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First Texas West Nile case found

ORANGE (AP) — The first confirmed 2004 human case of West Nile disease in Texas was reported Tuesday by the Texas Department of Health, which said a person in Orange County contracted the illness and died.

The agency released no other information about the victim, citing medical confidentiality and privacy reasons.

But, Patrick Beebe, director of the Orange County Mosquito Control District, said it was difficult to determine where the man contracted the disease because he had traveled outside his home town of Vidor the four weeks before becoming ill.

Beebe said the man had a history of medical problems and probably was unable to fight off the virus because of a weakened immune system from lymphoma, which was in

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COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: U.S. Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) has devoted his life to improving the lives of others, from his early years as a civil rights leader to his more recent days in Congress.

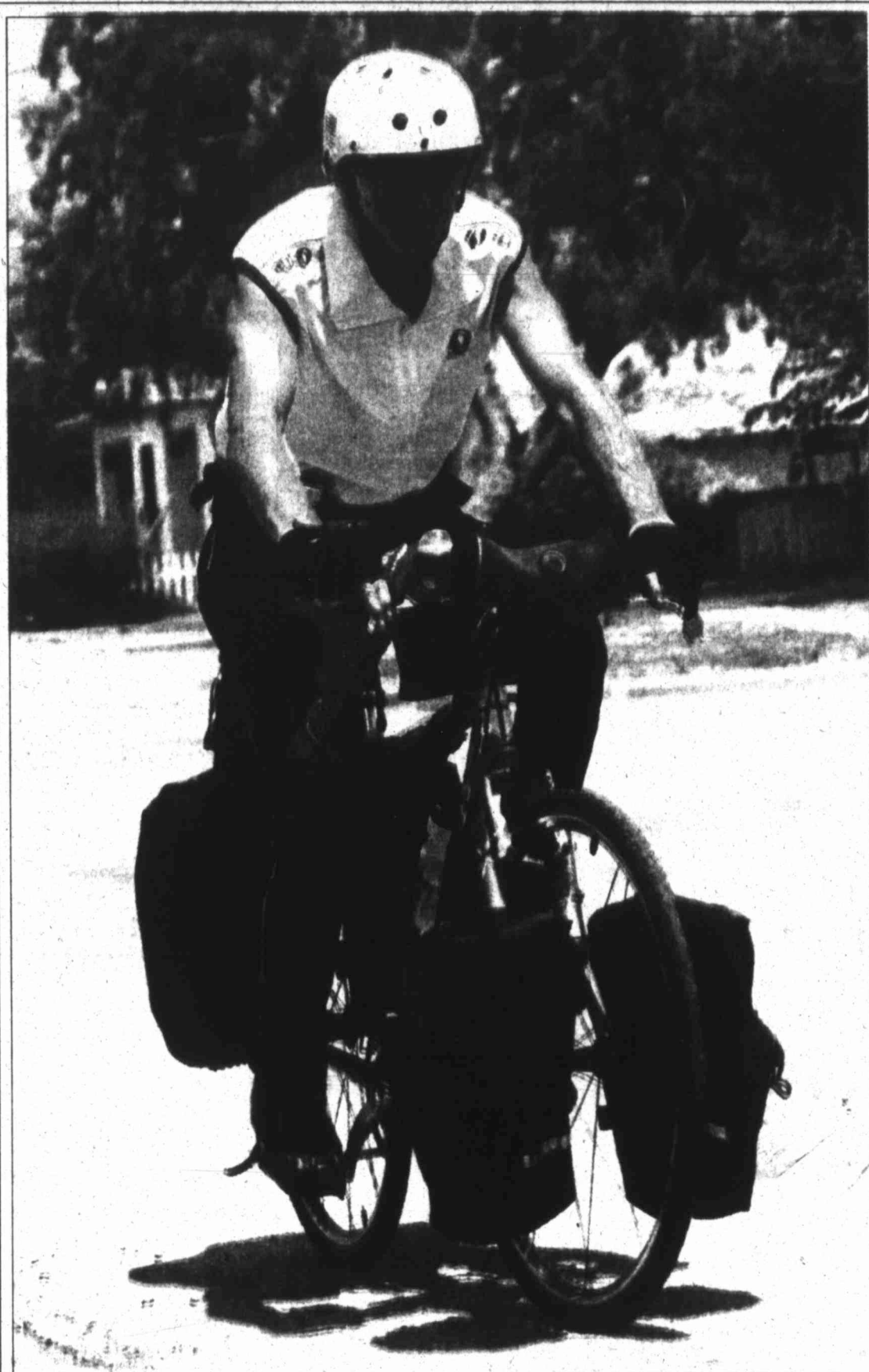
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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Sixty-year-old cancer survivor Buddy Boren wheels along Scurry in Big Spring late last week, bringing his message to cancer victims that they can beat the disease and encouraging donations to the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

Dallas man on third bicycle trek giving hope to those with cancer

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

When Dallas native Buddy Boren was diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma in 1996, he was told his chances of survival were only about 30 percent. Ten years later, the Dallas native is not only alive, he's bicycling across the country, getting the message out that cancer can be defeated.

"After I had cancer, I began to be asked by others if I would talk to a friend or relative of theirs who had

"If what I do turns one person into a survivor, then I consider my trip a success."

—Buddy Boren

been diagnosed with cancer," the slender 60-year-old retiree said Friday afternoon during a stopover in Big Spring. "That began to happen more and more frequently, like a dozen in a

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MADtv's Weir to make appearance in Big Spring Friday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Fans of MADtv are in for a treat on Friday as cast member and Odessa native Stephanie Weir, along with her husband, Robert Dassie, will appear at an informal meet and greet event at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"People can talk to her and ask her about anything — upcoming movies, tips about show business, how to get into show businesses," said Howard College theater instructor Clay Grizzle.

The event will be held at 2 p.m. in the East Room of the coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Weir and Dassie can also be

2 p.m. Friday,
Dorothy Garrett
Coliseum East
Room

seen Saturday in their improvisational, sketch comedy show "Wedlocked" at the Globe Theater, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa.

The comedy will begin at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. and admission is \$15. To reserve tickets, call the Globe at (432) 332-1586.

A graduate from Odessa High School, Weir studied broadcasting and theater at Odessa Jr. College before moving to Chicago to pursue acting. While in

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WEIR

Council barks its approval of anti-tethering law

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved the first reading of an ordinance that would ban the chaining and tethering of dogs in the city limits Tuesday evening in a 6 to 1 vote.

Approximately two weeks after holding a pair of public hearings concerning an ordinance proposed by the Animal Control Committee that would make tethering or chaining dogs illegal, the council took the first step to make the new law a reality. Council member Stephanie Horton cast the only vote against the measure.

While the public hearing drew several speakers and a great deal of emotion, Tuesday's vote on the matter was rather

"It will be good, not only for the animals, but also for the citizens of Big Spring."



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anti-climactic. Mayor Russ McEwen said he wasn't shocked by how quietly the ordinance made its way through the first round of approval.

"I'm not really surprised because I didn't really get negative comments on the new ordinance from the people throughout the community, and you usually get a flavor of what's going on," said McEwen. "No

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City budget sessions close with planned 3-penny tax increase

Hike anticipated a year ago to pay for merit raises

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council put its "stamp of approval" on the proposed 2004-2005 city budget Tuesday, which included a 3-cent tax hike that was added in the closing moments of the budgetary work session.

The tax hike came as no surprise to council members, who had talked about the necessity for this year's increase during last year's budgetary process due to the implementation of the merit-based pay system.

"What we said last year was that we were going to

raise taxes 3 cents to cover the first portion of the merit raises, and we're going to have to raise them again this year," said Mayor Russ McEwen. "We really didn't discuss it until the end, but it's something we had discussed last year when we implemented the merit raise."

While the idea of 3-cent tax increases two years in a row may seem rather costly, McEwen pointed out the cost to home owners will amount to an average of \$9 for the coming year.

"This tax raise is going to amount to about \$120,000 for the general fund," explained McEwen. "The average value of a home in Big Spring is approximately

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Bailey Holubec, right, and her sister Koreley Holubec hock watermelons and cantaloupes during the Farmers Market held in downtown Big Spring Tuesday morning. The Holubec sisters are just two of several growers participating in the market, which is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays beginning at 7 a.m. at the Heart of the City Park.

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Obituaries

Jewell Adelle Montieth
Wheeler

Jewell Adelle Montieth Wheeler, 82, of Sugar Land, formerly of Howard County, died on Monday, July 12, 2004, in a Sugar Land nursing home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, July 16, 2004, at the College Baptist Church with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Salem Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until noon Friday at the funeral

home.

