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Positively...
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Canterbury sets senior health fair Saturday

Senior citizens are invited to a senior health fair Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster.

There will be many free screenings including: cholesterol, diabetes, oxygen/pulse, vision, hearing and plenty of good health information.

American Legion 506 plans fish fry and barbecue

American Legion Post 506 is having a barbecue and fish fry Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at 3203 W. Hwy. 80.

The cost is \$6 per plate and carry out is available. For more information call 263-2084. The public is invited.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
□ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library annex community room, 500 Main.

□ Big Spring Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., BSHS Athletic Training Center.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 87, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

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.

□ Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie, 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.

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 71°-73° **WEDNESDAY** 96°-98°

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Symphony season tickets on sale at tonight's social

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Music lovers can purchase season tickets tonight for the 1999-2000 season of the Big Spring Symphony.

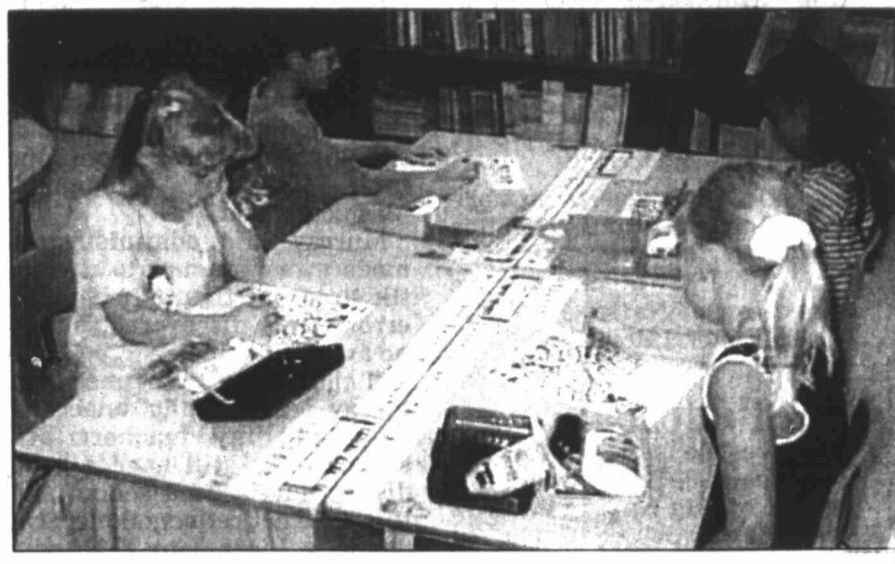
The symphony is hosting a wine and cheese social at the Heritage Museum from 5:30-7 p.m. This informal event will include information about the upcoming four concerts and

sales of the season tickets.

The concerts begin Oct. 2, when Jody Nix, Tumbleweed Smith and the Lone Star Brass Band will entertain; and include Nov. 3, featuring the Texas Boys Choir; Jan. 29, Ballet Folklorico of Austin; and March 11, Big Spring Symphony, All-City Children's Honor Choir and the Big Spring Chorale.

For all four concerts, season

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Moss Elementary Students, clockwise from left, Krissy Thomas, Faustino Rubio, Brandi Sanchez and Stormie Reed were busy working before classes formally began today. The four are part of Jackie Swinney's first grade class.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

BSJH settling more an annoyance than anything else, officials contend

By **RICK McLAUGHLIN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Junior High School has only been occupied since June 10, but is experiencing some unsettling new construction problems, according to Ron L. Logback, Big Spring Independent School District assistant business manager.

The settling has caused some cracks in the expansion joints, some shifts in the grout lines of the brick, cracks in marble entryway floors and cinder block walls and some minor door-fitting problems.

"We're getting some settling in the southeast and northeast corners and we're trying to figure out what's causing it," said Logback. "It's not a panic situation, just a problem that needs to be addressed like leaks in the sewer or water lines, but certainly an issue we must address."

Logback said soil core samples have been taken and are being compared to core samples taken before construction began in 1996. Such core samples can reveal moisture content, fill or soil compaction, among other things.

"Our geophysicist will see if we have something happening (in the soil) that wasn't there before construction. It doesn't look like that right now," Logback surmised. "We're looking at it structurally, to see what we can do regardless of what we find down there. This week, our structural engineer is supposed to get back to us," he said.

Logback said it was almost certain that the underside of the footings under the walls will be stabilized, pushing the footings back toward their original position, with two piers under the southeast corner and four piers under the northeast side.

Movement in the walls was first noticed about four weeks ago "and we have been watching it closely ever since," Logback said. "Anything over 1/8-inch causes concern and on the northeast side movement has been from 1/2 to 3/4 of an inch and on the southeast side,



HERALD photo/Rick McLaughlin

Ron Logback, Big Spring ISD assistant business manager, shows the shift in the bricks on the southeast corner of Big Spring Junior High School. Officials first began noticing some problems about four weeks ago.

it's 3/8 to 1/2 an inch," he noted.

"It's not a major problem," Logback said, "but it's a fixable one and not difficult to do. The cosmetic work after the structural repair is easy to do," he added.

He emphasized there is no danger to the building or risk for students.

"It's an annoyance more than

anything else, but we didn't pay all that money to have cracks in the walls," he said. The district has retained some \$500,000 in construction money to take care of such problems.

The construction cost of the junior high was \$9.5 million. Construction started in March of 1997. Logback said the school would cost \$13 million to replace today.

11th District Court of Appeals upholds \$1.5 million awarded man's family

By **RICK McLAUGHLIN**
Staff Writer

A \$1.5 million award by a Howard County jury to the family of Roy E. "Gene" Strickland against oilfield service company Yale E. Key in 1996 has been unanimously affirmed by the three-judge panel in the 11th District Court of Appeals.

The ruling, which came from the Eastland court on July 29, said there was no error in the ruling of 118th District Judge Robert Moore III and that there was no error in the trial, according to attorney Troyce Wolf, a member of the plaintiff's team representing the Strickland family.

Wolf said Yale E. Key could appeal to the Texas Supreme Court for a writ, but given what he said is the narrow jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and the unanimous opinion of the three-judge panel on the appeals court, he did not see that as likely.

Defense attorney Ben Taylor of Fulbright and Jaworski in Dallas had no comment on the decision and said he had not been in contact with Key personnel recently.

Billie Strickland, widow of Roy Strickland, and her daughters, Connie Moore and Eugenia Andrews, originally filed suit for \$6 million after the death of Gene Strickland, who was killed when a multi-piece rig tire he was repairing for the oil well service company exploded.

Key was originally found not at fault in a June 1996 court decision.

The family was granted a new trial by Moore, who overturned the June verdict in favor of Key, because the company was found to have not disclosed a witness the plaintiff said would have resulted in a different judgment.

Key was found to have withheld evidence in the initial trial by not naming employee Jack Morris when plaintiffs asked

the defense to identify, with the address and telephone number, all employees or independent contractors providing tire repair services for Key's Forsan yard during the five-year period preceding strickland's death.

Key's argument against a new trial was that Morris did not gain employment with the company until after Strickland's death and the conversations between Morris' supervisors several months after the accident in no way constituted competent or admissible evidence.

Failure on the part of Key to include Morris in the discovery evidence was found to be unjustifiable by Moore. The appeals court cleared the way for a retrial in December 1996 when it upheld Moore's decision to grant a new trial the previous September.

Key, after the first judgment was set aside, was ordered to pay the plaintiffs' legal fees of \$29,160.

'Academically Unacceptable'

TEA's 1999 accountability report lists BSISD among state's nine worst districts

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**

Staff Writer

For the first time in at least 20 years, Big Spring Independent School District received an academically unacceptable rating from the Texas Education Agency.

"This was driven by our drop-out rate and we have received this rating because of our drop-out rate, which is listed as 6.6 percent district wide," said BSISD superintendent William McQueary.

Big Spring was one of only nine districts in the state to be rated as "academically unacceptable." There are 1,042 districts statewide.

And while the district had an opportunity to appeal TEA's findings, McQueary said that effort was not successful.

"We had an opportunity to appeal and we missed the appeal deadline window. This is because of carelessness on our part and the way we reported our drop-out data. We take full responsibility for this, we dropped the ball, and we will do whatever it takes during the next year to clear this up," he said.

TEA releases a report card for all districts and campuses in Texas each year. These scores are based on a three-scale system — drop-out rates, Texas Assessment of Academic Skills scores and daily attendance.

Districts and campuses traditionally receive one of four

UNACCEPTABLE DISTRICTS

- Anthony
- Big Spring
- Cleveland
- Fabens
- Goodrich
- Hull-Daisetta
- Quitman
- Three Rivers
- Wilmer-Hutchins

(Districts are listed in alphabetical order.)

Source: Texas Education Agency

scores — exemplary, recognized, acceptable and unacceptable.

"We do not have a 6.6 percent drop-out rate. At first we had 264 students dropped out, but we got that down to 146 kids. We do not have that many drop outs," McQueary said.

Deputy superintendent Murray Murphy said the ratings are for the 1997-98 school year, and that year the district actually had about 90 students drop out.

"At least 20 of these 146 students have graduated from Big Spring High School. Just 20 students could make a big difference in the score," Murphy said.

TEA rates any district with a

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TEA Figures on School Ratings

EXEMPLARY

This year, 1,110 campuses and 121 school districts got the state's highest rating, up from 1,048 campuses and 120 districts last year.

The rating required at least 90 percent of all students and each student group — black, Hispanic, white and economically disadvantaged — to pass the TAAS reading, writing and math exams; an annual dropout rate of 1 percent or less; and an attendance rate of at least 94 percent.

RECOGNIZED

A total of 1,842 campuses and 381 districts got the second-highest rating of recognized, up from 1,666 campuses and 329 districts last year.

The rating required a TAAS passing rate of at least 80 percent; an annual dropout rate of 3.5 percent or less; and a 94 percent attendance rate.

ACCEPTABLE

This year's ratings show 3,150 campuses and 526 districts as acceptable, down from 3,365 campuses and 585 districts last year.

To be rated acceptable this year required a 45 percent TAAS passing rate, up from 40 percent last year. It also required a dropout rate of 6 percent or less for the student body and a 94 percent attendance rate.

ACADEMICALLY UNACCEPTABLE (DISTRICTS) OR LOW-PERFORMING (CAMPUSES)

A total of 106 campuses were

low-performing and nine districts were academically unacceptable, up from 59 campuses and six districts last year.

UNACCEPTABLE — SPECIAL ACCREDITATION INVESTIGATION (DISTRICTS)

Three school districts got this rating this year, up from two last year. Such investigations may be conducted for various reasons.

UNACCEPTABLE — DATA QUALITY (DISTRICTS)

Two districts got this new rating, created for those with significant mistakes in reporting of students who leave school.

ACCEPTABLE — DATA ISSUES (CAMPUSES)

Thirty-two campuses got this rating because they are in the districts rated unacceptable because of data quality.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION (CAMPUSES)

A total of 329 alternative campuses were rated acceptable, up from 316 last year. Fifty-one received the low alternative rating, called "needs peer review," down from 67.

Campuses that educate students considered at risk of dropping out; pregnant or parenting teen-agers; or those enrolled in General Education Development (GED) or residential programs may apply to be rated under alternative procedures.

Source: Associated Press

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OBITUARIES

Gabriel Hinojos Orona

Funeral service for Gabriel Hinojos Orona, 51, Stanton, were 10 a.m. today at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery in Midland with Father Arturo Pestin officiating and assisted by Deacon Ernie Sanchez.

Mr. Orona died Saturday, Aug. 14, 1999, in Midland County.

He was born on April 24, 1948, in Ojinaga, Mexico. He was a farm laborer.

Survivors include; his wife, Monizer Orona of Stanton; one brother, Santos Lopez of Odessa; and five sisters, Maria Orona of Ojinaga, Mexico, Lupe Tarin Lopez of Pecos, Ana Lopez of Midland, Ernestina Johnston of Midland, and Aurora Salgado of Stanton.

Arrangements under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home.

