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Registration set to start for BSISD

Registration for new students to the Big Spring school district continues through Aug. 11 for grades six through 12, with hours from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Aug. 4-8, all new and returning BSISD kindergarten through eighth graders may register at the school they will be attending. Registration is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 7, and 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. on Aug. 8.

Ninth through 12th grades students will pick up their schedules at a later date.

Big Spring schools begin classes Aug. 16.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's, 7 a.m.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

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

□ Organizational meeting, Big Spring Junior High parent-teacher organization, 7 p.m. at junior high library.

□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS, noon, La Posada.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Tax-free holiday good for families, local merchants as well

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Texas' Sales Tax Holiday, which begins Friday, means cities and economic development boards will take a hit in the income department, but local officials aren't



SHARP

complaining.

"We didn't notice that big of a drop last year. Besides, it's tax-free for all the right reasons," said Kent Sharp, Moore Development for Big Spring executive director.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, no state or local sales tax will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100. The timing of the tax-free holiday is intended to help parents outfit their children for the new school year.

"It was designed for the kiddoes and indirectly it

helps us because they get good clothes for school and that gets them more excited about getting an education," said Sharp. "I'm 100 percent in favor of it."

Though the "holiday" is designed to help give parents a break on the cost of back-to-school clothes, it isn't limited to that. Adult and baby clothing is tax-free as well.

Here are some highlights of the holiday are:

• Consumers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish. Most

clothing and footwear priced under \$100 will be exempt from sales taxes.

• Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective wear, such as golf cleats or football pads, are not tax exempt. However, athletic clothes that are commonly used as street wear, such as tennis shoes, baseball caps and jogging suits, are eligible.

• Not included in the "holiday" are accessories such as jewelry and watches and items that are carried rather than worn — hand-

bags, briefcases, wallets and backpacks.

• Customers will be allowed to put items costing less than \$100 on layaway this year during the three-day tax exempt period.

Last year, Texans spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt clothes and shoes during the three-day period, saving more than \$32 million in sales taxes, according to the state comptroller's office.

Local communities were

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Neighbor to neighbor: Hundreds participate in Night Out

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Area residents celebrated the first Howard County Night Out with block parties across the city Tuesday evening.

The event's goal was bringing neighbors together to get to know each other, and prevent crime where they live. Coinciding with National Night Out, the local observance was sponsored by the Big Spring Herald.

"It went extremely well," said Herald publisher John H. Walker. "Counting all locations, there were well over 100 people involved, and we received excellent support from law enforcement."

"I think it worked just the way we wanted it to, and we are excited about the prospects for next year."

"I've lived in this town 76 years," said Earnie Greer, who attended a city-wide gathering at the downtown Railroad Plaza. "We didn't used to have crime. You didn't lock your doors."

But, Greer said, times have changed. These days neighbors need to band

together to protect themselves and their property.

"I've lived in Sand Springs for 40 years," said Deina Harvell, who also gathered downtown to enjoy the music, fajitas and visiting. "People are moving in and out. Some neighbors you know and some you don't. If you have a block party, you might get to know them."

Downtown merchant Ellen Barefoot, owner of Nannie's Attic and a board member of Big Spring Main Street, said she hoped Tuesday's party would make people feel more comfortable coming to the area.

"I hope people get more trusting and comfortable and feel safe enough to enjoy what's here. This is a beautiful area," she said, indicating the refurbished Railroad Plaza at First and Main. "You know early in the morning it is so peaceful and cool down here."

Others gathered in their own neighborhoods, barbecuing, drinking lemonade and getting to know those who live around them.

Carriage Inn invited neighboring businesses and their residents for hot dogs, drinks and pleasant conversation.

Also on hand was a Big Spring police officer to hand out fliers and answer any questions about neighborhood safety.



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Big Spring Police Officer Phil Bacon greets Kay Bancroft at Tuesday's Howard County Night Out in the Railroad Plaza. The gathering, which included music, fajitas and visiting, was one of many across the city hoped to help with crime prevention efforts.

"We were glad to do this so the residents would get to know other people in the area and the neighbors would get to know the residents," said Effie Shults of Carriage Inn.

More than 30 neighbors attended the block party at 2506 Carol.

Residents listened to a presentation by Big Spring

Police Department. Cpl. Terry Hudson-Gray, asked questions about residential safety and discussed problems in the neighborhood.

"I think we had a pretty good turnout," said resident O.F. Priest. "I think people will be more aware of what is going on in the neighborhood."

"We have had a few prob-

lems recently with windows and lights being broken," he continued. "I have lived here 28 years and this is the first time we have had some problems."

According to Jennifer Dominguez, a neighboring house was recently broken into although no items were

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HERALD photos/Bill McClellan and Lyndel Moody

Cpl. Terry Hudson-Gray, above, visits with residents at the Carol block party Tuesday night. More than 30 residents attended the event in hopes of making their neighborhood a crime-free area. Pictured from left are Betty Cain, Karen Arroyo, Nadine Lambright, Selma Delgado and Carroll Jennings. At left, Donny and Debbie Green were among the 45 people having hamburgers at a block party on 17th Street.

GT courses available at BSISD

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Because of state mandates, public secondary schools are required to have gifted and talented courses available to students.

"Since we have expanded to the secondary level, we try to add complexity to the students involved in gifted and talented (GT) classes," said Esthela Aguirre, curriculum coordinator for Big Spring Independent School District. "Last year was the first year we implemented

the GT program at the secondary level. Now we see the areas we need to improve."

The core areas included in the GT program are language arts, math, social studies and science.

The GT Program for BSISD in the elementary school level began in 1989.

According to the Big Spring ISD definition, gifted and talented students are those who excel consistently or who show the potential to excel in a specific academic field or fields and/or intellectual and creative areas.

"GT programs are available at all the Big Spring schools," said Aguirre. "Kindergarten through third grade and sixth through high school have GT programs at their indi-

vidual schools while fourth and fifth grade students are bused to Bauer twice a week."

The newest addition to the GT program is the GT committees at each campus. Each committee must be comprised of at least three professional educators. Their job is to screen nominees and make recommendations to the District Committee for final placement decisions.

According to Aguirre, students have to be nominated in order to be screened and placed into a GT program.

"Students in grades kindergarten through 12 may be nominated by teachers, counselors, administrators, parents, community

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Heavy equipment needed to counter well blow-out

HERALD Staff Report

GARDEN CITY — An oil well fire 10 miles northwest on the Powell Ranch has been contained and authorities were waiting until heavy equipment could be brought in to try and extinguish it.

"They've built firewalls around it, so it's not going to spread," said Glasscock Sheriff Royce Pruitt, who noted that the well fire is in an isolated area.

"Right now, they're just waiting until they can get some equipment in to put the thing out," he said.

Crews at the scene have called for specialized bull-

dozers from Victoria and San Antonio and are awaiting their arrival, he said.

The blowout occurred about 11 a.m. Tuesday at a well owned by Crown Quest Operating.

The exact cause of the fire won't be known until it is put out. Black smoke could be seen from a distance of more than 40 miles.

The fire destroyed the derrick, but there were no injuries to crew members at the scene, according to the Pruitt.

Firefighters from Midland, Stanton and Garden City were initially called to the scene.

TAX-FREE

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allowed to opt out of the event this year, if they notified the comptroller's office by March 31. Only Sunset Valley, a small community near Austin, chose not to waive local sales taxes.

Sharp said there is no good reason, however, for a community to opt out. "It benefits us more than it hurts us and it is good for the consumer. What's good for the consumer is good for our retail stores. Besides, typically a shopper may come to a store to purchase tax-free items, but they'll probably pick up items that are taxable as well," he said. "I'd like to encourage everyone to shop Big Spring. Our local merchants are the ones who support Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, United Way and other organizations, and in turn we need to support them," Sharp added.

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taken. Dominguez and another resident, Betty Cain, were the organizers of the Carol block party.

"That woke us up and got our attention," Dominguez said. "We asked the police at the scene about a crime watch program. The Night Out program happened to start the next week, and we attended those meetings."

The event allowed residents to meet many of their neighbors and share a few cookies and refreshments.

"I feel better knowing other people down the street have the same interests as I do," Dominguez said.

"I think the turnout is fantastic," said Cain. "We are going to attempt to have more block parties in the future."

Neighbors on Rebecca came together to have cookies, refreshments and homemade ice cream. Big Spring police officer Jay Fryar gave a presentation on neighborhood crime watch.

"Your best safety is your neighbor," Fryar said. "It's all up to you all. You all are the bigger factor against crime if you work together and work right."

At Mary Sue Walker's house on 17th Street, neighbors brought all types of treats for a supper get-together.

"We organized a neighborhood crime watch in May and had a very good attendance at that," said Walker as residents lined up for hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and more.

Terri Myrick, chairman of the crime watch group and the block party, said she was pleased with the number of participants, which on Tuesday numbered around 45.

Assembling the group, she thanked everyone for contributing to the meal, and for wanting to do something to improve the safety on their street.

Not far away, on 14th Street, Cpl. Hudson-Gray told a group of residents that there are things they could do to help prevent crime.

"Lock your doors and windows," she said. "I know this is West Texas and we like to keep our windows open to allow the air to flow, but there are devices you can buy to let you do that and keep perpetrators out, too."

