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## Evening Lions Club to have free eyeglasses

Big Spring Evening Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday 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. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

## WHAT'S UP...

**WEDNESDAY**  
□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room  
□ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall Walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of the movie theater box office.  
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.  
□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.  
□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

**THURSDAY**  
□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.  
□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.  
□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.  
□ Christmas in April, noon, Lion's Club Den, 1607 E. Third.  
□ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.  
□ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.  
□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.  
□ Big Spring Newcomer's Club. Call for time and location at 267-8741.

**FRIDAY**  
□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.

**WEATHER**  
Tonight:  
  
CLEAR  
TONIGHT 67°-69° WEDNESDAY 97°-99°

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## Howard College agenda to range from personnel to 1999-2000 budget

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Trustees for Howard College have a busy day planned Wednesday, beginning with an executive session to discuss personnel issues at 11 a.m., followed by a budget hearing and then a regular board meeting.

Possible considerations in the executive session are a new provost the San Angelo campus. Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College, said



SPARKS

trustees will have an interview with an individual for the position of provost.

The public budget hearing, which is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. following lunch, will include a discussion on a proposed tax increase for Howard College instructors.

"The budget hearing is to give people an opportunity to ask questions about how the money will be spent. We scrubbed the budget and in order to keep the budget must have a 3-cent tax increase to reach our effective tax rate. We have proposed a 4-cent tax increase to fund salary increases," Sparks said.

Sparks said when salary schedules of junior college faculty were researched,

the entry level salaries at Howard College were lagging behind other institutions

"This definitely hurts with recruiting, and retention of faculty," she said.

Therefore, a proposed 15 percent increase for entry level and new faculty will be considered for approval. Senior faculty may expect a 3 percent salary increase.

"About three years ago, we squared off our salary schedule, so that those faculty that had longevity with the college and had topped out on the salary schedule could be taken to the next level. Therefore our senior faculty fared better with the research we did on salaries,

because we had caught them up about three years ago," Sparks said.

Other institutions are raising salaries this year as well, she said.

"We don't know how we will compare after this, until this fall. We have heard often about a 3 percent raise in the state," she said.

In the regular meeting which follows the budget hearing, trustees will consider adopting the proposed budgets for the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and the Howard College Big Spring, San Angelo and Lamesa campuses.

A hearing for the proposed tax rate will also be discussed and set and should be scheduled for Aug. 19 at 12:30 p.m.



HERALD photo/Rick McLaughlin

Brooke Zitterkopf, 6, left, takes a turn on the parallel bars Monday afternoon with an instructor during the first day of class at the YMCA monthly gymnastics class in the beginner and intermediate level. The gymnastics class meets Monday and Wednesday, with a new class each month.

## Fatality

### Fort Worth teen killed in one-vehicle rollover along interstate Monday

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

A 14-year-old Fort Worth boy was killed Monday in a one-vehicle rollover on Interstate 20 near mile marker 188.

The accident, which occurred at 5 p.m., left six others injured, two in critical condition.

"Joel David Pando-Munoz, a 14-year-old white male, died at the scene of the accident and was pronounced dead by Marilyn Carson, justice of the peace for Howard County," said Jackie Taylor, communications specialist with the Texas Department of Transportation in Midland.

The accident occurred when an eastbound 1995 van, driven by Esparanza Aranda, 44, sustained a right-front tire blow out.

"The tire blew out, causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle," Taylor said.

"The van crossed the right lane into a grass, sandy area and rolled several times, ejecting passengers. It came to rest on its top across the south service road in a field," he said.

Critically injured in the accident was Claudia Carnero, 15, of Fort Worth. She suffered head trauma and was airlifted

to University Medical Center in Lubbock, Taylor said.

Nancy Smith, nursing supervisor for the hospital, said Carnero remains in critical condition today, suffering from head trauma and lung injuries and possible fractures. Carnero is not unconscious, she said.

Aranda is listed in critical condition at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. She had surgery Monday night and is in the intensive care unit, according to Amber Rich, director of marketing and human resources for the hospital.

Aranda was wearing a seat belt and is recovering from a broken leg and hip, Taylor said.

Rich said it is also believed that Aranda is the mother of Claudia Carnero, who is in ICU in Lubbock.

"We understand that they were traveling from Chihuahua, Mexico to the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Our nurses and our doctors did really fine jobs, and I believe they saved some lives," Rich said.

English-Spanish translators were needed to assist with admission and medical background information, and Rich said it was difficult to deter-

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## Despite shortfall, commissioners hoping to avoid raising taxes

RICK McLAUGHLIN  
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners Court is continuing its march toward the final 1999-2000 budget and the accompanying tax rate, trying to hold this year's tax bite to the level of last year.



LOCKHART

"The next couple of weeks is

going to determine it," said County Judge Ben Lockhart.

Commissioners reviewed budget figures in regular session Monday that include the estimated budget of \$8,096,480 and the estimated revenue of \$7,015,771, a shortfall of \$1,080,709.

The bulk of that shortfall is a \$716,657 decrease in tax income caused largely by a decrease in property valuations.

The \$1.08 million shortfall is caused by the decline in valuations, notably oil and gas valuations, the proposed return of

county employees to 40-hour work weeks, and an increase in health insurance costs, among some other minor things, said County Auditor Jackie Olson.

Kathy Sayles, Howard County tax assessor/collector, told commissioners that Howard County's effective tax rate is .53231 cents per \$100 of valuation, which would raise \$5,196,616 if it were the actual tax rate. Last year's tax rate was .45890, which created a tax levy of \$4,479,959, some \$716,657 less than the tax levy of the effective tax rate.

Commissioners indicated they would try to stay at last year's tax level despite the \$716,657 shortfall, and not increase the tax rate.

"We're going to try to, anyway," said Lockhart. "We've made a bunch of cuts to make up the shortfall. Will try to make enough cuts to stay within last year's rate. We will know more at the next meeting," Lockhart said.

"We've made personnel slot cuts and we have cut some requests for vehicles and such," he said of the budget cutting

efforts. "We're not quite there yet, but getting close. It's been a tough year," he noted.

He added that he had no idea where future cuts may be made to keep within last year's tax rate, and did not rule out a possible tax hike. "We're always trying to economize. I just don't know if we might have to raise the tax rate. Hopefully we won't have to. The next couple of weeks is going to determine it," he said.

The budget process will con-

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## Sen. Hutchison sets town hall meeting Wednesday afternoon

HERALD Staff Report

GAIL — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison will hold a town hall meeting in the Borden County Courthouse in Gail on Wednesday.

The meeting is set for 2:45 p.m. and will be held in the district courtroom, said County Judge Van York, who will introduce Hutchison to those attending.

"I'm proud she's coming here. She wants to look at some of the rural programs and agricultural-based programs that we have," said York. "We're happy that she has chosen us to visit."

A spokesman for Hutchison said the senator has never visited Borden County. She has also scheduled a visit to Stanton some time in September. After

the Stanton visit, the senator will have visited every county in Texas, the spokesman said Monday.

Wednesday's meeting will be informal. Sen. Hutchison will update those attending on her current legislative agenda and will address questions.

Sen. Hutchison, R-Dallas, serves on the defense and military construction subcommittee on the Senate Appropriations Committee. She also serves on the Senate Commerce Committee, where she chairs the subcommittee on surface transportation and Merchant Marine.

She is a deputy majority whip and currently serves as chairman of the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. She is co-chair of the Congressional Oil and Gas Caucus and is a U.S. delegate to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, also known as the Helsinki Commission.



HUTCHISON



HERALD photo/Rick McLaughlin

They did it. The Big Spring Harley Owners Group (HOG) has gone over the top in donations for a \$16,500 thermal imaging system camera for the Big Spring Fire Department. Enjoying the victory Monday were Vickie Walker, left, a member of HOG and Barry Barnett, activities director of HOG. Barnett said the group thought it would take one year, from February to February, to raise the money for the camera. Instead, it took only six months. The transfer of the camera to the fire department is expected to take place Sept. 11.

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OBITUARIES

**Clyde J. Alsop**

Services for Clyde J. Alsop, 73, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Gary Groves, associate minister of the First Christian Church of Midland, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Mr. Alsop died on Sunday, Aug. 8, 1999, in a Midland hospital.



ALSOP

He was born on Aug. 25, 1925, in Cisco, the fifth of nine children born to Joseph Fred and Cecelia Rodgers Alsop. He graduated from Cisco High School in 1941. Then received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1950, his Masters of Administrative Education Degree in 1953 both from Texas Tech University in Lubbock and then also did graduate work from 1953 to 1955.

He was a member of First Christian Church and had served in the United States Marine Corps in the Pacific during World War II.

He and Evelyn Flynn Jopson were married on Aug. 27, 1974, in Carlsbad, N.M.

