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Kids contest entries due soon

The Kountry Kids contest, sponsored by the Howard County Fair, will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at the Fair Grounds. Boys and girls ages 0-5 years old are eligible to enter and will be judged according to age groups.

Entries are due to the Howard County Extension office by Sept. 2, and must be accompanied by the \$10 entry fee.

Children entered in the Kountry Kids contest must be attired in a sportswear garment of at least 50 percent cotton.

Entry forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce and the County Extension office. Contact the County Extension office at 264-2236 for entry guidelines.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Janis Dean, 267-3068.

TUESDAY
□ Beginning Line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.
□ Quarterback Club, 7 p.m. All football parents and fans welcome. For more information call Terry Brumley at 267-7263.

□ 55 Alive Mature Driving Class, Kentwood Center. The cost is \$8.

WEDNESDAY
□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen, 264-5175.

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.
□ 55 Alive Mature Driving Class, Kentwood Center. The cost is \$8.

THURSDAY
□ Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith, 267-6479.

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

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New Texas law: Vertical purple stripe means 'Keep Out'

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

"No Trespassing" signs could soon be a thing of the past, as a new Texas law will allow property owners to replace the older, conventional signs with vertical purple stripes.

"I think the stripes will work just fine," said Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart.



LOCKHART

"It's a lot harder to get paint off of a post or tree than it is to tear down a sign."

The law, which will allow landowners to use a vertical purple stripe on a tree or post to warn trespassers, went into effect Sept. 1, 1997. For the past year, however, the stripes had to be accompanied by a sign that explained the significance of the purple stripe at all vehicular entry points. On Sept. 1 of this year, the explanatory signs will no longer be required.

"Educating the people about the stripes will be very important," said Lockhart. "It really hasn't been publicized enough

for people to know what they mean."

According to the new state law, the purple stripe must be at least one inch wide, and eight inches long, and can be placed on a tree or post three to five feet above the ground. They must be placed every 1,000 feet along the property line, except in forest areas, where they must be placed every 100 feet. Most importantly, they must be readily visible to anyone approaching the property.

"Because of the required sign at entry points, many Texas landowners apparently have postponed using the purple paint marks until the explanation signs

are no longer required," said Judon Fambrough, attorney and senior lecturer with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University.

Lockhart said that he plans to utilize the stripes on his property as well.

"I think these stripes will work just fine as long as people are educated on their purpose," said Lockhart.

For more information on the new trespass law, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Purple Paint Law, Real Estate Center, Mail Stop 2115, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843-2115.



U.S. Flight Academy celebrated 10 years in Big Spring this past weekend, according to administrator Lynn Moody.

Academy flying high after 10 years

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The U.S. Flight Academy, an accredited pilot school housed in the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark, celebrated 10 years in Big Spring last weekend.

"We're open to international students and regional students as well. We're small, but we're growing," said administrator Lynn Moody.

The flight school offers students, beginning at age 16, an opportunity to learn to fly and receive their private pilot license, as well as flight instructor and commercial pilot license, Moody said.

"We're fully accredited, which means our school is accredited and our flight instructors are accredited," she said.

Howard County and the West Texas area is one reason why owner Jarle (pronounced Yarlle) Boe decided to establish

his flight school in Big Spring. The aerial visual abilities in this part of the world make it an ideal locale for training pilots, he said.

"Webb Air Force Base had the most flying days of any airport, all over the world. More than any other, this was the place with the best flying weather," Boe said.

Also, the facilities available at the airpark were important considerations for the type of accreditation Boe sought, he said.

"The reason we're growing is because with this West Texas wind, we make very good pilots," Boe said.

Boe has a degree in aviation engineering, and he holds several FFA certifications such as flight instructor, multi-engine instructor and advanced ground instructor. He also the Gold Seal Flight Instructor certification, he said.

"It was my good luck (to settle in Big Spring)," Boe said. A native Norwegian, he also attended flight schools in Sweden and Canada, and is a license airline transportation pilot.

The academy has the highest accreditation rating available through the FFA, he said. Both the school and the instructors are FFA approved, and the airplanes are regularly inspected by the FFA.

The flight school attracts students from all over the globe, and has graduated pilots from 14 different countries, including England, Africa, Australia, Saudi Arabia and Somalia, he said.

Students who travel from foreign countries are provided housing accommodations while attending the school, which takes about 30 days to complete, Moody said.

The flight instructors, Boe and Vikram Dhole, who hails from India, provide all the training and flying lessons needed to complete the FAA requirements, she said.

The school has the new CD-ROM curriculum, which allows students to take all necessary FFA tests to receive their pilot license, Boe said.

"In my day, I took the test with pencil and paper, but today it must be done on the computer," Boe said.

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Crackdown

New hire reporting law to help in tracking down deadbeat dads and moms

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Texans who are delinquent in their child support payments should beware, as the state legislature has amended the Texas Employer New Hire Reporting program to assist in the collection of these funds.

"This act is a core part of federal welfare reform," said a press release from Texas Attorney General Dan Morales. "Beginning Oct. 1, 1998, Texas employers will be required to report all newly hired or rehired employees to the state database."

"The Office of the Attorney General's Child Support Program, as well as other state and federal programs, will use this information to assist in the collection of child support."

Morales said that the information will be used to detect and prevent fraud involving unemployment insurance, worker's compensation, Medicaid, and food stamps.

"Texas has had a voluntary New Hire Reporting program in place since Sept. 1993," said Morales. "Currently, there are more than 16,300 employers participating. However, with over 380,000 employers in the state of Texas, there is much work left to be done."

"On Oct. 1, all Texas employers will be required to report the name, address, and social security number of every new employee within 20 days of the hiring date."

According to Morales, all New Hire information collected by the state will be transmitted to the National Directory of New Hires, operated by the federal government.

"This national directory will

make it more difficult for parents who have not taken financial responsibility for their children to avoid statewide tracking systems," said Morales.

Morales said that the security of the information will be of the utmost concern to all agencies involved in this nationwide program. All information will be transmitted to the national Directory through secure and dedicated lines.

"The assistance that employers provide to this program is invaluable," said Morales. "By following the requirements and meeting reporting deadlines, Texas employers will greatly assist in the location of non-custodial parents who owe child support."

"Identifying a non-custodial parent's employer is essential if we are to execute a wage withholding order. Currently our office receives more than 60 percent collected child support through this method. Also, location of non-custodial parents and collection of past due child support will allow many families to reduce or eliminate their reliance on public assistance. The Texas Employer New Hire Reporting program is good for Texas children and Texas businesses."

Morales said that over the next few months the Office of the Attorney General will provide Texas employers with an information packet containing brochures, reporting forms, electronic reporting specifications, and answers to frequently asked questions regarding the program.

Employers with questions on the program can contact the Texas Employer New Hire Reporting Center Operation Center at P.O. Box 149224, Austin, Texas 78714-9224, or call (888) 839-4473. The center also maintains a web site at www.TexasNewHire.state.tx.us, as well as an e-mail address at txhires@flash.net.

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MORALES

Murder suspect receives continuance from court; trial date delayed for now

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County District Attorney's Office awaits a new trial date following a continuance granted in the murder case against Big Spring resident John Ruben Gaitan.

"Gaitan was scheduled to go to trial this month," said District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson. "I understand that Mr. Gaitan's attorney filed for a continuance because he had not been on the case a sufficient amount of time to prepare his presentation."

Gaitan was arrested on first-degree murder charges in June of this year when police found the body of his girlfriend, Barbara Villegas, 20, in a garage at Gaitan's home.

An autopsy revealed that Villegas had died from asphyxiation due to strangulation.

Gaitan, who was sentenced to 20 years in a state penitentiary earlier this month for two counts of indecency with a child that occurred in 1989, will be represented during the murder proceedings by Midland attorney Novert Morales.

According to Wilkerson, it will be Judge Moore's decision whether or not any sentence brought down from the murder trial will run concurrent with the existing 20 years that Gaitan has already received.

According to Wilkerson, Gaitan is expected to be given a new trial date to take place sometime in late September, or early October.

"We are comfortable with our case," said Wilkerson. "I'm ready to present the facts to the court."

Pediatrician retires after 43 years

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Her Woman of the Year award occupies a modest place on a handsome table in her living room, still wrapped in its plastic cover.

And in an equally modest manner, Dr. Louise Bennett Worthy recently announced her decision to retire from pediatric practice after nearly a half-century of service to the Big Spring and Howard County community.

"I started here in 1955, so I guess that's nearly 43 years," Worthy said.

Long-time Howard County resident, Worthy, who was born Louise Ann Bennett, hails from a third generation of women who were reared in Big Spring.

"My grandmother was in the first graduating class of Big Spring High School. There were three graduates," she said.