C.C. "Red" Lawrence

C.C. "Red" Lawrence, 91, died on Monday, Aug. 16, 1999, at his home at Carriage Inn in Big Spring.

He was born on July 15, 1908, in Shipley, Ky., to Samuel and Mirtie Lawrence. He married Louise "Babe" Jones on Dec. 31, 1936, in Harrisonville, Mo., and she preceded him in death on July 4, 1996. He was also preceded in death by his parents, two infant sons, William Arnold Lawrence and Eddie Lee Lawrence, a grandson, Barry Lawrence, and a sister, Lottie Cross.

As a young man, Red learned to weld and rivet, which paved his way to work for Chicago Bridge and Dryer Steel, Tank and Pipe, as well as other companies, building oil storage tanks. He soon became supervisor of his jobs. After the Texas City Refinery explosion, he went into the area to help rebuild the plant. He was a life member of Boilermaker Union Local 631, Amarillo. He and his wife moved to Big Spring in 1949. They were members of College Heights Christian Church. They purchased property located on Hwy 80 where they built a mobile home park, and later Red opened his own business, Lawrence Tank Company, on the remaining land. Red always had a positive attitude regarding Big Spring. After Webb Air Force Base closed, he always looked forward to the businesses that would come into the area to fill the void.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Ralph and Mary Lawrence of Anderson, Ind.; a sister-in-law and her husband, Bonnie and Joe Bello of New Braunfels; a brother-in-law and his wife, Bill and Marge Jones of Carmichael, Calif.; two grandsons, Larry Lawrence of Virginia and Daniel Lawrence of Indiana; a granddaughter, Carol Koons of Tennessee; five great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Davis-Morris Funeral Home, Brownwood.

Pat Rudeseal

Graveside service for Pat Rudeseal, 63, Brownwood, formerly of Big Spring, was 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16, 1999, at the Greenleaf Cemetery with the Rev. Don Scott officiating.

Mr. Rudeseal died Friday, Aug. 13, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Jan. 24, 1936, in Big Spring. He was a computer specialist. Mr. Rudeseal served in the US Army Reserve. He married Iris Ann Albertson in Poteau, Okla., on March 9, 1958. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include: his wife, Iris Rudeseal of Brownwood; one son, Steve L. Rudeseal of Lubbock; his mother, Jessie Rudeseal of Brownwood; two brothers, John L. Rudeseal Jr. of Carrollton, and Keith Rudeseal of Austin; a sister, Leona Myles of Brownwood; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Davis-Morris Funeral Home, Brownwood.

SYMPHONY

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tickets are \$35, or \$30 for senior citizens 55 and older, and \$15 for students. Regular ticket prices are \$10 for each concert, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students.

Buying season tickets not only saves money, it also guarantees a seat at popular concerts, such as this season's opener, which could be a sell-out, organizers said. Season tickets can also be purchased until the first concert date from Blum's, Dunlaps, First Bank of West Texas, the Heritage Museum and the symphony office, 808 Scurry. Those are also the outlets for individual concert tickets.

Season tickets are also available from any member of the symphony guild.

RATING

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drop-out rate of more than 6 percent as academically unacceptable.

"We normally have a drop-out rate of 1.2 to 1.3 percent, or about 60 students district wide. Our drop-out rate has spiked up some, but not like this. This rating is due to the way we report the data and the way TEA retrieves it," Murray said.

Both McQueary and Murphy said the fault of the inaccurate drop-out rate lies with the school administration, and the way the data was reported to TEA.

BSISD installed a new computer system, the Public Education Information System, or PEIMS, which allows the district to be electronically linked with TEA.

"Now they can access our

information through the PEIMS, where as before we submitted our reports to them," Murphy said.

And while the unacceptable rating will not affect funding, McQueary said public perception and the professional embarrassment is the greatest hardship.

"This is embarrassing, and it's embarrassing for me personally. This does not reflect our academic standing. Our high school is one of the top in the region and we have some of the highest scores from our high school students," McQueary said.

Murray said administrators made every attempt to correct the drop out figures when the errors were discovered, but to no avail.

"I choked the first time I had to say academically unacceptable, and my teachers are stunned. We still have a good district and a good school and this does not reflect on our academic achievement," Murray said.

TEA reported that 123 high school and 21 junior high school students dropped out in the 1997-98 school year.

School board president Larry McLellan said he feels basing academic excellence reports with students who are no longer attending the district is not an accurate representation.

Big Spring students passed all portions of the TAAS test and in some instances exceeded the state average.

"This certainly does not reflect anything we do academically. This is embarrassing for the district, but it is more a bookkeeping problem that an educational problem," McLellan said.

FORNAN'S COMMUNITY PEP RALLY will be Thursday at about 8:30 p.m. in the football stadium, immediately following the team's scrimmage with Water Valley which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come out and meet the Fornan Buffaloes for 1999. The evening's activities will end with an ice cream social.

THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE Eagles Lodge is sponsoring a canned food drive during the month of August. Cans of food collected will go to help replenish the Salvation Army food bank.

Bring your donations to the Lodge on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., or Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. Or call 264-7518, 268-9689, or 267-7115 and club members will pick up your donations.

SHERIFF

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

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL ALCANTAR, 21, was arrested for driving with license suspended. (BSPD)

LATASHA NICOLE WILBERT, 20, was arrested for theft by check. (Tom Green and Taylor County warrants)

MARIA GUTIERREZ GONZALES, 69, was arrested for issuance of a bad check.

PETE V. MENDOZA, 43, was arrested for contempt of child support order (Ector County) and failure to identify a fugitive from justice. (BSPD)

HECTOR SANCHEZ CASTRO, 30, driving with license suspended (BSPD), criminal mischief and criminal trespass (Midland County).

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MARKETS

Dec. cotton 54.75 cents, down 14 points; Sept. crude 21.46, up 10 points; cash hogs steady at 37 even; cash steers steady at 65 even; Oct. lean hog futures 45.95, up 52 points; Oct. live cattle futures 66.20, up 2 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Non-commodity quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.
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ATT	49 1/2 + 1/8
Atlantic Richfield	92 3/4 + 1/8
Atmos Energy	24 1/2 - 1/8
BP Amoco	117 3/4 - 1/8
Chevron	94 1/2 - 1/8
Cifra	18 1/2 to 18 3/4
Coca Cola	59 1/2 + 1/8
Compaq Computer	24 1/2 + 1/8
Cornell Correc.	16 1/2 + 1/8
Dell	41 1/2 + 1/8
DuPont	71 1/2 - 1/8
Exxon	81 1/2 - 1/8
Halliburton	48 1/2 + 1/8
IBM	127 1/2 nc
Intel Corp	78 1/2 - 1/8
Mid Amer Energy	30 1/2 + 1/8
Mobil	104 1/2 - 1/8
NUV	8 1/2 nc
Palex Inc.	6 1/2 + 1/8
Pepsi Cola	38 1/2 - 1/8
Phillips Petroleum	51 1/2 nc
SBC Com.	55 1/2 + 1/8
Sears	40 1/2 - 1/8
Texasco	64 1/2 - 1/8
Texas Instruments	75 1/2 - 1/8
Texas Utils. Co	39 1/2 + 1/8
Total Fina SA	68 1/2 + 1/8
Unocal Corp	40 1/2 - 1/8
Wal-Mart	45 1/2 - 1/8
Ampac	17.98-19.08
Europacific	33.33-35.36
Prime Rate	8%
Gold	260.10-261.10
Silver	5.21-5.26

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.

ROBERT REDFORD, 36, was arrested for violation of a protective order.

JOSE ALFREDO OLIVAS, 21, was arrested for evading arrest. (BSPD)

CHARLES DAVID LAMAR, 40, was arrested for driving with license suspended/invalid. (BSPD)

ANN WOOD MCNEW, 30, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

JOSE JESUS RIZO, 28, was arrested for public intoxication.

DANNY HUDSON TUCKER, 39, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

OSCAR ONTIVEROS CERVANTES, 24, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. (DPS)

JUAN RIZO, 57, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and resisting arrest.

SUSAN RANGEL MARTINEZ, 35, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. (BSPD)

GENE HERNANDEZ, 19, was arrested for burglary of a building.

MATTHEW GERALD HILGER, 25, was arrested on a judgment sentence, driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more.

EDWARD ORLANDO RAMIREZ, 37, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation/aggravated assault with serious bodily injury.

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Insurers to pay \$30 million to families of Mexican workers killed in crash

DALLAS (AP) — Labor advocates and lawyers said a \$30 million settlement for workers killed and injured in a bus crash will cause maquiladora factories in Mexico to become more safety-conscious.

Insurers for a clothing company, Salant Corp. of New York, have agreed to pay \$30 million to the families of 14 workers who died and 12 who were injured when a bus taking them to a factory in Mexico crashed in 1997.

The bus went off a rain-slicked road, crashed and caught fire before rolling into a sewage ditch. Lawyers for the workers charged the bus was unsafe, that officials ignored warnings about faulty brakes and that the driver was untrained.

Lawyers for the workers filed a lawsuit in Texas and a jury in Eagle Pass heard the case for two weeks before the settlement was reached, ending the trial. The settlement was disclosed

Monday in a document Salant filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Labor advocates said the price of the settlement will send a message to foreign owners of the maquiladoras — Mexican border factories that assemble goods for re-export.

"The health and safety practices of many of the maquiladoras are pretty terrible," said Pharis Harvey of the International Labor Rights Fund in Washington. "Even if

it's not a legal precedent, the settlement sends a message to other companies that might have decided to take those (safety) standards less seriously."

Mike Caddell, lead lawyer for all but one of the plaintiffs, said the amount of the settlement should convince foreign companies that they won't be protected from Mexico's "lax" enforcement of worker-safety laws.

"There are hundreds of these maquiladora factories with tens of thousands of workers. They

will see a big upgrade in worker safety," Caddell said.

But other maquiladoras worried that plaintiffs' lawyers could sue them in U.S. courts.

"If frivolous lawsuits get going because of this, it could be devastating," said Dennis Charlton, an official with the Maquiladora Association in Mexico and owner of a rainwear factory in Piedras Negras, Mexico. "The big question is, what's the legality of having a jury in Eagle Pass decide about

something that happened in Mexico?"

The bus was taking the workers to a factory owned by a Salant subsidiary when it crashed June 23, 1997 near Valle Hermosa, about an hour south of Brownsville.

Salant lawyers declined to discuss the company's view of the case.

"The insurers offered to settle, and it was settled," said Howard Close, a Beaumont trial lawyer who represented Salant.

State to take over funeral agency

AUSTIN (AP) — At the request of Gov. George W. Bush, the state comptroller's office is seizing the reins of the Texas Funeral Service Commission.

But Bush's office says the takeover has nothing to do with a lawsuit filed by the former director of the funeral commission — a lawsuit which has gotten the Republican presidential front-runner subpoenaed.

"We made a request to the comptroller's office because they have people who have expertise in management issues and identifying needed improvements," Bush's press secretary Linda Edwards said. "This is an appropriate management solution to help the agency get caught up."

The comptroller's team will spend 30 to 90 days tidying up the consumer complaints and applications from funeral service providers swamping the shorthanded agency, comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said.

Ms. Rylander echoed Bush's

office, saying the decision to step into the agency had absolutely nothing to do with the saga surrounding former commission executive director Eliza May.

"Absolutely not," she said. "As chief fiscal officer of this state, my concern is very simply that this agency run like any other — efficiently and effectively."

Ms. May was fired in February. She since has filed a lawsuit that paints herself as a victim of political vendettas, a government worker who crossed some of Bush's campaign supporters.

Bush has said he knows nothing about Ms. May's dismissal. He isn't a defendant in her lawsuit, and his lawyers will argue in court Aug. 30 that the subpoena should be dismissed.

But Ms. May, once treasurer of the Texas Democratic Party, says her troubles began when she led an investigation into embalming practices of Service Corp. International, the owner of 3,700 funeral homes. SCI's

political action committee gave Bush \$35,000 in 1996 and 1997.