Mr. Alsop was a High School Principal and Teacher in Lubbock from 1950 to 1955; was a Travelers Fire and Casualty Supervisor with Travelers Insurance Company in Lubbock from 1955 to 1960; was an instructor as a Professional Assistant in the School of Business at West Texas State University in Canyon from 1967 to 1969 and owned the General Insurance Agency in Canyon from 1961 to 1971. He served as Director of the Underwood Hall Rehabilitation Center in Amarillo from 1971 to 1972; served as Director of the Alcoholism Program for the Amarillo Hospital District in Amarillo from 1972 to 1973. He came to the Big Spring State Hospital in 1974 and was an Alcoholism Counselor from 1974 to 1975, a Consultant and Trainer for off-campus seminars and workshops on alcoholism from 1976 to 1981, the Staff Development training Officer, Substance Abuse Unit and Psychiatric Programs from 1975 to 1981, was Unit Administrator of the Substance Abuse Unit from 1981 to 1990 when he retired. He was a Chemical Dependency Consultant and Educator from 1990 to the present. In 1994 he returned to work for the Community Services Division of the Big Spring State Hospital on the transition plan to create a new community mental health and mental retardation center. In 1998 he was honored with the naming of the Clyde J. Alsop Building at 409 Runnels in Big Spring. At the time of his death he was on administrative leave as the Associate

Chief Executive Officer of West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Mr. Alsop's publications include "Description of a Treatment Program," prepared for the Amarillo Hospital District in 1971 and "Operation and Maintenance of a Rehabilitation Service," prepared for the Amarillo Hospital District in 1970.

He was a member of Texas Public Employees Association, the Big Spring Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, the Texas Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors and the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors.

Professional offices and services with the Texas Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors include the State Certification Board, 1975, State Public Relations, 1976, State Treasurer, 1977-1979, State President, 1979-1981, Advisor to the President, 1982, State Certification Board, 1983-1984, State President, 1987-1989 and Advisor to the President, 1990. With the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors he served on the NAADAC Board of Directors from 1979 to 1981 and was Regional Vice-President in 1980. With the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse he was on the Statewide Advisory Council, Region IX, from 1983. With the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, he served as Regional Advisory Council Chairman from 1979 to 1985.

Mr. Alsop received numerous awards including, NAADAC Appreciation Award, 1980, TAADAC President's Award, 1981, TAADAC Appreciation Award, 1984, TAADAC Resolution of Service, 1984, TDMHMR Appreciation Award, 1987, TCADA Appreciation Award, 1988, TAADAC President's Award, 1988, TAADAC Hall of Fame, 1990 and TAADAC Legislative Service, 1991.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn F. Alsop of Big Spring; one son, Gary Michael Alsop of Amarillo; one step son, Andrew Jopson of Sarasota, Fla.; two brothers, Coleman Lee Alsop of Midlothian and Felix W. Alsop of Dallas; and one sister, Catherine Fay Alsop of Moriarty, N.M.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Doyle F. Alsop, Floyd T. Alsop and W.B. Alsop and by one sister, Adeline Harris.

Pallbearers will be Ben Lockhart, Van York, Donald C. Creager, Guy White Jr., Landon Sturdivant and James Campbell.

The family suggests memorials to: Cal Farley's Boys and Girls Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, 79174-0001 or to the First Christian Church Memorial Fund, 911 Goliad, Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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

**Lucille Overton**

Service for Lucille Overton, 85, Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Mac Robinson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Beeville, and the Rev. Jack Clinkscales, pastor of First Baptist Church of Forsan, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Overton died Monday, Aug. 9, in a local nursing home.

She was born on June 12, 1914, in Checotah, Okla., and married Jesse W. Overton on Nov. 19, 1933, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on June 29, 1982. Mrs. Overton came to Glasscock County in 1924 from Checotah, Okla. and then to Howard County in 1933. She was a homemaker and a china painter.

Survivors include: her son, Jesse L. Overton of Garden City; two daughters, Lorita Robinson of Beeville, and Lanell Evans of Forsan; two brothers, T.C. Rankin of Odessa, and W.J. Rankin of

Conway, Ark.; three sisters, Ruth Allison of San Diego, Calif., Willie Mae Kennedy of Odessa, and Bonnie Miles of Jal, N.M.; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church of Forsan; P.O. Box 234; Forsan; 79733, or Gideons International; P.O. Box 133; Big Spring; 79721-0133.

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

**Sandra Thompson**

Service for Sandra Thompson, 45, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, Aug. 10, 1999, in a local hospital.

**WRECK**

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mine family ties in the immediate aftermath of the accident.

Also injured was Josefina Munoz-Gonzales, 47, mother of the deceased. She was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for facial cuts and abrasions and is listed in stable condition.

And Jesus Manuel Aranda, 18, of Fort Worth was injured in the accident. He was listed in stable condition at SMMC, suffering from minor cuts and bruises.

Jose Omar Carnero, 18, of Fort Worth, was treated and released at SMMC, suffering from minor injuries. He was the only passenger wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident, Taylor said.

Ana Veronica Ornelas, 39, of Fort Worth, was treated and released at SMMC. She sustained minor cuts and bruises.

DPS troopers Grant Hickman, Jason Hester and Sgt. Lawrence Meadors all arrived at the scene of the accident, which is about 12 miles east of Big Spring, near the Coahoma exit.

Taylor said an investigation is continuing.

**COUNTY**

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tinued to the Aug. 23 budget workshop meeting, where commissioners hope to finalize the proposed budget.

County department heads will be notified of the proposed budget so that they can make comments.

That will be followed by a Sept. 13 budget hearing, during which residents may make comments. After the hearing, the court will likely adopt the budget. The tax rate will be set at the Sept. 27 meeting of the court.

The board also heard a low-income housing upgrade proposal from Paul Pryor, pastor of United Pentecostal Church, for a community housing development organization, a not-for-profit corporation to support the activities of organizations closely linked to the communities they serve as a means of ensuring greater community involvement and responsibility for the resolution of housing problems." It has been named the Crossroads Housing Community Corp.

The proposal is sponsored by the Big Spring Housing Authority with the encouragement of the U.S. Housing and Urban Development agency (HUD). Mark Gentry of the Housing Authority said the proposal does not include "looking for funds or revenue, but we are looking for partnerships."

"Many houses in Howard County need to be taken off the market, rehabilitated and put back on the market. The grants are there" (for housing rehabilitation), he said. "We just have to find the mechanism to do it."

"Is it safe to say this is an upgrading of the housing in our community?" asked Commissioner Bill Crooker. Crooker noted that taxing entities that have acquired rundown properties through tax defaults can turn those properties over to a CHDO, which has the property rehabilitated, and then puts the property back on the market and, most importantly for the entity, on the tax rolls.

The court took no action on the non-profit partnership proposal.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

REUNIONS

**THE CLASS OF 1949** will be having its 50th class reunion on Oct. 14-16.

The following is a list of missing classmates: John Brinkhaer, Roy Burke, Beverly Campbell, Winona Fincher, Helen Eubanks Harris, Irvin Hurt, Myrl Lou McGuire, Rodman Roberts, Vonia "Scottie" Scott, Jean Seiler, Jo Ann Tanner, and Jean (Waldrop) Womac.

If you have any information of these classmates, please contact Katie Jones Cathey at 263-4611 or Jane Stripling Jones at 263-3078.

**THE CLASS OF 1954** is having their 45th class reunion, Oct. 15-16. We have been unable to locate the following class members:

Martha Buford, Norma Burns, Rebecca Chadwick, Viola Chandler, James Day, Glenda Drennan, Angel Franco, Wayne Lankford, Donald Malone, David McNeely, Kim Milling, Arlene Mitchell, Lewis Newell, Wanda Rouse, Shirley Spero, Joy Towery, Jack Wactendorf, Don Washburn, and Mike Williamson.

If you can help us with an address or phone number for one of these class members, please call 267-6400.

**THE BIG SPRING HIGH** School Class of 1959 will have a 40th reunion Oct. 15-16. We need the address for the following people: Carol Aston, Jerry Baird, Karen Baldwin Argo, Mary Ruth Barrington

Kennemur, W.L. Bowen, Warren Boyd, Nancy Branch Hope, Ronald Paul Buie, Lewis Burns, Walter Brent Clark, Linda Fern Conwell, Bill Cooper, Jeanette Culwell Williams, Joe Davis, Nancy Eldridge, Cliff Epps, Beatrice Gonzales, Marilyn Hall, Ronnie Hammack, Joan Heise, Rosie Hinojos, Jo Ann Lane, David Leppert, Joe McCowan, Larry McNeill, Joe McWilliams, Ross Plant, Don Pederson, Don Richardson, Tommy Roger, Amelia Rosas, Irene Rudd Thornton, Marvin Simmons, Bessie Lucille Smith, Sylvia Valdez, and Charlene Williamson.

Please Call Toni Hamby at 267-7737 if you have any information about these '59 graduates.

