smith, a pretty town famous for a hanging judge.

I got in at 3 one afternoon, then left at 5:30 the next morning.

The clerk at the motel was still arranging the fruit on the breakfast buffet and an aqua cloud streaked the eastern sky when I headed to the airport.

On the plane I read Bailey White's brilliant first novel, "Quite a Year for Plums," its characters as real as Rudy Sams.

Bailey's list of the players include "Roger — a plant pathologist specializing in foliar diseases of peanut," and "Hilma — a retired school-teacher who taught with Ethel

during her last 10 years in the classroom."

I thought how easily real Rudy might have fit into that fictional list, even into the novel. I considered how the novelist could have described him in her playlist.

"Rudy — a retired hearing-aid salesman and dedicated Rotarian who now sings with a bluesy band called the Coal Hill Snake Stompers."

There are no crusading lawyers in the book, no mobsters, no car chases, no heavy plotting. Yet it is as astounding and fast as real life, with women painting their flower-pots with buttermilk to grow a pleasing patina of moss, and an artist who takes perfectly good household objects to the Dumpsters.

I heard Bailey read from the book last year in Valdosta, her old-lady voice not matching a young, smooth face. Her characters are mostly from South Georgia, but then they have to be from someplace.

Their problems and luminous moments are universal.

People divorce and die and move away. Time slips off, and nobody notices.

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IN BRIEF

Sweetwater, Grady take big Crossroads victories

Sweetwater remained perfect in Crossroads Summer Girls Basketball League play Monday evening, improving to 12-0 with a 56-14 win over Garden City.

Grady kept its second-place standing with a 9-2-1 record following a thrilling 49-47 win over Odessa.

The loss dropped Odessa into fourth place in the standings, a half game behind Sands, which improved to 8-4 following its 38-25 win over Big Spring.

In other games Monday, Coahoma took a 30-28 win over Stanton and Ira took a 29-14 win over Sterling City.

Today's schedule calls for Big Spring I to face Colorado City in junior division play at 5:30 p.m., followed by Sands and Coahoma in another junior division game at 6:30.

Senior division action this evening begins with Stanton facing Sterling City at 7:30, Odessa and Sands squaring off at 8:30 and Grady facing Ira in the 9:30 nightcap.

Stallings finishes fourth in Can-Am Series 800

Former Stanton High School and University of Florida track star Jeremy Stallings finished fourth in the 800 meters Saturday at the Maine Distance Festival.

The meet, the final event in the Canada-American Track Series, featured many of North America's top distance runners.

Stallings' fourth-place time was 1:48.03.

Parent-child touney slated at country club

A parent-child tournament has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament will begin with a 9 a.m. shotgun start Saturday and a hamburger supper will follow the round. Sunday's final round will begin at 1 p.m.

"Trophy division" play will be divided into three groups based on the child's age — a 5-11 division, 12-15 division and 16-18 division. Entry fees will be \$30 per team.

An "open division" for teams where the child is 19 or older will also be offered and entry fees for that division will be \$80 per team.

For more information, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

Howard College slates girls' camp July 13-16

Howard College's Girls Basketball Camp has been scheduled for July 13-16 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The day camp will include sessions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, while Thursday's final session will begin at 9 a.m. and close at 2 p.m.

Lady Hawks head coach Matt Corkery will head the camp's staff of instructors that will include Howard assistant coaches, high school coaches and members of the Lady Hawks basketball team.

Also open to overnight campers, the camp will be supervised at all times and nightly activities for those spending nights in the dorms.

Registration fees are set at \$100 for day campers and \$210 for overnight campers.

For more information, contact Corkery at 264-5040.

ON THE AIR

TODAY: BASEBALL

7 p.m. — Major League Baseball All-Star Game, NBC, Ch. 9.

BOXING

7 p.m. — Fight Time from San Antonio, FXS, Ch. 29.

GYMNASTICS

6:30 p.m. — Battle of the Sexes, ESPN, Ch. 30.

WEDNESDAY DAYTIME SOCCER

2 p.m. — World Cup semifinal game, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Oates says he sees light at end of tunnel for Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers started April with a roar but spent all of June in one long whimper.

