

TUESDAY

July 18, 2000

WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 72°-75° **WEDNESDAY** 98°-101°

Sen. Duncan's offices moved to 401 Austin

State Sen. Robert Duncan's local District 28 offices have been moved from the Citizens Federal Credit Union building to Suite 101 of the office building at 401 Austin St. According to Frances Wheat, the senator's local representative, the office's telephone number will remain the same and she can be reached by calling 268-9909. Sen. Duncan's office in Austin can also be contacted by calling 1-800-322-9538 or (512) 463-0128.

'Night Out' meeting set for 5:30 p.m.

A meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. today in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board room to make plans for creating a National Night Out organization. The meeting is open to anyone interested in preventing crime in their neighborhood. Speakers will include local police officers familiar with National Night Out and other crime-prevention programs. "Anyone who wants to volunteer to serve with a local National Night Out group or organize a gathering in their neighborhood on Aug. 1 is encouraged to attend."

WHAT'S UP...

- TODAY**
- Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library annex, 500 main. Community Room.
 - Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star meeting, 7:30 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 movie theater box office.
 - Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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Muscular Dystrophy Association fundraiser set Wednesday

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

It's time to lock-up your friends, relatives and even perhaps the boss at this year's annual MDA lock-up to help raise money for muscular dystrophy. The event will be held Wednesday at the Big Spring Mall with certain Big Spring dignitaries getting locked up "in jail" until they can get a good friend or

relative to bail them out. According to Trudy Espinosa, project chairman from the MDA Midland office, all proceeds collected will remain in this area. "We will be attempting to raise money for our local area MDA patients," said Espinosa. "We have over 300 patients and we use the money for support groups, MDA camps, treatments and equipment." Espinosa is expecting another great lock-up and

MDA LOCK-UP

When: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday.
Where: Big Spring Mall
Benefits: Muscular Dystrophy Association.

invites everyone in the Big Spring area to come out and support the event, which will be taking place between 10 a.m. through 3 p.m.

"We are hoping to have another really good lock-up this year and bring in a lot of money to help support those that are afflicted with muscular dystrophy," said Espinosa. "So come on out to the mall and see who you can bail out of jail or if preferred, keep them in indefinitely." According to Espinosa, more than 140 people have signed up to participate. Each person involved in the lock-up stays as long as they

can raising as much as they can. "The bail is set at \$750 and people can start raising money before the lock-up to help this cause," Espinosa added. Muscular Dystrophy is a degenerative disease of the muscles for which there is no known cure. "MD doesn't just strike young children or middle adult hood, but it can be present at birth," Espinosa said.



HERALD photo/Carl Graham
Rual Martinez of the Big Spring city street department shovels concrete so that Jorge Parra can take it away from the sidewalk. New sidewalk will be replacing the old near the courthouse at Third and Main. Work is expected to last several days.

Heat's on the rise in Big Spring and across the nation's Southwest

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Turn up the air conditioner and make sure all the doors are closed. For the fourth day in a row, the Big Spring area has reached temperatures eclipsing the century mark. "The weather is typical of this time of the year," said Chris Smallcomb of the National Weather Service. "The high pressure system is staying causing warm temperatures." According to United States Department of Agriculture Research Center (USDA) reports, temperatures first reached 100 on Friday. Each day since has seen the high temperature climb past 100 degrees. Hot temperatures peeked in the Big Spring area this week on Sunday with a high of 107. According to Smallcomb, a lack of night cooling is not giving the area much respite from the heat.

"Another reason for the higher temperatures is that night is not cooling off as much, so we begin the day with higher temperatures," he said. Smallcomb expects to see average temperatures in the high 90s and low 100s for the next few days and expects the area will have warm weather for the next few months. Temperatures first reached 100 in this area May 5. In fact, May proved to produce more hot days than June this year. Big Spring saw the temperature reach the century mark eight times during May, but June offered some respite from the heat when it reached 100 just once. With July barely half gone, the Big Spring area has already had six days of 100-plus temperatures. A National Weather Service meteorologist said the high pressure dome has settled over the southern portion of the nation includ-

ing Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Kansas. The Dallas County Health Department issued an emergency health alert Monday as temperatures across the city reached and topped the century mark for the sixth day in row. The NWS predicted 100-plus readings would continue at least through the weekend. Already, the heat is blamed for deaths of two elderly Dallas residents. Eight heat-related deaths were reported last year and 35 in 1998. Betty Culbreath-Lister, Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services director, said. So far this year, four deaths have been attributed to heat in Houston. Last year, Harris County pathologists blamed heat for 21 deaths. On Sunday, Hobart, Okla., and Wichita Falls tied for the nation's high of 109. The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Parole denied for Odessa man found guilty in connection with Stanton toddler's death

