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Registration still possible at Howard College

Late registration at Howard College continues throughout the week. A \$5 late fee applies.

Registration is being held through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Late registration will be conducted at the admissions office.

WHAT'S UP...

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.
- Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, call Terry Hansen 264-5175.
- Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

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.

FRIDAY

- The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- AMBUUS, noon, La Posada.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

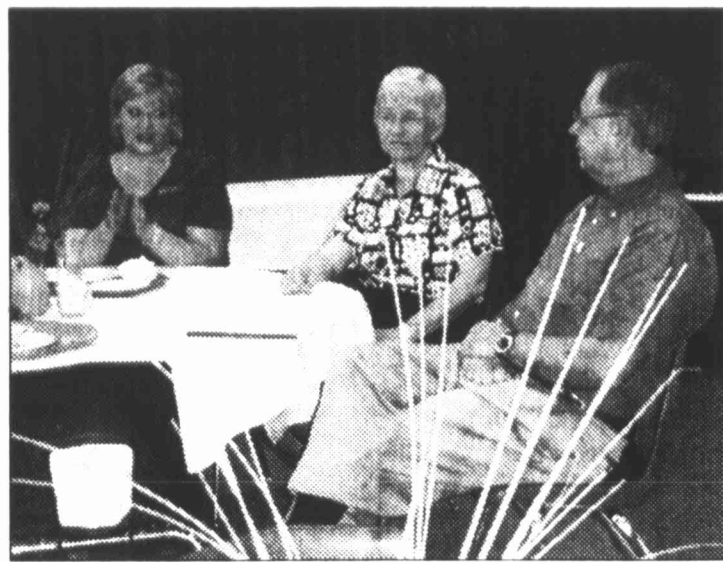
- The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Pottion House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.
- Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.
- Big Spring Squares, call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

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Tricia Sullenger, left, Shirley Lee and Jim Purcell participate in discussion this morning at the small business breakfast sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Business owners gathered to discuss issues of concern to them, including workforce shortages and the need for training.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Howard commissioners approve lower tax rate

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners Court on Monday approved a tax rate of 44.890 cents per \$100 valuation.

The tax rate, though an increase over the effective tax rate of 41.739 cents per \$100 of valuation, is actually a decrease of 1 cent from last year's rate of 45.89 cents.

Though approved by the commissioners, a public hearing must now be held on Sept. 11 before it can be adopted at the Sept. 25 meeting.

In other items addressed by the commissioner's court, a sick leave pool policy, similar to the one now in force in Midland County, was approved. Teresa Thomas was appointed to be the administrator of that

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RC/VS helps victims of violent crimes

Editor's Note: The following article is the first in a series of agencies served by United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

According to the U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crimes, there is one violent crime committed every 19 seconds, one murder committed every 29 minutes, one woman battered every nine seconds and 1.3 adult women raped every minute.

"Every year, these statistics climb," said Linda Tabor, who stepped down as executive director of Rape Crisis/Victim Services effective today. "We just want to make people aware of these crimes and that we are here to help."

That is where RC/VS comes in, with the help of the United Way.

"Funds from the United Way are not specified on what we can use them on," she said. "We do use them for a variety of things such as the operation of the office, staff salaries and educational materials."

According to Tabor, the RC/VS center in Big Spring is not like any around the state.

"Unlike most centers in Texas, ours serves a dual role," she explained. "We don't just help those victims of sexual assault but also victims of any crime."

In the cases of domestic



Former executive director Linda Tabor, right, talks with a client at the Rape Crisis/Victim Services office. The RC/VS is one of the 13 agencies United Way helps fund. RC/VS helps victims of any kind of crime.

HERALD photo/Gina Garza

violence, the RC/VS staff will help the victim file a protective order, relocate to a new home and can assist her financially.

"Often, a victim says she cannot leave because she has nowhere to go," said Tabor. "We want them to know that there is a place for them to go and they do not have to continue living in that situation because help is available."

Along with the paid staff,



volunteerism is very important for the center.

"Our RC/VS advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or

accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed," she said. "We served five counties - Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Martin and Mitchell."

Tabor is moving to Burnett and will no longer be employed with center as of today, but she said it will continue its important work in the community.

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Region F group to hold hearings on water

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Citizens interested in providing input to the Region F Regional Water Planning Group are invited to attend one of two public hearings set for Sept. 5-6 in San Angelo and Odessa.

The Region F group has been meeting,



GRANT

working and conducting studies and public meetings since March of 1998 to compile a comprehensive overview of water supplies and plans for the wise use of those resources," said John Grant, Region F chairman and manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

The meetings will be held Sept. 5 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in San Angelo and on Sept. 6 at the University of Texas Permian Basin Center for Energy and Economic Diversification in

Odessa.

The hearings, both set for 6 p.m., are among the final steps in the development of a water plan for the future of the 32-county region, which includes Howard, Glasscock, Martin, and Mitchell counties.

Gov. George Bush signed Senate Bill 1 into law in June of 1997, mandating that the Texas Water Development Board take the lead in development of a state water plan. That board divided the state into 16 regional planning areas.

"Given the state's vulnera-

bility to drought, and the fact that Texas' population is expected to almost double by the year 2050, water development, conservation and drought planning are essential to the state," said Grant, who noted the plan is to be updated every five years.

The Region F group has been identifying and quantifying available and potential water resources, projecting future water demand, identifying threats to natural resources and planning

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College Trustees OK same tax rate as a year ago

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Howard County Junior College District residents will not see an increase in the tax rate as trustees decided Monday to keep the same rate as last year.

"Our tax rate stays the same as last fiscal year," said college president Dr. Cheri Sparks. "However, the tax base increased, therefore, the tax revenue will increase."

Sparks said that only if property values increased will taxpayers see an increase on tax bills based on the tax rate approved by the board Monday.

The proposed tax rate of 25.854 cents per \$100 valuation was passed unanimously by trustees.

Vice-president for instruction Linda Conway announced that tentative figures indicate enrollment had increased from last year with 2,052 students currently enrolled for the Howard College District and the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID).

Currently the Big Spring campus has 950 students enrolled, the San Angelo Campus has 868 students enrolled, the Lamesa campus has 105 students and SWCID has 123 students, Conway reported.

She noted that student enrollment for SWCID continues to grow and trustees have approved building another residence hall for that campus.

Board members also approved to bid for general contracting remodeling in the SWCID Student Union Building.

According to Sparks, the

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Snyder squads dominate Battle of the Cheerleaders

HERALD Staff Report

Snyder Cheer Stars and Stars Are Us topped the competition at the Howard College-sponsored Battle of the Cheerleaders, held Monday at the Howard County Fair.

"I think it went great," said Linda Berry, director of student activities at Howard College. "I think all the squads did the best I've seen. Every year that we put it on, it just gets better and better."

This was the 14th year for Howard College to sponsor the event, which is held in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Nine varsity groups and eight junior high groups participated in this year's

competition. Plaques were awarded to the first-through third-place squads in each of two categories: dance and cheers.