"Lock your doors. Lock your windows. Lock your cars. Use sensor lights or security lights and watch out for each other. These are things you can do," she told the group of about 20 people. "You can send the message that we are going to watch out and we are going to report you."

"It's a different society now. More burglaries occur in the daytime than in the night because there are not as many people home during the day," she said.

(Staff writer Lyndel Moody and news editor Bill McClellan contributed to this report.)

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members, the student himself and test performance," she said. "They must meet certain criteria before they can be nominated."

Some of the criteria secondary students must meet in order to be nominated are grade point average for core areas, student skills, TAAS academic recognition and test of cognitive skills.

Another new addition to the GT program is the furlough rule.

"Placed students may be given a furlough by the campus committee from program services for a period of one school year," Aguirre added. "The campus committee's decisions regarding furlough will be communicated to the district committee as well. If a student needs to attend their furlough, they will be exited from placement status and will be required to be reassessed for possible continuance."

Secondary students can also receive college credit while involved in the GT program.

a new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Call Home Hospice at 264-7599 or come by 600 South Gregg for further details.

THURSDAY

• **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

• **A.D.D.A.P.T.** non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 97
Tuesday's low 68
Average high 95
Average low 69
Record high 108 in 1944
Record low 55 in 1925
Precip. Tuesday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 0.03
Year to date 11.48
Normal for the year 11.36
Sunrise Thursday 7:02 a.m.
Sunset Thursday 8:41 p.m.

MARKETS

December cotton 60.94, down 27 points; September crude 28.40, up 61 points; cash hogs \$2 lower at 46 even; slaughter steers steady at 67 even; August lean hog futures 66.25, up 35 points; August live cattle futures 66.02, down 40 points.
courtesy: Delta Corporation.
Other markets not available by press time.

POLICE

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

• **DAVID BECKENHIMER**, 42, transient, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **CHARLES RYERSON**, 54, transient, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **WILLIAM NEWFELD**, 43, transient, was arrested for public intoxication.

• **ABEL GUZMAN**, 18, no address, was arrested on local warrants.

• **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED** was reported in the 400 block of E.

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• **Gamblers Anonymous**, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

• **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

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Dora Flores Sanchez, 48, died Monday. Funeral Mass will be 3:00 PM Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Ruth May Owens Crow, 84, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 PM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Fourth.
• **JUVENILE PROBLEM** was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter.

• **INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER** was reported in the 2000 block of Morrison.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 800 block of Creighton.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg, 2300 block of Wasson, at Fourth and Birdwell.

• **THREATS** were reported in the 1300 block of Mesquite.

• **ROBBERY** was reported in the 700 block of N. Lancaster.

• **INJURY TO CHILD** was reported in the 700 block of E. 15th.

• **WALK AWAY** was reported at the Big Spring State Hospital.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1500 block of Oriole.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 200 block of NE 12th.

• **FOUND PROPERTY**

TEXAS LOTTERY Pick 3: 2,7,3
Cash 5: 13,17,18,19,20
Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

was reported at 18th and Gregg.
• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported at Fourth and Birdwell.

FIRE/EMS

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

TUESDAY
12:17 a.m. — 1400 block Princeton, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:51 a.m. — 2900 block Cactus, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:14 a.m. — 1300 block Mesquite, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:06 a.m. — 1700 block W. F.M. 700, patient transferred to Midland.

10:59 a.m. — SMMC, patient transferred to residence.

3:11 p.m. — 2000 block Merrily, grass fire, fire was extinguished.

6:16 p.m. — SMMC, patient transferred to Lubbock.

11:06 p.m. — 1300 block Airbase, grass fire, fire was extinguished.

CLARIFICATION

A story about the Howard College board meeting in Tuesday's Herald concerned improvements that are planned to be made with money sought from the Texas Legislature. The construction funds are all for projects planned at the South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus.

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Had a great county-wide 'Night Out'

With one goal in mind, neighbors gathered Tuesday across the city to enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Their real purpose, however, was crime prevention. It was the first Howard County Night Out.

Some came downtown, to the newly refurbished Railroad Plaza, to enjoy fajitas and listen to music. Others stayed closer to home, gathering along their blocks or at one house in the neighborhood, sharing barbecue, desserts and information.

Big Spring police and Howard County sheriff's deputies, meanwhile, visited with people throughout the community to share crime prevention tips and give encouragement.

Yes, we plan next year's Night Out to be bigger. But our start couldn't have been better — it brought together people who may have never even met, although they live on the same street.

We at the Herald want to thank everyone who participated in Howard County Night Out, especially those who took the responsibility for organizing a block party.

And we want to remind you that planning for next year's event will begin within a few months.

Soon we will need volunteers to serve as block captains for their neighborhoods. Take a look around — if you are concerned about crime, your best allies may be living next door, across the street and on the next corner.

We've got to take back our streets so we can protect our homes and families. Tuesday was a great start; let's keep the momentum going. See you at Howard County Night Out 2001!

OTHER VIEWS

The U.S. Senate and House each have passed bills to protect foreign women and children forced into sexual slavery, imposing potentially harsh penalties on countries that encourage the sex trade and on individuals who lure women to the United States with promises of good jobs.

Sex rings have been uncovered in New York, Atlanta, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., an anti-sex trade legislation proponent, says more than 50,000 women are brought into the United States as sex

slaves yearly.

The legislation would let victims stay in the United States long enough to bring charges against traffickers, and would increase penalties for sex trafficking. It also would require countries that encourage trafficking in people to be put on a list for possible sanctions.

The two bills now go to conference committee to work out minor differences.

The legislation should be passed to harshly punish those who engage in this sordid crime.

HOUSTON CHRONICLE

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It's going to be tough to rattle Dick Cheney

For George W. Bush, there are four major steps on the way to winning the nomination, selecting his vice president, his Thursday acceptance speech in Philadelphia and his debates with Vice President Al Gore. Bush has, of course, surmounted the first step and has now chosen Dick Cheney for his running mate. Cheney is a man whom most people know little about, but about whom the Democratic team already had an attack ready for television. It used several of Cheney's votes as a six-term Wyoming congressman to try to depict him as a right-wing extremist.



JEFFREY HART

So the battle is joined over Cheney, and it is not surprising that Cheney made what amounted to his national debut on the two Sunday-morning TV talk shows, "Meet the Press" with Tim Russert and "Face the Nation" with Bob Schieffer.

How did he do? First of all, it is going to be very difficult to depict this knowledgeable and reasonable man as any kind of extremist. He exhibited all the qualities that made him President Ford's chief of staff at the precocious age of 34 and then carried him to the position of Republican whip (second in rank and in line for minority leader) and then to become President Bush's secretary of defense.

Cheney's manner on both Sunday shows was, well, presidential. I have never met him, but I can believe his reputation for being unflappable. In answering tough questions, he was very well-informed and both concise and highly articulate. His knowledge of policy issues is clear and extensive. He will be formidable in debate.

The high point of the Sunday-morning shows came when Cheney was questioned about a number of his congressional votes, which the Democrats hoped would now embarrass him. His answers were like watching Joe DiMaggio at batting practice.

Of course, everyone knows that a vote in Congress is not always a simple thing. A proposed measure — say more food stamps for poor widows — can be tacked on to a measure that has nothing to do with poor widows. If you vote against the main measure, you can then be said to be in favor of hunger for poor widows.

Thus, in the Michigan primary, some allies of Bush charged that John McCain had voted against a grant for research on breast cancer. They tried to make it seem like McCain was pro-breast cancer, when the truth was that he

had repeatedly voted for such research funds but doubted the merit of this particular grant.

Among Cheney's embarrassing votes, supposedly, was one against releasing Nelson Mandela from prison. Well, said Cheney, he had no desire to keep Mandela in prison, but Congress had no power to free him, and the sense-of-the-Congress nonbinding motion would have urged recognition of Mandela's party, the African National Congress. That party was designated as a terrorist organization, the Reagan policy was nonrecognition, and Cheney supported the Reagan policy.

But hadn't Cheney voted against banning "cop killer" bullets and plastic pistols? Yes. But this measure came forward under a "suspension of the rules," imposed by the Democratic speaker of the House. This precluded debate or amendment. He, Cheney, essentially voted against this procedure, and, while he is a strong Second Amendment supporter of the citizens' right to bear arms, he does not approve of the bullets in question or the plastic pistols. Given a clean vote, he would have voted to ban.

Didn't he vote against the Equal Rights Amendment? He did, he said, again because a "suspension of the rules" precluded any debate of amendment, and he considered that the proposed language would permit the drafting of women.

Note: Why the Gore

crowd considered a vote against ERA embarrassing is a bit mysterious. The nation itself rejected it, in that it failed to gain ratification by the states, even when the period allowed for ratification was extended.

Hadn't he voted against the Department of Education? Yes, he said, but that is not the same as voting against education. We already had a Department of Health Education and Welfare. Education was more of a local matter. But today he would not vote to abolish the department because Bush has formulated some good uses for it.

Hadn't he voted against Head Start? Yes, he said, for budgetary reasons, but he had also voted for it several times. (I would add that studies show that Head Start does not produce lasting results.)