**THE BIG SPRING HIGH** School Class of 1964 will be holding their 35th reunion Oct. 14-16.

The following is a list of missing classmates: Michael Patrick Alexander, Sheri Jon Andre, Sherry Lynn Aton, Shirley Darlene Baker, Sherry L. Beard, Marvin Eugene Bell, Jeanne Bogard, Marshall Ray Box, Douglas Henry Brandon, Janice Ann Brokaw, Joe Louis Brown, Richard Leslie Brown, Sidney T. Buford, Coye Lee Burton, James Michael Butler, William Caire, James Robert Capps, Marilyn Ann Clark, Robert Malcolm Compton, Susan Gayle Copeland, Diane Corbell, Richard Herbert Dahnke, Sharon Davis, Anita Porras DeLeon, Brenda Lou Diese, Wayne Eugene Dietz, Marvin Thomas Erhardt, John Charles Farquhar, Alberto S. Fierro, Ricardo C. Flores, Thresa Ann Foster, Samuel Kyce Franklin, Jo Beth Gass, Linda Kay Gibson, James Michael Gilbert, Lennox Earl Gilmer, Martha Ann Blickman, James Allen Gooch, Jack M. Griffin Jr., Robert Elwin Griffith, Aubrey Leopold Guinn, Linda Elaine Hall, Jim Richard Hamilton, Sharyl Eleanor Harp, Charles L. Hethcoat III, Regina Marie Hine, Gary D. Holeman, Herbert James Holland Jr., Larry Don Hood, Jimmy Ray Horton, Robert Don Huestis, Arion Dee Lee Hughey, Billy James Hutcheison, Doyle William Irwin, Edward Lee Jackson, Georgia Mae Jackson, Walter Aleznder Jeusp, Jeanette Johnson, Jennie Lucille Johnson, Patricia Ann Jones, Paula Jan Jones, Velton Lee Jones, Gail Kennedy, James A. Kernan, Susan Anne

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 5,9,1  
CASH 5: 7,9,16,17,22

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

King, Karen Ann Landrum, Kenneth Duane Lawton Jr., Billy Joe Leugoud, Diana Joan Little, Linda Manley, William F. Marino, Velma Ann Marlin, Carolyn Marsalis, Judy Marsh, Beatrice Martinez, Sandra Gay Merrell, Lillian Merritt, Darlene Adelle Moser, Joe Munoz, Patsy Jane McElyea, Patricia Ann McGlasson, Susan Ellen McNary, James Elton Nipp, Asucena Olguin, Jean Oliver, Sherry Lynn Owens, Linda Lee Painter, Lee Roy Paul, Anastacio Perez, Thomas Phillips, Donald Lee Pierce, Jean Randell, Thurman Randle, Marion Ransom, Truett Tom Russell, Diana Rachel Salame, Ector Saunders, E.J. Self, Betty Lucille Sherman, Linda Lou Shuffield, Fred Henry Simmons, Dennis Ray Smith, James Roland Smith, Napoleon Smith, Norman Alan Smith, Timothy Young Smith, Vernon Taylor Smith, Joe Robert Spencer, Eva Marie Statham, Linda Ruth Statham, nSherry Kay Stevens, Susan Stephens, Alice Stewart, Lester Terrance Strech, Paul Eugene Sturdevant, Charles Jerry Sweeney, James Tarbet, David Earl Taylor, Andrea Mary Terrell, Joe Rankin Thompson, Connie LaRue Thornton, Mary Lera Thornton, Maria Trevino, Patricia Ann Tubb, Jo Nell Turner, Shirley June Underwood, Mary Frances Wade, Barbara Ann Wadle, Charlie West Jr., Sandra Lee Wheat, Linda Jean Whisenhunt, Russell Robert Wilkinson Jr., Milton Raymond Williamson, Nelson Greer Willis, Patricia Ann Winterhalter, Joyce Evelyn Wrightsil, and Rosalinda Zubiute.

If you have information on any of these classmates, please call 267-9621 or 263-7000 before 10 p.m. or e-mail to bshs.grads1964@n2texas.com.

als are an independent group focusing on sickness prevention and management utilizing non-toxic simple saccharides to help our body heal itself. Training sessions are the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 1909 S. Gregg. For more information call 267-3013 or 267-2424.

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.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today.

•STACEY KELLER, 32, was arrested on local warrants.

•ADAM EDENS, 17, was arrested on local warrants.

•LISA RODRIGUEZ, 19, was arrested on local warrants.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block of NE Eighth, the 1100 block of W. Sixth and the 2700 block of Lynn.

•THEFT was reported at 400 E. Fourth.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at 2204 Carl.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 500 block of Doney.

•THEFT BY CHECK was reported at 400 E. Fourth and 1700 block of E. Marcy.

•MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at Virginia and Washington, the 2500 block of Wason, and the 800 block of Douglas.

•CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 300 block of Owens.

SHERIFF

The following information was transcribed from the Howard County Sheriff's Department arrest logs through 8 a.m. Tuesday.

•MARCUS E. GRAY, 22, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for driving with license invalid/suspended.

•ELIHU GUTIERREZ-MANZANO, 36, was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

•JAVIER RIVERA, 36, was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

•LAHOMA RENEE GOOD-BLANKET was arrested for issuance of a bad check on a Scurry County warrant and theft by check/previous conviction any theft on a Taylor County warrant.

•RICKEY MANN, 46, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. (DPS)

•AGUINAGA JUAN CERVANTES, 41, was arrested for driving while intoxicated/3rd or more.

•KYLE LYNN COKER, 20, was arrested for reckless driving. (BSPD)

•THEODORE DIAZ, 44, was arrested for driving while intoxicated/2nd. (BSPD)

•VICTOR BALDERAS FLORES, 32, was arrested for public intoxication. (DPS)

•ANGELA L. RODRIGUEZ, 31, was arrested for driving will license invalid/suspended. (BSPD)

•JULIO BELTRAN, 35, was arrested for assault/family violence.

•WELDON MICHAEL GIBBS, 20, was arrested for issuance of a bad check.

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 Sue Jones, 263-7361 ext. 7179 or 264-7518.

•"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.

•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.)

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906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331  
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# Government rejects complaint of unfair pricing of oil imports

WASHINGTON (AP) — A trade dispute that dumbfounded many economists is coming to an end before it even really began with the government throwing out a complaint from a group of U.S. oilmen that sought steep taxes on oil imports.

The Commerce Department on Monday rejected a petition from a group of U.S. independent oil companies that charged four of the world's leading oil producing countries with dumping cheap oil on the U.S. market contrary to American trade laws.

The department said the oilmen from Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma did not demonstrate

sufficient U.S. industry support to invoke U.S. anti-dumping laws that would have triggered tariffs on 60 percent of the oil imported into the United States.

The Clinton administration, the oil producing countries involved, and some of the country's biggest energy users immediately expressed their relief. Higher tariffs would have meant higher energy and gasoline prices, they argued.

"The denial is a win-win for U.S. consumers and domestic oil producers," said Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, who had been frustrated by the oilmen's action. He said the petition distracted officials from helping the U.S. industry and

jeopardized "important strategic relationships" with Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Mexico. The three countries as well as Iraq had been targeted by the petition filed last month by a group calling itself Save Domestic Oil Inc., based in Enid, Okla.

Harold Hamm, chairman of the group and an Oklahoma oil producer, reacted sharply to the Commerce decision, calling it "a classic example of government disregarding the rights of the 'little guy' in favor of the greedy self-interests of the wealthy."

Hamm said the group would appeal the decision to the Court of International Trade. Such appeals, however, often take

several years to resolve, according to trade experts.

The group had argued their industry, especially in the historic oil patch of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, had been severely harmed by the low prices of imported oil and that the anti-dumping trade laws should protect them.

The petitions charged that the foreign producers sold oil in the United States in some cases for less than it cost to produce and in other cases for less than they sold it for in other markets such as Japan. They also charged that government subsidies to the government-owned oil companies violated U.S. trade laws.

But the allegations won't be

investigated.

The Commerce Department, after a review by its International Trade Administration, found that the Oklahoma-based group had "insufficient industry support" to trigger a formal investigation under U.S. anti-dumping trade laws.

It said that "opposition to the petition from U.S. producers exceeded support for the petitions" and that "without adequate industry support, Commerce is prohibited by law from initiating investigations."

The department made spot checks, direct inquiries and received comments from nearly 1,000 oil companies and producers and found that only about a

third of those responding were in favor of the complaint, officials said. By law at least half of those commenting must favor a petition to trigger a full investigation.

The American Petroleum Institute, representing the large oil companies, vowed to fight the petition at every step and rallied key energy users from truckers to chemical companies, against it.

The API said while there is no question that low oil prices have hurt the U.S. industry, "these low prices were set by the forces of supply and demand ... not by alleged unfair pricing by a handful of oil producing countries."

## Coalition calls for later start to school year

AUSTIN (AP) — A San Antonio-based coalition encouraged school districts Monday to push the beginning of school back to September, saying an early start isn't educationally beneficial and undermines teacher development.

Texas for a Traditional School Year contends that public schools have traditionally started Sept. 1 or later, but have recently been opening their doors in early to mid-August.

"The result is a bloated school calendar that has created shorter summers," said Tina Bruno, coalition executive director. "That means teachers have less time to pursue professional development and students who need to work have less time to do so."

Ms. Bruno noted that Plano Independent School District started classes last week, while Austin students begin this week and many Houston children return next week.

"Starting school in August provides no educational benefit, yet it creates headaches,

heartaches and hardships," Ms. Bruno said.

There are currently no state requirements for when classes should start, but students must be in class 180 days a year.