She was born on Aug. 9, 1921, in Coahoma and was a lifelong resident of Howard County before moving to the Houston area 10 years ago. She was a member of College Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, David Wheeler of Big Spring; one daughter, Pam Vollmar of Sugar Land and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family suggests memorials to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, West Texas Council, Claydesta Towers, 10 Desta Dr. No. 270E, Midland 79705.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Jack Mundell

Jack Mundell, 77, of Temple died Monday, July 12, 2004, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Clyde M. Shelton

Clyde M. Shelton, 80, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 14, 2004, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Billy "Bill" Dean Adams

Billy "Bill" Dean Adams, 74, of Knott died Wednesday, July 14, 2004, in a Lamesa nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support groups

THURSDAY

□ Narcotics Anonymous, Non-smoking discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 to

Police blotter

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

- RUBEN GONZALES, 21, of 1503 Robin, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of evading arrest.
- LEON TREVINO, 23, of 407 W. Sixth Street, was arrested Wednesday on local traffic warrants and a charge of aggravated kidnapping.
- CHARLES LYDIA, 44, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Monday on a charge of class C assault/family violence.
- LEONARD WILKINS, 37, of 2400 Lincoln, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JASON LEE DIAZ, 24, of 605 N. Scurry Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal trespass and a local warrant for class C assault.

Sheriff's report

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

- AMANDA MICHELLE HUGHES, 17, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.
- ELDA MELINA BERNAL, 33, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of contempt of court and disobedience of a court order.
- SALVADOR GARCIA, 43, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a Fisher County warrant for intoxicated manslaughter with a vehicle.
- ROSEMARY ROCHA ALVAREZ, 31, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- ISRAEL ALVAREZ, 18, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a parole violation - attempted burglary.

Correction

In the Police section of Monday's edition Roman Martinez Cisneros was incorrectly identified. The information should have read:

- ROMAN MARTINEZ CISNEROS, 26, was arrested Sunday on charges of driving while license suspended and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.

Take note

□ HOLLYWOOD METRO COFFEE HOUSE ASSISTS LOVE FROM HOME from 4-7 p.m. Saturday during a 30-hour marathon of I Love Lucy. All beverages sold at the coffee shop during those hours will benefit the soliders serving in the Iraq War. Love From Home is a local grassroots effort to provide letters and packages for the soldiers serving in Iraq. Hollywood Metro is located at 109 E. Second St. Contact RoseAnn Joy at 268-9232 or Angela Lee at 268-1705 for Love From Home or Daniel Ryan at 213-4964 for Hollywood Metro.

□ MANNA RELIEF, a non-profit ministry that provides glyconutritional supplements to critically ill children, is accepting donations for the program. Call Gene or Robbie Froman at 263-0385.

□ A MEMORIAL FUND FOR THE FAMILY OF TERRY STRICKLAND, who died June 15, 2004, has been established at the Big Spring Educational Employees Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 1110, Big Spring 79720.

□ MEMBERS OF THE EVENING LIONS CLUB are looking for area children with diabetes age 8-17 who would like to attend the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville this summer.

9 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

MONDAY

□ All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. Call 398-5522 for more information.

TUESDAY

□ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

For information on the camp, contact Bob Noyes at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 267-5811, or visit the Lion's Web site at www.lionscamp.com Lions provide funding for the camp as well as transportation, if necessary.

□ A FUND FOR ALAN AND MITZI KNIGHT, whose house on Oasis Road burned, has been established at the First Big Spring Banking Center. The home and all the family's belongings were lost.

□ BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989 15-year reunion is set for Oct. 8-9. For information or to update your name or mailing address, contact Christy Alexander at 972-567-8037 or Shanette Johnson at 972-874-9308.

□ SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

□ POTTON HOUSE, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

- American Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, fish fry from noon until 3 p.m. \$7 per plate. Delivery available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Carry out also available. Call 263-2084.
- Love From Home benefit, a grassroots effort to provide packages and letters to soldiers serving in Iraq, at the Hollywood Metro, 109 E. Second St. from 4-7 p.m.
- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

SUNDAY

• Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between noon and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.

MONDAY

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

Weather

Tonight - Mainly clear skies. Low 72. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.
Thursday - A mainly sunny sky. High 99. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday night - Clear skies. Low 73. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph.
Friday - Abundant sunshine. Highs 98 to 102 and lows in the mid 70s.
Saturday - Abundant sunshine. Highs 99 to 103 and lows in the mid 70s.
Sunday - Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 4-7-9-12-15.
Number matching five of five: 2.
Prize per winner: \$16,932.
Winning tickets sold in: Dallas, Lamarque.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-9-1

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Slogan contest entry deadline is close of business Thursday

Herald Staff Report

Looking to bolster city pride and promote tourism, the Rural Community College Initiative wants citizens to help come up with a community slogan.

Local citizens have just a short while to participate, however, as the deadline for the contest is the close of business Thursday.

The slogan would be used to help people identify with Big Spring. It could be placed on billboards, bumper stickers, stationary, coffee cups, postcards, the Internet and other items.

Examples of slogans adopted by other cities include "Billings: Montana's Business Hub," "Toronto: You Belong Here," La Mesa, Calif. "Jewel of the Hills," "Spokane. Near Nature. Near Perfect," and "Atlantic City, Always Turned On."

Citizens are being asked to submit their suggestions for a slogan. The winning slogan will earn the author \$200.

There are no guidelines.

Slogans should be turned in to the Herald office at 710 Scurry. They can also be mailed to the Herald at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721, or sent in by e-mail to publisher@bigspringherald.com

Each entry or list of entries should include your name, address and telephone number.

WEIR

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Odessa, she was employed as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. This is Weir's fourth year as a recurring cast member on MADtv.

Dassie, a native of Chicago, performs and teaches improvisation at the Improv Olympic West in Hollywood. His most recent television appearances include Monk, Madtv and Crossballs.

The couple have performed together several times in Chicago including the Goodman, The Second City and Improv Olympic.

"I think people are going to be interested because they are really funny," Grizzle said.

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BUDGET

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\$30,000. So it's going to cost the average homeowner an additional 75 cents per month. I don't feel like we're passing a burden on to the homeowners with this."

Council member Stephanie Horton supported McEwen's call for the tax increase, citing inflation and improvements to the city as a worthy cause for the hike.

"I think the budget has been going pretty good," said Horton. "Yes, we do have a lot of increases, especially things like gasoline, and it takes a lot of gas to run a city. I also feel like we're doing some improvements and where we have improvements it's going to cost more."

"I'm really pleased that they didn't go up on the water rates. I'm really pleased about that because that's one of my pet peeves. I feel like we have a really good budget this year and I think we can justify everything in there — the necessity of the things that are in the budget."

The hot topic during Tuesday evening's budget work session was the deficit produced by the city-run service center, which maintains the municipality's fleet of vehicles and mechanical equipment.

The center which has run at a deficit for nearly a decade, was placed on the "chopping block" in an earlier budget work session by Councilwoman Joann Staulcup, who questioned the economics of a department that constantly loses money.

"We were in pretty good

shape about 10 years ago," said City Manager Gary Fuqua. "In 1994 we were almost at a zero balance, which is what we want that to be. It started going up over the years and we knew we had a problem there."

"Approximately three years ago we started looking at it and making some changes, and in those three years we've actually brought down the deficit about \$56,000. We stopped the bleeding at that point and we've got it leveled off. Then we had to look at it as we have it running efficiently and we've stopped some of the problems that we've had, but we need to make some improvements."

After reviewing the service center's deficit, the council decided not to take any action on the department. It did approve a \$2 increase in the amount the department charges other city funds for labor, a move Fuqua said will allow the city to purchase some much needed diagnostic equipment.

"What we want to do is look at our service center," said Fuqua. "It's an internal fund and it supports our other funds by taking care of our fleet. Each department pays a fee for its vehicles to be prepared, just like a downtown garage. We wanted to look at it and make sure it was running efficiently and look at the labor rates that are charged, and if we had to send it downtown, what it would cost to get it repaired compared to what we can repair it for."

"There's a deficit there, but it's like we've underfunded it for the last few years and we actually just owe the money to ourselves. What we decided to do was increase our labor

rate a little bit so we can afford some diagnostic equipment to help with troubleshooting the equipment, and improve it any way we can."

While the budgetary review process was long and arduous, Fuqua said he's pleased with the final product.

"I think the main thing was the preparation that went into it," said Fuqua. "The staff has spent a lot of hours preparing and getting ready for this in a summary-type form with enough information that we could go back and look at anything there were questions on. I felt like it went very well. A lot of good questions were asked and a lot of hard items were looked at. Not everyone agreed 100 percent on any issue, but there was a consensus that was formed and that's the way the system is supposed to work."

The council also approved several new fee hikes at the municipal landfill to help offset the cost of closing the facility, which could come as early as four years from now.

Increases included a \$1 hike for residential and commercial sanitation customers, a \$5 increase in tipping fees and a \$5 gate fee for the municipal landfill.