The good news for manager Johnny Oates is that the first half of the 1998 season is over. He can only hope the Rangers' pitching woes and shaky defense are gone, too.

"I think the break is coming at a good time for us," Oates said as Texas entered the All-Star break at 48-39, 1 1/2 games behind Anaheim in the American League West.

"Sometimes fatigue in this game is mental and you need a break. You get frustrated. Sometimes when you're in that tunnel, you can't see light at the other end. But you know the light is out there."

Oates must find some more starting pitching in the second half or that light

might turn out to be a locomotive. Texas started the season 18-8 and looked like an improved version of the team that won the franchise's first divisional title in 1996.

But cracks were already appearing in the foundation, and they only got bigger as the Rangers went from holding a six-game lead over Anaheim on May 27 to trailing by 3 1/2 games on July 1.

The most obvious problem was a wafer-thin pitching staff. Although Rick Helling and Aaron Sele surpassed expectations, three others — Darren Oliver, John Burkett and Bobby Witt — were ineffective.

The Rangers dumped Witt last month and tried a pair of Class AAA pitchers, Matt Perisho and Todd Van Poppel. Both initially bombed, but Van Poppel, an Arlington-raised major-league retread,

has since shown some promise. Where Oates will look to solidify the rotation in the second half is anyone's guess. There's not much available on the trade market.

In the perfect world, Oliver (4-6) and Burkett (4-9) would turn their seasons around and Van Poppel would continue to progress, giving Texas something to go with Sele (12-5) and Helling (11-4).

"I think our pitching is starting to come around," Oates said. "It's such an important part of the game. When you get good starting pitching, the offense seems to be more in the game, the defense is certainly sharper and you don't wear out your bullpen. We need to get back to that."

Said Burkett: "We can't give up. I keep believing in myself. I think I still have it."

In addition to a prolonged slump for leadoff hitter Tom Goodwin and an injury to second baseman Mark McLemore, problems for Texas included an offense that led the league in runs and hits but disappeared all too often.

And there was a shaky defense that prompted Oates to put the team through infield practice recently during a string of 30 errors in 29 games. Oates is confident the defensive struggles are over.

"I still have confidence that we're going to be a better defensive team," Oates said. "I don't know if we're a little lax or what."

The offense, Oates insists, will be there in the long run.

One of the bright spots of the first half was the performance of Will Clark, who at .308 is hitting 60 points higher than last season.

Serving up attitude at altitude

Booed by fans, Griffey responds with Derby win

DENVER (AP) — Mike Hargrove has seen enough baseball to know that good pitching usually beats good hitting. He also admits he's never seen a game at Coors Field.

Mark McGwire gave a clue as to what might happen at the All-Star game tonight. His 510-foot drive was the highlight of Monday's home run derby, won when Ken Griffey Jr. — booed in batting practice — hit a few third-deckers.

Kevin Costner, John Elway and country singer Tim McGraw also reached the seats during a celebrity round of batting practice.

Then again, none of the pitchers serving up those shots that left the park headed toward Wyoming was named Greg Maddux, Pedro Martinez, Curt Schilling or Roger Clemens.

"I managed for a year down in Colorado Springs in the Pacific Coast League in 1989. I'm a little bit familiar with how well the ball travels in this part of the country," said Hargrove, the Cleveland manager who will guide the AL.

"I think this has a chance to be a very, very interesting game," he said. "Given the pitching that has been assembled and the hitting, I'm going to be really interested to see who really does prevail."