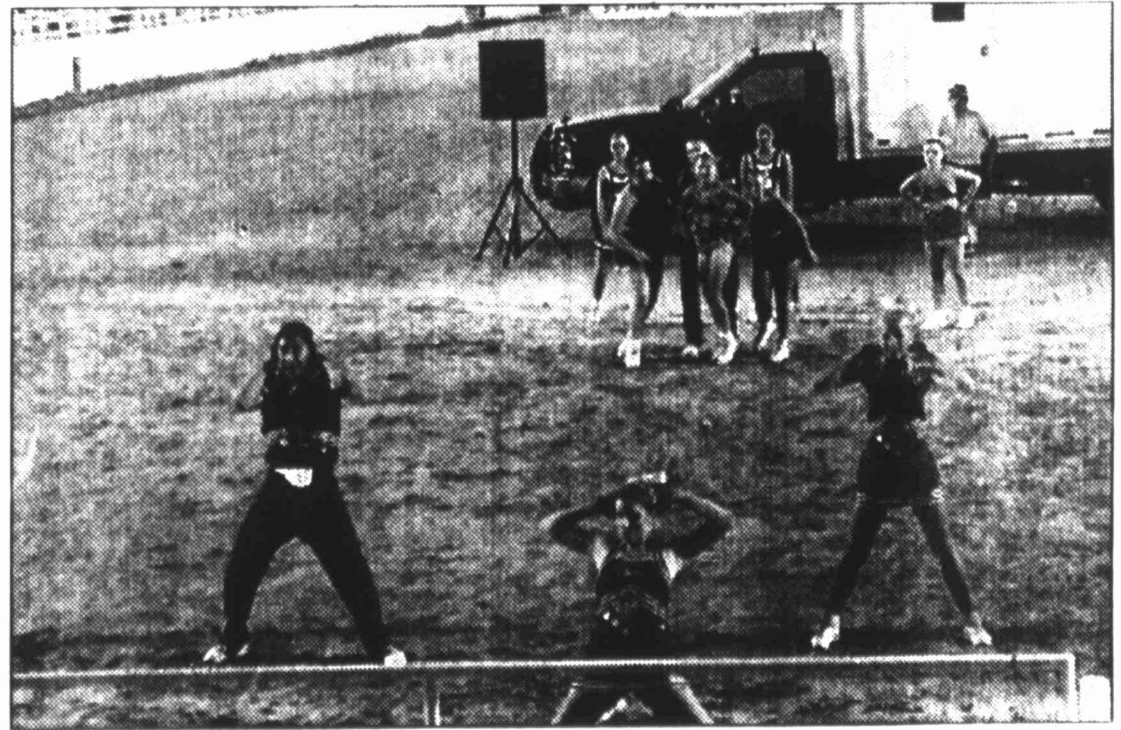
Snyder Cheer Stars won first place in the varsity division in both dance and cheers. Snyder's Stars Are Us took first place in both categories in the junior varsity division.

Coahoma, Big Spring, Garden City and Greenwood were other winners.

Complete results were: Junior Dance: 1. Snyder Stars Are Us, 2. Coahoma Junior High, 3. Greenwood Middle School.

Junior Cheers: 1. Snyder

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

The Snyder Cheer Stars performed their dance routine in front of an enthusiastic crowd during the Battle of the Cheerleaders held on Monday. The Stars placed first in both the varsity dance and cheers categories.

OBITUARIES

Velma Jean Ficke

Funeral service for Velma Jean Ficke, 75, Wichita, Kan., will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2000, at Resthaven Mortuary Chapel.



Mrs. Ficke died on Monday, Aug. 28, in a Wichita hospital. She was employed at Wesley Medical Center and Riverside Health Systems as a nurse's aide. She helped build planes for Boeing during World War II and she enjoyed painting. She married Bernard Ficke on Dec. 29, 1944.

She is survived by her husband, Bernard Ficke of Wichita, Kan.; two sons, Kenneth Ficke and daughter Terri-Lynn Ficke of Big Spring and Lester Ficke of Belton, Mo.; two brothers, Lorenzo Bowen Jr. of Pleasant Hill, Mo., and Gene Bowen of Montrose, Colo.; two sisters, Selma Switzer of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Wilma Flora of Grandview, Mo.; 16 grandchildren including Gma Garza of Big Spring and Cheri Ficke and his wife, Christine, of Fort Meade, Md.; formerly of Big Spring, and two great-grandchildren, Anabel and Matthew, Garza of Big Spring.

Arrangements under the direction of Resthaven Mortuary.

Murphy L. "Bud" Daniels

Funeral service for Murphy L. "Bud" Daniels, 67, Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch.



Mr. Daniels died on Saturday, Aug. 26, in a local hospital. He was born on Dec. 7, 1932, in Big Spring and married Jo Nell Hodnett on April 29, 1963, in Big Spring. He was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. He

worked in civil service at Webb Air Force Base for 23 years, retiring in 1977 when the base closed. He then worked for Fiberflex for 12 years, retiring in 1999. He enjoyed woodworking and fishing. He was a Baptist. Mr. Daniels served in the United States Air Force for four years during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include: his wife, Jo Nell Daniels of Big Spring; one daughter, Brian Henry of Big Spring; three sons, Gary Daniels, Glen Daniels and Gordon Daniels, all of Big Spring; one brother, Albert Daniels of Alaska; three sisters, Wanda Murphy and Zula Thompson, both of Big Spring and Sharon Spargo of Manfield; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Highway Suite 911, Midland, 79703. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Bevie Alice Brown

Bevie Alice Brown, 91, of Ackerly, died on Monday, Aug. 28, 2000, in a Lubbock nursing center. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Larry Marshall, minister of Ackerly Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Sept. 14, 1909, in Jemison, Ala., and married Bayless Brown on Sept. 11, 1924, in Loraine. He preceded her in death on March 22, 1974. She then married Bert Massingill in 1975, and he preceded her in death in 1993.

Survivors include two sons and daughters in law, Troy and Mildred Brown of Hale Center and Billy and Grace Brown of Ackerly; one daughter and son in law, Dovie Jo and Gale Batson of Ackerly; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren; two brothers, C. Terry and Fred Terry, both of Brownfield; one sister, Wanda Smith of Meadow and four stepchildren, Leola Green and James Massingill, both of Big Spring; Oteka Hunt of Midland and Jamie Nills of Louisiana.

She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Evelyn Justine Brown in 1927; two brothers, Roland Terry in 1947 and R. E. Brown in 1985; and one stepson Billy Massingill.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 214 & Johnson 267-8333

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-5331

Murphy L. "Bud" Daniels, 67, died Saturday. Services will be 3:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Bevie Alice Brown, 91, died Monday. Services will be 1:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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women's divisions from the Howard County Fair. In the women's department, antique serving bowls division: Grand champion, Wanda Milton. Reserve champion, Zella Graves.

First places, Darlene Hipp, Betty McChristian, Dorothy Jones, Zella Graves, Ruby Lewis, Wanda Milton, Evelyn Holcomb, Dorothy Kennemur, Nancy Hale, Debbie Mullins, Candy Andrews, Geraldine Posey, Dianna Foresyth, Carylton Andrews, Mattie Andrews, Lola Sloan.

Second places, Darlene Hipp, Betty McChristian, Zella Graves, Wanda Milton, Ruby Lewis, Candy Andrews, Mamie Lee Dodds, Mattie Andrews.

Third places, Alice Morrison, Norma Perkins, Ruby Lewis, Candy Anderson, Wanda Milton, Jean Gleason, Mamie Lee Dodds, Mattie Andrews, Jan Sloan, Evelyn Holcomb.

In the sewing department, youth division:

Grand champion, Tara Price. Reserve champion, Rhett Price.

First places, Terrell Bibb, Tara Price, Teryn Bibb, Rhett Price.

Sewing department, adult division:

Grand champions, Willie Helm, Candy Andrews.

Reserve champion, Faye Helm.

First places, Candy Andrews, Willie Helm, Karri Moore.

Second places, Karri Moore, Faye Helm.

CHEERS

Stars Are Us, 2. Greenwood Middle School, 3. Coahoma Junior High.

Varsity Dance: 1. Snyder Cheer Stars, 2. Coahoma High School, 3. Garden City High School.