The \$5 gate fee was approved by the council several months ago, but because of a contractual obligation between the city and county, was repealed. A new contract is currently being worked out between the two entities, and according to McEwen, the county has agreed not to make the current contract an issue as the city moves forward on the collection of the fee.

"I see the landfill as the

most pressing situation facing the city," said McEwen, "because it's big dollars and it's a situation we're going to look at in the immediate future. We can no longer put off the inevitable. We've put back some money and at the end of the year, we're going to have somewhere around a million dollars in a closure fund."

The rate increases and gate fee, along with subsidies from the city and county, are expected to collect approximately \$334,000 per year, which should cover the estimated \$3.2 million necessary to close the existing facility and open a new one.

Council members also approved the following items for the 2004-2005 budget:

• A \$130,000 subsidy to the municipal golf course for improvements to holes 10, 11 and 16, including tee boxes, greens, fairway work, cart paths and irrigation. Fee increases for the facility were also approved.

• A \$10,000 increase in funding for the Spring City Senior Center for this budget session, and possibly next year's for renovations.

• The council took no action to change the city's vehicle take-home policy, opting to leave any changes necessary to the city manager.

"We'll formalize everything and have a public hearing," said McEwen. "Then we'll formalize the budget through two readings like we do everything else, and that will come in August."

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one that I talked to had negative comments about it. To the contrary, I had a number of people that had positive comments about the ordinance.

"I wasn't shocked. Maybe I was a little surprised, because a lot of the time, when you come up on issues like that, you're going to see some people come up who are concerned about it. I did have one phone call from a lady today who rents a house that has a fence and the landlord won't fix the fence, and she was asking what she would be able to do. Of course that's a lessee and lessor type of situation."

Councilman Woody Jumper, who first brought the issue before the council two months ago, said he has mixed emotions about the ordinance, but feels like it's definitely a step in the right direction.

"I have mixed emotions because I know we have good citizens out there that tether their dogs, but this is something the council and our chief of police feel is a safety issue as well as a humane issue," said Jumper. "This is a part of progress when you have a town that wants to go forward, and I believe this is just another step in that progress."

The ordinance, which is based upon a similar ordinance passed in Lawton, Okla., several years ago, was first recommended to

the council by the Animal Control Committee in August of 2003.

Jumper said he expects to see some problems arise from the new ordinance, which upon receiving final approval will take effect Nov. 1, but believes the ends justifies the means.

"Initially we'll have a few minor problems with loose dogs and things like that," said Jumper. "But I truly believe that most of the citizens in Big Spring are supporting us and want us to pass this ordinance, and just as Lawton did, I think we'll succeed. It will be good, not only for the animals, but also for the citizens of Big Spring."

Police Chief Lonnie Smith agreed with Jumper and said he expects a "rough" time in the beginning, but over time expects to see many

of the problems animal control wardens have been dealing with for the past several years eliminated.

"For the first six months to a year I feel like we'll be more than busy responding and enforcing this ordinance," said Smith. "However, in a year and a half to two years I think a good many of the animal problems that we're currently experiencing and have experienced for the past several years will be eliminated."

While the council seemed to agree on the need for the new ordinance, Jumper disagreed with the decision to leave the city's animal control with three wardens.

"We have three at this time," said Jumper. "I brought it before the council that we should probably have one more

warden and another truck. More than likely, we'll get the truck and I'm still in negotiations with the city manager and the council about an extra warden, which I really think we need. This person could take the place of other animal wardens that may be ill or need a day off."

"The three animal control wardens that we currently have are occupied and busy," said Smith. "It took us a while to get the third position filled because we have a somewhat lengthy hiring process to go through. A fourth one would give us more personnel to give adequate coverage and provide more manpower at the shelter so we could extend the hours down there. We could also provide more coverage on the streets answering calls. Animal control wardens

are now responding to anywhere from 20 to 25 calls for service each day."

Horton said she feels like the new law will only increase the number of dog attacks in the Big Spring area.

"I feel that some dogs are used for fighting," said Horton. "I feel that some dogs are vicious, even if they're not used for fighting. And I feel that some dogs can get out of what they are proposing to put up to hold the dogs, and I don't want to see people get bitten. I have a feeling we're

going to get to see people getting bitten, and I'm sorry, but that's the way I feel."

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OUR VIEWS

Kudos to the city Council's stance on dog chaining issue

Courage seems to often go unrecognized, especially when that bravery has been collectively displayed by a governmental entity. That should certainly not be true when it comes to the Big Spring City Council which approved the first reading of an ordinance that would ban the chaining and tethering of dogs within the city limits Tuesday night.

Public hearings on the issue drew pros and cons on the proposed ordinance, both sides demonstrating considerable emotion.

The ordinance, when passed on second approval, will ban the use of tethers or chains as a means to confine a dog, as well as set minimum requirements for enclosures for dogs, shelter from the elements and space for exercise.

We have noted in this space before that one would think that any pet owner would be interested in providing a humane environment for their dog. But unfortunately, that has all too often not been the case in this community and others.

That's why many other communities have had to deal with this issue. Some like Lawton, Okla., the community whose ordinance Big Spring has closely followed, did so years ago. Others continue to struggle with the issue.

Again, the bottom line, of course, is that we simply need to be responsible when it comes to pet ownership in this community.

Hopefully, citizens will be as responsible as we believe the council has been on this matter.

It has been in many ways an agonizing decision for council members.

Councilman Woody Jumper noted Tuesday that he has mixed emotions, and he was the first to bring the issue to the council two months ago. Still, he believes passing the ordinance is the right thing to do.

There are indeed, we believe, good citizens out there that tether their dogs. Unfortunately, ordinances of this nature have to be adopted and enforced in response to those who refuse to be humane and responsible.

Clearly, problems will arise from the ordinance following its final approval. That is almost always the case with any newly enacted city ordinance.

But we agree with Police Chief Lonnie Smith that in the long run, the council's actions last night will, in the long run, be good for both the dogs and citizens in Big Spring.

And that's what we should all be focused on.

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A Muleshoe doctor goes to Africa

Kyle Sheets grew up in Farwell and attended college in Abilene. He was in his senior year majoring in biology, with hopes of one day becoming a coach, when he and his brother started a janitorial business. They started doing high rise buildings all over the southwest and soon their company had 700 employees. They began selling cleaning supplies as a related enterprise. They sold the business after twenty years and Kyle retired.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

"After about six months of retirement I decided I needed something to keep me busy so I went back to college and finished my degree, then went to medical school."

He had eight children and was 42 years old when he entered medical school.

"It was a late in life change.

Most people, including my wife, thought I had gone crazy and was going through a pretty serious mid-life crisis."

He was the oldest member of his class. His fellow students called him Pop.

"It was a good experience. I was president of my class and just had a fun time in medical school. It was really enjoyable. It's hard when you're older, but you also have some advantages. You have a few life experiences that some of the younger kids don't have."

He had two more children while he was in medical school.

"My ten kids range in age from 27 down to seven. So about every two to three years we'd have another one. But I finally went to medical school to figure out what was causing it."

After four years of medical school and 3 years of residency, he started a family practice in Muleshoe.

"I've loved every minute of it since I got into medicine. It has been a wonderful experience and I'm really doing what I like to do."

Some years ago he was asked to volunteer at a hospital in Zimbabwe, Africa. He has gone there every summer since.

"People are very poor there. The country has gone through political upheaval, violence and strife. But we fell in love with the people of Zimbabwe. They are for the most part a very gentle people and happy, kind-hearted and generous. When they invite you to their home for a meal, they might not have enough food for everyone, so they don't eat."

The first time he went over there, he took the entire family.

"It was a life-changing experience for every last one of us, including the young ones. Since that time I haven't been able to take the whole family, but I take one or two children with me each time I go. I took three of my sons last summer."

Dr. Sheets has been saving his money and says this summer he'll once again take the entire family.

"It's the first time we've all been back in a number of years."



Bill Clinton's book is a winner

I like Bill Clinton's book. I feel as though I should immediately apologize for saying that. I mean, it's gotten a bunch of bad reviews — all sorts of superior people have peed all over it and pointed out he shouldn't have said this, or he should have said that.



MOLLY IVINS

Let me get my claim to intellectual superiority in here right away: I was prepared to dislike the book. I was prepared to find it self-serving, inadequate, insufficiently groveling and all that other good doo. Actually, I think it's well written, interesting and informative. I'd recommend it to almost anyone who's interested in politics, including young people with any inclination toward public service.

I started reading it just to make sure Bill Clinton is who I always thought he was. Yep, same guy. Superb politician with a zipper problem. Interesting case. But even I learned quite a bit along the way.

There's two reasons I'm an easy target for this book. One is I love political stories, and Clinton, who is a pol-to-the-bone, does, too. The Arkansas stuff alone is worth the price of admission. Doesn't matter who you are or what your politics are, if you are interested in how it works and what it takes, you cannot afford to miss the first part of this book.