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

A Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles has denied parole for Carlos Cain Hinojos, a 24-year-old Odessa man currently serving a 10-year sentence for causing serious bodily injury to a child in the death of a Stanton toddler Bradon Graves. This was the first parole hearing for Hinojos who has served only 14 months in prison after signing a plea agreement last year. He is being held at the Rudd Unit in Brownfield. Hinojos contends that he did not plead guilty to injuring the child, only to failing to take the child to a hospital in a timely manner. In October 1999, Hinojos' former lawyers filed a

request that the inmate be granted "shock" probation, a term used for unexpectedly setting a convict free within the first six months of his sentence. District Judge Bill McCoy denied the request at that time. Bradon, who was two years old when he died, was the son of Jolynn Graves, former girlfriend of Hinojos. Bradon died Nov. 20, 1995, after suffering injuries that ruptured his duodenum, a portion of his small intestine. According to the Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office, a massive infection caused his death. Medical records also state that the child sustained at least 26 other injuries, including a rib fracture and a brain



HERALD photo/Carl Graham
These Carriage Inn residents are putting together hats for "Crazy Hat" day this morning. Pictured are, from left, Fern Ellington, Bernice Davis, Effie Shuits, Helen Turnbow, Phillis Palmer, Janie Baker and Leattie Gaines. Judging of the hats was to be at 1:30 p.m.

Sales tax

Monthly rebates see 8 percent increase for city of Big Spring; most area cities are up as well

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Big Spring saw a respectable increase in sales tax rebates this month, compared to July of 1999, according to the state comptroller's office. The city received \$266,535.95, compared to \$246,733.33 a year ago — an increase of 8.02 percent. For the year, Big Spring has received \$2,050,532.44, up 1.23 percent from the same period a year ago. Sales tax rebates were up for 17 of 20 Big Spring area cities and communities. Only Lamesa, Snyder and Sweetwater saw a decline for the month. Sales tax rebates were up 83.48 percent in Coahoma, where this month's payment of \$2,784 compared to \$1,517.33 the year before. For 2000, Coahoma has received \$29,192.15, up 48.77 percent. Stanton saw a 7.09 percent increase in sales tax rebates, comparing July 2000's payments of \$9,015.96 to July 1999's payments of \$8,418.68. For the year, Stanton has received \$69,389.82, up .03 percent. Forsan received \$1,651.97, an increase of 20.6 percent compared to the \$1,369.76 received in July of 1999. For the year, Forsan has received \$12,732.43, up 71.35 percent. Colorado City received \$34,767.53 this month, up 24.24 percent over last July's payment of \$27,982.63. For the year, Coahoma has received \$254,296.21, an increase over 1999 of 6.65 percent. Abilene saw a 13.07 percent increase in sales tax rebates for the month, comparing \$1,844,746.28 to the \$1,631,459.43 received during the same month a year ago. For the year, sales tax rebates are at \$14,125,243.85, up 4.09 percent. This month's sales tax

rebates were up 22.58 percent in Andrews, comparing \$49,016.47 to last year's \$39,984.69. For the year, sales tax rebates are at \$383,458.30, up 11.7 percent. Fort Stockton saw a 7.41 percent increase, comparing July 2000 rebates of \$79,831.11 to July 1999 rebates of \$74,323.10. For the year, sales tax rebates are at \$580,510.06, up 6.9 percent. Sales tax rebates for Kermit were up 43.77 percent, comparing the \$25,923.74 received this month to the \$18,030.88 taken in during the same month a year ago. For 2000, Kermit has received \$178,733.22, an increase over last year of 11.29 percent. Lamesa took in \$56,971.48 this month, a decrease of 27.41 percent compared to the \$78,487.42 received during the same month of 1999. For the year thus far, Lamesa has received \$492,267.04, some 3.35 percent less than it has received through July of 1999. Sales tax rebates were up 20.15 percent in Lubbock this month. July's rebates this year amounted to \$2,125,413.92, compared to \$1,768,922.39 in July of 1999. For the year, rebates are at \$15,859,646.45, up 8.08 percent. Midland saw a 48.69 percent increase, comparing this month's \$1,198,906.48 to the previous July's \$806,294.73. For the year, rebates are at \$7,781,645.75, up 11.93 percent. Rebates for the month were up 16.01 percent in Monahans, which received \$58,696.77 this month, compared to \$50,592.99 in July of 1999. For the year, Monahans has taken in \$447,269.57, an increase over last year of 3.33 percent. Sales tax rebates for Odessa increased 23.84 percent, comparing July 2000

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Texas comptroller releases budget surplus amid criticism

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas comptroller has reassured state taxpayers and bond raters that the state is paying its bills and has plenty of money to spare, despite the publicity over Texas money matters because of the presidential campaign.