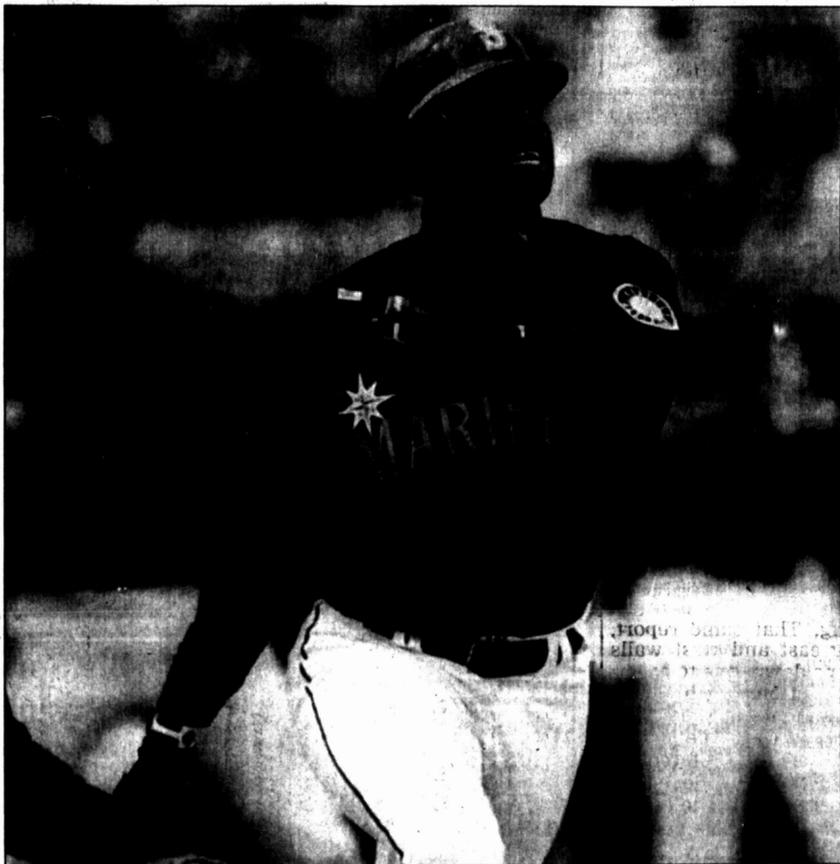
Certainly, there will be a slugger's attitude mixing with the Mile High altitude this evening.

There's McGwire, leading the majors with 37 home runs. There's Griffey and his 35 homers. And there's Juan Gonzalez with his 101 RBIs.

"I think I have a vision of a high-scoring game," AL starter David Wells of the New York Yankees, "but hopefully not when I'm in there."

Just in case, he's got a strategy for pitching in Denver — "Duck!"

In the year that Roger Maris' record of 61 is in danger, fans are no doubt hoping to see a repeat of the 1971 game when future Hall of Famers Reggie Jackson, Hank Aaron, Johnny Bench, Roberto Clemente, Frank Robinson and Harmon Killebrew all connected at



Ken Griffey Jr., shown here in an Associated Press file photograph, was booed by fans during batting practice Monday night prior to the Major League Baseball Home Run Derby at Colorado's Coors Field. As a result, he changed his mind about entering the derby and won the event with 19 shots out of the park.

Tiger Stadium. Playing at Coors, which ranked No. 1 among major league parks for most home runs in 1996 and 1997, it could be a wild affair.

"It's a great hitters' ballpark," McGwire said. "You have to realize that Coors Field has a gigantic outfield where balls will fall in," McGwire said. "Normal singles in most ballparks will be doubles if you have speed."

A crowd of more than 51,000 watched Monday when Griffey became an unexpected winner in the home run derby.

Griffey had said for more than a month that he would not participate, a stance that led to

him being booed loudly when the AL took batting practice. But when it came time for the contest, Griffey was in the lineup and he wound up beating out Jim Thome in the final round.

"I felt if I felt good in BP, I'd be in it. I don't like to get booed. I've got 4 million reasons to do it," said Griffey, the top vote-getter in fan balloting for All-Star starting spots.

Home runs, however, are not the only way to score at Coors. Because as even the best pitchers in the business realize, playing at Denver presents all sorts of problems.

"Slider don't slide as much, curve don't curve as much,"

said Maddux, the NL starter. Maddux, a four-time Cy Young winner, knows from first-hand experience. In three starts at Coors, the Atlanta ace has allowed 14 earned runs in 18 1/3 innings.

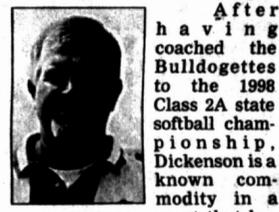
"I think probably one of the biggest things is the outfielders have to play a little bit deeper and you always give up the extra base on a base hit," he said. "Instead of runners at first and second, it's always first and third."

