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Koger Herald's voice at the fair

The Big Spring Herald is pleased to announce that Nancy Koger will once again be "At the Fair" as our special correspondent for the Howard County Fair.

The fair begins Aug. 31, and Koger will be bringing stories to our readers each day from this 26th annual event. Her columns will capture the personalities, flavors and happenings that make our county fair fun for the whole family.

This year's fair promises entertainment events that will include closing night performances by Johnny Rodriguez, along with cooking, art and other competitions and displays that highlight the unique aspects of our community.

So plan to join your friends and neighbors at the Howard County Fair Aug. 31-Sept. 5, and join Nancy Koger for fair coverage in the Big Spring Herald.



KOGER

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- Beginning Line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.
- Quarterback Club, 7 p.m. All football parents and fans welcome.
- 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.

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Recent rainfall prompts lifting of countywide burn ban

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart lifted the countywide burn ban that has been in effect since May during Monday morning's meeting of the county commissioner's court.

"I've had a lot of people call me here lately and ask me when it was going to be lifted," said Lockhart. "Since we've received a substantial amount of rainfall during the last two weeks, I don't think there is any real threat of disaster from wildfire."

"The people really did a super job of following the order while it was in effect. ... We really appreciate everyone's effort."

-Judge Ben Lockhart

According to Lockhart, the lifting of the ban shouldn't diminish resident's responsibility if they are going to burn. "If you are going to burn, keep a close eye on it," said Lockhart. "Keep water

available and close at hand to suppress the fire, and don't wait until it's too late to call the fire department. A lot of times people wait until it's too late, and when the fire department does get on the scene, there's really nothing they can do."

Lockhart also advises people to let their local fire department know if they plan to burn.

"If you are planning on something bigger than a trash fire," said Lockhart, "call the volunteer fire department and let them know."

"If they are aware of your location ahead of time, it can help them get there

sooner if there is a problem."

Lockhart said that although the ban has been lifted, there is still a chance that it may have to be put in place once again if conditions don't continue to improve.

"I really don't see having to put it in place again this year," said Lockhart. "There is always a chance however, if the weather doesn't cooperate."

"The people really did a super job of following the order while it was in effect. We had a minimal number of violations reported during the ban."

"We really appreciate everyone's effort," the judge added.

Howard College gets its WINGS

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

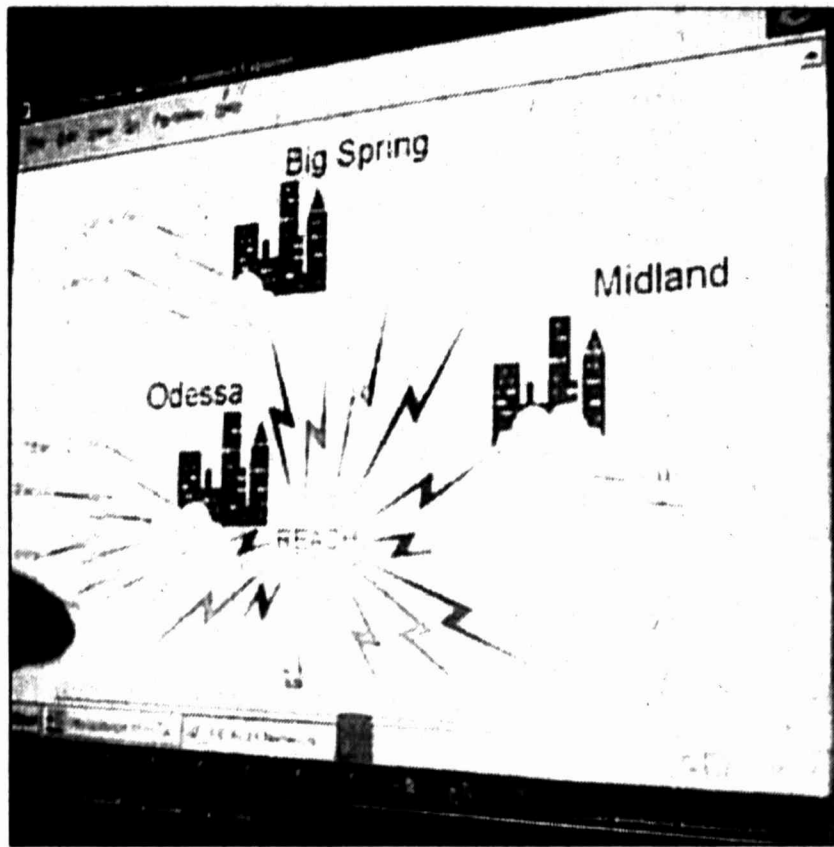
Howard College took flight Monday with the dedication of the new distance learning classrooms, now officially operational on all three campuses.

"This is the beginning of a new era for Howard College. We have reached our dream. We have finally gotten our WINGS, and we know the wind beneath our WINGS is Marie Hall," Dr. Cheri Sparks, president of Howard College, said at Monday's dedication ceremony.

Sparks said Hall, a local philanthropist, donated the money that made the distance learning classrooms possible. At a cost of more than \$100,000 each, the four laboratories will allow the community college to serve the educational needs of the community.

"Our journey started two years ago with the REACH Network. We wanted to connect our three campuses, and today we have our three campuses connected," Sparks said.

Hall was on hand at the dedication, and received a silver serving tray, carved in the shape of angel with wings spread.



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Distance learning enables Howard College to network with other classrooms in the area, the state and the nation.

"Every dream has to have someone behind it. We are dedicating our system to our angel, and we're calling it WINGS, to remember that our angel is Marie Hall. This individual has a vision and wanted to be a part of a change that would place us on the cutting edge for the best quality of life available," Sparks said.

The WINGS distance learning

program is also named to relate to the Howard College Hawk, Sparks said.

The dedication ceremony included mini-lectures from Big Spring's English instructor Susan King, and San Angelo's psychology and speech division director Pam Callan-Stewart.

King presented a shortened

Multipurpose recreational building closer to reality for SWCID

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees Monday approved preliminary plans for a multipurpose recreational building for the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus.

Architect Phyllis Furqueron presented blueprints to trustees for the estimated \$900,000 to \$980,000 building, complete with a 50 by 94-foot gymnasium, racquetball courts, an aerobics/classroom, a weight room and men's and women's



SPARKS

lockers.

"This is not chiseled in grit and changes are still easy to make," Furqueron said.

Dr. Cheri Sparks, president of Howard College, said, "Our SWCID students are very athletically active, and we anticipate using this building a lot."

Trustee Harold Davis suggested adequate electric outlets and a separate visitors locker room. Trustee Adrian Randle asked whether the cost included furnishings and landscaping.

"These are real live maple floors. The cost includes the scoreboards and timekeepers, but not the bleachers or weight room equipment," Furqueron said.

Money for the building has been appropriated from the Texas Legislature, and college officials presented future appro-

priation requests to trustees.

Due to the unique nature of SWCID, officials must request funding for the deaf institution separate from other college funding. Officials are preparing to seek more than \$2 million funding for five separate projects for the college.

"We're asking for a lot of money and we don't know if we'll receive one or five. These are all needs for the SWCID campus," Sparks said.

The five projects include additional operations funding, which has not been increased in eight years, Sparks said. Renovations to the Student Union Building comprise \$235,000 of the requested funding, and asbestos abatement and demolition of the Mehan Dormitory is being sought.

Funding for a diagnostic and

No tax hike

County commissioners approve 1998-99 budget

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners Court approved the 1998-99 county budget during Monday's regular meeting, finalizing the court's decision to leave taxes at the same rate as last year.

"There will be no increase or decrease," said Commissioner Bill Crocker during talks prior to the meeting. "We will hold the tax rate at what it was last year, and there will be no tax increase in the county."

Although the county tax rate will not officially be set until September, Howard County Auditor Jackie Olson based the adopted budget upon last year's rate of .4589.

"We will need to carry over as much from this year as possible," said Olson. "We are really cutting things thin this year."

Although there has been no increase in last year's rate, numbers have steadily risen in the last decade.



OLSON

According to the Howard County tax rate history, the 1998-99 rate is 1,489 higher than the rates used by the county in 1988-89.

"We are estimating a total tax revenue of \$4.89 million based on a net collection of 96 percent," said Olson. "With these numbers so tight, we simply can not go over budget, under any circumstances."

"Last year the same tax rate produced \$5.04 million in net revenues. If we were to maintain the same expenditures as last year, we would have to raise taxes. The departments in the county have really had to tighten their belts to avoid a tax increase."

"Tightening their collective 'belts' has meant cut-backs in every county department's budget."

"Every department got the same budget cut this year," said County Judge Ben Lockhart. "The only departments that we made exempt from the cuts are the Senior Citizens Department, the Health Department, and the Volunteer Fire Fighters Department."

According to Lockhart, low oil

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Used fire trucks to aid response time, insurance rating

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County Volunteer Fire Department got a definite lift Monday as the commissioners court approved the purchase of two used fire trucks.

"The Insurance Service Office will be rating Howard County for fire protection next month," said Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan. "To get a better classification on our ratings we need two more pumps."

"As of Oct. 1, 1997, the volunteer fire department has been taking care of its own maintenance and fuel expenditures, and during that time there has been a substantial savings on the fuel and maintenance budget."

Sullivan requested that the volunteer fire department be allowed to use \$16,000 from the

fuel and maintenance budget to purchase a 1972 Ford Telesquirt pumper, a 1964 Mack pumper that was refurbished earlier this year, as well as make changes to the doors at the Jonesboro and Tubbs stations to accommodate the 50-foot Telesquirt. The funds also include the money necessary to bring the Ford Telesquirt from Templeton, Calif.

"I purchased the Mack myself earlier in the year," said Sullivan. "We have gone through and refurbished the truck ourselves, as well as rebuilding the motor. Now, I'm just selling it to the county for what I've got in it."

According to Sullivan, the placement of these two trucks within the county will help lower fire insurance rates and give a rating to the City of Forsan, which at this time is a class 10 rating, which signifies no protection.

