

THURSDAY

July 26, 2001

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT TOMORROW
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Salvation Army Back-to-School signup ongoing

Registration for the Salvation Army's Back-to-School program continues through Friday.

The Salvation Army is taking applications for those in need of assistance with school supplies from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Salvation Army Community Center located at 811 W. Fifth Street.

The Salvation Army is in need of pencils, scissors, crayons, bottles of glue, wide-rule notebook paper, and 2-inch notebooks.

Also needed are school boxes, zipper bags, pens, pocket folders with brads, erasers, map colors, markers, manilla paper, dividers, construction paper, and boxed tissue.

The distribution date will be Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. until noon.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ American Legion Auxiliary 506 will meet at 7 p.m. at 3203 W. Hwy 80.

□ Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at The Brandin' Iron.

□ 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 Pottin House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

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City council ponders imposing tax increase, rate hikes

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring budget for the 2001-2002 fiscal year could include higher property taxes and utility fees and a new director for the McMahon/Wrinkle Air Park.



McEWEN

The city council met in budget workshops Monday and Tuesday evenings to hear budget proposals from department heads and to hammer out a rough draft of a budget for the new fiscal year. The budget will come before the council for a vote in September.

The proposed budget lowers expenditures slightly from the 2000-2001 final budget. Big Spring will have spent an estimated \$12,536,269 by the end of FY

2000-2001, said Mayor Russ McEwen. The proposed expenditures for FY 2001-2002 are \$12,077,307, he said.

Unfortunately, actual expenditures this year have outstripped the proposed budget, so tax increases are necessary, he said.

"We're looking at a slight increase in our ad valorem tax," McEwen said. "We're also looking at raising water rates by a nickel per 1,000 (gallons) and sanitation rates by \$2 a month."

The increases, including a 3.5-cent per \$100 property (ad valorem) tax increase, are to help offset higher costs of natural gas, electricity and gasoline, as well as an approximate 35 percent increase in the cost of health insurance, McEwen said.

Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Biddison said the water increases could actually be as high as 30 cents per 1,000 gallons. The mayor's five-cent estimate is on top of a

25-cent per 1,000 gallon increase imposed by the Colorado River Municipal Water District, he said.

"The water rate increase, we're just trying to keep up with what CRMWD is charging us," he said. "We since learned that (CRMWD's rate hike) might be less than that, maybe 17 or 18 cents."

Biddison said he didn't favor the tax and fee

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District maps get mixed reviews locally

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Local city and county officials aren't too happy about the state House of Representatives and Senate redistricting plans adopted Tuesday.

Officials expressed dismay at losing State Rep. David Counts and Sen. Robert Duncan, with whom they feel they have good working relationships.

"It's very disappointing to me to lose at this time both our senator and our representative," Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker said. "It kind of gives the impression that we're a political stepchild."

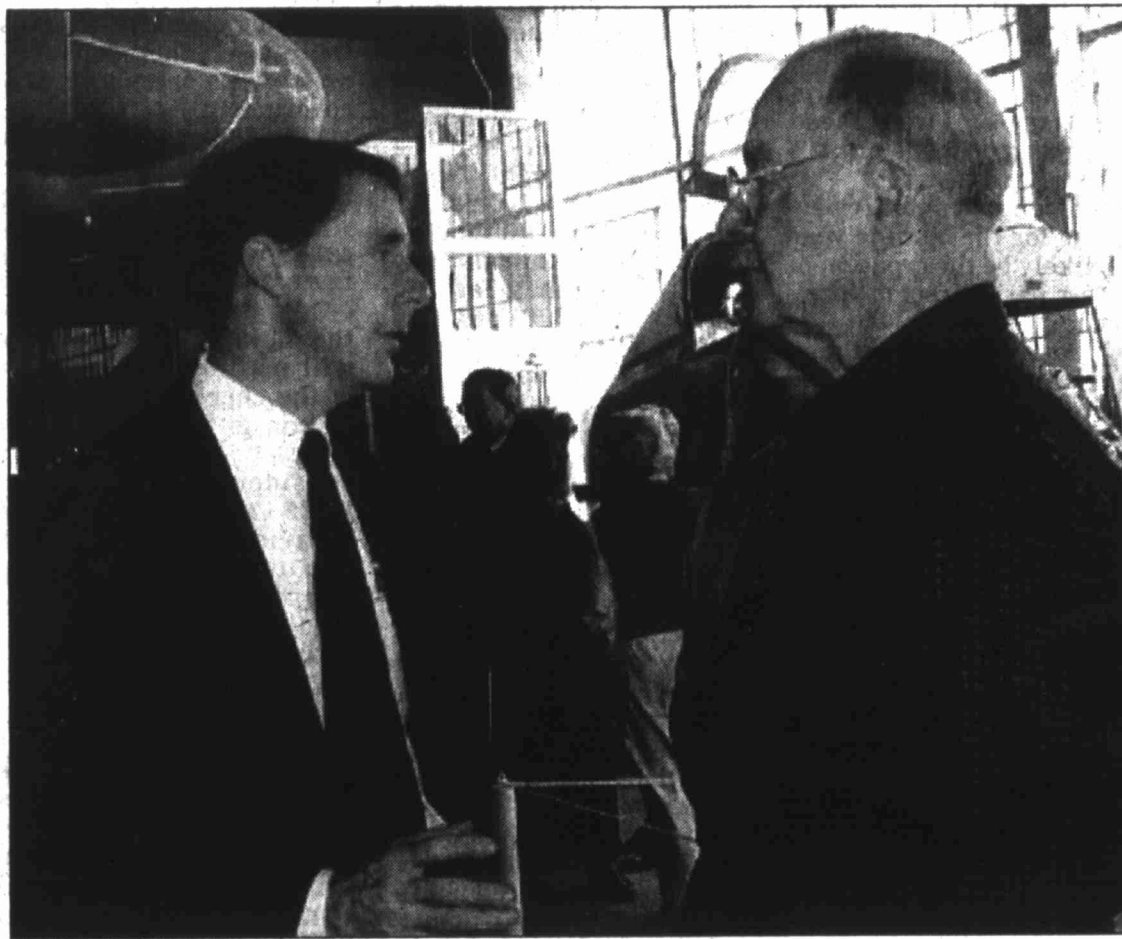
Crooker, a member of the regional Ports-to-Plains board, said he doesn't think the change will affect the highway corridor program.