And so it went. On one point, his answer was that yes, he had so voted, but Gore had voted the same way — hurried research, apparently, for the TV attack ad.

What the quickly prepared TV ad attacking Cheney's voting record attempted to do was a "Bradley"-type Gore attack, choosing several votes out of hundreds to distort the man. It worked against the passive Bill Bradley, but it isn't working with this fellow.

Cheney is going to be a big problem for the Gore team, and I suspect that now they know it.



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I don't believe in weathermen anymore

I don't think I've heard so many wrong weather forecasts as I've heard in the past year. I can't believe that with all the advancements in technology we can't seem to predict the weather accurately.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

In dry areas where I live we hear the weatherman tell us it's going to rain. He doesn't say it might rain or there's a chance for showers. He says it is going to rain. And it doesn't.

We get our hopes up, then are disappointed. It isn't fair.

Farmers depend on knowing what the weather will do. Because of their years at keeping records about sky conditions, wind, rain,

fall and temperature, they are probably more accurate than the meteorologists. Why do they call it meteorology, anyway. Do they study meteors? A meteor is a shooting star. What does that have to do with whether it rains or not?

Over the years I've interviewed several people with various weather beliefs and stories. Some of them, maybe most of them, couldn't possibly be true. Like the superstition that says if you sleep with a flower under your pillow the weather will be fair the next day. Or if a turtle bites you, it won't let go until it thunders.

People are always sending me things about the weather. Weather is a natural happening that occurs despite what the weatherman says. Some West Texans say people who predict weather out here are newcomers or crazy. A long time ago, people relied on signs and sayings for predicting the weather

because they had nothing else to rely on. It's surprising that several of them do hold true. A legend supposedly started by the Indians says the direction of the wind on March 22 determines what type of crop the year will bring. If it's out of the east or northeast, expect a bumper crop. South or southwest means a bad crop.

Some other weather folklore: If clouds have a tint of green, they contain hail. Sit in the middle of a room and hold a glass of water in your hand and you won't be struck by lightning during a storm. If smoke sinks to the ground, rain is predicted.

Rain comes in cycles of seven years; seven years wet and seven years dry. The type of weather occurring the first 12 days of the year determines the weather for each of the 12 months.

Thunder in February brings frost in April. Weather on Ash

Wednesday determines the type of weather for the next six weeks. If it rains on July 15 (Saint Switchen's Day) it will rain off and on for the next six weeks. If it snows on Christmas day, Easter will be green.

Cows bawl when there's a change in the weather. Throw a dead snake in the air and if it lands with its belly up, it will rain soon.

If squirrels have big bushy tails, it will rain soon. If you see woolly worms are on the road, it will rain soon. If crickets holler, it will rain soon. When you see yellow-breasted blackbirds, it will rain soon. When red ants build up their hill, it will rain soon. When the sun sets in a red sky for three nights in a row, it will rain soon. A ring around the moon means it will rain soon.

Comparing folklore and modern weather-forecasting technology, I'd say the old stuff has as much a chance as being accurate as the weatherman.



'Amigos' return to Big Spring Aug. 12-13

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

When Libby Uribe went to Big Spring High School in the 1950s, there were just two other Hispanic students that she can remember.

"I played volleyball, and I don't remember seeing any Mexican people out there, even in the whole audience," Uribe said. And Hispanic people who did live in the city then, mostly lived on the north side of town, she said.

By the time her son graduated in 1983, however, big changes had taken place. The town was more diverse, schools were more integrated and the races mixed more freely both in friendships and neighborhoods.

"The Northside neighborhood now is more diverse," Uribe said. "Most of us who grew up on the Northside now live on the other side. In fact, not that many people at all live on the north side of town now."

Uribe herself moved away from the Northside about 30 years ago.

But every other year, friends of the Northside neighborhood — Amigos del Barrio — return to Big Spring to remember the way things were.

AMIGOS DEL BARRIO

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12-13.
WHERE: Dance, Saturday at Howard County Fairbarn, 8 p.m.; Tardeada, Sunday at La Vedera Club, 2 p.m.
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Libby Uribe, 263-4260.

Uribe is one of the organizers of the reunion, scheduled for Aug. 12-13 this year.

Hundreds of former and current residents, many of them high school graduates from the 1950s and 1960s, will return to share meals, dancing and socializing. They invite "friends of the Northside neighborhood" of all ages to join them.

"We get together at least every other year," Uribe said. "The out-of-town people especially enjoy it so much. A lot of people from Big Spring have moved all over the United States."

The first notices about the reunion went out in March, and some

reunion-goers are so eager, they have already arrived. Several more are expected to be in town by Thursday, Aug. 10, to start a long weekend of visiting.

The official reunion starts Saturday, Aug. 12, with a dance at the Howard County Fairbarn featuring Grupo Bravo and a band of Texas Mariachis. On Sunday, Aug. 13, there will be a pot luck lunch and afternoon dance, called a *tardeada*, at La Vedera Club, 1100 W. I-20.

"Usually there is so much food, we can eat it all day," said Uribe, adding that Sunday's festivities should go on until the wee hours.

A big focus of the weekend will be dancing, she said.

"People from out of state say they really miss the music we have here," she said. They will also share photographs of their school days, past reunions and their grandchildren.

All out-of-state participants will receive a mug in the shape of Texas emblazoned with the words, "Amigos del Barrio 2000."

For information about the festivities, interested people can call Uribe at 263-4260, Mary Paredes, 263-7543, or Aurora Puga, 263-0853.

Take the heat out of summer cooking

Take some of the heat out of summer cooking. Bring that dusty blender out of retirement and put it to work. Then prepare some cool concoctions for family enjoyment. No stove or oven required for these recipes!

Fresh Peach Buttermilk Sherbert

4 fresh peaches, sliced
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup egg substitute*
4 1/2 tsp. lemon juice
3/4 tsp. grated lemon peel
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
Pinch of salt
2 cups buttermilk



SUE HAUGH

Place peaches, sugar, egg, lemon juice, lemon peel, vanilla and salt in blender. Process until smooth. Blend in buttermilk. Pour peach mixture into ice cream maker; prepare according to manufacturer's directions. Pack into freezer containers and freeze until firm.

* A fresh egg may be substituted if you prefer.

juice to boil and add to blender. Blend on low until gelatin is dissolved in tomato juice.

Turn blender to high. Add remaining ingredients except shrimp. Blend until smooth. Stop blender and add shrimp. Turn blender on and off quickly (pulse) several times until shrimp are chopped. Pour into 5 1/2 cup mold and chill until firm.

Louis Dressing

1 cup mayonnaise
1/3 cup chili sauce
1 tsp. tarragon vinegar
1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/2 tsp. prepared horseradish
1 small onion, quartered
8 sprigs parsley
10 stuffed olives

To blend add mayonnaise, chili sauce, vinegar, Worcestershire sauce and horseradish. Cover and process until mixed. Stop blender, add remaining ingredients. Cover and process on chop. Keep refrigerated.

Good when served over a bed of mixed greens topped with cold smoked salmon or crabmeat.

Strawberry Banana Smoothie

1 cup fresh strawberries
1 banana, peeled
1 cup cold milk
1 tsp. sugar (or sugar substitute)
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 cup crushed ice

Put all ingredients into blender, cover and process on liquefy until smooth. Top with grated nutmeg.

Food for thought: May our life be like arithmetic — friends added, enemies subtracted, joys multiplied and errors divided.

4-H prepares youth to be tomorrow's leaders

Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders and 4-H helps prepare today's youth for tomorrow.

Leadership is involved in all parts of 4-H. Youth need an opportunity to learn how to do things successfully, they want to develop skills necessary to get along with others. Leadership jobs offer opportunities for growth and development. Youth as citizens need responsibilities according to their ages. 4-H helps youth develop into capable adults by learning to plan, set goals, make decisions and evaluate all walks of life.

4-H helps youth improve skills, increase their knowledge, learn to express themselves well, develop confidence and earn recognition for accomplishments. 4-H teaches an individual to think for himself when

making decisions. It also teaches one to organize thoughts and to be tolerant of other's decisions. 4-Hers learn to apply what they have learned to everyday life.

4-H provides members with learning opportunities and experiences: the opportunity to compare skills they have gained with those of other members. It provides members with an opportunity to develop and practice citizenship and leadership skills, and it recognizes their accomplishments.



DANA TARTER

The aim of 4-H is to help youth gain a positive self-concept, develop skills socially, gain knowledge in a variety of areas and develop problem solving capabilities. Members develop leadership abilities, learn cooperation, improve their citizenship and have fun by participating in local, county, regional, state and national events. Education through 4-H occurs when youth are involved, the greater the involvement the greater the educational opportunity.

A young person between the ages of 9 (or 8 and in the third grade) through 18 can become involved in the 4-H program anytime during the year. However, now is the perfect time to join 4-H as the new 4-H year begins September 1. 4-H members in Howard County partici-

pate in a monthly club meeting on the second Tuesday of each month and various community service project activities throughout the year. They may also choose from a variety of 4-H projects, which include a variety of learning activities.

If you would like to enroll in 4-H or find out more contact the Howard County Extension office at 264-2236. There is always a need for adult volunteers to work with youth, plan and lead some of the 4-H activities so call now to find out how you can help. In 4-H there is something for everyone.