"People in the Tubbs Addition have been paying about \$350 to \$400 a year for fire insurance," said Sullivan. "With the addition of these trucks, those folks should see about a \$100 drop in their insurance."

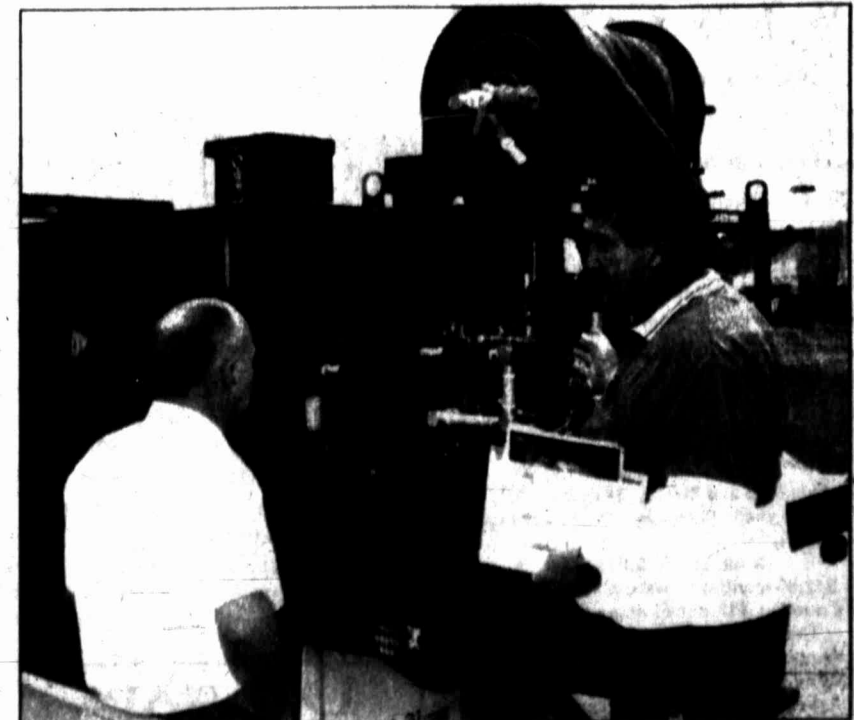
Sullivan said the trucks will also help extend coverage further north with the placement of a truck at the Jonesboro Station.

"Right now, we have \$25,225 in our budget available for fuel and maintenance," said Sullivan. "After this purchase, we will be left with \$9,225 to finish the budget year."

Commissioner Sonny Choate commended Sullivan for his efforts in managing the volunteer fire department's funds.

"We would just like to commend the way Tommy has managed the volunteer fire department's money," said Choate.

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HERALD photo/T.E. Jenkins
County Commissioner Sonny Choate looks over fire equipment with Tommy Sullivan, chief of the volunteer fire department.

OBITUARIES

Deacon Eufrazio Cordova Hernandez

Rosary for Deacon Eufrazio Cordova Hernandez, 78, Odessa, will be 7 p.m. tonight in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Odessa. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, 1998, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Bishop Michael Pfeiffer, San Angelo, Rev. David Herrera, Ft. Stockton, and Rev. Gilbert Rodriguez, Odessa, officiating, and assisted by numerous priests from the Diocese of San Angelo and Deacons from the Diocese of San Angelo. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Odessa.

Deacon Hernandez died Sunday, Aug. 23, at his residence.

He was born on March 13, 1920, in Alpine. He married Eulalia Garcia on Oct. 27, 1945, in Alpine. She preceded him in death on March 23, 1997. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the 5th Cavalry. He retired from Getty Oil/Texaco Oil Co. in 1987. He was ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of San Angelo on Jan. 28, 1979, in which he oversaw many areas including the Big Spring area.

Survivors include: three daughters, Christina M. Hernandez, Carmen Gonzales, and Celina Vasquez, all of Odessa; three sisters, Micaela Martinez, Cruz Llanez and Enriqueta Molinar, all of Alpine; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Hubbard Kelly Funeral Home, Odessa.

Nellia S. Johnson

Nellia S. Johnson, Washington, D.C., died Jan. 9, 1998. She was born on May 2, 1946, in Bryan.

She was the adopted daughter of the late Mrs. Willie Mae Porter Sewell. Mrs. Johnson was a 1965 graduate of Big Spring High School. She married Charlie Johnson, Jr., of Washington, D.C., two brothers and a sister.

Arrangements were under the direction of Bolden Funeral Home, Lanham, Md.

Sullivan said that the compressed air foam system the truck utilizes serves not only for grass and brush fires, but can also be applied to structure fires.

"Insurance companies pay out more money each year for water damage caused by the extinguishing of fires than they actually do in fire damages," said Sullivan. "The foam system allows us to use less water, and when applied in situations where an attic is on fire, causes less water damage than conventional methods."

"A truck like this is really an all-around good truck for the county. It serves its primary purpose to put out brush and grass fires quickly and efficiently, as well as the tremendous amount of help it can be on structure fires."

"This truck will be going to the Silver Hills Station," said Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart. "This is the type of truck that we've been needing for quite some time. The compressed air foam system seems like it will be a great help to the fire fighters, and it should also help our insurance rating."

COUNTY

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prices, coupled with the agricultural loss associated with the drought, will present a much more drastic problem for next year's budget.

"The cuts will take care of the low oil and mineral prices that have hurt the county this year," said Lockhart. "Next year however, will be worse."

Lockhart said that the 7.5 percent cutbacks won't be felt by the immediate public, but will mean tighter management of agency funds.

"Most of the departments who are having their budgets cut won't really be hurt by it," said Lockhart. "There won't be any employment cuts or anything like that. What it really means is that the departments will have to just watch real close what they are spending."

According to commissioner Sonny Choate, outside agencies have taken the hardest hit from these cuts.

"Outside agencies will take a 20 percent cut across the board," said Choate. "The only exception will be the Spring City Senior Citizens group, who will receive the same funds as last year."

DEDICATION

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lecture on William Blake's poem, "The Tyger." She used several of the teaching tools available in the distance classroom, including the overhead projector that transmits visual material to all three campuses, as well as the video cassette player.

"Is the camera following me? It's supposed to. I'm so proud of this," King said as she walked around the room, teaching.

Callan Stewart in San Angelo gave an impromptu lecture on left and right brain thinking, and called the few moments of sound delay "teacher error."

Oneita Burgess, director of WINGS Distance Learning Program, said the SmartBoard, a wipe-off wall board, will be used as a computer screen by instructors. And paper handouts and tests will be conducted using FAX machines between the campuses.

The program currently offers several upper level courses from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin, including English literature, marketing and business and criminal justice.

Students interested in these classes must register at UTPB, Burgess said.

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 Rannels. 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 Rannels (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 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 no.)

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.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

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

BRIEFS

THE LOCAL SALVATION ARMY is accepting monetary donations to assist flood victims from the Del Rio area. Relief workers have been dispatched from all over the area to help in the effort.

Send contributions to: The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1248, Big Spring, Mark donations for "disaster relief."

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.

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 Janis Dean at 267-3068.

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.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW available for the Howard County Fair Queen Contest. Entrants will be judged on Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Big Spring Mall and the 1998 Queen will be crowned on Monday, Aug. 31, during the Fair.

Entrants must be enrolled in an area high school of Howard County or a county adjoining Howard or enrolled at Howard College.

Entry forms are available at the Howard County Extension office, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Athletic Supply and Joy's Hallmark. Entries must be returned to the County

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Extension office by Aug. 26 and a \$25 sponsorship fee must accompany all entries.

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.

Police shoot boy who had water gun

NEW YORK (AP) — A 16-year-old boy was shot by police who mistook his squirt gun for a real weapon, with one of the officers firing all 16 rounds in his gun.

Michael Jones was in critical condition Monday. He was shot early Sunday after encountering police while he rode his bicycle. He was hit six times in the legs.

Police were looking for the boy after an off-duty police officer reported he was pointing a gun at people and cars.

Police said the boy refused to drop his toy, which looked like a submachine gun. But Jermaine Congress, who was riding his bike with Jones, said Jones was dropping his pistol when he was shot.

Officer David Gross fired all 16 rounds from his semiautomatic 9mm pistol at Jones. Sgt. Michael Jacobellis fired once.

Police Commissioner Howard Safir supported his officers.

"Certainly at 2:30 in the morning it would not be unreasonable to believe this was a real weapon," Safir said, holding up Jones' water pistol and a 9mm MP5 submachine gun.

It is illegal in the city to sell or possess a toy gun that looks real or is painted black.

The number of shots fired outraged Jones' family. They were also perplexed as to why he has been charged with menacing, criminal possession of a weapon and possession of marijuana.

"Sixteen or 17 shots fired against a water pistol sounds more like people at the O.K. Corral than policemen trying to secure public safety," the Rev. Al Sharpton, acting as the Jones family spokesman, said Monday outside Kings County Hospital.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 75.55 cents, down 38 points; Oct. crude 13.79, up 15; Cash hogs steady at 35.50; cash steers steady 59 cents even; Oct. lean hog futures 40.40, down 120 points; Aug. live cattle futures 58.25, up 30 points.

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Medical Alliance	2% nc
Mobil	74% +1/2
Norwest	32% +1/2
NUV	9% nc
Phillips Petroleum	45% +1/2
Palex Inc.	8 nc
Pepsi Cola	34% +1/2
Parallel Petroleum	3% +1/2
Rural/Metro	10% +1/2
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Unocal Corp	35 -1/2
Wal-Mart	68% +1/2
Amcap	17.10-18.14
Euro Pacific	26.41-28.02
I.C.A.	29.97-31.80
New Perspective	21.53-22.84
Prime Rate	8.50%
Gold	282.30-282.80
Silver	4.95-5.00

POLICE

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

• **ROBBY ATKINSON**, 26, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

• **RAUL FLORES**, 18, was arrested on county warrants.

• **ABEL GOMES**, 21, was arrested on local warrants.

• **FRED BAILEY**, 25, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

• **PAULA BAKER**, 39, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2oz.

• **BRENT MARIN**, 26, was arrested for failure to ID.