"I don't think so, to be honest with you," he said. "That's pretty well set, and (Howard County's new state Sen. Teel) Bivins has a part in Ports-to-Plains."

Crooker notes that Carson, Gray and Wheeler counties, formerly in Bivins' senatorial district and now in Duncan's, have the same approximate total population as Howard County.

"There's no reason why those counties should have changed districts," he said. "That's four counties that could be moved back to their original senators."

He suspects influence from the Permian Basin area is responsible for the



Sen. Robert Duncan, left, visits with County Commissioner Bill Crooker during a function at Big Spring. Redistricting maps approved by the Legislative Redistricting Board this week move Howard County out of Duncan's 28th District and into District 31.

swap, Crooker said. "I think it was a push on the part of people in Midland and Odessa who desired that Howard County be in their district," he said.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen also expressed disappointment at the new scheme, but said he is ready to get on with business.

"I'm disappointed that we lost both our senator and our representative because we had a great working relationship with both of them," he said. "But I think we need to put it behind us and move on from here."

McEwen said he isn't unhappy about the prospect of working with Bivins and the county's new representative, Speaker of the House

Pete Laney. "It was not a disappointment about having to go in with these particular gentlemen," he said. "Both of them are good men and have represented their constituents well."

Although as of this morning, 15 lawsuits have already been filed around

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Sen Duncan 'disappointed' over vote by Republicans

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Putting political aspirations ahead of what's best for West Texas is how Sen. Robert Duncan sees the new redistricting plan, approved by the Legislative Redistricting Board (LRB) earlier this week.

"I'm disappointed in the three LRB members that voted in favor of this plan," the senator said of fellow Republicans Attorney General John Cornyn, Land Commissioner David Dewhurst and Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander. "I'm disappointed in Rylander and contingents in Midland that did this because I felt clearly they were running over their neighbor."

The new plan, approved 3-2 by the five-member board, takes Howard County out of Duncan's 28th Senatorial District and places it in District 31 under Sen. Teel Bivins, along with Midland and Odessa.

"Over the objection of two senators that represent West Texas (Duncan and

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Educators: Counts and Duncan will be hard to replace

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Area educators express concern about losing both legislators and the impact that loss may have on West Texas educational issues.

On Tuesday, the Legislative Redistricting Board approved redistricting plans that will take Howard County out of House District 70 represented by Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) and Senate District 28, represented by Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock).



KINGSTON SPARKS

Howard County will be placed in House District 85, represented by House Speaker Pete Laney, (D-Hale Center), and in Senate District 31, represented by Teel Bivins, (R-Amarillo). "It is a loss of representa-

tion from the rural areas and will effect education and other issues important to West Texas," said Coahoma Independent School District superintendent Dr. Bill Kingston. "The concentration of population in the metropolitan area dilutes our influence in legislation when West Texas issues come up."

Though many local educators expressed their confidence in the new representatives, they expressed sadness and distress for losing Duncan and Counts.

"Both Sen. Duncan and Rep. Counts have been

great," said Dr. Cheri Sparks, Howard College president. "They have had been a very effective legislative team. They have been very responsive to the needs of Howard College and have gone to bat for us for anything we have asked. This is a tremendous loss for us."

"Sen. Duncan and Rep. Counts have been very good for our funding issues and issues related to educational needs for the public sector," said Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Murray Murphy. "We will miss

their representation of the school district."

Murphy said that if the district had to lose Duncan and Counts it was good they are being replaced by such longtime representatives as Laney and Bivins.

"If things do not change, without a doubt with Speaker Laney and Sen. Bivins we will be well represented in the legislature," Sparks said. "Both legislators have been very effective in representing their constituents."

"I was in Mr. Laney's dis-

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Taco Bell stores closed due to low performance, TB Foods president says

Herald Staff Report

Eight Taco Bell stores in the Midland and Odessa area shut down operations on Sunday because of under performance.

According to Mike Tredwell, president of TB Foods Inc., eight of the nine Midland/Odessa-area Taco Bell restaurants owned and operated by TBF were closed due to under performance and will not reopen.

All employees of the eight closed Taco Bell restaurants have been offered employment in area Kentucky Fried Chicken operated by

Restaurant Systems Inc., a Missouri corporation, according to a statement released by Taco Bell.

RCI owns and operates a total of 41 KFC restaurants and 10 KFC/Taco Bell two-in-one restaurants in Texas and other states.

The closure is not expected to impact the KFC and KCF/Taco Bell two-in-one restaurants located in the Midland/Odessa area, the statement said.

On Monday a message on the Big Spring Taco Bell store's sign says Thanks Big Spring for all you business. The store is located at 2311 Gregg.



Sixteen-year-old Dustin Lewis, a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church presents Paul Smith, Isalah 58 vice president, a \$1,500 check. Also pictured is church member Connie Fowler, left, Isalah 58 president Bob Simpson, church pastor Jim Liggett and church member Sophia Casey. Fowler, Lewis and Casey also volunteer for Isalah 58. The money will help pay the rent, utilities and food for a month for the organization. Isalah 58 provides groceries and clothing to about 350 individuals a month.

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More fruits, vegetables make for healthier life

We've always known that eating plants and vegetables is good for us, but what we know and what we do with that knowledge isn't always the same. Although statistically people in the United States are getting fatter and should be eating less and exercising, the American Institute for Cancer Research is now telling us to eat more.



ANDREA MEDLIN

According to their research increasing your consumption of vegetables and fruits to five servings a day is the most powerful change you can make for overall health and lower cancer risk.

If you already are eating five servings a day, well that's not good enough!

The AICR says you should start aiming for an even healthier goal of nine servings a day.

Researchers say this is easy to do.

And actually it is if you consider that a serving is only 1/2 cup of cooked or raw vegetables, one cup raw leafy vegetables, 3/4 cup of fruit or vegetable juice, 1/2 cup fruit salad or one medium piece of fruit.

These small servings can be added to your diet easily throughout the day by simply slicing some berries on your cereal and having some orange juice for breakfast, or by adding some extra vegetables such as tomato slices, green pepper rings and spinach leaves to your sandwich at lunch or by having a small salad and green beans or broccoli with supper.

