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July 28, 2003

WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 71°-75° TOMORROW 96°-99°

INSIDE TODAY



BOB HOPE DIES

LOS ANGELES — Bob Hope, ski jump-nosed master of the one-liner and favorite comedian of servicemen and presidents alike, has died, just two months after turning 100.

Hope died late Sunday of pneumonia at his home in Toluca Lake, with his family at his bedside.

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BRIEFLY

FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED

Howard and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming a foster/adoptive family, please contact the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

Immunizations

The Texas Department of Health is offering special immunization hours from 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Thursday from now until July 29.

Parents need to bring their child's shot record or a letter from their school or day-care. The TDH is located in the College Park Shopping Center, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B.

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BSISD students beginning 'Camp Read-A-Lot'

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

About 80 children headed to camp today at Washington Elementary for the first Big Spring Independent School District 'Camp Read-A-Lot.'

'We're in good shape,' said BSISD lead teacher Donna Amonett, the program's director. 'The teachers are really excited

about the program.'

Students heading into the first through fourth grades are attending the two-week program to brush up on reading skills before beginning the new school year.

Participants gathered in the elementary cafeteria this morning to be sorted into groups and meet their group leaders before heading to class.

For the rest of camp, students will begin the day in the school's library.

The program runs from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and participation is purely voluntary. The district is not providing breakfast or lunch services to the participants.

Busing is available for students who live outside the school's two-

mile radius. For more information about transportation, call Howard Stewart, director of transportation and auxiliary services, at 264-4108.

Parents are asked to drop off and pick up their children on the Montecello Street side of the school building.

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Almost one of a kind



Russell Tucker shimmy's up the flagpole at the Troy M. Hogue Law Enforcement Center Friday as he prepares to paint and maintain the pole. Tucker is one of only three professional flagpole painters in the country, he said.

Flagpole painting's lucrative occupation for vagabond Tucker

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Russell Tucker paints flagpoles.

Not only does Tucker paint flagpoles, but he's been doing it for 28 years.

'I gave up college, gave up working at the city hall of the town I was going to college in,' he said. 'I figured I would make more money (painting flagpoles) than becoming a male nurse.'

And the money isn't bad, he said, eyeing the 75-foot pole at the Troy M. Hogue Law Enforcement Center, Big Spring's police station.

'I can probably do that one in about an hour,' he said. 'I'm getting \$150 for it. That's about average.'

Tucker said he travels year-round on a fairly stable route.

'Coast to coast,' he said. 'Post offices, city halls, courthouses, schools, McDonalds, Holiday Inns, hospitals, private businesses ... you name it. Just everything. I've even painted the VA hospital. I just show up. I've got some of the same customers I've had for the past 20 years. Interstate 10, I-20, I-40, then I drop back down to I-10.'

The Birmingham, Ala., native also paints light poles at tennis courts and parking lots, he said.

And Tucker doesn't just paint the poles, he gives them a thorough checkup and maintains the flag-raising gear.

'This one here has got to be painted in chrome,' he said of the police station's pole. 'The ball (topping the spire) is in gold. I oil the pulley, check the ropes. If it needs a new rope, I put a new rope in. Whatever it takes.'

He's never received any training on flagpole care, he said.

'I've done it completely on my own,' he said. 'I'm an independent contractor.'

The best part of the job is the freedom.

'I like to travel,' he said. 'Of course living in hotels every night of the week gets boring, but there's always places to go and people to meet. I go to Florida in the winter. I'm headed up north right now.'

Tucker said that as far as he knows, he's one of only three professional flagpole painters in the United States.

'There's one from Texas, and I think the other one's from Tennessee,' he said.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

Korean War veterans honored

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Fifty years ago, peace came to Korea.

Sunday, 20 veterans of the Korean War were honored at Big Spring's Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veteran's Home to commemorate the armistice's 50th anniversary.

'I think it really went

well,' said Home Administrator Bob French. 'The people were really taken aback, the 20. I think only 19 of them were here, or 18, but there were a lot of teary eyes.'

About 100 people attended the event. About half of those present were residents and staff, and half were outside visitors.

Those honored included

Carl Bagesse, Robert

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Weldon Peeples, a resident of the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans' Home, was one of 20 Korean War veterans honored during a ceremony Sunday commemorating the 50th anniversary of the war's armistice.

HERALD photo/Roger Cline



Heritage Museum Curator Tammy Schrecengost, left, board members Katie Grimes, Jane Jones and Katie Cathey, and Director Nancy Raney pose for a picture in a ground-breaking ceremony for a new storage building.

WTCMHMR developing plan now for budget trim

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

West Texas Centers for MHMR, the local mental health and mental retardation authority for 23 rural counties in West Texas, is developing a budget for the next operating year that reflects the recent cuts mandated by the Texas Legislature.

The 2004 fiscal year's budget is being developed to adapt to required decreases in administrative overhead, rate reduc-

tions for federally funded programs, the elimination of the In-Home & Family Support program for the mentally ill and reductions in state hospital bed day resources.

The new budget results in a \$1.6 million or 17.3 percent reduction in the state-allocated funding.

In anticipation of fewer state dollars, West Texas Centers put forth strong efforts earlier this year to operate efficiently by trimming its administra-

tive budget and reducing staff.

The reductions will force West Texas Centers to operate with a leaner workforce. WTCMHMR will reduce its force by approximately 27 vacant positions and 17 filled positions. Of the 17 filled positions, approximately 14 employees will be offered alternative employment within the organization.

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Obituaries

D. J. "Doug" Cotter

D. J. "Doug" Cotter, 88, of Big Spring died Sunday morning, July 27, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring. Graveside Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Garden City Cemetery with Rev. Walter McCall officiating.

He was born Feb. 23, 1915, in Ballinger. He was the son of W. R. and Mattie Cotter. The family moved to Howard County in 1922 from Iredell. He attended school at Elbow and Forsan. He married Velma Jane Hillger, Dec. 26, 1935. She preceded him in death in 1968. He married Louise Fambro, March 31, 1983, in Big Spring. Mr. Cotter had farmed all of his life in Howard and Glasscock counties. He was a member of the Cedar Ridge Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Cotter of Big Spring; one step-son, James Fambro and his wife, Joyce, of Lubbock and their daughter, Amanda Fambro, also of Lubbock; one sister, Billie Simancher of Portales, N.M.; six brothers, Clarence Cotter of Tucumcari, N.M., Ray Cotter and his wife, Dorothy, of Amarillo, M. J. Cotter and his wife, Nell, of Littlefield, Howard Cotter of Ovalo, Joe Cotter of Amarillo and Jerry Cotter of San Angelo.

He was preceded in death by one son, Jim Cotter; and six brothers and sisters.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Antonio Miranda

Antonio Miranda, 71, of Big Spring, died Sunday morning, July 27, 2003, at his home. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Take note

□ **A TRUST FUND HAS** been set up to help defray the medical expenses of KBYG News Director Brian Michaelz that occurred from complications of appendicitis. The trust is set up at Woodforest National Bank located in Wal-Mart.

□ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

□ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

□ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

□ **ANYONE WHO GRADUATED** from Forsan High School in the period of 1980 to 1989 is invited to an all 1980s reunion that will take place Aug. 1-2.

A schedule is still in the planning stages, but tentative activities include individual class get togethers on Friday, Aug. 1, and a golf tournament, tennis tournament and "Black and White Ball" on Aug. 2.

Organizers have taken great pains to reach as many students as possible but are still missing many. Any who graduated from Forsan during that time period or knows someone who did, is encouraged to call Carole Madry at 268-9191 or email Rick Hope at chalfmhr2@aol.com.

□ **ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED.** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

Support groups

MONDAY

□ The Military Support Group meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the VA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, or wish to support our troops, please join us. For more information, call Treva Hall at 263-8574 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.

□ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

□ New Voice Club support group for laryngectomies and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

□ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Texas RV Park meeting room. For more information, call 263-4948.

□ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today:

• **BOBBY ALLEN KLUG**, 30, of 1745 Purdue was arrested on a charge of assault class C/family violence.

• **BILLY SHAWN KENNEDY**, 24, address unknown, was arrested Saturday on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault, resisting arrest and evading arrest.

• **PATRICIA CARVALHO**, 19, of Brazil was arrested Sunday to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

• **JOANIE LEDESMA**, 20, of 907 W. Interstate 20 was arrested Sunday on city traffic warrants.

• **FERNANDO ARRIAGA**, 26, of 606 NW Eighth St. was arrested Sunday on city traffic warrants.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad. A white 1994 Ford reportedly sustained \$4,000 damage in the incident.

• **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 1800 block of South Gregg Street.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:

- In the 800 block of West 16th Street. Clothing reportedly sustained \$40 damage during the assault.

- In the 1700 block of Purdue Avenue. Clothes were seized as evidence in connection with the assault.

• **AGGRAVATED ROBBERY** was reported in the 1700 block of West Third Street. An undetermined amount of cash was stolen from a restaurant in the area. A handgun was reportedly used in the robbery.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 3300 block of Drexel Avenue, the 800 block of West Ninth Street, the 1000 block of North Main Street, the 2600 block of Dow Drive, the 1700 block of East 13th Street, the 1400 block of Mesa Street and the 3200 block of Duke Avenue.

• **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 300 block of South Runnels Street, the 1300 block of South Scurry Street and the 900 block of Golf Course Road.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of North Highway 87 and the 500 block of West Eighth Street.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported twice in the 700 block of West Interstate 20.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION INTENDING OTHER FELONY, EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION AND RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORT** were reported in the 500 block of South Goliad Street. A structure at the location reportedly sustained \$50 damage while home electronic entertainment equipment reportedly sustained \$20 damage. Other items reportedly suffered \$3 damage. Police seized a weapon other than a firearm as evidence.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:

- In the 1100 block of South Lancaster Street. Reported stolen were items worth \$100. Police seized evidence in connection with the crime.