In some schools that start classes early, winter and spring breaks are getting longer and districts scatter other days off during the year, she said.

"Working families who must foot the bill for child care during the many breaks the longer school year creates would have one less burden on their household budgets" if classes began later, Ms. Bruno said.

There have been several attempts in the Legislature to establish a standard calendar that starts in September, but some districts say that would mean delaying midterm exams until after winter break, which disrupts studies.

"We don't want our students to have to study over winter break," said Carole Greisdorf, spokeswoman for Plano Independent School District, which began classes Aug. 2.

Ms. Greisdorf said the early start is a benefit to students and teachers who can take college summer courses, since the school year ends May 19th.

"There are certainly some parents who would prefer a more traditional calendar, but our surveys say there is a 70 percent approval rate for the one we have," she said.

Ms. Greisdorf said the district has used the "collegiate-style calendar" for about five years and officials "very strongly believe that school calendars should be a home-rule decision."

That's not enough to counter the benefits of a three-month summer, Ms. Bruno said.

With a later school start, students can work longer, there's more time for family vacations, teachers can pursue advanced degrees and districts would avoid the cost of cooling classes during one of Texas' hottest months, she said.

Starting school in mid-August also hurts the more than 200,000 children whose parents are

migrant farm workers, said Ms. Bruno.

They sometimes miss a month of classes, she said.

The Texas tourism industry has long opposed opening school in mid-August because it cuts about a month off the traditional summer vacation season, including the Labor Day weekend.

That, in part, inspired the New Braunfels Independent School District to start school a week later — Aug. 25, said Stephanie Ferguson, spokeswoman for the district.

"A lot of businesses hire a lot of high school students for the summer and the season doesn't end until after Labor Day," Ms. Ferguson said.

The New Braunfels community depends heavily on its summer time tourism, including Schlitterban Water Park, she noted.

Ms. Ferguson said the school year end will end at about the same time, but that the district shuffled some of the days that students will get off.

## Expulsions for bringing weapons to school drop

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite deadly shootings that have left the nation wondering what's wrong with America's schoolchildren, the number of students expelled for bringing guns and other weapons to school dropped nearly a third overall and by more than half in many states, the Education Department said today.

Fifty states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories reported that 3,930 students were kicked out in the 1997-1998 year for bringing weapons to their public schools — 31 percent fewer than the 5,724 expulsions reported for 1996-97, the first year of the report. There are about 52 million students in U.S. public schools.

The data, however, is based on disciplinary action only and does not tell the rate at which students carry firearms to school.

The expulsions, mandatory under federal law, are not permanent and last up to a year. The figures for some states in the report could be skewed because the 1996-97 data that they reported to the Education Department included all weapons-related incidents, not just firearms possession expulsions.

Illinois figures for that school year, for example, included expulsions for BB guns, sling shots and other weapons; Maryland was for number of incidents not expulsions; and Missouri included non-firearms such as brass knuckles, airguns and knives in its weapons expulsion count.

Despite the caveats, Education Secretary Richard W. Riley said the report, coupled with a recent study by the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention indicating a decline in fights and other violence at high schools, "shows that fewer young people are carrying guns or taking them into schools."

The nation was stunned last spring by the massacre in Littleton, Colo., where two students stormed into Columbine High School with handguns and rifles, killing 12 classmates and a teacher before shooting themselves.

A month later six students were wounded at a high school in Conyers, Ga.

Those attacks followed fatal school-related shootings in recent years in Pearl, Miss., West Paducah, Ky., Jonesboro, Ark., Edinboro, Pa., and Springfield, Ore.

This spate of violence has led schools to enhance physical security, conduct more locker searches and generally increase the time and attention paid to student safety.

The Education Department report is designed to measure the progress of the 1994 Gun-Free Schools Act, which required states receiving federal education aid to pass their own laws ordering school districts to expel for one year any student who brings a firearm to school. All 50 states have passed such laws. The District of Columbia and five U.S. territories join the states in reporting the expulsions each year.

California and Texas were the only states that expelled 300 students or more in the 1997-98 school year.

Delaware, Oregon, and South Dakota had the highest concentration of expelled students; those states and Minnesota and Mississippi also had some of the highest increases in expulsions.

## State files argument supporting voluntary prayers

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General John Cornyn, Gov. George W. Bush, Texas and several other states filed arguments Monday with the U.S. Supreme Court, supporting a school district's policy of allowing students to choose voluntary prayers at graduation ceremonies and sports events.

The brief asks the high court to hear the case of the Santa Fe Independent School District, which is located about 30 miles southeast of Houston.

Cornyn said a decision by the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will require school officials to cen-

sor student-initiated and student-given prayer.

This conflicts with a decision by the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that said student-initiated religious speech is constitutionally protected, Cornyn said.

The Santa Fe district is asking the Supreme Court to hear its case in order to resolve the split between the two appeals courts.

"School officials should not be forced to censor student speech at graduation ceremonies and sporting events. These students have a constitutionally protected right to free speech, and I

support that right," Cornyn said.

Two unidentified Houston-area parents brought the lawsuit against the Santa Fe district in 1995, claiming that football game prayers violated the constitutional separation of church and state.

The friend of the court brief filed Monday says the Santa Fe school district allowed the graduating class to choose by secret ballot whether to have an invocation and benediction as part of graduation ceremonies.

Students also could elect whether to have a brief invocation during pre-game cere-

monies of home varsity football games, it says.

According to the attorney general, a panel of appeals court judges ruled in February that the district's policies violated the First Amendment because they didn't prohibit "sectarian" or "proselytizing" prayers by students.

While the court said schools could allow students to deliver prayers at graduation as long as they were nonsectarian and nonproselytizing, the court also said even student-initiated prayers are never permissible at school-sponsored football games, Cornyn said.

## Survey: One in four employees feels angry at work

CHICAGO (AP) — As she headed home from her job as an administrative assistant at a bank, the stress and anger lingering from Ariella Winograd's workday apparently showed.

"Did my boss call you? Can you read my face?" Ms. Winograd said when asked Monday about anger in the workplace. "I definitely have office rage."

She's not alone. Nearly 25 percent of respondents to a 1996 Gallup nationwide telephone survey of 1,000 adults age 18 or older who were employed full- or part-time indicated that they were "generally at least somewhat angry at work," according to a new

study. Authors of the study say the statistic may help explain recent outbursts of workplace violence.

"In an environment where you think people are satisfied with their jobs, there is a sort of undercurrent of anger and resentment aimed at the workplace that could potentially lead to the kinds of explosions of rage we have seen," said Donald Gibson, a professor at the Yale University School of Management and a co-author of the study.

The study, "The Experience of Anger at Work: Lessons from the Chronically Angry," is scheduled to be presented Wednesday at the annual meeting of the Academy of Management in Chicago. It was sponsored by Marlin Co., a Connecticut-based management consulting firm.

There were 856 work-related murders in 1997, a 7 percent drop from 1996 that mirrors the fall in violent crime nationwide during this economic boom, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

According to the study, the

most common cause of workplace anger — cited by 11 percent of those questioned — was the actions of supervisors or managers.

Nine percent said co-workers, others not being productive and tight deadlines or a heavy workload were to blame. Others cited dealing with the public and being treated badly as reasons for their anger.

"There has been a lot of downsizing. A lot of companies are leaner and meaner, and many of the workers who are left feel overworked and underappreciated," Gibson said.

Ms. Winograd said her workplace peeves include condescending superiors and managers who do much of their business on the golf course, leaving the real work to assistants.

Ed Gordon, a computer consultant from Waukegan, said that to a certain degree, he can relate to the anger that led to acts of workplace violence.

"You wonder, 'What would it take?' and then you think, 'Jeez, could I do anything like that?'" he said.

Gibson said most of the effects

of workplace anger are subtle. They include a hostile work environment and the tendency to do the minimum amount of work to get by, resulting in a drop in productivity.

Suppressed workplace anger has also been linked to health complaints, such as anxiety, depression, high blood pressure and heart disease.

Gibson said managers need to communicate more with their workers in order to nip anger in the bud before it affects productivity or worse.

"They need to keep exploring, 'Am I as a manager taking actions that are causing anger?' and 'How is that affecting my company?'" he said.

## PUC orders 5-cent cut for in-state long distance rates

AUSTIN (AP) — The Public Utility Commission approved an average rate reduction of 5 cents a minute for in-state long distance calls Monday.

"This action marks the single greatest reduction ever in long distance rates for calls within Texas. It also removes hidden subsidies — the chief obstacle to wide-open competition in Texas telephone markets," said PUC Chairman Pat Wood.

PUC Commissioner Judy Walsh said it was important for customers to see savings quickly. The reductions will take effect this fall.

"Those companies that reduce rates fast will win in this competitive market," Ms. Walsh said.

The PUC said a basic customer with call waiting and caller identification who makes an hour's worth of in-state long distance calls will see the total bill drop by \$1.79 a month.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Tax holiday was a good pick-me-up

Many local businesses enjoyed banner sales Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the first-ever sales tax holiday. We were encouraged that several shops joined in to prompt tax-free sales, even though their products weren't among the very specific items which by law were covered during the event. They simply paid the tax themselves — another way, of course, of having a "sale," but a good one, nonetheless.