Furthermore, I don't care who you are, you have to just stand back and admire the sheer American dream arc of this hope-

lessly hillbilly kid. Now that I think about it, Clinton might resent that — and he might be right. He became governor and then president in the most meritocratic way: He was smart enough. No money, no privilege, no entitlements, no big-deal family, no ticket into Yale. His description of his intellectual development is fascinating and should be well noted by those who have debated the merits of the Japanese and the American systems.

The most pleasant thing about Clinton's recounting of all this is that he's just as amazed as you are. "Gee," he more or less says as he wanders along, "Lookit this."

Perhaps the nicest thing about him as a human being is that he never tried to pretend he was anything other than who he was. I went to school in the East from the Boonies myself and spent a lot of time trying to fake stuff, like I knew who Edith Piaf was and how to eat artichokes.

Probably my favorite anecdote in the book may look self-serving, but I think it's one that just stuck with him. As a penniless college student, he went to New York City, splurged at a steakhouse for \$1.99 but actually rose and left the precious steak before he had even finished because he was so upset by the conversation at the next table. Just a teenage kid complaining to his mom because she thought she had bought him what he wanted, a turntable, but what she got was not "the nice kind," it was "the cheap kind."

Now if there's one thing everyone will have to admit about Clinton, it's that he adored this mom (shrinks, hold forth). And it was clear to him this kid's mom

had worked her tail off to buy the kid "the cheap kind," and Clinton was so upset by the ingratitude he can still recall the conversation word-for-word 40 years later.

The second reason I'm a sucker for this book is I'm interested in public policy — unlike, for example, the current president. I don't consider myself a wonk, but I'm genuinely interested in how public policy shapes people's lives. Fascinating field.

As a procrastinating writer myself (my spices are in alphabetical order), I can understand why Clinton was late on deadline. But the book almost cries for a rewrite, a re-edit and a polish — the travel diary should have been broken down into themes and principles. Might have produced a genuine classic if the publisher had been more patient.

Both praise and blame on a final point. Bill Clinton's manners are so much better than those of everyone who has ever trashed him, it's a monument to his momma. In fact, this book is written with such a forgiving spirit, it's a shame.

I would have loved to have heard Clinton's unbridled opinion of the impeachment-Republicans and their hypocrisy. With one notable exception, he is too, too forgiving. He does not like Ken Starr. He will not like Ken Starr. He will tell you exactly why. Ken Starr, pretty much not in this lifetime for Clinton.

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Lawmaker says Enron e-mails will bolster case against DeLay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Chris Bell, D-Texas, who filed an ethics complaint against House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, says e-mails between Enron officials bolster his charges that DeLay illegally solicited and accepted political contributions and should be investigated.

Bell said he will ask House ethics committee members to review the e-mails before deciding whether to launch a formal investigation of the Texas Republican based on the complaint Bell filed last month.

DeLay has repeatedly dismissed Bell's charges, saying Bell is bitter because he lost his reelection bid in March. Republicans have said Democrats are behind the complaint.

"The last sign of a defeated and intellectually bankrupt party is a hate-filled strategy of car-

icature assassination," said Jonathan Grella, a DeLay spokesman.

In a May 31, 2001 e-mail to former Enron chief executive Kenneth Lay, Enron lobbyists Rick Shapiro and Linda Robertson wrote that "DeLay has asked Enron to contribute \$100,000 to his leadership committee ARMPAC through a combination of corporate and personal money from Enron executives. ARMPAC funds will be used to assist other House members as well as the redistricting effort in Texas."

ARMPAC is an abbreviation for Americans for a Republican Majority Political Action Committee, established by DeLay.

A Texas district attorney is investigating Republican fund-raising for Texas' 2002 House races, which seated the first Republican majority in the state House since

Reconstruction. The majority was necessary for Republican legislators, pressed by DeLay, to redraw Texas' congressional districts.

Texas law prohibits corporations from contributing to state legislative races.

Bell said the e-mail to Lay, and another sent July 24, 2000 to another senior Enron official, "point to Mr. DeLay's very hands-on involvement" in raising corporate money for his effort to redraw Texas' congressional district boundaries so more Republicans could be elected to the U.S. House.

DeLay has not been accused of wrongdoing by prosecutors nor has he been subpoenaed. The Texas prosecutor leading the investigation has said DeLay is not its target, but he also has said no corporation or individual has been cleared.

Aide: School finance special session plans 'on life support'

AUSTIN (AP) — The chances for a special session to rework Texas' public school finance system appear dim, according to legislators who have no consensus in sight halfway through the summer.

Groups of House and Senate members continued meeting this week to try to hammer out differences. Several legislators said earlier the governor's office had told them to expect Perry to call a session this week.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Monday scheduled meetings with key senators in an effort to move along the stalled process. The state's leaders say publicly that continued talks offer hope a consensus will be reached.

However, legislators and some aides said that it may be too late to craft

a bill acceptable to both houses and get it on the November ballot something Gov. Rick Perry has said must happen by the end of August. Perry and Dewhurst hinted two weeks ago that the governor might call legislators to Austin at the start of August.

Perry's aides will only say now that the governor is ready to order another special session, but only if there is a clear consensus.

Almost all those involved in the talks agree on a need to lower property taxes, the prime source of public school funding, for residential and business property owners. However, there is widespread disagreement on what replacement financing method would be used and when lawmakers should tackle the thorny issue.

"It's on life support, not yet dead," an aide said Monday on the chance for a special session this year. "School finance is not dead this summer, at least not yet."

But the aide, who spoke on the condition that he not be identified, told the newspaper that House and Senate conferees "are not any closer to agreement, because there is the sense that the House working group is hesitant to commit (to any specific plan) without Speaker (Tom Craddick's) blessing."

Craddick, R-Midland, reportedly has urged Perry not to call a special session. Craddick also has indicated the Legislature should wait until the courts have ruled on a pending school finance case next month before acting.

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year. I realized that there were so many people out there that needed help. So I decided I would just go out to the public. I decided that would be the best way."

This is actually Boren's third bicycling trip to raise funds and promote his message that surviving cancer is possible.

In 2000, he peddled around the Texas border, a 3,100-mile trip that took 60 days. The funds he raised went to the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

In 2002, he trekked from Dallas to New York City, a 2,000-mile, 37-day effort, raising funds on behalf of KOA Care Camps for children with cancer.

This time, he's wheeling from Savannah, Ga. to Los Angeles, a 40-day endeavor, if all goes well. The name of the agency is riding for this year is familiar to many Texans. It's the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

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remission. State officials recorded 439 human cases of the mosquito-borne disease last year, including 38 deaths. In 2002, the first year the illness was detected in Texas, there were 202 human cases and 13 deaths.

West Nile has been detected in 230 of the state's 254 counties since 2002. This year, the virus has been found in 11 counties where mosquitoes, animals and the one person have tested positive for the illness.

"We have to assume that the West Nile virus is present throughout the state, and we're encouraging people not to wait on reports of cases in their areas before taking personal precautions," said Joe Garrett, a health department epidemiologist.

Most people who become infected with West Nile do not become ill. Others may suffer fever, headache, body aches and swollen lymph nodes, and in the most severe cases a victim may develop encephalitis and meningitis.

Boren cycles from town to town — he averages between 60 and 70 miles a day — giving hope to those with cancer and explaining to them how they can find help and support.

"I tell people with cancer not to give up hope. And I let them know about the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF). It's a wonderful organization," Boren said. "So many people don't know where to turn when they are diagnosed with cancer. A lot of doctors don't know about it."

The heat, traffic and not-so-ideal conditions take their toll, especially considering he has no "chase car" to follow him or motor home to stay in. He stores supplies such as a small tent, maps, repair

items and clothes in four saddle bags on his 23-speed Trek 7500 bicycle. He frequently stays in motels along the way.

"It's pretty expensive, especially the motels," he explained. "But I have some friends who sponsor me. I pay about half of that and they pay about half."

All of the money raised through Boren's efforts on this trip will go to LAF.

He does not accept donations on the road. Instead, he refers people to the foundation's Web site at www.LAF.org or his own Web site at www.therideforlifeusa.com

Boren's site allows people to keep abreast of where he is on his trek as well as to donate to the LAF. There is also day-by-day schedule of the trip and lots of photos.

They are rewarding but

difficult endeavors, these cycling trips. That's why Boren only does it every two years.

"I found out it takes me a year to get over the ride each time and another year to plan the next one," he said with a laugh.

But as Boren says in comments to readers of his "Ride For Life" Web site — "...it doesn't matter to me how difficult the

ride is, or how far it is. If what I do turns one person into a survivor, then I consider my trip a success."

Those who would like to donate to the Lance Armstrong Foundation but prefer to do so through the Internet can send checks to LAF, P.O. Box 161150, Austin, 78716. Boren asks that donors include the reference No. 200090593.