In 1987, Worthy's grandmother, Louise Linton, graduated from Big Spring Academy, which became Big Spring High School. Worthy's mother, Maude Leeper Bennett, also graduated from BSHS.

Louise Bennett graduated from BSHS as valedictorian in 1944.

She attended the University of Texas and then Tulane Medical School, just as had her father, Dr. M. H. Bennett. Worthy interned in New Orleans and spent two years at the Dallas Children's Hospital.

In 1955, she returned to Big Spring and went into practice with her father. Bennett was co-founder of the first hospital built in Big Spring, which is today the Hall-Bennett clinic.

An Aug. 31, 1928 story in the Big Spring Herald said the hospital where Worthy opened her practice in 1955, included details of steam heating equipment and cost \$77,000.

"This building will be built of brick, a modern fireproof structure to be constructed of the finest material money can buy.

The site for the hospital is an ideal one, at the corner of Ninth and Goliad streets, as it is the highest point within the city limits and a beautiful view of the city and surrounding country can be secured from this site."

Worthy said another facility had served as a hospital here, the Birdwell Home, which was located where the Big Spring Care Center is today. In the 1940s, after World War II, the clinic was added to the hospital, she said.

Her father never discouraged her from becoming a pediatrician although this was an era when most women stayed home, she said.

"There were five women in my graduating class. I think Daddy was tickled when I went into medicine. He never did tell me I couldn't do anything. I was lucky that I could do these things, that my parents let me do these things. I guess you could say he spoiled me," she said.

Worthy credits Mineola Muse

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WORTHY

OBITUARIES

Delrose Bailey

Delrose Bailey, 73, died Sunday, Aug. 23, 1998, in a local hospital. Private memorial services will be held at a later date.

She was born on Sept. 7, 1924, in Alba. She had lived in Big Spring since 1978 and had been a cook at the Settles Hotel.

She is survived by: two sisters, Thelma Patrick of Ore City, and Mary Ellen Bailey of Dallas; and several nieces and nephews.

Local arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Bert "Bubba" Edgington

Graveside service for Bert "Bubba" Edgington, 22, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1998, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Edgington died Sunday, Aug. 23, at University Medical Center in Lubbock following a long illness.

He was born on Aug. 4, 1976, in Fort Worth. He moved to Big Spring in 1993 from Valley Springs, Calif. He was a member of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by: his mother and step-father, Kay and Bobby Dellinger of Big Spring; his father, B.W. Edgington, Jr. of Sulphur Springs; a brother, Scott Holmes of Big Spring; his grandparents, Ruth and B.W. Edgington, Sr. of Sulphur Springs; two nephews; one niece; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Edgington



EDGINGTON

Richard L. DeLamarter

Service for Richard L. DeLamarter, 81, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Saturday, Aug. 22, 1998, at his residence.

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The flight school has four planes. Students learn to pilot in two Cessnas, a Cherokee 140 which is good for instrumentation, and an Apache multi-engine plane. Moody said.

On their final flights with an instructor, before completing their solo voyage. Moody said students are subjected to real emergency situations and required to pass those tests.

"They wear ear phones, so they can talk to each other, and so they can communicate with the radio in the instructor's office," she said.

The cost for 45 hours of instruction is \$2,750, she said. This includes all the applica-

tions needed for ground school and written classroom fees.

The only additional cost is \$40 for a medical certificate, she said.

"Even people who wear glasses can fly. It only has to be corrected with glasses," she said.

The FAA requires 35 hours of flight school instruction for a private pilot license, but the academy provides an extra 10 hours if the student needs or wants it.

Students may take additional hours of flying at a cost of \$40 per hour for solo and \$60 per hour for flying with an instructor, she said.

Boe encourages others to learn to fly. He said the school graduated a student with one eye, another who had recovered from heart surgery and many pilots aged 60 or older.

"It is much safer to fly an aircraft than to drive a car. There's a mystique around flying, but it's all common sense and very, very safe," Boe said.

WORTHY

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with helping raise the children and keeping the home running smoothly while Worthy's practice grew. Muse became housekeeper and nanny for the Worthy's when their three children were born.

"Big Spring is small enough that I could get home or to the school in just a few minutes. Mineola has been with us 42 years, and the kids are still more important to her than we are," she said.

Although the youngest of the Worthy's three children, Roy, is now 35, Mineola still refers to him as 'the baby,' Worthy said.

Ann Worthy lives in New Zealand, and Roy is now here helping with the family business, she said. Jerry (Jeb) Bennett Worthy died four years ago, she said.

New breakthroughs in research, equipment and other treatments have rapidly advanced medicine in the last 43 years, she said.

"Medicine is better now, back then we gave a lot more shots. That was when antibiotics had just been started. There have been lots of advantages in trauma surgery, and new vaccines. An enormous amount of things have changed," she said.

Perseverance and dedication are two words of advice Worthy would give to anyone wanting to be a doctor today.

"Make sure this is what you want to do. Some things have been easier and some have been harder than what I expected. I got a clue from going on house-calls with Papa, which he would let me do sometimes," she said.

Now that she's retired, Worthy said she's not really sure what she will do.

"I'm sure I'll find something to do. I may play bridge, and I may find some volunteer work somewhere. We're getting a computer, and if I can E-mail my daughter in New Zealand that will be fun. We may travel some. But I have been a bit (anxious). I guess I didn't plan very well," Worthy said.

"I have enjoyed living in Big Spring and practicing here. I really like the people and most of the time I like the climate. We have good friends here and I've really enjoyed it," she said.

Disturbance reported at federal prison

Officials with the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institution are reporting a "minor disturbance" took place Saturday morning.

At about 11 a.m., according to a press release, the disturbance began at the low security facility. Additional staff were called in to assist, and the release says inmates then "ceased their disruptive behavior."

No staff or inmate injuries were reported, and the FCI reported the facility is secure. The release also says staff are "commended for the outstanding response to quickly quell the incident."

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BRIEFS

AN ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW

and pull are planned during the Howard County Fair. Tractors made in 1960 and earlier are eligible, and should be brought to the fairgrounds Tuesday, Sept. 1 afternoon for the show.

The tractor pull will take place the following Saturday. Call Doyle Railsback, 399-4804 for more information and complete rules.

BIG SPRING BAND BOOSTERS will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, in the high school band hall. All parents of Big Spring band students in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend. For more information call Rocky Harris at 264-3641.

THE JONES VALLEY REUNION has been cancelled for this year, due to illness among organizers. Plans are to continue the reunions, but perhaps every two or three years. For more information, call Mabel Dickenson, 267-3154.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•New Voice Club, a support group for laryngectomies and their families, 6:30 p.m., 2410 Wasson Dr., the house behind the 7-11 store. For more information call 267-2800.

•Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041.

•Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

•Survivors of Suicide, support group for those grieving a suicide loss, will meet Monday, Aug. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Care Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, Midland. Dr. Alan Williams will lead the discussion.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TJ building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220

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.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN



Melissa Myers watches Brenda Koerber make corn husk dolls during Saturday's Pioneer Day at the Potton House. Heritage Museum staff, who organized the family-oriented event, said it was a huge success. Visitors had the chance to try pioneer crafts, chores and tour the historic home.

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.

•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 in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 74.75 cents, up 13 points; Oct. crude 13.48, up 11; Cash hogs steady at 35; cash steers steady 59 cents even; Oct. Jean hog futures 41.60, down 7 points; Aug. live cattle futures 50.80, down 2 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Table with market data including Volume 177,084,830, ATT 56% +1/4, Amoco 50% -1/4, etc.

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POLICE

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

• GARY MORRIS, 50, was arrested for public intoxication.

• AMADOR RIOS, 17, was arrested on local warrants.

• MATTHEW HILGER, 24, was arrested on local warrants.

• PAUL LITTY, 26, was arrested for fleeing an officer.

• DARLENE SHELDON, 40, was arrested for public intoxication.

• JOSEPH PRATT, 47, was arrested for public intoxication.

• RAFAEL LOPEZ, 53, was arrested for public intoxication.

• PAULA BAKER, 39, was arrested for public intoxication.

• ELIJAH COLE, 28, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2oz.

• DELORES HERNANDEZ, 25, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 oz.

• MARSHALL BRYANT, 20, was arrested on local warrants.

• DOBIE CALDWELL, 32, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

• JOSE DIAZ, 50, was arrested for public intoxication.

• THEFT in the 400 block of Birdwell, the 1200 block of E. 11th, the 2300 block of Wasson, the 3200 block of E. 11th Place, the 1700 block of E. Marcy, the 1700 block of Wasson, the corner of 11th and Settles, and the 400 block of Johnson.

