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FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

Big Spring High School will hold freshman orientation today beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium, 707 E. 11th Place.

Parents and incoming ninth-graders are encouraged to attend. The event includes the introduction of staff, student schedule and information pick up along with a chance to tour the school and meet the teachers. Scheduling questions can be addressed by counselors tonight and any scheduling changes can be made on Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the high school.

OPEN HOUSE

Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th St., will have a 50s style party for the public from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today and an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

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Spike Dykes to spin folksy humor at United Way luncheon

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A former football coach at Big Spring and Coahoma is going to be the keynote speaker at this year's United Way Campaign Kickoff Luncheon.



SCOTT

Of course, Spike Dykes is better known for his 13 years as head coach for the Texas Tech Red Raiders, in which he amassed an 82-67-1 record, but his time in this

neck of the woods was special to him; he often referred to a 1965 Coahoma win over the Aspermont Hornets as the biggest win of his career.

"We are very excited to have Coach Dykes as our keynote speaker," said Cynthia Scott, executive director of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. "He is a true motivator."

Scott said the doors will open at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 17 for the luncheon at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall. The program will begin at noon and both the Big Spring Rotary Club and the Greater Big Spring

Rotary Club will count the Campaign Kickoff as their regular weekly meeting, she added.

This year's United Way campaign goal is \$250,000, said Campaign Chair Rory Worthan.

"With Spike Dykes starting us off at the kickoff luncheon, we are looking forward to even exceeding our goal," he said. "After all, it is the thousands in our community who benefit from our campaign drive. With the money we raise, we help 14 local agencies reach out to those who need help."

Dykes began his football career as a high school player in Ballinger, before

What: United Way of Big Spring and Howard County Campaign Kickoff Luncheon

Where: United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall, 407 Gregg St.

When: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17

Guest speaker: Spike Dykes, former Big Spring, Coahoma High School and Texas Tech University head football coach



attending Stephen F. Austin State University.

After graduating from Austin with a bachelor's degree in social studies, he got an assistant coach's job at Eastland in 1959. A year later he went back to Ballinger as an assistant

coach and stayed three years.

Dykes got his first head coaching job in 1964 in Coahoma and led the Bulldogs to the playoffs that year with a 10-1 record. The

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
First grade teacher Karen Thibeault, right, and kindergarten teacher Barbara Ball enjoy lunch with several other Washington Elementary teachers during the Big Spring Independent School District back-to-school luncheon on Wednesday. Almost 600 people attended the event.

Murphy welcomes ISD employees at 2002-2003 back-to-school lunch

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District faculty, staff, administrators and auxiliary personnel kicked off the school year Wednesday with the annual back-to-school luncheon.

"It's good to see everyone back," Superintendent Murray Murphy said in addressing the crowd of close to 600. "I hope that you had a good, restful summer."

For the first time, the luncheon was held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum instead of the high school

"We deal with the greatest product on earth, our youth, which is our future"



Murray Murphy, BSISD superintendent

cafeteria to allow all auxiliary personal to attend. During the luncheon, the

staff was introduced to several new employees to the district, as well as familiar faces who have changed positions.

Entering its 101st year as a school district, teachers and staff return to several changes, including the reconfiguration of all the elementaries, the closure of the kindergarten center and school zone realignment.

Educators are also returning to tougher testing standards, more accountability and the dis-

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Tempers flare

Police investigate unrelated cases of aggravated assault; no arrests have been made

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Tempers in Big Spring continued to flare this week as two apparently unrelated cases of aggravated assault were reported to Big Spring police just a week after the department was faced with two murders and an assault that left a man hospitalized.

Martin Oballe, 40, and Darrell Tate, 36, both of Big Spring, were both treated at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for minor injuries they reportedly received in the two most recent assaults. Police have not yet arrested anyone in connection with either incident.

Oballe reported that he was assaulted about 9:15 Monday in the 800 block of Creighton, said Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt.

"It started out as kind of a verbal altercation and then it escalated," he said. "He was whacked on the head a couple of times with a baseball bat. He had a couple of cuts and a swollen cheek, and he was bleeding a little bit. He was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by ambulance and was treated and released."

The fight reportedly was over an alleged theft, Sweatt added.

"The suspect was saying that this guy had stolen some stuff from him, and of course this guy was saying no, he didn't," Sweatt said.

Tate reported his assault in person at the police station Tuesday night, Sweatt said.

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stuff from him, and of course this guy was saying no, he didn't."



Sgt. Roger Sweatt, BSPD spokesperson

11:45 the victim came down here and advised he had just been stabbed," he said. "He had a wound that looked like a laceration. It was on the left side of his forehead."

Sweatt said Tate reported that he had received the cut during an altercation with a family member.

"It was a family violence type deal," the sergeant said. "He advised that he was getting into a car and the suspect came up to him and stabbed him with a butcher knife. Stuck him in the head. He got in his vehicle and left the scene and came down here to report it."

Tate was taken by private vehicle to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room, where he was treated and released.

"He didn't get any stitches

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Ana Lee hits the trail, seeking votes for dad

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring got up close and personal with the Democratic gubernatorial campaign Wednesday afternoon when the daughter of candidate Tony Sanchez stopped in at The Blue Room Cafe to drum up support for her father.

Ana Lee Sanchez, 25, came to Big Spring as part of a 15-city campaign tour of West Texas.

"I'll try to remember the order," she said. "We started out in Amarillo and we've been to Amarillo, Dumas, Pampa, Wellington, up in the Panhandle; I was in Abilene and San Angelo, which is where I just came from. From here I think we'll be going on to Midland, Odessa, Lubbock at some point, Seminole, Hereford and Plainview. So it's a big trip."

Sanchez said she's not letting the whistle-stopping

"I know that my father is willing and is ready to debate any day on the issues. Let's stick to the issues and let's talk about what's important to Texas."

Ana Lee Sanchez, daughter of gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez

get to her. "It's a very aggressive schedule," she said. "But I'm not letting down and I can't go to sleep at night without thinking about this race and about what I need to do the next day and just the importance of it. We won't rest until after Nov. 5, and my father is victorious. I strongly believe that when

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Howard County Democratic Party Chairman W.A. "Woody" Jumper looks on as Ana Lee Sanchez, daughter of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez, talks about her father's campaign and his plans for the future of Texas.

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Murray Murphy, Big Spring Independent School District superintendent, addresses employee during the back-to-school luncheon held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Wednesday.

ASSAULTS

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or anything," Sweatt added. "They (hospital officials) said it was extremely superficial."

Sweatt said the recent glut of violent crime in Big Spring is causing investigation delays.

"Everything's kind of been holding up because we're still doing follow up on those murders," Sweatt said. "We're kind of behind on everything."

Investigation continues into the July 30 murder of 70-year-old Harlan Jene Patton and the killing of 16-year-old Lennon Lane that occurred Aug. 4 or Aug. 5, Sweatt said.

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Parents are reunited with kidnapped baby

Former prison guard charged in abduction; she told family the infant was hers

ABILENE (AP) — Screaming and bleeding after being dragged across a parking lot by a car that sped away with her infant daughter, Margarita Chavez somehow believed she would hold her baby again.

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"There's no words can explain how I feel. My hopes never ended," she said Wednesday, tears rolling down her bruised and scratched face. "I trust the Lord, and I was very sure I was going to get my baby back."

A former prison guard, who fooled her family into believing she had given birth, has been charged with aggravated kidnaping.

Paula Lynn Roach, 24, remained jailed Thursday on \$200,000 bond.

Despite lights from television news equipment and camera flashes during a news conference Wednesday, mother and baby rarely took their eyes off each other.

Month-old Nancy yawned a couple of times but never made a sound. It was her father and other relatives who were crying.

"I don't have sufficient

words to say thanks, and I ask God that he blesses each one of you. God bless America," said Salvador Chavez, 42, crying as he described the authorities' diligence and outpouring of community support.

"There's no words can explain how I feel. My hopes never ended. I trust the Lord, and I was very sure I was going to get my baby back."

Margarita Chavez

The infant was snatched from the family's minivan Tuesday afternoon outside Abilene's Wal-Mart when her mother turned around to stow a shopping cart.

Authorities in Quanah, about 125 miles north of Abilene, received a tip from employees at a nursing home where Roach had gone to show off the infant. Officers stopped a car Wednesday carrying Roach, her mother and the baby. Roach was taken into custody and Nancy was returned to Abilene a few hours later.

Roach worked as a corrections officer at the Robertson prison unit in Abilene for about 20 months before she resigned in September 2000, said warden James Duke.

Police said Roach recently worked at an Abilene convenience store and had lived in Quanah, where she apparently planned to stay and raise the baby.

Texas Ranger David Hullum said Roach told offi-

daughters, ages 3 and 6, in her minivan. The mother stepped about 10 feet away to return a shopping cart, then saw a woman removing the infant and car seat.

"I yelled, 'That's my baby — don't take my baby,' but she run ... then I tried to pull her hair or something through the window. Margarita Chavez said Wednesday, '... I was hanging on the window and I couldn't hold anymore, so I fall.'"