Locally at least, the sales tax holiday seems to have gone over well. Shoppers were able to save some dollars and merchants enjoyed a nice summer sales pick-me-up. Businesses did a good job of promoting the "holiday" and holding separate sales on the side, to attract shoppers of all ages.

The fact that stores like Wal-Mart and the two Bealls stores — three of the shops which carry the bulk of clothing for students — reported good sales, means that a lot of residents shopped at home. That, of course, is a real boost to the local economy.

Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc., which relies on sales taxes to do its job in attracting new industry and assisting established businesses, expects the loss in revenue it will receive to be relatively minor. In fact, it would not be surprising to find a slight boost in sales tax revenues simply due to the fact that many shoppers, while purchasing school clothes, were prone to pick up a few taxable items as well.

It's too early to know the entire impact of the sales tax holiday. To be sure, some stores reported a slight slow-down of purchases prior to the event. No doubt that was due to mom and dad putting off buying those back to school clothes to take advantage of the tax break.

We're sure that there were some complaints on how it was run or what items were or were not included — there are always a few bumps in the trial stages of any such an undertaking. But if merchants or citizens have suggestions about how to make it better, we're sure they'll let their legislators hear about it.

For now, it seems like a good situation all around, a "holiday" that will be marked on Texas' calendars for years to come.

## OTHER VIEWS

It took a judge's order in an alleged rape victim's lawsuit to force the nation's largest cruise company, Carnival Cruise Lines, to reveal how many sexual assault incidents it had investigated on its ships.

Sure, crime can happen anywhere. ... But victims on ships, in some cases, didn't get the same attention from law enforcement authorities as victims on dry land because of cruise company policy, and that's not acceptable. ...

Fortunately, the industry is changing its ways. ...

The International Council of Cruise Lines, which covers 90 percent of

the American cruise industry, has set up a uniform standard that requires all alleged crimes to be reported automatically to the FBI for any vessel that calls on U.S. ports or for any incident involving a U.S. citizen. ...

Industry officials assert that their ships are ... safer than small towns in the United States.

That may be true, but in the past, cruise companies seemed too concerned with merely looking safe. It's much better ... to make passenger safety the top priority.

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NEW ORLEANS

### Writer's Art: Thinking of vocabularies, plural

Five years ago a professor of English at the University of Hawaii won an award for an article published by the University of Minnesota Press. One sentence read:

"If such a sublime cyborg would insinuate the future as post-Fordist subject, his palpably masochistic locations as ecstatic agent of the sublime super-state need to be decoded as the 'now-all-but-unreadable DNA' of the fast deindustrializing Detroit, just as his Robocop-like strategy of carceral negotiation and street control remains the tirelessly American one of inflicting regeneration through violence upon the racially heteroglossic wilds and others of the inner city."

That won only the second prize. First prize went to a professor of literature at Duke University. He was writing about the cinema, I believe. He said:

"The visual is essentially pornographic, which is to say that it has its end in rapt, mindless fascination; thinking

about its attributes becomes an adjunct to that, if it is unwilling to betray its object; while the most austere films necessarily draw their energy from the attempt to repress their own excess (rather than from the more thankless effort to discipline the viewer)."

The two professors of English were not writing English. They were writing Gook, a kind of cold porridge intended to feed not only a specialized audience but a general audience as well. The name derives from gobbledegook, a form of political speech in which the object is not to inform, but to obscure.

Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee provided a splendid example last year when his committee was looking into allegations that the inscrutable Chinese were trying to buy their way into American politics. In a colloquy with Sen. John Glenn of Ohio he said:

"I'm sure we will not get diverted down rabbit trails about concocting the most elaborate and sinister motive and because people who wag records over to some commercial person's office to brief them on because they don't know anything that went wrong, that we should not be allowed to make ourselves — to avail ourselves — of all information that is available to us."

He added: "And that's what we've done."

developed in 1997 over uniform standards for the state's public schools. The board of education produced a plan that ran to 108 pages. This was part of the plan for students in the 11th grade:

"The learner will demonstrate and advocate for ways to correct dysfunctional, worrisome thought as to manage anger, fear and other stressful adult emotions."

In South Carolina, voters participated in a referendum on revocation of local blue laws. The ballot question read:

"Shall the prohibition on Sunday work continue in this county subject to an employee's right to elect not to work on Sunday if the prohibition is not continued after certification of the result of this referendum to the Secretary of State?"

Voters in 41 of the 42 counties voted "yes." Yes? Yes.

Several years ago the National Association of Insurance Commissioners drafted a "standard valuation law." In Illinois, legislators described it as "truly a consumer bill." It began:

"For any life insurance policy issued on or after Jan. 1, 1987, for which the contract premium in the first policy year exceeds that of the second year with no comparable benefit being provided in that first year ..."

The drafters plodded for 62

words before finding a subject for their sentence. They trudged another 48 words before tripping over the verb. They wandered through thickets of subordinate clauses and clinging vines before discovering a period at last — 248 words after the point at which they began. The bad news is that at least 42 states adopted the model law.

Gook of that great gumminess is a kind of art form. It takes a perverse skill to write so badly.

Other forms of writing may not be easily understandable, but there's a reason. On a recent Sunday I read Robert Byrne on chess.

He was talking about a Khenkin-Fancy game in which Black "did quite well after 8 ... b49 Nbd2 Bb7 10 a5 Be7 11 Ba4 Nbd7 12 dc Bc5 13 Ne5 O-O 14 Nd7 Nd7 15 Nb3 Bd5 16 e4 Bc4 17 Re1 Qf6!" With equal comprehension I might have read the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Doctors have their lingo, soccer players have theirs. The jargon of architects, musicians, plumbers and short-order cooks has its legitimate purpose. The English language must have hundreds of specialized vocabularies — and hooray for those who can master them! Gook is something else.

It manifests not thought, but rather the absence of thought. And that's something to think about.



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### Keep Social Security; end Social Security tax

Washington's great fiscal secret is that there exists an onerous, regressive and manifestly unfair tax just waiting to be cut, but no one with the courage to do it. Congress and the White House are debating the merits of an across-the-board income tax cut that will, if enacted, be insignificant for most taxpayers, when true tax relief may be found in nine simple words: keep Social Security, but end the Social Security tax. This would bring immediate relief to everyone earning less than \$72,600 per year.

Most Americans simply do not understand the Social Security system: Here is how it works:

No. 1. The largest single tax paid by most Americans is the Social Security tax, and because it is linked to benefit

payouts of Social Security, Medicare, disability payments, etc., it is viewed as untouchable. In fact, no link is necessary.

No. 2. The problem arises when government resorts to dedicated taxes. Typical of this is a toll bridge. Pay the toll; cross the bridge. The payment and benefit are immediate. However, the same is not true for most federal payouts, including national defense, welfare, aid to education, and so forth. These are paid out of the Treasury, which is primarily funded by general taxes and debt. There is no direct correlation between income and expenditure. So why is there with Social Security, where, unlike the toll bridge, no immediate benefit is received for the money spent? Indeed, no benefit may be received at all if you and your spouse die before age 65.

No. 3. The problem arises when government, fearful of tacking additional demands on an existing budget, ties a specific tax to a specific benefit. This amounted to two percent (one percent from the employee and one percent from the

employer) when the first Social Security tax was levied in 1937. It was insignificant, whereas today, the combined employee-employer or self-employed contribution is a whopping 15.3 percent of gross income. (And as every employer knows, anything paid on behalf of an employee is the same as paying it to the employee.)

No. 4. Because Social Security taxpayers are paying for the previous generation's retirement rather than their own, it is difficult to justify a dedicated tax. It is especially difficult to justify such a tax only on the first \$72,600 of income, when all taxpaying citizens should share in the care of our elderly and disabled citizens.

No. 5. Not to be ignored is the so-called Social Security Surplus Fund. This is the fund to which all Social Security taxes in excess of payouts are paid, but the reality is that there is no such fund. It is a paper creation because by law all of the money is placed in special Treasury Bills, the government's IOUs, and then it is spent. So we have the foolishness of the government owing

the Surplus Fund and the Surplus Fund owing the Social Security system, yet when it comes time to pay, the government will have only two choices: It can raise taxes or borrow more money. There is no surplus, and congressional calls for a "lockbox" to protect the surplus have no meaning because the money will still be paid in by the system and borrowed by the government.

But what does this mean in actual dollars? Is there going to be a sufficient budget surplus to allow such a huge tax cut? Probably not, which means that the income tax rates would surely have to go up. But, because taxpayers in all brackets would be sharing the burden, the increase most likely would be in the five percent area, and that on earnings after subtracting deductions and exemptions.

Ending the Social Security tax would bring true tax relief to millions of middle-income taxpayers, remove a burdensome tax for employers, and forever remove the silliness of the Social Security Surplus from our political and fiscal vocabularies.