• ASSAULT in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd., the 400 block of E. 4th, and the 1200 block of W. 3rd.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1900 block of Wasson, the 1500 block of Sycamore, the 700 block of N. Scurry, and the 1200 block of Marijo.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 200 block of N.W. 2nd.

• DOG BITE in the 1500 block of Wood.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING in the 500 block of Westover, and the 1800 block of E. Marcy.

FIRE/EMS

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

1:50 a.m. - 1300 block Tucson, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:52 a.m. - 4000 block Dixon, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

1:19 p.m. - 16000 block FM 669, hazardous materials spill.

1:38 p.m. - 18000 block Gail Road, traffic accident, two patients transported to SMCC.

2:20 p.m. - 3600 block Hamilton, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

3:38 p.m. - 1400 block E. Sixth, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

5:43 p.m. - Hilltop Road and North Birdwell, traffic accident, one patient transported to SMCC.

10:06 p.m. - 8900 block North 87, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

SATURDAY

2:11 a.m. - 1900 block Simler, trauma call, patient transported to SMCC.

6:06 a.m. - 1500 block E. 11th, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

9:13 a.m. - 200 block E. Fourth (Forsan), medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

2:20 p.m. - 2300 block Wasson, structure fire, false alarm.

6:33 p.m. - 700 block Ann, medical call, service refused.

9:29 p.m. - 2600 block Rebecca, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

SUNDAY

1:24 a.m. - 700 block Douglas, residence fire, extinguished by responding units.

2:20 a.m. - 300 block Tulane, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

7:18 a.m. - 400 block Gregg, medical call, service refused.

10:54 a.m. - 1100 block Nolan, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

12:09 p.m. - 100 block W. 19th, traffic accident, patient transported to SMCC.

5:45 p.m. - 700 block Johnson, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

6:18 p.m. - 400 block W. Eighth, structure fire reported, false alarm.

9:34 p.m. - 2500 block Broadway, medical call, service refused.

11:12 p.m. - 2000 block Virginia, trauma call, patient transported to SMCC.

RECORDS Sunday's high 88 Sunday's low 71 Average high 93 Average low 67 Record high 105 in 1950 Record low 53 in 1961 Precip. Sunday 0.32 Month to date 2.38 Month's normal 1.31 Year to date 8.85 Normal for the year 12.08

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Tropical weather menace to Hill Country residents, campers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Remnants of Tropical Storm Charley have brought a deluge to the Hill Country, causing rivers to roar over their banks and contributing to at least five flood-related deaths.

Police at Del Rio had to rescue three people from treetops and rooftops after flash flooding sent San Felipe Creek roaring out of its banks early today.

Those rescued included a police officer who had been sent into the San Felipe neighborhood to help evacuate some residents, according to Del Rio Police Lt. Ramiro Castillo.

"The water in the neighborhood reached the rooftops of

some homes, he said. Castillo described the flooding as severe, saying "Something I haven't seen in 50 years."

There were no immediate reports of deaths or injuries, but Castillo said officers would have to make a final check during the day.

"We don't know who we got out," he said early today.

"We had evacuated a lot of people before the flood waters got too high," Castillo said. "We have a lot of people in shelters. I don't know how many."

The Del Rio area received rainfall rates of up to four inches per hour during the night and numerous roads were

covered by water, the National Weather Service reported.

The Rio Grande was at 15.5 feet at Rio at 4 a.m. today, exceeding the flood level of September 1974 when the river crested at 14.80 feet. A crest of about 16 feet was expected before the flooding subsides.

At Eagle Pass, the Rio Grande was 3.4 feet and was expected to crest at 18-29 feet late today.

Four immigrants from Mexico, including two young children, were killed and six others were injured on Sunday when a pickup truck was swept into a creek on Texas Highway 41 in Real County about 100 miles northwest of San Antonio.

"Three of the bodies were found inside the truck. They never made it out," said Trooper Jacob Sanchez of the Texas Department of Public Safety. Another was found later about a quarter-mile away.

The accident occurred at 7:30 a.m. The pickup carrying 18 people was eastbound on the highway as four feet of water covered the road at a low-water crossing, according to the DPS.

The truck's driver stopped and unloaded seven people, then tried to travel through the water, but the vehicle was immediately forced off the road, the DPS said.

Six passengers were able to

cling to some trees before making it out of the water. The truck's driver was last seen in the creek and remained missing, said DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange, although a DPS report said footprints near the water's edge indicated the driver may have gotten out.

A search for the driver will resume today, said Ben Patterson, spokesman for the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

Killed were Veronica Gomez Hernandez, 20; Lilliana Arroyo, 16; Jose Angel Diaz, 2; and Jasmine Diaz, 3; all of Mexico, officials said.

Five people were treated for

minor injuries at the scene. Tomasa Diaz, 27, was in guard condition at Sid Peterson Hospital in Kerrville.

Throughout the Hill Country, where heat and dry weather had been dominant for weeks, water gushed through riverbeds and threatened campsites and homes.

The Llano, Frio, Sabinal and Nueces rivers all spilled over their banks.

The storm also brought needed rain to drought-stricken farms and ranches.

"This is what everyone was praying for," said Patterson. "Now, we're waiting for the flooding to play itself out."

Woman with cyanide-filled envelopes arrested

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman was arrested for investigation of attempted murder after she was found at a post office with more than 100 envelopes containing bags of deadly sodium cyanide disguised as nutritional supplements.

Kathryn Schoonover was arrested Sunday afternoon at a post office in Marina del Rey, about 10 miles southwest of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Sheriff Sherman Block said.

"Had this stuff gone into the mail, we would have had mass murder," Block said.

The envelopes were addressed to people across Southern California and as far away as New York.

Each business-size envelope contained a clear plastic bag filled with about a teaspoon of the cyanide in powder form, and each bag was attached to a brand-name brochure that claimed the powdery substance was a nutritional supplement, authorities said.

The poison, which interrupts the uptake of oxygen in cells, causes almost instant death if consumed.

"This ... is essentially the same chemical they use in the gas chamber," said Frank Cervantes of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Investigators were interviewing Ms. Schoonover, 50, to determine a motive.

Block said no envelopes had

been mailed at the Marina del Rey post office, but there was some concern Ms. Schoonover may have mailed envelopes elsewhere between Los Angeles and her hometown in Carpinteria, a coastal town southeast of Santa Barbara some 90 miles north.

The U.S. Postal Service was checking public mailboxes, but authorities were uncertain how widely officials planned to search.

Deputies also planned to contact the addressees. Block said there did not appear to be any pattern to the mailings.

The envelopes were discovered after a passer-by in the post office became suspicious when she saw Ms. Schoonover

stuffing the bags into envelopes and saw a container on the counter with poison symbols. The passer-by contacted authorities.

When Ms. Schoonover was pulled over in her car in front of the post office minutes later, deputies found the sealed envelopes and a container partially filled with a white powdery substance.

Hazardous materials experts later determined the powder was sodium cyanide and sealed off an area around the post office.

Three types of brochures were in the envelopes, advertising the powder's nutritional, sports performance-enhancing or weight-loss abilities, Block said.

Alcohol-related fatalities fall below 40 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Highway deaths linked to drunken driving fell to a record-low proportion last year, but still accounted for more than one-third of the fatalities, new government figures show.

There were 16,189 alcohol-related traffic deaths in 1997, or 38.6 percent of the total, the Transportation Department said Sunday. That was a decrease of about 1,000 deaths from 1996, when drunken driving was responsible for 40.9 percent of the 42,065 traffic deaths. In 1992, 57.3 percent of the 43,945 fatalities were alcohol-related.

The improved figures provide

evidence that measures such as "zero tolerance" laws for young drivers have helped curb drunken driving. But officials stressed that more needs to be done.

"This is good news, but we must continue to do more to ensure that this decline continues," President Clinton said in a statement accompanying the figures. The Transportation Department has set a goal of reducing alcohol-related traffic deaths to 11,000 annually by 2005.

For the first time since record-keeping began in 1975, alcohol-related deaths were below 40 percent of all traffic

fatalities. And drunken-driving deaths among those ages 15 to 20 dropped 5 percent from 2,324 in 1996 to 2,209 in 1997, according to data by the department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Clinton has encouraged states to lower their drunken-driving threshold to a 0.08 percent blood-alcohol concentration and authorized \$500 million in grants as an incentive for states to adopt the standard. Only 15 states have done so.

Activists also credited implementation of zero tolerance by all 50 states for reducing drunken driving among young drivers. These laws permit suspen-

sion of driver's licenses of people under 21 who are found to be driving after drinking.

"By passing tough laws, states are sending a strong message to teen-aged drivers: It's not cool and it's not legal to drink," said NHTSA Administrator Ricardo Martinez.