• **TAMMY NEWELL**, 40, was arrested on local warrants.

• **DANIEL MENDOZA**, 38, was arrested on local warrants.

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• **THEFT** in the 1800 block of Gregg, the 1700 block of E. Marcy, and the 1100 block of Lamesa Hwy.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** in the 400 block of E. 4th.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• **BENNY ISLAS**, 34, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2oz.

• **BEN JOSEPH GARZA**, 18, was arrested for bond forfeiture/unauthorized use of a vehicle.

• **SALOMON GUZMAN SALMERON**, 41, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

FIRE/EMS

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

MONDAY
2:18 a.m. - 2000 block Virginia, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

12:16 p.m. - 3700 block Wright, hazardous materials spill, standby.

7:15 p.m. - 2600 block Albroom, trauma call, service refused.

9:14 p.m. - 1300 block Stamford, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

10:26 p.m. - 1900 block N. 87, trauma call, patient transported to SMCC.

11:52 p.m. - 1900 block North 87, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

RECORDS

Monday's high 90
Monday's low 71
Average high 92
Average low 67
Record high 105 in 1936
Record low 56 in 1916
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 2.38
Month's normal 1.44
Year to date 8.85
Normal for the year 12.21

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Court rules against sampling in 2000 census

WASHINGTON (AP) — Commerce Secretary William Daley says he will appeal a court decision invalidating the Census Bureau's plans to use statistical sampling in the 2000 census.

Daley said sampling offered the best way to ensure an accurate and fair census.

A federal court invalidated the statistical sampling plan Monday, rejecting the Clinton administration's proposal for a modern update of the one-by-one count the founding fathers envisioned. Democratic-led supporters of sampling say the method is needed to correct the

undercounting of minorities.

"What is at stake here is the ability of the Census Bureau to use the most modern scientific methods to ensure an accurate and fair census," Daley said.

The Census Bureau estimates 4 million people were overlooked in the 1990 count.

Opponents of sampling said the Census Bureau should not spend any more money planning for a count that included sampling. Daley said the bureau would continue its two-track planning for running the count with sampling and without it.

"The unanimous decision is a tremendous victory for every

American," House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said.

"The Clinton administration's illegal and unconstitutional scheme to manipulate our census for the express purposes of political gain has been exposed."

Under current plans, a head count done by the traditional method of mailings and door-to-door surveys still would be used for 90 percent of the population. Sampling would be used in part to estimate the remaining 10 percent, often minorities and people in inner cities who tend to be undercounted.

The census has caused contro-

versy in the past, notably in the years leading up to the Civil War and in the 1920s, when reapportionment of the House was delayed for years after massive population shifts to the cities threatened to tip the balance of power, said Margo Anderson, a census historian from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

After a lengthy political struggle last year, the White House and House Republicans agreed the Census Bureau could make preparations this year for the use of sampling in 2000, but that Republicans also would challenge the method in court.

TEXAS BRIEFS

Parched South Texas hit by deluge

DEL RIO (AP) — Fast-rising floodwaters left hundreds of residents in this border town recounting the same horrors: water rushing into dark bedrooms, cars floating away and frantic attempts by young and old to scramble to safer, higher ground.

"It's just good we didn't end up like other people — drowning or swimming our way out," said Tracey Portillo, 21, who escaped with her young son and other relatives as San Felipe Creek invaded their home.

Seven people were killed when water surged into several Del Rio neighborhoods early Monday, said Border Patrol spokeswoman Paty Mancha. Up to 30 others remained missing.

Among the dead were Border Patrol trainee David Pyatte, who died while searching for his family, Ms. Mancha said.

The deluge in this previously parched area of South Texas stemmed from the weather system once known as Tropical Storm Charley. It contributed to five flood-related deaths in the Hill Country on Sunday.

The National Weather Service today issued a new flash flood watch for the area because the remnants of the tropical storm may trigger as much as 3-5 inches of additional rainfall today.

Forecasters said the additional rainfall will fall on the cities of Del Rio, Rocksprings, Leakey, Bracketville, Uvalde, La Pryor, Carrizo Springs and Eagle Pass and will increase the danger of more flash flooding.

The Mexican government said three people were killed and four were missing Monday in Ciudad Acuna, Mexico, across from Del Rio.

In Del Rio, blocks of houses were damaged or washed away, particularly in the heart of the city along San Felipe Creek, normally an easy-flowing, spring-fed stream where families swim and fish.

Local law officers, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Border Patrol helped rescue stranded residents, some of whom were on tops of houses or clinging to trees.

Gov. George W. Bush sent 150 National Guardsmen, 25 trucks and nine Blackhawk helicopters to join the rescue effort.

Coastal residents remember hurricanes past

ISLE OF PALMS, S.C. (AP) — Bill Dunleavy doesn't need to be told about the power of hurricanes as a 400-mile-wide behemoth named Bonnie packing 115 mph winds hung off the coast.

Nine years ago, deadly Hurricane Hugo smashed ashore here.

"Bonnie who? Don't ever mention her name around here," said Dunleavy, who owns Dunleavy's Pub on Sullivan's Island. "We had Mr. Hugo come through here and we don't want to know his sister."

Across the East Coast, storm savvy residents were stocking

up on food and building supplies as they warily eyed Bonnie churning up the Atlantic, hovering out at sea.

"The attitude out here is to wait and see what happens," said John Hunter, who owns a hotel and restaurant on Tybee Island near Savannah, Ga. "There's nothing you can do about it one way or the other."

While the storm was still hundreds of miles away, the Atlantic was showing its effects. Gray, white-capped waves hit the New Jersey shore in breakers 4 feet to 6 feet high, pounding onto the beach with a dull roar. In North Carolina, 10-foot

waves were reported.

The state of Virginia and some coastal communities elsewhere banned swimming because of rip tides — strong currents near the beaches — that are blamed for three drownings over the weekend in South Carolina, North Carolina and Delaware.

"People were getting sucked out left and right," said Margate Beach, N.J., lifeguard Mike Palmer. One man was missing Monday in the surf off Point Pleasant Beach.

Hurricane warnings, which means dangerous winds and water could arrive within 24

hours, were issued this morning from Murrells Inlet, S.C., to the North Carolina-Virginia border. A hurricane watch remains farther south to Savannah, Ga.

Under the latest forecast, Bonnie was tracking for the Outer Banks of North Carolina and could bring tropical storm-force winds to the area by Wednesday morning.

Early today, the storm was centered about 500 miles south of Cape Hatteras, N.C., its clouds not even reaching the mainland yet. The hurricane was wobbling toward the northwest at about 9 mph.

Authorities seek answers on cyanide letters

MARINA DEL REY, Calif. (AP) — She lost her hair, apparently from cancer treatment. She is believed to have lived out of her van and used a Beverly Hills post office box. She has had previous run-ins with the law, mostly over traffic mishaps.

Little else is known about Kathryn Schoonover, who is suspected of trying to mail cyanide packets that looked like free samples of nutritional supplements.

Was she trying to prove something? How and why did she select the alleged targets, mostly police and medical professionals? Are any previous poisoned mailings out there?

Late Monday, authorities still had no motive for the alleged attempted murders by mail, said Detective John Vernon of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Ms. Schoonover, 50, was to be arraigned Monday.

Deputy Bob Killen said Ms. Schoonover denied mailing any cyanide-laden letters.

U.S. postal officials have sent warnings to

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the service's employees across the country.

"We're not taking any chances," said Postal Service Inspector George Marsh.

Schoonover was arrested Sunday outside the Marina del Rey post office by deputies who also seized a box containing more than 100 letter-sized envelopes with cellophane windows. The woman had been pouring sodium cyanide powder into small plastic bags, which were attached to brochures for nutritional and dietary supplements.

"She was spooning the cyanide into plastic bags at a table in the lobby," said local Postmaster Pat McCloskey, who was summoned by authorities after Schoonover's arrest. "I actually saw three containers that

said 'cyanide' on them."

U.S. Post Offices were told to look for envelopes matching the description of those seized. They are off-gray in color and bear no return address. Postal inspectors say anyone who gets such an envelope should leave it alone and contact the local post office.

There have been no known deaths recently from cyanide mailings.

Cyanide powder swallowed in tiny amounts can kill a person within minutes by causing asphyxiation.

Investigators said they were certain no deadly letters made it into the mail at Marina del Rey on Sunday. But four people in upstate New York received similar letters in the past few months, Killen said.

During interviews with detectives, Schoonover claimed to have a background in chemistry and possibly the theater, authorities said.

Her address wasn't immediately known, authorities said.

Truckers shot to death in suburbs

DALLAS (AP) — Two truck drivers were shot to death in less than an hour in separate shooting incidents at Plano and 20 miles away in Dallas, police say.

Officers said early today the shootings may have been connected since the assailant in both cases fled on a motorcycle.

Plano Police said the first shooting was about 11:50 p.m. Monday when a trucker driving southbound on U.S. 75 at Legacy Drive, near the Allen-Plano city limits was shot several times by someone fired several shots into the driver's compartment of the 18-wheeler.

The trucker, who was not identified pending notification of relatives, was able to stop his truck in the highway's center lane. He died a short time later at Medical Center of Plano.

Witnesses told investigators they heard several shots, then saw a motorcycle speeding away from the rig southbound.

About 30 minutes later, the driver of a tanker truck was shot and killed at the wheel as he filled the tanks at an Exxon station at the intersection of Hillcrest Drive and Arapaho Road in north Dallas.

The assailant rode away on a motorcycle, witnesses said.

Police were attempting to determine if the shooting incidents were somehow connected.

The security camera at the service station may have captured the gunman and his motorcycle on videotape, officers said.

No motive was immediately established for the shootings, police said.

Soil sample linked Sudan plant to VX gas

WASHINGTON (AP) — Traces of a manmade chemical found in a sample of Sudanese soil formed the basis of the U.S. decision to launch a cruise missile strike on a purported pharmaceutical plant in Khartoum, according to U.S. intelligence.

A soil sample obtained clandestinely by U.S. intelligence led the Clinton administration to conclude that the Sudanese plant was secretly developing a key ingredient in deadly VX nerve gas, a U.S. intelligence official said Monday.