Roberto Gann, 13, heard Chavez's screams and ran after the car as it dragged

hers. He smashed into the passenger side of the fleeing car, trying in vain to stop it. The Chavez family thanked and hugged him Wednesday at the news conference, calling him a hero. The teen held the baby for several minutes.

Gann said he was on probation for stealing a car but recently turned his life around. He said he now "can stand proud" and hopes to stay in touch with the Chavez family.

"It made me feel bad that I didn't get her, but I'm glad somebody did," Gann said.

Former BSISD assistant principal jumps right into new job at Weimar High School

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

WEIMAR — Former Big Spring High School Assistant Principal Osbelia Rocha hasn't had much time to ease in her new job as Weimar High School Principal.

Rocha, who left Big Spring this summer for the new position, has been sharing extra duties while Superintendent Kent Bowermon recovers from heart surgery he had on Tuesday. Bowermon is a former Big Spring High School principal.

"He underwent bypass surgery at St. Luke's Hospital (in Houston)," Rocha said. "He's doing very well and he was supposed to be taken out of the coronary care unit last night or early this morning. The doctors say he is doing much better than expected."

Bowermon's wife, Kathy, a former Big Spring High School teacher, has been updating the Weimar staff on the superintendent's condition, Rocha said.



ROCHA



BOWERMON

After noticing a tingling in his left arm and tightness in his chest, Bowermon decided to seek medical attention.

"He went to check it out here and the doctors determined he should be checked by a cardiologist," Rocha said.

Bowermon was transferred to St. Luke's last Friday.

During the superintendent's recovery, Rocha, who has a mid-management certificate, and WISD Business Manager Earnest Flood are sharing Bowermon's duties.

"This is not anything offi-

cial," she said. "We are checking his e-mail and making sure to take care of things before the deadline. Anything to do with business Earnest is working on and things dealing with TEA (Texas Education Agency) Mr. Bowermon designated me to work on."

"We're holding the holding down the fort until he comes back," she added.

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OUR VIEWS

Help support our symphony during its 21st season

For 20 years now, Big Spring has been the host for some of the best musical talent ever to appear in West Texas — rivaling that of the state's largest cities.

These concerts are the creations of the Big Spring Symphony Association, which is in the process of holding its annual fund-raiser. Each year, the symphony board searches to bring a variety of music — from the powerful orchestra pieces of Czech composer Anton Dvorak to American jazz and classical artist George Gershwin and choral music featuring local and statewide talent.

The upcoming symphony season is a special one.

It will begin on the afternoon of Sept. 8 with "A Prairie Portrait," featuring cowboy poets Don Adams and Waddie Mitchell. On Oct. 26, the 1996 Van Cliburn silver medalist — Valeri Kulashov — will perform with the symphony. And as an extra treat, Kulashov will perform for local school students in a special concert on the 25th. The other performances are "A Night in Vienna," in February, featuring Viennese waltzes, and a choral extravaganza in April accenting the talents of the Big Spring High School Mesitersingers, Big Spring All City Elementary Choir and the Big Spring Symphony Chorus.

It's clear that the association has planned a wonderful variety of quality performances for the year. It's truly remarkable that a community our size can put together this array of artistic talent — and that it has for the past 20 years.

As the Big Spring Symphony Association continues its fund-raising drive for its 21st season, we hope you'll consider sending in a donation. Keep in mind that the symphony is a non-profit organization and all gifts are tax deductible. The association is operated by volunteers.

Donations can be mailed to the Big Spring Symphony Association Inc., P.O. Box 682, Big Spring, 79721, or dropped off at the symphony office, 808 Scurry.

We'll all benefit from your gift.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

First of all, I would like to thank the community for their recent support of the hang gliders. However, I would like to express my displeasure with the article in Sunday's newspaper about the Gliders paying up for free breakfast.

As new owners of the Texas RV Park of Big Spring, David and I have a partnership with the Big Spring Humane Society in order to assist with their needs. The gliders were never asked to pay up for their breakfast. They saw the need in Big Spring due to a donation can near the breakfast bar, and chose to donate to that worthwhile charity very generously.

In order to show our community pride, we provided breakfast so that we

might possibly continue to have these lovely people come to Big Spring. Our efforts to promote the community seemed to be turned around, however, and made to look like we required this group to pay for an advertised free breakfast.

We were not in any way seeking free advertising from the newspaper.

We want the community to know how wonderful these people are. This was a three-way partnership between the RV Park, the gliders and the Humane Society.

There are many ways we can help other groups and civic organizations.

It is my hope that others will continue to assist and receive the recognition due to them.

BONNIE LAMBERT
BIG SPRING

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Sometimes what we need to make us happy is right in front of us. Lord, open our eyes to your joy. Amen

Pitting one group against the other

Thirty-nine years ago this month, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., stood before a crowd of 250,000 people at the 1963 March on Washington to deliver his famous "I have a dream" speech. King's powerful words inspired all Americans and came to symbolize the struggle for equal rights for blacks. This weekend, another march on Washington will take place, this one sadly symbolizing the moral bankruptcy that has infected much of the civil rights movement in recent years. Under the banner "They Owe Us," thousands will rally in the nation's capital to demand reparations for slavery, a dubious cause that threatens to divide, not unite, Americans.



LINDA CHAVEZ

This latest march is the brainchild of Conrad Worrill, national chairman of the National Black United Front, a Chicago-based, '60s-style radical group that has little interest in promoting racial healing. Where King

invoked the image that one day "the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood," Worrill prefers to speak of the "genocide" of white Americans against blacks and to demand, "We're due reparations."

King himself was well acquainted with the sentiments that Worrill and his friends in the reparations movement espouse, even speaking about the issue in his famous speech. "Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred," he warned. At the time King spoke those words, black radicals, including Worrill's close friend and Black Panther Party leader Stokely Carmichael, were preaching Black Power and racial separatism. But King cautioned that racial animosity was a dead end and that black militancy "must not lead us to distrust of all white people." King noted that the fates of blacks and whites were inextricably linked.

"We cannot walk alone," he said.

The reparations movement stands no chance of succeeding in the courts or in Congress.

With support from a bevy of black luminaries, from

private attorney Johnnie Cochran to Harvard professor Charles Ogletree to Trans Africa chairman Randall Robinson, the reparations movement is more about grabbing headlines than enacting public policy. The blame game won't put money in the pockets of the descendants of slaves, but it is likely to make both blacks and whites resentful.

Most white Americans feel no personal culpability for slavery — nor should they. The descendants of slave owners make up a tiny fraction of the current white population, and even they cannot be held responsible for the sins of their fathers. And many Americans — whites, Asians and Hispanics — are descendants of immigrants who came to the United States long after slavery ended. So what possible good does it do for black leaders to blame whites for deeds committed long ago?

Dr. King did believe that America owed a debt to blacks. "When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence," he said on that hot August day in 1963, "they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall

heir. This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is obvious today," he said, "that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned."

King called upon America to issue a check to black Americans, "a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice." But he wasn't talking about a bank draft.

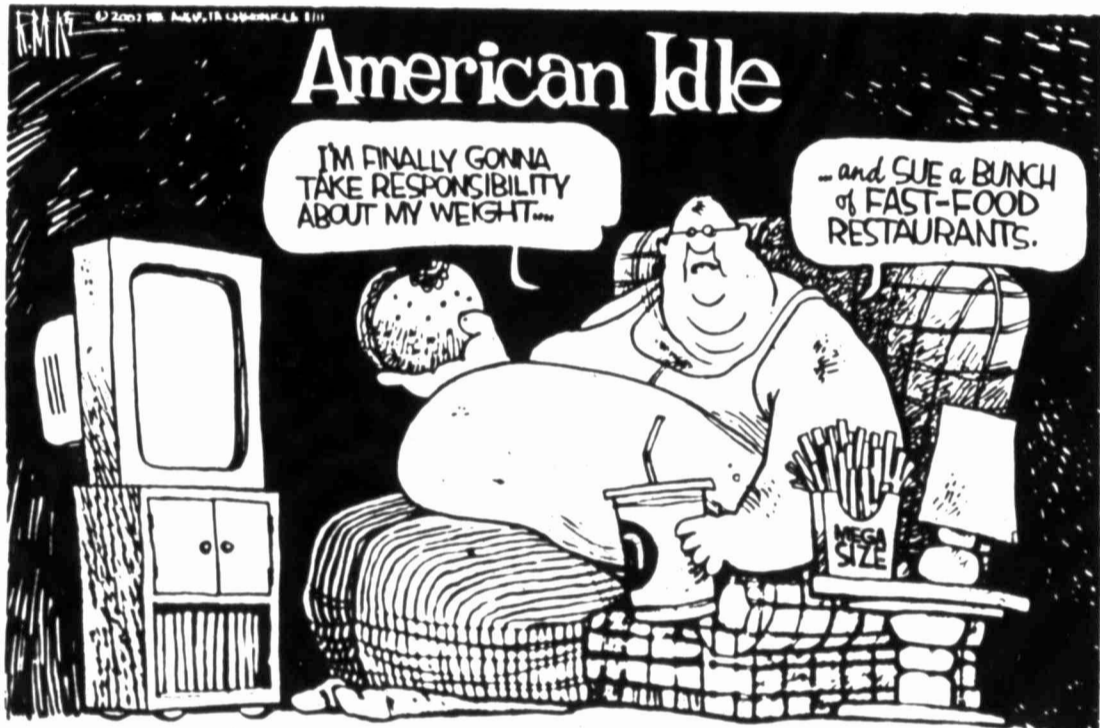
When King spoke these words, Congress had yet to pass the great Civil Rights Act of 1964, which guaranteed nondiscrimination in employment, public accommodations, education and federally funded programs. Nor had Congress enacted the 1965 Voting Rights Act or the 1968 Fair Housing Act.