The highest percentage of drunken-driving deaths, 49.8 percent, was among 21- to 34-year olds. The lowest, 5.9 percent, was among drivers 75 and older.

Of the 957 drinking drivers under age 21 killed in traffic crashes, 792 were at night.

Utah had the lowest percentage of alcohol-related fatalities.

Hurricane Bonnie races past Bahamas, possibly threatens United States

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Hurricane Bonnie blew past the Bahamas and headed toward the U.S. mainland today, where residents from Florida to North Carolina have been urged to remain on alert. Rip tides related to the storm claimed two lives along the East Coast.

Bonnie intensified Sunday with winds upwards of 115 mph after traveling erratically through parts of the Bahamas on a route that could threaten the southeastern coast of the United States as early as Tuesday.

Rip tides were blamed for the deaths Sunday of a 25-year-old man in South Carolina and a 24-year-old man in Delaware. Thirty people were rescued in Carolina Beach, N.C., and 100 were saved in Atlantic City, N.J.

At 5 a.m. EDT, the National Hurricane Center outside Miami reported the 300-mile wide storm was centered about 165 miles east-northeast of San Salvador in the central Bahamas.

A hurricane warning remained in effect for central Bahamas. The hurricane — a Category 3 storm capable of causing severe coastal flooding and serious damage to buildings and homes — had been wobbling toward the north for hours, and was expected to begin drifting during the night toward the northwest, at about 5 mph.

"There are some disturbing things that we're seeing," said Max Mayfield, deputy director of the hurricane center. "It looks like ... in three days, there could be a little ridge north of this (hurricane) that could take it back a little to the left," or the west.

"So, really we're asking people in the north coast of Florida on up into the Carolinas to pay close attention," Mayfield said late Sunday.

The coastline, forecasters said, was within the 300-mile margin of error of the current three-day forecast. Any possible landfall would occur late Tuesday or on Wednesday.

For South Florida, the picture was more hopeful. "It still looks very good for South Florida," Mayfield said. "We don't have any indications that it's coming in this direction."

A heavy surf advisory was posted Sunday from Jupiter Inlet, Fla., to Brunswick, Ga.

Bonnie could grow stronger, but forecasters doubted it would reach the Category 4 level, with winds of at least 131 mph.

Administration moves against terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — The administration is warning of an escalating battle against terrorism, even as Republicans put aside their criticisms of President Clinton to support last week's missile attacks against suspected terrorist sites.

"This is a scourge that we are dealing with today, we are likely to deal with it tomorrow, and we will likely face the kind of terrorism that could use chemical and biological weapons, as well," Defense Secretary William Cohen said Sunday.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright also repeated the proactive stance the administra-

tion has stressed since last Thursday's attacks in Sudan and Afghanistan. "We believe that we have a legal right to self-defense," she said on ABC's "This Week." The United States will seek the cooperation of its friends, she said, but "We will take unilateral action when we think that our national interest has been threatened."

The United States launched more than 70 Tomahawk cruise missiles against a chemical plant in Sudan and terrorist camps in Afghanistan on Thursday. Both were linked to Saudi extremist Osama bin Laden, who the administration has accused of masterminding

the American embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania on Aug. 7.

White House national security adviser Sandy Berger said the six bin Laden training camps in Afghanistan "have been rendered ineffective."

The assassination of foreigners has been banned since the Ford administration and Cohen, on NBC's "Meet the Press," said bin Laden was not the target of the missile strikes. But he said bin Laden is responsible for the deaths of some 270 people in the embassy bombings, and he wouldn't be bothered if bin Laden were killed in a future U.S. raid.

Chernomyrdin back atop Russian government

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin said today he recalled Viktor Chernomyrdin to head the government because an experienced leader was needed to tackle Russia's burgeoning crisis and restore political and economic stability.

Chernomyrdin, who was Yeltsin's prime minister for five years before being fired in March, faces an unprecedented economic crisis, a feisty parliament and a public skeptical that change at the top can improve its lot.

His reappointment came one week after the Russian government effectively devalued its national currency, the ruble, and announced it would

restructure the country's short-term debts.

In a televised address a day after he dismissed the government of Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko on Sunday, Yeltsin suggested Chernomyrdin might be the best candidate to succeed him when his presidential term expires in 2000.

"Viktor Stepanovich's main advantages are decency, honesty, and thoroughness," Yeltsin said. "I think these qualities will be the decisive argument in the presidential elections."

Yeltsin asked parliament to approve his candidate, but parliamentary leaders announced immediately that they would

not convene a plenary session for at least a week and asked for more time to consider the appointment.

Yeltsin met with Chernomyrdin in his Kremlin office while Kiriyenko held a farewell meeting with his colleagues in the government headquarters known as the White House.

"Come to work, come to battle," Yeltsin said to Chernomyrdin as television cameras recorded the start of their meeting.

Kiriyenko asked his fellow ministers and deputies "not to leave their workplaces and to continue working until replacements are found" for them.

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The Golan Heights

To Whom Do They Belong? Can Israel Survive Without Them?

Now that Gaza and part of Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") have been turned over to the Palestinians, the clamor for peace with Syria becomes ever more strident. Hafez Assad, Syria's president, has left no doubt, and it is generally understood that he will not make peace with Israel unless the Golan is returned to him in its entirety and without any conditions.

What are the facts?

Historical Background—The Golan was always part of the Jewish homeland. The Syrian claim to the Golan is tenuous. Syria, as a political entity, did not exist at all until after the first World War. Until then it was just another province in the Ottoman empire, with ill-defined borders. In 1923, in an Anglo/French great-power play, the border between Syria and what was then called Palestine was established. The Golan Heights were ceded to Syria.

Even before the establishment of Israel in 1948, the Syrians, having heavily fortified the area, subjected the villages in northern Israel to almost daily shelling, making normal life impossible. In the 1967 Six-Day War, Syria attacked Israel and was defeated. Israel occupied the Golan Heights and in 1981, for all practical purposes annexed them.

Syria and its President—Syria is the most destabilizing influence in the Middle East. It is classified by the U.S. State Department as a narcotics-dealing and terrorist state. Its main fury is directed against Israel, which is perceived as a bulwark of Western influence and civilization, both of which Syria totally rejects. Syria's President, Hafez Assad, is a tyrant, every bit as ruthless and cunning as his Iraqi counterpart, Saddam Hussein. Under Assad, Syria is a world center for terrorism. It still harbors Nazi bigwigs, who found welcome there after the World War. Few doubt that he was the mastermind and final authority in the suicide attack on the Marine barracks in Beirut in which 241 Americans died, and in the explosion of Pan Am flight #103 in which 270 people lost their lives. He oversees one of the largest narcotics operations in the world.

In its keen desire to bring peace to its people, after more than fifty years of war and bloodshed, Israel has been prepared to make far-reaching concessions to Syria on the Golan, in exchange for real peace. But Benjamin Netanyahu, who has promised his people *shalom batuach* (peace with security) is not prepared to give up all of the Golan high ground and to return to the "death trap" borders of 1967, or anything close to them. In order to survive within such borders, Israel would have to rely on the goodwill of the Arab states, most of which—with the recent exception of Jordan and of the cold peace with Egypt—are still in a declared state of war with Israel. An aggressor will attack only if confident of victory. With the Golan in Israeli hands, attacking Arabs could be confident of defeat and peace would be preserved. To hand the Golan to Syria is a prescription for war and for Israel's destruction.

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OUR VIEWS

Long-range planning makes WIPP site a bit more tolerable

More than 40 years ago, in 1955, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) asked the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to study permanent disposal methods for radioactive wastes from nuclear weapons production in the United States.

In 1970, the AEC tentatively selected a nuclear waste repository site in salt deposits near Lyons, Kan. In 1972, the site was withdrawn from consideration because of concerns that drilling in the area had compromised the salt deposits' geologic integrity.

In the mid-1970s, the U.S. Geological Survey identified a salt formation east of Carlsbad, N.M. as a possible site. Test drilling, at first to 3,000 feet, found salt bed deformations and pressurized brine — conditions that suggested waste might escape from the site. To avoid these problems, the site was moved seven miles southwest, to its current location.

After environmental studies of the new site were completed in 1979, Congress authorized construction of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP).

Over the past 13 years, there have been almost a continuous string of legal arguments and protests but the roadblocks to WIPP's accepting radioactive waste have largely been removed. In fact, all that remains is for the state of New Mexico to permit the facility to receive hazardous waste.

Two things — WIPP's proximity to West Texas and Big Spring's location on I-20 — tie these two seemingly unconnectable geographic locations together.

While hundreds of thousands of gallons of hazardous materials pass through our community weekly via highway and rail, that load will increase tremendously when WIPP begins receiving waste.