But a Democratic state senator from Houston accused state Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander and state Republican leaders Monday of "cooking" the state budget books to make Gov. George W. Bush look fiscally responsible in his presidential campaign.

Rylander called Sen. Mario Gallegos' allegation

"hogwash." "There is no deficit," Rylander said Monday. "There is no deficit. There is a budget surplus."

Last week, the state reported \$610 million in cost overruns. The news quickly became fodder for Vice President Al Gore's campaign. Gore said the budget shortfall demonstrates that the economic proposals of likely GOP presidential nominee Gov. George W. Bush would return the country to deficit spending and raise its debt.

Gallegos, D-Houston, on Monday called for an independent audit of the departments of Health, Human

Services and the Health and Human Services Commission, where some of the cost overruns have occurred.

"Miss Rylander was responding from a cry for help from the Bush campaign folks. I anticipate serious overruns," Gallegos said.

"They're cooking them (the state books), and you'll find the grease over at the Legislative Budget Board," he told the Houston Chronicle.

The board is composed of legislative leaders, who use the comptroller's revenue estimates to develop a basic, two-year state budget as a starting point for legislative

debate on state spending.

Cost overruns would leave the state with about a \$500 million surplus, small compared to other recent state surpluses, but still a surplus. Rylander said she plans a news conference, likely Thursday, to provide a more solid estimate of the budget surplus, which could be greater, and details about the Texas economy.

"I'm not going to sit back and have myths put out that there is a deficit in Texas," she said. "It's misleading and incorrect."

Top lawmakers and state officials have said the state's \$610 million budget overruns resulted from

higher Medicaid prescription drug costs, a higher prison population in county jails because of tougher parole rules and bad budget assumptions by two state agencies.

The reports and subsequent political criticism came just as Texas was preparing to head to Wall Street to auction some short-term notes that will provide cash flow for the next fiscal year. The state will seek a bond rating before auctioning those notes, which Standard & Poor's Ratings Services last year gave its highest rating possible for short-term debt.

The notes will mature in

2001.

Rylander said because of the timing she felt compelled to provide the revenue update and announce the state's anticipated surplus. Alex Fraser, a director with Standard & Poor's Rating Services in Dallas, said Rylander's office provides him with monthly reports on the state's finances, "so this is not a surprise."

The over-budget costs, Fraser said, are not a huge concern, but do mean that the state will head into the biennium with a lower surplus and will mean "a tougher set of decisions" will have to be made.

Players, retailers brace for Lotto changes

AUSTIN (AP) — Lottery enthusiast Del Wood had three words for changes to this week's Texas Lotto that will make the twice-weekly game much harder to win.

"Boo, hiss, hiss," Wood said Monday. "If they are going to increase the odds, I'm not going to play. I'll take my \$3 and buy my scratch-offs."

Wood is not alone, said George Alvarez, a clerk at Austin's Nau's Pharmacy.

"I don't see the excitement yet," Alvarez said. "If anything, people are upset that the odds are increasing. They don't understand that the jackpot will escalate more quickly."

That's not the kind of news the Texas Lottery Commission wanted to hear.

The panel is expected to discuss the game's changes during its regular monthly meeting today.

The state is hoping the changes will increase sluggish ticket sales \$166 million annually. Fewer winners results in grand prizes rolling over week after week into gigantic jackpots that should entice more players, said commission spokesman Keith Elkins.

The three-member commission voted unanimously in May to institute the first major alteration in the game since it began in 1992.

It goes into effect Wednesday, when players must match six numbers from a pool of 54 instead of from the current 50.

For Wood, the decrease in the odds of winning from 1 in 15.8 million to 1 in 25.8 million is enough to make him quit the game he's played every week since it began.

"It's just another way to make more money," Wood said.

Summer weather spikes drownings in Texas

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A 17-year-old bet his two friends he could swim across a San Antonio pond Monday, but only made it halfway across. He survived, but the other young men drowned trying to save him.

A 3-year-old boy drowned a little over a week ago while on a trip with his grandmother to Splashtown Water Park in San Antonio.

When three young cousins struggled to stay above water at Lake Somerville southwest of College Station

Sunday, the father of two of the children dived in to try to save them, as did his brother-in-law. All five died.

These are just some of the recent drownings in Texas this year.