These laws would not have been passed were it not for the leadership of men like Dr. King, who hoped that "all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands."

How sad it is that four decades later some who claim to be King's heirs instead want to pit one group against the other.

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Bush: He's our Tigger of a president

President Bush reminds me of Tigger, the bouncy, high-energy pal of Winnie-the-Pooh. The president's own doctors have recently pronounced him to be in superb condition. Let us all rejoice in that. Unfortunately, the president seems to possess Tigger's mindless optimism and self-confidence.



CHARLEY REESE

When Congress recently forfeited its constitutional duty to set trade policy by passing fast-track legislation (the new Orwellian euphemism is "trade promotion authority"), Mr. Bush announced that he would accomplish magic with this authority. He will increase the number of American jobs, increase American exports and raise the living standards of all American families.

Bosh and hog slop. I don't accuse our Tigger of a president of lying. I just accuse him of being

ignorant. After all, the effects of free-trade policy are not a mystery. Mr. Bush should have asked for a report that answered these questions:

1. How many good American jobs have been lost due to (a) American firms moving their manufacturing jobs to cheap-labor countries; and to (b) cheap foreign imports?

2. How many good jobs have been created by an increase in American exports?

3. How many viable farms did we have before the era of so-called free trade, and how many have survived?

4. How do you explain the enormous and continuing record trade deficits if, in fact, free trade results in more American jobs?

The answers to all of these questions present an argument against free-trade agreements, not one in favor. Of course, free trade is a false banner. What has been the policy since the John F. Kennedy administration has been managed trade, falsely labeled as free trade.

Free-trade agreements would be simple to write. We would only have to say: Our tariffs on all imports are, say, 6 percent. Sell what you can to any American who wishes to buy.

When the so-called trade agreement, however, runs to 20,000 pages of fine print or more, then you know that what has been negotiated is a series of trade deals, usually favoring those segments of the American economy with the most political clout. And we all know that in our times, political clout is spelled m-o-n-e-y. More than the devil resides in the details these days; so, too, does political corruption.

I believe in old-fashioned free trade, in which a small tariff is imposed for revenue purposes. I don't believe, as a rule, in protective tariffs — tariffs so high as to prevent other manufacturers or farmers from competing with Americans. But there must be exceptions. Some industries necessary to national security — and certainly agriculture is one of those — should be protected. Any nation that allows its agricultural base to be destroyed by cheap imports is committing suicide in the long run. So, too, with stuff needed for the strategic forces of the country.

I also believe that there should be a third category of tariffs — punitive tariffs. Any American company that dumps its American workers into the unemployment lines and moves its manufacturing facility to a cheap-labor country should be assessed a punitive tariff of at least 100 percent when it tries to export into the United States.

It's simply another example of corporate corruption for an American firm to pay foreigners \$3 or \$4 to cut and sew a pair of blue jeans it will sell to Americans for \$50. Such "imports" should be slapped with a tariff high enough to double their retail price in the United States.

Trade policy, of course, is more than tariffs. It should be the goal of the U.S. government to encourage Americans to make and buy everything possible here in the United States and to import only what cannot be feasibly made here. That, of course, is not on the radar screen of either President Tigger or his cohorts in Congress.

Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802



Buying

Another summering down and school about to start. They are bought and the wardrobe is put away.

My son will spend the next few days playing video games in between chore lessons and going to take Grandma's doctor's visits.

But this summer one to remember us.

It was his first Flags and Hurricane Harbor of which he preferred the latter.

Not just because water rides but because there were bikini as far as the eye could see.

We spent a week uncle and aunt in Carrollton who allowed him with gifts.

Of course they're what a great year and it doesn't hurt the only Medlin here.

Simple

BROWNSVILLE it's the luring soothing taste or ing simplicity of makes it so appealing.

No matter what son, fideo continues popular in Brown roots stretching back 100 years.

The spaghetti-like is served dozens and its boxes are sight on area grocery shelves.

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Rosie Gomez Brownsville remembers how her grandmother her favorite "sopa" she was a little Matamoros. She Gomez how to make she was only 10 years old.

"It came down to tradition type of the Gomez of Brown couldn't even remember the stove."

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Buying school supplies marks end of another summer

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Not just because of the water rides but because there were bikini clad girls as far as the eye could see.

We spent a week with his uncle and aunt in Carrollton who always lavish him with gifts.

Of course they realize what a great person he is, and it doesn't hurt that he's the only Medlin heir.

We held his 10th birthday party at the city pool where he was joined by family and friends and as usual he got everything he asked for. We now have nearly every game system ever invented. Being the only child does have its perks.

Buying his school supplies, while it was fun for me, was less than entertaining for him.

Buying school supplies was the only thing I really liked about school when I was a child and having anything I could call my own was always appealing.

I do admit that trying to figure out the difference



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between a 2 inch notebook and a three ring binder was challenging.

And while we walked up and down the Wal-Mart aisle with list in hand I suddenly came to the realization that this is probably the last year his supply list will have 24 count crayons and one bottle of Elmer's glue on it.

Which means there won't be many more brightly drawn pictures of blue houses with a big grinning yellow sun shining down on three stick figures frolicking on the green grass.

I suppose if I get to feeling very melancholy about his rapidly approaching adulthood, I can always drag out the artwork he did in pre-k (I kept all of it) and stick them on the refrigerator for old times sake.

Each new year is always an adjustment for all of us. New schedules, homework

and being in bed at a decent hour takes some getting used to. But we also look forward to awards ceremonies, the fall festival, Christmas programs, etc.

When you send your children to their first day of school, whether they ride the bus or if you take them, give them a big hug and tell them you love them.

Try to dwell on the good things they do and praise them mightily for them throughout the year.

Remember that children learn their values from the adults around them, not just their parents, and will probably carry those values with them for the rest of their lives.

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Hull Reunion



Courtesy photo

Forty-five descendants of Samuel L. and Augusta Hull gathered for the annual reunion on Saturday, Aug. 3, at Salem Baptist Church. Samuel Leonard and his father, Samuel Smith Hull, moved from the Colorado City area to the Salem community in 1906 to homestead and farm in that area. Samuel L. and Augusta had 11 children, all now deceased but the first cousins continue the tradition each year.

First cousins, pictured above, Helen Worthan, Doylene Baugh, Gussie Overturf and Buford Hull were in attendance. Traveling the farthest was Martha Horelica, descendent of Edna Hull Davidson, who came from Houston. The oldest person there was Gussie Overturf and the youngest person there was A.J. Gutierrez, son of Adolph and Wyvett Gutierrez and granddaughter of Randy and Barbara Hull.

Simple soup can trace its roots back 100 years

BROWNSVILLE — Maybe it's the luring smell, the soothing taste or the amazing simplicity of fideo that makes it so appealing.

No matter what the reason, fideo continues to be popular in Brownsville with roots stretching back nearly 100 years.

The spaghetti-like noodle is served dozens of ways and its boxes are a colorful sight on area grocery store shelves.

In the kitchen or on the restaurant table, Valley and state residents have warmed to the meal and continue to scoop it up and pass on the tradition of making fideo.

Rosie Gomez of Brownsville remembers how her grandmother made her favorite "sopita" when she was a little girl in Matamoros. She taught Gomez how to make it when she was only 10 years old.

"It came down like a tradition type of thing," said Gomez of Brownsville. "I couldn't even reach the stove."

The recipe had been

passed down by Gomez's great-great-grandmother.

Antonio Gomez Zavaleta, vice president for external affairs and professor of anthropology at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, said that fideo qualifies as a "cultural super food."

Zavaleta said that a cultural super food is one that an ethnic group identifies with.

But rather than focus on the scientific of the food, Zavaleta said he prefers to remember his past connections to the meal.

As a child, he would spend his summers at his grandparents ranch between Nuevo Progreso and Rio Bravo.

Just like Gomez, Zavaleta's grandmother introduced him to sopa de fideo.

"My earliest recollections as a child are in the summertime in my grandmothers ranch just waiting for the fideo to be served," Zavaleta said.

And while Zavaleta can recall eating it, Carmina

Brito of Brownsville is more concerned that people today continue making fideo and properly.