In fact, all of the shipments from 13 sites east of the Texas-New Mexico border will be shipped through Big Spring.

For that reason, we were encouraged recently when officials of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Texas Department of Health (TDH) and WIPP met with local officials to explain what types of wastes would be transported through our community as well as to review our emergency procedures.

Despite all assurances, there are some unknowns. For instance, how can anyone from the Department of Energy know that one of the waste containers will never rupture? How can they be certain that the radioactive wastes stored at WIPP will be safely contained for at least 10,000 years?

The truth is, they cannot, but what they have done through testing and salt dome research in other parts of the country is to try and come up with a reasonable set of expectations.

In a perfect world, none of us would have any sort of waste repository anywhere near us — especially when it necessitated the transport of the waste through our community — but ours is not perfect and we must have a place to dispose of the waste we have created in defense of our country.

The fact that such planning is going on as that to which we have been exposed is encouraging.

It's just a whisper now ...

By DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Back when President Nixon surrendered the famous "smoking gun" tape in which he virtually confessed to obstructing justice in the Watergate affair, a little-known congressional candidate from Arkansas called for Nixon's resignation.

"There's not any point in his putting the country through an impeachment since he isn't making any pretense of innocence now," Bill Clinton reasoned in August 1974.

Now, 24 years later, it is President Clinton who has admitted wrongdoing.

And it is his resignation that a handful of lawmakers, mainly hard-line conservatives, is seeking.

Talk of a Nixon resignation started with a few lawmakers on the congressional fringe, too — liberals in that case. At this juncture, the circumstances are far different. And the notion of Clinton resigning over the Monica Lewinsky situation is seen as implausible to most.

Democrats say the allegations against Clinton pale in comparison to the abuse of power and obstruction of justice that ended Nixon's presidency.

There are other differences, too. Inflation was soaring in the Nixon era; Clinton presides over a prosperous nation at peace. Nixon's high job

approval ratings gradually eroded as the congressional investigations of the Watergate affair unfolded. Clinton's ratings have remained high throughout the seven months of special prosecutor Kenneth Starr's investigation.

Furthermore, Republicans have scant appetite for forcing a Clinton resignation that would install Al Gore in the Oval Office and allow him to run for election in 2000 behind the power of the presidency.

In Nixon's case, early calls for his resignation were few and isolated, but those demands gained momentum as the congressional hearings played out. They reached a crescendo on Aug. 5, 1974, when Nixon released a White House tape that linked him to criminal obstruction of justice. He resigned four days later.

Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., thinks Clinton also should quit "because once that bond of trust has been broken to the American people, it's very difficult, as Richard Nixon learned, to re-establish it. It's almost impossible."

Presidential spokesman Mike McCurry brushes off suggestions of a Clinton resignation.

"If that sentiment is widespread, I think it would be worth addressing," he said. "I don't think it's necessarily worth addressing now."

So far, only a handful of members of Congress — only

one of them a Democrat — have called for Clinton's resignation. Most did so after the president's televised address last Monday in which he admitted an improper relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky but denied that he committed perjury or asked anyone to lie.

Clinton has "abdicated the moral authority that was entrusted to him," said Rep. Helen Chenoweth, R-Idaho, who as early as April began calling for the president's resignation.

Martha Kumar, a political scientist at Towson State University in Maryland, noted that most of those urging resignation are longtime Clinton critics — the "red meat guys" of the GOP.

It would be more significant if a number of Democrats began to call for his resignation, said Stanley Kutler, a retired University of Wisconsin historian. "Nixon finally had to resign because he had become a burden to his own party," Kutler said. "If the Democrats decide that Clinton's a burden, he's gone."

Democratic Rep. Paul McHale of Pennsylvania, who generally supports Clinton's policies, said it was a difficult choice for him to call for the president's resignation, but a necessary one after concluding that Clinton had lied under oath.

"Perjury is not excused by an

apology compelled by overwhelming evidence and delivered under pressure," said McHale, who is leaving the House after six years.

George Edwards, director of the Center for Presidential Studies at Texas A&M University, said that even if evidence showed Clinton committed perjury in the sexual harassment lawsuit brought by Paula Jones, it wouldn't be enough to force him from office. If Starr offered substantive evidence that Clinton encouraged witnesses to lie, that would be different, Edwards said.

"If the evidence is clear that the president has obstructed justice, it makes it very difficult for the moderates in both parties to ignore," he said.

Clinton, meantime, enjoys strong backing in the public opinion polls. His job approval rating is higher than before the Lewinsky affair surfaced in January. At the same time, the segment of Americans who think he should resign or be impeached has inched up to about 25 percent.

Polls indicate that a majority of Americans want Clinton to stay in office, yet historian Kutler is bothered that the notion of a president resigning is being casually banded about over morning cereal.

Before 1974, he said, most Americans didn't even know a president could resign.

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Tuskegee's airmen soared above barriers

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — Before Rosa Parks kept her seat. Before Selma and Birmingham. Before marches and sit-ins and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream, there were the Tuskegee Airmen.



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"They said black men didn't have the aptitude, the agility, to operate something complicated like an airplane especially to fly and fight," Herbert E. Carter remembers. "This racial thing was bouncing back and forth, and we're at WAR!"

Even now, decades later, such stupidity and waste of willing talent is an affront. Carter has told this story before, but his expressive eyes flash at the memory. A retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, Carter was one of the Tuskegee Airmen who flew into battle during World War II and put to rest all that race-based nonsense.

On March 7, 1942, the first class of aviation cadets graduat-

ed from Tuskegee Army Air Field and became this nation's first black military pilots. After delays and much debate, they were allowed into combat in North Africa. Eventually the airmen completed 1,578 missions, destroyed more than 260 enemy aircraft, even sank one enemy destroyer with machine guns. They received 95 Distinguished Flying Crosses and a boatload of other citations.

More impressive, the men of the 332nd Fighter Group never lost a single bomber to enemy planes. They escorted over 200 bombing missions at a time and place when one-third of such missions ended in a bomber loss. Their record made it easier later for President Truman to integrate the armed forces. And that act, more than any other, says Roosevelt Lewis, was the foundation for the modern civil rights movement.

"It's not about skin color, it's your performance and commitment that count," Lewis says. "That was all laid out so purely, so clearly, by the Tuskegee Airmen."

Lewis, himself a retired Air Force colonel, came to Tuskegee on a chemistry scholarship at

age 16 in 1960. One day he caught a ride to the grass field that served as the Tuskegee airport and watched as a Cessna 120 taxied to the pumps.

"Like to go for a ride?" the pilot asked young Lewis.

Fate had wings. Lewis' first airplane ride came courtesy of the legendary Alfred "Chief" Anderson, who for decades trained black pilots.

"It was like a birth," Lewis says. "It changed my life."

Anderson, who died two years ago, always remembered his boyhood, when nobody would give a black kid a ride on one of the planes he adored. At 19, he would borrow the money to buy a used airplane, teach himself to fly, then spend the rest of his life teaching others, including the Tuskegee Airmen.

Carter and Lewis sit in a small office and share their stories, stories from different decades but joined at the heart by the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen. Outside are the ruins of Moton Field, the primary flight-training site for the airmen. The red bricks of an old hangar shine in the sun. Students from Tuskegee Institute, founded by Booker T. Washington 117 years ago,

helped lay those bricks.

Moton Field may soon become a National Park Service historic landmark and park. Congress is expected to approve the project, making Moton Field the second national historic site in little Tuskegee. Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University) is the first.

"A small group of us fought for the historic designation for many years," Carter says.

They wanted the nation to know about the airmen. About Eleanor Roosevelt's 40-minute airplane ride over Tuskegee with Anderson that convinced her to convince her husband to push for the Civilian Pilot Training Act, a program designed to create a surplus of pilots for national emergencies. About Chief Anderson and other airmen legends.

Carter personally flew 77 missions over North Africa, Sicily and Italy and supervised a 300-man maintenance crew. He came home with no fanfare, to an America where "segregation was just as strong, just as mean."

Another story that ought to be told again and again.

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IN BRIEF

Weaver gets hole-in-one playing BSCC's No. 16

R.H. Weaver of Big Spring recorded the eighth hole-in-one of his golfing career Friday at the Big Spring Country Club.

Weaver chalked up the ace on the 16th hole.

Playing partners Ray Mize, Bob Hicks and Harold Hall witnessed the shot.

Community Pep Rally scheduled for tonight

The annual Big Spring Community Pep Rally has been scheduled for 8 tonight at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

The event is designed to provide support for Big Spring High School's volleyball and football teams, as well as managers, trainers, cheerleaders and band members.