In the Dallas area alone, there have been about 20 drownings since Memorial Day, about twice as many as the same period last year, American Red Cross spokeswoman Anita Foster said.

"This has been a really bad year for drowning," Foster said. "Memorial Day is usually the kickoff to the lake season."

And for a state that has

warm weather nine months out of the year, she said, that means more boating, swimming and accidents.

Last year, there were 340 drownings in Texas, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife statistics. Of those, 96 drowned while swimming, said Al Campos, a water safety enforcement spokesman for the department. More than 100 people have drowned so far this year, he said.

Often times, swimmers are not familiar with the area, and even if they are, they can have a false sense of trust. Because of the

state's drought, low water levels can let obstacles surface and change water flow patterns.

"There may be stumps where there weren't any before," Foster said. "Even if you've been skiing that lake for 20 years, it's not going to be the same lake that it was last year."

Even though it may be instinct to dive in after a drowning victim, the best thing is to reach out with a stick, throw them a rope or toss them anything that will float, Campos said. A spare tire, or even an empty 3-liter plastic bottle would do.

Woman stopped for gas theft is later charged with murder

DENTON (AP) — When Patricia Donnelly was first pulled over by police, she was suspected only of theft for driving away from a convenience store without paying for gas. Now she faces a murder charge.

A convenience store clerk reported the drive-away theft. After stopping the 23-year-old Denton woman on Wednesday, police determined that the car she was driving belonged to Cary Ray Taylor, 43, of Corinth, just south of Denton, who had been missing for almost a month.

She later admitted that she had strangled Taylor and dumped his body into a grassy ravine in Henderson County near Athens, about 110 miles southeast of Denton.

Donnelly led detectives on Friday to the area, where they found what they believe to be Taylor's body. An autopsy is pending to confirm the identity and cause of death.

She has been charged

with murder. Bond was set at \$100,000.

Donnelly, who remains in the Denton County Jail, told police she met Taylor on June 15 at a Dallas nightclub, Denton police detective Sgt. Steve Macsas said.

"He came back to Denton with her that night with the intentions of having sex," Macsas told the Denton Record-Chronicle. "Sometime during the night ... what she has stated to us was she strangled him."

Donnelly told detectives that she rolled Taylor's body up in a sheet and left it in her living room overnight. That next day, she said, her common-law husband, Michael Wade, 27, came home and found the body following his release from Denton County Jail on a family violence assault charge.

Wade helped Donnelly transport the body and is charged with tampering with evidence, Macsas said.

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Republican 'marriage-penalty' tax cut appears near passage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are on the brink of sending President Clinton a centerpiece of their election-year tax relief agenda, a bill cutting income taxes \$248 billion over 10 years for millions of married couples.

The Senate was expected to pass the "marriage penalty" bill today, sending it to the House, where swift approval also was anticipated.

Republicans are aiming to send the legislation to Clinton before the GOP's national political convention begins July 31 in Philadelphia in hopes of drawing public attention to their differences with Democrats on tax cuts.

"We will see who supports marriage tax relief, and we will see who thinks American families are not entitled to this relief," said Sen. William Roth, R-Del., the Senate Finance Committee chairman.

Clinton has said he could sign the measure into law only under one condition: That Congress also send him an acceptable bill creating a prescription drug benefit in the Medicare program. White House spokesman Joe Lockhart accused Republicans of playing politics by passing the tax-cut bill alone to force a veto.

"They can make political points, pass bills so they can talk about them at their convention, or we can get mar-

riage penalty relief and prescription drugs for seniors," Lockhart said. "It's up to them: politics or substance?"

Elimination of the marriage penalty was the centerpiece of the \$792 billion Republican tax cut that Clinton vetoed last year. Republicans have spent this year passing bite-sized pieces of that larger tax cut using the huge anticipated budget surplus, hoping to frame clearer election-year distinctions between themselves and Democrats.

A Treasury Department analysis of seven GOP tax measures that have passed the House Ways and Means Committee this year said that together, 76 percent of

the cuts would go to the 23 million wealthiest families. The remaining 91 million families would get just over 23 percent.

Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers told reporters the administration prefers tax cuts targeted at low- and middle-income taxpayers instead of "large tax cuts that are heavily backloaded and primarily benefit the highest-income Americans."

The marriage penalty bill gradually would enlarge both the 15 percent and 28 percent tax brackets so they apply to a greater share of a married couple's income. Today, two single people enjoy wider tax brackets than a comparable married

couple, resulting in an average tax bill \$1,400 higher for 25 million couples.

"This is not just tax relief, it's a tax correction," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas.