- In the 2100 block of South Main Street. Reported stolen was computer hardware or software worth \$100, jewelry worth \$190, home electronic entertainment equipment worth \$559, a purse or wallet worth \$15 and an undetermined amount of money.

- In the 1000 block of Wood Street. \$50 damage was reportedly inflicted during the burglary. Home electronic entertainment equipment worth \$50 was reported stolen.

- In the 400 block of West Seventh Street. \$220 damage was reportedly inflicted on the structure. Home electronic entertainment equipment worth \$115 and other items worth \$40 were reported stolen.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 700 block of East 12th Street. Reported stolen were two purses or wallets, one worth \$30 and one worth \$10; clothes worth \$163; and other items worth \$60.

• Several **VEHICLE BURGLARIES** and an **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** were reported in the 700 block of West Interstate 20. In one incident, recordings worth \$3,120 were reported stolen. In another, recordings worth \$479 were reported stolen. In a third, computer hardware or software worth \$2,400, recordings worth \$1,785, \$20 cash and alcohol worth \$5 were reported stolen. In the UUMV case, a red 2001 Ford worth \$15,000 was reported stolen and later recovered. Along with the vehicle, \$73 cash, recordings worth \$1,400, tools worth \$540, alcohol worth \$2, home electronic entertainment equipment worth \$400 and other items worth \$680 were reported stolen. The alcohol was recovered.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- In the 1800 block of West FM 700. A bicycle worth \$80 was reported stolen.

- At Wal-Mart. A converter worth \$1,796 was reported stolen and recovered.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:

- In the 1000 block of North Main Street. \$100 damage was reportedly inflicted during the incident.

- Twice in the 3600 block of Hamilton Street. \$20 damage was reported in each incident.

• **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 200 block of West 16th Street.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

• **RACING FOUR WHEELERS** were reported near the intersection of FM 1785 and FM 1584.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 500 block of Culp.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@crcom.net.

TODAY

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association, 11:30 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Sr. Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. People 50 years old and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 Northwest Fourth St.

DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47, 6:30 p.m., 610 Abrams.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

VFW Post 2013, 7 p.m. All members please attend. For more information call Charlie Gray at 393-5715.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Eagles Lodge Ladies, 7 p.m. Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E. FM 700.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with a 10 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. Tuesday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Highs in the lower 90s.

Friday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-4-13-17-23.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-19-28-29-38. Bonus Ball: 15.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$47 million.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-6-9

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NEWS

Philippine police

MANILA, Phil. — Philippine police arrested an aide of Joseph Estrada, senator for their diars demanding President Gloria Arroyo, who has ecute all 296 mut shopping comple without a shot Sr Arroyo, who has with tanks and Sunday night th rebellion was "a Police on Mon member of Estr near Manila wh ammunition an used by the mut plex in downtow dence as a "stag neers.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Philippine police investigate mutiny

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Philippine police arrested an aide to disgraced former President Joseph Estrada Monday and were investigating a senator for their suspected role in a mutiny by soldiers demanding the government step down.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo vowed to prosecute all 296 mutinous soldiers who seized a Manila shopping complex for 19 hours before giving up without a shot Sunday.

Arroyo, who had threatened to crush the rebellion with tanks and sharpshooters, told the nation Sunday night that the peaceful squelching of the rebellion was "a triumph for democracy."

Police on Monday arrested Ramon Cardenas, a member of Estrada's Cabinet, who owns a house near Manila where officers found assault rifles, ammunition and red arm bands similar to those used by the mutinous soldiers in taking over complex in downtown Manila. Police described his residence as a "staging area or safehouse" for the mutineers.

Senior armed forces officials said civilians would also be investigated, including Sen. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, a former army officer who led a spate of past coups. He has denied involvement in Sunday's uprising.

Civilians killed in war-battered Monrovia

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Shells slamming into tin-roof homes killed at least 16 civilians in Liberia's war-battered capital and the U.S. Ambassador appealed to rebels to lift their bloody eight-day siege of Monrovia to allow food and aid into the city.

Rebels and government forces on Sunday battled at key crossings leading toward President Charles Taylor's downtown stronghold, with the insurgents showing no signs of slackening their drive.

The rebels are pressing a two-month campaign to take Monrovia, a cut-off, bloodied, disease-ridden and hungry city of at least 1.3 million residents and refugees. Their goal is to drive out Taylor, a former warlord behind nearly 14 years of ruinous conflict in the once prosperous West African nation.

But U.S. Ambassador John Blaney appealed to insurgents to lift their eight-day siege and withdraw, saying "If they want to get to a post-Taylor era, this is the way to do it."

Under international pressure to intervene, President Bush has ordered U.S. ships to take up positions off Liberia, ready to support a yet-to-materialize West African-led peace force.

Fire officials maneuver to stop blaze

WEST GLACIER, Mont. (AP) — Fire officials were positioning manpower and equipment to battle an approaching wildfire with fire, but hoped they won't be forced to light a 5,000-acre burnout sooner than planned because of changing weather in Glacier National Park.

Dangerous though it may be, the strategy could pinch off the threat to hundreds of houses, cabins and businesses. And there may be no other choice, fire commanders said Sunday.

"When the weather conditions are right and we have the equipment and people and resources to do the burn, that's what we'll do," said information officer Pete Buist. "The exception is if the fire starts to move quickly. Then we will have to do the burn quickly."

Officials said the burnout could be ignited as early as Monday but they hoped to wait until Tuesday.

Only essential personnel remained at the park's headquarters in West Glacier and much of the western half of the park, where at least three separate fires were burning, is closed during what normally is the height of the tourist season.

Large fires were also burning in other states, including Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, the National Interagency Fire Center reported.

Sharon arrives promising cooperation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bearing a package of goodwill offerings toward the Palestinians, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon prepared for talks with President Bush aimed at finding an elusive peace.

Just hours before Sharon's arrival Sunday in Washington, the Israeli Cabinet approved the release of Islamic militants from prison and tore down some troublesome West Bank roadblocks in what were seen as an attempt to counter Palestinian charges of Israeli recalcitrance in peacemaking.

Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas presented a list of complaints against the Israelis in a meeting Friday with Bush, ahead of Sharon's Tuesday visit to the White House.

Sharon was to meet Monday with American Jewish leaders.

Abbas cited Israel's refusal to free thousands of Palestinian prisoners. He also called for a halt to construction work on settlements in the West Bank and to a wall separating the West Bank from Israel.

Bush makes appearance before NUL

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is making a rare appearance before a group that represents black Americans, part of an effort to build ties to a demographic group that overwhelmingly voted against him in 2000.

Bush was to travel to Pittsburgh on Monday to address a conference of the National Urban League, a group less critical of his policies than the NAACP, which he has shunned during his 2 1/2 years in office.

It was his second trip in a week, and the 21st of his presidency, to Pennsylvania, a state he is working hard to capture next year's election.

Bush planned to give a 25-minute speech, but not to meet otherwise with Urban League leaders or members.

Marc H. Morial, league president and chief executive officer, said delegates would be listening carefully to what Bush said, and to what Democratic rivals said afterward.



Caboose Watercolor Society members Leanda Wood, left, and Estelle Howard discuss some of the watercolor works during the premiere of the society's annual art show, now on display at the Heritage Museum. The temporary display, featuring the best watercolor pieces from area artists, will run through Aug. 19. Daily admission to the museum, 510 Scurry, is \$2 for adults and a \$1 for senior citizens and children. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

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BUDGET

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"After scrutinizing every other alternative, we are now in a position where we are being forced to reduce our workforce, but we are doing everything possible to keep these cuts to a minimum," said Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers for MHMR's chief executive officer.

A large portion of West Texas Centers for MHMR's budget is derived from the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation — the state agency responsible for providing inpatient and outpatient care for people with mental health and/or mental retardation. The center is not a taxing entity and cannot generate additional revenue to make up the difference in lost funding, Smith said.

The center is financially responsible when consumers are admitted from the 23-county area into the state hospital. Losing approximately \$440,000 in state hospital inpatient resources will force stronger management of

this expensive level of care, Smith said.

"If someone needs to be in an inpatient facility, we will do everything in our power to get them the level of treatment they need," Smith said.

"However, we will keep a very watchful eye on the usage of the state hospital and only access it when it is absolutely necessary."

By focusing cuts in administrative and management functions, West Texas Centers is striving to keep full services for consumers. "We are hopeful for an increase in services and elimination of a waiting list in adult mental health services, if everything goes as planned," Smith said.

As part of the legislative cuts, the In-Home & Family Support Program — a program designed to provide grants for consumers to purchase services and supports in the community that are not otherwise available to them — was eliminated for people with mental illness. The same program for people with mental retardation took a substantial cut and was funded at approximately 39 percent of its original amount.

"This was a very flexible program that was an additional support to consumers and their families and we hate to see it taken away or reduced so sharply," Smith said.

WTCMHMR funds more than \$463 per employee a month in health insurance premiums, an area that has experienced continual cost increases the past few years.

"Although this year was our smallest health insurance increase ever, we are very fortunate to be able to once again absorb these cost increases for our employees considering our current budgetary situation," said Smith.

Along with other federally funded programs, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) suffered detrimental cuts to services through a reduction in benefits and more stringent eligibility requirements.

While West Texas Centers is adapting to these types of reductions, they are still looking for other avenues of revenue, Smith said.