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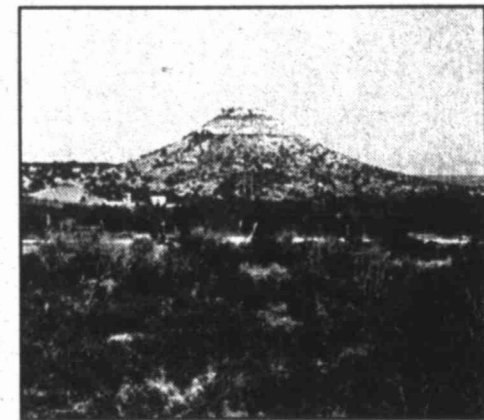
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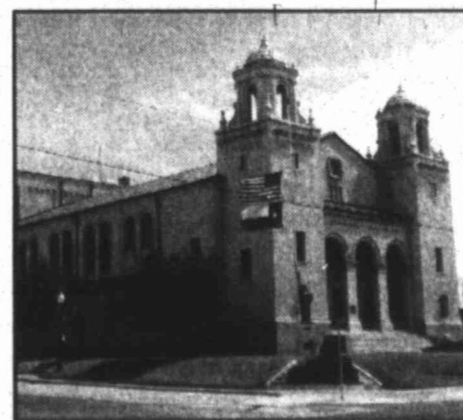
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Library News

Summer Program over-reading going strong!

The summer reading program has ended, but new books are still arriving at the library. Although more than 2,000 books were read during the program, you can be sure there are still plenty more to choose from.

Let me provide a quick recap of our summer fun and then some new book reviews.

We conducted a symphony, toured the museum, made funky sunglasses, indoor kites and clay dinosaurs. Clowns and queens gave us autographs and we learned which plants attract butterflies.

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strutted their stuff and we were "home" decorators. In the spare time that we had, we counted blocks, made hats, sang songs, and read, read, read!

All in all it was a really great summer program that ended in a carnival complete with hot dogs and games. Special thanks to all who helped make this such a success — HEB, Friends of the Library, State National Bank of Big Spring and "carny" workers Marissa Vierra, Wesley Porras, Kate Smiley and Andrea Haro of the Big Spring High School Key Club, John and Heidi McIntyre, Molly Weber and Hannah, Mandi Dominguez and Jacquelin Civello.

With the program out of the way, we can now concentrate on the "funnest" thing of all — reading!

Middle school readers, one new book just in is "The Green Dog" by Suzanne Fisher Staples (JF STA S). Jeff is the answer to a lonely girl's

wish when he shows up at her home in Pennsylvania. With his long silky fur and big chocolate eyes how could Suzanne resist?

Jeff just has one big problem, his nose is best at leading him into trouble! Suzanne's father rapidly loses patience and Jeff maybe looking at "going to the farm."

Suzanne isn't sure where that is, but she knows Jeff won't like it. Taken from the author's own childhood, this is a story for everyone who has ever wished for a pet of their own.

Newbery-winning author Richard Peck has collected 13 of his short stories into one book called "Past, Perfect, Present Tense" (JF PEC R). These are stories he has written over the years, with two new ones added.

If you are a Peck fan this is for you. One story "The Electric Summer" was the jumping off point

for the novel "Fair Weather." Also included are five helpful hints for writing a short story. With an author like this, the hints will be surefire winners!

When is a king not a king? When he's a lion taking a walk...in his underwear! Bruno Gilbert's picture book "The King is Naked!" (Je GIL B) explores just how clothes make the man.

After the king takes off his skin he finds out that all the animals that used to recognize him as king think he's just a cat in his underwear. When he goes back for his skin—it's gone!

What's a king to do? A great twist on the idea that things may not always be what they seem.

In another new book, Pigeon finds a hot dog,

and just as he prepares to take a bite, along comes a sly and hungry duckling. If you remember Pigeon from his earlier book "Don't Let Pigeon Drive the Bus!" you know he always has a trick or two under his wing.

But wait, ducklings have wings, too. Find out which wings hide the best tricks in Mo Willems' "Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog!" (Je WIL M).

Margie Palatini and Henry Cole have come up with an entertaining read-aloud in their new book "Bad Boys" (Je PAL M). These boys are bad! Not just a little bad, but real bad.

Wolves Willy and Wally are "on the lam" again and this time they have the perfect plan. They decide to hide out with the other sheep?

Disguised as sheep, this

is a great place to find a lamb chop or two. However the boys are in for, some close shaves when they meet three savvy ewes.

As you can tell we have books for all readers, so don't forget to keep that summer reading going!

Karen McIntyre, children's librarian, is this week's guest columnist.

Howard County Library hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Internet room closes 30 minutes earlier each day.

Story Time will resume in August — watch for the start up day.

The telephone number for the library is (432) 264-2260; fax number (432) 264-2263. The library is located at 500 Main Street.

"Warning Signs" by Stephen White Novel continues character story of suspense, intrigue set in Colorado

Clinical psychologist Alan Gregory receives a frantic call from a new client,

insisting they have an immediate meeting. When Alan meets with Naomi Biggs, she relates her concerns in a vague, yet agitated manner.

With a lack of specificity, she compares her worries to those she imagines the parents of the Columbine High School perpetrators might have experienced. She talks of her husband's recent incarceration and the resulting anger her son has expressed.

The more Alan learns, the more concerned he is that Naomi's son will take violent action against people connected with his father's case. Alan's biggest fear is that his wife, who was working for the district attorney during the Biggs' trial, may somehow be in danger of a horrific crime.

While Alan fears an atrocity being committed, he is aware that such an action has only been alluded to, with no specific acts, participants or

intended victims mentioned. He wants to tell the authorities, but his dilemma is that of confidentiality.

Because Naomi expressed only the possibility of an act, Alan cannot ethically take his concerns to the police or mention them to people he fears might be a target.

The violence that takes place is worse than had been imagined. As a psychologist, Alan is aware that assumptions are not always true, but as a human he learns to listen to that quiet voice that whispers of impending peril.

"Warning Signs" brings back the familiar characters of Alan Gregory, his wife Lauren, and policeman detective and friend, Sam Purdy. Stephen White allows the realistic growth of his characters, and in this novel Alan and Lauren are now the parents of a baby; Lauren continues to fight the disease of MS, but medically remains much the same as in the last few novels.

The story is tightly constructed; it is filled with staccato-like action, one incident building on another, creating intense suspense and intrigue. There is the usual struggle between good and bad principles, but the conflict among the characters

brings the story to a feverish pitch as it reaches its climax.

The author lives in Denver, and his story includes specific places and streets in both Denver and Boulder; his descriptions of the areas are detailed and accurate. This latest tale takes place in Boulder, not far from the University of Colorado campus.

The details with which he describes the region are exact; by not romanticizing the beauty or majesty of the mountains or the intellectual flavor of the college population, White gives a raw and unpretentious flavor to his story while maintaining authenticity.

White is able to write a well-crafted, tantalizing novel without coarse language and inappropriate sexual behavior exhibited by his characters.

This book is highly recommended. Don't miss the warning signs!

"Warning Signs" by Stephen White. Delacorte Press, Random House, New York, New York, 2002.

Pat Williams is wife of former Big Spring Herald publisher, Chuck Williams. She writes this weekly column for the Big Spring Herald.



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IN BRIEF

Young Life Golf Classic announced

Cornell Corrections and Young Life Big Spring announce that the fifth annual Young Life Golf Classic will take place July 24 and 25 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament will be a four-person orange ball scramble and players must have a verifiable handicap.

It will begin at 1 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday and each day will have a shotgun start. The cost of the tournament is \$75 plus a cart fee, but private carts are welcome.

For more information, call Big Spring Country Club's Larry Bryan at 267-5354.

C.G.A. announces monthly golf outing

The Chicago Golf Association has set its monthly golf tournament for July 18 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament will be a four-person 6-6-6 style with a shotgun start and all participants must be registered by 9:45 a.m. on the day of the tourney.

For more information, call 264-7116 after 7 p.m.

Crossroads football sign-up dates set

The Crossroads Youth Football Association has announced the sign-up dates for the upcoming season.

Both football and cheerleading sign-ups will take place at the Big Spring Mall. Football players can sign up through August 21 on Fridays (5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) only. Cheerleaders can sign up at the same time through July 24.

The league is for kindergarten through sixth grade.

The flag football league costs \$30, while football division 1 and 2 and cheerleading costs \$55 and \$65, respectively.

For more information, call Stacie or Robert at 432-268-9634.

Steer football golf tournament set

The Big Spring Steers Football Booster Club has scheduled its third annual golf tournament for July 17 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament will be a four-man scramble and begin its shotgun start at 8 a.m.

There is a \$75 entry fee, which includes a cart.