That inquiry resulted in a recommended fine of \$445,000. SCI is fighting the fine and says the agency misinterpreted state embalming law.

Ms. May's lawsuit says she was dismissed nine months after being called into the office of Joe Allbaugh, Bush's executive assistant, and asked to explain inspections on April 10, 1998, at two SCI affiliates. Allbaugh now manages Bush's presidential campaign.

Present, among others, were SCI founder and chairman Robert Waltrip and an SCI attorney, the lawsuit alleges. Ms. May filed her lawsuit against the state funeral commission, SCI and Waltrip.

The company has denied wrongdoing. Bush filed an affidavit swearing he had no conversations with SCI officials about the state probe.

In fact, Bush has said he knows nothing at all about the dismissal of Ms. May last February.

White teen describes killing black man

EMORY (AP) — A white teenager admitted he and a friend tied a middle-aged black man to a tree, doused him in gasoline and burned him alive.

The 16-year-old boy entered a plea of true, tantamount to pleading guilty in the juvenile justice system, to a murder charge at the Rains County Courthouse Monday afternoon. He was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

The defendant also told the judge he ran errands for 53-year-old H.W. Walker for several years before helping to kill him. The boy described consuming drugs with his victim, and claimed the two had a sexual relationship at one time, the Greenville Herald-Banner reported in today's editions.

Walker's family denied those allegations Monday, the news-

paper reported. District Attorney Frank Long said there is no evidence Walker had any drug ties.

The teen admitted guilt only after prosecutors promised to try him as a juvenile. It's unclear how much time he will serve.

In exchange for a comparatively lenient sentence, prosecutors are expected to put the youth on the witness stand against 24-year-old Brian Long, the second suspect in the killing. He was arrested over the weekend at his mother's house near Houston.

Long was arraigned Sunday in Rains County, where he was being held on \$1 million bond. He is not related to Frank Long, who is prosecuting the case.

Meanwhile, outside the courtroom, a sharp debate is swelling

as to whether Walker was killed because he was black.

Members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People say Walker was lashed to a tree and burned. Results of an autopsy were not available Monday.

U.S. Attorney Mike Bradford and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are investigating whether the killing was a hate crime.

But Frank Long dismissed the idea that Walker was killed for being black. The prosecutor said the killing appears to be vengeance for a drug deal gone awry.

The two young suspects lived near each other in the town of Lone Oak, about 15 miles northwest of Emory, prosecutor Long said. The pair might have dabbled in drugs, he said.

Judge tosses suit questioning early voting law

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Election Code provision which allows voters to cast early ballots in federal elections does not conflict with the U.S. Constitution, a judge has ruled.

The ruling came from U.S. District Judge David Hittner, who threw out a "voter integrity" group's lawsuit challenging that provision of the law.

The early voting provision allows Texans to cast ballots from four to 17 days before a federal election.

The lawsuit was filed by the Voter Integrity Project, a private, nonprofit group based in Arlington, Va.

The lawsuit argued that early voting, "while convenient, undermines the ability of citizens to establish effective poll-watching practices."

The lawsuit alleged that the U.S. Constitution does not allow early voting in federal elections. The group noted that the Constitution authorizes Congress to set election dates as

the "Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in every even numbered year."

Texas voters were first allowed to cast early ballots in the primary elections of 1988. The law allowing Texans to cast early ballots in local, state and federal elections took effect on Sept. 1, 1987.

In his ruling last week, the judge ruled that the law does not conflict with the Constitution because votes are not tallied until Election Day.

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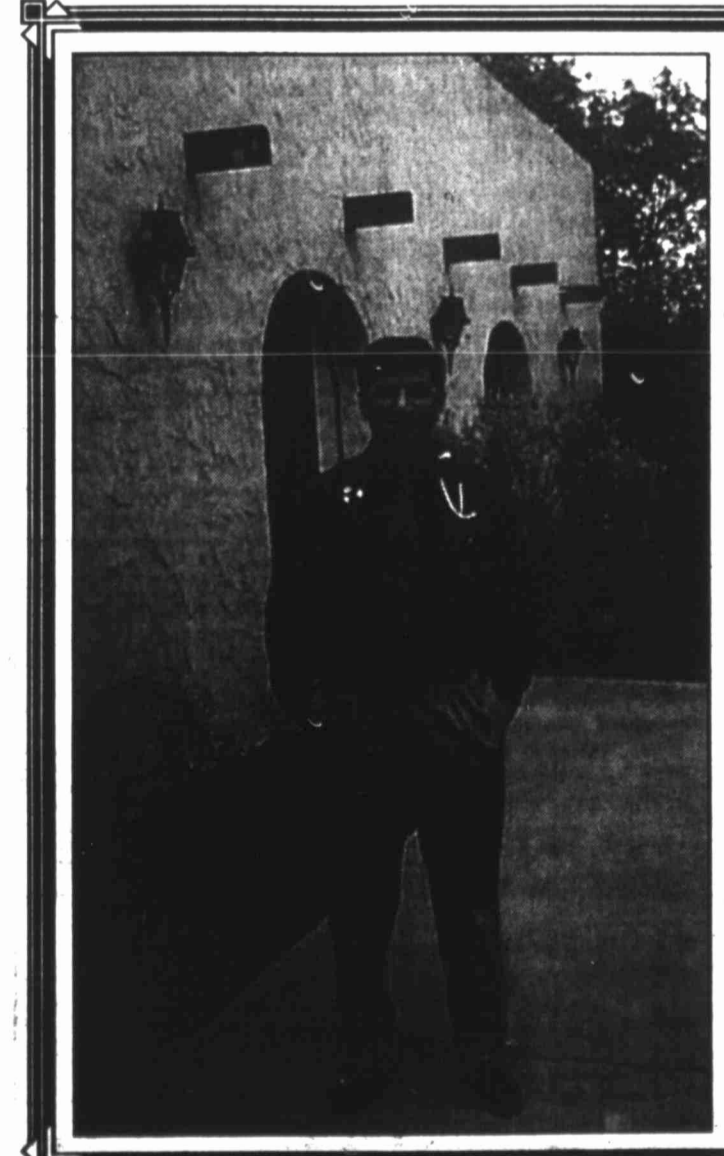
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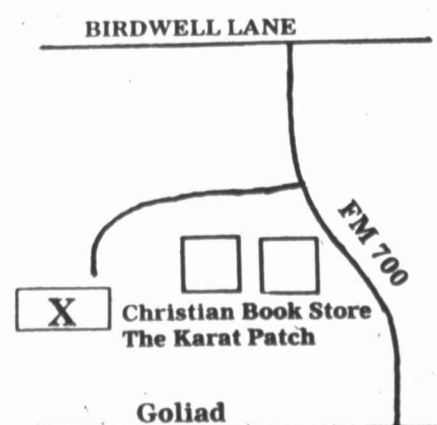
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OUR VIEWS

Let's support our symphony this new season

It's typical that when the folks associated with the Big Spring Symphony get ready to kickoff a new season, they plan a party. What better way to celebrate the beginning of another year of great music than a wine and cheese social?

After all, the symphony is one of our community's greatest assets. And its purpose is pure enjoyment.

Season ticket sales will be highlighted at the event this evening, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Heritage Museum. This season, with concerts Oct. 2, Nov. 3, Jan. 29 and March 11, will be an eclectic mix of cultures — not unlike that which makes up our community. Organizers say they hope this season will represent the cultural mix of our area, and attract some new concert-goers to join in.

The first concert is a sure winner — Jody Nix and Tumbleweed Smith, along with Jody's band the Texas Cowboys, and the Lone Star Brass Band. The Texas Boys Choir will perform in November, and Ballet Folklorico of Austin will be featured in January.

The closing concert of the season, March 11, will feature the Big Spring Symphony, the All-City Children's Honor Choir and the Big Spring Chorus.

For season ticket holders, the cost of attending all four concerts is \$35, \$30 for senior citizens or \$15 for students.

Now is the time to show your support for the symphony and its valuable role in our community. Attend tonight's party, enjoy the company and learn about the upcoming season.

If you are not able to attend tonight, season tickets will be available at Blum's, Dunlaps, First Bank of West Texas, the Heritage Museum and the symphony office, 808 Scurry, until the first concert.

Then get ready to enjoy some wonderful music!

OTHER VIEWS

Because the U.S. Postal Service has received more than 600 complaints and questions since its revised private mailbox rules were announced in April, it is putting off their effective date from this fall to next spring.

That's a wise move that will not only give private mailbox renters a chance to use up their old stationery, but may give the public time to see that the rules make sense for consumers and businesses alike.

The new rules require an identifier in the address for private boxes, verification of renter identity and, importantly, also give the Postal Service time to make sure privacy is maintained for private box holders.

Most needed is the rule that vendors require photo identification of applicants. If a customer can't comply, the commercial mailer can-

not rent that person a box. U.S. Post Offices already do this with box applicants.

The other contentious issue is the requirement that "PMB" (for "private mailbox") be affixed to the address of everyone using such a box. Critics claim "PMB" carries a stigma, mainly because the rules were first announced in tandem with a call for curbing mail fraud.

Unclear, however, is who will have access to the box renter's application information, including the renter's home address. This is a critical question the Postal Service says it will clear up between now and next spring.

The USPS says it will appoint a task force to ensure only law enforcement agencies and those with a court order can get that personal information. This must be done.

ALBUQUERQUE (N.M.) JOURNAL

Only winners determine who are war criminals

It has been 54 years this month since the first atomic bomb fell from the belly of a B-29 and destroyed most of Hiroshima, a city in southwest Honshu, the most populous of Japan's islands.

The single bomb killed 118,661 people. It severely injured 30,524. It less severely injured 48,606. It is said that, of the population at the time, 118,613 avoided injury altogether. That bomb, compared with today's hydrogen bombs lying about here and there, was a hand grenade.

These numbers are from an article in "The Oxford Companion to Politics of the World." The author cited Japanese sources.

I bring this up in part to put the present day's propaganda into some perspective. Serbia, for example, was accused of

"genocide" at a time when only 2,000 people, both Serb and Albanian, had been killed in a little civil war during a two-year period in an obscure Balkan province. That's 2,000 in two years compared with 118,000 in a fraction of a minute.

It seems there is an inverse ratio between the number of casualties and the intensity of the rhetoric. I suppose that in 1939-1945, when some people say 55 million human beings were killed, politicians felt less need to run their mouths. The truth was bad enough. No one needed to exaggerate — though, to be sure, lies on other topics were flying as often as bombers.

I regret World War II and all the wars before and after, but I don't argue with the decision to drop the bomb. To President Truman, the choice was using the bomb or expending more American lives. I would have made the same decision he did. Better to kill Japanese than Americans. A Japanese leader, had circumstances been reversed, would have said better to kill Americans than Japanese. Any national leader in a war has a moral responsi-

bility to his own people and to his own nation.

That's why I'm opposed to so-called war crimes. War-crime tribunals are always political from start to finish. Only the winners get to decide who is a war criminal, and the "criminals" are, of course, all on the losing side.

It is one of the more heinous perversions of language and morality to claim that killing unarmed civilians with rifles is a war crime but killing the same unarmed civilians with a bomb or an artillery shell is just "collateral damage." Nearly all of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki victims, not to mention all those who died in the Tokyo firestorm we started, were unarmed civilians — old men, women, children, babies. We knew that at the time we killed them. But because we won the war, we were not declared war criminals or terrorists.

So whether one is a war criminal or a war hero depends on whether one is on the winning or the losing side. War itself is a crime against humanity, just like Ernie Hemingway said. If war comes, you have to fight it, but you

don't have to lie about what you are doing. Of course, it is the civilians, not the men who fight the wars, who do most of the lying. The soldiers know what they did, and they know why they did it. And if they survive, they live with it or they destroy themselves, but they don't deny it. They don't try to put false names on it.

I suspect, given the low caliber of public officials and the apparent consensus that the American government should pursue an imperialistic foreign policy, that there is another war waiting for us somewhere down the road.