4-H is the youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dana Tarter is the Howard County Extension Agent — family and consumer science.

Tired of telemarketers? Just say 'Do Not Call'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Operations manager Mel Keyson says Cumberland Comfort Air has been selling and repairing air conditioners for 29 years, but occasionally it still has to make telemarketing calls to drum up new business.

He knows some people hate getting such calls, himself included.

"I'm not one that likes what you could call 'nuisance calls,'" he says. "I put in long hours at work myself and I'll admit coming home and finding six or eight solicitations on my (answering) machine is a nuisance."

And, therein lies the rub. Businesses have to get the word out, but so many companies solicit Tennesseans during the dinner hour and on weekends that the state has established a "Do Not Call" list so people can get their numbers removed from telemarketing lists.

The list was supposed to go into effect July 1, but the response was so overwhelming, the state moved the start date to Aug. 1.

It was believed about 100,000 homes — businesses aren't eligible for the program — would register, but a week before the program begins, almost 380,000 residences have signed up. That's nearly 18 percent of Tennessee's 1.9 million residential telephones, said Greg Mitchell, spokesman for the Tennessee Regulatory Agency, which manages the list.

"Our program is the largest 'Do Not Call' program in the nation in terms of participation," Mitchell said.

Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Florida, Missouri, New York, Oregon and Texas currently offer "Do Not Call" lists, with Idaho and California soon joining the ranks.

The free registration in Tennessee began in January. Those making requests through May will be included on the Aug. 1 list. Those registering after May will have their name added 60 days after they contacted the state.

New Orleans cemetery thick with folk art

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Headstones lean to and fro, some wood, some stone, many without names. A spigot drips. Green elephant-ear sprouts. Plastic toys, faded by the sun, adorn a child's grave. One mound of earth is topped with lawn chairs.

This is Holt, a seven-acre municipal cemetery unique in a city known for the way it buries its dead.

"Holt is naturally New Orleans, decayed in places, decadent, yet it is royal, majestic," said fine-art photographer Jackie Brenner, picking her way through the overgrown, rundown graveyard surrounded by a community college and hushed homes.

It is here at Holt, under a dead oak hung with Spanish moss, that voodoo rituals take place at night.

A small brick crematory, blackened with ash, is full of debris. Homeless people sleep nearby.

On New Year's, a mother and daughter drink toasts to their loved ones. They leave two glasses of wine at the grave.

The bones of jazz great

Buddy Bolden are under the grasses somewhere. No one knows where for sure.

The number of people buried at Holt, in use since the 1880s, is a mystery.

It is extremely crowded. New Orleans officials say the seven-acre cemetery contains 10 acres' worth of graves.

It was laid out at the edge of New Orleans as a burial ground for the city's poor, unknown and unclaimed.

Today, about 200 people are buried here a year. In the mid-1900s, thousands of burials took place every year.

Unlike the famous above-ground tombs of New Orleans, all graves at Holt are below ground.

Families have been given grave sites forever on condition that they maintain the sites. Untended sites revert to the city.

Often, when the city needs a new grave, workers break open one left untended, put whatever remains they find into bags and place these in the newly deceased's casket.

A lot of strangers share caskets at Holt, said Edwin Mazoue Jr., the city real

estate administrator.

City workers rarely cut the grass, pick up trash or fight off weeds. The city's cemetery budget is \$179,000, a sum that pays for the upkeep of six cemeteries, officials say.

Tires, ironing boards, broken televisions get dumped here. Trash blows in.

Now, some New Orleanians want to stop the trashing of Holt.

In the past year, three volunteer groups have adopted the cemetery with the goal of cleaning it up and restoring it.

"It's overgrown, there's trash all over the place, people hanging out at night," said Louise Fergusson, executive director of Save Our Cemeteries. "Holt clearly has a need."

"We can only do what we can with the manpower provided to us," Mazoue said.

Families should take better care of their sites, he added. "The city gets the black eye when the families do not cut the grass."

Wyatt Hines, a member of New Orleans Cares, said the cemetery was overgrown with crabgrass, blackberry

bushes and shrubs before volunteers started taming the grounds. It was so overgrown a family complained that they could not get to their grave site, Hines said.

The volunteers are in the unusual position of cleaning up a place where the boundaries separating art, junk, nature and death blur.

"How do you make a distinction between what is trash and what has sentimental value?" Mazoue said.

For instance, the grave of Korean War veteran Darrell A. Alexander, who died in 1980, has an unopened beer can on it. The can has come loose from a concrete slab in front of the headstone. Could it be mistaken for trash?

Preservationists envision putting up a sign for the cemetery, fixing the fences and establishing better order in Holt's records.

William Greiner, another fine-art photographer, who has published a book focusing on Holt, says the cemetery has many moods as it changes and evolves under

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SLICE OF

YOUTH NEWS

The Sands varsity cheerleaders recently returned from a National Cheerleaders Association summer camp at Howard College. The group received awards at the camp, including the Spirit Award, which recognizes a team that "exemplifies true team spirit and comradeship." They also received the Herkie TEAM Award, which recognizes the qualities of leadership, values and teamwork. Pictured left to right are Amanda Watkins, Brandi Woods, Krista Bigrave, Stacey Bodine, Audra Kennemur, Hollie Gibbs and mascot Sheridan Silipo.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE for the 2000 Howard County Fair Queen contest. The contest takes place on Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Big Spring Mall, then the queen will be recognized during the Howard County Fair Aug. 25-29.

Entrants must be enrolled in a Howard County high school, or one in an adjacent county, or at Howard College.

Entry forms are available at the Howard County Extension office, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Athletic Supply in Big Spring Mall, Merle Norman, Joy's Hallmark and the Master's Touch.

Entries must be returned to the county extension office in the courthouse by Aug. 14, along with the \$35 sponsorship fee.

Yard art is labor of love for couple

CEMETERY

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BAYTOWN (AP) — Dale Harp could make a lot of money building waterfalls, but he doesn't care.

Sculpting rock formations with waterfalls in his yard and admiring his work has been pay enough for him for about the past three years. It was then that he replaced wooden decking in his back yard with large rocks, mortar, concrete, as well as a swimming pool water pump, to simulate a waterfall.

"I've always loved nature and flowers and water running," Harp said. "It's tranquil and loosens up my nerves."

There are two small rock structures in his back yard, and another under construction. His largest project to date built in his front yard was completed after friends suggested he share his work with the community.

'I've always loved nature and flowers and water running. It's tranquil and loosens up my nerves.'

Dale Harp

"I did one in the back yard, and a friend said it wasn't fair to hide these, so I did one in front," he said.

The front yard exhibit contains 30 tons of rock and brick atop six cubic yards of reinforced concrete.

It contains electric lighting for night viewing, and is enhanced by four types of palm trees, fountain grass, hibiscus plants, daisies, firecracker plants and others. The swimming pool pump recirculates 150 gallons of water per minute that eventually moves through a picturesque water wheel.

Harp said it took eight

months on weekends and evenings to build the structure by himself. By absorbing the labor costs, he spent about \$15,000 on the project.

"My cost to someone else would be \$60,000 to \$75,000," he said. "I've not had that many takers. But, it's just a hobby to me."

Harp, 56, has lived in Baytown since 1961, and has worked as a painter at Jimmy's Paint and Body Shop, Inc. since 1968.

Jimmy Hefferman, owner of the business, allows Harp to go to his land near Hondo, west of San Antonio, to pick up as many rocks as he needs.

"He (Hefferman) believed the more rocks I took off the land, the more grass a cow could eat," Harp said.

Harp's wife, Gretchen, shares her husband's enjoyment of fountains, but does not participate in their creation.

"I do like waterfalls, but he's the one that does it all," she said.

"It was exciting to watch it go up (in front). People didn't know what it was going to look like when it was finished. A lot of people take pictures of it. Some just stop and look."

She said her husband has no formal training in design and construction of waterfalls.

"He just decided one day he was going to do it," she said.

"He doesn't do anything in moderation. He's gung-ho on everything."

the care of descendants.

Although it may appear unkempt, families rearrange sentimental objects on their relatives' graves and keep a watch over their dead, Brenner said.

"These grave decorations say as much about the living as the dead by what they choose to leave," Greiner said.

Holt is an outdoor gallery of folk art. One grave has a pair of women's slip-on shoes. Another bears a soggy, open Bible propped against a wooden cross. A winning bingo card is stuck to one wooden headstone.

"I think all we need to do is make sure Holt survives for the families that are here, and not judge it," Brenner said.

Edward Dupclay was visiting his family site one weekend. His mother, father, brother, aunt and cousins are buried in Holt.

It had been a couple of months and the family site was in terrible shape. The ground had sunken. The box frame around the grave had caved in. There was no marker. Weeds were running wild.

Dupclay was upset.

"I think it's just terrible that the family has to maintain city ground," he said. "I think this all falls on the city. It needs to care as much about the living as the dead."

The cleanup efforts by volunteers will help, but Dupclay is doubtful they will really change the wild state of the cemetery.

"It's been like this as far back as I can remember," he said. "They put up the veteran's stone, and that's all they've done."