Varsity Cheers: 1. Snyder Cheer Stars, 2. Coahoma High School, 3. Big Spring High School.

Judges were Howard College's LaToya Jackson, Danna Lovell and Yvette Torrez.

HEARINGS

for the development of water supplies and drought contingencies.

Grant said the two major problems identified in the Region F draft plan were the shortage of water available for irrigated agriculture in some of the counties and regulations the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may adopt pertaining to radio nuclei in public water supplies that could eliminate the Hickory Aquifer as a regional water source.

"Radio nuclei is present in water from the aquifer, located primarily in McCulloch County," Grant said. "If the EPA rules are stringent, several communities in the area may be forced to discontinue municipal use of their water."

Grant said the Texas Legislature will refer to the plan's recommendations when considering water issues and financial assistance, and the TWDB will use it in determining availability of low-interest loans

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to finance water supply projects.

A copy of the draft plan can be viewed in the county clerk's office at Howard County Courthouse or at the Howard County Library. The plan may also be viewed at courthouses and libraries in adjacent counties, as well as the rest of the region: Borden, Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Irion, Kimble, Loving, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward and Winkler counties.

The draft plan is also on the internet at www.freese.com/senbill1/re gion/index.htm.

Both oral and written comments from the hearings will be given consideration as the regional plan is finalized.

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She urges victims of domestic violence, or any crime, no matter when it occurred, to contact RC/VS.

"It doesn't even matter what time of day or night," she said. "We always have someone available to help and many resources for our community."

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remodeling project will mainly concentrate on re-roofing and the heating and air conditioning unit.

Architect Phil Furquerson updated the board on the various building projects including the auditorium and the softball field construction.

Late registration will continue for Howard College until Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Cornerstone KBST will be the exclusive voice for the Hawks and Lady Hawks this year as Howard College board members on Monday awarded the radio station exclusive coverage rights for all athletic events.

"KBST offered a broader coverage of all our sports," said Dennis Churchwell, Howard College director of purchasing. "We have excellent athletics and we want the public to be informed of them."

According to Churchwell, KBST was awarded a five-year contract with the option to be renewed at the end of every year by mutual agreement of KBST and Howard College.

KBST proposed to cover select pre-conference games, all conference home and away games for both the men's and women's basketball teams, and cover one game in a series of three conference games for baseball and softball and cover all playoff games, he said.

Churchwell said KBST will offer two free 30-second advertising spots for Howard College during its Saturday morning program,

TEXAS LOTTERY Pick 3: 6,2,6

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Hawk Talk, and three free 30-second advertising spots during each of the games.

Also, KBST will invest \$3,000 in advertising on the billboard that goes underneath the scorer's table during the games, he said.

KBST offered to cover the women's basketball home and away games and the men's baseball team on Fridays and Saturdays during a series, he said.

As part of the bid, KBST would continue to offer advertising discounts to Howard College, he said.

"KBST offered everything we needed," Churchwell said. "We need all our sports covered."

According to Churchwell, KBST has been covering the women's basketball games while KBST has been covering the men's.

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program and she will select a five-member committee to oversee it once it is initiated.

"This is being set up to help someone in times of a catastrophic illness when an individual might use up all their available sick leave," said Thomas. "To participate, an employee must be willing to donate not less than eight hours, but not more than 40 hours of sick leave per year."

Thomas said an individual does not have to be enrolled in the program to reap the benefits of it.

"If an employee finds themselves in a situation where they are out of sick leave hours and they have not donated any hours to the program, they are still eligible to receive some hours from others," she said.

Commissioners also approved the contract of Dr. Robert Bruha as the indigent health care physician. The three-year contracts were presented to Judge Ben Lockhart for his signature with a start date of Sept. 1, 2000 projected.

Howard County Attorney Mike Thomas reported that he is considering a lease/purchase agreement with Papcom Inc. in regards to a hot check software program. The cost to implement the system would be around \$290 per month to lease or a purchase price of \$5,862. Thomas said he would be checking out the system, which is currently in operation in Eastland

County. No action was taken on the software purchase at this time.

Judge Lockhart also read a proclamation to re-implement the county burn ban. The burn ban, effective immediately, was reinstated because of the drought and heat which makes ideal conditions for a fire to start.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between noon Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

JESUS ALONSO SANCHEZ, 17, of 1507 Bobby Rd., was arrested on a judgment sentence/driving while intoxicated. (HCSO)

CAYETANA ENRIQUEZ JR., 23, of 538 Westover, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

BUFORD L. HOWELL JR., 43, of 1101 Marijo, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation/driving while intoxicated. (HCSO)

WILLIAM C. BRUMLEY, 38, of Alice, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, 3rd, and driving while license suspended. (DPS)

MITCHELL BYRON LOUIS, 35, of Shamrock, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. (DPS)

AGUSTIN GAITAN JR., 23, of 107 Richardson, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance.

CANDACE LOGAN HATFIELD, 42, of 1425 E. 6th, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (BSPD)

MELISSA ANN SOSA, 25, of 509 Parkwood Dr., was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (DPS)

MISTY RAY DELAGARZA, 22, of 4112 Muir, was arrested on a charge of motion to revoke probation/driving while intoxicated. (HCSO)

CORRECTION

In the Kountry Kids Contest story in Sunday's Herald, it stated that Alexia Rawls was the only entrant in the 3-year-old division. It should have stated that there were no boys entered into the 3-year-old division and Rawls, who won this division, competed against two other girls.

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Congressional staff meets with Bridgestone/Firestone officials

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. said it provided some tires to Ford Motor Co. in Venezuela that did not have a safety layer Ford had requested even though the tires were marked as having the layer.

Venezuelan authorities are investigating the tires in connection with 62 accidents there and are expected to submit a report to the country's attorney general that could lead to fines or criminal prosecution against the tire maker and Ford.

Bridgestone/Firestone said the labeling mistake has been corrected and the company has no plans to a conduct a voluntary recall

of tires made in Venezuela, even though Ford said it is pushing for it. However, Venezuelan dealers were asked Thursday to begin returning their inventories of mislabeled tires to the company, Bridgestone/Firestone spokeswoman Christine Karbowski said.

"The inadvertent marking errors had no bearing on tire quality, performance or safety," Karbowski said. "In addition, this mislabeling situation is totally unrelated to the U.S. recall. None of the mislabeled tires were made in the United States or exported to the United States."

Ford spokesman Mike Vaughn said the automaker began voluntarily replacing

tires on about 40,000 Explorers and light trucks in Venezuela this spring after hearing reports of tread separations.

The extra nylon layer between the tires' steel belt and tread was requested to accommodate the hotter, more humid and demanding driving conditions in Venezuela, Ecuador and Colombia, Ford said.

Tire company spokesman Ken Fields said Ford asked for the extra nylon layer in two types of Wilderness AT tires in January 1999. Firestone's Venezuela plant began producing the tires in June of that year.

However, Fields said, Firestone "inadvertently began marking tires with-

out a cap ply as tires that had a cap ply" prior to June.

Fields could not say for how long the tires were mislabeled or how many mislabeled tires were delivered.

Rep. John Dingell of Michigan, the ranking Democrat on the House Commerce Committee, said Bridgestone/Firestone officials told congressional investigators that nine models made and sold in Venezuela — not two had been mislabeled.

The investigators also discovered that Firestone knew about the problem in Venezuela last year, Dingell said.

"I think that you can say

at this time that there are significant problems at Firestone," he said.

In response to Dingell's account, Fields said: "I don't know the details of the timing on when the error was discovered, nor do I know the number of models affected."

Congress is holding hearings in Washington, D.C., next month to examine the recall of 6.5 million Firestone ATX, ATX II and Wilderness AT tires in the United States after the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration began investigating reports of at least 62 deaths and more than 100 injuries in crashes reportedly connected to the 15-inch tires.