There is no use kidding ourselves that a U.S. attempt to dominate the world won't meet with resistance. This war won't be one of those easy muggings of a small country but a war that will teach a new generation of Americans what war really is.

It is what that old, half-mad Gen. William Sherman said it is: hell, pure hell. If the nuclear birds fly out of their holes, the lucky ones will be those who get vaporized.

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Lessons from a baseball great

Harry loved to hit. He loved to show others how. So Harry Walker did both, almost till the day he died.

When they buried Harry "The Hat" Walker last week, the batting cage stood empty in the backyard of his Leeds home, a house made of hand-hewn stone carted down from a nearby hill in 1947.

Walker, who died Aug. 8, 1999, at age 80, led the major leagues with a .363 batting average in 1947 and played in three World Series. He also successfully managed teams in the minors and majors and was the first baseball coach ever at University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Until he suffered a stroke a few weeks ago, Walker used his backyard batting cage to show others the tricks that made him a baseball great.

"Otis Nixon came during one off-season a few years back for hitting tips," friend Larry Powell says. "Then once I called and Harry was busy teaching a 6-year-old how to knock the ball off of a tee. But it didn't matter who he was helping, one person was just as important to Harry as the other."

Powell, a UAB communications professor, was working with Walker on his memoirs when the old pro died. Now the teacher is determined to finish the book, tentatively titled "On Any Given Day."

There was standing room only at Walker's funeral, an "impressively diverse crowd in every way," Powell says. All ages were there, both black and white friends, old teammates and former students from Walker's UAB days (1979-1986). Eulogists made much of Walker's hero role in the 1946 World Series; his double in the bottom of the eighth in the seventh game scored Enos Slaughter from first base and gave St. Louis the win over Boston, 4-3.

That's how baseball historians will remember Walker, and a play Harry himself loved describing in detail.

But it was personal asides that most impressed Powell, who met Harry only a year ago at a UAB basketball game.

"He was loved... It's a rare person who can both do something and teach others."

Harry was born in Pascagoula, Miss., into a baseball family. His father, Ewert "Dixie" Walker, and uncle Ernie Walker both played in the majors and later managed semiprofessional teams. His older brother, Fred "Dixie" Walker, was batting champ before Harry, in 1944.

"Dixie was the better ballplayer," Powell says. "You could argue that he belongs in the Hall of Fame."

But Dixie's highly publicized opposition to trailblazer Jackie Robinson and the integration of baseball marred his outstanding baseball career.

Walker insisted to Powell that his late brother publicly recanted his opposition after Robinson, in his first season, led the Brooklyn Dodgers to win the 1947 pennant. But the popular Dixie "The People's Choice" Walker was traded by the Dodgers, and his resistance to playing with Robinson was blamed for the move.

For his part, Harry remained puzzled to the day he died about why society as a whole couldn't follow the integration example set by baseball. He believed the game had proven once and for all that the races could mix smoothly, Powell says.

Harry's baseball career, like so many others, was interrupted by World War II. He won a Bronze Star as part of an Army reconnaissance unit, and he was proud of personally putting black players on the soldiers' baseball team he managed while in Europe.

Harry Walker was playing for the Cardinals when he got his famous nickname.

Players were issued a "very uncomfortable hat," Powell says, and Harry would step outside the batter's box to adjust his. Harry noticed that the delay bothered the pitchers, so he kept it up the rest of his career. Harry Walker fooled with that hat through 11 seasons in the National League.



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Back from Cuba, farm state senators press for food, drug sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a visit to Cuba that included talks with President Fidel Castro, the Senate's Democratic leader and a fellow farm-state senator say both Americans and Cubans could benefit from an easing of barriers to the sale of food and drugs to the island.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, the highest-ranking elected U.S. official to visit Cuba in years, and Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.,

talked about their visit to Cuba in a press statement Monday.

Their three-day visit began Friday, nine days after the Senate voted to allow essentially unrestricted food and drug sales to the island.

The fate of the amendment, approved 70-28, will be decided by House-Senate conferees.

Daschle and Dorgan, who returned Sunday, said Cuban officials told them the country imports almost \$1 billion in

food and medicine and that food imports could double in five years.

The senators also said Cuban doctors and hospital officials told them more than 200 pharmaceuticals are out of stock in Cuba, which has created a serious need to replenish the country's supply of medicines.

"It serves neither the U.S. nor Cuba's interest to continue the embargo on vital supplies like food and medicine,"

Daschle said. Dorgan added: "To continue such an embargo only hurts U.S. family farmers, who are prevented from serving that market, and the citizens of Cuba, who need the food and medicine."

Efforts over the years by congressional opponents of the three-decade-old trade embargo normally have been easily defeated by embargo supporters. The Aug. 4 vote reflected congressional eagerness to ease

the plight of American farmers rather than a general softening of attitudes toward Castro's communist-led government.

In a telephone interview Monday evening, Dorgan said Cuban officials had said he and Daschle were free to speak to any Cuban during their visit. But, he said, Cuban leaders from Castro on down refused them access to four Cuban dissidents sentenced in March to prison terms of 3 years to 5

years. Dorgan said he had a special interest in meeting with one of that group who is fasting — an apparent reference to Marta Beatriz Roque, an economist who is serving a 3-year term.

Dorgan said Castro seemed unmoved by the argument that virtually every country, including longtime communist bastions Vietnam and China, have embraced many elements of the free market approach.

Experts believe wide-scale effects of Y2K are unlikely on Internet

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internet's decentralized structure makes it difficult to know precisely how the millions of computers connected to it will fare because of the Year 2000 technology problem, some of the Internet's top computer experts say.

That architecture — a collection of interconnected but mostly independent computer networks — also means data traffic will be able to bypass any local Y2K failures, such as those caused by power outages.

"We're not likely to see major global outages at all," said Vint Cerf, an MCI WorldCom Inc. executive who co-invented the common "TCP/IP" language of the Internet.

"The whole point of the Internet was to be designed in a very distributed way, so it would be reliable as a whole

even if small bits of it were to go down," agreed Esther Dyson, interim chairwoman of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, the group assuming management of much of the Net from the federal government.

White House officials were meeting today with experts from the Internet community, including a trade group for Internet providers, to discuss the impact of Y2K on consumers using the Internet.

"The core structures of the Internet are expected to be in good shape," said Jack Gribben, a spokesman for the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion, which organized the meeting.

But he cautioned: "The Internet is a vast enterprise with a large number of service providers and interconnected

networks."

Cerf, MCI's senior vice president for Internet architecture and technology, predicted "a series of little annoying problems that will bug us for most of January."

The Internet and its kindred technologies rely on computers and software owned by people and companies worldwide most

ly without any supervision. That makes it difficult to predict how the vast computer network will operate in January, when it is feared that some computers won't be able to correctly identify the new year 2000.

"The Internet is about a million autonomous networks and about 50 million autonomous computers," said Tony

Rutkowski, an early Internet pioneer. "The question becomes which of those many millions of networks and computers will have problems."

Part of the problem has been gathering information about the Internet's preparations: Unlike some industries, there is no single organization in charge and little regulatory oversight by

governments.

Don Heath, president of the Virginia-based Internet Society, said the Internet won't have serious problems systemwide.

"It's just not going to happen," Heath said. "The whole Y2K thing is an absolute yawn. I am so unconcerned about it that it's hard to build a fire under me at all."

U.S. official says Colombia will have to fend for itself

WASHINGTON (AP) — Colombia must rely primarily on itself, and not the United States, to deal with civil war, narcotrafficking, human rights abuses and economic decline, a top U.S. official says after lengthy talks in Bogota.

Thomas Pickering, the third ranking State Department official, said Monday it would be a mistake to overestimate the strength of the FARC guerrillas, Colombia's dominant rebel group, despite its recent battlefield successes.

Speaking to reporters on his visit to Bogota last week, Pickering said Colombia "is not in danger" of being taken over by the guerrillas, who number between 20,000 and 25,000 and who finance their activities by working in league with narco-traffickers.

Rejecting the notion, widespread in Latin America, that the United States is "about to launch the 82nd Airborne" into Colombia, Pickering called that a "crazy idea. It isn't necessary."

He said Colombian President Andres Pastrana plans to formulate a national strategy for dealing with the country's multiple crises.

"The strategy that President Pastrana will prepare will, I hope, set out a clear way ahead in economics, in drug fighting, in (peace) negotiations, in human rights observance in Colombia that we can support,"

Pickering said.

The United States provides \$289 million in counterdrug assistance to Colombia. The head of the White House counterdrug program, retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey, has talked about a \$1 billion regional supplement but Pickering said any such proposal is premature in the absence of a specific program the United States could support.

Pickering is a former U.S. ambassador to El Salvador who oversaw in the early 1980's a massive U.S. program to build up the Salvadoran military so they could fight Soviet- and Cuban-backed rebels.

He said the situation in El Salvador was far different from the one Colombia faces and therefore an alternate strategy is called for.

The United States provides assistance for counternarcotics programs but steers clear of aid to combat Colombia's long-running insurgency.

A key element of U.S. support is training being provided to a 950-member anti-narcotics battalion which is expected to be ready for duty in December.

Pickering praised the "real toughness" Pastrana has shown in refusing to reopen negotiations with the FARC guerrillas so long as they renege on a promise to allow international monitoring in a zone evacuated by the military last fall as a peace gesture.

More prison escapes in Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Inmates in Pennsylvania prisons were ordered confined to their cells around the clock after the escape of prisoners just two weeks following the escape of a murderer from a different institution.

Prison officials said they noticed Monday that convicted murderer Michael McCloskey, 43, and arsonist Anthony Yang, 31, were missing from the medium-security State Correctional Institution at Dallas in eastern Pennsylvania.

The escapes came as authorities continued to search for Norman Johnston, a four-time killer who broke out of the maximum-security State Correct-

ional Institution at Huntingdon on Aug. 2 after cutting his way through a cell window and two security fences.

By early afternoon Monday, Gov. Tom Ridge had ordered the lockdown of the entire prison system.

Inmates will be confined to their cells indefinitely and all recreational and educational programs will be canceled. Meals will be served to prisoners in their cells.

"This is unacceptable," Ridge said.

"I have directed Secretary (Martin) Horn to begin an immediate check of every security system at every one of our 24 institutions."



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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers Booster Club sets meeting for Thursday

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

All parents of girls involved in the volleyball, basketball, track and cheerleading squad, including managers and trainers, are urged to attend.

For more information, call Debbie Churchwell at 267-7538.

'Meet the Bulldogs' night scheduled for Monday

The Coahoma Athletic Boosters Club and the Coahoma Band Boosters Club will stage the annual "Meet the Bulldogs" night at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the elementary school cafeteria.

Members of the public will meet with coaches, football players, cheerleaders and members of the band.

Ice cream floats will be served during the event.

Beach volleyball tourney scheduled for Sept. 18

A beach volleyball tournament sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee has been scheduled for Sept. 18 at Comanche Trail Park.

Entry fees for the event are \$40 per team. Each team must have at least six players.

Three sand courts will be set up just west of the Dora Roberts Community Center for the tournament.

For more information, call Joe Jordan at 61-9874 or 267-4600.

YMCA begins registering for inline hockey program

The Big Spring Family YMCA will begin registration for its fall inline hockey program Monday.

Boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 17 are eligible to play. No tryouts will be conducted, all children registering will be placed on a team.

Fees for the program are set at \$15 for full YMCA members, \$32 for program members and \$32 for non-members.

A seven-game schedule will begin the week of Sept. 13. Games and practices will be held at Marcy Elementary School.

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

County roping scheduled for Sept. 2 at Rodeo Bowl

A "county roping" for Howard County residents has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Books open for the event at 5 p.m. and close at 6:30 p.m. Fees are \$40 for four head.

For more information, call Steve Fryar at 398-5513 or Diane Hofacket at 267-8041.

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.

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

United Girls Softball sets public meeting tonight

The United Girls Softball Association of Big Spring has scheduled an open meeting for 7 tonight at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

All past coaches, umpires, managers, chaperones, and parents of players to attend.

For more information, call Clay Slape at 268-9869.