At one time, an American flag flapped atop a pole near the marker at the cemetery entrance. Not any more.

"It's probably going to be like this after I'm buried here," Dupclay said.

He came back the next morning, hauling dirt and a wheelbarrow in his pickup truck to fill in the family grave. Finally, he stuck a handmade wooden marker at the grave to reclaim his family resting place.

"If you don't come out here regularly, you're going to lose it," he said.

Three weeks later, weeds were running wild over Dupclay's family site: A wooden cross with no name on it leaned in the dirt.

More women trying strength training

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Like many members of the post-war generation who are now post-menopausal, Pam Douglass is concerned about her health. So two years ago, she went for a bone-mineral density scan.

Results of the skeletal checkup weren't bad. But they weren't great, either.

"I didn't have osteoporosis," a condition in which the bones become dangerously fragile, says Douglass, 54. "But the doctor told me that, if I kept going the way I was, I eventually would."

While osteoporosis runs in Douglass' family, hormone replacement therapy the treatment of choice for many post-menopausal women at risk for the disease wasn't an option. That's because she also has a family history of breast cancer. And hormone therapy has been linked to an increased risk of the cancer.

So instead, Douglass decided to hit the weight room.

While active women long ago embraced the gospel of aerobics running and walking, Jazzercise and Stairmasters many view strength training the same way they do Maxim magazine: It's OK for their husbands or boyfriends, but they'll pass, thank you very much.

Yet according to a growing chorus of women's health experts, moderate weight lifting (as little as twice a week) is something of a modern-day fountain of youth. They contend it can actually help turn back the fitness clock by 15 to 20 years, making even older women stronger, firmer, more flexible and energetic. They say it improves every-

thing from a woman's balance to her self-esteem.

Sure, strength training helps older guys, too. But women seem almost genetically engineered to benefit from it.

Beginning in their mid-30s, most women lose a third to a half pound of muscle each year. At the same time, they gain at least that much in body fat.

"Now women are naturally graced with less muscle than men. So they get soft and flabby even more quickly," explains Miriam E. Nelson, Ph.D., co-author of "Strong Women, Strong Bones."

"On top of that, they're replacing lean tissue that burns calories, with fat that doesn't," Nelson says. "So their metabolism drops but their appetite doesn't, creating a gap between calories consumed and calories burned."

Such an imbalance of as little as 50 calories a day translates to a weight gain of five pounds a year. Five pounds may not seem like much, but over a decade that's, well, you do the math.

Of course, losing muscle also makes a woman weaker. According to Nelson, 1 in 3 women 45 and older reports difficulty doing simple physical tasks such as lifting a gallon of milk or climbing a flight of stairs.

And it gets worse. At the same time they're losing muscle, these women also are losing bone anywhere from 1 to 2 percent a year as they approach and then go through menopause. Unchecked, this can lead to osteoporosis and raise the danger of bone fractures. Together, the long-term

loss of muscle and bone seriously threatens the health and well-being of many older women. For example, each year, 300,000 people most of them elderly are hospitalized for hip fractures. Half never go home again and 1 in 5 dies of complications within a year.

Then there are those who stop or severely limit their activities, either because they lack the strength or fear falling. "Sure, women live longer than men, but who wants to spend the last 30 or 40 years of your life as a frail weakling?" asks Jordan Overcash, a local personal trainer who has developed strength training programs for a number of middle-aged and older women.

Still, many women resist lifting weights because they think it's somehow unfeminine. Yet Marilyn Monroe was an avid weight lifter, says Nelson. And so are Madonna and Oprah Winfrey.

"It's a common misconception among women who've never lifted before that they're going to bulk up," explains Samantha Benitez, a personal trainer at The Gym in New Braunfels. "The truth is, most women don't have enough testosterone in their bodies to get really big."

Indeed, most female lifters report that they actually lose a dress size or two. Turns out that a pound of muscle takes up 22 percent less space than a pound of fat.

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IN BRIEF

Steer equipment not to be given Friday

Equipment will not be issued for all Big Spring High School football players Friday, Aug. 4 at the Athletic Training Center. The players will receive equipment at some future time, but exactly when isn't presently known.

Quarterback Club to meet Friday at ATC

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will be holding a meeting Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Athletic Training Center. Anyone interested in Steer football is invited to attend.

Ragball Tournament set for IL Field

An International Little League ragball tournament is set for Aug. 4-5 at the International Field.

Signups are Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. and the first game is set for 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 per player.

For more information, please call either Denise (756-2841 or 263-1945), Raymond (263-3811) or Delbert (263-2631).

Comanche Trails City Championship slated

The City Championship at Comanche Trails Golf Course is set to run Aug. 5-6.

The tournament is not limited solely to members of Comanche Trails. In fact, members of either local golf course or a resident of Howard County.

However, one requirement is the fact that any man or woman wishing to participate must present a verifiable handicap.

The entry fee is \$35 per player. To enter, please call the pro shop at 264-2366.

Big Spring Youth Soccer meeting set

A meeting concerning Big Spring Youth Soccer will be taking place on Tuesday, Aug. 8, on the second floor of the administration building at Howard College.

Anyone interested in helping the organization is invited to attend.

Anyone needing more information may call Don Bowles at 267-6411.

Little League football signups ongoing

Signups for boys and girls for Little League football or cheerleading is currently ongoing the Big Spring Mall.

Among the football offerings are flag football for first and second graders and tackle football for third through sixth graders. Helmet and shoulder pads are provided for the latter endeavor.

Signups will take place until Aug. 12 with no signups taking place after that. Birth certificates and last year's report card must be shown at registration.

The signups will take place Monday through Friday from 6-8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

North defeats South, in All-Star football

L.J. Vallejo wasn't really expected to play a major role in the game plan, nor did he come into Tuesday's Southwestern Bell All-Star Football Game with much notoriety, but the North won, 17-13.

ON THE AIR

Television

BASEBALL
6 p.m. — Chicago White Sox at Texas Rangers, FSN, Ch. 29 and ESPN, Ch. 30.

Johnson's home run sends White Sox past Texas, 4-3

ARLINGTON (AP) — The new guys on the Chicago White Sox looked like they had been there all year.

Charles Johnson hit a tiebreaking homer in the ninth inning of his first game with the White Sox, propelling them to a 4-3 victory over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

Johnson, acquired Saturday along with Harold Baines from Baltimore, hit a 400-foot blast off John Wetteland (4-4) with one out in the ninth.

"I was glad I was able to get the big hit on my first

day," Johnson said. "The pitch was thrown over the middle of the plate, and I was able to get it elevated."

Baines, marking the beginning of his third stint with the White Sox, was 2-for-4 with an RBI. He said it felt good to make an immediate contribution.

"That's always the plan," the 41-year-old designated hitter said. "Fortunately, it happened in my second at-bat and my fourth at-bat."

The Rangers considered trading Wetteland before Monday's deadline, but chose to hold onto their

closer instead. That was also the same day Wetteland's wife had a troublesome labor in the delivery of their third child, and the pitcher has gotten little, if any, sleep since then.

"You don't make the one mistake I had in an inning on mental distress. I made a mistake and he hit it," said Wetteland, who also had two strikeouts in the inning. "I should be able to handle that at-bat. You saw the other at-bats. There's no reason for me not to execute on that one."

Bobby Howry (2-2), who

allowed a game-tying, two-run single to Gabe Kapler in the eighth, pitched 1-3 innings for the win.

Kapler extended his hitting streak to 15 games with the hit. Rafael Palmeiro was thrown out at third base on the play to end the inning.

Chicago went ahead in the top half with two runs. Magglio Ordonez's two-out double broke a 1-1 tie, and Baines followed with an RBI single, earning the immediate admiration of his new teammates.

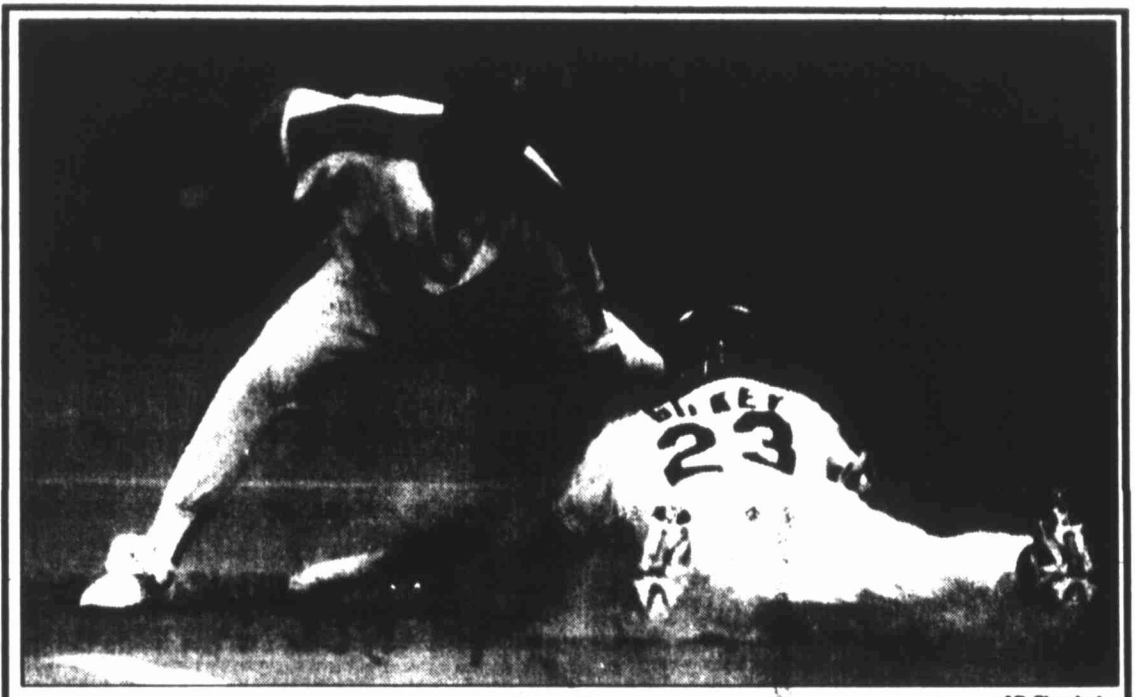
"Baines has been at this game awhile, he's got a lot

of postseason experience, and he's still hitting," said Chicago's Jose Valentin, who was 2-for-4 with an RBI on the night.