Brito said she makes fideo for her grandchildren specifically to pass on the culture of the food.

"It should remain in our culture and I have taught it to my grandchildren so that they won't forget," Brito said.

Though she has taught her children how to make sopa de fideo, Brito said they have a hard time making it like she does.

Brito blames that on their electric stoves. She was taught how to make fideo on a gas stove and says that makes such a big difference.

Whether the warm meal is served as a soup or not, it is definitely considered a tradition by most Valley residents.

If tradition isn't reason enough to take fideo seriously, at least consider its strong sales.

James Drash, senior vice president of Lopez Supermarkets in Brownsville, said that the

sale of fideo is always pretty steady at the stores. He credits that to the Hispanic population.

"I think it's just a stable meal in the culture. It's like eggs and bread and milk," Drash said.

Those yellow and red boxes of Q&Q Brand vermicelli (fideo) that adorn supermarket shelves are a common sight in the Valley.

O.B. Macaroni Company distributes that brand of pasta throughout Texas and in some parts of New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Company President Carlo Laneri said the company began to market fideo in the 1950s out of Fort Worth.

"It was a quick and easy product for the migrant workers," Laneri said.

He said that South Texans purchase the most fideo out of any other region in the state, and he credits that to the popularity of fideo among Hispanics, who form about 90 percent of the areas population.

One Brownsville restaurant can definitely attest the success of sopa de fideo.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Glasscock County Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 pm, August 29th, 2002 in Administration Building, located at 308 West Chambers, Garden City, Tx. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparison set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.3070	\$0	\$1.3070	\$9.923	\$258
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	1.8554		1.8554	9.945	242
Proposed Rate	\$1.50	\$0	\$1.50	\$8.286	\$242

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tx revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of the district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$43,940	\$43,940
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$20,150	\$20,150
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.30	\$1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$293.79	\$263.36
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$38.89

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.50. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.50.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state and payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$2,638,244.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

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Biggio HR lifts Astros to 4-3 win over Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — Craig Biggio looked up at the scoreboard, saw the Houston Astros were up 3-0 in the seventh and knew it wouldn't be enough to win the game.

He was right. Biggio's solo homer in the seventh turned out to be the game-winner Wednesday afternoon, as Houston had to withstand yet another Chicago Cubs rally before winning 4-3. It was Houston's second one-run victory in as many days.

"Three-nothing in this ballpark, there is no way," Biggio said. "With that lineup as good as it is and the bullpen that they have, it's tough."

The Astros' bullpen is pretty good, too, though. After Sammy Sosa's two-run, two-out single in the eighth, Pedro Borbon struck out Fred McGriff.

Pinch-hitter Angel Echevarria drove in another run off of rookie Ricky Stone in the ninth. But Stone, in his first major league save opportunity, struck out Mark Bellhorn to preserve the victory.

"Unfortunately, they got ahead of us," Cubs interim manager Bruce Kimm said, "and we couldn't quite catch up."

Wade Miller (10-3) scattered two runs and five hits over 7 2-3 innings to get his career-best seventh straight decision. He struck out six and walked four.

Carlos Zambrano (2-4) allowed four runs — two earned — and four hits in seven innings. He struck out seven and walked three.

The Astros have jumped out to early leads in every game of this series, only to watch the Cubs rally.

On Monday, Houston was up by seven runs before Sosa's two-run homer in the seventh inning cut the lead to 9-6. On Tuesday, the Astros led by five runs before winning 5-4.

It was a similar scenario Wednesday, as Biggio's homer gave Houston a 4-0 lead.

"All of the games that we played this year against each other have been real close," Biggio said.

Sure enough, after pitching magnificently for the first seven innings, Miller tired in the eighth.

Pinch-hitter Roosevelt Brown started the Chicago rally, drawing a walk with two outs. Bellhorn singled and Bill Mueller walked, loading the bases.

That brought up Sosa, whose two-run single up the middle cut Houston's lead to 4-2.



Members of the Big Spring Steers went about making preparations for their upcoming scrimmage against former Class 5A rival Midland Lee last week. The Steers are scheduled to face Midland Lee on Saturday, beginning at 11:30 a.m. with the freshmen.

Butler hoping to use scrimmage to gauge team's overall progress

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Big Spring High School head coach Dwight Butler doesn't expect his team to be in world-class form Saturday when they step onto Scharbauer Stadium. In fact, he's looking at the Steers' first preseason scrimmage as a tool to gauge his team's progress since it began two-day workouts last week.

"Basically we're going into the scrimmage trying to find out what kind of fighters we have," said Butler, who is beginning his 11th year at the helm of the BSHS program. "This is a good way to see how far we've come since we started."

"Really, the scrimmage is a good starting point for us to look back and see how we've progressed as a team and to see what we still need to work on," he added.

Big Spring vs. Midland Lee

The following is a look at the times for this weekend's Big Spring-Midland Lee scrimmage, set for Saturday at Scharbauer Stadium in Midland.

Freshman Scrimmage

Steers vs. Midland Lee ... 11:30 a.m.

JV Scrimmage

Steers vs. Midland Lee ... 12:30 p.m.

Varsity Scrimmage

Steers vs. Midland Lee ... 1:30 p.m.

The Midland Lee and Big Spring varsity squads are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. The scrimmage is expected to last approximately two hours.

In addition to opening the preseason slate for both teams, the Big Spring-Midland Lee matchup will also usher in a new era in Midland football. Big Spring will help open

the new Scharbauer Stadium complex.

For Big Spring, the opening act will mark at least the second time in the school's history that the Steers will open a new facility. Big Spring helped inaugurate Sweetwater's Mustang Bowl in the 1920s.

Saturday's scrimmage actually gets underway at 11:30 a.m. when the Big Spring freshman squad hits the field. The ninth graders are scheduled to face Midland Lee in an hour-long bout, before giving way to the Steers' junior varsity squad.

The exact format for the varsity scrimmage had not been decided as of press time.

Big Spring's final scrimmage of the 2002 preseason will be against Lamesa next Thursday evening, beginning at 7:15 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

IN BRIEF

BSHS cheerleaders to host mini-camp

The Big Spring High School cheerleading squad will be conducting a Mini Cheerleading Camp on Aug. 31 in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium.

The camp is open to all students in grades K-6. The camp costs just \$20 per person.

For more information contact Kris Larson at 264-3641 or 264-6941.

Members of the 2002-03 BSHS varsity cheerleading squad include Casey Tunstall, Kristine Vassar, Stormie Huff, Carli Wise, Cheridan Gelty, Timmi Blackshear, Krystal DeLeon, Lindsay Phillips and Andrea Torres.

Non-denominational touney is scheduled

The inaugural Non-denominational Softball Tournament is scheduled for August 16-17 at Cotton Mize Field in Big Spring.

The tournament is open to any church-sponsored team.

First, second and third-place teams will receive trophies. The top two squads will also earn t-shirts. Overall, 10 all-tournament spots will be awarded along with one MVP and one gold glove award.

Registration is set at \$110 per team. Entry deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 13.

For more information contact Christy at (915) 268-1677 or (915) 816-3717.

New Breed touney slated for Aug. 23

The New Breed Softball Tournament will be held Aug. 23-25 at the Cotton Mize Softball Field. The tournament is a tune-up for the 2002 LULAC event set for later this year.

Entry fee for the New Breed touney is \$115.

For more information contact Amador Rios at (915) 264-6632 or (915) 263-1391.

BS Quarterback Club to hold pep rally

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold a community pep rally at 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater.

The pep rally will recognize all Big Spring fall sports athletes.

For more information about the club or its upcoming events contact Jim Clements at 267-1069 or Randy Phillips at 263-5314.

CLFL begins final sign-up period

The Crossroads Little Football League will hold its final registration period for prospective players, beginning this evening at the Big Spring Mall.

The league will be conducting sign-ups beginning at 6 p.m. Registration will continue Saturday. Persons registering will need to bring their birth certificates and a copy of their report card.

Registration will continue on Friday from 6-8 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Crossroads Little Football League is open to players and cheerleaders in kindergarten through sixth grade. Grades 3-6 play tackle football. Athletes in K-2 will play flag.

The first practice will be Aug. 19 and the first game will be Sept. 7.

All children interested will be placed on a team nearest their home or school.

Talks between players, owners run into 'bumps in the road'

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's labor talks hit a snag when negotiators delved deeper into the key economic issues, leaving the union's executive board on track to set a strike date Friday.

Rob Manfred, the owners' top labor lawyer, has repeatedly expressed optimism, but even he admitted little headway was made at the bargaining table.

"Occasionally in this process, you have bumps in the road. Today probably would be a bump in the

road," he said.

When it met Monday in Chicago, the union's executive board deferred a decision on a strike date, preferring not to add pressure to talks when they were at a delicate stage.

The board is to hold a telephone call Friday, and without progress probably would set a strike date, most likely Aug. 30, according to a person familiar with the players' deliberations who spoke on the condition he not be identified.