"We're continuing to pursue other books of business and other revenue streams to help with

the budget shortfall," Smith said.

"The funding decreases facing us this year are some of the toughest we have ever faced. But we have kept our focus on what our primary responsibility is to the people we serve, knowing that our consumers and their families come first. With this as our guide, we are developing a solid budget that we can present with confidence. We will continue to provide a high-quality service to the vulnerable people in West Texas who need us."

West Texas Centers for MHMR provides assistance for 2,200 people a month with mental illness and/or mental retardation and their families in Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum counties.

The center's operations are governed by a nine-member board of trustees, comprised of county judges in the 23-county service area.

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Jumper spoke at the event, praising those who risked their lives in defense of freedom and remembering those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

"Being in the room with all the veterans from not only the Korean War but other wars was a little emotionally overwhelming," Jumper said. "I just felt like we owed this to them, to recognize them and honor them for what they did for our country."

Because of them and what they did, we're free and we can say that we're proud to be Americans and my daughter can go to school and can go to any college she wants to. I can go to any church I want to. Those kind of things."

Each of the veterans honored received a pin and patches commemorating their service.

For additional information on Texas State Veterans Homes and state

home, land and home improvement loans for Texas veterans, call 1-800-252-VETS, or visit the Texas Veterans Land Board Web site at www.texasveterans.com.

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The camp's curriculum will focus on reading and vocabulary classwork normally covered during the first six weeks of the school year.

By establishing small classes and de-emphasizing grades, Amonett hopes to create an educational environment that is more fun-filled and less

school-like than that children experience during the normal school year.

"On the last day of class, we're inviting the parents come to the cafeteria for the last hour and then have them go to their child's room for a show-and-tell presenta-

tion," she said.

For more information about the BSISD summer reading camp, call the district office at 264-3600.

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OUR VIEWS

50 years later,
Korean War vets
deserve recognition

They have truly been our forgotten veterans, those men who endured the nightmare of war on the Korean peninsula only to return home to little or no adulation and fanfare. The battled back from being almost pushed into the sea at Pusan, fought the first jet-to-jet dogfights in MiG Alley and later froze at the Chosin Reservoir. And still, those who fought in Korea are even today sometimes forced to hear their war described as a "conflict."

When you're a soldier, sailor or airman and some other nation's military forces shooting at you, that's war.

Almost 6 million Americans served in some capacity worldwide during the Korean War from 1950 through 1953. Now it's time for those veterans to get their due. Hopefully, we saw a taste of that Sunday when 20 of the residents at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home were honored during a special 50th anniversary ceremony commemorating the Korean War armistice.

We're sure those 20 veterans were thankful for the recognition during those ceremonies, but we're also sure somewhere in the back of their minds was a nagging comment like, "It's about time."

It's a predicament Vietnam veterans could sympathize with for many years, but our nation seemed to mend the tear in our national fabric that war created when we began to celebrate victory in the Gulf War.

As a result, today those who served in Vietnam receive the recognition they're due. Granted, it came 20 years too late, but at least those veterans are receiving their just desserts.

What about 50 years? So, in addition to the honors bestowed on those veterans home residents yesterday, we here at the Herald would like to offer our thanks to Carl Bagesse, Robert Barnhill, Camp, Jack Colley, John Creuis, Billie Green, Daniel Jones, Wilfred Kennox, Bedford McBryde, Billy Miller, Calixto Majares, Bruce Patterson, Weldon Peoples, Bobby Rankin, Edward Sawyers, Joe Smith, Bennie Watson, William Morris and Jack Martin. Well done, gentlemen.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, thank you for this day and the opportunity to renew our faith in you through your word.
Amen

Mistakes mustn't overshadow Iraq victory

Yes, President Bush and his team have made mistakes.

There were the 16 words about Saddam Hussein's seeking "uranium from Africa," which President Bush admits should not have been in his 2003 State of the Union address. The Bush administration was cocky in its assumption that U.S. troops, unlike U.N. weapons inspectors, would virtually trip over Hussein's weapons of mass destruction.

The WMD remain maddeningly MIA. And it was probably a mistake for Bush to sort of admit to the 16-word mistake — the CIA let him do it — because it led to hysterical charges that Bush deliberately misled the American public to promote a war that Congress had authorized in 2002.

With the 2004 presidential election looming, Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, who voted to authorize war in Iraq, charged that Bush "hoodwinked the American people," The Associated Press reported.

In time, these overplayed stories will become vague memories of Bush-haters desperately trying to paint the lack of an instant victory in Iraq as the bad fruit of Bushie screw-ups. But right now, they constitute the endless chatter of cable news.

You'd think America was losing in Iraq.

Au contraire: U.S. troops engaged in the excruciating task of rebuilding Iraq have been so victorious that they now are dealing with what Gen. Tommy Franks called "catastrophic success." Credit the law of unintended consequences — Baghdad collapsed so quickly that mid-level Baathists were able to melt into the population. They lived to terrorize another day.

More important, however, is the fact that more U.S. soldiers lived, as well. The U.S. victory is not to be taken lightly, even if Gen. John Abizaid admitted last week that the Iraqi situation represents "a classical guerrilla-type campaign."

Again, the mouthpieces over-reacted. As the death toll of American troops killed in action since May 1 reached 38, the Bush-Bashers had begun comparing Iraq to Vietnam and calling for specifics on the administration's "exit strategy." Note United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan's call for a "clear timetable" for a staged U.S. withdrawal of troops.

That's right, the very "international community" elites, who used to put down Bush for being a hick on nation-building, are the folks who are demanding, mere months since the fighting began, "When will it be over?"

Swell idea. Release a timetable that gives Baathist loyalists a schedule for stonewalling.

America's enemies already know that it took 18 dead soldiers to prompt President Clinton to withdraw U.S. troops from a humanitarian mission in Somalia in 1993. During the first Persian Gulf War

(led by the first President Bush), our enemies became too familiar with America's willingness to not finish what we've started.

Yet somehow, some of America's friends do not understand the need for Bush to stick to his pledge to keep U.S. troops in Iraq until there is a "regime change" — which happened — followed by a stable, democratic government — which hasn't happened and won't happen soon.

It will be "a while," L. Paul Bremer, the U.S. civil administrator of Iraq, told NBC's Tim Russert on Sunday. "I don't know how many years."

In Bremer, America has a diplomat who knows better than to create a set number at which eager critics can snipe if it's not met. Bremer, like Bush, knows how to focus on a long-term goal.

Bush spokesman Ken Lisaius noted, "The president has said that we're going to see this mission through so Iraq can be stable and Iraq can be secure and Iraq can be on a path to democracy."

"The president is not going to put a timetable on it because it's such an important mission. He's going to see it through."

Yes, the United States will make mistakes along the way. But the biggest mistake would be to let the snipers turn victory into defeat.

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Let doctors do their jobs

Like most people in America, I have health insurance.

And while I am sympathetic to plans to provide health insurance to everyone in this country, millions of people like me face a different kind of problem: The health care system we have currently does not operate in a rational way. Here is a true-life example, one I bet most of you have experienced yourself.

You find a doctor you like and trust — one whom your insurance company has approved, of course — and you are prepared to follow his or her medical advice.

Recently, my doctor prescribed a drug for me for a common ailment. He did this after examining me and talking to me. He then called upon his years of training and expertise to prescribe exactly the right drug.

So I take his prescription to my pharmacy and hand it in. After a wait, the pharmacist says to me, "Your insurance company won't pay for this."

Why not? I ask. The pharmacist shrugs. "It's on their list," he says.

Their list of what? I say. Their list of drugs they won't pay for," the pharmacist says.

Why the insurance company won't pay for the drug is something mere mortals — you and me — cannot find out.

They won't pay because they won't pay. I call my doctor and tell him the insurance company won't pay for it.

"I was afraid of that," he said. Is the drug no good? I ask. "Oh, no," he says. "It's very good, and it's what you need. But the insurance companies don't like to pay for it."

The drug is neither exotic nor experimental; the insurance companies just don't want to pay.

My doctor mentions another drug, and I check it with the pharmacist, who checks it on his computer. His computer, by the way, is not showing him information on the drug.

It is showing him what the insurance company will and won't pay for, which is the most important decision in medicine today.

"They will make a partial payment," the pharmacist says. "And your doctor has to call them."

Why does my doctor have to call them? I ask.

"Because the insurance company says so," the pharmacist says.

I tell my doctor he has to call the insurance company. My doctor is a hard-working, busy guy, but he will do it. "It usually takes about 10 to 15 minutes on the phone," my doctor says.

Which is not a real lot of time, unless you have to do it for five or six patients a day.

My doctor calls me back and tells me he has called the insurance company and the company has agreed to make a partial payment on the drug. The insurance company almost always agrees, he tells me.

Why, then, does the insurance

company make the doctor call? Because the insurance company knows that most doctors don't want to waste their time calling, which means they will prescribe some other (cheaper) drug, instead.

In other words, some insurance toad somewhere, who does not have any training in medicine and has never examined me, determines what kind of drugs I can take.

I pay for my health insurance. I also make co-payments on all drugs, doctor visits and treatments.

But the insurance company does not view this as my money. The insurance company views everyone as an enemy: It operates as if every patient, every physician, every health care provider is trying to cheat them out of their money.

Undoubtedly some do cheat them, but this has become an excuse for treating everyone as an adversary.

But I am an optimist. And I look forward to a day in America when doctors make medical decisions and not faceless bureaucrats who neither know nor care about us.

And if some presidential candidate could come up with a plan to do that, he or she might really be onto something.