The measure also would boost a married couple's standard deduction in 2001 so that it equals that of two single people — in 2000 dollars, an increase from \$7,350 to \$8,800. It would increase the income cap for low-income couples who claim the earned-income tax credit and ensure that the alternative minimum tax is not triggered when couples claim any of several personal credits.

On a 50-46 vote Monday, the Senate defeated a

Democratic alternative costing \$54 billion over 10 years that would have given couples the choice of filing joint tax returns or as two singles, whichever benefits them more, with benefits phasing out at incomes between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

Democrats say the bill would cut taxes of millions of married couples who don't now pay penalties, usually those in which one spouse earns most of the family income, and would give unnecessarily large tax cuts to upper-income people. "This isn't a marriage-penalty bill. It's a tax cut disguised as a marriage-penalty bill," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont.

Updated wiretapping laws needed that apply to e-mail, officials contend

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is asking Congress to update wiretapping rules so that legal protections that apply to telephone calls are extended to e-mail and other electronic communication.

The plan would require law enforcement officials to obtain high-level approval before applying for a court order to intercept the content of e-mail — in line with current rules that govern listening to phone calls.

"Basically, the same communication, if sent different ways — through a phone call or a dial-up modem — is subject to different and inconsistent privacy standards," White House Chief of Staff John Podesta said in announcing the proposals. "It's time to update and harmonize our existing laws to give all forms of technology the same legislative protections as our telephone conversations."

The wiretap proposal also addresses so-called "trap and trace" orders which allow law enforcement officials to identify the source of a phone call or an e-mail, but not its content. Under the proposal, law enforcement officials would only need one order — even to trace an e-mail or a phone call that may travel through multiple phone carriers or Internet providers.

Officials also could trace such communications without prior approval in an emergency situation, such as when a computer is under attack.

But for the first time, the administration is proposing that a federal or state judge independently determine whether the facts support such a trace order.

Officials were asked how those changes would affect the new "Carnivore" system, which the FBI is using to obtain e-mails of investigative subjects with a search warrant. When Carnivore is placed at an Internet service provider, it scans all incoming and outgoing e-mails for messages associated with the target of a criminal probe.

If the Carnivore system is being used to intercept the content of electronic communications, then law enforcement officials would need Justice Department approval before obtaining a court order and stricter standards limiting its use would apply, Podesta said. Officials would need an independent judge to review an order if the system is used for tracing, he added.

The FBI says the tool already is subject to intense oversight from its own internal controls, the Justice Department and the courts — with significant penalties for misuse of the system.

But the American Civil Liberties Union chided the administration, saying the practical impact of the leg-

islative proposal on the Carnivore system is limited. It called for outright suspension of the tool.

"Carnivore represents a grave threat to the privacy of all Americans by giving law enforcement agencies unsupervised access to a nearly unlimited amount of communications traffic," said Barry Steinhardt, ACLU associate director.

The proposed measures would also address inconsistencies in how current law applies to different networks carrying Internet traffic. For example, now that cable systems are being upgraded to offer two-way services, laws that apply to dial-up modems over phone lines should be extended to cable connections, Podesta said.

Computer hacking laws

would be modified so that multiple small attacks would be treated as one large attack, but mandatory jail time would be eliminated for less serious offenses. Prosecutors would have jurisdiction over juveniles in serious computer attacks.

The plan could be meshed with pending legislation in Congress. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., has written a wide-ranging Internet privacy bill and applauded the administration for its efforts "to focus attention on privacy from government snooping."

Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said he would work with the White House on a bill that would balance law enforcement interests with privacy rights.

Legislation designed to limit Internet gambling fails in House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The much-maligned but fast-growing Internet gambling industry enjoyed a political victory when a bill to ban online casinos failed to gain a sufficient number of votes in the House.

The bill was rejected Monday when supporters rounded up just 245 votes in favor, 25 short of 270 votes necessary for passage. There were 159 votes against. House leaders brought the measure to the floor under rules prohibiting amendments, limiting debate to 40 minutes and requiring a two-thirds majority of those voting for passage.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Robert Goodlatte, R-Va., said he hoped the House leadership would "honor

the will of the majority" and bring up the bill for another vote, this time under normal rules requiring only a simple majority for passage.

The Internet gambling industry had invited the government to regulate it, even tax it, while insisting that outright prohibition was unwise and unworkable given the Internet's global reach. But it took an unusual coalition of libertarian lawmakers, pro-gambling Internet entrepreneurs and anti-gambling social groups to block the bill Monday.