Union officials did not

comment after the day's second bargaining session. Players and owners moved only slightly on the key issues, according to several people on both sides of the talks. Today's bargaining will determine what the board does Friday.

Management's proposal for a luxury tax on the payrolls of high-spending teams, as expected, is a divisive issue, one that could cause baseball's ninth work stoppage since 1972.

Owners have proposed a 50 percent tax that would

start with teams over \$100 million, including 40-man rosters and benefits, with the full rate phased for the very highest spenders.

The union has discussed a tax that would start with teams over about \$140 million — only the New York Yankees project to be above that next year — with a much lower tax rate.

Management wants the tax to restrain spending and salaries, while the union maintains a tax must be looked at in conjunction with revenue-sharing, both

part of a system to transfer money from high-revenue teams to low-revenue teams.

"I don't believe that difference is an impediment to an agreement at this point," Manfred said.

But the difference in numbers is. Players fear that a large increase among the teams in the amount of shared locally generated revenue, when combined with a stiff luxury tax, would drain so much money from the high-revenue teams that it would cause a significant drop in salaries.

Palmeiro clubs 32nd homer in Rangers' 11-6 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers bullpen finally produced when it was called upon.

Ismael Valdes received some rare run support and relievers Jay Powell and Francisco Cordero were perfect over the last three innings as the Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 11-6 on Wednesday night.

Texas relievers started the night with 28 blown saves, 27 losses and a 5.52 ERA.

Powell, hampered by a

tendon injury on his right middle finger that kept him out for most of the season's first three months, worked the seventh and eighth innings.

"He was outstanding," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "The outs he got were huge. He hasn't been healthy. His finger hasn't allowed him to throw the hard slider. We haven't seen Jay pitch like he's capable."

Powell said the finger has

affected his grip and prevented him from pitching well.

"Sandy Koufax said the grip is the biggest factor behind your velocity," Powell said. "Sometimes the velocity gets close, but the consistency isn't always there. It's a matter of getting back healthy."

Rafael Palmeiro hit a three-run homer and Herbert Perry added a two-run shot to back Valdes.

Astros' SS out for rest of season following surgery

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros shortstop Julio Lugo will be lost for the rest of the season after undergoing surgery Wednesday to repair a broken forearm, said team officials.

Lugo was injured after being hit by a Kerry Wood pitch Monday night dur-

ing a game with the Chicago Cubs.

Astros' team physician Dr. Tom Mehlhoff performed the surgery, which went successfully, said Astros General Manager Gerry Hunsicker. Mehlhoff inserted a small plate and six screws in Lugo's left ulna bone.

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Questions raised about another Little League team from the Bronx

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — An uneasy sense of familiarity marks the start of the Little League World Series, with eligibility questions swirling around another New York baseball team.

With the series set to open Friday, Little League is investigating allegations the Harlem team that won the Mid-Atlantic Regional did it with players from outside the league's boundaries.

Newspapers reported Wednesday that as many as three players, including star pitcher Albay Barkley, live outside the Harlem Little League district, according to neighbors.

Last summer's Little League World Series was dogged by scandal when Bronx, N.Y., pitcher Danny Almonte was discovered to be too old to play. Almonte's team was forced to forfeit its third-place finish after officials determined he was 14 instead of 12.

Last week, Little League received two anonymous messages claiming three of Harlem's players lived outside the team boundaries and that several players were too old. To be eligible for this year's tournament, players could not turn 13 before Aug. 1.

Those charges were investigated and disproved, Little League officials said. But Newsday reported that three Harlem players appear to live outside the district — Barkley and shortstop pitcher Jeremy "Jeter" Lopez in the Hunts Point section of the Bronx,

and third baseman-pitcher Andrew Diaz in Washington Heights. Lance Van Auken, the spokesman for Little League and a member of the committee that investigates eligibility questions, said Wednesday the new allegations involve different players.

Little League is investigating and expects to make a decision on the allegations in the next day or two, Van Auken said. For now, the Harlem team remains eligible. Its first game is Saturday against a team from Clemmons, N.C.

"There is no reason for us to believe at this point that there was any concerted effort to bend or break any rules here," Van Auken said. Barkley was the starting pitcher and hit a two-run homer Tuesday night when Harlem beat Lehigh Little League of Bethlehem, Pa., 5-4 in seven innings.

One of the Harlem coaches, Bill McGee, declined to discuss the allegations. "We're just getting settled in here. If you have any questions about baseball, we'll be happy to talk about it," he said. "But if you have any questions about anything else, you should ask the league officials."

In Hunts Point, one teenager said Barkley was definitely a local resident. "He lives here," said Omar Camacho, 13, of the Bronx, who said Barkley was a regular at local pick-up games. "I've known him for a while."

Former Cowboy sentenced on drug trafficking charge

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Nate Newton was sentenced to 30 months in prison Wednesday on a federal drug trafficking charge.

Newton, who pleaded guilty in April as part of a plea agreement, could have faced up to 20 years and a \$1 million fine.

During the sentencing, Newton took the stand and expressed remorse for his role in the crime. "I know I've done wrong and I know there's a price to be paid," said Newton, wearing a large black-and-gray checkered sport coat and black slacks. "I'm willing to do whatever it takes to get back into the community."

Mavs' players could miss championships

RICHMOND, British Columbia (AP) — Steve Nash is caught in the middle of a fight between Mark Cuban and Russ Granik, the details of which could only be appreciated fully by Lloyds of London.

Unless a resolution comes soon, Nash might not play for Canada at the upcoming World Championships. And if the widening dispute between the outspoken owner of the Dallas Mavericks and the NBA's deputy commissioner gets any worse, two members of the U.S. team — Michael Finley and Raef LaFrentz — could also miss the Championships.

The argument boils down to insurance coverage for NBA players representing their national teams. Cuban maintains that the NBA-sanctioned policy that each federation purchases has become outdated.

SPORTS EXTRA

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes East and West Divisions.

Wednesday's Games: Oakland 4, Toronto 2; Cleveland 6, Tampa Bay 4; Baltimore 6, Minnesota 5, 14 innings; Texas 11, Chicago White Sox 6; Boston 12, Seattle 5; Anaheim 5, Detroit 4.

Today's Games: Cleveland (Westbrook 11) at Tampa Bay (Kennedy 7-8), 6:15 p.m.; Baltimore (Johnson 3-9) at Minnesota (Lohse 10-6), 7:05 p.m.; N.Y. Yankees (O. Hernandez 6-3) at Kansas City (Asencio 2-4), 7:05 p.m.; Boston (Fossum 2-1) at Seattle (Garcia 12-8), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Arizona Diamondbacks — Placed INF Craig Counsell on the 15-day disabled list. Activated C Damian Miller from the 15-day disabled list.

Pittsburgh Pirates — Released RHP Josias Manzanillo. Recalled RHP Bronson Arroyo from Nashville of the PCL.

St. Louis Cardinals — Purchased the contract of RHP Gabe Molina from Memphis of the PCL. Activated RHP Matt Duff to Memphis.

National Basketball Association: Los Angeles Lakers — Signed G.A.J. Guyton. Miami Heat — Signed F Rasual Butler.

New Jersey Nets — Signed F Rodney Rogers to a three-year contract. Sacramento Kings — Signed F Keon Clark to a one-year contract.

Football: Buffalo Bills — Released CB Jykine Bradley and WR Derrick Fletcher. Chicago Bears — Agreed to an injury settlement with DT Rodney Jones and waived him.

TRANSACTIONS

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Claimed FB Jerry Westbrooks off waivers from Miami. Placed S Scott Frost on injured reserve. MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Released QB Spergon Winn and WR Devin Lewis.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed CB Jimmy Hitchcock. NEW YORK JETS — Waived WR Jeris Evans.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed S Chad Cola. Placed S Kevin Curtis on injured reserve. Waived P Andrew Bayes.

ARENA FOOTBALL LEAGUE: BUFFALO DESTROYERS — Placed L Jerry Crafts and WR/DB Jason Waters on the exempt list.

WNBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-3): EASTERN CONFERENCE: New York vs. Indiana, Friday, Aug. 16. New York at Indiana, 6 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE: Los Angeles vs. Seattle, Thursday, Aug. 15. Los Angeles at Seattle, 9 p.m.

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-3): Thursday, Aug. 22. TBD, 7 p.m.

Finals: Thursday, Aug. 29. TBD, 6:30 p.m.

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NFL PRESEASON

AMERICAN CONFERENCE: N.Y. Jets, 1-0-0-1,000-16-6.

WESTERN CONFERENCE: N.Y. Giants, 2-0-0-1,000-56-36.

FISHING

AUSTIN (AP) — fishing report as Texas Parks Department for also available www.txfishing.com

BUCHANAN: W degrees; 1018, 50 fair on Carolina rig.

Sliding Weight crankbaits in 12- topwaters along I. Striped bass are Traps, 3" Lit'l Fir.

Pirk Minnows at first face. Trolling Curt 18 - 25 feet is White bass are fair.