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Doctors decide against risky operation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Doctors have decided separation isn't advisable for two conjoined twin girls born prematurely on Friday.

Brynleigh and Victoria Smith share a heart thought to have six chambers instead of the necessary eight. The two were delivered by Caesarean section face to face, in a bear hug position, at Wilford Hall Medical Center.

The two, who also share a liver, arrived about five weeks early.

They were in critical but stable condition Saturday. A message left with the hospital seeking an updated condition Sunday was not immediately returned.

"I believe that the reason you see so many conjoined twins like this die is because everybody's tried to divide them," Dr. Kirk Milhoan said in Sunday editions of the San Antonio Express-News. "There's not a successful separation surgery on record. So why take the risk?"

Mesh-like device may treat heart disease

HOUSTON (AP) — A few years ago, Leroy Stewart's enlarged heart made walking just 10 feet an arduous activity marked by shortness of breath and chest pains.

Now, the 74-year-old Army veteran walks three blocks a day and volunteers at his church with ease.

The change wasn't the result of a transplant or a new wonder drug. It was a mesh-like piece of fabric stitched over his heart like a jacket to prevent further growth and to reduce its size.

"I'm a whole different person," said Stewart, who traveled last year from his home in Lawton, Okla., to Houston for the two-hour surgery. "I'm not perfect; some days I don't feel good. But I'm feeling good compared to what I had before."

The heart jacket, which looks like a small net, is part of ongoing clinical trials at 30 hospitals in the United States and Canada, including the Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the only Texas hospital involved in the study.

Reservist docs tour Mexican hospital

REYNOSA, Mexico (AP) — A stone's throw from the Rio Grande sits a modest building with two main rooms — a waiting room leading to examination rooms and a classroom where people from five neighboring colonias, or shantytowns, will come for lessons on basic health care.

It's one of 11 in his district and part of Mexico's effort to provide primary health care to the swell of humanity clinging to the northern border, said Dr. Andres Moreno Pecina, the city health administrator.

Pecina outlined the effort to some of the reservist doctors, dentists and nurses serving in the U.S. Department of Defense's Operation Lonestar, a two-week mission to train for deployment while providing much-needed medical care along the Texas border. In its fifth year, Operation Lonestar was taking a new step — across that border.

Ex-POW has two new commitments

EL PASO (AP) — Marital bliss has replaced despair for Army Spc. Edgar Hernandez, among members of the 507th Maintenance Co. held prisoner in Iraq after being caught in an ambush.

"I remember during the fight, I was holding my arm because I got shot and my weapon got jammed," Hernandez said, recalling the attack on the Fort Bliss-based 507th on March 23 near Nasiriyah that led to his captivity. "That's when I thought I was going to die. I thought, 'What will my parents say after they find out I'm dead?'"

Eleven soldiers in his convoy were killed. Hernandez was among five other captured 507th soldiers who were rescued April 13.

Among the toughest experiences in captivity for Hernandez was loss of a source of spiritual strength — letters from his girlfriend, now wife, Edleen. The missives were taken by Iraqi civilians who looted the company's vehicles.

Trooper target in murder-for-hire scheme

HOUSTON (AP) — A high speed chase. Murder for hire. A hit man.

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Brian Nichols never imagined that what started out as a routine traffic stop earlier this year would turn into a bizarre conspiracy. Turns out the driver of the vehicle he tried to pull over wanted to kill him in exchange for some pain pills and a \$15,000 car.

Authorities have arrested Matthew Whitmire, who is in the Liberty County Jail on charges of solicitation and conspiracy to commit capital murder for trying to hire a hit man to kill the trooper, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Sunday newspaper.

The series of events began March 18 when a broken light on a license plate on the truck Whitmire was driving prompted Nichols to pull over the vehicle on U.S. 90 east of Liberty, about 46 miles northeast of Houston.

But Whitmire refused to stop, forcing authorities to chase him for 30 minutes at speeds that sometimes exceeded 100 mph.

Prison populations challenge budgets

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's prison population grew again in 2002 despite a declining crime rate, costing the federal government and states an estimated \$40 billion a year at a time of rampant budget shortfalls.

The inmate population in 2002 of more than 2.1 million represented a 2.6 percent increase over 2001, according to a report released Sunday by the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Preliminary FBI statistics showed a 0.2 percent drop in overall crime during the same span.

Experts say mandatory sentences, especially for nonviolent drug offenders, are a major reason inmate populations have risen for 30 years.

Masterful comedian Bob Hope dead at 100

LOS ANGELES — Bob Hope, ski jump-nosed master of the one-liner and favorite comedian of servicemen and presidents alike, has died, just two months after turning 100.

Hope died late Sunday of pneumonia at his home in Toluca Lake, with his family at his bedside, longtime publicist Ward Grant said Monday.

The nation's most-honored comedian, Hope was a star in every category open to him — vaudeville, radio, television and film, most notably a string of "Road" movies with longtime friend Bing Crosby. For decades, he took his show on the road to bases around the world, boosting the morale of servicemen from World War II to the Gulf War.

He perfected the one-liner, peppering audiences with a fusillade of brief, topical gags.

"I bumped into Gerald Ford the other day. I said, 'Pardon me.' He said, 'I don't do that anymore.'"

He poked fun gently, without malice, and made himself the butt of many jokes. His golf scores and physical attributes, including his celebrated ski-jump nose, were frequent subjects.

"I want to tell you, I was built like an athlete once — big chest, hard stomach. Of course, that's all behind me now."

When Hope went into one of his monologues, it was almost as though the world was conditioned to respond. No matter that the joke was old or flat; he was Bob Hope and he got laughs.

"Audiences are my best friends," he liked to say. "You never tire of talking with your best friends."



Bob Hope with singer Frances Langford during a show for the military. Courtesy photo

He was admired by his peers, and generations of younger comedians. Woody Allen called Hope "the most influential comedian for me."

Hope earned a fortune, gave lavishly to charity and was showered with awards, so many that he had to rent a warehouse to store them.

Through he said he was afraid of flying, Hope traveled countless miles to entertain servicemen in field hospitals, jungles and aircraft carriers from France to Berlin to Vietnam to the Persian Gulf. His Christmas tours became tradition.

He headlined in so many war zones that he had a standard joke for the times he was interrupted by gunfire: "I wonder which one of my pictures they saw?"

So often was Hope away entertaining, and so little did he see his wife, Dolores, and their four adopted children, that he once remarked, "When I get home these days, my kids think I've been booked on a personal appearance tour."

Hope had a reputation as an ad-libber, but he kept a stable of writers and had filing cabinets full of jokes. He never let a good joke die — if it got a laugh in Vietnam, it would get a laugh in Saudi Arabia.

On his 100th birthday, he was too frail to take part in public celebrations, but was said to be alert and happy — and overwhelmed by the outpouring of affection. The fabled intersection of Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street was renamed Bob Hope Square, and President Bush established the Bob Hope American Patriot Award.

"He can't believe that this is happening and that he's made it to his Big 100," son Kelly Hope said at the time.

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He was born Leslie Townes Hope on May 29, 1903, in Eltham, England, the fifth of seven sons of a British stonemason and a Welsh singer of light opera. The Hopes emigrated to the United States when he was 4 and settled in Cleveland. They found themselves in the backwash of the 1907 depression.

The boy helped out by selling newspapers and working in a shoe store, a drug store and a meat market. He also worked as a caddy and developed a lifelong fondness for golf. A highly competitive golfer, he later shot in the 70s and sponsored the Bob Hope Golf Classic, one of the nation's biggest tournaments.

Hope never had a regular straight man, but he worked often with crooner Crosby, first in radio, where they developed a routine of insulting each other merrily. Crosby helped make Hope's nose famous as a "droop snoot" and a "ski run." For his part, Hope replied: "Only in Hollywood could a meatball make so much gravy."

Hope's awards included scores of honorary degrees; special Oscars for humanitarianism and service to the film industry; the George Peabody Award; the National Conference of Christians and Jews Award; and the Medal of Freedom from President Johnson. He received honorary knighthood in England in 1998.

He was the author or co-author of 10 books, including his 1990 autobiography, "Don't Shoot, It's Only Me."

School district sues over 'white flight'

HEARNE (AP) — A central Texas school district and three parents are suing the Texas Education Agency, a neighboring school district and its superintendent for allegedly violating a 30-year-old desegregation order protecting against "white flight."

The lawsuit claims that Mumford Independent School District's policy of recruiting transfer students from neighboring Hearne has resulted in Mumford illegally increasing its population of white students while decreasing its number of minorities.

Hearne's attorney, Donald Henslee, said the recruitment policy, which includes circulating brochures and providing bus transportation for transfers, has created an "artificial imbalance of the racial makeup of the two school districts," and has sucked state funds provided per student away from Hearne.

"It constitutes white flight," Henslee said. "I'm not going to speculate as to their motivations, but the effect has been to attract white kids."

As of August 2001, about 75 percent of Mumford's students were transfer students from Hearne, the lawsuit states. Mumford went from being 30 percent white, 55 percent Hispanic and 15 percent black in 1997-1998 to 49 percent white, 38 percent

Hispanic and 13 percent black in the 2000-2001 school year, according to the lawsuit.

The federal desegregation order does not allow TEA to approve transfers that change the racial or ethnic makeup of a district by 1 percent, Henslee said.

Mumford officials could not be reached by The Associated Press. A call to superintendent Pete Bienski was not returned.

The lawsuit states that the district is suing the state's education agency because it has turned "a blind eye" and allowed the racial imbalance in the districts to continue.