These foods also contain antioxidants which can also decrease the risk of cancer and can be found in other sources such as fruits and even green tea.

Adding a cup of green or black tea to your meal can also be beneficial because

it contains a class of substances called flavonoids which blocks substances called cell-growth factors.

Cell-growth factors transform normal cells into cancerous ones.

The ACRI points out that because obesity is indirectly linked with cancer, and a lot of other chronic and debilitating diseases such as heart diseases, high blood pressure, stroke and diabetes, decreasing caloric intake and avoiding foods high in fat may also help decrease the risk of lung, colorectal, breast and prostate cancers.

What this means is that your best bet is to eat a variety of foods taken mainly from plant origins and avoiding foods high in fat such as gravies, fried foods, marbled meat and pastries.

Although some meats are high in fat it is also a primary source of protein which is an essential need. However, it doesn't always have to come from an animal source.

Legumes such as nuts and beans, as well as soy products like tofu, are an excellent substitute for meat because they contain protein.

But if you just can't give up those big juicy steaks try to fill 3/4 of your plate with vegetables and fruits.

Research has shown that eating large amounts of anything not only may increase your risk for cancer, it also tends to make a person sluggish and drowsy which decreases performance and productivity.

Try to keep in mind that if you lived in the jungle, as some people would have us do, being drowsy and sluggish would make you easy prey for many predators.

Information on healthy eating and lowering your risk of cancer can be found just about anywhere.

The Internet, of course, has many Web sites on the subject, or if you don't have access, a call to your doctor and a complete physical would be a good place to start living a more healthy life.

Senate showdown coming over Mexican trucks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barring an 11th-hour breakthrough, a Senate showdown looms over safety standards for Mexican trucks in the United States that White House officials say are too restrictive and probably would be vetoed.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., tentatively scheduled a vote today on ending Republican delaying tactics against the requirements. Democrats and their GOP supporters will need 60 votes to prevail, but even if they do, Republicans could toss other procedural hurdles at the legislation.

"I'm encouraging everybody to talk and see if they can work out a compromise agreement," said Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., an opponent of the restrictions. "But so far it hasn't happened."

The battle has spotlighted political, regional and ideological disputes over how tightly to restrict trade agreements. Thursday's vote also will be a test of how solidly GOP senators want to back Bush, and take on the new

Senate majority leader, on the complicated issue.

Although some participants spoke of progress in their talks, neither side seemed willing to back down.

"I will not edge away from the safety requirements in the bill," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., who is with Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., the chief author of the measure.

The leading opponent, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., promised: "We will not leave this legislation until this issue is resolved."

The proposed restrictions are included in a \$60.1 billion measure financing transportation programs for next year. On Wednesday, the Senate rebuffed an initial GOP effort to weaken the proposed standards.

Senators voted 65-35 against a provision by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, saying the United States would not "discriminate against Mexico" by imposing tougher requirements on its trucks than on Canadian or American vehicles. Gramm said it would violate the North American Free Trade

Agreement, an 8-year-old treaty, to clamp stricter standards on Mexican trucks.

McCain cited that roll call as proof that he would have the minimum 34 votes required to uphold a Bush veto of the legislation.

Murray says the tougher requirements for Mexican trucks are justified because more of them fail safety inspections. She and other supporters also say their proposal would not violate NAFTA, because the treaty gives the United States the right to impose the standards it chooses.

Opponents say Murray's provisions would be so difficult and time-consuming to impose that they would endanger NAFTA and other trade agreements and effectively bar Mexican trucks from most of the United States for years.

The White House wants to let Mexican vehicles travel throughout the United States beginning Jan. 1. Currently, they can only ply a roughly 20-mile-wide zone north of the U.S.-Mexico border.

Patients' rights bill could come to a vote soon

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republican leaders said today they could allow a vote on a rival patients' rights bill next week, departing from their strategy of trying to lure supporters to their own version.

The concession came as White House negotiators warmed to the idea of expanded rights to sue health plans in state courts.

"It is my intent to take up patients' bill of rights next week," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "In some situations we're willing to go to a state court. That's one of the things we are working on. We need to get a bill the president can sign."

Bush, who lobbied undecided members heavily Wednesday, met early Thursday with Rep. Charles

Norwood. The Georgia Republican is shepherding moderates on the Democratic-backed patients' rights legislation that Bush has promised to veto.

Hastert said they are discussing how the two sides can resolve their differences over how patients can sue if they've been injured by a health plan's decision to provide health care. He did not rule out continued support of the GOP majority bill — a proposal by Rep. Ernest Fletcher, R-Ky. — that grants the same rights, but limits the instances in which patients could go to state court for redress.

But, he said, "we're trying to get some agreement with Norwood."

Norwood spokesman John Stone said the congressman also wants to work with the

majority. "He's never quit negotiating."

Norwood, a conservative on other issues, said Wednesday he's continued talks with the White House during a lot of late nights. But he said as far as concessions go, "I've made mine."

Norwood backers said the White House just hadn't persuaded enough lawmakers to promise votes for the Fletcher proposal. Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., a sponsor of the Norwood bill, said he appreciated discussions with Bush, but still found the Fletcher bill offers too many loopholes for errant health plans. "Under current federal law, HMOs are shielded and not accountable for their decisions denying patient care," Barr said after meeting with the president. "This has to change."

The Bush administration hasn't indicated a compromise it's willing to make. Several Republican sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, had said the White House had discussed limited fresh concessions in the pivotal area of lawsuits, including expanded access to state courts for patients seeking to sue their health maintenance organizations.

Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer, however, said the president would veto the Norwood bill in its current form. Both versions of the legislation would offer millions of Americans new protections such as the right to emergency room care, access to specialists, minimum hospital stays for mastectomies and access to government-run clinical trials.

NEA offers teachers 'unlawful homicide' insurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — High-profile killings of teachers in the past several years have prompted the nation's largest teachers' union to offer a \$150,000 benefit for the families of members slain on the job at school.

The National Education Association has offered life insurance to members since the 1980s, but the new "unlawful homicide" benefit was approved only this year. It will be announced

to the union's 2.6 million members in a September newsletter.