3 Terminator In-Lit'l Fishie Shads, Minnows on lake are slow. Channel in creeks and pools.

Flathead and blue on live and cut bait. PROCTOR: Water degrees; 1162, 06, slow. Striped bass, shad, and trolling of bass are slow. Cr.

minnows in 3. Free blue catfish to 20 on shad and worms are slow on perch. SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water 83 degrees; Black spinnerbaits and jig 15 feet. Striped bass, st. bass are fair on slow live minnow.

blue catfish are fair in 3 feet. Yellow cat WEST ALAN HENRY: Water degrees; Black bass are fair on poppers, in 15-20 feet depths.

Crappie are fair on under lights. ARROWHEAD: Water degrees; 84 degree Black bass to 7 top jigs at night.

Crappie, minnows and jigs fish paddle docks and feet around derricks, good on Rat-L-Traps. Catfish to 7 pounds ing near the dam.

COLORADO CITY: degrees; 9.5 low; slow. Crappie are slow. Redfish are slow. Fishing is due to a toxic golden FT. PHANTOM HILL

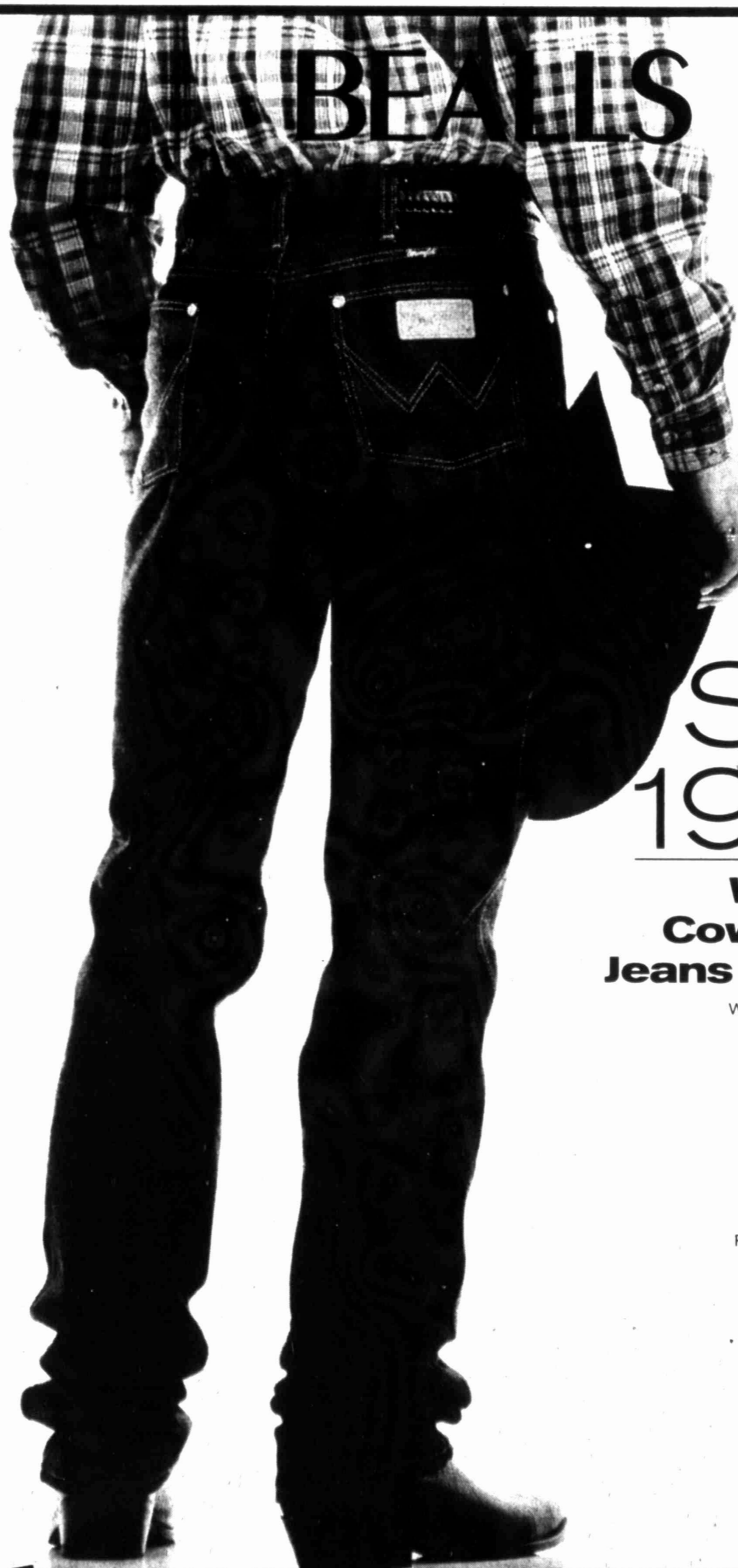
87 degrees; 5.6 low, fair. Crappie are fair, good on minnows and are fair on minnows. HUBBARD CREEK

stained; 85 degrees. Black bass are good on crankbaits and Crappie are fair. White hybrid, stripers are good on Rat-L-Traps and under night. Catfish are fair.

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 86 degrees; fair on minnows, sp topwaters. Crappie are good on minnows and White bass and striped on minnows. Catfish, minnows and perch. OAK CREEK: Water

87 degrees; No boat Black bass are fair, good near docks or jigs. Catfish are fair on under lights. Catfish are good on minnows and under light. Smallmouth bass are good on trotting goldfish, chicken live.

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FISHING REPORT

AUSTIN (AP) —Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Aug. 14. (Report also available on Web as www.txparks.com.)

CENTRAL
BUCHANAN: Water clear; 85 degrees; 1018.50; Black bass are fair on Carolina-rigged 4" pumpkin Sliding Weight Craw Fish and crankbaits in 12 - 25 feet, and on topwaters along lake points early. Striped bass are good on Rat-L-Traps, 3" Lit'l Fishie Shads, and Pink Minnows at first light on the surface. Trolling Curb's striper jigs in 18 - 25 feet is also productive. White bass are fair but small on No. 3 Terminator In-Line spinners, 2" Lit'l Fishie Shads, and 1/4oz. Pink Minnows on lake points. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are good in creeks and pockets on trotlines. Flathead and blue catfish are good on live and cut bait.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 84 degrees; 1162.06; Black bass are slow. Striped bass are good on cut shad, and trolling crankbaits. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows in 8 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 20 pounds are good on shad and worms. Yellow catfish are slow on perch.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water slightly murky; 83 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and jigs over grass in 15 feet. Striped bass are fair on striper jigs near the dam. White bass are fair on slabs. Crappie are slow on live minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait in 3 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 85 degrees; Black bass to 5 pounds are fair on poppers and Carolina-rigs in 15 to 20 feet depth, and smaller bass are very good on worms. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs under lights.

ARROWHEAD: Water stained (from wind); 84 degrees; 6.7 low; Black bass to 7 pounds are fair on jigs at night. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around the paddle docks and suspended in 15 feet around derricks. White bass are good on Rat-L-Traps while trolling. Catfish to 7 pounds are good drifting near the dam.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 85 degrees; 9.5 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow. Fishing is extremely slow due to a toxic golden algae bloom.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 87 degrees; 5.6 low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair. White bass are good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on minnows.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 14.5 low; Black bass are good on worms, crankbaits and Rattle-L-Traps. Crappie are fair. White bass and hybrid striped are good on chrome Rat-L-Traps and under lights at night. Catfish are fair.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 86 degrees; Black bass are fair on minnows, spinnerbaits and topwaters. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on minnows and perch.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 87 degrees; No boat ramps open. Black bass are fair. Crappie are good near docks on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows and stinkbait.

OH. IVE: Water lightly stained; 86 degrees; 19 low; Black bass are fair on minnows, dark jigs and topwaters. Crappie are good under lights at night and at dawn. White bass are good on minnows at dusk, dawn and under lights at night. Smallmouth bass are slow. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with goldfish, chicken liver, and perch.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 1.3 low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair. White bass are fair. Striped bass are fair on under lights. Catfish are fair.

SPENCE: Water stained; 81 degrees; 55 low; Black bass are fair on jigs and red shad plastics. Crappie are fair. White bass, striped bass and hybrid striped are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad. Fishing is generally slow due to golden algae bloom.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees; 2.5 low; Black bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are fair on crankbaits and minnows. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with shad and stinkbait.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 19.5 low; Black bass are fair on topwaters and minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on minnows and chrome Rat-L-Traps. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with minnows and chicken liver.

WHITE RIVER: Water murky (from wind); 85 degrees; 20 low; Black bass fair. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Walleye are fair. Catfish are good on minnows.

WICHITA: Water stained (from wind); 86 degrees; 3 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Hybrid striped are slow. Catfish are fair near the Wichita Park area around the cat-tails on large shiners, worms, liver, and shrimp.