The NL leads the series 40-27-1, and the highest-scoring game came in 1954 when the AL won 11-9. There have been at least two homers in each of the last seven games.

Dickenson leaving Coahoma?

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Whether or not Rob Dickenson will guide Coahoma's Bulldogettes in their bid to defend the Class 2A state softball championship in 1999 seems to be a matter of debate.



DICKENSON

After having coached the Bulldogettes to the 1998 Class 2A state softball championship, Dickenson is a known commodity in a sport that has few proven coaches.

On Sunday, Dickenson indicated that he was leaving Coahoma to take the head softball coach's position at Brownwood High School, but by Monday morning indicated he had not yet made up his mind.

Dickenson, who led Coahoma to the regional finals in 1997 before taking it all this year, said he would make his final decision this morning before leaving for Arlington where he'll attend the Texas High School Girls Coaches Association school.

But this morning, Coahoma ISD officials said he had not yet informed them of his decision.

As far as Brownwood Athletic Director Steve Freeman is concerned, however, there is no debate.

"As far as I know, it's a done deal," Freeman said this morning. "Our school board hired him (Dickenson) to fill the girls' softball position here last week."

But Coahoma Superintendent Michael Hartman said he expected Dickenson's decision in time for Thursday's meeting of the Coahoma school board.

"It's a tremendously difficult decision to make," Dickenson explained Monday night. "To be honest, I decide that taking the job in Brownwood is the right move to make one day and by the next morning decide that I want to stay here."

Dickenson said he did not actively seek a job change, that Freeman contacted him about taking the Lady Lions job.

"It really is flattering ... to have someone actively coming after you to take a job," Dickenson explained. "He (Freeman) sold me on himself and on the program."

"They expect to have at least 60 girls in the program next year and will have a full schedule for not only the varsity, but JV and freshman teams, too."

If Dickenson does move, he won't have to rebuild, because the Lady Lions lost just two players from a team that reached the area playoffs before losing Fossil Ridge.

"Brownwood has a tremendously strong summer softball program as a feeder, so there's a lot of softball tradition there," Dickenson noted.

"But it's a tremendously difficult decision, because of how close I've become to the girls we have here," he continued. "It was a situation where there's a great opportunity to weigh against what I expect we're going to do here in the next three or four years."

American, National stars take wins in Odessa

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's International League All-Stars got a stellar performance from pitcher Ryan Villanueva as he struck out 12 batters Monday night in a 6-1 win over Kellus Turner in the opening round of the District 3 Little League Majors Tournament in Odessa.

Villanueva waked six, but was credited with a no-hitter in addition to the win. He also carried the Internationals' biggest

stick, coming up with two hits that included a grand slam home run.

In the other Monday night game involving local teams in the Odessa tournament, Big Spring's National All-Stars took a 5-0 win over Coahoma.

Tonight, the Internationals will face Odessa Sherwood at 6 p.m., while the Nationals take on Greenwood in the other 6 p.m. game. Coahoma will face Lamesa, a 10-0 loser to Greenwood, in an elimination

game at 8 p.m. Those three games will be played at Sherwood Park.

The Big Spring American League All-Stars will open their tournament bid tonight, facing Midland Tower at 8 p.m. at Floyd Gwinn Park.

Big Spring's entries in the District 3 Little League Minors Tournament did not fare as well in opening round play Monday night in Midland.

The Big Spring American All-Stars dropped an 11-10 decision

to Midland's North Central Black All-Stars, as the host team rallied from a 10-8 deficit in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Big Spring's National Minors All-Stars suffered a 14-1 loss to Midland North's Blue All-Stars.

The International Minors All-Stars open district play at 5:45 p.m. today, taking on North Ector's All-Stars. The National and American squads move into elimination games, both set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Pak youngest winner in longest Women's Open

KOHLER, Wis. (AP) — Had she won, amateur Jenny Chuasiriporn was going to jump in the water. She even encouraged Se Ri Pak to do it.

But the youngest winner in the longest U.S. Women's Open already had enough experience in the water at No. 18, where she had to get both feet wet hit-

ting her second shot.

And Pak already believed she let her guard down far enough. "First time I cry in my life," the 20-year-old South Korean said after her long birdie putt on the 20th hole put away Chuasiriporn in the first sudden death of this event.