Under the benefit, families of slain teachers, aides and other NEA member employees are eligible to collect three times as much as if the worker were killed accidentally.

Randy Martin, who handles risk management for NEA Member Benefits, said the new coverage was not the result of any single incident. "It was just the knowl-

edge that these incidents were occurring," Martin said.

"I think it's very good that we're doing this," said Wayne Johnson, president of the California Teachers Association. "I think that it's sad that we need to do it."

The benefit is free to NEA members.

Jamie Horwitz, spokesman for the American Federation of Teachers union, said its members have not requested such a benefit, but the AFT's benefits historically have mirrored those offered by the NEA. Horwitz said the union probably would consider the homicide benefit.

While recent high-profile school shootings have focused media attention on school violence, few teach-

ers or staff have been slain on the job over the past decade.

According to the National School Safety Council, which keeps statistics on school violence for the federal government, 29 school staff members — teachers, administrators, custodians, nurses, school police officers — have died violently at work since 1992.

Teacher Dave Sanders was among 13 victims of two student gunmen, who killed themselves, in the 1999 Columbine High School shootings in Colorado. Most recently, Lake Worth, Fla., teacher Barry Grunow was shot in the head by a student he had sent home earlier on the last day of school in 2000.

The 14-year-old boy convicted in the killing faces 25 years to life in prison.

READER'S CORNER

West Texas
Hear the crackle beneath your feet.
Its the sound from the West Texas heat.
The land is dry yellow and brown.
It's hard to grow anything in this ground.
Mesquite and cedars are our trees.
Although they're small at least there's a tree.
Rain drops are far and few between.
Winds will blow for days and days.
Skies are brown with dirty haze.
At times I think there has been a mistake.
God meant this place for rattle snakes.
If you want a flower to grow
Make good friends with a water hose.
If I had more life ahead
Somewhere green I'd go instead.
Maybe where the pine trees grow.
Where the mountains are capped with snow.
I guess I'll have to be content.
With the dirt, heat and gusty winds.
Until I hear the great horn blow.
When I am beyond those pearly gates.
To Saint Peter I think I'll say.
Could you check with the great one please.
Give to Him my special plea.
It's for my loved one's I ask you see.
A little more rain every once in awhile.
It's so dry for miles and

miles.
Just enough for the crops to grow.

Put some water in the creeks below.
Floods they can do without.

Babies get hurt and it makes them sad.
To lose a life with so much ahead.

A little relief is what they need.
A little relief from The West Texas Heat.

Send some rain to them below.
Help make the green grass grow.

Sandra Kay Holliman-Halford

All Is Well
God cares for the lilies,
The lilies of the field.
In His infinite wisdom
They grow where He's tilled.

They do not toil or spin
And their beauty's not of man,
It's directly from the Creator of
All the beauty in this land.

The lilies grow among the thorns
God's beloved must do the same.
He has supplied all we need
In Jesus' Almighty name.

God cares for all that's His
With His Almighty hand
and
He calls His children
"Beloved"

As they pass through this land.
He won't forget His loving care
For His beloved ones.
His Word is our assurance

That God knows His daughters and sons.
If He calls us "Beloved"
Then His mercy cannot fail.
No matter how things may look
We can know that all is well.

Martha Anderson Peugh

Going Back Home In A Dream
I went back to the home of my childhood
I walked down that old sandy lane
The old house there was still standing
But somehow it seemed like a dream.

I looked up and saw the old windmill
And down below sat the barn
We had all grown up here together
Here on this West Texas Farm.

My mother and daddy were standing
By the gate at the end of

the lane
My brothers and sisters were with them
We were all together again.

The old hound dogs came to meet me
And down through the pasture we ran
So happy to be back together
To run and play in the sand.

Once more I looked toward the windmill
Turning around in the wind
And the message the wind tried to send
'You can never go back home again.'

'You can't go back to your childhood'
Was the message the wind tried to send
'You can dream of your old home and childhood
But you can't go back there again.'

Bernice Reed Jones

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Redistricting leaves us a bit wary at best

Midland and Odessa are happy with the new district alignments approved by the Legislative Redistricting Board on Tuesday. Republicans — well, most of them, anyway — are happy, too. How about us, Big Spring?

Calls from the *Herald* to local officials indicate a cautious acceptance at best. There are reasons for that, and they go beyond political parties. Sen. Robert Duncan, a Republican, and Rep. David Counts, a Democrat, have pushed politics aside and served Howard County admirably. Both men have worked hard to make sure that Big Spring and West Texas have a voice in Austin. And when our community has sought assistance — whether it be for the college, veterans, the state hospital, Mental Health Mental Retardation, or business and industry attraction and retention — they have responded with tireless determination. Frankly, it's hard to imagine any other two lawmakers doing a better job for Big Spring and our area than Sen. Duncan and Rep. Counts have.

We know that Teel Bivins, who serves the 31st Senatorial District and Pete Laney, House Speaker and representative for House District 85, are also greatly respected by their constituents. That is important, we feel, and gives us some assurance that our voice will still be heard.

Also, we are somewhat uneasy about being aligned with Midland and Odessa in the 31st District. We see opportunities for a beneficial relationship there, but we are wary. It's no secret that the Midland-Odessa contingent lobbied Legislative Redistricting Committee members Attorney General John Cornyn, Land Commissioner David Dewhurst and Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander to relocate Howard County into District 31. What concerns us is that Howard County may be seen as a stepchild to Midland-Odessa. That's unacceptable. We are a thriving city, a very important part of West Texas. We don't intend for that to change.

Sen. Duncan has an office in Big Spring, staffed full time by Frances Wheat, who is very capable and informed. Can we expect the same out of Bivins or whomever represents Senate District 31 after the next elections?

As we all know, lawsuits have been filed — at least a dozen at last count — over redistricting. We don't know what will happen in the courts; we only know the final word hasn't been said.

For those readers who have a strong agreement or disagreement with the new districts, we encourage you to get in contact with Sen. Duncan and Teel, Rep. Counts and Laney. Contact LRB members Laney, Cornyn, Rylander, Dewhurst and Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff. Let your voice be heard. Tell them your concerns.

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Dangerous imbalance in the United States

The president says that a key part of his foreign policy will be to alleviate poverty in foreign countries.