The Shifa Pharmaceuticals plant was destroyed last Thursday in a U.S. cruise missile attack at the same time Navy-launched cruise missiles

struck at a suspected terrorist base in eastern Afghanistan. In an echo of the controversy over the bombing of what Iraq claimed was a baby milk factory during the Persian Gulf War, Sudanese officials have protested to the United Nations that the plant made medicine, not weapons.

Under pressure to back up its claim, the Clinton administration let U.S. intelligence officials Monday discuss some of the evidence that led to the decision to strike.

A U.S. intelligence official who spoke on condition of anonymity said the physical evidence being cited repeatedly by Clinton administration offi-

cials is a soil sample "obtained by clandestine means" from the Sudan plant property. The sample showed traces of a manmade chemical called EMPTA, or O-ethylmethylphosphonothioic acid — a material with no commercial uses that is a key ingredient of VX.

"Once you have it, you're a long way toward the production of VX," said the intelligence official. The material apparently got into the soil immediately outside the plant but on the plant property "either through airborne emissions or spillage from the manufacturing process." The official did not describe how the soil sample was obtained.

Demos agree on treading cautiously on impeachment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Though they applaud Newt Gingrich's pledge to set a high standard for any impeachment proceedings, House Democrats are accusing the GOP of stacking the process against President Clinton.

Rep. Henry Hyde, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, is first in the line of fire, two Democratic officials said. Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, the committee's ranking Democrat, plans a letter to Hyde this week, complaining that the Illinois Republican has allowed the committee to hire 14 new GOP aides, while granting

Democrats funds for just four. The two officials spoke Monday on condition they not be identified by name.

But Republicans on the committee contended that Hyde has been far more generous overall than Conyers was when Democrats controlled Congress and he was chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

Hyde has granted Democrats 22 percent of the panel's overall staff slots, compared with the 7 percent Conyers gave the Republicans as chairman of his panel in 1993, according to statistics provided by GOP Judiciary Committee aides late

Monday.

Conyers' staff argued that 22 percent for the minority in an investigation of this magnitude was low, compared to investigations of its kind conducted by other panels. But Republican aides said 22 percent was high for Democrats on the Judiciary Committee.

The numbers dispute reflects the partisan discord on the committee that is expected to explode if Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr issues an obstruction-of-justice report on Clinton to the House. Committee members are expected in just such a report in September.

You deserve a factual look at... Arab-Moslem Fanaticism and Intransigence Are they the root cause of Mid-East turmoil?

For the last five decades, the world has been convinced, mostly because of unrelenting Arab propaganda, that the conflict between Israel and the "Palestinians" is the root cause of the constant turmoil in the Middle East and that Israel should make "concessions" to the Arabs. But is that the real reason for the turmoil and for the violence? Or is there another much deeper, more fundamental reason behind it?

What are the facts?

Islam's hatred against the West. We Americans are reluctant to criticize or even to discuss the religions of others. We consider it a personal matter. But the hatred of the Moslem-Arab world against the West, especially against the United States (the "Great Satan") and Israel (the "Little Satan"), can only be explained by comprehending the psychology and the principal religious

caused this humiliation and this injury had to be destroyed.

The 20th century brought national independence to the Arab states. Two other fundamental events occurred: 1) The discovery of the world's largest oil deposits under the Arabian peninsula, and 2) The creation, in 1948, of the state of Israel, which ever since its birth has been the concentrated focus of the hatred and venom of all Moslem Arabs, a hatred that unites them, that even surpasses their hatreds against each other, and that has

launched them into five disastrous wars against Israel. Even the rape of Kuwait by Saddam Hussein's Iraq was explained as being a step towards the "liberation of Palestine," a claim so bizarre, so patently absurd, that it can only be comprehended and given credence by a mind obsessed with the ideology of Arab Islam.

Moslem Arabs obsessed with Israel. The obsession of the Moslem Arabs with Israel is totally irrational. To have Israel as an independent country in the middle of the Arab Moslem world is utterly intolerable to them. That is the reason that, making allowance for the very cold peace with Egypt and the recently concluded peace with Jordan, the 21-Arab states, among them the richest countries in the world, with a combined population of more than 200 million and with a land area greater than that of the U.S., have concentrated obsessive ferocity by military, economic, ideological, political, diplomatic, and any other means to destroy the tiny Jewish community of Palestine, and its successor, the Jewish state of Israel—only 5 million people, in a country just one-half the size of San Bernardino County in California.

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Acts of terror in the United States, Argentina, England, and Israel have sobered many who had believed the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to be the cause for the unrest in the Middle East. The fact is that war is endemic in the Arab world and that the Moslem Arabs have been waging war against each other and against their non-Arab neighbors for centuries. But, as much as the Moslem Arabs hate each other, most of them are united in their greater hatred against the "infidel Jews" and their tiny country, and they have built vast war machines for the ultimate "jihad" to nuke the Jews, to poison them by chemicals or biologicals, or to chase them into the sea. The focus on the Palestinian plight is designed to divert attention from the many domestic problems and inter-Arab conflicts, and to direct the Moslem-Arab frustration against Israel, the "infidel Western outsider." The suggestion that Israel divest itself from its historic heartland, the 2,362 sq. mi. "West Bank," and from the Golan would lead to strategic suicide. The real cause of the never-ending turmoil in the Middle East is the unremitting desire of still most of the Arab-Moslem states to destroy Israel, their inability to come to terms with its very existence. That hatred and that intolerance are fueled by Arab-Moslem fanaticism and intransigence and unwillingness to accept diversity in the region. Only when that will be overcome can peace and tranquility finally come to the Middle East.

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OUR VIEWS

Howard College gets its WINGS and we all will benefit from it

Imagine, as a student, being able to work on your four-year degree at Howard College. Imagine, as a teacher, being able to get post-graduate help, in-service training and educational updates without having to leave Howard County.

Imagine, as a business person, being able to interact with firms in Houston, Dallas or New York and never having to leave Big Spring.

Now, quit imagining. It's reality, or soon to be. "This is the beginning of a new era for Howard College. We have reached our dream. We have finally gotten our WINGS..." Dr. Cheri Sparks, president of Howard College, told a group at the dedication of the new distance learning classrooms Monday.

Thanks to local philanthropist Marie Hall — who truly was the "wind beneath our WINGS," as Dr. Sparks put it — Howard College has flown confidently into the future of education.

The laboratories connect the Big Spring campus with campuses in Lamesa and San Angelo, but in the future will allow Howard to connect with almost any facility that has the same equipment.

Already, courses are scheduled from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin in nutrition, income tax, computer programming, criminal law, government and algebra.

In addition, upper-level undergraduate courses will include Principles of Marketing, 19th Century American Fiction and American Women Playwrights.

The future is endless: One instructor can work with students in a number of locations at the same time, saving public school districts the cost of having to hire additional teachers.

Locally, citizens can take all types of courses without the expense of driving back and forth to Lubbock, Odessa, Abilene or San Angelo.

Businesses will benefit by being able to network with company heads for specialized training.

Distance learning is the future of education. We salute Howard College for making that commitment possible, and for Marie Hall for making that commitment possible.

OTHER VIEWS

A \$1.9 million settlement to the parents of a teen-ager shot and killed last year by a Marine patrolling the West Texas border area for drug traffickers could bring closure to the case.

But for the boy's family and many others along the border, one stone remains unturned: The government still has not settled questions over its policy of using troops to supplement the U.S. Border Patrol.

Suspicions linger that the federal government has hidden details of the shooting

that killed Esequiel Hernandez Jr. The doubts may be baseless, but the Defense Department's foot-dragging only serves the skeptics.

Indeed, the settlement seems to acknowledge that the policy of using troops is misguided.

The policy, suspended after the fatal shooting of young Hernandez, was one waiting for disaster to strike. How else to describe a program that uses soldiers who are trained to shoot to kill?

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Thoughts about America's war on terror

The Clinton administration needs to do a lot more to inform the American people of the severity and the perils of its newly-launched war against terrorism.

There will be many more American casualties, simply because the fanaticism of those in Osama bin Laden's network and in other terrorist groups is so great that they are bound to retaliate for the missile attacks on "the University of Terrorism" in Afghanistan and the El Shifa plant in Sudan.

This certainty of more attacks akin to the bombings of our embassies in Kenya and Tanzania does not mean that the U.S. missile attacks were a mistake. Bin Laden and others have been gloating about their success in East Africa and

were clearly planning more such attacks, especially if the United States appeared helpless in the wake of the East African atrocities.

The U.S. missile attacks have slowed the terrorists down, and have made them acutely aware that neither the mountains of Afghanistan nor anything else can put them beyond the reach of U.S. retribution. But military strikes are not a complete deterrent to men who will die for their cause.

The record is clear that bin Laden and other Islamic terrorists have an oversupply of would-be martyrs who are willing to undertake suicide bombing missions in support of Islam. They believe, despite President Clinton's words to the contrary, that the United States is waging war on resurgent Islam.

I don't doubt that bin Laden has under "deep cover" in the United States a few agents who think they will find martyrdom and "paradise" if they give their lives in terrorist operations.

Our intelligence forces more than our arsenal of missiles and other weapons will be crucial to our efforts to protect all

U.S. facilities and interests at home and abroad. It is folly to assume that terrorists will not be able to penetrate U.S. security at some key places.

That is why it is shameful that some politicians and about one American out of four, according to polls, are spreading or embracing "Wag the Dog" silliness about President Clinton ordering the attacks on the targets in Afghanistan and Sudan just to divert attention from his problems in the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

The members of Congress who have pushed this line know better. They know that Clinton could never manipulate Secretary of Defense William Cohen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, National Security Adviser Sandy Berger and the heads of the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency into going along with a "Wag the Dog" caper. I don't think he could scam one of them, let alone all of them.

Clinton may be lucky to have this crisis peak at this time, but it is real and it will last a long time, bringing tragedy to

many families. That's why I am personally offended that in San Francisco, here and elsewhere protesters against the missile attacks are carrying signs accusing the United States of "racist bombings" because the people of Sudan and Afghanistan are non-white.