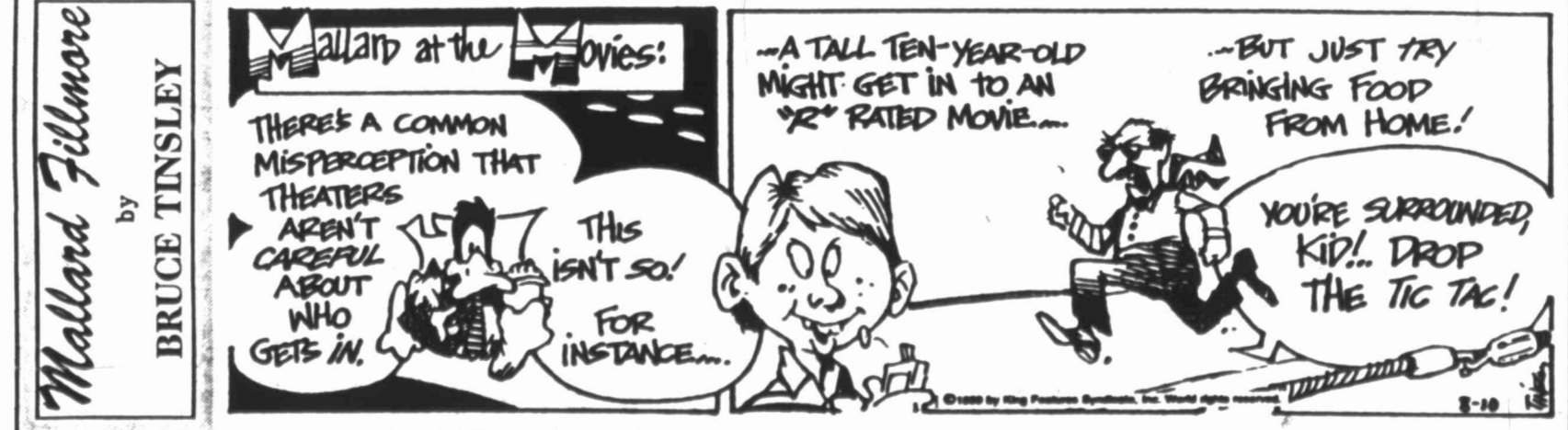
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### IN BRIEF

#### Youth soccer registration scheduled for Saturday

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association has scheduled registration for the upcoming season for 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

A second registration session will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21.

Any youngster who was 4 years of age or older by Aug. 1 is eligible to play in the league.

#### Local youngsters involved with top USSSA finishes

Five Big Spring youngsters played pivotal roles in their teams' finishes at the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) World Series in Joplin, Mo.

Alex Watkins and Laura Olague helped the West Texas Storm squad take a 12-Under division national championship.

In 14-Under division action, the Midland Strike Force squad that included Christina Gwyn, Whitney Hufford and Bridget Cain finished third.

Watkins, a catcher and pitcher, and Olague, the Storm's center fielder, both contributed offensively, as the West Texans outscored opponents 49-12 during the tournament.

Watkins was named to the USSSA All-World Series team, an honor also afforded to Gwyn in the 14-Under division.

Gwyn went 2-for-3 at the plate in the Strike Force's 9-0 win over the Illinois Cobras on Saturday, including a home run that left her with four runs batted in.

In addition she went the distance in posting a perfect game and striking out eight Illinois batters.

Hufford added a 2-for-3 performance, driving in a run and Cain was 1-for-4 with an RBI.

The Strike Force saw its national championship hopes when it dropped a 6-3 loss to the Georgia Angels and a 3-1 setback to the Wisconsin Invaders on Sunday.

#### Big Spring Steer tickets on sale to season buyers

Season ticket holders have the first option on Big Spring Steers 1999 football tickets, that are now on sale at the BSISD Business Office.

The four-game package is priced at \$16, and season ticket holders will have until Friday to purchase tickets.

After that, tickets will go on sale to the general public from Monday, Aug. 16 until Friday, Sept. 3.

Tickets will be sold from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The office will be closed from noon until 1 p.m.

#### Little League football registration scheduled

Youngsters in the third through sixth grades interested in taking part in Crossroads Little League Football this fall will register from 6 to 8 each evening through Friday at the Big Spring Mall.

To register as either a player or a cheerleader, youngsters must have their birth certificate and their report card for last year.

For more information, call 270-2116 or 264-0887.

#### CRMWD now accepting hunting permit requests

Applications for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir wildlife management areas are currently being accepted by mail through Aug. 15.

For more information, call the CRMWD at 267-6341.

### ON THE AIR

**Radio**  
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL  
7:10 p.m. — Detroit Tigers at Texas Rangers, KBST-AM 1490.

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## Blue Jays pound out 25 hits in posting 19-4 win over Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Toronto Blue Jays scored so easily against Texas, they couldn't wait to get to the plate.

"On nights like these, you want to hurry up and get out there so you can get as many (at-bats) as you can," said Homer Bush, who had four hits, including a two-run homer, and drove in three runs in Toronto's 19-4 rout of the Rangers on Monday night. "You don't get many chances like this."

In fact, Toronto had never had this many hits. Nor had Texas allowed so many.



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The Blue Jays' 25 hits set a team record for most in a game and broke a Texas record for most allowed in nine innings. The previous Toronto record was set on June 26, 1978, against Baltimore. Texas had allowed 24 hits twice.

Toronto also matched the AL high for hits this year by Baltimore on June 13 at Atlanta. Six Toronto players had three or more hits, and three players scored at least three runs. Bush and Jacob Brumfield each had four.

The 19 runs were the most Toronto had ever scored against Texas. It was also the most allowed by the Rangers this season and one short of the team record.

"It was fun, you have to enjoy it," said Carlos Delgado, who hit his fifth home run in four games. "Next time, it could

be the other way around."

Delgado's homer off Mike Morgan (12-7) in the first inning was his fifth in the series, matching a Texas record for most home runs by an opponent in a series. John Mayberry of Kansas City had five in a three-game series July 1-3, 1975.

It was Delgado's 31st of the season and 13th career homer against Texas, most ever by a Rangers opponent. Delgado finished the series with 11 hits and has hit .538 (14-26) against the Rangers this season. He had three hits and four RBIs Monday.

Rangers reliever Doug Davis made his major league debut and was tagged for 10 runs and 11 hits in 2 1-3 innings. Shawn Green hit a three-run shot in the sixth on Davis' third pitch, and the rookie later gave up a three-run homer to

Batista and a two-run drive by Bush.

"It was one of those nights that everything they hit was either smoked or topped," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "Everything they hit fell in."

Blue Jays starter Joey Hamilton (5-6) allowed three earned runs on five hits in five innings.

The Blue Jays won three of four against Texas, which had been 17-3 since the All-Star break. Toronto scored 32 runs in the series.

"Tonight's game was important for us," said Green, who had three hits and drove in four runs. "To win like this, especially after winning two of the first three, is a huge confidence-booster for us."

Ivan Rodriguez hit his 23rd homer in the Texas first.

## Browns really back!

### Open preseason taking 20-17 OT win over Dallas

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Their prized rookie quarterback played like a seasoned veteran. So did the first-year cornerback. The defense was as tough as advertised and their special teams were terrific.

Born again after three years, the Cleveland Browns aren't a typical expansion team. And in their debut Monday night on national TV, they didn't play like one.

Capping a night of pageantry and passion, the new Browns made a victorious return to the NFL with a 20-17 overtime victory against the Dallas Cowboys in the Hall of Fame game.

For the Browns and their fans, there couldn't be a sweeter ending to their three-year comeback.

"I think what was impressive is how we won it," said linebacker Chris Spielman, who played his first game in two years. "We competed. I'll tell you what, we're going to be a competitive football team."

Before the Browns start getting ahead of themselves, their performance wasn't flawless. But for an expansion franchise given just 11 months to get ready for its first game — Jacksonville and Carolina had two years — the Browns are off to a flying start.

Phil Dawson kicked a 20-yard field goal with 8:06 remaining in overtime for the Browns, who had a chance to win in regulation. But Danny Kight missed a 47-yarder as time expired.

The winning drive was set up by rookie cornerback Daylon McCutcheon's second interception.

"This is a great start for me," said McCutcheon, whose father, Lawrence, a former NFL running back, was in the stands. "But that's all it was. Now, I have to build on this. We all have to build on this."

Browns rookie quarterback Tim Couch dazzled in his pro debut. Couch, the No. 1 overall pick in April's college draft, showed great poise in his first appearance in an NFL uniform.

He completed 11 of 17 passes for 137 yards and a touchdown, and ran twice for 144 yards.

After replacing starter Ty Detmer early in the second quarter, Couch overthrew his first attempt before completing 10 straight. He and rookie Kevin Johnson hooked up for



Emmitt Smith, pictured here going through warmup drills before a 1993 game, saw little action last night in the NFL Hall of Fame Game against the Cleveland Browns. The same was true for many of the Dallas stars, as the Cowboys suffered a 20-17 overtime loss.

24-yard scoring play in the second quarter, giving the Browns a 14-7 lead.

"It was good to get that first touchdown pass out of the way," Couch said. "Especially to get it to Kevin. Hopefully, that will be the first of many for us."

Cleveland president Carmen Policy grinned from ear to ear talking about Couch, signed by the Browns to a seven-year, \$59 million deal before draft day.