The tires were standard equipment on Ford trucks and sport utility vehicles, especially the Explorer, and were primarily made at the company's plant in Decatur, Ill.

Four congressional staff members spent nine hours at the company's suburban Nashville headquarters Monday. They departed without answering any questions.

Two Commerce Committee subcommittees will hold a joint hearing on Sept. 6 into the case, with Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., presiding. Ford, Firestone and safety experts will be called to testify, said Tauzin spokesman Ken Johnson, in Washington.

House GOP pushes anew for \$1 minimum wage hike, business tax breaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Dennis Hastert offered Monday to push legislation boosting the minimum wage by \$1 over two years without making the increase contingent on two key tax cuts that drew objections from President Clinton. Democrats expressed cautious optimism that a deal could be struck.

Hastert, R-Ill., said in a letter to the president that Republicans still wanted a \$76 billion package of business tax breaks to accompany the wage measure but would remove proposals to abolish the estate tax and to change pension laws, including increased contribution limits for 401(k) plans. Both are subjects of separate bills.

Democrats have long sought in these prosperous economic times to increase

the \$5.15-an-hour federal minimum wage, but Republicans have said tax breaks are needed to cushion the higher costs that would fall on businesses. The Senate and House have passed different versions of such legislation, but efforts at compromise have been bogged down for months.

"It is very clear that a vast majority of congressional Democrats and Republicans would like to see a balanced approach achieved before we adjourn," Hastert said in the letter to Clinton. "I believe that we can work together to pass this legislation when we return in September with strong bipartisan majorities in the House and Senate."

According to Clinton administration estimates, about 10 million workers earning between \$5.15 and \$6.14 an hour would be

directly helped by a \$1 minimum wage increase. For a full-time worker now earning minimum wage, it would amount to a \$2,000 annual raise.

House Minority Whip David Bonior, D-Mich., called Hastert's offer a "bona fide effort and an attempt to reach a positive solution."

He predicted a minimum wage increase and tax package would pass before lawmakers finally leave Capitol Hill this year.

"We definitely want a bill to help working people," Bonior said in an interview. Republicans are divided on the merits of increasing the minimum wage.

But with House control at stake in the fall elections some want to head off potential Democratic attack ads claiming they favor tax cuts that skew to the wealthy,

such as abolishing estate taxes, but have done nothing to give raises to the lowest-paid workers.

Under Hastert's proposal, the minimum wage would rise to \$6.15 an hour over two years: 50 cents on Jan. 1 and 50 cents on Jan. 1, 2002. The proposal would provide business tax breaks worth \$76 billion over 10 years, down from \$122.7 billion in an earlier House version of the bill.

The tax package includes: Immediate 100 percent health insurance premium deductibility for the self-employed, sooner than under current law. Individuals could deduct from their taxes 100 percent of health expenses without itemizing, if they are not covered by an employer or government plan or by Medicare.

Repealing excise taxes

on producers and marketers of distilled spirits, wine and beer.

Raising the business meal deduction from 50 percent to 80 percent, increasing the amount of business equipment eligible for an expensing tax write-off from \$19,000 to \$35,000, providing tax credits for timber companies' reforestation costs and restoring a law allowing a business seller to pay taxes in installments rather than requiring a lump sum.

Extending through 2004 the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, given to employers that hire certain disadvantaged workers.

Many of these items have Democratic support, although Bonior called the overall cost "pretty gargantuan" in comparison to the proposed \$1 minimum wage increase for low-income workers.

The speaker's plan would also make changes in several workplace regulations: updating exemptions for computer professionals, changing employer rules for employees who receive tips, equalizing rules for sales people and changing the way overtime is calculated when hourly workers get a bonuses or performance incentives.

The tax cuts Hastert wants to drop from the wage bill already are moving on their own. Congress has sent the White House a measure to gradually phase out the estate tax, which Clinton is likely to veto in the next few days.

A House-passed bill raising contribution limits for 401(k)s and individual retirement accounts stands a good chance of winning final congressional approval this year.

Troopers part of multi-state effort during Labor Day holiday period

WACO (AP) — Texas state troopers will join law officers from four other states over the Labor Day holiday period in stepped-up patrols to prevent wrecks.

The crash crackdown, code named Operation Blue Talon 2, will involve all available Texas Department of Public Safety officers, the agency says.

"No one is getting off this weekend, not for vacation or anything," Waco regional DPS spokesman Cpl. Charlie Morgan told the Waco Tribune-Herald Monday. "We will have all troopers available working from midnight Friday to midnight Monday."

Forty-one people died on Texas roadways last year during the Labor Day weekend. Agency records show that continued a trend from the last several years, with 45 deaths in 1998, 40 in 1997 and 43 in 1996.

The patrols, which begin at 6 p.m. Friday, also involve more than 1,400 law enforcement agencies in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico until 6 a.m. on Sept. 5.

Morgan said troopers will be watching closely for intoxicated drivers. In 1999, 25 percent of all Labor Day weekend traffic deaths in Texas were alcohol-related. In 1996 and 1997, it was 50 percent.

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OUR VIEWS

County fair gave us all a great time

From the time the gates opened Friday afternoon until they closed Monday night, it was a brand-new Howard County Fair. While the four-day event had most of the activities from past fairs, it was condensed into a shorter timespan.

Everything at the fair was aimed at bringing in more people and keeping them involved. The main barn, where exhibitors hawked their wares and services, was also the site of several promotions designed to create interest. Visitors were also greeted by a new color scheme and layout of booths in the main barn.

This year's entertainment was headlined by cowboy songwriter and recording artist Red Steagall, who gave one show under the HEB Entertainment Tent on Saturday. But what would a Howard County Fair be without Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys, who gave two shows on Saturday night?

The ranch rodeo, Kountry Kids contest, domino tournament and other traditions continued in full force. In fact, during Monday night's Battle of the Cheerleaders, a competition between cheering groups from all over the area, the rodeo bowl was overflowing with an appreciative audience.

For the first time this year, livestock shows were going on during the run of the fair, meaning there was more to see and do. Food and creative arts entries brought out some of the county's best cooks, artists and even schoolkids to show their talents.

Organizers have said condensing the fair run was an inevitable response to a change in the lifestyles of local residents. We agree — the fair had to change.

But we are pleased to see that, while it was a change that had to be made, it didn't change the traditions that make our county fair unique.

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Musically peculiar Saltwater Geechee accent

Cornelia Bailey has presence. There's her musically peculiar Saltwater Geechee accent, which sets her apart. There's also about her a double dose of dignity, a rare reserve. You just know when you see regal Cornelia that she has a story, if she will deign to tell.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

Now she's told. The book is "God, Dr. Buzzard, and the Bolito Man," just out and published by Doubleday. It's Cornelia's story and voice, all right, with Atlanta writer Christena Bledsoe making the most of its magic.

A couple of years ago, I spent my first night on Sapelo Island, Ga. Before ever laying eyes on Cornelia, I kept hearing her name. First, from the park ranger at the ferry office, who said Cornelia Bailey sometimes rented rooms on Sapelo. Then from the 12-year-old who expertly drove me about on an island tour in a rambling wreck typical of Sapelo cars. And from Cornelia's sweet husband, Julius, who met me at the ferry dock and checked me into the Wallow, the lodge the Baileys built them-

selves. "My wife will want to talk to you," he said in a near imperative. Later he would stop by to say Cornelia was home but too tired to greet visitors. Maybe tomorrow.