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6 p.m. — Texas Rangers at Cleveland Indians, FXS, Ch. 29.
8 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Colorado Rockies, TBS, Ch. 11.

Rangers come from behind for 13-5 win over Indians

CLEVELAND (AP) — Some managers despise making the walk from the dugout to the mound to pull a starting pitcher or rescue a reliever on the ropes.

Johnny Oates isn't one of them. "I don't hesitate to go to the bullpen," the Texas manager said. "They are our strength, so why not play that card?"

Oates used three relievers after removing starter Rick Helling, and they combined for five innings of shutout ball as the Rangers snapped Cleveland's six-game winning streak Monday night with a 13-5 rout of the Indians.

Rafael Palmeiro, making a rare pinch-hitting appearance, hit a three-run homer, and Ivan Rodriguez homered twice for Texas.

Palmeiro was kept out of the starting lineup because of a sore right knee. But pinch-hitting for the second time this season, he connected for his 31st homer in Texas' five-run seventh as the

Rangers rallied to beat the Indians in a possible postseason preview between division leaders.

"I went into the back to see if I could hit, and before I took a swing I heard I was on deck," Palmeiro said. "I wasn't warmed up, so I just went out to see what I could do."

Royce Clayton and Mark McLemore also homered for the Rangers, who posted their 34th come-from-behind victory.

Rodriguez, who homered twice on Sunday in Chicago, hit a solo homer in the first and connected for a two-run shot, his 28th, in the ninth.

"I'm not looking for home runs," he said. "They're just coming."

Mike Munoz (2-1) got the win in relief. Texas' relievers have given up just two runs in their last 24 innings.

"The biggest ingredient to a playoff team is the bullpen," Palmeiro said. "Usually, playoff games are tight and the

bullpen that dominates will prevail. I think our bullpen gives us an edge."

Richie Sexson had three RBIs for Cleveland, which hadn't been beaten so soundly since a 21-1 loss in New York on July 24.

"When we end a winning streak, we just don't end it, we blow it right out of the water," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said.

Carlos Baerga had two singles and brought some energy to bored Cleveland fans, but the Indians' bullpen couldn't hold a one-run lead for starter Dave Burba.

Baerga, a three-time All-Star second baseman with the Indians from 1990-96, was reacquired on Monday from San Diego to provide veteran experience and exuberance to a team counting down the days until the real season starts in October.

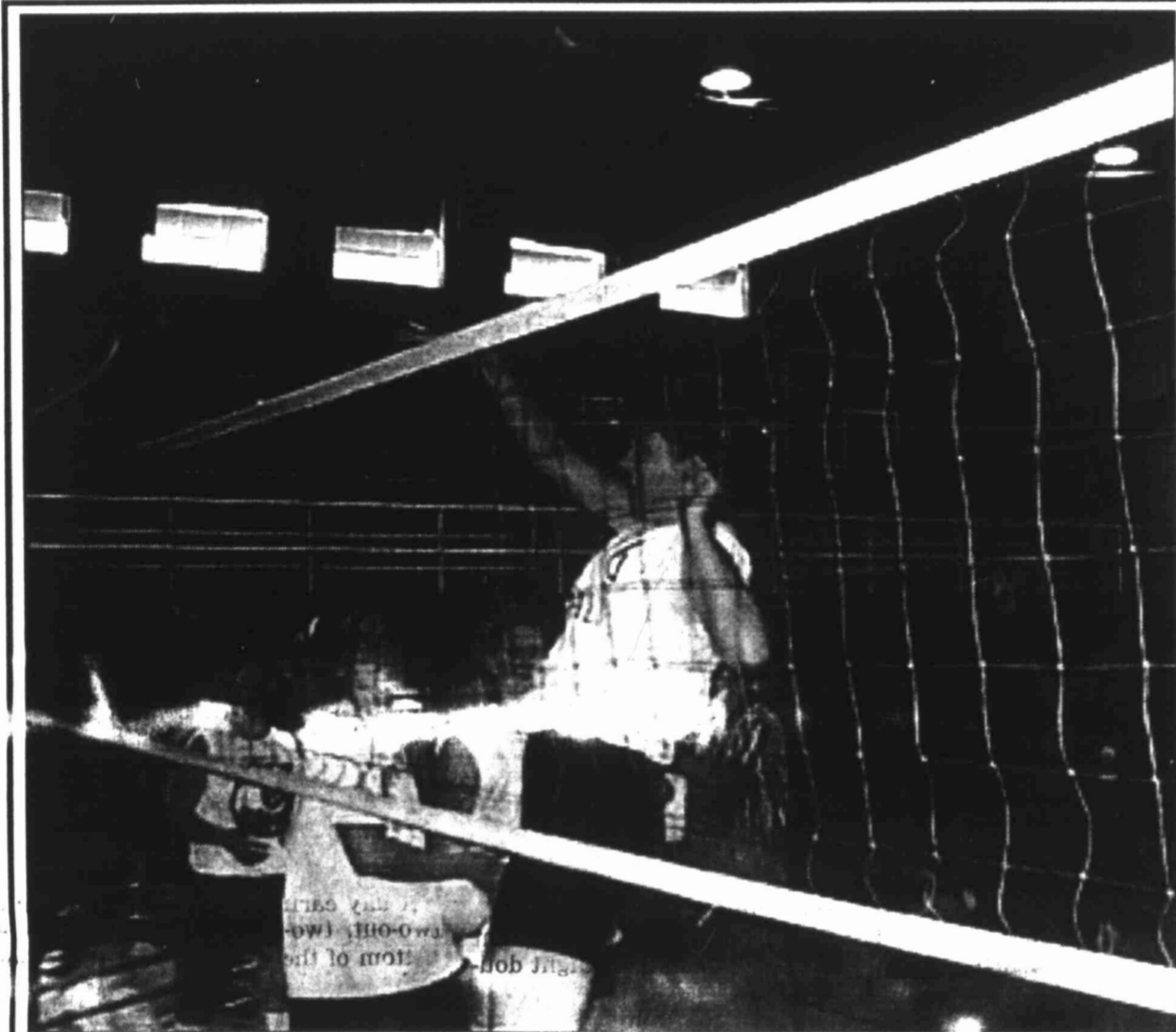
Starting at third base and batting

eighth, Baerga received a standing ovation from the Jacobs Field fans — some of the same ones who hated to see him traded away in 1996 — when he came to bat in the third.

He struck out looking and made an error that led to a Texas run in the third as the Rangers took a 2-0 lead. But after singling to center in the sixth, Baerga pointed to the sky as he got another lengthy salute. He singled again the eighth.

"It was really special," Baerga said. "Just to be in the clubhouse before the game. I couldn't believe it. I was saying, 'Am I dreaming, or is this true?'"

Texas trailed 5-3 in the seventh when McLemore hit his fifth homer of the season. Burba was gone after allowing a single to Rodriguez. Ricardo Rincon (2-3) struck out Rusty Greer, but gave up singles to Juan Gonzalez and Lee Stevens that tied it 5-5.



Big Spring sophomore Meghan Pudliner follows through on a spike as coach Traci Pierce and her Lady Steers teammates look on. Pudliner and the Lady Steers officially open the 1999 volleyball season tonight at Midland Greenwood when they take on Lamesa and Greenwood in a three-way match.

Lady Steers open season today in three-way match

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers open the 1999 volleyball season tonight in a three-way match at Midland Greenwood.

And after two weeks of practices, Pierce says she and her team are ready to begin what she believes will be one of the best seasons the Lady Steers have ever enjoyed.

"We're ready to get started... everyone on this team feels like we've got something to prove," Pierce said as she prepared her team for today's match with Lamesa's Lady Tors and Greenwood's host Lady Rangers at 5 p.m.

What the Lady Steers have to prove is that they're as good as Pierce expects them to be.

After several years of watching her program slowly build momentum, Pierce believes 1999 should be Big Spring's year.

And there's reason to believe Pierce is right. The Lady Steers return a solid corps of veterans from the 1998 season. Seniors Nina Evans, Lacey Anderson, Cathy Jaure and Monica Rubio return to their starting roles, as does junior Melissa Forth. They'll be joined in the Lady Steers' starting lineup by sophomore Meghan Pudliner.

In addition, five more seniors round out the 11-girl Lady Steers roster. Returning lettermen Krystle Martinez, Tara Cooper and Laura Johnson will come off the bench, as will varsity newcomers April McGee and Theresa Porras.

"We haven't had this kind of experience in a

long time," Pierce said. "The past couple of years we've had a lack of senior leadership, but I don't think that's going to be a problem this time around."

"This bunch of kids has worked hard during the summer and they've worked hard since the start of two-a-days," she explained. "They're in shape and they're focused."

"In fact, I think we finally have a different type of athlete in our program," Pierce added, "because these girls gave up some of their summer. That's true not only with the kids on the varsity, but the junior varsity and this group of freshmen, as well."

"In the past, we've sometimes had kids that were simply playing to have fun," she continued. "But this bunch is different. These kids don't want to lose and are willing to do what it takes to be winners."

"That's the kind of dedication and desire to compete that you simply can't coach," she added. "It's something that's ingrained in their character. They have to be willing to make sacrifices, and so far, this bunch has shown they're willing to make them."

The result, the Lady Steers boss noted, will be a no-nonsense attitude.

"We're going to be the kind of team that you either get on the bandwagon and join in the ride, or you stay at home," Pierce added, noting that she believes only injuries could derail the Lady Steers' bid for a berth in the Class 4A playoffs.

The Lady Steers' home opener is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, when they play host to Lamesa and Abilene Cooper.

Gailey again frustrated by Cowboys' number of penalties

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Coach Chan Gailey swore the Cowboys would play a much cleaner game in Oakland after they racked up 17 penalties in their pre-season opener against Cleveland.

The improvement was modest, to say the least.

Sunday night, the team received 11 penalties for 80 yards — probably not what Gailey had in mind.

"Penalties are something that really bothered me," Gailey said after the Cowboys lost 10-3 to the Oakland Raiders. "And there were quite a few breakdowns in the offensive line."

The sloppy play came mainly from the Cowboys second- and third-stringers.

Most of the first-team offense played a single quarter.

The starting crew began the game with a convincing 13-play, 61-yard drive that ended with a field goal by Richie Cunningham. Quarterback Troy Aikman was 10-of-14 for 104 yards.

But after the starters left, Dallas' play was atrocious.

The Cowboys posted only 65 yards over the final three quarters. During one stretch, Dallas registered only 17 yards in 13 plays.

"After the first offense, it was awful," Gailey said. "Just awful. There's not much else you can say about it."

At times, Gailey buried his face in his

hands, apparently in frustration.

Late in the third quarter, Dallas backup offensive tackle Jeremy Akers was called for a false start on consecutive plays as the Cowboys struggled deep in their own territory.

Third-string quarterback Mike Quinn also lost ground in trying to impress Gailey.

Quinn didn't complete a pass in three series and was sacked three times.

The low point for Quinn came after linebacker Robert Thomas intercepted a pass to set the Cowboys up at the Raiders 25-yard line.

But instead of getting the easy field goal, the Cowboys actually moved out of

field-goal range after several miscues.

"The frustrating part was the penalties and the mental errors we had, because we had a lot of those last week and we tried to minimize them," Dallas tight end Eric Bjornson said. "Mistakes are costly. They take you out of field position and cost you points. We did harp a lot on that this week."

After the game, Gailey sounded as if it was time for some of the team's backups to prove their worth.

"We've got to find to find out which one of those people can contribute to our football," he said.

The Cowboys are now 0-7 in exhibition games under second-year coach Gailey.

Lehman, Pate get Crenshaw's nod as Ryder Cup picks

MEDINAH, Ill. (AP) — The team is filled, and a week of controversy over. Now the real fun begins for Ben Crenshaw and his U.S. Ryder Cup squad.

If Crenshaw thought a week of bickering and posturing that left him looking weary and harried was tough, he knows the upcoming ones will be even tougher.

"I'll still be losing a lot of sleep this month," Crenshaw said.