James Baldwin allowed three runs and six hits in 7-1-3 innings in his third straight no-decision for Chicago.

White Sox manager Jerry Manuel said Baldwin seems to be making a habit of performing well in Texas, where the temperature at gametime was 91.

"I love the heat," Baldwin said. "It's just about dealing with the situation."



Houston Astro second baseman Craig Biggio, shown here applying a tag to St. Louis' Bernard Gilkey in 1993, is out for the season after going down with an anterior cruciate ligament injury in Houston's 4-3 win over Florida Tuesday in Miami.

Astros' Biggio out for season

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Houston Astros' disappointing season took another turn for the worse.

Second baseman Craig Biggio tore the anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments in his left knee, during a collision with Florida's Preston Wilson in the seventh inning of Houston's 4-3 victory Tuesday night.

The season-ending injury typified a season in which the Astros, last year's NL Central winners, have baseball's worst record at 40-66.

In other National League games, Colorado edged Chicago 2-1; Montreal beat St. Louis, 4-0; New York defeated Cincinnati 3-2; San Francisco topped Milwaukee 13-8; Atlanta edged Arizona 4-3; and San Diego beat Philadelphia 10-9 in 10 innings. Pittsburgh and Los Angeles split a double-header, with the Pirates winning the opener 6-0 and the Dodgers taking the second game 5-3.

In the American League, it was Baltimore 10, Minnesota 0; Seattle 5, Boston 4 in 19 innings; Oakland 3, Toronto 1 in 10 innings; New York 5, Kansas City 4; Tampa Bay 6, Cleveland 5; and Detroit 6, Anaheim 3.

Scott Elarton (11-4) struck out seven and walked two in 8 1-3 innings and came within two outs of his first career shutout. But Biggio's injury overshadowed the victory.

With Wilson on first base, Mike Lowell grounded to third. Chris Truby threw to second and Wilson slid into Biggio, who was covering the base and landed hard.

Biggio will remain with the team through the

Marlins series and return to Houston for an MRI on Friday.

Florida's Chuck Smith (1-4) took a no-hitter into the sixth inning before giving up four unearned runs, including a two-run single by Moises Alou.

Rookies 2, Cubs 1
Todd Hollandsworth hit a go-ahead RBI single in his Colorado debut, and Pedro Astacio (9-7) matched his career high with 12 strikeouts at Chicago.

Hollandsworth, acquired from Los Angeles for Tom Goodwin on Monday, broke a 1-1 tie in the eighth to lift the Rockies to their sixth win in 20 games since the All-Star break.

Expos 4, Cardinals 0
Vladimir Guerrero hit a three-run homer and Trey Moore (1-0) pitched five shutout innings in his first appearance in more than two years as Montreal snapped a seven-game skid. Guerrero hit his 26th homer — and first since July 16 — off Rick Ankiel (7-7) with runners on first and second in the fifth as host Montreal won for the sixth time in 21 games.

Mets 3, Reds 2
Mike Hampton pitched 7 1-3 strong innings and drove in a run, and Mike Bordick had three hits and an RBI for New York.

Hampton (11-7) allowed two runs and eight hits to snap the visiting Reds' four-game winning streak. The left-hander struck out six and did not walk a batter.

Giants 13, Brewers 8
Bobby Estalella's bases-loaded walk in the eighth

inning scored the go-ahead run as San Francisco took over sole possession of first place in the NL West with a victory at Milwaukee.

Estalella drew a five-pitch walk from Ray King (9-1) that scored J.T. Snow, who had four hits and doubled to start the Giants' five-run eighth.

Braves 4, D'backs 2

Andruw Jones hit a two-run homer into the glove of a fan reaching over the left-field fence, and Brian Jordan also homered in the eighth inning as Atlanta rallied at Arizona.

Arizona's seventh loss in 10 games dropped the Diamondbacks one game behind San Francisco in the NL West.

Padres 10, Phillies 9

Kevin Nicholson's RBI single with two outs in the 10th inning led San Diego to victory after it blew an eight-run lead.

The Padres led 9-1 after six innings before the visiting Phillies tied it in the ninth on two-out homers by Scott Rolen and Pat Burrell off closer Trevor Hoffman, who blew his fifth save since June 23.

Pirates 6, Dodgers 0
Dodgers 5, Pirates 3
Alex Cora hit a go-ahead two-run triple in Los Angeles' three-run eighth inning, and the Dodgers avoided losing a double-header at Pittsburgh.

Left-hander Jimmy Anderson (4-5) pitched five-hit ball for eight shutout innings in the opener.

Orioles 10, Twins 0
Mike Mussina was even better for his old team, the Baltimore Orioles.

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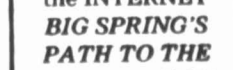
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Aug. 3: Make a financial plan early this year and follow it. You will be much more carefree if you handle the necessities in an organized fashion. You will have an unusual opportunity to socialize, network and spread your wings. Don't settle; go for what you want. You enjoy your day-to-day life more than ever. You'll likely make a major purchase that will make every day a little more exciting.

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) *** You could be entrenched in figuring out a money matter. Make an effort to socialize and network more. Feeding your work comes in many different forms. Allow more variety, and you will enjoy your professional life more. Others reveal what they haven't been saying. Tonight: Say yes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Your creativity surges. Others seek you out. They want feedback. Your personality comes off as a little more stubborn than usual. A boss means well, but he has an odd way of directing your energy and attention. Focus on getting the job done. Tonight: Treat another to dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Your mind works overtime. You could be unusually tired and withdrawn. Carefully think through family decisions. Use your imagination with work. Your resourcefulness always puts you a step ahead of others. Explore ideas on the computer or with a brainy pal. Tonight: Get a head start on the weekend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Make calls early, when others seem more responsive to your energy. Try as hard as you can to calculate a money matter. Don't worry so much about a personal matter. A trusted partner stretches and finds a solution. Tonight: Put your feet up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Use a strong hand when dealing with finances. You understand what is needed at work. Another does defer. Experiment with different communication techniques later in the day. You intuitively know how to move another and get him to change his position. Tonight: Return a friend's call.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Avoid another's negativity; you don't need to start your day like that. Indulge and treat yourself

to a new item that will make you feel good. Work flows on an intuitive level. Listen to a co-worker, but understand the true message behind his words. Tonight: Do only what you want to do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Steer clear of the negative personality in your life. Your personality radiates. You allow others to express their creativity and imagination. Draw others together. Network. Brainstorm. Spread good news and allow others to celebrate with you. Tonight: It's our call.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Use the morning to move a key project. The sooner you get moving, the more successful you will be. Ask questions. Your investigations might not be complete for several days. Explore the Internet. The boss gives you a strong sense of direction. Don't negate his advice. Tonight: Answer backed-up mail.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Others dump their problems on you. You know how to clear out what they can't. Your work brings you to others' attention. Seize the moment and direct your energy toward key goals. You know exactly what to say to a loved one who might be frayed at the collar. Tonight: Celebrate. It's almost the weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** A child or loved one delays your workday - if not physically, certainly mentally. Take charge, especially when your finances are in question. Ask for what you feel is right. Recognize that others could see you as extremely materialistic. Tonight: In the limelight!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Designate quality time for an important partner. You might not have the control you want with this person. Don't get uptight; just go with the flow. Call an attorney if you're questioning a legal matter. Find experts when you're not sure of yourself. Tonight: Rent a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Others seek you out. You might find it difficult to concentrate and do what you want to get done. Relate to others on a one-on-one level. You know exactly how to make a partner happy. Use your instincts with finances as well. Check out an investment that adds to your domestic life. Tonight: Be with your best friend.

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DEAR ABBY: I quit smoking today. It may not seem like a great accomplishment, but I'm 37 years old and have smoked since I was in seventh grade. Like many others, I tried for years to kick the habit, but I guess I never really had the proper motivation to do it.