It was like waiting for the queen to appear. The Wallow is a simple, creatively furnished dwelling Sapelo tourists can rent while in Hog Hammock. And Hog Hammock is the last Geechee community left in the Sea Islands, its 434 acres studded with old trailers and small houses and rusting automobiles, its 70 full-time residents all African-American. Their isolated island home is a funky, private dollop in the middle of a state-owned nature preserve.

I sat on the Bailey porch that night and fell in love. Not so much with the view and the ocean roar and the live oak tunnels — all the usual charms of a Sea Island. From time spent on St. Simons and Cumberland islands, I already knew what glorious places they could be. Instead, I fell in love with the idea that working people — the descendants of slaves, no less — could somehow manage to hold on to a bit of this paradise that developers, rich folks, any of us really, would kill for.

"All we have left is Hog Hammock, and we've lost about 20 acres of it to people from outside the community," Cornelia says.

"We can't let our guard down for a minute because so many people want our land...."

But Cornelia's book is not some strident diatribe against marauding outsiders, or against the state Department of Natural Resources — officials there all know her name, too — or former Sea Island slaveholders or even tobacco magnate R.J. Reynolds, who ran things on Sapelo before the state. (Reynolds' minions ran Cornelia's parents to Hog Hammock from long-held family land on another part of the island, Belle Marsh, with economic blackmail and an uneven swap.)

It is more of a cultural memoir, a way to document and preserve the Sapelo story. In a touching chapter Cornelia recalls a long walk alone to school on the day her older brother decided to play truant. She stubbed her left toe — bad luck — and was forced to use an ancient ritual to set things right again.

"That chapter is important, the one when Cornelia reversed her luck, and how she got her schooling — that's really the central theme of the book," author Christena tells me.

A Florida native, the former journalist now splits her time between Atlanta and Cedar Key, Fla. So when she met Cornelia in 1990, Christena already knew something of the flora and fauna of the Georgia coast. She knew

fiddler crabs and she knew redfish. She had even heard of the Bolito Man — Geecheespeak for luck — because when she was growing up in 1950s Florida the numbers racket man was one of the parties on her family's telephone party line.

In long hours of transcribing taped conversations, Christena gradually captured the nuances, expressions, rhythm of Cornelia's distinct voice. And if Christena, who is white, ever missed the mark, Cornelia would gently say: "That has something of a white tone in it."

While working several years on the book, Christena carried a doll named Hattie wherever she went. For inspiration. For help. In one of her crafty periods, Cornelia had made the doll, which she named for an aunt.

And maybe Hattie did oversee the project, because the end result is a book I'll put in that special corner of my bookshelf, the shelf with books I read again and again for their music and wisdom.

The Geechee, as Cornelia explains, trusted equally in God, in the root doctor — and finally — in the numbers racket man. "We saw no conflict in that at all because we figured we needed a little extra luck."

And I trust in hard-won wisdom, and in survivors who draw pictures in the Sapelo sand to reverse their luck.

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Look at both sides of tort reform issue

Tort reform, which pops up in the various state legislatures and occasionally is mentioned in Congress, is a bone with bad dogs on both sides of the fight.



CHARLEY REESE

Conservatives often assume that trial lawyers are bad guys; well, insurance adjusters don't win many prizes as decent human beings either. Nor do American manufacturers. Tort reform is not a morality contest; it's a business matter that involves money.

In fact, blanket condemnations are not the way to solve any problem. There are honorable lawyers, and there are just causes, and there are honorable insurance companies and manufacturers. Therefore, any tort reform needs only to address the abuses in the system. Making it more dif-

ficult for specious and junk suits to be filed would be a good reform. Granting manufacturers and malpractitioners any kind of immunity would be a bad reform.

We have sadly reached the point of immorality in the corporate boardrooms, where some calculate that it would be cheaper to pay a few death claims than to repair some defect in their product. Of course, "a few death claims" translates into destroyed human lives. Repairing the defect translates into a bookkeeping transaction, a few bucks less profit on sales in the millions and revenues in the billions.

Such people, so greedy for the dollar and so contemptuous of human life, deserve no mercy. The sooner jurors bankrupt them, the better. It is important to remember that in these cases, the lone individual or family would have no chance for justice against the corporate giants without the effort of the trial lawyers. In these cases, they are the heroes. Well-compensated, but heroes nevertheless. The

contingency fee — a practice where the law firm takes its cut of the verdict or the settlement, often a third to a half — can be justified when the firm has to front the expenses for a long legal battle.

It becomes unethical when the lawyer knows the liability is beyond question (such as in a plane crash) and all that remains to be done is to negotiate the settlement. In such cases, the ethical lawyer will charge the client an hourly fee.

In the above paragraph, I use the word "ethical" as defined by me, not necessarily as defined by the bar association. The lawyers union seems to think that anything a lawyer does, short of rape, robbery and murder, is ethical. But again, no one's union or group or association ever looks very closely at the mote in its members' eyes. It might have something to do with dues and fees.

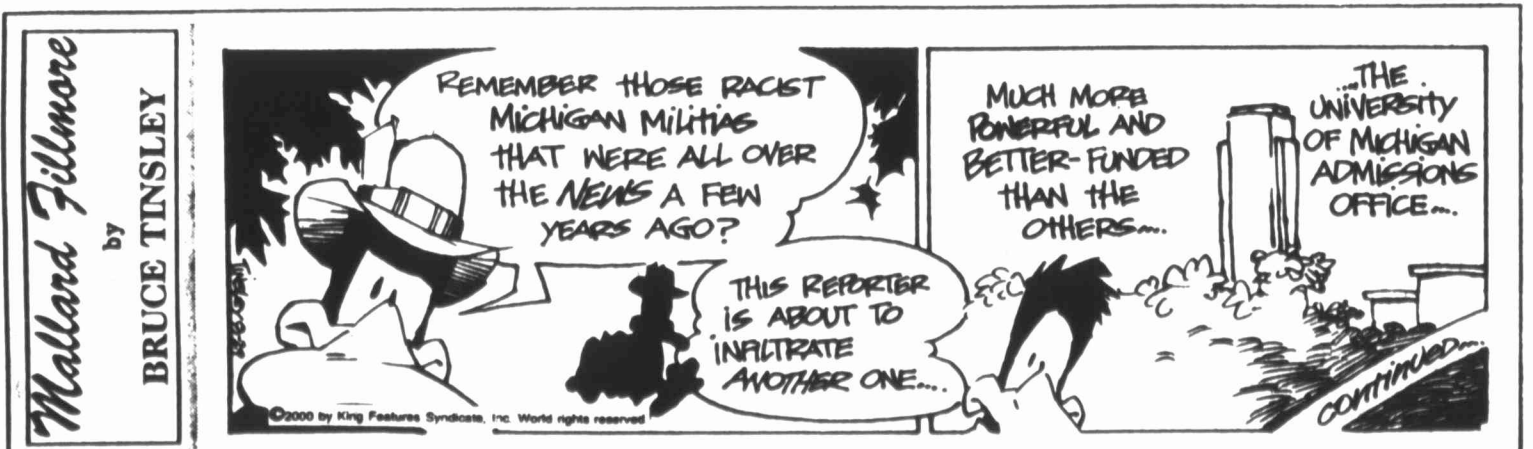
The thing to do if tort reform comes to your state is to examine the issue closely and listen to both sides. Don't assume one side is 100 percent right

and the other side is 100 percent wrong. And don't forget that some of the ills of the tort system are the fault of judges and jurors, not necessarily the lawyers.

On the whole, I would listen carefully to the trial lawyers. After all, they don't get paid unless their client does. Those who want to shut people out of the courts are seeking to make money at the expense of the people they injure.