Has no one told these protesters that of the 263 people the terrorists killed in Tanzania and Kenya and the 5,500 they injured, all but a handful were Africans — and innocent ones at that? Or that blacks were among the Americans killed and maimed?

It is troublesome enough that terrorist leaders seek to make this confrontation a religious war; it is downright irresponsible and disgusting that some American protesters want to pretend that it is a racial conflict.

The safety and the lives of Americans of every kind and class are seriously at risk in this conflict, which could become ghastly on any day at any time. The sooner everybody realizes that, the better chance everyone will have of avoiding tragedy and deep sorrow.



CARL ROWAN



Congress should impeach Clinton for his behavior

To put it plainly, Bill Clinton is a sociopath, a liar, a sexual predator, a man with recklessly bad judgment and a scowflaw.

Clinton has the classic symptoms of the sociopath. That is, a defective human being unable to relate to or feel genuine empathy for another human being. Though often skilled at manipulating people, the true sociopath is 100 percent self-centered. Other human beings are just objects to be manipulated to achieve the sociopath's goals.

The sociopath has only two genuine emotions: pleasure when he gets his way and anger when he's frustrated. Love? Compassion? Sympathy? The sociopath is incapable of experiencing any of these emotions, though he can simulate

them for manipulation purposes. The sociopath is ruthless and incapable of feeling any sense of shame, guilt or remorse.

You will have noticed, of course, that Clinton blames the special prosecutor, not himself, for the inconvenience of having to admit the truth. That's the classic sociopathic reaction: It's always others. It's as if it weren't Clinton who took advantage of a 21-year-old intern, who lied about it, who possibly encouraged her to lie about it, who ruthlessly used everyone around him to cover up his lies, who unleashed his junkyard character assassins on people who were telling the truth.

You may also have noticed that after six years in office, Clinton shows no physical signs of stress.

The office ages most presidents, but that's because they feel the tremendous responsibility of the office and worry that they are doing the right thing. Clinton feels no responsibility and worries about nothing except his immediate personal pleasure. He enjoys the office like a pig enjoys slop.

What happens to anyone else, what happens to the country now or in the future is totally off his radar screen. He flat doesn't care.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: The White House will have to be fumigated when the Clintons leave. There has never been a sleazier, sicker president than this man. When he was inaugurated, he should have applied for a cheap motel franchise.

This affair, by the way, is not about sex as the feeble-minded glib-tongue set argues. It is about morals, honor and respect for the office, respect for the law and respect for the country. Clinton scores a minus 50 on every point.

It speaks ill of the American people that they think a good president is someone who occupies the White House while the Dow Jones index is high. It says such people don't have a clue as to how to assess public affairs and the presidency, don't know the difference between correlation and cause and effect or don't know much about economics.

As for people who don't care if Clinton stains the carpet in

the Oval Office, they are just pronouncing themselves as sleazy and cynical as Clinton.

Clinton is counting on that cynicism while he uses the Hillary-forgave-me-so-you-should-too play yet again. Hillary's recommendation, however, is no recommendation. There is something peculiar about a woman who puts up with what she has. She apparently has her own agenda, and respect for Clinton isn't on it.

Whatever bizarre and quirky relationship they have is their business, but the disgracing and demeaning of the White House, the constant concentration on staying one step ahead of the law at the expense of presidential matters are our business.

Clinton should resign, but, not caring anything about the country, he won't.

Therefore, Congress should quit playing partisan games and impeach him.

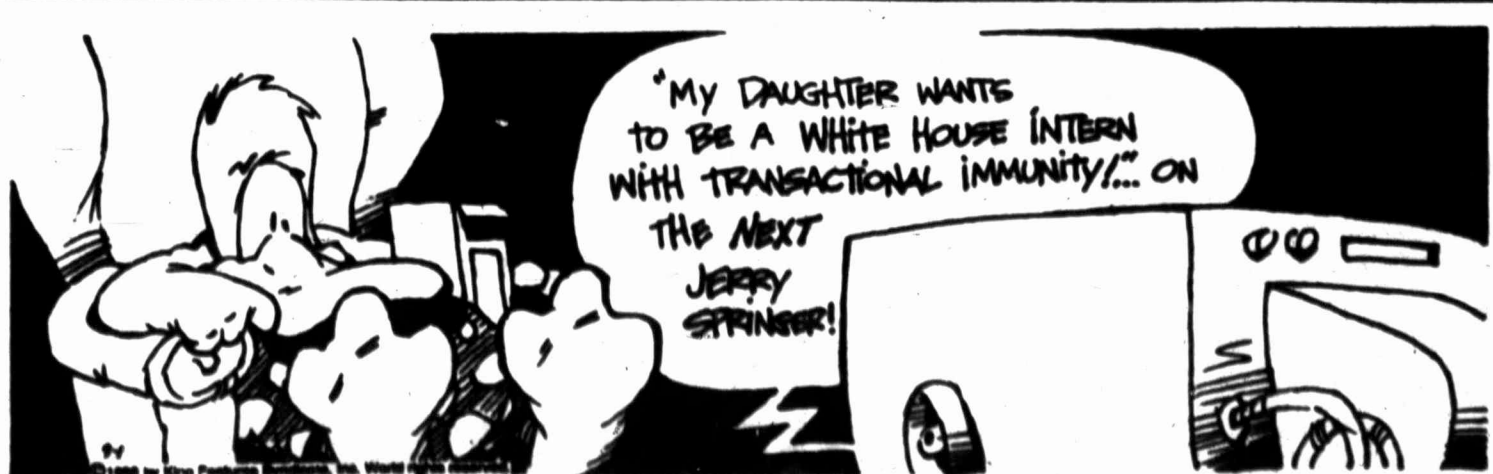
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IN BRIEF

Big Spring's Brock fifth in feature race

Rondel Brock of Big Spring drove his No. 75 entry to a fifth-place finish Sunday in the IMCA feature race at San Angelo Speedway.

Brock, who had qualified for the feature with a fourth-place heat finish, saw Tom Briley take the feature win, despite having failed to place in the top four during qualifying.

Community Pep Rally set for Thursday at Forsan

A Community Pep Rally has been scheduled for Thursday in Forsan, immediately following the Buff varsity's scrimmage with O'Donnell.

Thursday's scrimmage is slated for a 6 p.m. start with junior varsity action, followed by the varsity session.

Community members are invited to meet Forsan's players, coaches, cheerleaders and band. An ice cream social will close the evening's events.

Big Spring athletes top field at Tall City Triathlon

Big Spring triathletes Marc Read and Jill Brode turned in the top finishes Saturday at the Tall City Triathlon in Midland.

Read was the top male competitor, finishing the race in 1:00:02, while Brode topped the women's field with a clocking of 1:02:32.

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 being accepted for the league, as well.

Funds received are used to provide scholarships for some players and for replacement of older equipment the league provides for players.

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.

Herald seeking stringers for fall football coverage

The Herald is currently seeking writers and photographers interested in working as correspondents during the high school football season.

For more information, call sports editor John A. Moseley at 263-7331, ext. 233.

Rangers display sparkling defense in 6-5 win over Tigers

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers, who made five errors Saturday night in a loss to the New York Yankees, have to catch and throw the ball better to keep pace in the AL West.

The Rangers, who started the night 12th in the league in fielding, turned in a series of outstanding defensive plays to help Aaron Sele to his 15th victory in Texas' 6-5 win over the Detroit Tigers on Monday night.

Rangers manager Johnny Oates said he counted "a minimum of 10 outstanding plays on defense. That was the story. A lot of balls were well hit that were caught. If we don't make all those plays, it's a different story."

Sele (15-10) allowed three runs and nine hits in 6 1/3 innings, struck out two and walked one. His previous season best was 13 wins for Boston last season. Shortstop Royce Clayton, third baseman Todd Zeile, second baseman Mark

McLemore and left fielder Rusty Greer all turned in at least one play worthy of a highlight reel.

"We've been playing great defense," Sele said. "I used the defense to perfection tonight. They kept taking good swings. I was making good pitches, but they were putting good wood on the ball."

The Rangers struggled against the league's top teams before this favorable stretch.

"This is the time of the year when you have to win most of your games anyway," Sele said. "It's time to bear down and win these games."

The Rangers fell out of first place in the division when they won only seven of 17 games during an 18-day run that ended Sunday night against three of the AL's elite: the New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians.

Starting with Monday night's game

against the Tigers, the Rangers' next 18 games are against five sub-.500 clubs: Detroit, the Chicago White Sox, Minnesota, Kansas City and Tampa Bay.

Texas remained 2 1/2 games behind Anaheim in the AL West as the Angels beat the Yankees 7-3 Monday night.

The Rangers built a 6-1 lead, then the Tigers rallied to make it a one-run game before John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 35th save.

"We jumped out in front, but just couldn't put them away," Clark said. "Our defense was definitely out there. We made several diving plays and also made some good picks."

Clark's 17th homer, a two-run shot, highlighted a four-run fourth inning to help the Rangers hand the Tigers their sixth defeat in seven games and 17th in their last 20.

The Tigers failed to hit in the clutch, leaving 10 runners on base.

"Overall, we're hitting the ball better," Tigers manager Buddy Bell said. "I think we need to do it more consistently. We need to string some hits together."

Texas took the lead in the fourth against Justin Thompson (10-11). Rusty Greer drove in one run with a triple and Juan Gonzalez knocked in his 128th run with an infield single. Clark followed with his two-run blast to left-center, boosting the Rangers' lead to 4-0.

Roberto Kelly's RBI single in the fifth made it 5-0, but Detroit's Juan Encarnacion had a sacrifice fly in the sixth to cut it to 5-1.

Bill Haselman hit his sixth homer in the sixth to make it 6-1.

Detroit scored twice in the seventh and knocked out Sele on Brian Hunter's RBI groundout and Damion Easley's run-scoring single.

Thompson allowed five runs and eight hits in five innings.

Rangers staying cool

Experience keeps calm in title chase

ARLINGTON (AP) — The ghosts of collapses past have been exorcised. There has been little talk about the scorching heat, even during one of the hottest summers in recent memory, and few worries about how young players will respond to the pressure.