Crenshaw's picks of Tom Lehman and Steve Pate to complete the Ryder Cup team that meets Europe on Sept. 24-26 said a lot about the kind of player he wants on the American team that will try to break a losing streak dating back to 1995.

"I'm sick and tired of losing," Lehman said. "I feel an urgency to get it right this time."

Precisely the type of attitude Crenshaw was looking for when he named Lehman to the team Monday.

It's an attitude shared by Pate, somewhat of a surprise selection as Crenshaw's second captain's pick.

"He's a very fierce competitor who will walk through a wall for you if you ask him to," Crenshaw said.

If Crenshaw was looking for a certain type of player to add to a team split apart during the PGA Championship by bickering over Ryder Cup play, he got it in Lehman and Pate, who don't figure to be complaining much about the \$5,000 stipends they get for the cup.

Now, if he can only get Tiger Woods, David Duval, Mark O'Meara and Phil Mickelson to keep quiet, he has a chance at a unified team.

With the team now complete,

Crenshaw believes the healing process has also begun.

"This thing is behind us," Crenshaw said. "Regardless of what happened this week and how it happened, we have to be a team. Boston is right around the corner. Unification is a big part of this, and it's done."

Crenshaw will try to unify the team further when team members gather Aug. 30 at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass., for a day of practice on the course that will host the matches Sept. 24-26.

Woods and O'Meara won't be there — but the rest of the Ryder Cup squad will get together to try and figure out the course in advance of the matches with the Europeans.

Crenshaw said both Woods and O'Meara have promised to get to the course and play it on their own before the matches.

"The practice session is very important," Crenshaw said. "This is a very special place we are playing."

Lehman, who has a 37-3 record while playing on the 1995 and 1997 teams that lost the cup, predicted a team headed by Woods and Duval and featuring the likes of Payne Stewart, Davis Love III and Phil Mickelson will be formidable.

"It's a pretty stacked team from top to bottom," Lehman said. "If we can all get going in the right direction, we're tough to beat."

Crenshaw agreed, saying his toughest job will be deciding how to pair his players in the matches.

"I'm going to have an extremely difficult process of partnering these guys," he said. "It's a very well rounded team."

Doctors say Elliott might be able to return to Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Doctors say Sean Elliott's dream of returning to the NBA after kidney transplant surgery is in the realm of possibility after a successful operation.

Although the 31-year-old Elliott will be on medication the rest of his life, his doctors said he should be able to return to a normal life, maybe even basketball. The NBA season starts in November.

"It's clearly unprecedented, but he's a very motivated individual," said Dr. Francis Wright, the surgeon who performed the transplant surgery Monday at Methodist Specialty

and Transplant Hospital.

"I'm certainly not going to be the one who tells him he can't play basketball again," Wright said.

Elliott, a 10-year NBA veteran and starting forward on the San Antonio Spurs championship team, could leave the hospital within a week and start his workout regimen within the next two months, Wright said.

Doctors have said it will take 2-3 months before they'll know if he can play again.

"We recommend some limitation on activity for six to eight weeks to allow the incision to heal properly," Wright said.

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Recalled LHP Jarrod Washburn from Edmonton of the PCL.
BOSTON RED SOX—Reinstated Scott Hatteberg from an injury rehabilitation assignment. Signed OF Rick Ankiel.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Acquired 2B Carlos Baerga from the San Diego Padres for a player to be named or cashed. Options: INF OF Robert Cabrera to Buffalo of the International League. Transferred OF Jacob Cruz from the 15-day to the 60-day disabled list.
DETROIT TIGERS—Placed LHP Justin Thompson on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Matt Anderson from Toledo of the International League.
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES—Options RHP Bobby Jones to Colorado Springs of the PCL.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Activated 3B Ken Caminiti from the 60-day disabled list. Options: INF Russ Johnson to New Orleans of the PCL.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Recalled RHP Tony Armas Jr. from Harrisburg of the Eastern League. Options: RHP Shane Bieber to Ottawa of the International League.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed RHP Brian Boppre on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to Aug. 14. Recalled RHP Stan Spencer from Las Vegas of the PCL. Recalled INF David Newhan from Las Vegas.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Options RHP Julian Tavarez to Fresno of the PCL. Recalled RHP Joe Nathan from Fresno.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS—Waived F Tyrone Corbin and F Duane Ferrell.
SACRAMENTO KINGS—Signed G Tony Delk to a multiyear contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Released LB Jerry Rudzinski, LB David Menard, WR Sylvain Girard, WR Joseph Nassasi, WR Mark Sney, DE Rod Mansuel, DB Kory Blackwell and DB Eric Stokes.
DETROIT LIONS—Signed LB Steve Morrison. Released WR Under Williams.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed WR Antonio Freeman to a seven-year contract extension.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Waived LB Antonio Jordan, QB Jim Kubiak and TE Joe Kuykendall.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Claimed DE Dimitris Underwood off waivers from the Minnesota Vikings. Signed WR Rico Sarfino to a one-year contract.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Released OT Chad Abernathy and DT Jose White.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed TE Henry Lusk and LB Aaron Adams.
NEW YORK JETS—Waived G Alex Bernstein.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Released OL Ed Kohl.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Released PK Matt Davenport.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Acquired F Denny Lambert from the Nashville Predators for the rights to C Randy Robitaille.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Signed RW Tavis Hansen to a multiyear contract.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Announced the resignation of Anders Hedberg, assistant general manager and director of player development.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

American League	East Division	West Division	Central Division
	W L Pct. GB	W L Pct. GB	W L Pct. GB
New York	72 45 .615 —	Cleveland	72 45 .615 —
Boston	66 52 .559 6 1/2	Chicago	55 62 .470 17
Toronto	65 56 .537 9	Minnesota	50 66 .431 21 1/2
Baltimore	51 66 .436 21	Kansas City	47 70 .402 25
Tampa Bay	51 68 .429 22	Detroit	46 72 .390 26 1/2
Monday's Games			
Tampa Bay 9, Detroit 1			
New York 2, Minnesota 0			
Texas 13, Cleveland 5			
Boston 6, Oakland 5			
Seattle 7, Toronto 5			
Chicago 6, Anaheim 1			
Only games scheduled			
Today's Games			
Oakland (Heredia 9-5) at Boston (Sabers 9-4), 6:05 p.m.			
Seattle (Abbott 3-0) at Toronto (Hentgen 7-9), 6:05 p.m.			
Texas (Sele 12-7) at Cleveland (Langston 1-1), 6:05 p.m.			
Tampa Bay (Witt 7-8) at Detroit (Micki 7-10), 6:05 p.m.			
Minnesota (Mays 5-4) at Baltimore (Mussina 14-7), 6:35 p.m.			
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	W L Pct. GB	W L Pct. GB	W L Pct. GB
Atlanta	73 47 .608 —	San Francisco	68 51 .571 —
New York	73 47 .608 —	San Diego	60 58 .508 7 1/2
Philadelphia	63 55 .534 14	Los Angeles	54 65 .454 14
Florida	49 70 .412 23 1/2	Colorado	53 66 .445 15
Montreal	48 70 .407 24	Chicago	52 68 .433 16 1/2
Central Division			
Cincinnati	69 47 .595 —	Arizona	68 51 .571 —
Houston	71 49 .592 —	San Francisco	60 58 .508 7 1/2
St. Louis	61 59 .508 14	San Diego	54 65 .454 14
Pittsburgh	59 59 .500 15	Los Angeles	53 66 .445 15
Milwaukee	54 62 .466 15	Colorado	52 68 .433 16 1/2
Chicago	51 66 .436 18 1/2		
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Houston 2, Milwaukee 0			
St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 3			
Atlanta 14, Colorado 6			
Arizona 10, Chicago 3			
New York 4, San Diego 3, 10 innings			
San Francisco 7, Montreal 4			
Florida 7, Los Angeles 5			
Today's Games			
Montreal (Hermanson 5-11) at San Francisco (Estes 7-7), 3:05 p.m.			
Philadelphia (Shumaker 0-1) at Cincinnati (Wilson 6-4), 6:05 p.m.			
Milwaukee (Eldred 7-5) at Houston (Elarton 6-3), 7:05 p.m.			
PHILADELPHIA (Schmidt 13-8) at Cincinnati (Wilson 6-4), 6:05 p.m.			
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Atlanta (Mullholand 7-6) at Colorado (Wright 0-2), 8:05 p.m.			
Chicago (Lorraine 1-0) at Arizona (Rhemandez 3-5), 9:35 p.m.			

145. DOUBLES—Biggio, Houston, 49; KYoung, Pittsburgh, 35; Clones, Atlanta, 34; Karpis, Los Angeles, 34; Licon, Montreal, 32; Guerrero, Montreal, 32; Alfonso, New York, 32; McGrace, Chicago, 32.

TRIPLES—Gonzalez, Florida, 7; Kotsay, Florida, 7; Abreu, Philadelphia, 7; Cameron, Cincinnati, 7; Womack, Arizona, 7; Guerrero, Montreal, 6; N Perez, Colorado, 6; Martinez, Montreal, 6; Martin, Pittsburgh, 6; Sfriso, Arizona, 6.
HOME RUNS—Sosa, Chicago, 47; McGwire, St. Louis, 47; Bagwell, Houston, 36; Clones, Atlanta, 31; L Walker, Colorado, 30; G Vaughn, Cincinnati, 29; M Williams, Arizona, 29; Bell, Arizona, 29.
STOLEN BASES—Cedeno, New York, 58; Womack, Arizona, 51; Young, Los Angeles, 36; L Castillo, Florida, 35; Cameron, Cincinnati, 30; Henderson, New York, 29; RSanders, San Diego, 28.
PITCHING (14 Decisions)—Hampton, Houston, 16-3, 842, 2.99; Bottenfield, St. Louis, 16-5, .762, 3.73; Schilling, Philadelphia, 14-5, 737, 3.49; Rivera, New York, 10-4, 714, 4.94; Maddux, Atlanta, 15-6, 714, 3.66; K Brown, Los Angeles, 14-6, 690, 3.14; Lina, Houston, 16-7, 696, 3.47.
STRIKEOUTS—R Johnson, Arizona, 284; Reynolds, Houston, 166; Astacio, Colorado, 160; K Brown, Los Angeles, 156; Hitchcock, San Diego, 151; Schilling, Philadelphia, 147; Millwood, Atlanta, 139.
SAVES—Huffman, San Diego, 30; Wagner, Houston, 28; Urbina, Montreal, 27; Nen, San Francisco, 27; Rocker, Atlanta, 26; Wickman, Milwaukee, 24; Shaw, Los Angeles, 24.

Monday's Games

Minnesota 57, Cleveland 50
Houston 80, Utah 71
Los Angeles 76, Charlotte 65

Today's Games
Washington at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Detroit at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

NFL PRESEASON

Saturday's Games
Green Bay 27, N.Y. Jets 16
Indianapolis 20, Cincinnati 17
Tampa Bay 30, Cleveland 3
Denver 38, Arizona 7
Buffalo 24, Seattle 10

Monday's Games
Oakland 10, Dallas 3
Kansas City 22, Tennessee 20
Thursday, Aug. 19
Seattle at San Francisco, 7 p.m.

TEXAS LEAGUE

Monday's Games
Jackson 5, Arkansas 5
Midland 12, Wichita 8
San Antonio 5, El Paso 1
Tulsa 3, Shreveport 2

Today's Games
Arkansas at Jackson
Wichita at Midland
El Paso at San Antonio
Tulsa at Shreveport

TEN-LA LEAGUE

Monday's Games
Rio Grande Valley 0
Lafayette 12, Greenville 3
Alexandria 14, Ozark 2

Today's Games
Rio Grande Valley at Abilene
Lafayette at Greenville
Alexandria at Ozark

WNB

Monday's Games
New York (Leter 10-7) at San Diego (W Williams 5-11), 9:05 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 0-0) at Los Angeles (Judd 1-0), 9:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Kansas City (Rendert 1-1) at New York (Pettitte 10-8), 6:35 p.m.
Anheim (Belcher 5-7) at Chicago (Baldwin 6-11), 7:05 p.m.