TEA spokeswoman DeEtta Culbertson declined to comment on

the lawsuit because she had not seen it. But she said the agency has been working with Mumford ISD to bring it into compliance.

"We believe they're on the road to resolving this area. We're going to continue to work with them to make sure they don't have any more problems," Culbertson said.

She said a TEA report last August showed that Mumford had been coding transfer students as exempt from the 1 percent rule when they shouldn't have been exempt.

Culbertson said TEA informed the school last summer that the state would not fund any more transfers until the district came into compliance.

'Noose tightening,' American officials contend

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Saying that "the noose is tightening" around Saddam Hussein and his top aides, U.S. forces raided safehouses in Baghdad and northern Tikrit and said the deposed dictator is unable to mount a resistance because he's too busy "trying to save his own skin."

In the center of the capital Monday, witnesses said at least three U.S. soldiers were injured in an attack on their convoy. Other witnesses claimed the U.S. soldiers were killed. The military confirmed an incident had

occurred but had no information on casualties.

"I saw at least two injured soldiers, then I saw the third one who was thrown out of the car. They (others soldiers) pulled him under the car," said witness Alim Naati.

Shihab Ahmed, who owns a nearby flower shop, said he was told the soldiers died.

The witnesses said three soldiers were thrown from the canvastop Humvee when a bomb was detonated as the convoy passed along Palestine Street in central

Baghdad.

In Tikrit, U.S. forces dug up freshly buried weapons, found outside an abandoned building in that once belonged to Saddam's Fedayeen mili-

tia. The munitions were sufficient for a month of guerrilla attacks on U.S. troops, said Maj. Bryan Luke, 37, of Mobile, Ala., whose patrol found the cache.

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Tussle under way over fate of a Western 'jewel'

By ELIZABETH SHOGREN

Los Angeles Times

MOAB, Utah — Monumental red rock walls rise from a canyon rich with ancient juniper trees, tiny pinyon pines and blooming prickly pear cactuses.

Craggy and sometimes whimsical formations — including one in the distinct shape of a Jeep — emerge from the sandstone. In the vast space, only the song of a canyon wren breaks the silence.

The rugged landscape of Goldbar has not been designated wilderness by Congress. But it is among the parcels totaling 2.6 million acres in southern Utah identified in 1999 as candidates for the designation, which protects land from development. Until Congress could consider the matter, the Bureau of Land Management barred vehicle traffic and blocked oil drilling.

Then, in April, Interior Secretary Gale A. Norton put an end to that. To settle a lawsuit brought by the state of Utah, she ordered no more special treatment for those 2.6 million acres. And she directed land managers in all Western states to stop protecting additional parcels of BLM land unless Congress formally declared them wilderness. Goldbar is included in a pending wilderness bill supported by about 150 Republicans and Democrats in the House. But the bill has been blocked because it does not have the support of the Utah delegation, which opposes designating large areas of the state as wilderness.

Battles over federal lands such as Goldbar have raged in the West for decades, but now the parties arguing for less restrictive use of public lands have been getting a more sympathetic hearing from the administration. The Interior Department's about-face was a major victory for rural politicians, oil company executives and others in Utah and elsewhere who want these areas open to resource development and all-terrain vehicles. The decision parallels other administration actions that would remove obstacles to extracting resources from Alaska oil to West Virginia coal from federal and private land.

Goldbar's unspoiled beauty and its potential for producing oil help explain the passions that have fueled the dispute. Oil companies want to tap into its reserves. Local governments want the money, that would bring.

Although Goldbar lies between two popular national parks — Arches and Canyonlands — and is just a couple of miles west of the recreation hub of Moab, hikers in Goldbar's canyons can go hours without seeing another person. Through long stretches of slick rock, desert shrubs and huge sandstone boulders, the only signs of previous visitors are cairns (piles of rocks to guide hikers) and occasional tracks from mountain bikes or bighorn sheep.

In a book describing lands with wilderness qualities, the BLM extolled Goldbar's "outstanding opportunities for solitude," one of Congress' main requirements for wilderness. It also found that much of the area remained "natural," with the imprint of humans largely unnoticeable, another main qualification.



Craggy and sometimes whimsical formations are part of the scenery in Utah's Goldbar. The area's sandstone arches, rock-art panels, maze of twisting canyons and spectacular views support the case for preserving it, environmentalists say.

Goldbar's sandstone arches, rock-art panels left by aboriginal inhabitants, maze of twisting canyons and spectacular views of the snow-capped La Sal mountains and Arches National Park all support the case for preserving it, according to environmentalists.

Even before April's change in policy, however, hikers were not the only ones with access. A dirt road cutting into the heart of Goldbar leads to one of southern Utah's longest-producing oil wells, Long Canyon No. 1. Liz Thomas, a local environmentalist, said she wished it could remain the only oil well in Goldbar.

There are plenty of places outside of (proposed) wilderness to drill," said Thomas, a lawyer who represents the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance in Moab. When the BLM permits companies to develop, she said, it erodes the land's intrinsic value as wilderness, without any guarantee of a return.

The oil companies may or may not hit something," Thomas said. But the damage they do will live on, and on. Oil companies said southern Utah's oil fields play only a minor role in overall domestic production. But for Grand County, it's money in the bank. Long Canyon No. 1 has produced millions of dollars in county tax revenue over the last three decades.

Jerry McNelly, a member of the Grand County Council, envisioned more wells pumping to fill the county's treasury. Goldbar overlaps an area known to contain several million barrels of oil.

Modern techniques, McNelly said, enable oil

companies to explore for oil and produce it without significantly hurting the scenery. Small oil wells are painted to blend with the scenery; horizontal drilling allows drill pads to be established away from the most scenic spots.

I would prefer not to have any wilderness areas," he said. Preserving them, he added, just stops progress.

Stopping development was Congress' intent in passing the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Concerned that expanding populations would rob the country of its natural heritage, Congress sought to protect the "primeval" character of wild federal lands for future generations. The law defined wilderness as areas of at least 5,000 acres "where the Earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."

At first, BLM lands were not included, but in 1976, Congress directed the Interior Department to catalog the "wilderness characteristics" of its lands within 15 years. Since then, 6.5 million acres of BLM land across the West have been designated by Congress as wilderness.

Only 30,000 of those acres are in Utah. But the BLM designated an additional 3.2 million acres in Utah for temporary protection as wilderness study areas.

Naturalists argued that many more acres of the state's extraordinary red rock country deserved to be included. The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance was created 20 years ago to fight for more protection. We're talking about

setting aside some of the most scenic jewels in the country," said Heidi McIntosh, the alliance's conservation director. Her group wants 9 million acres — more than one-sixth of the entire state — to be declared wilderness.

Local and state politicians and many other Utahans have said that is too much, McIntosh compared that attitude to "going to the Louvre and saying, 'Why do we need all these paintings?' That's the level of beauty of these landscapes."

Her group and its sup-

porters in Congress persuaded Bruce Babbitt, President Clinton's Interior secretary, to take a second look at Utah's BLM lands. That effort resulted in the 1999 listing of 2.6 million acres with wilderness characteristics. Babbitt and environmentalists hoped that those acres would be protected until Congress could get around to designating them as wilderness. The BLM started delaying requests for oil leasing and other development on these lands. The state of Utah sued, con-

testing the BLM's right to treat those lands as de facto wilderness. Norton settled the suit by agreeing to consider multiple uses for the 2.6 million acres and taking the BLM out of the business of selecting new areas for wilderness protection.

Logan MacMillan, an independent petroleum geologist whose vision for developing oil in a remote area of Utah was thwarted by the dispute over wilderness, welcomed the news.

MacMillan had hoped to produce oil on the northern edge of one of the largest swaths of roadless wild lands in the continental United States. The aptly named Desolation Canyon is so remote that tourists float down the Green River for four or five days without seeing any sign of civilization. As at Goldbar, the new BLM policy means applications for oil exploration in Desolation Canyon will be considered.

MacMillan agreed that the land affords spectacular vistas. "But I don't believe that should preclude resource development from those lands," he said. "I think oil and gas activity can occur in lands all of us would enjoy being out on."

Marc Smith, executive director of the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States, said he hoped Norton's new wilderness policy would "signal that the confusion and uncertainty that have surrounded development on federal lands in the West may be improving."

That is also the hope of Utah's rural counties, whose economies have long relied on extracting resources from federal land.

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IN BRIEF

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WTGSC to hold 100-hole golf marathon

The West Texas Girl Scout Council will be holding a golf marathon on Aug. 4 in Sweetwater.

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The field will be limited to 40 golfers.

For more information or to register contact Shirley Olson at (325) 670-0432.

FW Dunbar star gets one more game

FORT WORTH (AP) — Somehow, Lance Jackson must make the leap from great athlete to great basketball player.

Jackson is 6-foot-3, 205 pounds of muscle, a physical specimen blessed with tremendous jumping ability, quickness, speed and strength. He was the star of Dunbar's Class 4A championship team.

But Jackson's hoop skills need a little more polish. His ball-handling ability is suspect and is jumper isn't always so reliable.

Jackson, who hasn't yet signed with a college, gets another chance to impress Monday night as one of the 24 players in the Texas High School Coaches Association's all-star game on the TCU campus. The annual game is a showcase for graduating high school seniors from the state.

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Airing It Out

Wheeler, Steinberger power North to AA sweep

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Natalie Wheeler came to Big Spring hoping to take a few pictures of her boyfriend playing football. Lindsay Steinberger just came to see how many baskets she could knock down.

They left with a lot more than photos and baskets.

Wheeler scored 21 points and Steinberger, a standout at Breckenridge, added 22 more and helped lead the North to a 70-40 victory over the South in the All Americas Basketball Classic in front of a large crowd in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The two shared the North's MVP accolades.