True, we are far too litigious a society, but taking one's claim to court and having it decided by a jury is a basic American right. One should be extremely careful about curbing it in any way. That's one baby you definitely don't want to toss out with the bathwater.

I think one helpful reform would be to eliminate the class action lawsuit, which is the form in which much of the current abuse is taking place. Individuals are injured. Classes of people are not. This is also the type of lawsuit in which most frequently the lawyers take the lion's share of the loot.



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IN BRIEF

Coahoma boosters set ice cream event

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will be sponsoring an ice cream supper for the football team, cheerleaders and the band.

It will take place tonight at the elementary cafeteria at 7:30.

Forsan pep rally scheduled Thursday

Forsan community pep rally Thursday night at the high school football field following the Forsan-Iraan scrimmage. The scrimmage begins at 6 p.m.

The public is invited to meet the 2000 Forsan Buffaloes, cheerleaders and band. Pep Rally is expected to start around 8 p.m.

As for the scrimmage, it will start with junior varsity action at 6 p.m. and then the varsity will follow at approximately 7 p.m.

Iraan will offer Forsan a stiff test as the Braves are ranked No. 1 in the state in Class 1A.

Eschleman ranked in pure stocks

Local race car driver Bob Eschleman is ranked 16th as of Monday in the pure stocks division at Abilene Speedway with 144 points.

Another local driver, Rondel Brock, was 53rd in the modifieds with 57 points.

UGSA signups currently under way

The Big Spring United Girls Softball Association is currently holding fall registration through Saturday.

The signups will be taking place during regular business hours at three locations, All Star Sports, Microzone and Sound Decision.

For more information, call JoEllen Canales at 263-2082.

Quarterback Club meets each Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club meets at 7 p.m. each Monday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Anyone interested in supporting the Steers football program is invited to attend.

CC volleyball team has home opener

The Colorado High School varsity volleyball team will be having its home opener at approximately 7 tonight.

The Lady Wolves will be hosting Miles, a Class 1A school that defeated Colorado City last Tuesday.

Last weekend the Lady Wolves snapped a long losing streak by defeating the San Angelo Lake View JV in the San Angelo Tournament Saturday.

The varsity match will be the third one of the day. The freshman team started things off at 5 p.m., followed by the JV. Incidentally, the Big Spring High School volleyball team was scheduled to play some matches at Greenwood that started this afternoon. Water and San Angelo Central are also slated to be present.

ON THE AIR

BASEBALL

6:35 p.m. — Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.

7 p.m. — Cleveland Indians at Texas Rangers, FSN, Ch. 29.

TENNIS

6:30 p.m. — U.S. Open Championships, men's and women's first round USA, Ch. 38.

Tight end Santiago has to learn Cowboy playbook

IRVING (AP) — Before trying to teach the Dallas Cowboys any new dance steps, O.J. Santiago has to learn the offensive playbook.

Santiago went through his first workout with the Cowboys on Monday, a day after he was acquired from the Falcons to provide needed depth at tight end behind David LaFleur and Jackie Harris.

"I'm learning on the run. They would whisper in my ear what to do," Santiago

said. "There are a lot of the same things here. I'll be ready to play."

The Cowboys faxed Santiago some information to read his flight Sunday night to Dallas.

After he arrived at the Valley Ranch practice facility about 8 a.m. Monday, he met with tight ends coach Les Miles, got a short briefing on the offense and hit the field for the only Cowboys' practice until Wednesday.

The 6-foot-7, 264 pound

Santiago had 15 catches for 174 yards in 1999, but caught 27 passes for 428 yards and five touchdowns in 1998, the year his blocking helped Jamal Anderson lead the NFC in rushing and Atlanta reached the Super Bowl.

While also credited with inventing the "Dirty Bird" dance that became the Falcons' trademark that NFC championship season, Santiago doesn't have any dance steps in mind yet for his new team.

"That's spontaneous. I

hope I get a chance to show you something," Santiago said. "We've got to get in the end zone first."

Santiago got extra reps in practice Monday since the Cowboys are still being cautious with LaFleur, who missed the first four preseason games because of a strained groin. LaFleur played in the final preseason game and is expected to play Sunday.

Cowboys coach Dave Campo said Santiago would also play in the opener

against Philadelphia.

"We will have packages with O.J. Involved in them. He gives us a tremendous bonus as a guy who can go down the field," Campo said.

Mike Lucky was expected to be the No. 3 tight end, and opposite LaFleur when the Cowboys used two tight end, until he suffered a season-ending knee injury the first week of training camp. The Cowboys then auditioned about six other players for the job.

Williams, Sampras win

NEW YORK (AP) — Sometimes surviving to fight another day is good enough.

So it was with Venus Williams, who turned a runaway into an interesting match, and Pete Sampras, who was stretched as the U.S. Open began its two-week run at the National Tennis Center.

Yet both won in straight sets, despite minor struggles.

The third-seeded Williams increased her winning match streak to 20 by beating Anne-Gaëlle Sidot of France 6-3, 6-4.

"Even when I'm playing badly, I feel like I'm going to win the match, or for some reasons, one way or another, things are going to go my way," Williams said. "It's a good feeling to have. It's when you know you're confident, when you can play well on most of the big points."

Sampras, seeded fourth as he seeks to increase his men's record Grand Slam singles title total to 14, pounded out a 7-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory over Martin Damm of the Czech Republic.

"I knew it was going to be tough," Sampras said. "He serves big, returns quite well. He came out and played great. I was really happy with the way I played."

Not a single seeded player lost Monday, although No. 5 Yevgeny Kafelnikov fought back from a two-set deficit to outlast Orlin Stanoychev of Bulgaria 6-7 (5), 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

And Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, seeded ninth in the women's singles, edged Joannette Kruger of South Africa 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (2).

Lindsay Davenport begins her bid Tuesday to duplicate her 1998 U.S. Open title when she plays



Pete Sampras is shown delivering a backhand during a 1993 match. Sampras won his opening match at the U.S. Open. He defeated Martin Damm of the Czech Republic 7-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Spain's Gala Leon Garcia in Arthur Ashe Stadium. Then, after French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten plays Australian Wayne Arthurs, fifth-seeded Serena Williams begins the defense of her women's championship by taking on Slovenia's Tina Pisnik.

In the night session, No. 12 Anna Kournikova plays American Holly Parkinson and Patrick Rafter, a two-time Open winner, faces Spain's Galo Blanco.

Venus Williams, who has not lost since the French Open and has won her last four tournaments, including Wimbledon, showed off those skills as she broke away from a 3-3 deficit to win eight consecutive

games and lead Sidot 6-3, 5-0. Then it was as if the clock struck midnight.

The powerful forehands stopped finding the corners and began sailing long or wide or buried in the net. Her serve went and she became tentative, allowing her French opponent to climb back into the match.

"I think I was rushing a lot in the match, and then I lost focus out there," Williams said. "I felt a little bit lazy on my serve. It seems when I'm in a big match, I serve a lot better. When I'm in a match like this, I struggle."

But, just as quickly, Williams bore down and broke Sidot to move into the second round.

Garcia knocks off Woods at Bighorn linkster battle

PALM DESERT, Ca. (AP) — Sergio Garcia finally found the secret to beating Tiger Woods — play him at night.

Garcia outplayed Woods under the lights Monday night, upsetting the world's best player 1-up as golf returned to prime time in the "Battle at Bighorn."

The win in the made-for-television event won't show up on any official lists, but it was worth \$1.1 million and a ton of pride for Garcia, who has struggled this year while Woods dominated the sport, winning

three majors. Garcia made a 35-footer for birdie on the 16th hole to go ahead for good, and the tiring Woods could not answer on the final two holes.