I was looking at some photographs I took while my family was home last Christmas, and came to the last picture I ever took of my mother. We lost her just after New Year's. It was something none of us in the family ever expected. She had a massive heart attack. Burying my mother was the toughest thing I have ever done. I don't want my kids to see me in aasket before I reach retirement age. Mother had very high blood pressure, for which she had been treated. We thought she was doing pret-

ty well. Her treatment included quitting smoking a year ago. Unfortunately for her, she quit too late.

Please remind your readers that cancer isn't the only possible result of smoking. Smoking can also lead to high blood pressure that leads to heart trouble. — SMOKE-FREE IN INDIANA

DEAR SMOKE-FREE: I offer my sympathy for the untimely loss of your mother. It's sad to say, but sometimes it takes the death of someone near and dear to convince us that we're not immortal. I commend you for your decision to finally quit smoking. If someone is looking for a reason to quit, your letter may provide an incentive.

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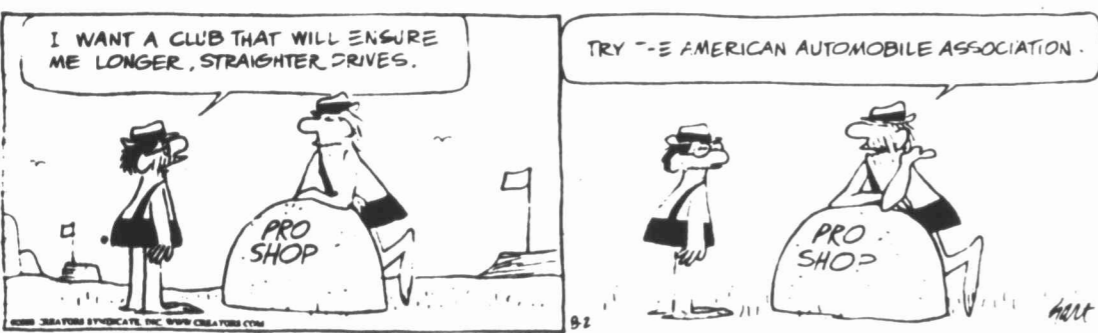
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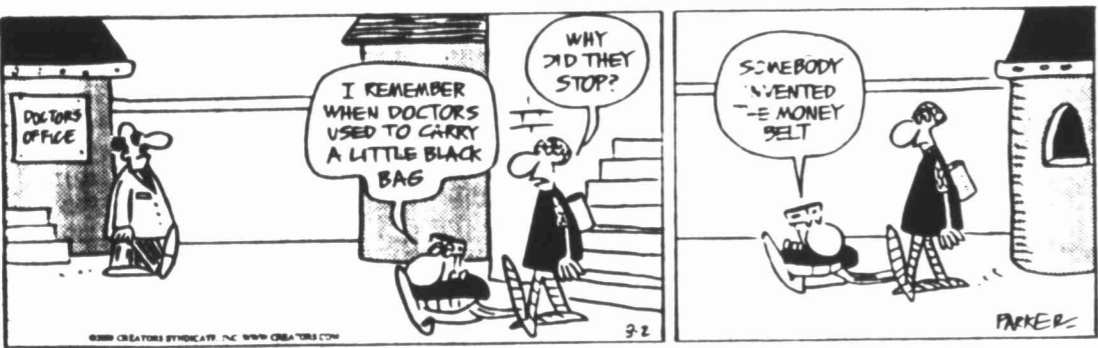
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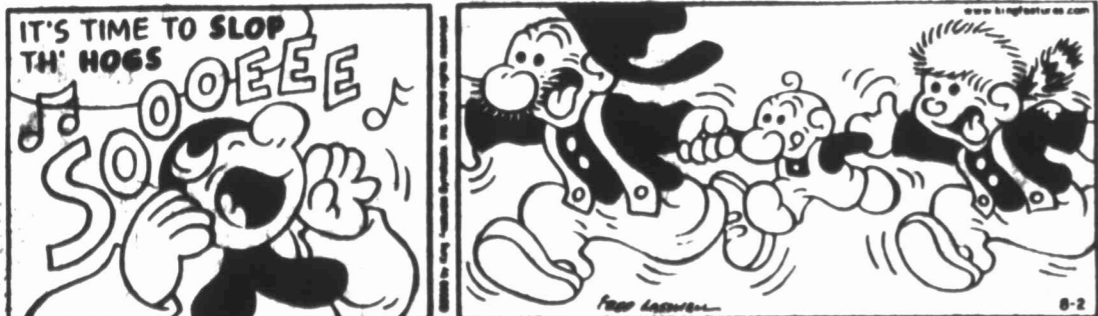
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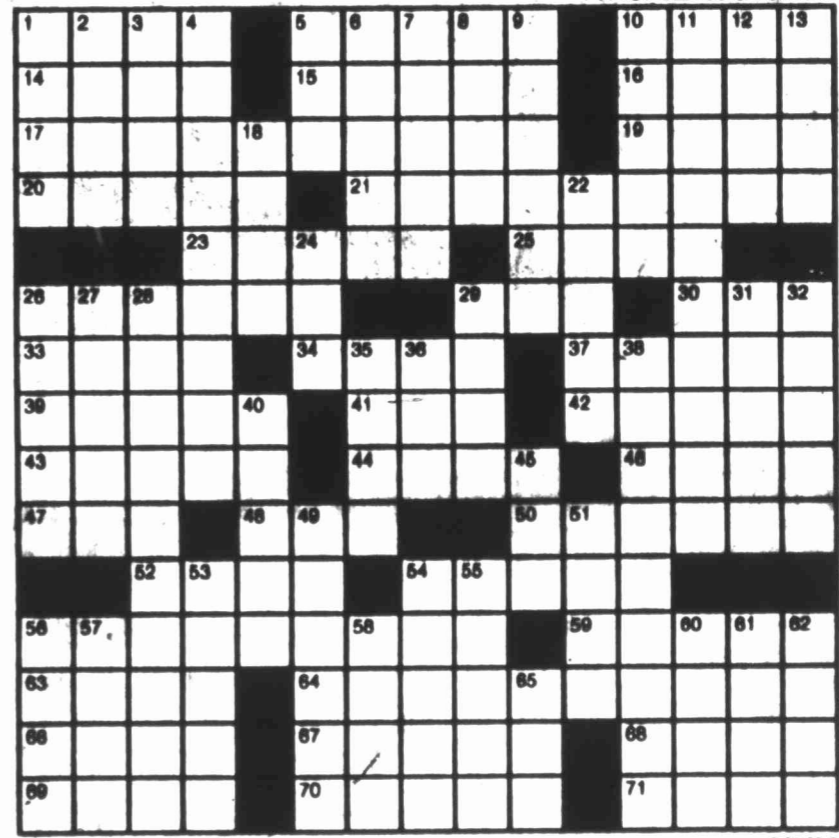
- Ten years ago, on August 2, 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. President Bush condemned the incursion as an act of "naked aggression." (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.)
- On this date: In 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.
- In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, S.D.
- In 1921, opera singer Enrico Caruso died in Naples, Italy.
- In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco.
- In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler's complete takeover.
- In 1939, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Franklin Roosevelt urging creation of an atomic weapons research program.
- In 1943, a Navy patrol torpedo boat, PT-109, commanded by Lt. John F. Kennedy, sank after being sheared in two by a Japanese destroyer off the Solomon Islands. (Kennedy was credited with saving members of the crew.)
- In 1945, President Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Clement Attlee concluded the Potsdam conference.
- In 1964, the Pentagon reported the first of two attacks on U.S. destroyers by North Vietnamese torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin.

Today's Birthdays:

- Actress Beatrice Straight is 82.
- Former Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., is 78.
- Actor Carroll O'Connor is 76.
- Actor Peter O'Toole is 68.
- Country singer Hank Cochran is 65.
- Rock musician Garth Hudson (The Band) is 63.
- Movie director Wes Craven is 61.
- Singer Edward Patten (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 61.