"It was a lot of fun," said Wheeler, who starred at Valley High School this past season. "I had a great time playing."

Both Wheeler and Steinberger had plenty of reason to smile early. The two combined for 15 of their team's initial 19 points and sparked the North on a decisive early spree. The North, with Borden County standout Pati Rodriguez running the show at point guard, reeled off a 19-9 run in the first and never looked back.

North 70, South 40	
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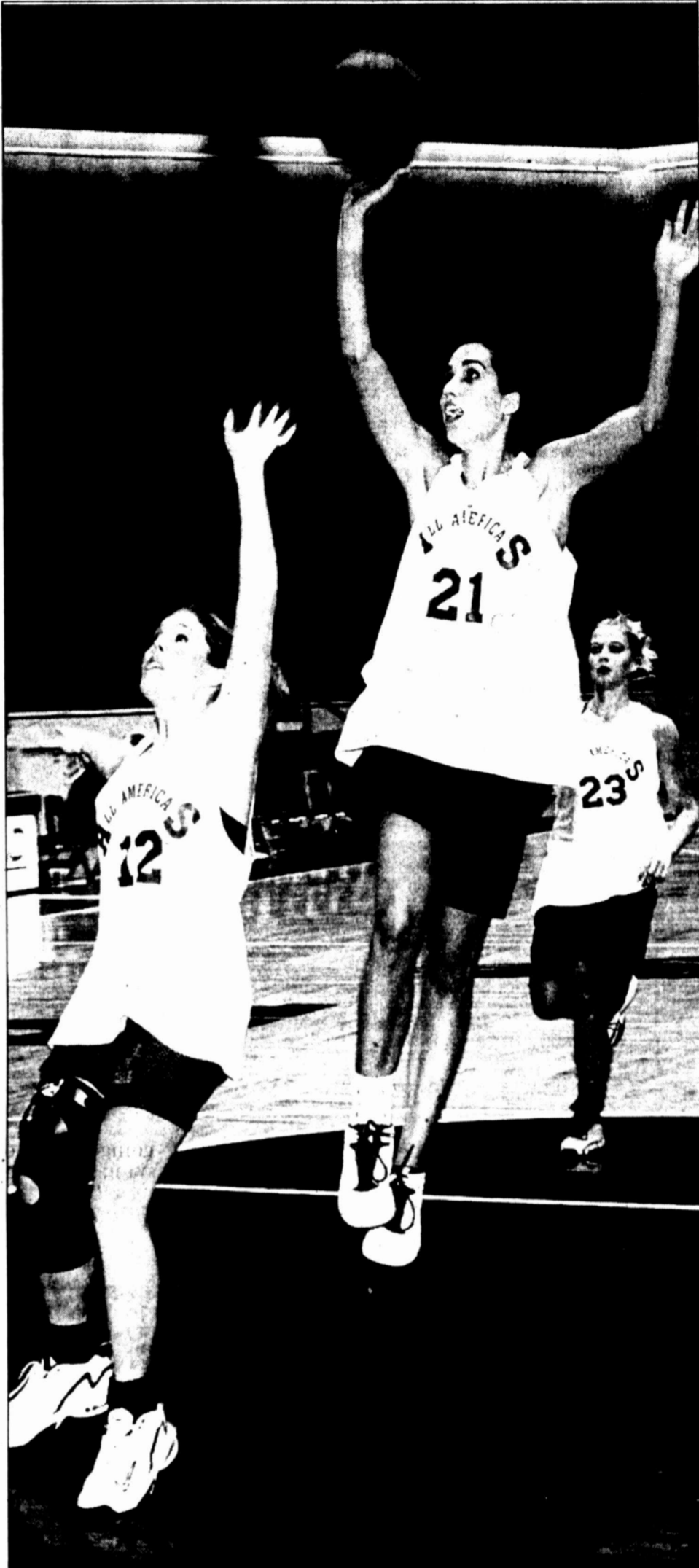
Steinberger collected seven of her All Americas-record 22 points in the first period, three of which came on a bomb from beyond the 3-point line early in the frame. Her 22 points eclipsed the previous high-point mark of 18 set by Klondike's Brittany Pinkerton last year in the inaugural game.

Aledo standout Jenna Villwock led the South's efforts in the first period, scoring seven points.

Wheeler and Steinberger helped the North continue to stretch its lead in the second period. The two combined for 16 of their team's 19 second-quarter points and paved the way for a 38-25 lead at the half.

Reagan County's Danielle Furr and Rodriguez also scored for the North in the period.

Sterling City's Janell Thomas, who shared the South's MVP honors with Villwock, found her offensive stride for the South in the second. She pumped in six of her 10 points in the frame. Villwock and Garden City standout Angela Schraeder added four



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler
Valley's Natalie Wheeler soars over the top of Sterling City's Stephanie Gotcher for a basket during the first half of the girls' All Americas Basketball Classic Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Paced by 22 points from Breckenridge's Lindsay Steinberger and 21 from Wheeler, the North claimed a 70-40 win.

apiece while Stephanie Gotcher of Sterling City pushed in a pair of free throws.

The North all but put the win on ice in the third quarter with a balanced offensive attack. Sparked by six points from Steinberger, the North reeled off a 20-9 spurt in the frame and took a commanding 58-34 advantage.

In all, six North players pushed shots home in the third, including five from Breckenridge's Kallee Thompson and four from Wheeler. Rodriguez, Bobbie Kempf and Furr also scored.

Reagan County's Cassie Meatram led the South in the third, scoring three points. Schraeder, Thomas and Big Spring standout Ashley Smith also pumped in baskets.

The North closed out the contest with a 12-6 run in the final eight minutes. Furr, who finished with nine points, led the fourth-quarter run by contributing five points.

With the victory, the North swept both all-star basketball games. On Friday night, Teddy Street of Bethel, Alaska, led the North to a 91-68 victory.

Police identify body as that of missing Baylor basketball star

WACO (AP) — Medical examiners on Sunday identified a body found in chest-high weeds near Waco as that of Baylor University basketball player Patrick Dennehy, who had been missing about six weeks.

McLennan County Sheriff Larry Lynch announced the identification Sunday night. He wouldn't provide any other details.

The site where the body was found is north of gravel pits where authorities searched last week after the arrest of Carlton Dotson, who played bas-

ketball at Baylor last season and had been living with Dennehy since spring.

Investigators had continued to comb through the high weeds Sunday, collecting evidence in a field where they found Dennehy's decomposed body Friday night in a rural area about five miles south of Waco.

"With that evidence collected today, they were able to make a positive identification," Lynch said, refusing to specify what evidence was found.

McLennan County Justice of the Peace

Belinda Summers said searchers found a head Sunday in the field where the body was discovered.

Dotson, 21, was arrested last week in his home state of Maryland on a murder charge from Texas in Dennehy's death. He remains jailed without bond awaiting extradition to Texas.

Dotson was arrested July 21 after calling 911, saying he needed help because he was hearing voices, authorities said. Dotson told FBI agents in Maryland that he shot Dennehy after the player tried to shoot him.



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler
Forsan's Brent Huff will play in the THSCA All-Star basketball game this week in Fort Worth. The game is set for tonight at TCU.

Lance streaks to 5th Tour win

PARIS (AP) — Just moments after Lance Armstrong won his record-tying consecutive fifth Tour de France title, he was already motivated to win another.

"The other years, I won by six, seven minutes," Armstrong said. "I think it makes it more exciting and sets up an attempt for No. 6."

Triumphant over crashes, illnesses, hard-charging rivals and some bad luck, Armstrong sipped champagne in the saddle Sunday as he coasted to the Champs-Elysees in Paris to get his winner's trophy.

But it was close. For Armstrong, used to winning the Tour by comfortable margins, his 61-second victory over Jan Ullrich just wasn't good enough.

"I love cycling, I love my job and I will be back," Armstrong said. "In many ways, I'm coming back to hopefully return to a level that I had for the first four because this year was not acceptable."

Armstrong's problems almost overwhelmed him. He had a stomach flu that was so bad before the Tour, he nearly didn't make the flight to France. He was bruised in a crash in the second day. He lost 11 pounds through dehydration riding a time trial in a heat wave and struggled up the Tour's most daunting climb, the 8,728 1/2-foot Col du Galibier, with a faulty back brake rubbing against the wheel.

His turning point came last Monday on a mist-shrouded 8.3-mile ascent to the Pyrenean ski station of Luz-Ardenen, one of the Tour's hardest climbs. Typically for this drama-packed Tour, Armstrong fell when a spectator's outstretched bag hooked his handlebars. But he got back up and rode like a man possessed to roar past Ullrich, who in a gesture of sportsmanship waited for him to get back on his bike.

"I delivered one of my best races ever," Ullrich said. "This time, I was very close to Armstrong. The next time, without Coast-chaos, I will be even better prepared."

"Every year it gets more difficult, and he'll face some tough rivals," said Spain's Miguel Indurain, before Armstrong the only rider to win five straight Tours.

Sosa powers Cubs by Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Sammy Sosa hit his 521st homer and moved into a tie for 12th place on the career list with Willie McCovey and Ted Williams as the Cubs won 5-3 on Sunday.

Sosa went 1-for-11 in the three-game series and was 0-for-7 until he homered in the first inning Sunday to help the Cubs take the series 2-1 and get a 5-4 lead in the season series.

Kenny Lofton, hitting just .059 in four previous games with the Cubs, and Shawn Estes (8-9), who hadn't won since June 10, helped pick up the slack for Sosa.