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NL LEADERS

BATTING—L Walker, Colorado, 362; Casey, Cincinnati, 344; Abreu, Philadelphia, 340; HRodriguez, Chicago, 337; LGonzalez, Arizona, 326; Everett, Houston, 331; Gianville, Philadelphia, 326; McGrace, Chicago, 326.
RBIs—Bagwell, Houston, 108; J Bell, Arizona, 96; Alfonso, New York, 93; Sosa, Chicago, 91; L Walker, Colorado, 91; Biggio, Houston, 89; Clones, Atlanta, 86; McGwire, St. Louis, 86.
STOLEN BASES—Stewart, Toronto, 35; Bl Hunter, Seattle, 29; Gosdwin, Texas, 27; Vizquel, Cleveland, 27; RAlomar, Cleveland, 27; ByAnderson, Baltimore, 27; Encarnacion, Detroit, 26; Durham, Chicago, 26.
PITCHING (14 Decisions)—PMartinez, Boston, 17-3, 850, 2.45; Colon, Cleveland, 12-4, 750, 4.14; Clemens, New York, 11-5, 687, 4.60; Mussina, Baltimore, 14-7, 667, 3.62; Moyer, Seattle, 12-6, 667, 4.40; Nagy, Cleveland, 13-7, 650, 4.89; Gheredia, Oakland, 9-5, 643, 5.01.
STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 205; CFIney, Anaheim, 143; Mussina, Baltimore, 136; Sele, Texas, 132; Cone, New York, 128; DWells, Toronto, 124; Burba, Cleveland, 121.
SAVES—MRivera, New York, 33;

Facing Johnson, Sosa posts 47th homer, three strikeouts

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blown away early by a 100 mph fastball, Sammy Sosa eventually caught up with Randy Johnson.

Sosa hit a 456-foot shot for his 47th home run, tying him with Mark McGwire for the major league lead Monday night in the Arizona Diamondbacks' 10-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Last season, Sosa also hit No. 47 on Aug. 16. But he's ahead of that pace — he's reached the mark in 117 Cubs games this year, compared to 124 games last year.

"I don't feel pressure. I have to say I know what to do," Sosa said. "I don't go up there every day expecting to have a great game. I hit a home run, but I also struck out three times. That's just part of the game."

Sosa struck out in five straight at-bats against Johnson before connecting in the sixth inning at Bank One Ballpark. Sosa fanned in his final at-bat against the Big Unit, too.

"You've got to strike him out 10 or 15 times to equal a distance on a home run like that," Johnson said. "But I think we have a mutual respect for one another, just like me and McGwire. He knows what I'm capable of doing and I know what he's capable of doing, and we've gotten to see both sides of that."

In other National League games, New York beat San Diego 4-3 in 10 innings, Atlanta beat Colorado 14-6, Cincinnati defeated Pittsburgh 9-2, Houston downed Milwaukee 2-0, St. Louis stopped Philadelphia 4-3, San Francisco defeated Montreal 7-4 and Florida beat Los Angeles 7-5.

In American League games, it was Boston 6, Oakland 5; Seattle 7, Toronto 5; Texas 13, Cleveland 5; New York 2, Minnesota 0; Tampa Bay 9, Detroit 1; and Chicago 6, Anaheim 1.

Johnson fanned 11 in eight innings, his sixth straight double-digit strikeout performance. Johnson leads the majors with 284 strikeouts, 99 behind Nolan Ryan's single-season record. If he stays on his regular schedule, he'll get nine more starts.

Along with lowering his NL-leading ERA to 2.58, Johnson (12-8) hit a two-run double over Sosa's head in center field.

Matt Williams hit a pair of two-run homers and Steve Finley also homered for the West-leading Diamondbacks.

Mets 4, Padres 3
Edgaro Alfonzo homered in the 10th inning and New York limited San Diego to two hits.

Rookie Octavio Dotel, trying to pitch the first no-hitter in Mets' history, held the Padres hitless until Phil Nevin's three-run homer in the seventh.

Mike Piazza homered for the fourth straight game and Rickey Henderson also connected. The Mets won their sixth in a row against San Diego.

Reds 9, Pirates 2
Juan Guzman turned in his third straight strong outing for Cincinnati, overcoming a pair of home runs by former teammate Ed Sprague to beat Pittsburgh at Cinergy Field.

Guzman (2-1), obtained from Baltimore on July 31, allowed five hits in seven innings. Pokey Reese and Mike Cameron homered for the Reds. Pete Schourek (3-7) fell to his former team for the second time in six days.

Astros 2, Brewers 0
Jose Lima improved to 8-0 lifetime against Milwaukee as Houston won at the Astrodome.

Lima and Billy Wagner combined on a two-hitter as the Brewers were shut out for the second straight day.

Astros third baseman Ken Caminiti came off the 60-day disabled list and went 0-for-3. But outfielder Derek Bell strained his left groin muscle and was expected to go on the DL.

Cardinals 4, Phillies 3
Craig Paquette got the big hit at Busch Stadium for the second day in row, connecting for a three-run homer in the sixth inning that sent St. Louis over Philadelphia.

A day earlier, Paquette got a two-out, two-run single in the bottom of the ninth to beat the Cubs 6-5. In 13 games since being acquired from the Mets on July 31, he has four home runs and 12 RBIs.

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Braves 14, Rockies 6
Eddie Perez hit a pair of two-run homers and Jose Hernandez had five RBIs as Atlanta romped at Coors Field.

Hernandez, Brian Hunter and Gerald Williams also homered for the Braves. Greg Maddux (15-6) won his fifth straight decision.

Giants 7, Expos 4
Barry Bonds hit his 18th home run and a double, leading rookie Joe Nathan and San Francisco over visiting Montreal.

Nathan (3-2), recalled from the minors earlier in the day, gave up three hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Tony Armas Jr. (0-1) lost in his major league debut. Acquired as part of the trade that sent Pedro Martinez to Boston, he allowed one earned run in six innings.

Marlins 7, Dodgers 5
Preston Wilson, who leads major league rookies with 20 home runs, hit a grand slam as Florida won at Dodger Stadium.

Down 3-2, Los Angeles loaded the bases with one out in the seventh inning. But Trinidad Hubbard was called for interference on Eric Young's grounder, resulting in a double play, and Dodgers manager Davey Johnson was ejected for arguing second-base umpire Mike Winters' ruling.

Red Sox 6, Athletics 5
Brian Daubach thought he hit a game-winning homer — until the ball was called foul. One pitch later, he indeed won the game for the Boston Red Sox with a three-run double.

Daubach's hit with two outs in the ninth inning helped Boston rally to beat Oakland 6-5 Monday night to move two games ahead of the Athletics in the wild-card race.

Oakland, which would have tied the Red Sox in the wild-card race with a win, led 4-0 after three innings and had a two-out, two-run single in the bottom of the ninth to beat the Cubs 6-5. In 13 games since being acquired from the Mets on July 31, he has four home runs and 12 RBIs.

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Bobby Jones (6-10) gave up five runs in the first inning. After the game, Colorado sent him down to the minors.

AL LEADERS

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RUNS—RAlofari, Cleveland, 102; Jeter, New York, 99; SGreen, Toronto, 95; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 94; LGonzalez, Texas, 96; Dye, Kansas City, 92.
HITS—Jeter, New York, 160; Surhoff, Baltimore, 157; Stewart, Toronto, 154; BeWilliams, New York, 154; Randa, Kansas City, 151; Beltrani, Kansas City, 147; Rodriguez, Texas, 144.
DOUBLES—Garcaparra, Boston, 35; Damon, Kansas City, 34; TWalker, Minnesota, 33; MSweeney, Kansas

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2 bdr. mobile home @ 1407 B-Mesquite. Central refrigerated air, best installed. Stove & ref. \$275/mn \$200/dep. Call 267-6667.

2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1104 Nolan (rear). Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

2 bedroom, 1 bath Mobile Home. San Springs area. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

2 bedroom with stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer. \$350./mo. \$150/dep. Call 268-1202.

3 bedroom, 1 bath. 4215 Dixon. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

3 bedroom, 2 baths. C/H/A \$450./mo., + dep. 2606 Houston. Call 263-6997 or 263-4367.

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Coahoma ISD: House for rent. 1 bdr. 1 bh. Call 267-1802

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FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove & refrigerator furnished. 263-4410.

HUD. 2br. 1 bh. \$255/mo. \$175/dep. 506 State. 263-3689.

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For more information call 263-7331, ext. J. 235.

Pictures of one person who may be speaking at a club or church can also be submitted.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18: Your creativity opens many new doors; walk through them, even if you feel fearful at times. Realize that you can break patterns and change the way you live your life. A residential move is possible, or you might opt to remodel. If you are single, romance knocks on your door, but you could find an attraction rather compulsive. You might even start a fight to create some distance. Be more self-aware. If attached, you will find that there is much heat between the two of you. Learn to communicate your caring and to avoid power plays. SCORPIO can push your buttons.

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) ****Close relating brings forth heated issues; some may be concealed in words of anger. A door opens that permits better relating and communication. Clearing the air allows new beginnings. How you view a situation could change substantially. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ****Your social skills shine. You deal well with partners. Solve problems and reach a new understanding. Let others express their opinions. Don't worry about tension - it will pass. Domestic matters come forward. Tonight: Be receptive to another's overture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ****Pace yourself. Know your limits, even though you're a bundle of energy and will speak your mind at the drop of a hat. Partners seek resolution, transformation and change. Keep communication flowing. As a result, you'll see life differently. Tonight: Working late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ****Ingenuity marks your work. Finances benefit from your innovations. Expenses could be incurred as a result of a new project. Take time before launching it; attend to personal matters first. Make an appointment for a checkup. Tonight: Have fun as only you can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ****Clear out misunderstandings in a family discussion. New insights remove barriers with a loved one. You can create a relationship that's even better. Listen more. Follow through on a decision. Humor helps dissolve tension. You have that gift! Tonight: Indulge yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ****Listen, even though you don't have to agree. You see others in a different light because of what they say, but you may not want to respond in kind. Consider a domestic change; the timing is better than you realize. Brainstorm

with a family member. Tonight: Where the gang is. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ****New information could encourage you to make a financial change. Refuse to spend beyond your limits. A friend has many great ideas - still, do what you want. Establish limits. Stop being overly nice to everyone but yourself. Tonight: Handle funds carefully.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ****You are in the limelight. A new financial perspective helps you make a decision to reorganize your budget. Check in with an expert or someone with great money ideas. You'll get what you want. It's hard for anyone to refuse you right now! Tonight: Your call.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ****Rather than tell all, pick and choose your words. You have a greater impact than you realize. Move in new directions. Others respect your ideas; refrain from pointing out their limitations. Tensions mount over communication and possibly misinformation. Tonight: Head home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ****You are a goal-oriented sign, and you know how to get what you want. However, you often don't give enough credit to what your thought processes can accomplish. Open up to new possibilities through the power of your mind. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ****Accept responsibility, even if it isn't yours. Changing your role in your community and at work proves to be unusually beneficial. Take action and go for what you want. Demonstrate the courage of your convictions. Another easily follows your lead. Tonight: Working late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ****Reach out for another. Stretch your mind and take an overview. Others respond to your inquiries. Information helps you at work. New ideas flow. Enlisting another in a project allows you to accomplish even more. Be willing to take a stand. Tonight: Rent a movie!

BORN TODAY Actor Martin Mull (1943), director Roman Polanski (1933), former first lady Rosalynn Carter (1927)

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WOMEN IN DATING POOL HAVE THEIR OWN WAY OF SWIMMING

DEAR READERS: Yesterday I printed responses from male readers to the letter from "20-Something in L.A." listing her contemporary rules for dating. Today we'll sample some of the feedback I received from women. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I take exception to the dating guidelines offered by "20-Something in L.A." I see no reason why a gainfully employed adult should expect her date to pick up the tab for everything. Moreover, a young woman who lets her date pay for everything may well have a hard time refusing to "repay" her date with sex. Take it from a woman with a few more years of dating experience. Play fair and play safe. -CARRYING MY OWN WEIGHT IN PORTLAND

DEAR ABBY: I think the dating guidelines from "20-Something" are tacky and old-fashioned. I have never depended on a man for money, and it's worked out fine for me. When I date, we always split the costs. If I'm broke, I'll ask my date for a loan, and I always pay him back. If he offers to pay, I gently refuse. If he persists, I accept the offer as a gift.