"You saw a little bit of why we wanted him," Policy said. "A little bit."

Jason Garrett threw two TD passes for Dallas, which rested most of its regulars after the first quarter. Troy Aikman finished 9-for-11 for 85 yards in limited action.

"I thought Jason executed the offense very well," Dallas coach Chan Gailey said.

But whether they had won or lost, the night belonged to Cleveland and the Browns, whose first win also came in Chris Palmer's debut as an NFL head coach.

"It was emotional," Palmer said. "This is for the fans of Cleveland. They've suffered for three years."

Browns fans hadn't been able to cheer their beloved team since Dec. 17, 1995, the final

game at Cleveland Stadium after former owner Art Modell announced he was moving his team to Baltimore.

But once Modell left and the shock wore off, Cleveland fought back and convinced the NFL to bring a team back in 1999. The league also agreed to keep the new team's nickname, colors and history the same.

To showcase the Browns' return, the league switched this year's Hall of Fame game from Saturday to Monday night so a prime-time audience could see the new Browns' debut.

"It's a proud night for the NFL and Cleveland," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said moments before kickoff. "Now the tradition and history can go on for another century."

Clad in brown and orange, some wearing jerseys with names like Kosar, Brown and Kelly stitched on their backs, Browns fans arrived early to tailgate in parking lots and on tree-lined side streets before walking to Fawcett Stadium, packed with a record 25,156 fans.

Even the Cowboys were happy to see the old orange helmets again.

"It's good to see the Dawg Pound back in the NFL," Aikman said.

## Matos plays hero twice for Braves in win over Astros

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A reversed call by the umpires robbed Pascual Matos' of his first career home run.

All was not lost for the Atlanta Braves' rookie catcher, who was a hero twice in one at-bat and got to keep the ball from his first major league hit.

After umpires changed their call and turned a three-run homer into a foul ball, Matos followed with a two-run, tiebreaking single in the eighth inning to give Atlanta a 5-3 victory over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

"If I die tomorrow," Matos said, "that's OK."

Matos retrieved the ball after his two-run single and plans to send it to his parents in the Bronx.

The Braves, who spent the previous six days in second place, reclaimed the top spot in the NL East by a half-game over the New York Mets, who were routed 9-2 by Los Angeles.

In other National League games, it was Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 2; St. Louis 12, Philadelphia 6; Florida 5, San Francisco 4; Montreal 8, San Diego 0; Arizona 10, Chicago 7; and Milwaukee 7, Colorado 6.

In American League games, Toronto pounded Texas 19-4, Kansas City beat Boston 5-2, Cleveland downed Anaheim 4-0 and Tampa Bay defeated Baltimore 10-9.

Matos, 0-for-7 in his major league career, came up with one out and runners on second and third in a 3-3 game.

On the first pitch from Doug Henry (1-2), Matos sent a towering drive down the left-field line that was initially ruled a homer by third-base umpire Larry Vanover.

"I saw it curve in front of the foul pole five or seven inches," Matos said. "When he called it fair, I told myself to run the bases fast or maybe he'll change his mind."

Matos made it to the dugout and began celebrating with his teammates. The Astros argued and after a brief discussion between the umpires, Matos was called back from the dugout.

Matos then lined a single past a diving Russ Johnson at third to score Ryan Klesko and Andrew Jones with the tiebreaking runs.

"I told myself, 'Oh, man, I've got to hit again,'" Matos recalled. "But I tried again to

hit the ball hard and I got it between third and shortstop. I was still happy."

#### Dodgers 9, Mets 2

Kevin Brown (13-6) allowed two hits in seven scoreless innings before leaving with a blister on a finger on his right hand.

Brown won his fourth straight decision as the Dodgers took three of four from the Mets, who had led the NL East since Aug. 2. New York has lost three straight for the first time since an eight-game skid ended June 6.

Orel Hershiser (11-9) allowed three runs, six hits and five walks in five innings. Eric Karros had four RBIs.

#### Reds 4, Pirates 2

Denny Neagle (3-3) limited his former Pittsburgh teammates to one hit in seven-plus innings — his longest start in an injury-interrupted season.

Scott Williamson finished up the two-hitter for his 16th save. The Reds are 37-16 on the road.

Mike Cameron had a two-run single, his fifth hit in two games, in a three-run fifth against Todd Ritchie (10-8).

#### Cardinals 12, Phillies 6

Fernando Tatis hit his third grand slam of the season for St. Louis.

Tatis, who hit two grand slams in the same inning April 23 at Los Angeles, hit his third on Billy Brewer's first pitch in a five-run fourth.

J.D. Drew, the Cardinals outfielder who is disliked in Philadelphia because he refused to sign with the Phillies after the 1997 draft, did not play due to a bruised right hand, but was booed loudly during batting practice.

Ron Gant homered twice for the Phillies.

Kent Mercker (5-4) allowed four hits in the first inning, but only two after that. Steve Schrenk (1-2) took the loss.

#### Diamondbacks 10, Cubs 7

Matt Williams keyed a six-run eighth with a go-ahead RBI single off Scott Sanders (4-6) as Arizona won in Chicago, overcoming Sammy Sosa's 43rd homer.

Williams also had a two-run single as Arizona won for the 15th time in 19 games. The Cubs have lost nine of 12.

Omar Daal (11-6) won for the eighth time in 10 decisions.

## Refreshed Couples ready to prove he's worthy of Ryder Cup spot

MEDINAH, Ill. (AP) — CBS Sports announcer Jim Nantz was walking the 18th fairway at Medinah Country Club, trying to get an idea how difficult a closing hole it will be for the PGA Championship.

Perhaps he shouldn't have been watching Fred Couples.

When his game is on, Couples tends to make everything look easy. And when Couples plays with a sense of purpose, he can be downright dangerous.

"I expect to play well," Couples said Monday following his first practice round at Medinah. "I've been home practicing, working on my game. I'm ready to play."

He has a lot riding on how he plays

this week.

Couples is the most experienced active American in the Ryder Cup, having played on every team since 1989. He would like to play on his sixth straight team, and told captain Ben Crenshaw as much in a meeting two weeks ago.

Now, he wants to prove he deserves it. Currently 17th in the standings going into the final event for Ryder Cup points, Couples would have to finish at least fourth to have any chance of getting one of the 10 automatic berths. The more likely scenario is for him to make the team as a captain's choice.

Maybe.

"If I don't play well here, there's no way I'll be on the team," Couples said. "That doesn't mean I need to win here. But I need to feel as though I can beat anybody. If I play well, I can look at the guy and say, 'Hey, I'm hitting it where I'm looking. I'm going to be ready.'"

What kind of score will that take? Couples isn't sure.

In fact, he's not exactly sure what to make of Medinah, which hasn't seen the top players in the world since the 1990 U.S. Open.

All Couples and the rest of the field know is that at 7,401 yards, Medinah is the longest course for a major championship that wasn't played in high altitude. It might play shorter, depending on where the PGA of America puts the tees, but there is no mistaking the par-5s — three of them are at least 580 yards.

"They're fairly boring in a golf way," Couples said of the par-5s. "They're beautiful holes. But you hit a drive and then say, 'What do I have — 320 to the front?' Hit 4-iron and 80-yard shot. But they're very difficult. I wouldn't mind par on every other one, because you can make 6s on them."

That and the greens, which were so

baked by record heat in Chicago that many of them already had brown spots on them Monday, were his only complaints.

Medinah is known as the "Monster of the Midwest," and it has Couples' utmost respect.

"It's nice to be playing a course of this caliber," he said. "From the standpoint of hitting the ball, I think it's one of the hardest courses we'll play."

The hardest course in what has been a tough test of majors was Carnoustie Golf Links, something Couples chose not to experience. He wanted to go, but didn't consider it a prudent decision.

After what he saw on television — 6-over as the winning score — it was a smart decision. But Couples is also enjoying the best of times of his life with his wife, Thais, and the six weeks away from the game has helped recharge his batteries.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Last March, my best friend, "Emma," and I opened a business together. We had a falling out three weeks ago and haven't spoken since. She's very stubborn and can't admit when she's wrong. On a hunch, I called the 24-hour banking service for our business account. Lo and behold, the balance was zero. A week ago it held more than \$200. I checked further. There have been four ATM transactions in the last two weeks - all withdrawals. One was done at a store where business was more than likely done; however, the others were done at the supermarket.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Abby, we were best friends - or so I thought. I feel Emma stole the money. She didn't let me know we owed people who had helped us get started, so of course I have to pay them back. I am so angry and hurt I don't know what to do. Our friendship is over. I'm really going to miss that because Emma was like a sister to me. I don't know what to do from here - take her to court, scream at her, tell the world or just let it go. Your thoughts, please. - STEPPED ON AND USED IN N.J.

**DEAR USED:** Now that you have vented, call your former business partner and ask her to account for the money that was supposed to be in the business account. She MAY have had a legitimate reason for withdrawing the funds.