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The district is requesting proposals for a comprehensive fitness program to include exercise equipment, assessment tools, curriculum software and staff training/certification for the district. Any questions concerning the proposal should be referred to Wayne Rotan at (432) 457-2223 ext. 222. The district reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive technicalities and to be the sole judge as to quality and equality. The district also reserves the right to accept the proposal that is in the district's best interest and the district will be the sole judge as to the definition of "district's best interest". No faxed or emailed proposals will be accepted. #3947 July 27 & 28, 2003

BY JOYCE JILLSON

Leo's fire-sign fuel keeps the atmosphere revved up with interest. There's a competitive air (especially this morning), and the game is: Who can be the funniest? Whose story will bring 'em to tears? Who can keep up the drama the longest? This evening features a new moon in Leo, which serves to refresh our emotional palate.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Look on the bright side, and that's all you'll see. This is a terrific way of bringing good news into your world. You're a step ahead of others at work. Check e-mail every couple of hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You make solid gains on the financial front when you do your job well. It's not who you know but who knows you. Take steps to raise your public profile. Savvy socializing means working the entire room.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). This is a lucky day for putting together your dream team. Remind friends, family and colleagues about the thing you've been wanting to do. They'll have resources for you that they didn't have before.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're gaining a reputation for being the one to call when people have a certain problem. Someone in your circle will move up into a pretty influential position. Send a card of congratulations. A loved one is crazy about you.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). This is the day to dispel the myths in your own life; you must slay the proverbial dragon. If you can be honest with yourself, you will have power over your own life story. A Scorpio or Pisces tells you the truth.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 28). Present your ideas, and sell them this year! Productivity and loyalty are rewarded in the next three weeks with a lucrative opportunity. In September, a long-awaited decision is made. Travel in October has a surefire romantic outcome. A relationship with a young person calls for more patience until November, when you will be proud! Your lucky numbers are: 9, 29, 45, 36 and 31.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Grow your business, or get a new job. The average person knows 250 people. Since each of these people also knows 250 people, you've got access to 62,500 people. If you don't have an excellent way to keep track, start now.

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What past? Your dating history is so minimal that if you gathered all

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the guys in one room, you'd hardly have enough for a game of Monopoly. Dating this Libra ex is just the move to ease you into the world of dating. And he'll help you lighten up, too. Scorpio people are a serious lot and often take relationships to an intimate level too quickly, missing out on all the friendly flirting and fun of early love. Since your experience is limited, you tend to put too much weight into every connection. Lay some ground rules down for yourself: Friendship only for the next six months, and nobody gets to hang out with your kids until you're sure it's going to be a regular thing.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Billy Bob Thornton has had his share of wives and has more than his share of talent. This year, the writer/director/actor could come out with a non-fiction best seller about getting the success you deserve. He really knows how to hit a dramatic message home with his writing, and this book would showcase his talents. The semi-motivational tome could bring a cowboy sensibility to the self-help industry.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Readers: One year ago today, Annie's Mailbox made its first appearance. Since then, we have worked hard to provide no-nonsense, practical advice, consulting experts when necessary, and offering names of self-help groups and organizations that can be of assistance.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

We want to say thanks to each and every one of you for supporting our efforts and making our job worthwhile. Annie's Mailbox now appears in over 700 newspapers in the United States and Canada, and as far away as Japan, Guam and Venezuela. More than 2,000 pieces of mail pour in each day, from people of every age and income group, and a surprising majority of these letters are from men.

We appreciate it when you let us know what you think, even when you tell us off. You have given us quite an education, and we will do our best to continue on, as Ann Landers would say, "comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable."

Several readers have written with some questions and comments about our column, and we thought this would be a good opportunity to respond.

Dear Annie: Are you

still writing the column? I heard there's a new Ann Landers. Please don't quit. I love your column. — Alabama

Dear Alabama: We are still writing and will do so as long as you will have us. There is no "new Ann Landers." No one could possibly take her place. However, the Chicago Tribune has hired a new advice columnist who will be writing her own column, in her own style. We wish her well.

Dear Annie: Will you please stop calling your readers "honey" or "dear"? You are obviously much too young to be using such terms in the column. I'd say, looking at your picture, that you are both around 30 years old. — New York

Dear New York: Did your newspaper accidentally print a picture of the

Olsen twins? Bless your heart for saying we look "around 30."

Dear Annie: Both of you are obviously Republican, Mormon lesbians. — Texas

Dear Texas: We're not sure what to make of that. Um, thanks? Here's more:

From California: My newspaper prints your picture with the two of you side-by-side, and it looks like one head is growing out of the other's neck. Please fix it.

Indiana: Is Kathy wearing a T-shirt with a picture of Marcy on it?

Wisconsin: You two don't look as glamorous as Ann Landers. You ought to fix your hair and makeup, and wear nicer clothes.

Dear Annie: I am a 31-year-old man who had surgery on a calcified brain tumor 19 years ago. How do I explain my abnormal appearance to my 6-year-old nephew, now that he's old enough to ask? I don't want to confuse him by saying I have a broken brain. — No Trauma in Washington, D.C.

Dear D.C.: Tell him a simplified version of the truth — that a long time ago, you were sick and the doctors had to perform surgery on your head. Stress that you are OK now, and if he has any questions or worries,

he should just ask.

Dear Annie: I recently sent a gift to a friend's daughter. I spent considerable time choosing what I thought would be appropriate, so I was somewhat taken aback when I received a generic, computer-printed "thank you for the gift."

Am I hopelessly old-fashioned in thinking a handwritten note mentioning the specific gift should have been sent? — Slightly Slighted

Dear Slighted: A handwritten note acknowledging the specific gift is indeed the proper way to say thank you. However these days, any note at all is a bonus, so let's not quibble.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, long-time editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to annie@mailbox.com, cast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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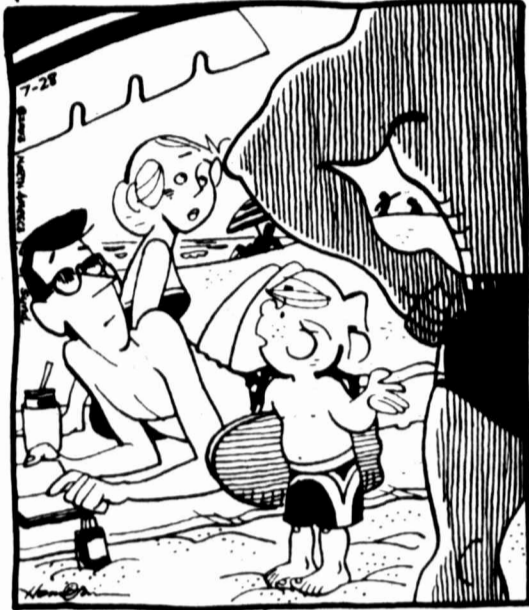
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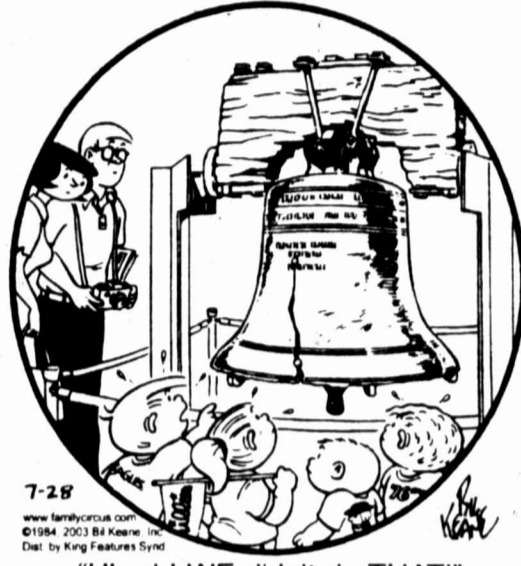
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8:30	The Klump (CC)	70s Show	American Experience	Whose Line? Whose Line?	CSI: Miami	News (CC)	News (CC)	For Love or Money 2	Movie: Maverick	Nina... Amade	WWE Raw (CC)	Movie: Out of Order	Maternity Ward	Movie: Minority	Light of the Southwest	Cold Case Files (CC)	City Confidential	Monster House	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	Slater, Slater
9:30	News Nightline	70s Show Raymond	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	Marry My Dad?	Movie: Maverick	Primer Impacto	Stripperella Ren & Stimpy	Movie: Hannibal	Trauma: Life in	Chris Rock: Bigger	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	Monster House	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	Boy World Proud Family	
10:30	Jimmy Kimmel	Sudden-Susan	Novas (CC)	Caroline Rhee	Ent. Tonight	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	News (CC)	News (CC)	En las Mejoras	Blind Date	Movie: New York	Maternity Ward	Sam Peckinpah	Biography: Dr. Phil	Monster House	Monster House	X-Files (CC)	Smart Guy	
11:30	Paid Program Cowboy	Blind Date	Secrets of the	Paid Program	Show (CC)	Live (CC)	Live (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	Camille	Highlander (CC)	12:15 Movie: Love Games	Conjoined Twins	Consequences (CC)	Update/Arrest	Cold Case Files (CC)	Monster House	X-Files (CC)	Slater, Slater	
12:30					Street Smarts	Oprah	Frasier (CC)	Movie: Hard												Even Stevens

DENNIS THE MENACE



"HEY, DAD. I TOLD THIS GUY TO PICK ON SOMEBODY HIS OWN SIZE... AND HE CHOSE YOU!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Uh-oh! WE didn't do THAT!"