Woods put it within 4 feet on the final hole for a possible birdie to tie, but Garcia sunk his 10-footer for a birdie of his own before Woods even had a chance.

Woods flew across country earlier in the day and was fighting a cold or the flu after a streak of eight days that saw him win the PGA Championship and the

NEC Invitational. "I'm so cold. I'm freezing," Woods said to caddie Steve Williams as he waited to putt on the 17th hole on a warm night in the desert.

A day after Woods finished off the field in near darkness to win the NEC Invitational in Akron, Ohio, he and Garcia needed portable lights mounted on cranes to finish the final five holes at the Bighorn Gold Club.

And the darker it got, the better Garcia played. Garcia made eight birdies on the event.

Indians defeat Rangers, help themselves in wild card race

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Cleveland Indians have much more on their minds than just the AL wild-card race.

They still have their sights set on catching the Chicago White Sox in the AL Central.

Bartolo Colon allowed five hits over eight innings as Cleveland beat Texas 5-2, moving the Indians a half-game ahead of Boston in the AL wild-card race.

"We've still got a shot," Colon said through his interpreter, bullpen coach

Luis Isaac. "If we get hot, we've still got a chance to catch Chicago."

The Indians are 16-8 since Aug. 2, but haven't made up much ground on the White Sox. Cleveland trails Chicago by seven games, but if Colon mixes his pitches down the stretch as well as he did against Texas, the Indians will have a chance to win every time he starts.

"My breaking ball was working tonight," Colon said. "I decided to pitch tonight instead of overpowering everybody."

Colon (12-8) also had an effective fastball as he struck out six and walked two. He blanked the Rangers until the eighth, when Mike Lamb hit a two-run homer.

"He had good life on his fastball, but he didn't over-throw," Cleveland manager Charlie Manuel said. "When he had to, he kept the ball down. I think he can pitch even better than that. His confidence level was good and he was getting ahead of them the whole game."

Bob Wickman pitched the

ninth for his seventh save in nine chances since being traded from Milwaukee.

"It's a positive team," Wickman said. "These guys battle every night. We're never out of any game."

The Rangers have lost five of six and 12 of 16, although manager Johnny Oates said he is satisfied with his team's effort.

"Sometimes a manager wishes that it was a lack of effort rather than a lack of executing," Oates said. "Then you have something to yell about. You know,

maybe we're just a little short. The margin for error is very small."

Kenny Lofton went 3-for-5 and Roberto Alomar homered for the Indians.

Lofton and Omar Vizquel led off the game with singles against Kenny Rogers (11-12). Manny Ramirez hit an RBI single and Travis Fryman drove in another run with a groundout.

Alomar led off the third with his 16th homer. The Indians went on to load the bases and Einar Diaz's infield single made it 4-0.

Mets forge tie with Atlanta in NL East

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The last time the New York Mets were atop the NL East, they were 2-1 and still recovering from jet lag following their season-opening trip to Japan.

Alfonzo's three-run, first-inning homer helped the Mets beat the Houston Astros 4-2 Monday night and moved New York into a tie with Atlanta, which had held first exclusively since after games of April 18.

Elsewhere in the National League, it was San Francisco 5, Pittsburgh 4, Montreal 9, Arizona 5, St. Louis 5, Florida 2, Philadelphia 3, Colorado 2, Los Angeles 5, Milwaukee 3, and San Diego 8, Chicago 2.

In the American League, Toronto beat Anaheim 4-2 and Tampa Bay downed Boston 5-2.

New York, last in first on April 4, has gone a major league-best 30-15 since the All-Star break to move into first this late in the season for the first time since Sept. 3, 1990.

Atlanta (78-53) lost 6-3 to Cincinnati. The Braves are 13-13 in August and have lost four of five.

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Giants 5, Pirates 4

Russ Davis led off the ninth with his second

Tubb wins first place at bass club tourney

HERALD staff report

Todd Tubb was the top winner at the Big Spring Bass Club's monthly tournament, which was held Saturday and Sunday at Lake Leon.

Tubb's total catch was 10.21 pounds. Mike Shults was second with 8.99 pounds and Daniel Adkins

third with 4.98 pounds. Shults caught the big bass Saturday, which weighed in at 5.25 pounds. Phil Smith caught the big bass Sunday. It weighed 3.15 pounds.

A total of 27 people attended. The club's next tournament will be at Lake Sweetwater. There will also be an open tournament at Lake Alan Henry Oct. 7.

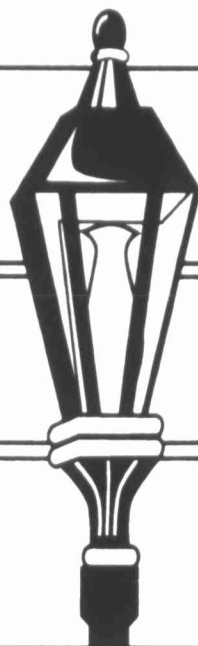
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36) since moving to the leadoff spot nine games ago, gave the Phillies a 2-0 lead in the third against Masato Yoshii (5-14) with his 22nd homer.

Robert Person (7-4) allowed one run and six hits in seven innings, and Jeff Brantley pitched a scoreless ninth for his 21st save.

Dodgers 5, Brewers 3

Kevin Brown (12-5) allowed three runs and five hits in seven innings and the visiting Dodgers had a five-run first against Jeff D'Amico (10-5), who had won eight straight decisions.

Jeff Shaw pitched the ninth for his 22nd save, retiring Marquis Grissom on a game-ending popout with runners on second and third. Los Angeles won for the seventh

time in eight games.

Padres 8, Cubs 2

Phil Nevin hit a three-run homer in the eighth and a three-run double in the ninth at Wrigley Field, tying his career high of six RBIs.

Matt Clement (12-12) allowed two runs, three hits and six walks in 7 1-3 innings, sending the Cubs to their 14th loss in 17 games.

Ruben Quevedo (2-6) gave up five runs and seven hits in 7 1-3 innings.

Athletics 3, White Sox 0

While a cramp shut down Roger Clemens at Safeco Field, nothing stopped Tim Hudson at the Coliseum.

Hudson pitched a one-hitter for his first career shutout, leading the Oakland Athletics over the

Chicago White Sox 3-0 Monday night.

Frank Thomas singled sharply with one out in the fourth inning for the White Sox, then was erased on a double play.

Hudson allowed only one other runner, walking Paul Konerko in the third.

The A's trail Cleveland by a half-game in the wild-card race, and also are only 11/2 games behind the slumping Seattle Mariners in the AL West.

Clemens sent Seattle to its 13th loss in 15 games, earning his 258th career victory as the New York Yankees won 9-1.

He pitched shutout ball into the eighth before leaving because of a cramp occurring in his left hamstring.

Athletics 3, White Sox 0

The start of the game at Oakland was delayed 27 minutes by a light failure, right before Hudson was getting ready to throw the first pitch.

The interruption did not disturb Hudson, who struck out eight in his 47th career start and second complete game.

Mike Stanley hit a two-run single for the A's. AL Central-leading Chicago is 22-22 since the All-Star break.

Blue Jays 4, Angels 2

Carlos Delgado hit his league-leading 39th home run and Jose Cruz Jr. and Dave Martinez also connected as Toronto won at Anaheim.

Delgado homered for the sixth time in 12 games. He has 87 extra-base hits, tying the team record set last year by Shawn Green.

Esteban Loaiza won consecutive decisions for the first time since being traded from Texas to the Blue Jays on July 19.

Tim Salmon hit his 31st homer, giving the Angels a total of 200 home runs for the first time in franchise history.

Salmon's home run was the 1,000th hit Loaiza has allowed in the major leagues. Garret Anderson followed with a single for his 1,000th career hit.