Impervious to pressure through 92 holes, Pak was a bundle of emotions when the tournament finally ended after five hours on the rugged Blackwolf Run Golf Course.

But taking a dunk was a bit too much.

"I told her to jump in the water but she wouldn't," Chuasiriporn said. "I told her

she had to. She said, 'No, I can't do it.'"

"I was going to, though."

The twosome was tied at 2-over 73 after 18 holes; it was the first time in the 53 years of this event it went to sudden death. Pak became the first rookie to win two majors since Juli Inkster in 1984.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 8:

Consider whether your expectations of others are reasonable. They get easily irritated with you at times this year. Make sure your boundaries are grounded. Money and finances are primary issues, both of which play a significant role in your choices. You get what you want if you stay even-tempered and avoid becoming demanding. If you are single, be open to a different type of person. What you have chosen hasn't worked up to now. Try something new. If attached, your relationship is likely to be redefined. Don't refrain from expressing your feelings in a clear way. CAPRICORN is a natural ally.

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) Take charge of work. No one can handle his responsibilities as well as you, once you are in sync. If you are angry with a family member, start talking. Money will stabilize, though you wish there was more. Friends and loved ones act up. Tonight: Choose your distraction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your intellect saves the day when confronted with wild situations. You could lose your temper, but it would be better to resolve the problems. Others value your steadiness. Family and bosses seem to specialize in chaos. Let them release

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steam. Tonight: Off to the movies.*** GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An associate is sure he is right! Discussing money proves frustrating. Intuition saves the day. Reinforce boundaries with a partner. News from a distance is confusing. Let the chips fall where they may; you gain more information that way. Tonight: Go for togetherness.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You come on like gang-busters. Listen to older, wiser friends; their suggestions will help. Sometimes the path to your desires has some strange turns, as you will see. The unexpected happens with funds. You cannot be too careful. Tonight: Accept an invitation.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Get into work, and clear your desk. You discover an unexpected problem. It could stem from your overall irritation. Be sensitive to a difficult associate; he is doing his best to clear up a problem. Misunderstandings run rampant. Confirm meetings. Tonight: Exercise.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Creativity spins. Think through a decision that involves a friend. Someone nixes your great plan. Don't take it personally. Work with this person. You might be making more of a change at work than is actually going on. Tonight: Let off steam in a fun way!****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

DEALING WITH SUPERIORS PERPLEXES YOU.

Be careful, as tempers flare. An associate might be a bit tight with funds. Stay in touch with feelings when talking to a child or new love. Friends put inordinate pressure on you. Center on your priorities. Tonight: Don't spread yourself too thin.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Disruption remains the trademark of the day. Let go of rigidity, and work with stunning news. You might not agree with someone, yet you understand his thinking. Pressure between work demands and what you need could cause a misunderstanding. Tonight: Confirm plans.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Use your expertise to even out finances. Someone has a great suggestion as to how to spend your money. Declining that offer works as well as throwing a tantrum. Work settles you and helps you feel constructive. Unexpected news wrecks plans. Adjust. Tonight: Pay bills.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The ball is in your court, though you might be hard pressed to believe it. Others seem distinctly out of whack. Consider ways to further your interests with more subtlety. Creativity seems stifled, yet you find a solution. A child needs your attention. Tonight:

AS LONG AS IT ISN'T COSTLY.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Take a back seat, and carefully make decisions. You don't always have the right answer, but today you are sure you need to go your own way. Someone misunderstands you. Now, you can explain all you want but, alas, it makes no difference. Tonight: Take a night off.**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Aim for what you want, but don't get forlorn if events don't immediately fall into place. Take time with a child or friend who is irritated or feels pushed. Don't worry as much about day-to-day matters and a misunderstanding. Tonight: Swap today's war stories!****

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Smooth divorce hits a bump when mom plans to relocate

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Beth," and I are being divorced, and until recently, things were cordial and polite. At first, she was going to remain here in Oregon and allow me convenient access to our daughter, Cathy, who is 6 years old.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Beth tried for three years, with little success, to get her own business going here in Oregon. I must admit that she's tried hard. Now she has received an offer to relocate to Florida and live in the home of a male friend while he is away in the Navy for the next few years. She is involved in a multi-level business and her "upline," who lives in Florida (not the person who owns the house), has promised to get her set up and on her feet. She's planning to move before the end of the summer.