"It appears that cooler heads have prevailed here," Sue Schneider, chairwoman of the Interactive Gaming Council, said after the vote. "We have a brand

new medium we're dealing with. We don't have the same kind of borders we had before."

The bill's advocates said their goal was to curb proliferation of Internet sites offering casino games and sports betting to everybody with credit cards and computers, regardless of whether gambling is legal where they live.

They said such sites attract compulsive or underage gamblers.

"One way to promote the Internet is to make sure that the seamy side of life is dealt with on the Internet," Goodlatte said. "Just like child pornography has to be dealt with on the Internet, so does unregulated, out-of-control, illegal gambling."



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TRANSACTIONS

BASISBALL

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Placed RHP Cal Eiland on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of LHP Mark Buehrle from Birmingham of the Southern League. CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed INF Enrique Wilson on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to July 14. Recalled RHP Tim Drew from Buffalo of the International League. DETROIT TIGERS—Traded INF Gabe Alvarez to the San Diego Padres for 1B-OF Dusty Allen. OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Recalled RHP Marcus Jones from Sacramento of the PCL. Recalled RHP Ariel Prieto from Sacramento. Optioned RHP Marcus Jones to Sacramento. TEXAS RANGERS—Activated RHP Ryan Glynn from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned INF Kelly Dransfield to Oklahoma of the PCL. Signed RHP Clint Sodowick. TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Recalled RHP Pasquai Coco from Tennessee of the Southern League. Placed SS Alex Gonzalez on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to July 7.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table showing American League and National League standings for various teams (Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, etc.) with columns for Wins, Losses, Percentage, and Games Back.

HITS—Vidro, Montreal, 124; Helton, Colorado, 121; Viguerra, Montreal, 115; Kent, San Francisco, 118; Alonzo, Atlanta, 113; Sosa, Chicago, 112; Utzinger, Arizona, 111.

DOUBLE—Helton, Colorado, 31; Vidro, Montreal, 31; Cirillo, Colorado, 29; Lieberthal, Philadelphia, 28; EYoung, Chicago, 28; Kent, San Francisco, 28; Zelig, New York, 28. TRIPLES—Perez, Colorado, 8; Womack, Arizona, 8; Goodwin, Colorado, 8; Viguerra, Montreal, 7; Abreu, Philadelphia, 6; Lansing, Colorado, 6; Amartin, San Diego, 6; Shumpert, Colorado, 6. HOME RUNS—Sheffield, Los Angeles, 32; Griffey Jr., Cincinnati, 30; Bonds, San Francisco, 30; McGwire, St. Louis, 30; Edmonds, St. Louis, 27; Piazza, New York, 27; Sosa, Chicago, 27. STOLEN BASES—Castillo, Arizona, 39; Gooden, Colorado, 38; EYoung, Chicago, 28; Ovesar, Atlanta, 25; Giambi, Philadelphia, 20; Owens, San Diego, 20; Wilson, Florida, 19; Reese, Cincinnati, 19; Womack, Arizona, 19. PITCHING (11 Decisions)—RJohnson, Arizona, 142, 87.5, 2.01; GMaddux, Atlanta, 113, 78.6, 3.35; ACBenes, St. Louis, 103, 76.9, 4.36; Al Leiter, New York, 103, 76.9, 3.29; Elton, Houston, 93, 75.0, 5.34; Estes, San Francisco, 93, 75.0, 4.00; BAnderson, Arizona, 83, 72.7, 4.10; KBrown, Los Angeles, 83, 72.7, 2.52. STRIKEOUTS—RJohnson, Arizona, 210; Dempster, Florida, 125; Astacio, Colorado, 125; Kile, St. Louis, 113; KBrown, Arizona, 119; A Leiter, New York, 118; ACBenes, St. Louis, 113. SAVES—Alfonseca, Florida, 29; Hoffman, San Diego, 23; Bonatz, New York, 21; Nen, San Francisco, 21; Aguilera, Chicago, 19; Veres, St. Louis, 18; Jimenez, Colorado, 15; Graves, Cincinnati, 15.