Instead, Mark McLemore looks around the Rangers clubhouse and says: "I see a lot of guys with experience. It's the Geritol bunch ... with Will Clark being the oldest. That eliminates the panic effect. Not that we have it, but with these guys, you're going to eliminate that right away."

The pennant race is returning to The Ballpark in Arlington, and this time it should be calmer. The Rangers are 2 1/2 games behind the Anaheim Angels in the American League West and insist they have the battle-tested experience to handle pennant-race pressure better than during the frantic, nerve-racking run of 1996 when they nearly all fell apart.

"Before, going through it for the first time, you were nervous," outfielder Juan Gonzalez said. "Now I think we'll be more comfortable."

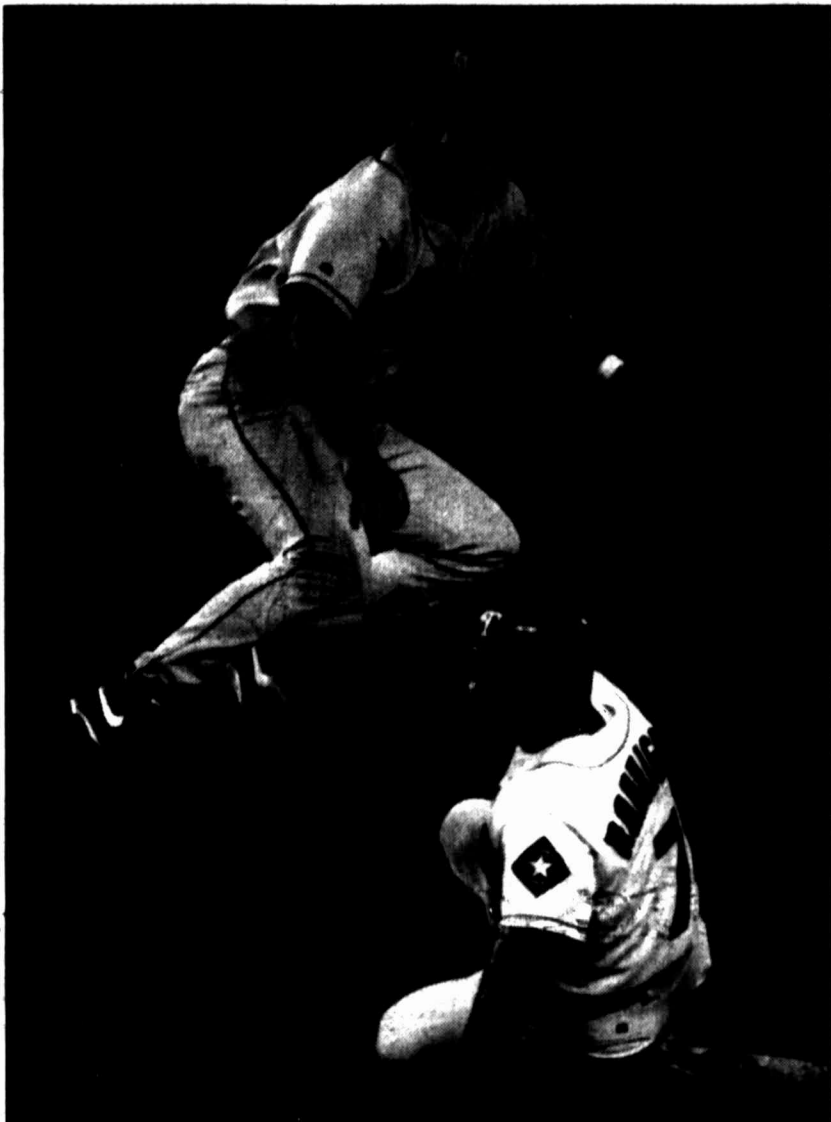
The Rangers' run in 1996 had a successful ending. They won the first division title in franchise history. But there was a tense stretch in late September when they lost nine of 10, including four consecutive in Seattle, cutting what was once a nine-game lead to one with 10 days left in the season.

Only two brilliantly pitched games by John Burkett and Ken Hill saved the Rangers from total disaster.

"It wasn't very pleasant," infield coach Bucky Dent said. "But there were a lot of things the team was overcoming, trying to win for the first time and getting that ghost off our backs. There was a lot of pressure there."

"But I look back on all the teams I played on, even the good teams, and it still always came down to winning games in that final week. The big thing is we did win it."

In doing so, the Rangers put to rest the horrible reputation they had carried through the years as a team that wilted when the heat of a pennant race was turned up high. That kind of talk dominated the 1996 race, much to the Rangers'



Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez, shown here breaking up a double play against Toronto in a 1996 game, was one of several Texas players who benefited from the team's playoff experience that season.

annoyance. They futilely tried to downplay such talk before the division was clinched but admitted afterward it was a much bigger factor than they ever expected.

"That was the big monkey on our backs," first baseman Clark said. "This franchise hadn't done anything in 25 years. Now we've got a division title under our belts, and we've got some guys that have been through a pennant race. You still have to go out on the field and execute, but as far as being mentally prepared, it should be a little easier."

Fourteen players on the Rangers' 25-man roster have participated in postseason play, which means they've previously been on a team that emerged victorious in a pennant race.

Only nine of the 25 players from the Rangers 1996 playoff team had been in postseason before that season, and Clark and shortstop Kevin Elster were the only regulars. This year, seven of nine regulars have been in the playoffs, the exceptions being center fielder Tom Goodwin and the designated hitter platoon of Lee

Stevens and Mike Simms. "Experienced players help you immensely," manager Johnny Oates said. "There's no substitute for talent, but if you put talent and experience together, I'm a firm believer there's no substitute for experience."

For Gonzalez, McLemore, outfielder Rusty Greer, catcher Ivan Rodriguez and many others, 1996 was the first time they went through a full season in a heated pennant race from start to finish. "It was a new experience for me, and experience is a good teacher," Greer said. "Personally I tried not to put more emphasis on those games than I did on the 100 games before. That's when you start pressing. I just tried to say, it's another ballgame and go out and perform the way you do all year."

The Angels, who haven't been to the playoffs since 1986, have to deal with the reverse. Many of their key players haven't been in postseason but were there in 1995 when the Angels blew a 14-game lead in the second half and lost a one-game divisional playoff to the Mariners.

McDowell deals second straight loss for Yankees

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jack McDowell is not the same pitcher he was before. He thinks he's better.

Facing the best team in baseball, Jack McDowell shut down the New York Yankees, leading the Anaheim Angels to a 7-3 victory Monday night.

"I haven't been walking myself into trouble," McDowell said after winning his second straight start since coming off the disabled list. "I used to try to throw every pitch as hard as I could, and sometimes you wind up putting men on base."

McDowell (3-2), who was sidelined by pain in his right elbow, allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings.

"It just shows how effective a well-spotted fastball can be," Angels catcher Phil Nevin said. "His fastball — and he probably would tell you the same thing — is not what it used to be. But he's using it effectively because he's spotting his fastball."

McDowell, the AL Cy Young Award winner for the Chicago White Sox in 1993, pitched seven shutout innings in a 2-0 win over Detroit last Wednesday.

"If he starts to get his splitter back, he's going to be very helpful," Angels manager Terry Collins said. "What I want is to have Jack McDowell out there every five days the rest of the way."

Anaheim, which could play the Yankees in the first round of the playoffs, holds a 4-3 advantage over New York this year — the only team the Yankees don't lead in the season series. The Angels, who overcame a 2-0, seventh-inning deficit to win for the eighth time in 11 games, maintained their 2 1/2-game lead over second-place Texas in the AL West. "They have an aggressive ballclub," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "They're playing well now. They have some confidence. In fact, they're playing better on the road (35-26) than they are at home (37-33)."

In other American League games, Seattle outlasted Chicago 11-10, Texas beat Detroit 6-5 and Kansas City defeated Toronto 7-3.

In the National League, it was San Francisco 7, Florida 4; Atlanta 4, Los Angeles 3; Cincinnati 8, Montreal 1;

Colorado 3, Philadelphia 1; and San Diego 7, Milwaukee 2. The Pittsburgh-St. Louis game was called in the seventh inning by rain with the teams tied at 5.

Garrett Anderson tied the score with a two-run homer in the seventh off Andy Pettitte (14-8), and Gary DiSarcina hit a go-ahead, two-run double later in the inning.

Mariners 11, White Sox 10

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his AL-leading 44th home run as Seattle completed a four-game sweep at the Kingdome. He homered Sunday after getting just one in his previous 87 at-bats.

Seattle led 9-1, but Chicago closed to 9-6 in the eighth. After consecutive run-scoring wild pitches by White Sox reliever Jaime Navarro in the eighth, Robin Ventura hit in 10th career grand slam in the ninth.

Ken Cloude (8-9) allowed three runs and four hits in seven innings, and Mike Timlin got his 12th save. Mike Sirotko (12-12) was pounded for eight runs and eight hits in 3 2-3 innings.

Royals 7, Blue Jays 3

Rookie Brian Barber (1-1) bounced back from a disastrous start and Sal Fasano homered as Kansas City won its fifth straight, the Royals' best streak of the season.

After allowing eight earned runs in just 1 2-3 innings against Boston in his previous start, his first major league appearance since 1996, Barber held the Blue Jays to one run and three hits in 6 1-3 innings. Matt Whisenant got four outs for his second save.

Pat Hentgen gave up four runs and seven hits.

The 1996 Cy Young Award winner is 0-5 in his last seven home starts dating back to May 20 and has lost six of his last eight decisions.

Diamondbacks 9, Mets 5

Jay Bell doubled, tripled and homered as Arizona won for the second straight day.

With the Mets trailing 4-1 in the ninth, Mel Rojas allowed five runs and three hits, including a three-run homer by Matt Williams and a solo shot by Kelly Stinnett.

Bell, 3-for-4 with three RBIs, tripled in the first, doubled in the third and homered in the fifth off Masato Yoshii.