Prizes paid for first through fourth place. There will also be a closest to the pin prize and a putting contest.

For more info, contact Randy Phillips at 432-264-6600 or Steve Jeter at 432-263-3670.

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Helms takes over Grady's six-man program

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The search for Grady High School's new six-man football coach is officially over. Grady Superintendent Johnny Tubb has announced that the position has been filled by Coach Joe Helms, who comes to Grady from Dawson High School.

"I am very excited about the opportunity," said Helms.

Helms takes over for Carl Krug, who stepped down as the school's football coach. Krug will still hold his position as head

basketball coach, however.

After graduating from Texas Tech University in 1992, Helms began work for Dell City High School and served as one of the assistants on the football team for three years before eventually becoming the head coach, where he stayed for one year.

After Dell City, Helms became the head coach at New Home and eventually Dawson, as well. Helms coached New Home for three years and spent two years at Dawson.

The Wildcats will play in the six-man District 5 again this year. Last year,

Grady finished 7-4 overall and were the district runner-up with a 4-1 record. The Wildcats lost in the bi-district playoffs to Fort Davis, 64-33.

Only the Wellman Wildcats finished with a better regular season record (9-2). They also lost in the first round of the playoffs.

Besides Grady and Wellman, District 5 also consists of the Dawson Dragons, Sands Mustangs, Loop Longhorns and Klondike Cougars.

Grady loses five starters from last year's district runner-up team, but

return Andrew Villa and Ben Hirth. Many of the returning players this year are freshman and sophomores, said Helms.

"This is somewhat of a rebuilding year since we lost so many starters, but I won't know for sure until practice begins in August," said Helms. "The best thing about the situation is that I know most of the kids from last year because I was the coach at Dawson."

Every school Helms has been with has had football of the six-man style and he says the best thing about the game is the fast paced offense.

"It works well with my wide open style," said Helms. "My offensive style is kind of like the run and shoot. However, just like 11-man, fundamentals are the key to success."

And with exciting offenses comes frustrating defenses.

"It is a negative part to the game because it is often hard to stop other team's offenses," added Helms.

Grady, along with most Texas schools, begins practice Monday, Aug. 2.

The team's first regular season game will be held Friday, Aug. 27.



This year's MLB all-star game in Houston was supposed to be Roger Clemens' night.

Unfortunately for "the Rocket", the American League all-stars had their own ideas Tuesday night.

Clemens, who turns 42 in a couple weeks, became the oldest pitcher to start an all-star game. And, he did so in his hometown of Houston.

The last time Clemens started an all-star game in Houston was 1986. He pitched two shutout innings and earned the Most Valuable Player award.

Oh, how things didn't get better with age. It just didn't go "the Rocket's" way last night. Heck, the only thing that resembled a rocket was the ball coming off the American League hitter's bats in the first inning.

Clemens was rocked for six runs on five hits and was pulled after throwing only one of his scheduled two innings. He faced the entire AL lineup in the first inning and allowed an all-star first, as well. The AL all-stars were the first team in history to homer, triple, double and single in the same inning.

Besides Clemens being the oldest pitcher to start an all-star game, Clemens was also in the middle of the Clemens and Mike Piazza hype that was built up ever since Piazza was named the starting catcher. The two "enemies" were batterymates last night.

The two players feuded during the Subway series a few years back and have not been friends since. However, last night, the two were nothing short of professional. Maybe now this incident will be behind them and the media that will let them forget about it.

Prior to the game, Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan assisted Tom Gray on the mound in the Taco Bell Challenge. What did he assist in? Just helping Gray win one million dollars.

The game also featured a punching Muhammad Ali, a Ruben Studdard rendition of "God Bless America" and the newest American Idol singing "The National Anthem." Ali was funny, Ruben rocked and Fantasia plain

stunk. The American League continued its dominance over the National League with a 9-4 win. It was the seventh straight AL victory, not counting the tie two years back.

New York Yankees manager Joe Torre, who managed the all-star team, improved to 5-0-1 as a manager in all-star games. All the NL manager did was set an all-time mark. At 73, Jack McKeon, who manages the Florida Marlins when he is not at the all-star game, became the oldest manager in the game's history.

Personally, I think both managers needed a little help with their jobs last night.

It was clear that Torre was going to play as many Yankees for as long as he could. With four shortstops on the AL roster, I was amazed to see Derek Jeter still in the game in the fifth inning. The one thing Torre did well was get everyone in the game, almost.

McKeon on the other hand didn't. Jason Schmidt is 11-2 so far this year and he didn't pitch at all. Schmidt went from possible starter to not even playing. And where were Danny Graves and Armando Benitez? They are one and two, respectively, in NL saves this year and neither one saw the mound.

How hard can it be to get everyone in the game? If the manager has to have Graves and Benitez pitch to one batter each then he should have done it so they could at least make an appearance. That is what Torre did with Tom Gordon and Francisco Rodriguez.

And I bet all the Texans were disappointed last night when Ranger closer Francisco Cordero didn't enter the game, either. Instead, Torre let his closer, Mariano Rivera, pitch every out of the ninth inning.

All Torre and McKeon had to do was shorten the innings of every pitcher and they would have been fine.

Maybe I am wrong and maybe it is harder than it looks. I guess that is why I am writing about it and Torre and McKeon are actually performing in the dugout. But I sure like having my opinion.

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American League sluggers spoil "the Rocket's" night

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

HOUSTON — Roger Clemens was all set for a homecoming bash. Instead, it turned into an All-Star bust.

Left with a pained look on his face after MVP Alfonso Soriano and Manny Ramirez homered, Clemens was long gone by the time the American League finished off its 9-4 win over the National League Tuesday night.

"I put our guys in a hole," Clemens said.

With a sellout crowd at Minute Maid Park cheering for him before the first pitch, and an in-game tribute already scheduled, Clemens gave up a record six runs in the first inning.

The Houston Astros ace certainly couldn't blame his catcher.

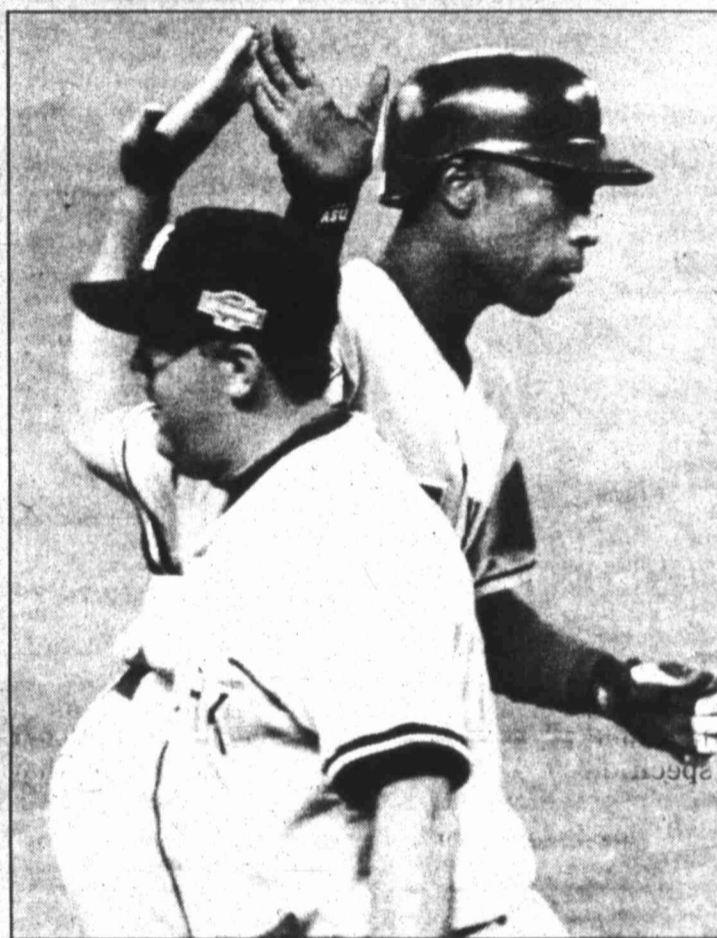
Feuding with Mike Piazza for four years, Clemens was forced to work with his nemesis this time. Piazza put down a series of signals and let the six-time Cy Young winner pick.

"Basically, I just try to roll through it. He stops me at what he wants to throw," Piazza said.

It didn't work too well for Clemens. Because after Muhammad Ali playfully jabbed at Derek Jeter during first-ball festivities, the slugging really started.

David Ortiz also homered and Jeter got three more hits as the Americans romped to their seventh straight win, not including the infamous tie in 2002. They clinched home-field advantage in the World Series for the third year in a row.