Monday's Games

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Thompson leads West to win in WNBA showcase

PHOENIX (AP) — With Cynthia Cooper vowing to retire and turn Houston's Magnificent Threesome into a duo, Tina Thompson is in the spotlight for good. Her performance in the second WNBA All-Star Game showed she belongs. Thompson had 13 points and a record 11 rebounds and garnered MVP honors — beating out 1999 MVP Lisa Leslie despite the Los Angeles center's record 16 points — as the Western Conference beat the East 73-61 Monday night. "I didn't think she had a shot to win it," said West coach Van Chancellor. "They told me she'd won it before they announced it, and I felt like a father I was so proud." Chancellor, who has coached the Comets to three WNBA crowns in the

league's three-year existence, can relate to Thompson's all-star predicament. Cooper was the league's MVP the first two years, and she and Sheryl Swoopes, the West's top vote-getter both years and leading scorer this year, have made the all-WNBA first team three times. Thompson, a power forward, scores a little less than the others and wound up as a second-team all-NBA pick last season after two years on the first team with her teammates. But with Cooper, who sprained an ankle last week, watching in street clothes, Thompson overshadowed everyone in this game. "I didn't look at it like

that," Thompson said. "Everyone has a role on our team in Houston, and that's what you need to have a solid team. You know what it is you need to do. I don't try to go outside my role, and I tried to do the same things tonight to help my team." The West outrebounded the East 60-40, and East coach Richie Adubato of New York said: "Obviously, the rebounding was the difference. Sixty to 40. They had a little size on us." Yolanda Griffith of Sacramento had 10 points and 10 rebounds to join Thompson as the only All-Stars to record a double-double. Natalie Williams also had 10 rebounds for the West.

ROUNDUP

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Chad Durbin (2-4) gave up three runs on seven hits in seven innings.

D'backs 7, Mariners 0
Geraldo Guzman (2-0) pitched four-hit ball over eight innings at home in his second career start for Arizona.

Seattle's John Halama (8-5) allowed six runs on 12 hits over 6 1-3 innings.

Angels 3, Padres 2
Matt Walbeck hit a go-ahead two-run homer and rookie Brian Cooper returned from the minors to beat San Diego on the road.

Cooper (4-3) allowed two runs and four hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Matt Clement (9-8) allowed three runs on six hits in seven innings.