Bowden, Slocum say limit preseason bowls, rather than end them

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The NCAA should limit the number of preseason bowl games, but not ban them, the coaches appearing in this year's Kickoff Classic say.

Bobby Bowden of Florida State and R.C. Slocum of Texas A&M have concerns about a proposal being considered by the NCAA to eliminate the preseason games after 2002. The proposal will be voted on in January at the NCAA Convention in San Antonio.

"I don't know why if the concept was good to start ... as a kickoff showcase for college football to whet everyone's appetite for the season, then I don't know anything that has changed since then that would make these games bad," Slocum said in a conference call Monday

to promote the Kickoff Classic. Slocum and Bowden are concerned about the increase in the number of preseason games. The first Kickoff Classic was played in 1983 and the Pigskin Classic was added in 1990. Four will be played this year.

The lineup this year will have Colorado State playing Michigan State on Saturday in the Black Coaches Association game. Louisiana Tech and Nebraska will meet in the Eddie Robinson Classic on Saturday.

Purdue will play at Southern California the next day in the Pigskin Classic and Texas A&M and Florida State play on Monday.

"If we are going to get where everyone can have a little opening bowl game, I'm

not in favor of that," Bowden said. "If you want to keep the Kickoff Classic and the Pigskin Classic, and maybe that's all, then I can live with that."

"If everyone is going to have one, we ought to have everyone go to a 12-game schedule and forget the classics," he added.

Dropping the games would hurt some causes. Money from the preseason games helps finance groups such as the National Association of College Directors of Athletics, American Football Coaches Association, Black Coaches Association, and the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame.

"When I first heard that idea (eliminating the preseason games), I thought there is no way they are going to do that

because the whole idea was to make money for the colleges and the retirements and things like that," Bowden said. "I could not see the NCAA wanting to eliminate them."

While preseason games earn money, the coaches said that they also give them a chance to play quality opponents and get on the field sooner than other teams.

Had they not agreed to play in this game, both schools would not have opened the season until Sept. 12.

"We have an aspiring team and an aspiring program," Slocum said. "We have rolled along the last nine years, winning over nine games a year, and we would like to be better than we are. I think the best course is for us to play a team like Florida State."

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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)
Excellent rapport marks your relationships. Finally, someone is ready to reveal himself. You hear the ring of authenticity in his words. Do not sell yourself short. Discuss financial goals when negotiating a work project; they go hand in hand. Tonight: Celebrate.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You put 100 percent into your career and deserve lasting results. Work is the highest priority. You allow more creativity in a family member shares tender feelings. Honor what is happening here. Confusion sets in when dealing with someone in charge. Tonight: Clear your desk.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Let your love life become more important to you. Being content feeds your work and well-being. You know just the right words to draw others to you. Make important calls, to spread news. There's a lot of

action around you. Tonight: Take a midweek break.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You come from an anchored place. Others agree with you, both financially and emotionally. Be realistic about your goals. At lunch time, go out and buy a gift or card for someone who has gone out of his way for you. Tonight: Invite a friend over for dinner.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Others will open up to you, if you are willing to share. Opportunities knock on your door when you least expect. Someone in charge plays devil's advocate with you. He makes some excellent points. Listen carefully, to enhance finances. Tonight: Out for nibbles and drinks.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Insight what is possible if you invest in a great idea. Find a trusted friend with whom you can brainstorm. Take a risk. Sometimes, you can't see all sides. Recognize that someone is jealous of your accomplishments; be patient with him. Tonight: Update your budget.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You flow, despite someone's tough reaction to one of your ideas. Be realistic about his limits. Trust a friend who is encouraging you. But don't take on more work than you can handle. Stay on top of messages. Schedule an important meeting. Tonight: Make it an early night.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
A partner piques your interest in a long-term goal. Discussions could reveal there is more to his idea than the obvious. Be sure you want ties like this. Take personal inventory, and see what is acceptable. A flirtation could develop into a lot more. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Aim for what you want. Your energy levels are slightly off. Be realistic about what you can accomplish. Reach out for others, and express your feelings. Being able to detach and eye the big picture allows you many unforeseen options. Tonight: Make an important meeting.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You are in the limelight. Build on the positives within a relationship, and discuss a stronger financial tie. Moneymaking ideas flow from you. Question, investigate and research. Push hard to complete work, though a loved one could be draining you. Tonight: Nap first, and then romp.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You will succeed, if you keep talks somewhat detached. Review recent ideas. A family member rains on your parade; don't take it personally. An associate demonstrates his caring. Confusion surrounds his finances. Don't worry about it

just yet. Tonight: Go for togetherness.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Listen to a close associate concerning recent work events. You need to talk, even if you feel stifled. A co-worker expresses his interest in what you are doing; be aware that he has his own agenda. Don't let insecurities get to you. You are on a roll. Tonight: Treat a partner.****

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Unisex restrooms are hard for disabled to find

DEAR ABBY: I don't know where the Rev. Virginia Anderson has been the last 10 years or so. She claims the problem of rest rooms where spouses of people with handicaps are allowed in to help them has never been addressed. I assure you it has. I travel all over the United States and Canada, and many cities have men's rest rooms, women's rest rooms and family rest rooms in their shopping complexes. The malls in my home state of Minnesota have them.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Another thing, Abby: In your answer you said, "By the age of 6 or 7, your grandson should be able to use a public rest room without assistance." That may be so, but young children are defenseless against being molested. Predators are looking for children that age who are alone. By the time the opposite sex parent finds out, it's too late. Please think again, I wouldn't even allow a 6- or 7-year-old child to go into a rest room alone in a small town. -- INTERESTED BYSTANDER

DEAR INTERESTED BYSTANDER: I will respond to your letter in two parts. First, I apologize for saying that by the age of 6 or 7 a child should be able to use a public rest room without being accompanied by an adult. I didn't consider the possibility that the child could be in danger of being molested.

As to the first part of your letter about rest rooms that are accessible to handicapped people, please read on for a sample of the mail I've received on that subject:

DEAR ABBY: I am disabled, and my husband is my primary care provider. When we go out for an entire day, or travel by air, there generally comes a point when I have to use the rest room. I can't do it without him, so 99 percent of the time we're faced with the question, "Men's or women's?" (Baltimore/Washington International Airport is a glowing exception.) We usually choose the men's room on the theory that a woman in the men's room is less threatening than vice versa.

It's an uncomfortable experience for us, as well as the people we meet in the rest room, but I'll be darned if I'll give up having a life because people choose to remain clueless about the needs of the disabled. I'm sure there are other people, however, who remain at home rather than face this situation. Wheelchair-accessible, unisex rest rooms in public places would enable these people to go out and enjoy the world again. -- CAROLYN CLARK, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEAR CAROLYN: Although handicapped-accessible rest rooms have been mandated in many places, they are often located in gender-specific rest rooms, which makes them difficult to use if there is a caregiver of the opposite sex involved. I think the idea of unisex family rest rooms is an excellent

one. Read on for a letter I'm sure you'll find of interest:

DEAR ABBY: I have been working diligently on getting legislation passed to force all public facilities in the state of Florida to have accessible gender-neutral rest room facilities. State Rep. Suzanne Jacobs of Delray Beach, Fla., agrees with me, and is planning to introduce a bill in the Florida House next session to mandate such facilities.

State Sen. Mark Foley has also agreed to support the bill if it comes to the Senate, and I have received positive responses from other state and federal officials.

Any support you and your readers can give toward this worthy cause would be greatly appreciated. -- FRED KROLL, BOYNTON BEACH, FLA.

DEAR FRED: I'm certain your letter will be of interest not only to individuals who have the need for gender-neutral rest room facilities, but also to the many advocacy groups that have formed around the country for people with disabilities. Good luck! Please let me know when the legislation is passed.

DEAR ABBY: My son died recently after a long illness, and many mourners stepped past my husband to offer me condolences. It hurt my husband deeply. He's the only father my children have known for the last 11 years, but even his family felt that was my loss, not OURS.

Abby, my son and my husband were very close, especially near the end. I think my son felt he could confide his fears to his dad, but must be brave for Mom.

In a world where birth fathers are walking away from their responsibilities, stepdads, foster fathers and adoptive parents are stepping in to shoulder that responsibility. Even though their presence is often resented by the children, these dads continue to love and care for their new families.

Abby, please explain to your readers that even if they don't understand the dynamics of stepfamily relationships, the stepparent shares in the rearing of the child, including loving the child. Condolences or congratulations should be expressed to the stepparent as well as the birth parent.

Thank you for allowing me to share my feelings. -- GRIEVING MOTHER IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR GRIEVING MOTHER: Perhaps the mourners didn't mean to be insensitive. I hope your letter will cause them (and others) to reconsider their assumptions about stepparents who do, indeed, deserve more sympathy than your husband received in his time of sorrow.