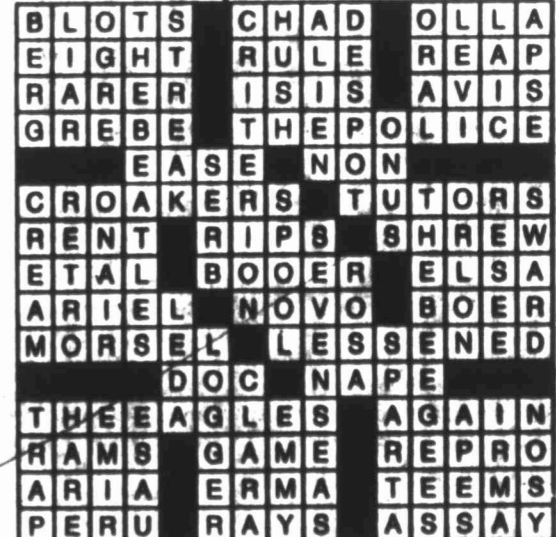
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- Aid a criminal
 - Sharpened
 - Protest-singer Phil
 - Mine find
 - Maine college town
 - Wyle or Beery
 - Brokerage scam establishment
 - Inter (among other things)
 - Guide
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 - Designs
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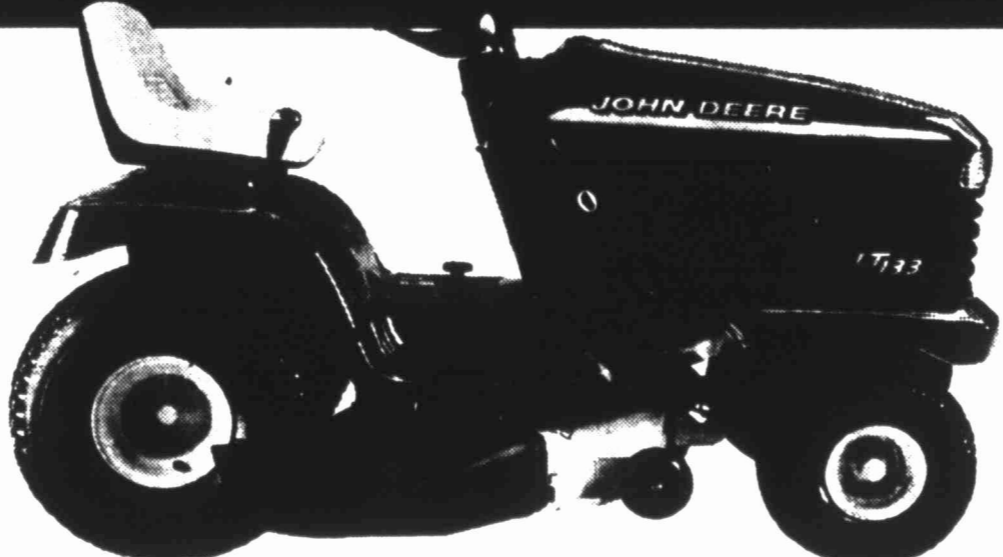
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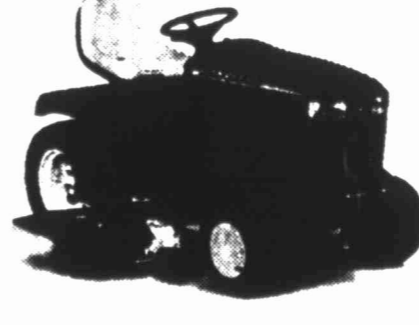
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The Great Storyteller Hans Christian Andersen

Have you read "The Ugly Duckling," "The Little Mermaid" or "The Emperor's New Clothes"? They were written by Hans Christian Andersen.

His fairy tales are some of the most popular stories in the world. Even today, 125 years after his death, his stories are being told again and again, in many different ways. They have been translated into more languages than any other fiction. He wrote 156 stories in all.

Although we think of his fairy tales as being children's stories, he wrote them for adults as well. Much of his humor and moral messages were intended for grown-ups.



Hans Christian Andersen considered himself ugly all his life. He was tall and skinny and had a long nose.

Early life
Andersen's life was much like a fairy tale. He was born in Odense, Denmark, in 1805. The family was very poor. His mother was a washwoman, his father a shoemaker.

When Hans was 11, his father died. To help support the family, Hans worked in a tailor's shop and later in a tobacco factory.

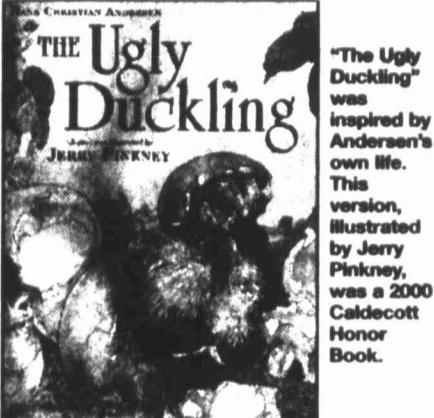
He left home at the age of 14 to seek his fortune in Copenhagen. He tried to make a living as an artist, an actor, a dancer and a singer. He failed at them all. He was so poor he nearly starved to death.

Andersen became friends with a theater director who helped him get a scholarship that enabled him to go back to school.

His writing
Andersen began to write plays, novels, poems and travel books. During his life he wrote three different books about his own life.

Many of his plays were big hits in Denmark. Some of his poems were turned into songs that Danish kids still sing today.

Much to his surprise, it was his fairy tales that made him famous at home and in other countries as well.



"The Ugly Duckling" was inspired by Andersen's own life. This version, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney, was a 2000 Caldecott Honor Book.

His loves
Andersen proposed to several women but was rejected by all of them. When he died in 1875, he was carrying a letter from his first love, a woman he had met more than 40 years before. As he wished, the letter was burned unread.

Andersen reminds us of one of his most famous characters, the Ugly Duckling. In spite of his lonely life, he was able to write some of the most magical stories of all time.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S FUNNY PHONICS

It's fun to learn phonics, or the sounds that letters make. This week's target sound is the one made by the letter Y, as in the word yo-yo.

Q: What is yellow and goes "Ho, ho, ho"?
A: Santa Banana!

Q: Why does the schoolyard get bigger when school starts?
A: Because there are more feet in it!

Q: Have you changed the goldfish's water today?
A: No, he hasn't finished the water I gave him yesterday!

Go on a Y word hunt. What other words can you find using a Y? What sound do you hear?



This version of "The Little Mermaid," illustrated by Charles Santore, tells Andersen's story of a mermaid who longs for legs so she can be human. One of today's best-known versions of this tale is the Walt Disney movie.

Rookie Cookies Recipe Princess and the Peanut Pie

You'll need:

- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup dark corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- 1 cup peanuts
- 1 unbaked pie shell

What to do:

- Combine all ingredients, except peanuts and pie shell, in a medium bowl. Mix well.
- Stir in peanuts. Mix well.
- Pour into pie shell.
- Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 45 minutes or until firm.

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of Hans Christian Andersen are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: FAIRY, TALES, STORIES, PEASANT, POPULAR, LANGUAGES, KIDS, MESSAGES, POOR, UGLY, SCHOOL, MERMAID, DUCKLING, SOLDIER, QUEEN, AWARD, READ.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is reading a bedtime story to her little brother. See if you can find:

- word MINI
- lima bean
- man in the moon
- dolphin
- pencil
- letter E
- ruler
- exclamation mark
- safety pin
- cherry
- kite
- sailboat

• two number 8's • question mark

Hans Christian Andersen

His personality
Andersen loved the attention given him by royalty, artists and other authors. He was very ambitious and enjoyed his success. He was sensitive and became upset when someone wrote anything bad about his books. Andersen was sickly and a worrier. Although he traveled a great deal, he often arrived at the station hours before the train was to leave. He carried a rope with him so he could escape out the window if a hotel caught on fire.

Andersen was a deeply religious man. Because of his very humble beginnings, he was a thrifty man all of his life.

The fairy tales
When his first fairy tales were published, they were printed one at a time in little pamphlets. Later, collections were put into books.

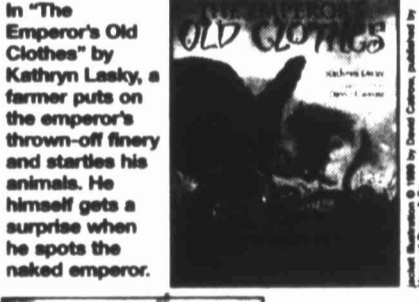


An early translation
Here's how Andersen began his tale "The Emperor's New Suit."
"Many, many years ago lived an emperor, who thought so much of new clothes that he spent all his money in order to obtain them; his only ambition was to be always well dressed. He did not care for his soldiers, and the theater did not amuse him; the only thing, in fact, he thought anything of was to drive out and show a new suit of clothes. He had a coat for every hour of the day ..."



Hans Christian Andersen loved reading his works aloud. In this picture he is reading to girls from the nobility.

New tellings of old tale
The many versions of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales include these twists on the story we call "The Emperor's New Clothes."



In "The Emperor's Old Clothes" by Kathryn Leaky, a farmer puts on the emperor's thrown-off finery and starts his animals. He himself gets a surprise when he spots the naked emperor.



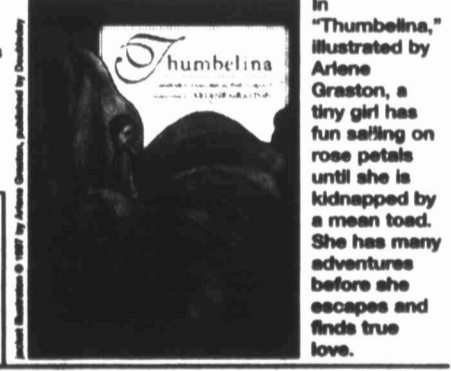
In "The Dinosaur's New Clothes," illustrated by Diane Goode, the foolish emperor is a Tyrannosaurus rex ruling over a dinosaur kingdom.



Often, while he was telling stories out loud, Hans Christian Andersen would make paper cutouts filled with scenes from his tales. He cut and folded the paper to create these pictures without using a pattern.

In Janet Stevens' version of "The Princess and the Pea," a tiger princess is bruised by a pea under 20 mattresses and 20 featherbeds.

The award
The Hans Christian Andersen Award is presented every two years to an outstanding living author and an illustrator who have contributed the most to children's literature. This worldwide award is based on all the author's or illustrator's works. The United States has had one illustrator winner, Maurice Sendak, and five author winners: Meindert De Jong, Scott O'Dell, Paula Fox, Virginia Hamilton and Katherine Paterson.



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