Horse apples. No. 1, foreign countries are not his responsibility. No. 2, he doesn't have the ability to alleviate poverty even in his own country, much less somebody else's. No. 3, the very globalist free-trade policies he advocates are causing some of the poverty in foreign countries as well as our own. No. 4, U.S. meddling — covert and overt — in the internal affairs of foreign countries has greatly contributed to bad government and poverty.

Does he think we are helping to alleviate poverty in Iraq with bombings and sanctions? Does he think we bear no responsibility for the poverty in Yugoslavia caused by our sanctions and our bombing, not to mention our gross interference in that country's internal affairs?

Does he think that supporting all the African dictators we supported so they would sell out their country's interests to U.S. multinational corporations was alleviating poverty?

Does he think encouraging American manufacturers to move their jobs overseas is helping to alleviate poverty either in the United States or in the foreign country where workers have to live on sweatshop wages?

Does he think we made any advances toward alleviating poverty in Panama when his daddy killed 3,000 Panamanians in order to arrest one little guy who had been on our payroll for years?

Does he think he's helping to deal with poverty in Africa by giving Israel (which has a higher per-capita income than Spain) \$3 billion a year? That happens to be more than all the aid the United States gives to sub-Saharan African countries combined.

Does he think he's going to alleviate poverty by spending \$8 billion on an anti-missile system that's going to force a new nuclear-arms race?

Does he think we're fighting poverty by being the world's No. 1 arms peddler? Does he think we're fighting poverty when we browbeat Third World countries, desperate for schools and clean water, to buy high-tech American weapons? And if he thinks he has to visit Africa to find poverty, I would suggest he visit the Mississippi Delta area or any of the slums that blight most American cities.

And most of all, I wish he would read his damned

oath of office and tell us where it says he was elected president of the world. And read the Constitution and tell us where it says politicians can tax the labor and sweat of the American people and give the money away to foreign governments.

By God, I'm sick of this pseudo-philanthropic, pseudo-compassion-for-the-world bilge that spews forth from the mouths of our politicians like the filth that comes out a broken sewer pipe.

I supported George Bush because I thought he was a decent man and his opponent was not. I'm sorry to say, however, that after six months in office, I have to say that Vladimir Putin has been a better president for Russia than Bush has been for America.

Putin seems to know which country elected him, which country he owes his loyalty to and which people are his responsibilities. Morally, Putin is right about the ballistic missiles and right about the sanctions against Iraq.

I'm rather tired of presidents who seem to think they are either deputy prime ministers of Israel or emperors of the world.

In the meantime, our economy grows less fast than either the Russian or the Chinese economies. Our public schools deteriorate, our infrastructure grows increasingly old and in need of replacement, and

our borders are rendered practically nonexistent while our prisons are jammed to the gills. That prison population, by the way, is 62 percent black and other minorities. I would say that indicates a problem that both Bush and the NAACP might consider working on rather than knocking down old Confederate monuments.

Nobody in public office seems inclined to acknowledge a basic truth. We have two conflicting forces at work in the world. One is population growth and the need for jobs paying a living wage. The other is corporate consolidation and automation, which are eliminating jobs.

Now, you don't have to be a graduate in higher mathematics to figure out that if viable jobs are shrinking and the population that needs them is growing, something real bad is going to happen in the political and social arena in the near future.

The day when people were willing to politely and silently starve to death while their "betters" gorged themselves inside fortified compounds is gone.

Unless we address this imbalance, we're likely to find ourselves in the middle of something that will make the French Revolution look like a pacifists convention.

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CHARLEY REESE



Hispanics should not be labeled as victims

Hispanics from all over the world are assimilating in our great country.

Their population numbers are at an all time high. As with most immigrants, they are chasing the American Dream and catching it in record numbers. This is happening because Hispanics are not victims. Each Hispanic, whether born here or a recent immigrant, represents an opportunity for success as a proud American.

That's why it was distressing to read media accounts of a new "survey" released by the National Council of La Raza. The survey attempts to portray Hispanic-Americans as victims. I couldn't disagree more. In fact, recent studies show us that Latinos are steadily assuming a greater role in the social,

economic and political life of our country.

The Thomas Rivera Policy Institute has dedicated itself to studying the Latino population. Their research reveals that there is a booming Hispanic middle class, with good prospects for future growth. Average Latino income has almost doubled in the past decade and the amount of Latinos with a college education has risen almost 50 percent. These numbers prove that Hispanics are not predisposed to be poor, uneducated citizens. On the contrary, recent research shows the complete opposite. It proves to us that with hard work and self discipline Hispanics have the ability to achieve the American Dream.

All too often Hispanics are portrayed as victims, cowering in the neighborhoods, waiting for the federal government to rescue them. This is simply not the case. I am a descendant of Mexican immigrants. Three of my four grandparents came here from Mexico in the early 1900s. I was born in a housing pro-

ject and grew up in the barrios of San Antonio. We never felt we were victims. My maternal grandmother worked as a maid in a downtown hospital for 30 years. She earned enough money to buy a home and have a pension. My father often worked two jobs to make ends meet. For a time while growing up, we even had to live in a small mobile home in my grandmother's back yard. No problem. Our attitude was always positive. We knew we lived in the greatest country in the world. And we knew that opportunity existed if we were willing to go to school and work hard.

More opportunities exist today than ever before for all ethnic groups. Universities compete for minorities. Financial aid is more plentiful than ever. Employers are aggressively working to diversify. Job training programs thrive. Advocacy groups that use scare tactics do Hispanics great disservice. By making Hispanics feel like victims, these groups prove they are far out of touch with the

people they claim to represent. Instead, they should encourage immigrants and young Hispanics to take advantage of the incredible opportunities that already exist.

The bottom line is that most Hispanics don't consider themselves victims. So let's not pretend they do. Hispanics have a bright future in America. Our nation will continue to grow culturally richer because of this growing population. We should appreciate and celebrate our culture, but we should not allow ourselves to be labeled as victims. We are just as smart and will work just as hard as any other American. I don't know about the people who represent these "professional minority" groups, but when I look in the mirror every morning I first see an American.

I'm proud of my culture, but more proud and grateful to say I live in this country.