This morning I asked Beth if she'd consider going to Florida alone for the first six months to see if she likes it. She rejected the idea.

I am staying with my parents now, and they are really upset about the idea of Cathy leaving. My mother wants me to fight it. They love their granddaughter and see her quite often.

Abby, I want this divorce to be amiable. It was, until Beth decided to move to Florida. I suppose if she does move and gets her life together, I could move to Florida to be close to our daughter.

Should I try to control my animosity and allow Beth to go to Florida and tell my parents to butt out? Or should I try to force her to stay here in Oregon? I'm certain that deep down Beth knows that taking Cathy 3,000 miles away is wrong, but she feels she must do it for reasons of self-esteem and economics. -- HEARTBROKEN IN OREGON

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Your soon-to-be-ex-wife has legitimate reasons for moving to Florida, and your daughter is at an age when she still needs her mother, so let her go without an ugly fight. I think your idea of eventually relocating to Florida in order to be near Cathy has merit.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Exhausted in Tacoma," who was perturbed with her hospital roommate's visitors, disturbs me. First she said how sick she had been at the hospital and how rude her roommate's visitors were; then she was well enough to get up and go home. Abby, just how sick was she? As a registered nurse with 30 years' experience, I can tell you she doesn't sound very sick to me.

If she had been in the hospital as many times as she

claimed, why did she go to the emergency room instead of having her own physician admit her? Also, she should have known enough about hospital procedures to have the floor nurse quiet the visitors down. She should also have known to ask for another gown to cover her backside, or how to use a robe or sheet to drape around herself to go to the bathroom.

I can't be sure without all the facts, but I'm guessing that "Exhausted" is a typical hypochondriac trying to get a few days in the hospital complete with "maid" service by her nurses, while her insurance pays for this "vacation."

No one who is truly sick gets up and leaves for the reasons she gave. And if rest at home was better than what she could get in the hospital, why didn't she just stay home in the first place? -- FRED HOLT, R.N., ENGLEWOOD, FLA.

DEAR FRED: Your reasoning, based on many years of experience, makes sense to me. However, without all the facts, I cannot call that reader a fake, for hers is not the only letter I have received complaining about visitors in hospitals.

DEAR ABBY: What can I do when I am graciously treated to a restaurant meal by a friend or colleague, and when the bill comes, an inappropriate tip is left for the server?

I am embarrassed if we have received good or exceptional service and yet my dining companion leaves only a 10 percent tip, or less.

Whether it's an oversight, lack of appreciation for the 15 to 20 percent rule, or a lack of math skills, I feel compelled to supplement the tip out of my own pocket if I think the server deserves more. How can I do this without offending my host or hostess? -- WELL-FED IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR WELL-FED: There is no need to offend or embarrass your host by calling attention to the small tips that short-change a server, so as you leave the table, leave your tip as inconspicuously as possible.

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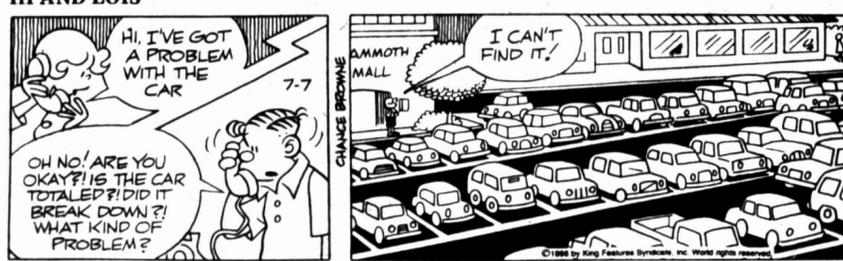
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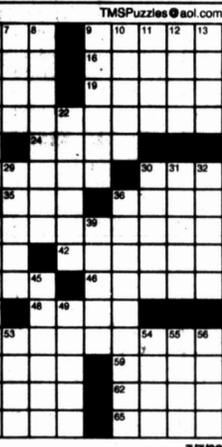
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Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on July 7, 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

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THE Daily Crossword

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