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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)  
\*\*\*Energy flows in and out. Expect a difference in children and loved ones. If you are single, you might find Mr. or Ms. Right charging into your life. Certainly, the status quo plunges into turmoil. Losing your temper with an associate over money isn't going to help. Tonight: Let others come to you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*If you feel like hiding your head in the sand and avoiding what is going on, you aren't far from wrong. Heavy energy does somersaults with your family and home life. You might not see this activity for a month, yet you sense its presence. Others push hard to have it their way. Tonight: Consider vanishing!

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*Communication generally sizzles around you, but it is likely to produce a cascade of feelings and ideas over the next few weeks. Use care when considering a major purchase, like a car or computer. You might not like what you get if you are impulsive. Tonight: Where the gang is.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*Holding on to your wallet might be difficult, but it is absolutely necessary for the next few weeks. Others have different ideas about spending than you do. Maintain tight control in this area. A friend could be unusually difficult. Avoid an argument; give him space. Tonight: Head home.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\*In a tense atmosphere, others turn to you for solutions, ideas and, most of all, some humor. Your perspective could be soured by a difficult authority figure. A roommate or family member wants some changes in his relationship with you and lets you know in no uncertain terms! Tonight: Beam in what you want.

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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

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\*\*\*Communication generally sizzles around you, but it is likely to produce a cascade of feelings and ideas over the next few weeks. Use care when considering a major purchase, like a car or computer. You might not like what you get if you are impulsive. Tonight: Where the gang is.

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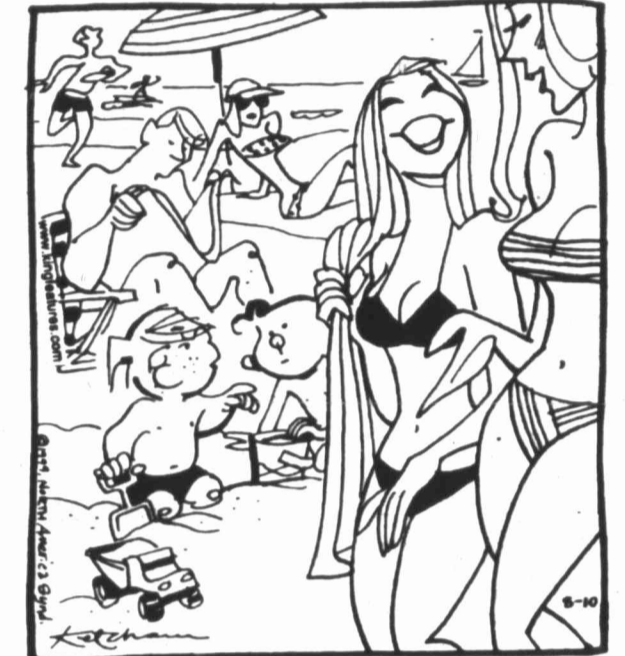
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FAMILY CIRCUS



DENNIS THE MENACE



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"When the lightning flashes in their eyes, the clouds get mad and grumble."

"WHEN PEOPLE ON TV DRESS LIKE THAT, MY MOM MAKES ME CHANGE CHANNELS."

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Aug. 10, the 222nd day of 1999. There are 143 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 10, 1846, Congress chartered the Smithsonian Institution, named after English scientist James Smithson, whose bequest of \$500,000 had made it possible.

On this date: In 1809, Ecuador struck its first blow for independence from Spain.

In 1821, Missouri became the 24th state.

In 1874, Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, was born in West Branch, Iowa.

In 1885, Leo Daft opened America's first commercially operated electric streetcar, in Baltimore.

In 1944, during World War II, American forces overcame remaining Japanese resistance on Guam.

In 1949, the National Military Establishment was renamed the Department of Defense.

In 1969, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca were murdered in their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actress Sharon Tate and four other people were slain.

In 1977, postal employee David Berkowitz was arrested in Yonkers, N.Y., accused of being New York City's "Son of Sam," the gunman responsible for six slayings and seven wounding.

In 1988, President Reagan signed a measure providing \$20,000 payments to Japanese-Americans interned during World War II.

In 1993, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was sworn in as the second woman on the Supreme Court.

Ten years ago: Poland's Roman Catholic church suspended an agreement to move nuns from a convent on the edge of Auschwitz, blaming Jewish groups for creating what it called an "atmosphere of aggressive demands."

Five years ago: President Clinton claimed presidential immunity in asking a federal judge to dismiss, at least for the time being, a sexual harassment lawsuit filed by Paula Corbin Jones, a former Arkansas state employee.

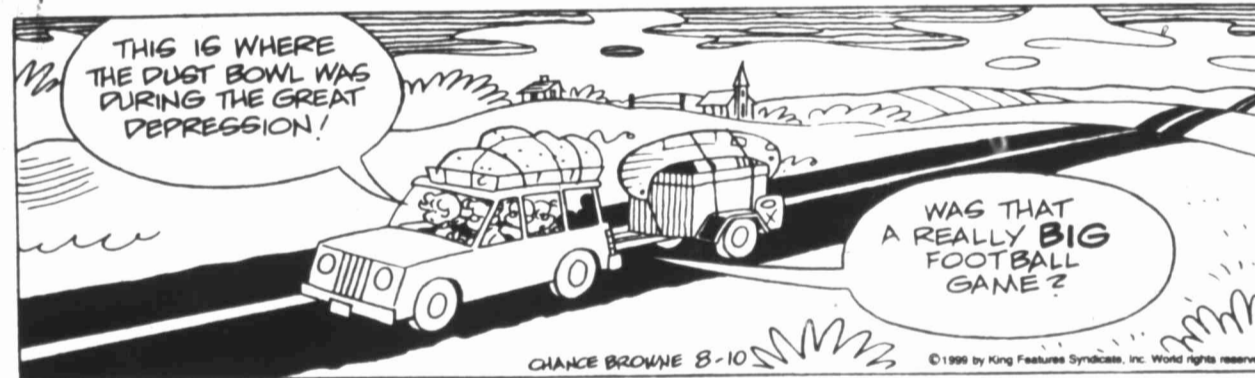
One year ago: Secretary of State Madeleine Albright announced a \$2 million reward for information leading to the conviction of terrorists who bombed U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, killing 224 people, including 12 Americans.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jeff Corey is 85. Singer Al Alberts (The Four Aces) is 77. Actress Rhonda Fleming is 76. Bluegrass singer-songwriter Jimmy Martin is 72. Singer Jimmy Dean is 71. Singer Eddie Fisher is 71. Actress Kate O'Mara is 60. Singer Bobby Hatfield (The Righteous Brothers) is 59. Singer Ronnie Spector is 56. Rock singer-musician Ian Anderson (Jethro Tull) is 52. Singer Patti Austin is 51.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

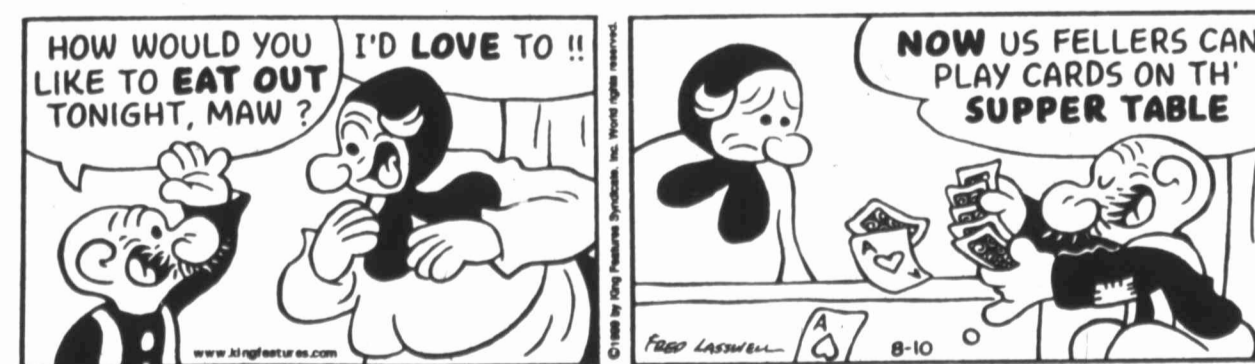
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By Eugene R. Puffenberger Reston, VA

Monday's Puzzle Solved

Grid of solved crossword puzzle words.

- DOWN 1 Nob Hill cops: abbr. 2 Brazilian sports legend 3 River to the Caspian Sea 4 John Alden's ship to Plymouth 5 Former Yankee catcher Howard Littlejohns, e.g. 6 Verdi opera 8 Lascivious look 9 Word with car or spasm 10 New India 11 German warship 12 Garry or Roger 13 sanctum 22 Perforation 24 Planted 26 Singer Smith 27 Terrible czar? 28 Drop feathers 29 Equestrian 30 Give off 33 Detest 35 Shadblow 36 Slaughter in Cooperstown 37 Fifth of MMX 38 Lacerated 41 Make over 44 Cry for attention 48 Brunch selection 50 Talk-show host Conan 51 Seraglio 52 Musical drama 53 Speak bombastically 54 Stacks 55 Hoopster Drexler 57 Preacher Roberts 58 Wooden poles with blades 60 Coarsely ground grains 61 Informed about 62 Unskilled farm laborer

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