U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla represents the 23rd District of Texas.



HENRY BONILLA



Midland Fillmore
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REUNION

The first Escovedo family reunion was held June 30 and July 1, 2001, with about 500 attending. The affair took place at both the Howard County Fairbarn and St. Thomas Catholic Church. The event was in honor of Trinidad Escovedo who was born in San Luis Potosi, Mexico circa 1865. He and his wife, Simona Chabiera, came to Fort Davis circa 1890. He worked on the Robert Mulhern Ranch and for J.W. Espy. During his final years he was caretaker of Hillcrest Cemetery. The couple had at least five children. Mr. Escoveda died in June 1953.

Homicide first known on Coast Guard property

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The commander of a Coast Guard communications station on a remote island in the Bering Sea has been shot to death in what is believed to be the first slaying on Coast Guard property.

Chief Warrant Officer Timothy A. Harris, 33, was found dead Tuesday outside his office on St. Paul Island. Carl W. Mercurief Jr., 25, was arrested and charged with murder.

Police said they had not established a motive for the slaying, and would not comment on any connection between the men.

According to court papers, Mercurief and a second man drove to the base about 4 a.m., and Mercurief shot the Coast Guardsman in his room.

Police said Mercurief then went to the home of his estranged wife and threatened to kill her and the second man if they reported the shooting. Hours later, the two slipped away and notified police.

"As a small, humanitarian service in the lifesaving business, we're grieving the tragic, violent loss of one of our team members," said Capt. Richard Houck, chief of staff of the 17th Coast Guard District.

Petty Officer Roger Wetherell, a Coast Guard spokesman in Juneau, said the slaying is the first known homicide on Coast Guard property.

Harris, a 17-year Coast Guard veteran, was assigned as commanding officer of the station on July 3. He had transferred from New Orleans, where his wife and two children still live.

The navigation station on St. Paul Island is staffed by 15 to 22 members who keep the radio signal operating 24 hours a day. Coast Guard members serve one-year tours without their families because the station does not have housing for relatives, Wetherell said.

The island 775 miles southwest of Anchorage has a population of about 675, the majority Aleut.

Hepburn to be discharged by week's end

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — After spending a week in Hartford Hospital for treatment of a urinary tract infection, Katharine Hepburn is expected to be sent home by this weekend, a hospital spokesman said Wednesday.

Earlier this week, the hospital said the infection had been taken care of, but doctors were working with the 94-year-old actress to improve her mobility, which they said suffered while she was bedridden.

Battaglio said Hepburn would continue to receive physical therapy to improve her ability to sit up, walk and move about, "with the hope and intent of discharging her no later than the week's end."



By BETTY DEBNAM

The Tops in Crops

Knowing What's Growing

This is an issue about America's top money-making farm commodities. (A commodity is anything being bought or sold.) They are ranked according to the amount of money they produce. We have also given you the state that makes the most money off each commodity.

Your state might not be first, but it might raise these commodities, too. Keep in mind that:
• Farmers rotate crops, so you might not see the same crop in the same field the next time you pass by.
• Growing seasons vary from one part of the country to another, but usually we find that:
- Summer is for growing.
- Fall is for harvesting.
- Winter is for getting ready.
- Spring is for planting.
Also, plants look different in different stages of growth.



In some parts of the country, farmers put signs in their fields so people riding by will know what is growing.

Take this issue with you on your next road trip. If you see one of these crops or animals, check it off — whatever state you are in! You can also look around at home and see if you can find these products listed on food labels.



1 Beef cattle



Beef cattle are raised in areas where it is better to raise grass to feed the cattle than it is to raise crops. Beef cattle are raised for meat (including steaks, hamburgers, roasts). Leading state: Texas

2 Dairy products



Cows on a dairy farm are milked inside barns like the one in the background. These cattle give us milk to drink and to use to make cheese, ice cream and other treats. Leading state: California

3 Corn

We eat it on the cob, and grind it and bake it to use in cereals, tortillas and breads. Animals are fed the ears and the stalks. Leading state: Iowa

The Mini Page Presidents of the United States Poster. Large! 22 1/2" x 28 1/2". Ideal for Classroom or Home. Includes every president in chronological order from George Washington to George W. Bush...

Goldie Goodsport's Report Supersport: Yolanda Griffith. Height: 6-4 Weight: 175 Birthdate: 3-1-70 Birthplace: Chicago. Yolanda Griffith is in her third season playing center for the Sacramento Monarchs. Last year she averaged 16.3 points and 10.3 rebounds per game...

Meet Mandy Moore. Mandy Moore was just 14 when she made her first album. Now 17, she released a new album a few months ago. She grew up in Orlando, Fla. She was just 6 when, after seeing a play, she decided she wanted to be a performer...

Mini Jokes. The following jokes all have something in common. Can you guess what the common theme or category is? John: What insects are found on bulletin boards? Jane: Thumb-ticks! Lee: Two fleas were leaving the movie theater. One asked the other, "Should we walk or take a dog?" James: What goes 99 bump, 99 bump, 99 bump? Joy: A centipede with a wooden leg!

CROPS TRY 'N FIND. Words that remind us of crops are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: CROPS, CORN, COTTON, SOYBEANS, WHEAT, HAY, GRAPES, TOBACCO, POTATOES, TOMATOES, RICE, GROW, ORANGES, LETTUCE, APPLES, ALMONDS, FARM, SPRAY.

Mini Spy... Mini Spy is checking her corn crop. See if you can find: doughnut, word MINI, letter V, whale, letter A, stork, ladder, letter E, duck, ice-cream cone, safety pin, book, pencil, arrow, letter C.

Knowing What's Growing. 4 Soybeans: raised for meal and oil. 5 Broilers: raised especially for eating. 6 Hogs: raised indoors in long, low buildings. 7 Greenhouse or nursery: inside glass or plastic houses. 8 Wheat: kernels used for flour, breads, cookies. 9 Cotton: fibers used for clothes. 10 Hay: made up of grasses and other plants. 11 Chicken eggs: raised especially to lay eggs. 12 Grapes: grow on vines. 13 Tobacco: valuable crop for many farmers. 14 Turkeys: raised indoors in long houses. 15 Potatoes: grow underground. 16 Tomatoes: grow on vines. 17 Oranges: grow on trees. 18 Rice: raised in shallow water in flooded fields.