Ice cream supper slated to 'Meet the Bulldogs'

A community wide ice cream supper has been scheduled by the Coahoma Athletic Booster Club for 7:30 tonight in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

The ice cream supper will be an opportunity for members of the community to meet the 1998 Coahoma football team, cheerleaders and coaches.

YMCA swim team opens new fall season today

Youngsters in taking part in the Big Spring YMCA swim team's fall season are invited to a meeting set for 6:30 tonight at the YMCA pool.

Coach Harlan Smith will be organizing his team for the fall meet schedule.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Little Football League signups now under way

Crossroads Little Football League will hold signups for boys and girls in grades 3-6 continue through Saturday at Neal's Sporting Goods.

Registration for both football players and cheerleaders will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

To register, youngsters must bring their birth certificate and last year's school report card.

Sponsorships and donations are also accepted. Funds received are used to provide scholarships and for replacement of older equipment.

The league also accepts equipment donations which may be dropped off at Rick's Transmission at 608 E. Third.

For more information, call Nick Reyna at 267-3790.

Running club schedules 'Back to School' fun run

The Comanche Warrior Running Club will hold a "Back to School" Fun Run at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Kids' Zone in Comanche Trail Park.

The event will include a 5K run and a 1K run for youngsters.

Registration will begin at 7 a.m. the day of the race. Entry fees are \$2 and prizes will be awarded to elementary school students.

For more information, call Jill Brode at 263-5359.

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TODAY: BASEBALL

7:30 p.m. — Detroit Tigers at Texas Rangers, Big Spring Cable TV Channel 98.

BAKETBALL

7 p.m. — WNBA East semifinal, Phoenix Mercury at Cleveland Rockers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

9 p.m. — WNBA West semifinal, Charlotte Sting at Houston Comets, ESPN, Ch. 30.

FOOTBALL

3 p.m. — NFL preseason, Green Bay Packers at Denver Broncos, ABC, Ch. 2.

Bonds becomes first player to reach 400-400 milestone

MIAMI (AP) — Now that Barry Bonds has 400 home runs and 400 stolen bases, all he wants is one World Series championship ring.

Bonds became the first member of the 400-400 club Sunday when he hit his 26th homer of the season for the San Francisco Giants.

The milestone was nice, he said, and so was the 10-5 victory over the Florida Marlins. It left San Francisco just three games behind the New York Mets and two behind the Chicago Cubs in the NL wild-card race.

Making the playoffs means everything

to Bonds, who has yet to play in a World Series.

"That's probably the only thing that's really left for me," said Bonds, 34. "Everything else is an added notch to an outstanding career for an individual person, but I'd like to win something as a team. I've done enough individual things."

Bonds' latest achievement earned him a bucket of champagne, a bottle of Crown Royal, two cigars, a standing ovation by Marlins fans and a congratulatory note from his former manager, Jim Leyland.

But as Bonds checked out the gifts at his locker, he laughed when asked to compare his accomplishment with the assault on Roger Maris' home-run record by Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.

"This is nothing," Bonds said. "I've got nine writers standing here. McGwire had 200 writers when he had 30 home runs."

"What they're going through is huge. You have two players who might break the record in the same year. That's crazy!"

Bonds reached his milestone in the second inning by pulling a knuckleball from Kirt Ojala over the right-field wall. The homer gave Bonds 400 in a 13-year career to go with 438 stolen bases.

The crowd roared as Bonds circled the bases, and when he crossed home plate, he tipped his cap toward Leyland in the Marlins' dugout.

"You really want to reach out and give each other a hug and say, 'Thanks for all you've done in my career, and I'm glad

you got to see it," Bonds said. "But the game goes on."

Bonds played for Leyland for seven seasons in Pittsburgh.

"I saw his first. I saw his 400th," Leyland said. "From 1990 up to this point, he's the best player in the National League for that entire period of time."

Only three other players hit 300 homers and stole 300 bases — Willie Mays (660 homers, 338 stolen bases), Andre Dawson (436 and 314) and Bonds' father, Bobby (332 and 461).

"I don't think people realize what a great feat this is," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "It's a combination of speed and power and durability. To run that much and hit that much, you've got to be in tremendous shape for a long time."



BONDS

Smith delivers clear message with big game against Rams

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Emmitt Smith sent a clear message to the Dallas media.

Smith, held back by elbow and thigh injuries in the pre-season, ran for 110 yards and a touchdown in the first half of the Cowboys' 22-14 loss to the St. Louis Rams on Saturday night.

"Hopefully, you guys won't have to ask Chan Gailey any other questions about who's going to be the starter," Smith said. "The Dallas media have been doing a great job of trying to run me out of town."

"I'm just going to go out and do the best I can."

Smith entered the game with just 14 yards on seven carries. He had a 47-yard gain over right tackle late in the first quarter and added pickups of 24 and 14 yards in the second quarter.

"A couple times, he slipped away from me," Rams strong safety Toby Wright said. "I'm not surprised. That's No. 22."

Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin also had their best games of the pre-season. Aikman led the Cowboys to 258 yards in total offense in the half and was 10-for-14 for 123 yards with Dallas' first passing touchdown of the pre-season and an interception.

"I don't know that you're ever where you want to be, even when you get to the middle of the season," Aikman said. "I think we have some work that we have to do and still make some improvements before we're ready to open up against Arizona."

Irvin had six catches for 100 yards, after entering with two catches for 14 yards in a troubled summer. Irvin cut the neck of teammate Everett McIver in a July 29 training camp incident.

Most of Irvin's receptions came against Rams' second-year cornerback Dexter McCleon, filling in as a starter while Ryan McNeil continues a contract holdout.

McCleon also was whistled for interference against Irvin in the end zone, leading to Smith's 1-yard run with 3:55 to go in the second half that put Dallas ahead 14-0. McCleon made 10 tackles in the half.

"I learned a lesson tonight,"



Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith, shown here celebrating Cowboys' 27-17 win over Pittsburgh in Super Bowl XXX, says he believes the Dallas media can quit asking who the team's top running back is following his 110-yard, one-touchdown performance against the St. Louis Rams on Saturday night.

McCleon said. "They came after me and I've got to step up to the challenge."

McNeil wants a five-year, \$25 million deal and said Friday he's prepared to sit out the season. He led the NFL with nine interceptions last year.

The Cowboys (0-4) have lost nine in a row dating to Week 13 of last season, but the last four don't count. Plus, Dallas' first unit looked strong in the first half, leading 14-9.

The Rams' backups outscored the Cowboys' backups 13-0 in the second half, with the winning score a 1-yard run by

Greg Hill with 5:42 left in the third quarter. The touchdown came one play after Charlie Williams was whistled for interference in the end zone against Eddie Kennison.

A 52-yard run by rookie Robert Holcombe set up his 4-yard run to clinch the win.

"I'm pleased the players were able to get a win," coach Dick Vermeil said. "We did some things better and we did some things like we'd been doing."

Like the Cowboys' top offensive players, Rams quarterback Tony Banks also broke out of a preseason slump.

Rangers close out 'death march' with 12-10 victory over Yankees

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers survived their August death march still in contention in the AL West.

Rusty Greer homered and knocked in four runs Sunday night as the Rangers finished a brutal 17-game stretch against the AL's three best teams with a 12-10 victory over the New York Yankees.

Now Texas manager Johnny Oates has to keep the Rangers, 2 1/2 games behind Anaheim in the West, focused while they move to a softer part of the schedule and the Angels face their own tough stretch against New York, Boston and Cleveland.

"The season doesn't stop after this 17-game stretch," Oates said. "It's just now starting."

The Texas victory also slowed New York's chase of history. The Yankees (94-33) are trying to become the first team to win

100 games before September. With 35 games left, the Yankees are also on track to break the major league record of 116 victories by the 1906 Chicago Cubs.

The Yankees missed a chance to go a season-high 63 games over .500. The last time a Yankees team equalled or surpassed that mark was in 1927, when New York finished the year 66 games over at .110-44.

"Texas finished its rough 17-game string at 7-10, and the Rangers weren't happy with the sub-.500 results."

"I don't think any time you finish under .500 over a certain span of games, you're happy about it," said pitcher Rick Helling, who improved to 16-7 with a victory Sunday. "But it's no secret we've played some tough teams ... and we could have very easily had a winning record."

"I think we're happy with the way we are playing. We just need to be a little more consistent going into the last month of the season."

Added Greer: "I think we can draw a lot of positives from it."

The Rangers scored six times in the first against Yankees starter Orlando Hernandez (8-4), who shut them out on two hits through 8-1-3 innings last week in New York. Texas scored its six runs on five hits and a pair of walks.

"I think his command was not as strong as in Yankee Stadium," Oates said, referring to Hernandez. "It was a lack of command."