By BETTY DEBNAM

Flashy Display

Fireflies Light Up Night

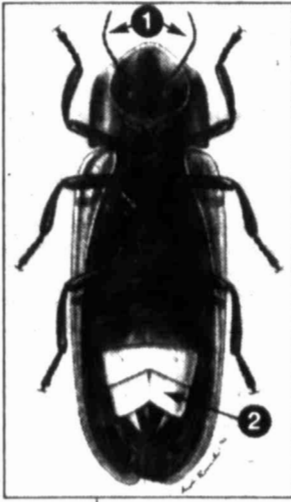
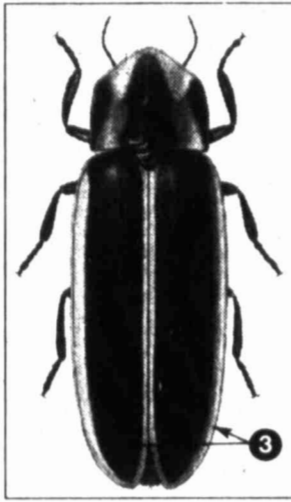
Lightning bugs, also called fireflies, are insects that flash tiny glowing signals on warm nights. Many kids west of the Rocky Mountains might never have seen them in real life. Fireflies prefer warm, humid conditions, and conditions in the West aren't quite right. Fireflies are usually found east of the Rockies.

The peak firefly time is in June and July, but many species don't come out until late August or September.

Jar light, jar bright

Have you ever caught fireflies and watched them flicker in a jar? The Mini Page talked to an expert about the best way to observe these flashy insects. 1. Find a clear plastic container. 2. Poke only one or two little holes in the lid. If there are too many holes, the fireflies could dry out. (Don't worry—there will be enough oxygen in the jar to keep them alive.)

3. Put a damp paper towel or damp piece of cotton inside the jar. Fireflies need high humidity. 4. Remember, the life of a firefly is very short, and you will want to set them free after a few hours.



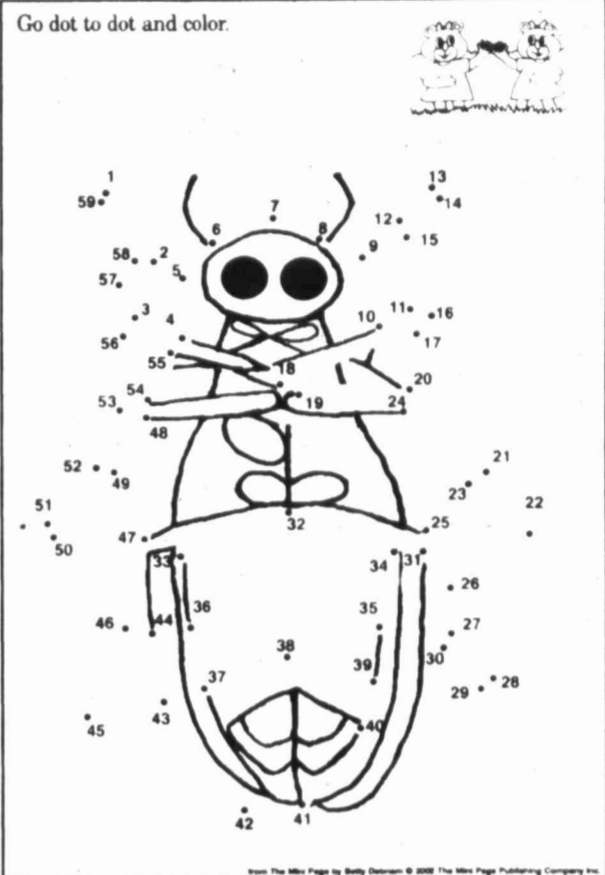
The firefly, or lightning bug, is not really a fly. It is a beetle. Fireflies have only two wings. Beetles usually have four wings. The front wings have a strong covering, and pop up to form a shield when the beetle is flying. The delicate back wings do all the actual flying. This illustration shows some firefly parts, including: 1. antennae 2. abdomen section that lights up 3. wings

Chemical magic

Fireflies create light by causing a chemical reaction in special cells in their bodies. When fireflies breathe in oxygen, the oxygen fuels the light-making reaction. The more oxygen, the brighter the light.

Messages of light

Fireflies may signal when they are in trouble. But usually fireflies flash their lights to attract a mate. The female waits in the grass or weeds, flashing her species' signal. In many species, the female cannot even fly. The males fly about until they spot the female's signals, then they hover around her, sparkling to get her attention.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Wacky Guacamole

You'll need: 2 ripe avocados, peeled and cut into chunks; juice of 1/2 lemon; 1/4 cup salsa. What to do: 1. Place avocado pieces in a medium bowl and mash well with a fork. 2. Stir in lemon juice and salsa. Mix well. 3. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve with tortilla chips. Makes about 2 cups.

The Mini Page Presidents of the United States Poster. Large! 22 1/2" x 26 1/2". Ideal for Classroom or Home. Includes every president in chronological order, from George Washington to George W. Bush, with the dates that each held office. Handsome reproductions of engraved portraits. An attractive educational reference.

Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Ichiro Suzuki. Height: 5-9 Weight: 160 Birthdate: 10-22-73 College: Kasugai, Japan. Many pro baseball players are from foreign countries. One of the best players in the major leagues is from Japan. He is Ichiro Suzuki, who plays right field for the Seattle Mariners. He is the first Japanese player who is not a pitcher to play in the majors.

Meet 3 of Hearts. Blaire Stroud, Katie McNeill and Deserea Wesdin have been best friends for many years. These three friends are the members of the singing group 3 of Hearts. The girls are from Fort Worth, Texas, and all sang in the school choir. Deserea and Katie met when they were in elementary school, and they met Blaire when they were in seventh grade. They first sang together in 1998. Katie, 19, was born in Oklahoma City. She likes sports, especially gymnastics, track and softball. Deserea, 18, was born in El Centro, Calif. She likes figure skating, making scrapbooks and listening to music. Blaire, 19, likes horseback riding, gymnastics, and playing golf and soccer.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes. All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category? Tom: What kind of tool do you need to fix a broken ape? Terry: A monkey wrench! Tim: What did the gorilla say when it dialed the wrong number? Tina: "King Kong ring wrong!" Desmond: What happens when a gorilla sits on a piano? Dina: It goes flat!

Fireflies TRY 'N FIND. Words and names that remind us of fireflies are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: LIGHTNING, FIREFLIES, SPECIES, WINGS, FLICKER, SIGNAL, CONTAINER, LIFE, CHEMICAL, FLASH, REACTION, BREATHE, BUG, MESSAGES, HOVER, WORLD, LAND, GLOW.

Mini Spy... Mini Spy and her friends are catching fireflies for fun. See if you can find: question mark, word MINI. two men in the moon, number 2, two bells, flyswatter, kite, sailboat, number 7, number 3, sock, strainer, toothbrush.

Fascinating Firefly Facts

Flashing by: There are more than 1,900 kinds, or species, of fireflies throughout the world, on every continent except Antarctica. In North America there are about 170 species. Each species has its own pattern of flashes. The number, length and color of the flashes are different for each species. Some twinkle and sparkle more. Some make long dashes, others make short little bursts. Others make zigzags of light. One species makes a J-shaped pattern. The colors are usually different shades of yellow or green. Some flash at different times of the night. Some may twinkle at sunset and stop in an hour. Others come out only when it's completely dark. In Asia some species flash in unison, so that they all light up at once. Lighting up their lives: When living creatures make light, it is called bioluminescence (bi-o-loo-muh-NES-uhns). This light from living creatures is unusual because it is "cold" light. It gives off almost no heat. For example, a firefly turns almost 100 percent of its energy into light. In comparison, an electric light bulb turns only 10 percent of its energy into light. The rest is given off as heat. Most animals that give off light, such as squid or jellyfish, live in the ocean. Light-producing land creatures include some other beetles, some fungi and some bacteria. Next week The Mini Page is about back-to-school manners.

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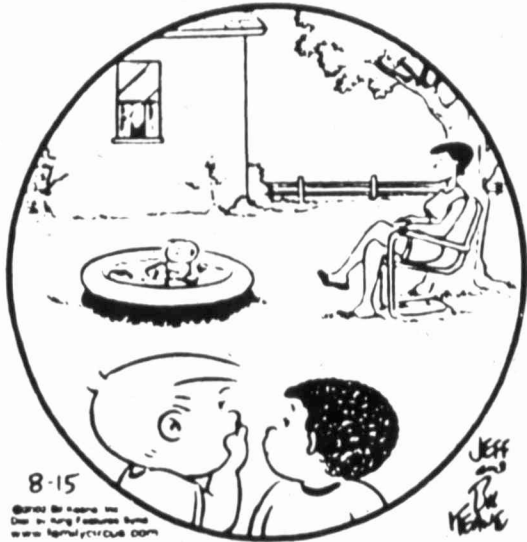
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"JUST IN CASE WE MEET UP WITH ANY PIRATES, I'M YOUR MAN."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"If my mom had her way, every PUDDLE would have a lifeguard."