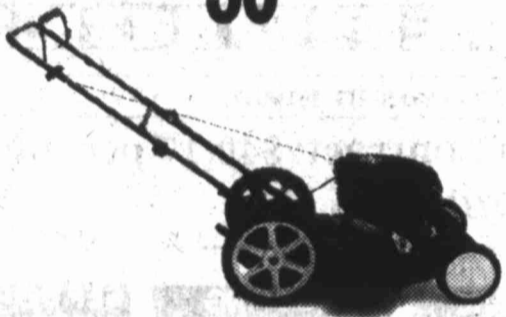
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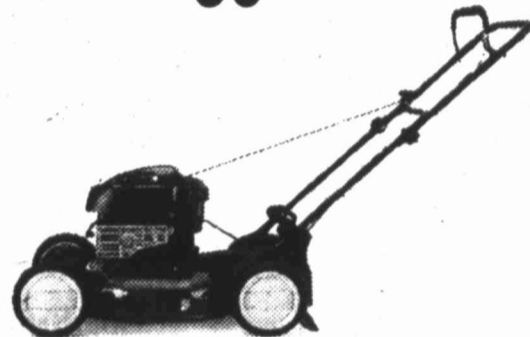
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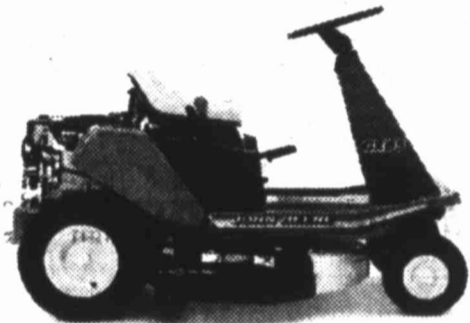
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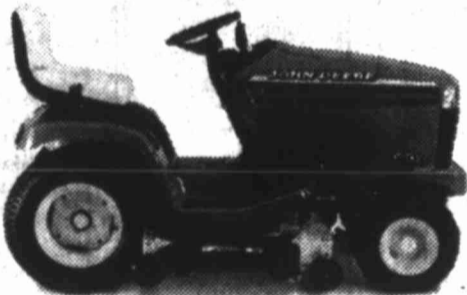
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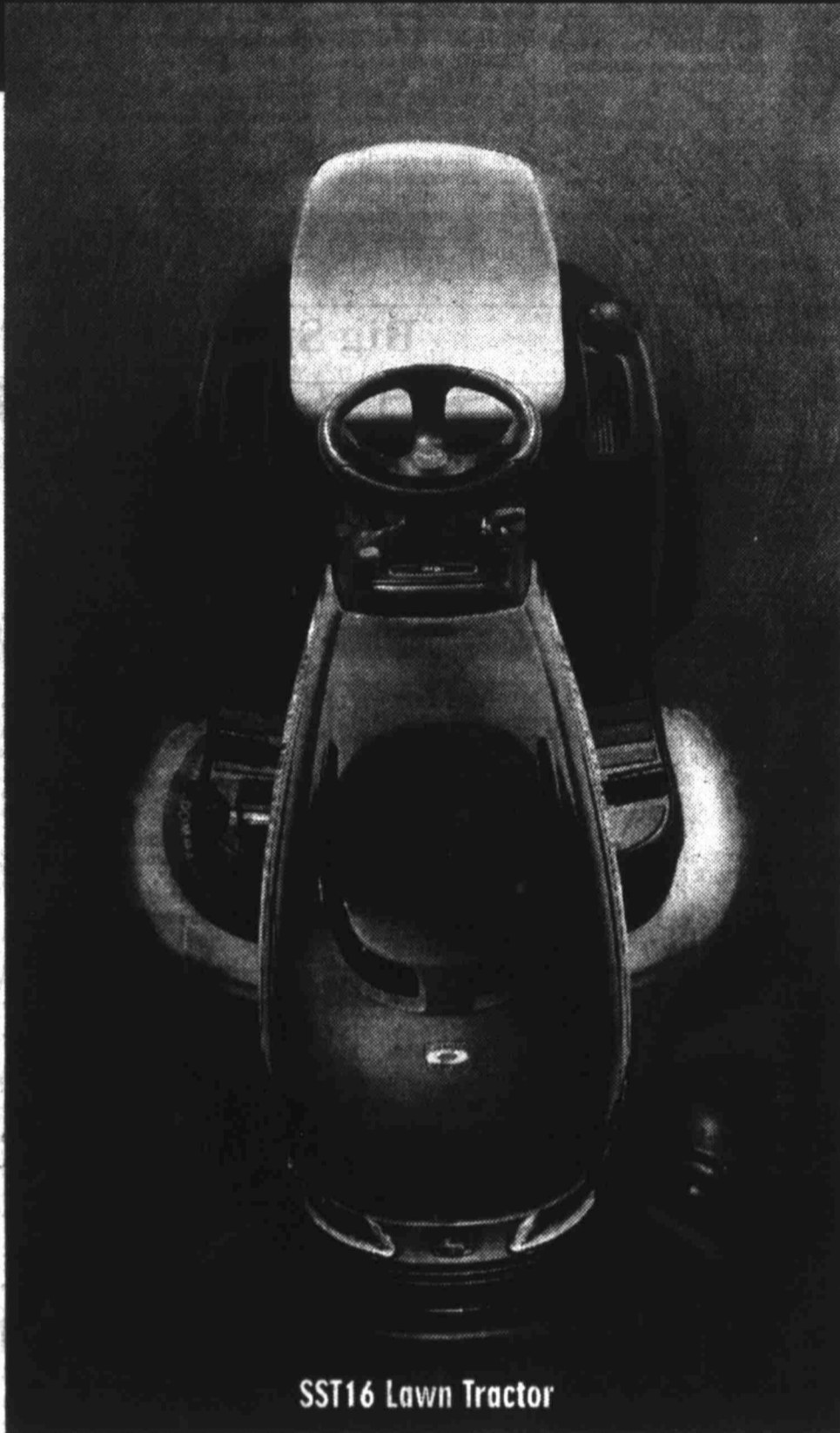
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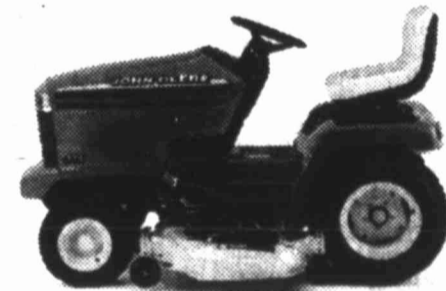
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7:30	Whose Line? Whose Line?	World Records	Chaco Canyon	Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox (CC)	Big Brother (CC)	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Friends (CC) Spy TV (CC)	Atlanta Braves at Montreal Expos	Pica-Estado Futbol Copa	Zorro: The Zequel (CC)	Movie: Miami Vice (CC)	Movie: Sleepy Hollow (CC)	Movie: The Green Mile (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Biography (CC)	Atlantis Found? (CC)	Movie: Hard to Kill	Movie: The Real	Mysteries of Forensic Science
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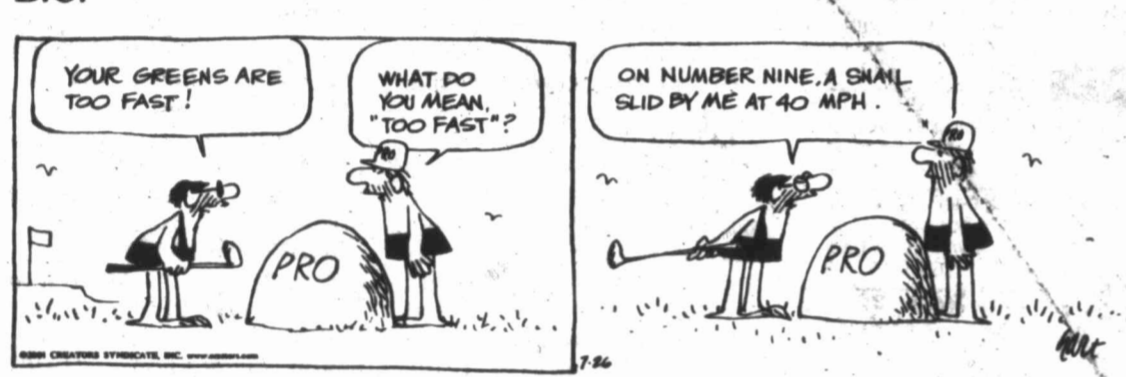
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, July 26, the 207th day of 2001. There are 158 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On July 26, 1908, U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte issued an order creating an investigative agency that was a forerunner of the FBI.
On this date:
In 1775, Benjamin Franklin became Postmaster-General.
In 1788, New York became the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.
In 1945, Winston Churchill resigned as Britain's prime minister after his Conservatives were soundly defeated by the Labor Party. (Clement Attlee became the new prime minister.)
In 1947, President Truman signed the National Security Act, creating the Department of Defense, the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
In 1948, President Truman signed a pair of executive orders prohibiting discrimination in the U.S. armed forces and federal employment.
In 1952, Argentina's first lady, Eva Peron, died in Buenos Aires at age 33.
In 1964, Teamsters president Jimmy Hoffa and six others were convicted of fraud and conspiracy in the handling of a union pension fund.
In 1971, Apollo 15 was launched.
In 1986, kidnappers in Lebanon released the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, an American hostage held for nearly 19 months.
In 1990, President Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act.
Ten years ago, Secretary of State James A. Baker III addressed Mongolia's first legislature chosen in multi-party elections, applauding the rise of democracy and promising millions of dollars in aid.
Today's Birthdays: Movie director Blake Edwards is 79. Actor James Best is 75. Singer Dobie Gray is 61. Actress-singer Darlene Love is 60. Rock star Mick Jagger is 58. Movie director Peter Hyams is 58. Actress Susan George is 51. Actor Kevin Spacey is 42. Rock singer Gary Cherone is 40. Actress Sandra Bullock is 37. Actor Jeremy Piven is 36.