Abby, I do not need anyone to help me with my coat or open

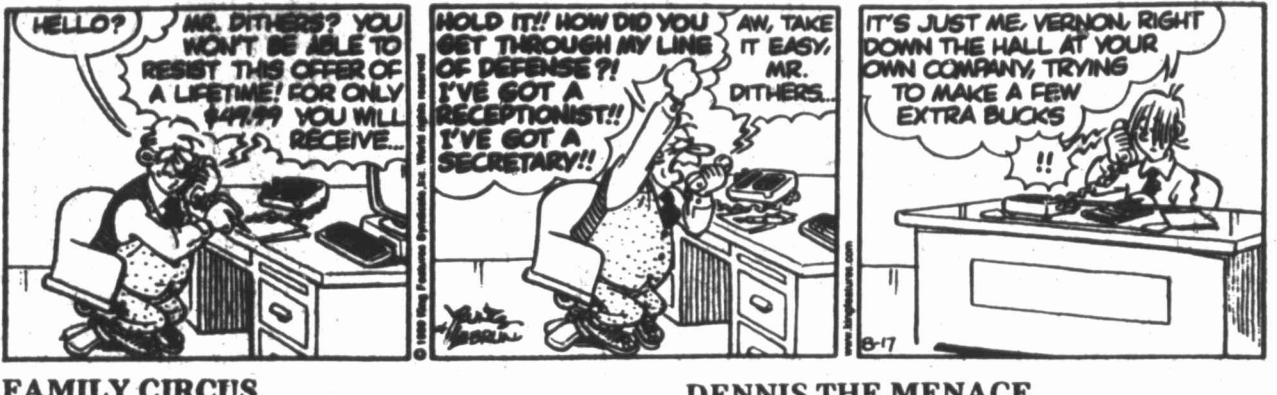
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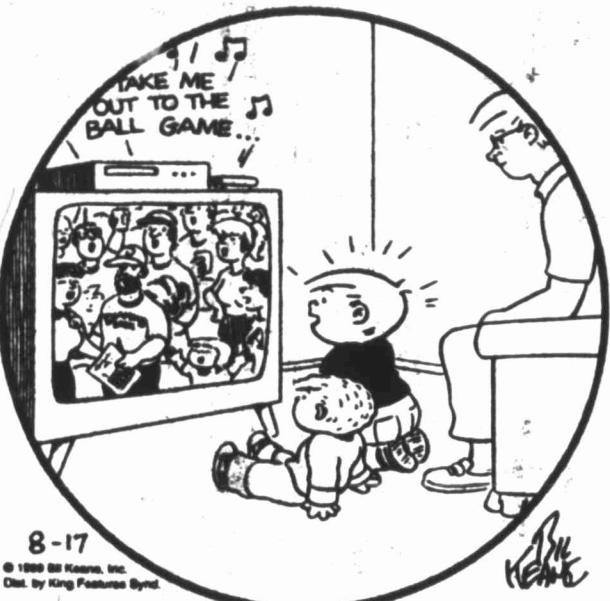
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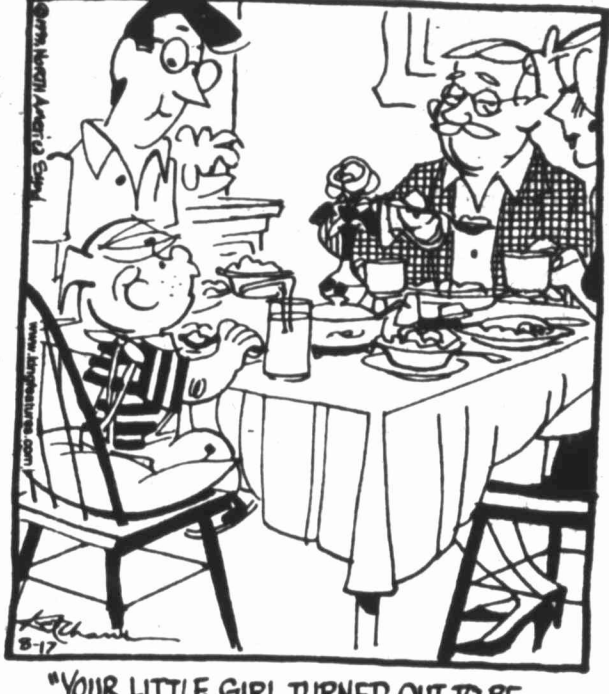
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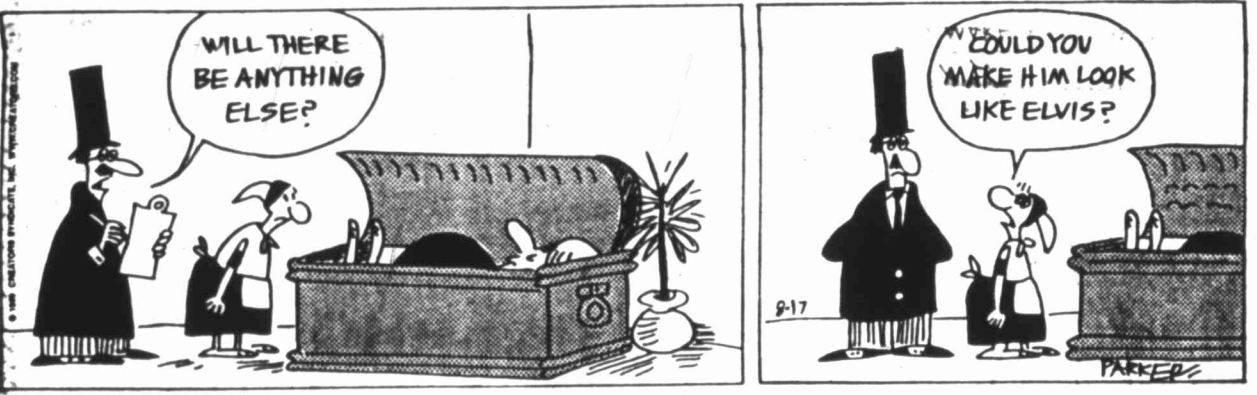


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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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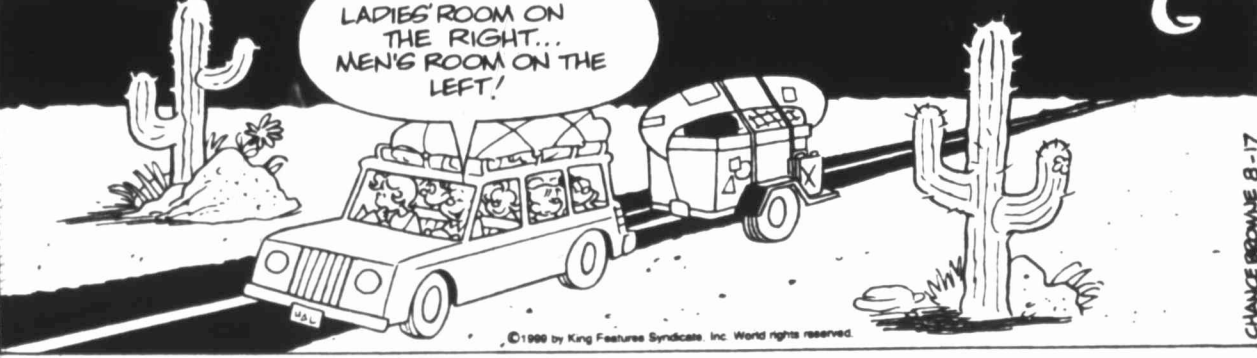
Today's Highlight in History:
On Aug. 17, 1969, Hurricane Camille killed 248 people when it slammed into the Gulf Coast.
On this date:
In 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steam Boat began heading up New York's Hudson River on its successful round-

trip to Albany.
In 1863, Federal batteries and ships bombarded Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War.
In 1896, a prospecting party discovered gold in Alaska, a finding that would touch off the Klondike gold rush.
In 1943, the Allied conquest of Sicily was completed as U.S. and British forces entered Messina.
In 1945, Indonesian nationalists declared independence from the Netherlands.
In 1978, the first successful trans-Atlantic balloon flight ended as Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman set down in their Double Eagle II outside Paris.
In 1987, Rudolf Hess, 93, the last member of Adolf Hitler's inner circle, died at a Berlin hospital near Spandau Prison, apparently a suicide.
In 1988, Pakistani President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq and U.S. Ambassador Arnold Raphel were killed in a plane crash.
Ten years ago: The Commerce Department reported the U.S. trade deficit had shrunk to \$8.7 billion in June.
Five years ago: Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman resigned under pressure, the latest Clinton administration official felled by the Whitewater controversy.
One year ago: President Clinton gave grand jury testimony via closed-circuit TV from the White House regarding his relationship with Monica Lewinsky; he then delivered a TV address in which he denied previously committing perjury, admitted his relationship with Lewinsky was "wrong," and criticized Kenneth Starr's investigation. Russia allowed the ruble's value to drop by up to 34 percent. The Federal Reserve Board approved the megamerger of NationsBank and BankAmerica.
Today's Birthdays: Actress Maureen O'Hara is 79. Actor Robert DeNiro is 56. Movie director Martha Coolidge is 53. Rock musician Sib Hashian is 50. Actor Robert Joy is 48. Rock singer Kevin Rowland (Dexy's Midnight Runners) is 46. Rock musician Colin Moulding (XTC) is 44. Country singer-songwriter Kevin Welch is 41. Singer Belinda Carlisle is 44. Actor Sean Penn is 39. Actor Bruce Penhall is 39. Jazz musician Everette Harp is 38. Rock musician Gilby Clarke is 37. Singer Maria McKee is 35. Rock musician Steve Gorman (The Black Crowes) is 34. Rock musician Jill Cuniff (Luscious Jackson) is 33. Actor David Conrad is 32. Singer Donnie Wahlberg is 30. Rapper Posdnuos is 30.

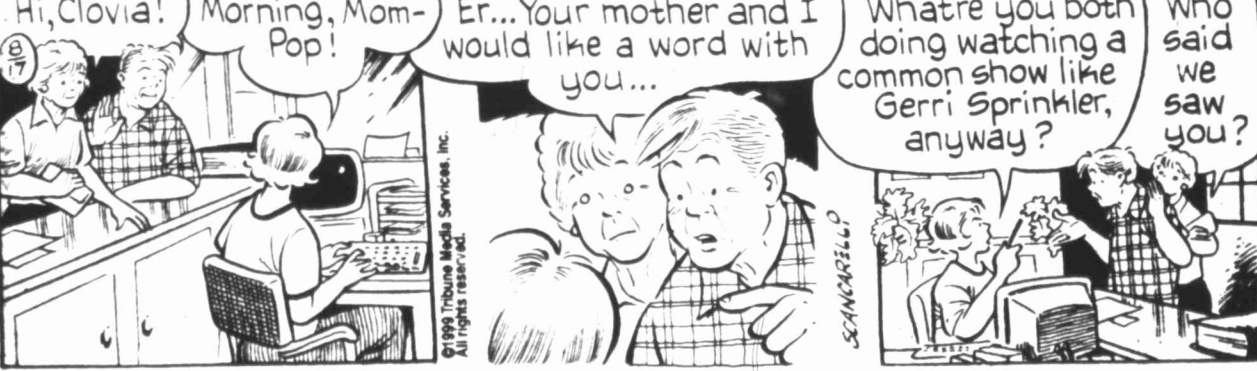
THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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SNUFFY SMITH



BEEBLE BAILY



Monday's Puzzle Solved grid with words filled in.

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