Hernandez settled down after that and allowed only one more run on three singles through the fifth.

But Texas put that to rest with another big inning. The Rangers batted around again in the sixth, adding five runs.

McGwire hits 53rd; Sosa gets 50 and 51 in home run chase

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mark McGwire has been reluctant to talk about his home runs all season. And now, after No. 53, he's having to explain a lot more than how he's hitting them.

McGwire became the first National Leaguer to hit 53 homers in 49 years in the St. Louis Cardinals' 4-3 loss to the Pirates in Pittsburgh on Sunday.

McGwire, who broke Babe Ruth's record for homers in a span of three consecutive seasons on Saturday, hit a 2-2 pitch from Ricardo Rincon into the left-field seats at Three Rivers Stadium with two outs in the eighth inning.

His sixth homer in five days left McGwire eight short of tying Roger Maris' record of 61 in 1961. McGwire, who has 32 games left, also took a curtain call.

"They kept clapping for about a minute, so I ducked my head out and gave them a wave," McGwire said. "I hope the Pirates didn't mind. I wish everybody in baseball could feel the reception I'm getting."

McGwire is also getting attention for his use of a controversial over-the-counter pill he's been taking for more than a year. He came under increased scrutiny this weekend after it was reported by the Associated Press that he has been using androstenedione, known as "andro," a testosterone-producing pill banned by the NFL and NCAA.

On Sunday, the Cardinals released a statement saying they have no objection to McGwire's use of the pill.

"Due to current research that locks documentary evidence of any adverse side effects, the Cardinals' medical staff cannot object to Mark's choice to use this legal and over-the-counter supplement," the statement said.

McGwire's homer came just minutes after Chicago's Sammy Sosa hit his 50th homer for the Cubs at Wrigley Field.

"Really, that's really cool," McGwire said when informed about Sosa, who also hit No. 51 in the Cubs' 13-3 loss to Houston.

McGwire became just the third NL player to hit as many as 53 homers in a season, joining the Pirates' Ralph Kiner (54 in 1949) and the Chicago Cubs' Hack Wilson (56 in 1930).

Elsewhere in the National League, it was San Diego 13, Milwaukee 11; Arizona 4, New York 3; San Francisco 10, Florida 5; Cincinnati 10, Montreal 0; Colorado 5, Philadelphia 2; and Atlanta 12, Los Angeles 7.

In American League games, Seattle beat Chicago 3-2, Texas stopped New York 12-10, Boston beat Minnesota 5-1, Cleveland stopped Baltimore 4-1, Anaheim downed Toronto 3-2, Detroit defeated Oakland 5-4 and Kansas City beat Tampa Bay 11-5.

Astros 13, Cubs 3

Sosa's two homers gave him the second-most in club history behind the NL record of 56 hit by Hack Wilson in 1930.

Craig Biggio hit a pair of three-run homers and Brad Ausmus had four hits, including a three-run homer, and five

RBI's as the Astros increased their NL Central lead to 9 1/2 games over Chicago.

Sosa drove a 3-2 pitch from Houston's Jose Lima (13-6) completely over the bleachers in left-center field in the fifth inning. Sosa's second home came off Lima in the eighth.

Padres 13, Brewers 11

Jim Leyritz's two-run double in the 10th helped San Diego win a wild one at Milwaukee.

The teams combined for 33 hits against 12 pitchers and took 2 hours, 3 minutes to complete the first four innings.

In the 10th, Steve Finley walked, took third on a single by Vaughn and scored when Leyritz doubled to right-center off Bob Wickman (6-7).

Trevor Hoffman (4-1) pitched two innings for the victory.

Vaughn's 455-foot shot in the third inning was the longest homer at County Stadium this season.

Diamondbacks 4, Mets 3

New York blew a bases-loaded, no-out threat in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Trailing by two runs, the Mets loaded the bases against Gregg Olson on three singles. But Olson struck out pinch-hitter Matt Franco, got pinch-hitter Carlos Baerga on an RBI grounder and retired Tony Phillips on a groundout for his 22nd save.

Al Leiter (12-5) lost for only the second time in 11 decisions since May 17. Brian Anderson (9-12) won for only the second time in a month.

Giants 10, Marlins 5

Bonds' homer made him the first player to hit 400 homer and steal 400 bases.

Bonds reached the unprecedented milestone in the second inning with his 26th homer against Kirt Ojala (1-3). Bonds has 438 steals.

Three other players hit 300 homers and stole 300 bases — Willie Mays (660 homers, 338 stolen bases), Andre Dawson (436 and 314) and Bonds' father, Bobby (332 and 461).

Kirk Rueter (13-9) allowed five hits and three runs in seven innings.

Reds 10, Expos 0

Sean Casey hit a three-run homer and drove in five runs, and Jason Bere (1-0) pitched seven shutout innings at Montreal.

Casey, who went 3-for-4, hit his fourth homer in the fourth to chase Montreal starter Javier Vazquez (4-13).

Bere allowed three hits and combined with two relievers on a four-hitter.

Rockies 5, Phillies 2

Mike Lansing hit a three-run homer and John Thomson won his third consecutive decision as Colorado won at Philadelphia.

Thomson (8-8) allowed nine hits and two runs in seven innings.

Chuck McElroy pitched the eighth and Jerry Dipoto finished for his 16th save. Mike Grace (4-7) took the loss.

Braves 12, Dodgers 7

Greg Maddux became the NL's first 17-game winner despite one of the worst starts of his career.

Andres Galarraga hit his 40th

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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)
Allow other people the space to carry on. A lighter tone makes work more pleasant. A caring gesture from a loved one means a lot. Make time for a talk. Don't be your customary, assertive self; let someone dominate. You learn more about him as a result. Tonight: Go along with the game plan.****
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Bring some of your charm into the work arena. Evaluations take you in a new direction. Let someone give you feedback on a decision that could affect your personal life. Be supportive of yourself as well as co-workers. Tonight: Exercise away the weekend's excesses.****
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Make play more a part of your life. Talks flow much more as you like. Brainstorming proves fruitful, and allows new perspectives. Solidify ideas. Be aware that someone might read a lot more into your flirting than you intended. Tonight: Do only what you absolutely love.****
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Build stronger foundations. Listen carefully to feedback. Someone might have an odd way of expressing his love. You need to take actions that demonstrate your feelings. A family member remains receptive to one of your creative ideas. Tonight: Your home is your castle.****
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Saying what you mean is essential. Others are only too happy to respond. Listen to their ideas; they want to participate. Plan a surprise for a dear friend. Someone really does care but has an odd way of showing it. Open up talks to all concerned parties. Tonight: Where the action is.****
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You hold back some important information or choose not to express what is on your mind. An even and steady approach takes you far.