Devil Rays 5, Red Sox 2

Mike DiFelice hit a tiebreaking, two-run double in the eighth and Tampa Bay beat Boston at Tropicana Field.

It was 2-2 when DiFelice delivered with two outs. Jason Tyner added an RBI single.

Bryan Rekar pitched eight innings to win.

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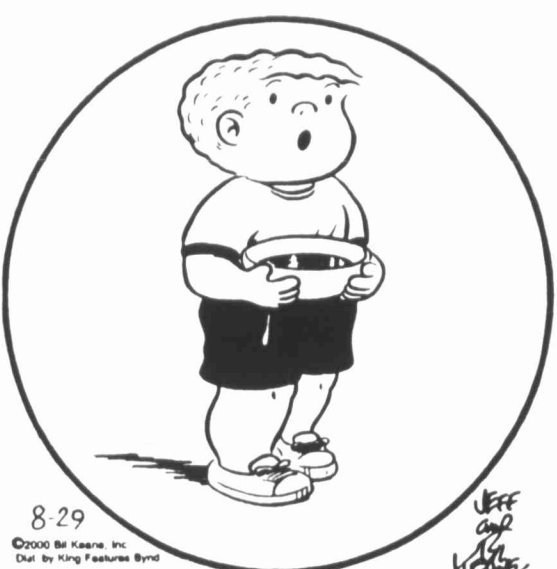
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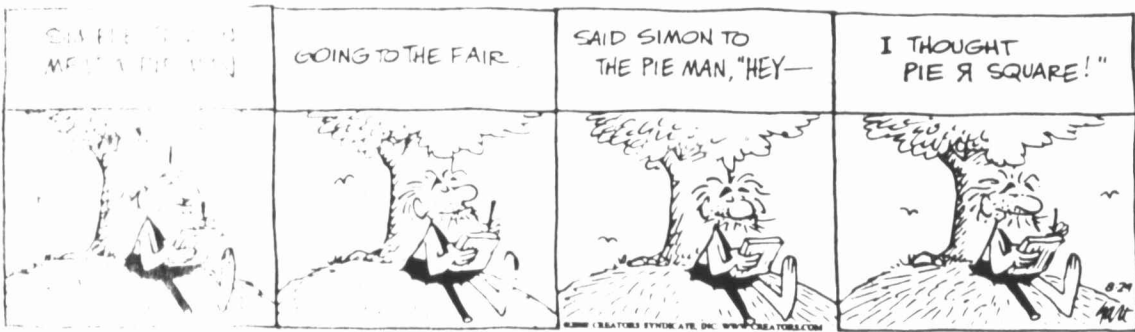
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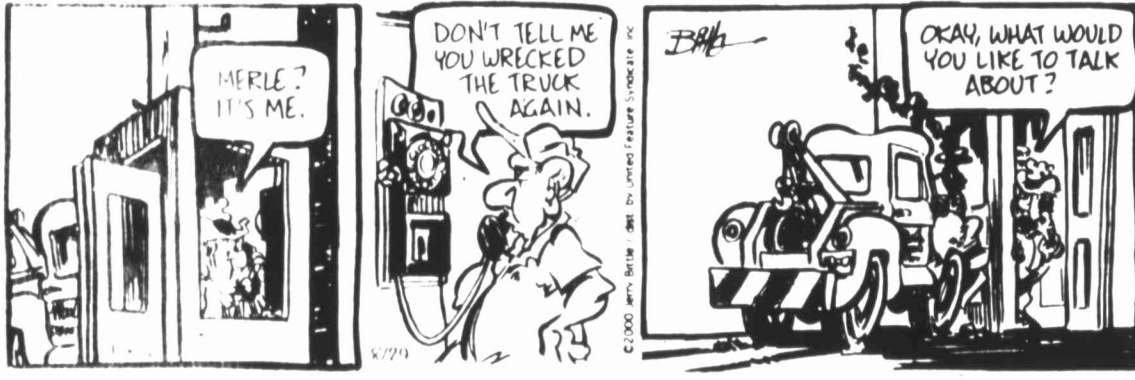


THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Aug. 29, the 242nd day of 2000. There are 124 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 29, 1944, 15,000 American troops marched down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis. On this date: In 1533, the last Incan King of Peru, Atahualpa was murdered on orders from Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro. In 1632, English philosopher John Locke was born in Somerset.

In 1877, the second president of the Mormon Church, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City, Utah. In 1896, the Chinese-American dish chop suey was invented in New York City by the chef to visiting Chinese Ambassador Li Hung-chang. In 1943, responding to a clampdown by Nazi occupiers, Denmark managed to scuttle most of its naval ships. In 1957, South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond (then a Democrat) ended a filibuster against a civil rights bill after talking for more than 24 hours. In 1965, Gemini 5, carrying astronauts Gordon Cooper and Charles ("Pete") Conrad, splashed down in the Atlantic after eight days in space. In 1966, the Beatles concluded their fourth American tour with their last public concert, at Candlestick Park in San Francisco. In 1975, Irish statesman Eamon de Valera died near Dublin at age 92. In 1987, Academy Award-winning actor Lee Marvin died in Tucson, Ariz., at age 63.

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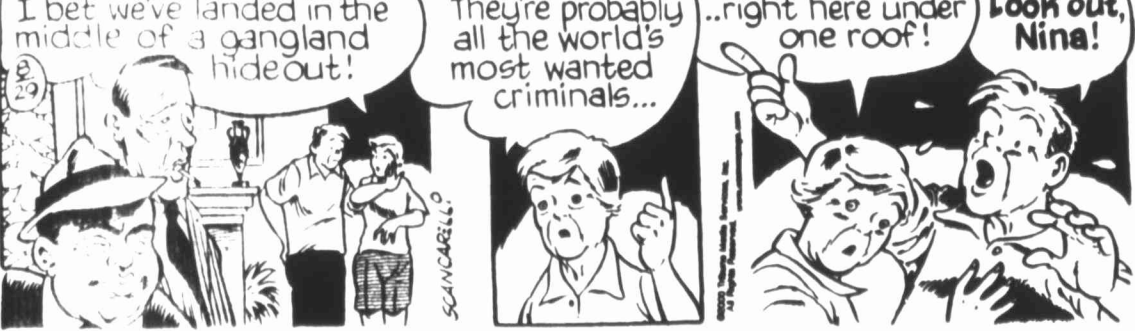
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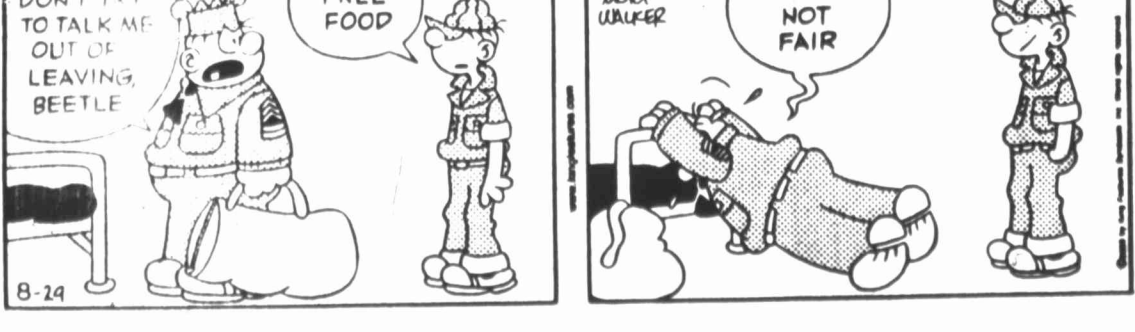
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