Ichiro Suzuki led off the game with a double, Ivan Rodriguez followed with a triple and the rout was on. The Americans reduced the 41-year-old Rocket to a batting practice pitcher, becoming the first team in All-Star history to hit for the cycle in an



courtesy photo/GREGG ELLMAN, FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
The Rangers' Alfonso Soriano gets a high-five from Yankees' third base coach Luis Sojo after Soriano hit a three-run home run in the top of the first inning of the 2004 MLB All-Star game in Houston Tuesday.

inning.

Soriano's second All-Star homer was a three-run shot off Clemens, his former teammate.

Much of the pregame buildup centered on the checkered past between Clemens and Piazza. Clemens beamed the New York Mets catcher in the 2000 regular season at Yankee Stadium, then threw the jagged barrel of a broken bat toward him in the World Series.

Even prior to the first pitch, it was clear their feud was still simmering.

Clemens and Piazza stood a few feet apart before the team picture was taken near the hill in center field at Minute Maid Park, but did not speak to each other.

And while winning pitcher Mark Mulder warmed up with Rodriguez, Clemens started getting ready with a bullpen catcher. Piazza came over and caught just a couple of pitches before leaving

the bullpen for pregame introductions.

Piazza said he spoke with Clemens in the trainer's room before the game, going over hitters and discussing some things the catcher described as "personal."

"It was very amicable," Piazza said. "It wasn't awkward."

That said, Piazza never went to the mound while Clemens struggled and sweated. But when Randy Johnson gave up singles to Jason Giambi and Jeter in the third, Piazza walked out to talk with the Big Unit.

Second baseman Jeff Kent didn't help Clemens by making a two-out error on Giambi's grounder in the first. Jeter followed with a single and Soriano homered for a 6-0 lead.

It was the biggest outburst in an All-Star game since Fred Lynn's grand slam highlighted a seven-run inning for the AL in 1983.

Nightmares advance to national tourney

Special to the HERALD

The Nightmares 18-under "A" softball team qualified for the ASA "A" Nationals in Clovis, Calif., this past weekend at the regional tournament in San Antonio.

Colleen Kimbro pitched a no-hitter Sunday morning and led the team with an overall .575 batting average.

The previous week at the state tournament held

in Temple, Morgan

Hanson pitched two shutout games and allowed three hits, which helped her team get to the regional tournament. During the championship run, the team had a batting average of .325.

The Nightmares finished first at the district qualifier in Midland, seventh at the state tournament in Temple and fourth in the regional tournament in San

Antonio.

The Nightmares squad consists of Kimbro, Hanson, Crystal Garcia, Alyssa Motley, Heather Krause, Maritza Martinez, Kourtney Ford, Pam Espinosa, Jessica Mireles, Kayla Ford, Jessica La Rosa and Sarah Dunn.

The team has been coached by Martin Moya, Daryl Franklin, Mike Kimbro and Mike Martinez.

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IN BRIEF

BSISD announces
volleyball open gyms

Big Spring will hold volleyball open gyms on all Mondays and Thursdays for the summer from 6-8 p.m. at the junior high.

There will also be lifting and conditioning both Mondays and Thursdays after open gym from 8-9 p.m.

For more information, contact Revis Daggett at 432-816-9560.

Forsan announces
Camp Buffalo dates

Forsan's Camp Buffalo will run from 8 a.m. to noon, this Monday through Friday. The camp is for boys in grades five through eight and is designed to develop skills and fundamentals of football, basketball and strength conditioning.

The cost of the camp is \$40.

For more information or to register, call Terry McDonald at 432-267-7445.

Large donation made
to Crossroads youth

Steve Herrin of Ace Hardware, in collaboration with John Weeks of KBST Radio, have made a huge donation of a 1,200-foot chain link fencing and accessories to the Crossroads Youth Football Association after the playing field's newly built sprinkler system was vandalized.

Climbers take over in France, Armstrong still sixth

By JOHN LEICESTER

Associated Press Writer
GUERET, France - Move over sprinters, time for climbers to shine.

The charge for the Tour de France title intensifies Wednesday with the first mountain stage — a chance for five-time champion Lance Armstrong and other contenders to test their legs before mightier battles in the Pyrenees and Alps.

"It will be hard, especially if the race starts aggressively like it did today," Armstrong said after Tuesday's ninth stage.

"A lot of people will be going home if it starts like that." Armstrong remained in sixth place overall, finishing 44th Tuesday behind stage winner Robbie McEwen of Australia. The 32-year-old Texan is 9 minutes, 35 seconds behind leader Thomas Voeckler of France.

Wednesday's 147-mile trek through the Massif Central of central France is the longest of this Tour and has nine climbs, including the most difficult so far — 3 1/2-mile ascent to 5,243 feet, which gets steeper as it goes up.

Armstrong is in the dark about the stage, having not checked it out like some of his rivals before the Tour started.

"It's going to be tough ... up and down all day," Armstrong said. "Unfortunately, it's a stage we haven't seen. It's a hard day ahead."

He acknowledged that his teammates are "a little anxious" but insisted "they will be ready."

"The team is great and healthy," he added. "Everyone's recovered from their small crashes."

Sprinters who have dominated the mostly flat early stages will struggle. Such speedsters include McEwen. Climbers and all-arounders like Armstrong will move to the fore — possibly offering an early look at how strong the main contenders are.

"The Tour starts now," American Tyler Hamilton, a former teammate and rival of Armstrong's, said on Monday's rest day. "The upcoming stages will really show who is here to win."

Even with one bad leg, McEwen was still the quickest rider of the first half of the three-week Tour.

Head down, the Australian put on a burst of speed to win Tuesday's ninth stage, racing along the barriers and pushing his wheel over the line just ahead of Norwegian champion Thor Hushovd.

Armstrong, who has been saving his strength for the tough and likely decisive last week, finished comfortably in the main pack. Jan Ullrich, his main rival, was 25th. Both finished in the same time as McEwen's 3 hours, 32 minutes, 55 seconds.

Armstrong's other main objective has been to avoid crashes like the one that took down Spain's Mikel Pradera, who plowed into a road sign and cartwheeled into the path of another rider. Both went on to finish.

"We just sat on the wheel, took it easy," said Armstrong. The ride "was fine, didn't really surprise me at all."

The hilly 99 1/2-mile stage, the shortest this year except for time trial courses, started in Saint-Leonard-de-Noblat in central France, the hometown of retired Tour great Raymond Poulidor. He is loved by fans even though he never won the showcase race — finishing either second or third a record eight times between 1962 and 1976.

McEwen became the first rider to win two stages at this Tour. But when he set out Tuesday, he wasn't even sure he'd make it to the finish. Banged up in a mass crash on Friday, he rode with a sore back and knee and said he started the day thinking, "I just hope I survive."

"It's a beautiful victory," the 32-year-old McEwen said. "I gave all of my energy to that sprint."

Spain's Inigo Landaluze and Italian rider Filippo Simeoni had the win snatched away. They pedaled way out in front of the main pack for much of the race, but were gradually reeled in and overtaken by McEwen, Hushovd and other sprinters in the mass dash to the line.

Voeckler retained the overall lead, meaning he will wear the leader's yellow jersey on Bastille Day, the national holiday on Wednesday. Armstrong is 55 seconds ahead of Ullrich. Armstrong thinks

Voeckler could hold the lead at least into the Pyrenees, which start Friday. But the French champion isn't so sure.

On Wednesday, "if the favorites decide to fight right from the start ... it could get difficult for me," Voeckler said.

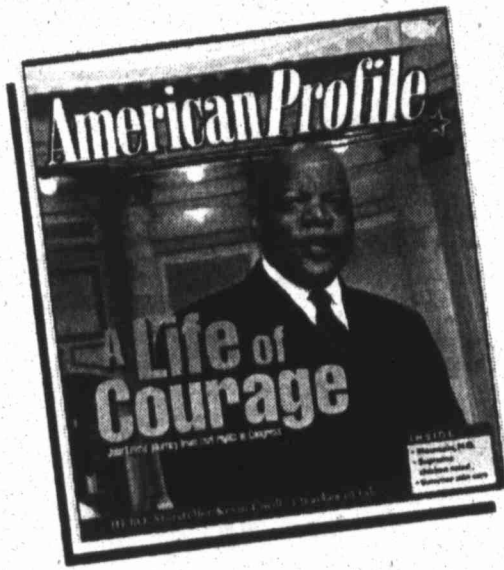
McEwen said his knee hurt so much he had to stop six times during a

training ride during Monday's rest day.

He also won a sprint finish in stage two to Namur in Belgium, and took the green jersey as best sprinter at the 2002 Tour.

He now has five stage victories in seven Tours. He currently holds the green jersey and hopes to win it at the finish in Paris July 25.

In Sunday's
Big Spring Herald



An endless pursuit
for equality

Being hopeful and optimistic is part of John Lewis' DNA. The Georgia congressman remains as passionate today about improving the lives of the less fortunate as he was in the 1960s as one of the leaders of the civil rights movement. Plus, summer skin care and supreme chicken salad.