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Carefully evaluate a decision. Intuition serves you well in a financial matter. Work provides an unexpected opportunity; jump on it. Tonight: Treat yourself well.***
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Your personality melts barriers. Someone reveals information that delights you. Stay centered, and pursue your objectives. Others respond to your energy, questions and needs. Proceed, while the force is with you. Someone plays devil's advocate, to help you out. Tonight: Just ask.****
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Keep your own counsel. Someone does not have to know everything. Lighten up about your feelings; you could be more sensitive than usual. A discussion with a trusted friend helps you see another point of view. Work offers new means to express yourself. Tonight: Catch up on mail.****
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Friends try to coax you in a certain direction. You have a way of surprising them with your actions. Emphasize traveling, writing and communications. You have a vision of how things should be. Make an effort to understand someone else's opinion. Tonight: Visit a friend.****
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Be smart; defer to someone who is clearly in charge. You can't do anything halfway. Have a long-overdue chat with a partner. His perspective proves helpful and insightful. Accept responsibilities, though they could feel burdensome. Tonight: Make a necessary appearance.****
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Realize that news from a distance is significant. Listen with care. A partner gives you positive feedback. You have many different options. Be willing to go in another direction. Take a look at the future and the big picture. Tonight: Browse through a favorite bookstore.****
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Give in to others. Discuss what is happening on a deeper level. Caring abounds. Take a risk, and ask questions that have somewhat intimidated you. A co-worker does care and demonstrates his interest in a very unusual manner. Tonight: Go for closeness.****
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Wife's birthday celebration takes on a mournful cast
DEAR ABBY: Last Sunday was my wife's birthday, her first since our marriage in April. I didn't forget it, but the situation is as bad as if I had.
About a month earlier, "Beverly" told me that she would like to spend her first birthday as my wife alone with me. She didn't want anything spectacular - just the day with me and maybe a nice dinner.
Abby, it completely slipped my mind! I took the initiative and, being a thoughtful husband (I thought), made arrangements to take Beverly to her parents' house for the day. Well, her mood seemed to dim as the day wore on. When she finally told me what was bothering her, I felt terrible. She said I paid no attention to her request.
I would love to take back that one day and start it all over the right way, but I can't. What can I do to make it better now? - **GUILTY IN WILMINGTON, DEL.**
DEAR GUILTY: Spend the day alone with her and then treat her to a nice dinner. Apologize for the fact that her birthday celebration is late, and promise that from now on, you'll listen more carefully when she tells you what she wants. Then, for heaven's sake, DO IT!
DEAR ABBY: I know that certain items are supposed to be given on specific wedding anniversaries, but I'm not sure what they are. My mother says she used to have a list, but she thought it had changed and she threw it away. Can you help? - **S. MALONEY, WEST ORANGE, N.J.**
DEAR S. MALONEY: Your mother is correct. I checked "The Amy Vanderbilt Complete Book of Etiquette," entirely written and updated, and found that the list has been revised over the years. This is a current one:
For the first anniversary, clocks; second, china; third, crystal, glass; fourth, electrical appliances; fifth, silverware; sixth, wood; seventh, desk sets, pen and pencil sets; eighth, linen, lace; ninth, leather; 10th, diamond jewelry; 15th, watches; 20th, platinum; 25th, sterling silver; 30th, diamond; 35th, jade; 40th, ruby; 45th, sapphire; 50th, gold; 55th, emerald; 60th, diamond.
DEAR ABBY: Many of the letters in your column have interested me, but the one from "Mom in Denver" really caught my attention.
The best advice I can offer her is to show respect for her children, and they will respect her in return. Children are just little people with feelings. No one wants to be told "Shut up" or "Because I said so."
Respect your children enough to explain what they are doing wrong. Never criticize them in front of others, especially their friends. By respecting them, you are also showing that you love them.
It all comes down to the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. - **GOOD MOM IN MILWAUKEE**
DEAR ABBY: I'm sure that over the years you have received many letters similar to the one you published from "Grieving in Orange, Texas," who for many years and on her own has visited the frail elderly in convalescent hospitals across the country. She discovered from experience what health-care workers have learned from survey after survey: **NATIONALLY, MORE THAN 60 PERCENT OF NURSING HOME RESIDENTS NEVER HAVE A VISITOR!** She asked you to urge your readers to visit these isolated seniors.
Your answer was right on, Abby! "The most effective cure for loneliness is caring, human contact." Your column yields a lot of influence for good in our society. Perhaps you could use it to advise these individuals to either join an existing organization formed for this purpose, or to start such an organization in their communities.
The San Francisco Ministry to Nursing Homes (SFMNH) has found from experience that the activity "Grieving" calls for visiting people in nursing homes - needs to be a community effort, not just the efforts of individuals (although I'm not at all discouraging families and friends from visiting). It needs to be well-organized. Volunteer training and support are crucial. When visiting is done in the context of teamwork, it's much easier for the individual, and when volunteers are offered professional training, visits are much more effective. Also, when volunteers have an opportunity to meet and share their experiences, it's much more enjoyable.
SFMNH has a corps of more than 500 volunteers who reach an estimated 1,000 elders in nursing homes each month, with a variety of activities. And we're growing. Other cities are starting similar programs - Richmond, Va., for instance, and also Tulsa, Okla. There is a growing awareness of the needs and resources for senior citizens.
If your readers are willing to let us know about organizations in their local communities that recruit and train volunteers for this purpose, we will list these organizations on our Web site. Your readers can e-mail us at: infosfmnh.org. They also can write to us at: 1755 Clay St., San Francisco, Calif. 94109. - **BRENT H. NETTLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SAN FRANCISCO MINISTRY TO NURSING HOMES**
DEAR BRENT: Your concept of a nationwide volunteer effort is one way to make a dent in a growing problem as our population ages - loneliness of the elderly in nursing homes. However, seniors are not the only residents of nursing homes. There is also a population of younger people who suffer from chronic degenerative diseases, and/or the aftermath of gunshot wounds, etc. They, too, need social contacts to bolster their spirits.
DEAR ABBY: I couldn't resist responding to the letter from "Snapping Away," who wanted people to give her film because she always takes pictures and gives everyone copies. We have a snap-happy person in our family, too. She always has a camera handy. Other family members have cameras and would like to take pictures once in a while, but after Snap Happy has tested everyone's patience with, "One, two, three, look at me, I'm taking your picture," the other cameras are usually left in their cases.
This constant picture-taking has brought groans of mild protest from the family, but since she loves to take pictures, keep photo albums and share prints, we humor her.
Our Snap Happy is 80 years old, legally blind, can't see what she is taking a picture of or see the prints, but we are still lining up while she happily snaps away.
Picture-happy people don't realize there is no polite way to refuse the pictures they are giving away. If someone requests that pictures be taken and prints given to them, then reimbursement is in order, but those who don't necessarily want the pictures don't owe her. These photographers should pass prints around and let those who want them write their names on the back so she (or he) will know who wants what. Then those who want pictures can pay their share of the expenses. - **STILL SMILING FOR OUR SNAP HAPPY IN ARKANSAS**
DEAR STILL SMILING: That seems fair to me. Thank you for commenting on that letter from a different perspective.
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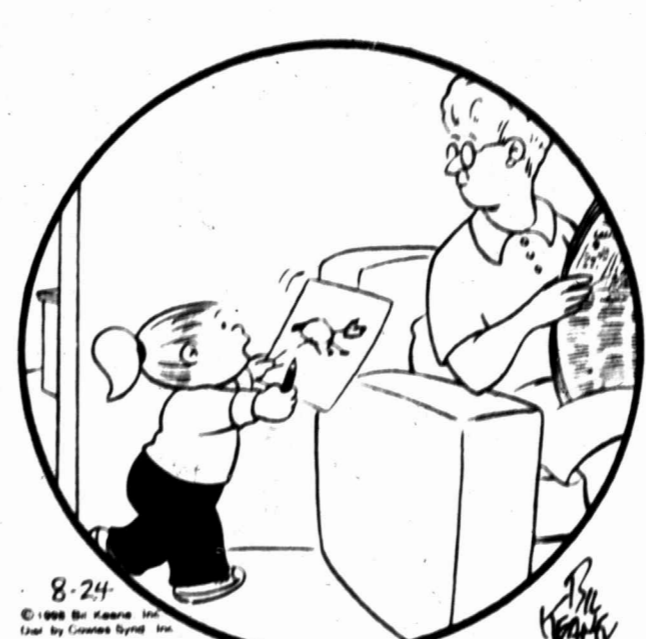
BETLE BAILY



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FAMILY CIRCUS



"This doesn't look anything like a horse, Grandma. Wanna try again?"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"CUT IT IN A HORSESHOE SHAPE LIKE MR. WILSON'S!"

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Aug. 24, the 236th day of 1998. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 24, A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash. An estimated 20,000 people died.

In 1572, the slaughter of French Protestants at the hands of Catholics began in Paris. In 1814, British forces invaded Washington, D.C., and set fire to the Capitol and the White House.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Saturday's Puzzle Solved with the completed crossword grid.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly nonstop across the United States, traveling from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in just over 19 hours.

In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty went into effect. In 1954, the Communist Control Act went into effect, virtually outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

In 1959, three days after Hawaiian statehood, Hiram L. Fong was sworn in as the first Chinese-American U.S. Senator while Daniel K. Inouye was sworn in as the first Japanese-American U.S. Representative.

In 1968, France became the world's fifth thermonuclear power as it exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific.

In 1970, a bomb planted by anti-war extremists exploded at the University of Wisconsin's Army Math Research Center in Madison killing 33-year-old researcher Robert Fassnacht.

In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for shooting to death rock star John Lennon.

In 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing record damage; 55 deaths in Florida, Louisiana and the Bahamas were blamed on the storm.

Ten years ago: Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis picked up the endorsement of the AFL-CIO while Republican nominee George Bush campaigned in California with President Reagan.

Five years ago: The Clinton administration unveiled its proposed revisions to wetlands policy, which would expand protection but also give landowners some flexibility.

One year ago: Pope John Paul II offered tough challenges and affectionate encouragement to more than 1 million faithful attending Mass during closing World Youth Day ceremonies in Paris.

Today's Birthdays: Television personality Durward Kirby is 86. Former education secretary Shirley Hufstедler is 73. Composer-musician-author Mason Williams is 60. Rock musician Jim Capaldi (Traffic) is 54. Rock musician Ken Hensley (Uriah Heep) is 53. Actor Joe Regaluto ("Murphy Brown") is 49. Boxer Gerry Cooney is 42. Actor Steve Guttenberg is 40. Baseball player Cal Ripken Junior is 38.

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