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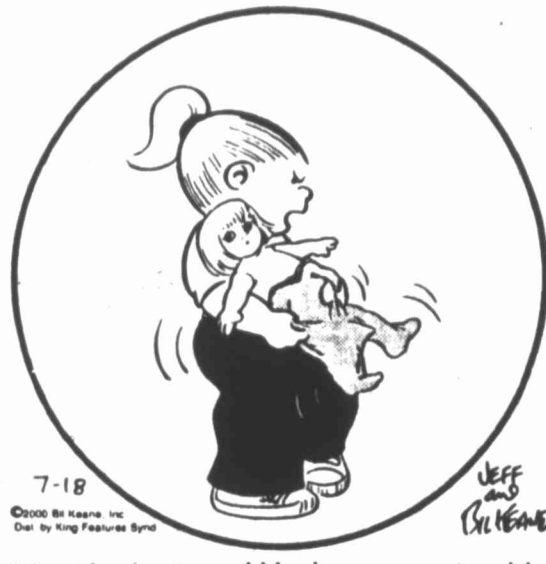
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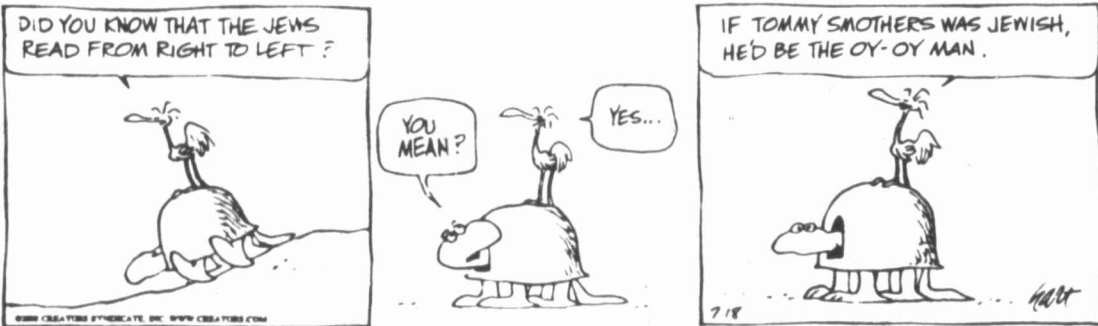
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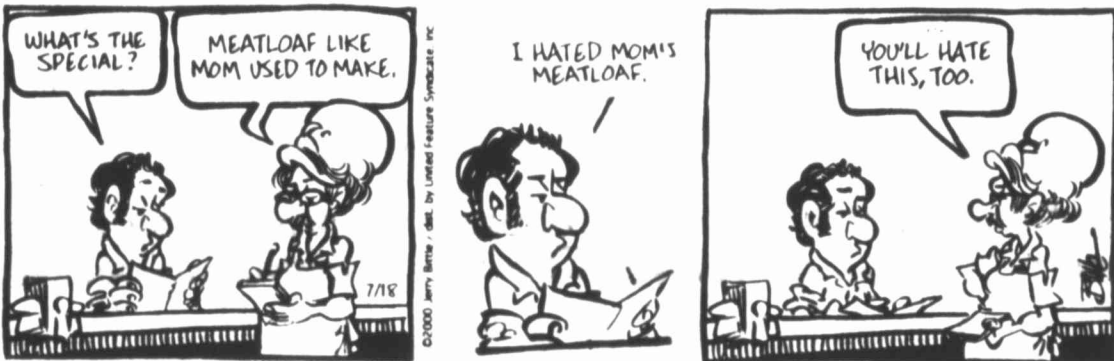
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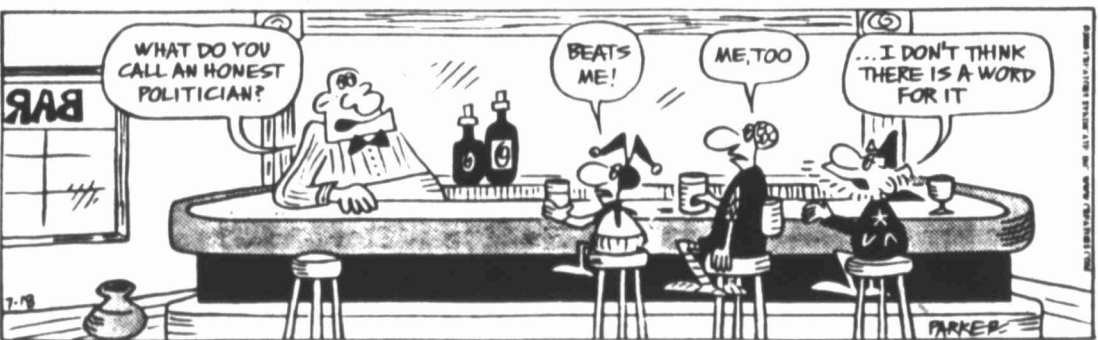
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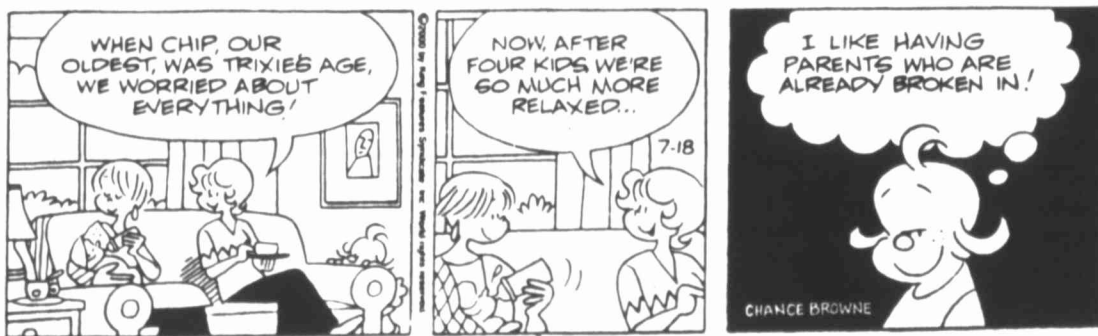
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Today's Highlight in History:

On July 18, 1947, President Truman signed the Presidential Succession Act, which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.

On this date:

In A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome began.

In 1872, Britain introduced the concept of voting by secret ballot.

In 1927, Ty Cobb hit safe-

ly for the 4,000th time in his career.

In 1936, the Spanish Civil War began.

In 1940, the Democratic national convention in Chicago nominated President Roosevelt for an unprecedented third term in office.

In 1944, Hideki Tojo was removed as Japanese premier and war minister because his country's setbacks in World War II.

In 1969, a car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., plunged off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard; passenger Mary Jo Kopechne died.

In 1984, a gunman opened fire at a McDonald's fast food restaurant in San Ysidro, Calif., killing 21 people before he was shot dead by police.

In 1984, Walter F. Mondale won the Democratic presidential nomination in San Francisco.

In 1989, actress Rebecca Schaeffer, 21, was shot to death at her Los Angeles home by obsessed fan Robert Bardo, who was later sentenced to life in prison.

Ten years ago: Dr. Karl Menninger, the dominant figure in American psychiatry for six decades, died in Topeka, Kan., four days short of his 97th birthday.

Five years ago: Opening statements were presented in the trial of Susan Smith, the South Carolina woman charged with drowning her two young sons. Senate Republicans opened a new round of Whitewater hearings.

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