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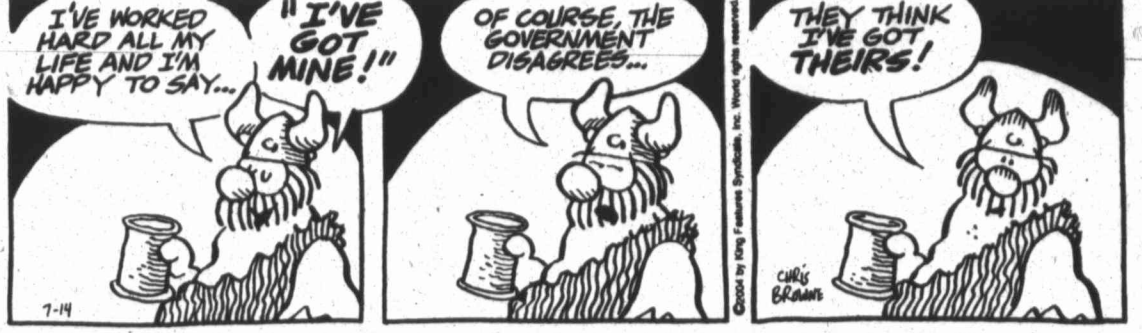
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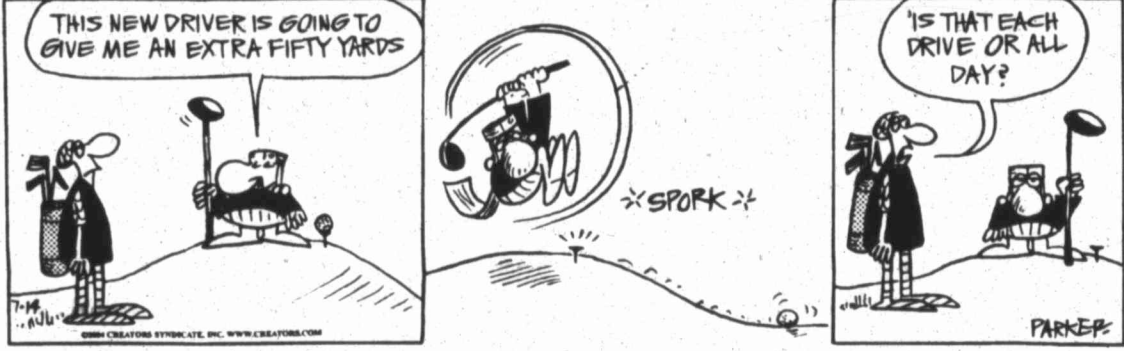
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This Date In History

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Today is Wednesday, July 14, the 196th day of 2004. There are 170 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 14, 1789, during the French Revolution, citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison and released the seven prisoners inside. On this date: In 1798, Congress passed the Sedition Act, making it a federal crime to publish false, scandalous or malicious writing about the United States government. In 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry relayed to Japanese officials a letter from former President Fillmore, requesting trade relations. In 1881, outlaw William H. Bonney Jr., alias "Billy the Kid," was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner, N.M.

In 1904, 100 years ago, author Isaac Bashevis Singer was born in Radzymin, Poland. In 1933, all German political parties, except the Nazi Party, were outlawed. In 1958, the army of Iraq overthrew the monarchy. In 1965, the American space probe Mariner Four flew by Mars, sending back photographs of the planet. In 1965, U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson Jr. died in London at age 65. In 1966, eight student nurses were murdered by Richard Speck in a Chicago dormitory. In 1976, Jimmy Carter won the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in New York. In 1978, Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky was convicted of treasonous espionage and anti-Soviet agitation, and sentenced to 13 years at hard labor. (Sharansky was released in 1986.) Ten years ago: A tidal wave of Hutu refugees from Rwanda's civil war flooded across the border into Zaire, swamping relief organizations.

Birthdays: Actress Gloria Stuart is 94. Former President Gerald R. Ford is 91. Movie and stage director Ingmar Bergman is 86. Actor Dale Robertson is 81. Actor Harry Dean Stanton is 78. Actress Nancy Olson is 76. Actress Polly Bergen is 74. Former football player Rosey Grier is 72. Country singer Del Reeves is 72. Actor Jerry Houser is 52. Actor-director Eric Laneuville is 52. Actor Stan Shaw is 52. Movie producer Scott Rudin is 46.

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Newsday Crossword

HAT SHOP by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS: 1 Software glitches, 5 Furtive "Hey!", 9 Rustic dwelling, 14 Canton's state, 15 Need liniment, 16 Tara family name, 17 Star Trek helmsman, 18 In shape, 19 Carried on, as war, 20 Music hit, 23 Suffix for serpent, 24 It means "resembling", 25 Nun's title, 27 Recently, 31 Under siege, 33 Andes animal, 34 Angry, 35 Abba of Israel, 39 Racetrack event, 42 Kemo, 43 Top Untouchable, 44 Sci-fi visitor, 45 Point a finger at, 47 At will, 48 Lash out at, 51 Lanka, 52 Routing word, 53 Demolitionist's device, 60 Twine starter, 62 Patchy in color, 63 Seven Hills city, 64 Tummy trouble, 65 Pound of poetry, 66 QB VII author, 67 Has to have, 68 Declare false, 69 Most desirable, 12 Singer Cara, 13 Common Cause founder, 21 Completely wreck, 22 Ruhr city, 26 Pierce Brosnan TV role, 27 Ransom Eli, 28 Boxer biter, 29 Souvlaki meat, 30 One-celled animal, 31 Northwest capital, 32 Bow-toting god, 34 Goblet part, 36 Mold-ripened cheese, 37 Genesis victim, 38 Big Apple inits., 40 Counting everything, 41 "Splish Splash" singer, 46 Many October babies, 47 Crusoe's companion, 48 Bird-related, 49 Burn slightly, 50 Composer Erik, 51 Aft section, 54 Mimicked, 55 10 EEE, e.g., 56 Vittles, 57 Central part, 58 Writer Kingsley, 59 28 Down, for one, 61 LAX monitor info

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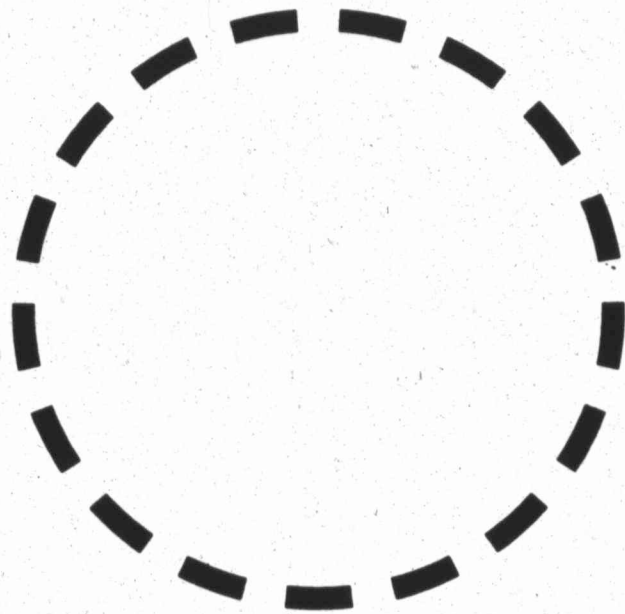
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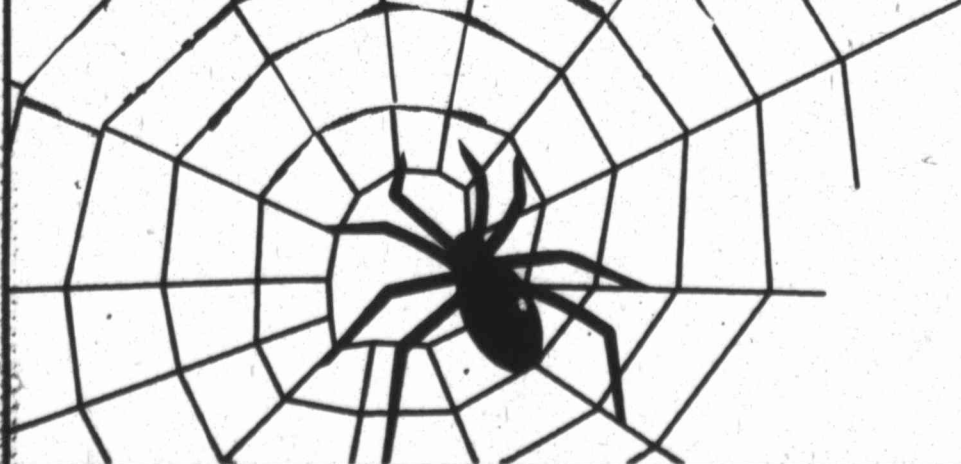
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