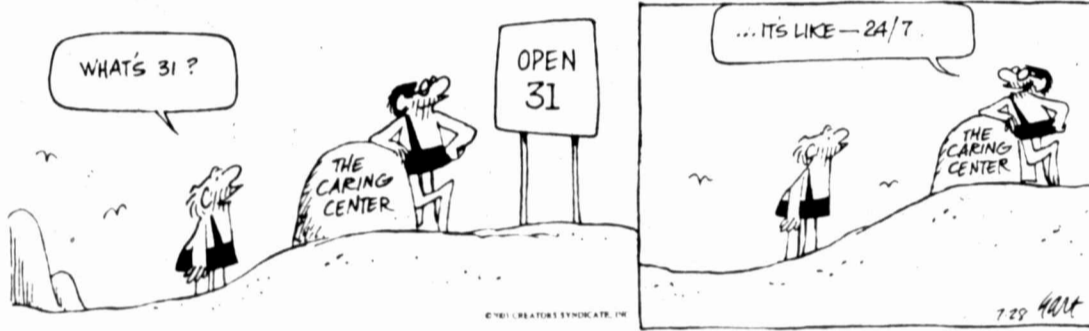
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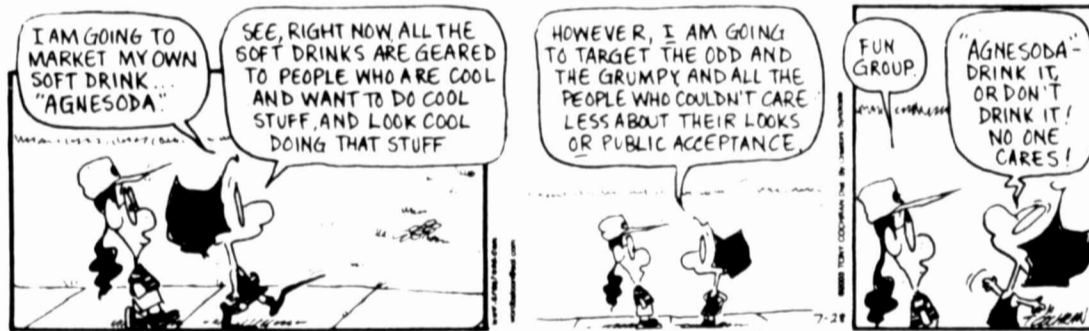
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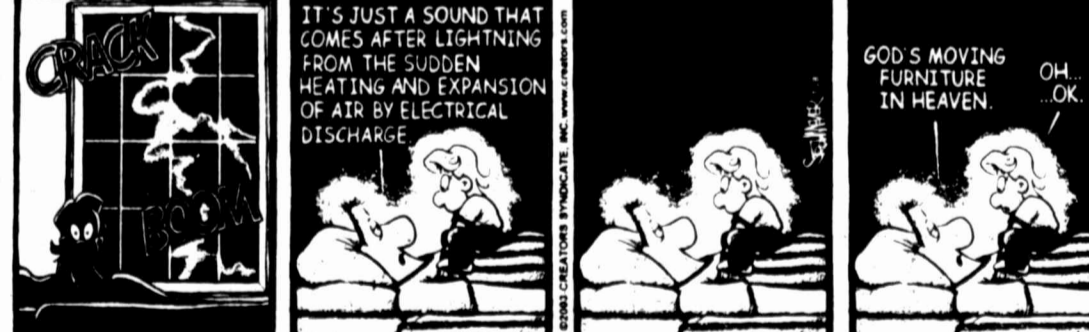
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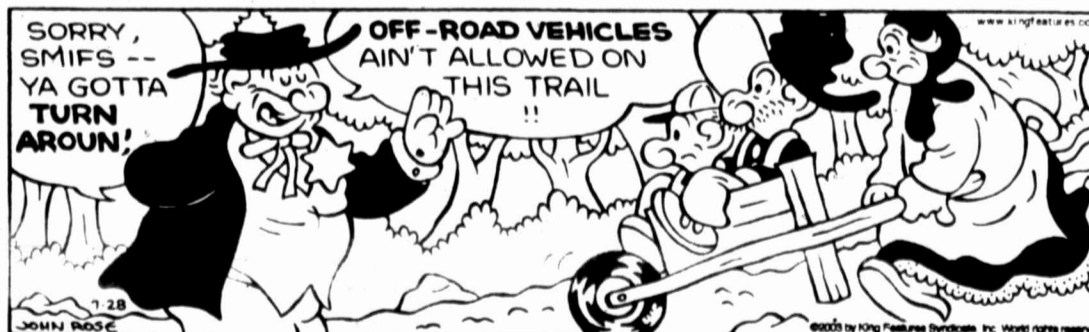
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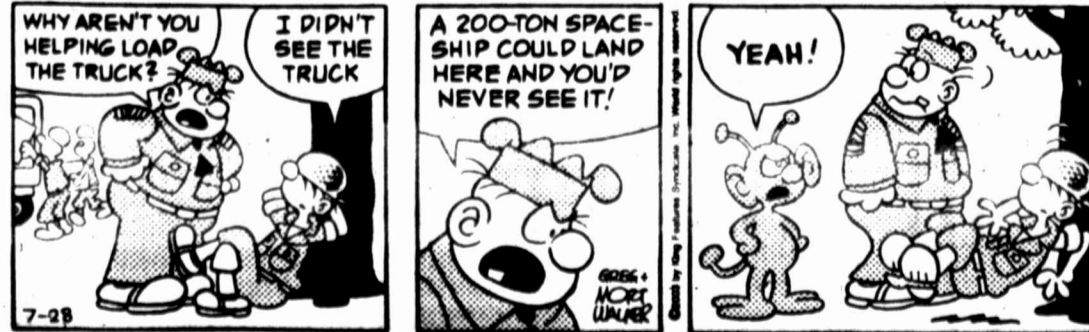
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 28, the 209th day of 2003. There are 156 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 28, 1945, a U.S. Army bomber crashed into the 79th floor of New York's Empire State Building, killing 14 people.

On this date:

In 1540, King Henry VIII's chief minister, Thomas Cromwell, was executed, the same day Henry married his fifth wife, Catherine Howard.

In 1750, composer Johann Sebastian Bach died in Leipzig, Germany.

In 1821, Peru declared its independence from Spain.

In 1868, the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing due process of law, was declared in effect.

In 1896, the city of Miami was incorporated.

In 1929, Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis was born in Southampton, N.Y.

In 1932, Federal troops forcibly dispersed the "Bonus Army" of World War I veterans who had gathered in Washington to demand money they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.

In 1943, President Roosevelt announced the end of coffee rationing.

In 1977, Roy Wilkins turned over leadership of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to Benjamin L. Hooks.

In 1990, political newcomer and upset winner Alberto Fujimori was sworn in as president of Peru.

Paul II told young Catholics in Toronto that sexual abuse of children by priests "fills us all with a deep sense of sadness and shame." Cycling champion Lance Armstrong won his fourth straight Tour de France.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Andrew V. McLaglen is 83. Actor Darryl Hickman is 72.

"Garfield" creator Jim Davis is 58. Rock musician Rick Wright (Pink Floyd) is 58. Singer Jonathan Edwards is 57. Actress Linda Kelsey is 57. Actress Sally Struthers is 55. Actress Georgia Engel is 55.

Answer to previous puzzle

POSIT	FOUR	CLUB
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SHOES	REGIMENTS	
TRUNK	STEMS	GET
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	COHORT	MORAN
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EDYS	CAL	SETTER
RET	WAGON	VOILA
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Newsday Crossword

UP A TREE by Lee Weaver

Edited by Stanley Newman

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| ACROSS | 62 Kipling | 11 Waiter's | 40 Cavalry |
| 1 Wild speech | python | rewards | swords |
| 5 Taxis | 63 Fire indicator | 13 Something | 42 Bring joy to |
| 9 Feedbag | 64 Sorority letter | very funny | 43 Competitors |
| 12 Woodwinds | 65 Folklore sprite | 15 Unpaid debt | 46 Puget Sound |
| 14 Nebraska | 66 Sunburn | 18 Reckless | city |
| city | 67 Close by | speed | 48 Arthurian |
| 16 Newswire org. | | 22 Henri's hat | magician |
| 17 Highball | DOWN | 24 Calm and | 51 Pineapple |
| ingredient | 1 Pifers | quiet | upside-down |
| 19 Water spigot | 2 --ca-dabra | 26 Messages | 52 Thermometer |
| 20 African | 3 Biblical | via computer | type |
| desert | boat builder | 27 Thin metallic | 53 Saw or |
| 21 Boat facilities | 4 Lease signer | covering | hammer |
| 23 The | 5 Guernsey or | 28 Grip firmly | 55 British general |
| Untouchables | Holstein | 29 Has an | at Concord |
| author | 6 MD's org. | elegant | 56 Humorist |
| 25 MTV viewer, | 7 Shower | supper | Bombeck |
| often | alternative | 30 James of | 57 Ivan was one |
| 26 Posh property | 8 Dress style | jazz | 60 Ring |
| 28 Obvious | 9 In peril | 31 Flu symptom | decision |
| deception | 10 On __ with | 36 On an | 61 Middling |
| 31 "___ seeing | (equal to) | even keel | grade |
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| award | | | |
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| 35 Summon | | | |
| 37 Consumed | | | |
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| 39 Bee colonies | | | |
| 41 Darkroom | | | |
| solution | | | |
| 44 "Oh, give | | | |
| home..." | | | |
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| 50 Possess | | | |
| 51 Gather up | | | |
| 54 Something | | | |
| to shoot at | | | |
| 58 Exist | | | |
| 59 Old-time | | | |
| storage spots | | | |