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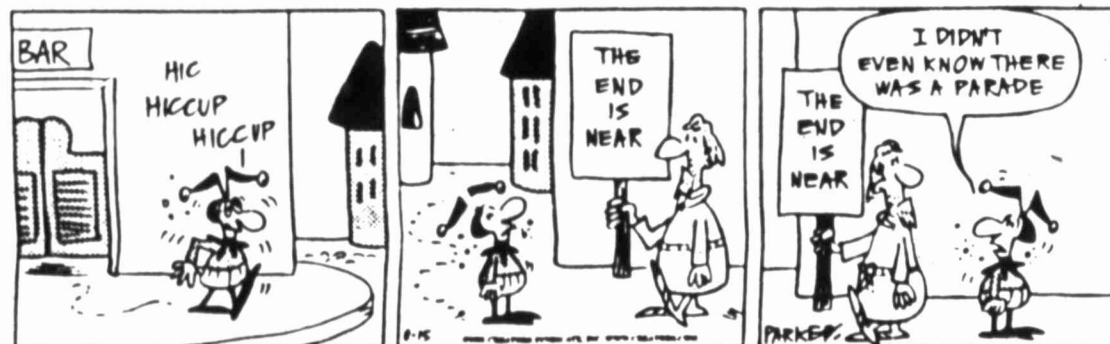
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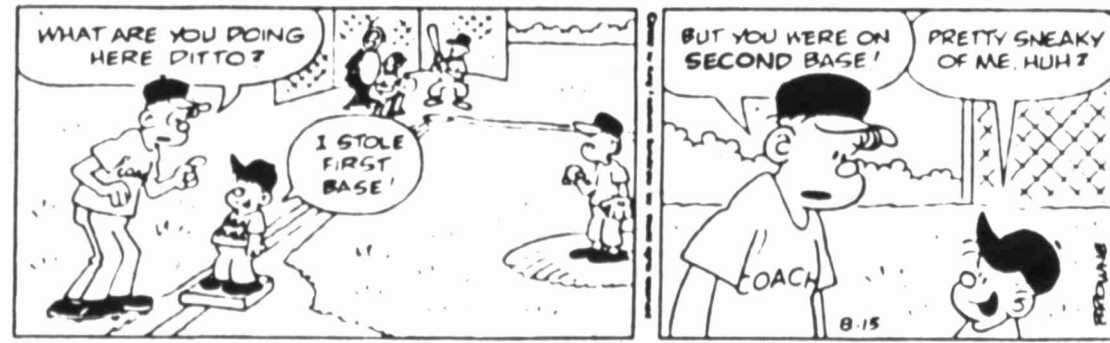
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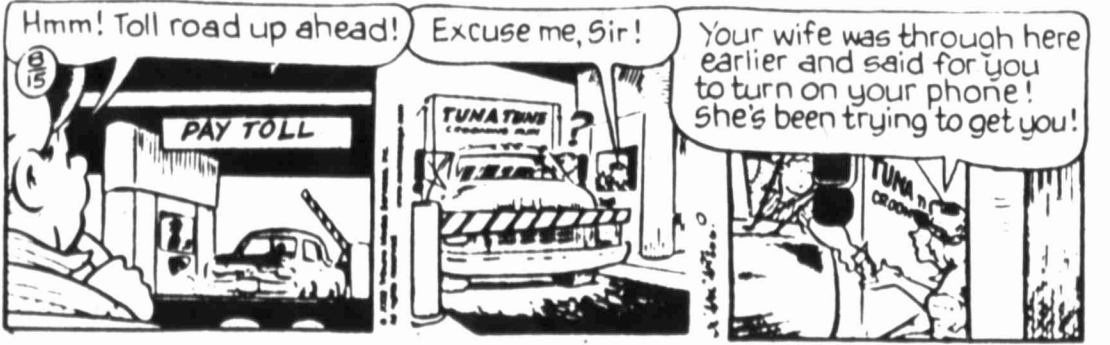
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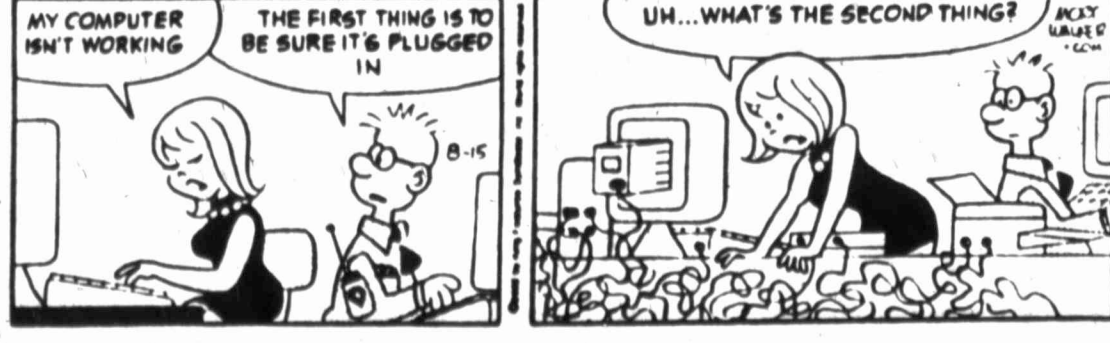
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, Aug. 15, the 227th day of 2002. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Aug. 15, 1945, was proclaimed "V-J Day" by the Allies, a day after Japan agreed to surrender unconditionally.

On this date: In 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.

In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces landed in southern France.

In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

In 1948, the Republic of Korea was proclaimed.

In 1961, East German workers began building the

Berlin Wall.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.

In 1971, President Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents.

In 1994, Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, the terrorist known as "Carlos the Jackal," was jailed in France after being captured in Sudan.

In 1998, 29 people were killed by a car bomb in Omagh, Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility.

Ten years ago: While Republicans were gathering in Houston for their national convention, President Bush was spending a weekend at Camp David, his renomination secure.

Five years ago: The government expanded its recall of ground beef sold under the Hudson brand name to 1.2 million pounds because of new evidence of possible contamination by E. coli bacteria. The Justice Department decided against prosecuting senior FBI officials in connection with an

alleged cover-up that followed the deadly 1992 Ruby Ridge siege in Idaho.

Today's Birthdays: Cooking expert Julia Child is 90. Actress Dame Wendy Hiller is 90. Political activist Phyllis Schlafly is 78. Actor Mike Connors is 77. Jazz musician Oscar Peterson is 77. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bill Pinckney (The Drifters) is 77. Actress Janice Rule is 71. Actress Abby Dalton is 70. Actress Lori Nelson is 69. Singer-producer Bobby Byrd is 68. Attorney and civil rights activist Vernon Jordan is 67. Actor Jim Dale is 67. Actress Pat Priest is 66.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

UNCERTAIN ENDINGS by Bob Frank
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Parlor piece
- 5 Imitate
- 10 Turkish title
- 14 Fullest extent
- 15 Overflowing
- 16 Flue buildup
- 17 Word of regret
- 18 Alfalfa's love
- 19 Whistle sound
- 20 "It's not a sure thing"
- 23 Southwestern desert
- 25 Suffix for cash
- 26 Extended story line
- 27 Purdue's st.
- 29 J.E.B. Stuart's govt.
- 30 Driver's need: Abbr.
- 33 Cheerful
- 35 Paper purchase
- 37 Actress Merrill
- 38 "I'm almost done"
- 41 13 Down degs.
- 42 Actress Russo
- 43 Performance hall
- 44 Pothook shape
- 45 Feb. follower
- 46 "Boom bah" preceeder
- 48 Retirees' fund org.
- 49 Cast seeds
- 50 Put in apple pie order
- 52 "You're nicely dressed"
- 58 Bruins' sch.
- 59 Bother badly
- 60 Nastase of tennis
- 63 "Is _ so?"
- 64 Video-game pioneer
- 65 Tear asunder
- 66 Area
- 67 Nostalgic fashion
- 68 Son of Isaac
- DOWN
- 1 _ Na Na
- 2 Peanut product
- 3 Learning method
- 4 Discombobulated
- 5 Megalomaniacs
- 6 "As _ saying ..."
- 7 Sportscaster Albert
- 8 Land in the ocean
- 9 Personal magnetism
- 10 Up and about
- 11 Blunder
- 12 Walk, with "it"
- 13 Legal defender: Abbr.
- 21 Madonna movie
- 22 Vote of support
- 23 Lobby flooring
- 24 Bay windows
- 28 Laundry appliance
- 29 Walking sticks
- 30 _ of the Rich and Famous
- 31 Instill
- 32 Grand _ Island (vacation spot)
- 34 Sega competitor
- 36 German article
- 37 Accomplished
- 39 Get closer
- 40 Director von Sternberg
- 45 Miss Piggy's pronoun
- 47 Ab _ (from the beginning)
- 49 Footwear for Sarah Hughes
- 51 In flames
- 52 Move for Sarah Hughes
- 53 Cuatro y cuatro
- 54 Pearl Buck heroine
- 55 Slalom obstacle
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- 61 _ nutshell
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