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Newsday Crossword

SACRED SONGS by Patrick Jordan

Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

- 1 Poet Teasdale
- 5 James Garfield
- 10 Pond film
- 14 Romulus, to Remus
- 15 Roadside distress signal
- 16 Therefore
- 17 Well-known hymn
- 19 Boston basketballer, briefly
- 20 Ness nemesis
- 21 MGM or RKO
- 23 Penultimate Greek letter
- 24 Nettle
- 25 Took an oath
- 26 Heel, on a loaf
- 27 Clothing
- 30 Development phase
- 33 Abandon at the altar
- 34 San Diego tourist mecca
- 35 Well-known hymn
- 39 Metal, pre-smelting
- 40 Convince
- 41 Histories
- 42 Gets rid (of)
- 45 Part of WPM
- 46 Musical chord
- 47 Compete in a dash
- 48 It's high on a miniskirt
- 51 In truth, to Shakespeare
- 53 Pierce's predecessor
- 55 Styptic substance
- 56 Well-known hymn
- 58 Sushi bed

DOWN

- 1 Shoulder-bag feature
- 2 MP arrestees
- 3 Actress Christina
- 4 1950s teen idol
- 5 Spare the expense of
- 6
- 7 Fury
- 8 "we having fun yet?"
- 9 Intrude in the business of
- 10 Acquire
- 11 Low cabinets
- 12 Wrinkled fruit
- 13 Detective played by Lorre
- 18 Editorial author
- 22 Dick Smothers' brother
- 25 Brackish
- 26 Shirred item
- 27 Hayworth and Rudner
- 28 Civil wrong
- 29 Guzzlers
- 30 Sporting sneakers, maybe
- 31 Actress Spelling
- 32 Overcome with wonder
- 33 Square- (like Dick Tracy)
- 36 Charles Lamb, for one
- 37 In a blatant manner
- 38 Egypt and Syr., once
- 43 Gets a pump flowing
- 44 Dressing ingredient
- 45 Gave a yank
- 47 Biathlon weapon
- 48 Comic Mandel
- 49 Shake an Etch-a-Sketch
- 50 Dina of Starship Troopers
- 51 Diversify
- 52 Director Kazan
- 53 Lineh source
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