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8:30 PM	Spin City (CC) Dharma-Greg	World Records	Oliver Sacks-Mind	Movie: Rugged Gold	Movie: Nothing Lasts	Spin City (CC) Dharma-Greg	Fraser (CC) Just Shoot Me	Atlanta Braves at	Desencuentro	Cat (CC)	Prime Time Country (CC)	Movie: Absolute	(CC) ..	(CC) ..	One-on-One With David	New Detectives	Outlaws and Lawmen	AFI 100 Years 100 Movies	Houston Astros	WNBA Basketball	Natalie Wood	Comicon
9:30 PM	Maximum Bob (CC)	Pensacola-Wing	Innovation (CC)	Forever (CC)	Maximum Bob (CC)	Dateline (CC)	Houston Astros (CC)	Primer Impacto Noc.	N Sync in Concert	Live With Willie Nelson	Power (CC)	Movie: Beyond the	(CC) ..	Round Midnight	Something Good	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	AFI 100 Years 100 Movies	FOX Sports News	Playoffs: Semifinal	Movie: The Star	BET Tonight
10:30 PM	News (CC) Nightline	Home Imp. Mad Abt. You	News-Lahrer	700 Club	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight Show	Movie: Return From Witch	P. Impacto Noticiero Uni	Sammy the Way Out Seal	Dukes of Hazzard (CC)	Cal ..	Women Hot Springs	Movie: Devil in the Flesh	Crystal Lyons Aquila Nash	Biography	Wild Discovery	AFI 100 Years 100 Movies	FOX Sports News	Baseball Summer	Movie: 227 (CC) Midnight Love	
11:30 PM	Politically Inc. Hollywood	Vibe	American Experience	Oh No! Mr. Bill Life, Camera	Show (CC) Grace Under	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	(CC) Late	Mountain	Al Rimo de la Noche	Escape to Witch Moun-	Prime Time Country (CC)	(11:50) Movie: Cover	(12:10) Movie: No	(35) Movie:	One-on-One With David	New Detectives	Odyssey	Last Word V-Max				
12:30 AM	(12:06) Ricki Lake	Magic Hour (CC)	Bobby Kennedy	Paid Program	Married... With (37) Late Late	News Ent. Tonight	Night (CC) Gayle King	Police Academy	Club America													

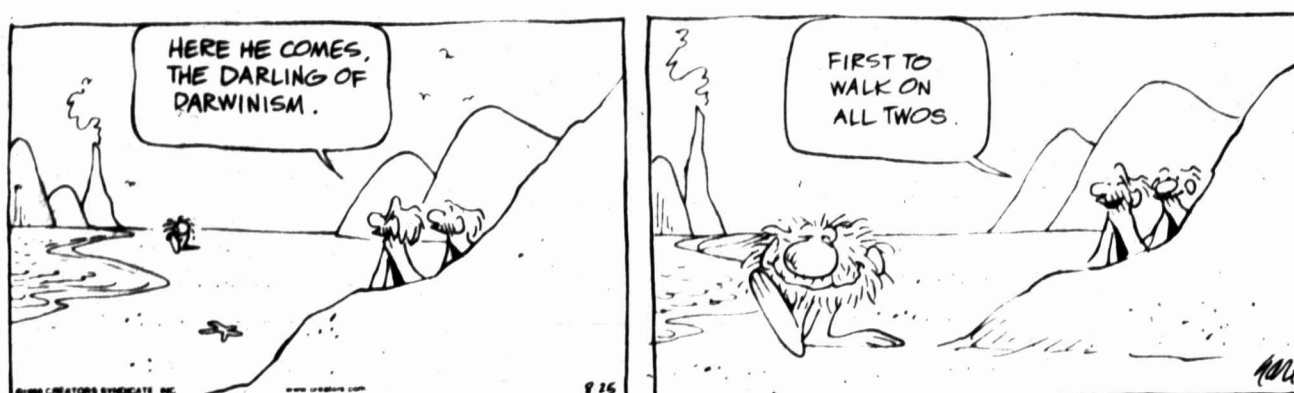
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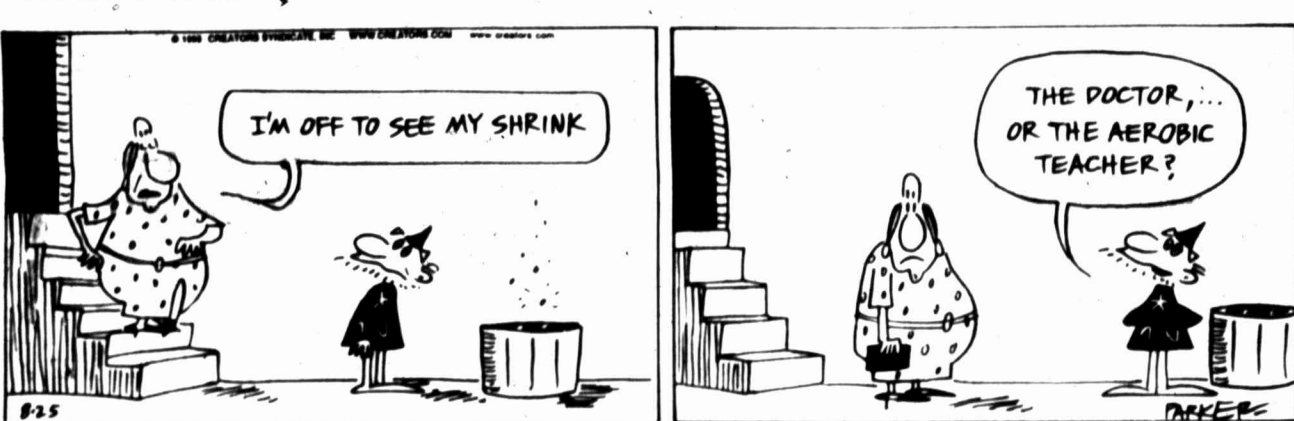
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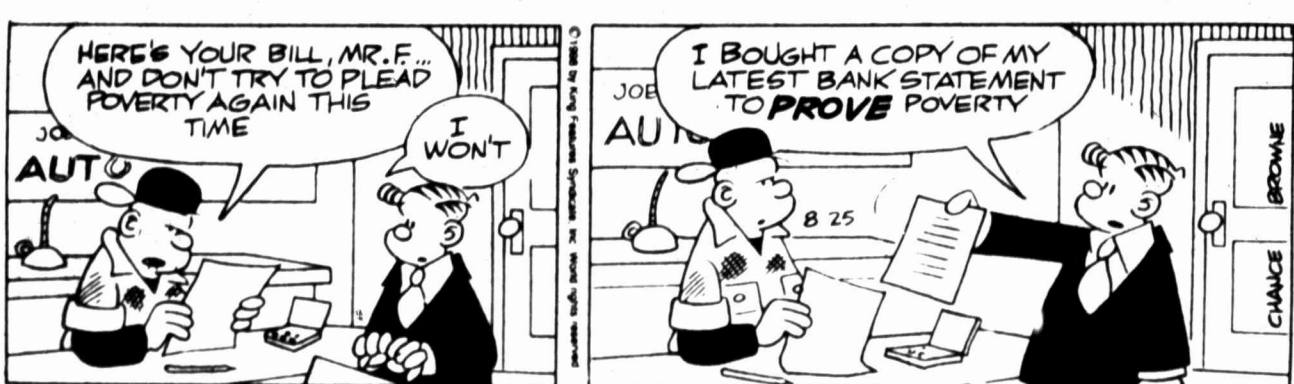
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 25, the 237th day of 1998. There are

128 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 25, 1944, during World War II, Paris was liberated by Allied forces after four years of Nazi occupation. On this date: In 1718, hundreds of French

colonists arrived in Louisiana, with some settling in present-day New Orleans.

In 1825, Uruguay declared its independence from Brazil.

In 1875, Capt. Matthew Webb became the first person to swim across the English Channel, traveling from Dover, England, to Calais, France, in 22 hours.

In 1916, the National Park Service was established within the Department of the Interior.

In 1921, the United States signed a peace treaty with Germany.

In 1943, U.S. forces overran New Georgia in the Solomon Islands during World War II.

In 1950, President Truman ordered the Army to seize control of the nation's railroads to avert a strike.

In 1985, Samantha Smith, the schoolgirl whose letter to Yuri V. Andropov led to her famous peace tour of the Soviet Union, was killed with her father in a plane crash in Maine.

Ten years ago: In his sharpest attack yet on the Reagan administration's drug policies, Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis criticized U.S. dealings with Panama's military leader, Gen. Manuel Noriega, as "criminal."

Five years ago: The United States applied limited sanctions against China and Pakistan after concluding the Chinese had sold missile technology to the Pakistanis. Amy Blehl, a Fulbright scholar from Newport Beach, Calif., was slain by a mob in South Africa.

One year ago: The tobacco industry agreed to an \$11.3 billion settlement with the state of Florida. Dow Corning Corp. offered \$2.4 billion to settle claims from more than 200,000 women with illnesses related to silicone breast implants.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. arms control director Eugene V. Rostow is 85. Actor Van Johnson is 82. Actor-producer Mel Ferrer is 81. Former Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace is 79. Game show host Monty Hall is 75. Actor Sean Connery is 68. Actor Page Johnson is 68. Talk show host Regis Philbin is 67. Actor Tom Skerritt is 65. Jazz musician Wayne Shorter is 65. Movie director Hugh Hudson is 62. Actor David Canary is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer Walter Williams (The O'Jays) is 56. Actor Anthony Heald is 54. Actress Anne Archer is 51. Rock singer-actor Gene Simmons is 49. Actor John Savage is 49. Country singer-musician Henry Paul (Blackhawk) is 49. Rock singer Rob Halford is 47. Rock singer Elly Costello is 44. Actress Ally Walker ("Profiler") is 37.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Cradle call
- Saudi, e.g.
- Repeat oneself
- Lupino and others
- Infant
- Fragrance
- Gymnastic feat
- Improvises musically
- Conductor Toscanini
- Ancient Irish village
- Actor Wallach
- Mr. T's last name
- Bettor
- Prepare a play
- Little legumes
- Physicians' soc.
- Sailing vessel
- Working copy
- Coloration
- Birthplace of Apollo
- Fishing device
- Standish stand-in
- Desert springs
- Poetic pasture
- Leak slowly
- Truck driver
- Apollo spacecraft
- Letter-clarification words
- Hockey's Bobby
- Author of "Portnoy's Complaint"
- Nation of Roma
- Architect Jones
- Gymnastic feat
- Sheets and towels
- Highland Gaelic
- Lump of dirt
- Some lilies
- Defeat
- Christian Andersen
- Transmission cells
- "NYPD Blue" co-star Jimmy
- Grp. headed by 13D
- Let loose
- Sorrowful drop
- Golf shop buy
- Coasts
- Barrymore or Waters
- Protagonist
- Refrain syllables
- Part of 62
- States further
- Earth: pref.
- Ninnyhammer

DOWN

- Isinglass
- Hebrew month
- Trading center
- Shrewd
- Loathed
- "Norma"
- Act as a lookout, e.g.
- Rule of an organization
- Devastated
- Notable period
- Gymnastic feat
- Sufficient
- Mr. Ararat
- havoc
- Get handed a bum
- Start of a path?
- British peer
- Pro (in proportion)
- Oscar-winner Jannings
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- Brilliance
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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