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WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 70°-72° TOMORROW 94°-96°

United Way lunch tickets on sale now

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will hold its annual campaign luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

Guest speaker will be Neal Jeffrey, who quarterbacked the Baylor Bears to a Southwest Conference football championship in 1974 and today ministers to more than 4,000 people as prayer minister of the Prestonwood Baptist Church.

Jeffrey was able to turn overcome a disability — a speech impediment — and went on to play professional ball for two years with the San Diego Chargers. Today, he speaks for churches and organizations all over America. He has spoken at teacher in-services, retreats, revivals, youth camps, service organizations, private businesses, athletic banquets, baccalaureates and awards ceremonies.

The luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., catered by Al's & Son Barbecue. Tickets are $11 each and available at the United Way office, 808 Scurry St., or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third St.

WHAT'S UP...

FRIDAY

- ❑ Signal Mt. Quilting Guild 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.
- ❑ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- ❑ AMBUCS meets at noon at The Brandin' Iron.
- ❑ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

- ❑ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ❑ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

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Duncan says LRB didn't respect Howard County's wishes

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer


DUNCAN

State Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) told the Big Spring Lions Club that West Texas' situation after the latest round of legislative redistricting is the result of a last-minute amendment.

At the Lions Club lunch meeting Wednesday, Duncan said that just before the five-member Legislative Redistricting Board voted to approve a plan that would have left Howard County in his 28th Senatorial District, Land Commissioner David Dewhurst (R) presented an amendment to the bill.

Duncan said that Dewhurst informed the LRB that he had met with some lobbyists from Childress.

"He said 'We feel we need to address these people's concerns,'" Duncan said of Dewhurst. "It wasn't about Childress. It redrew all of the lines in West Texas. It was vindictive. It was a vindictive move toward (Speaker of the House) Pete Laney (D-Hale Center) and (Acting Lt. Gov.) Bill Ratliff (R-Mt. Pleasant)."

The other LRB members are Dewhurst, Attorney General John Cornyn and Comptroller of Public Accounts Carole Keeton Rylander, all Republicans.

The new plan, which groups Big Spring with Midland and Odessa in the 31st Senatorial District, split up communities which share similar interests to give power to the Permian Basin cities, Duncan said.

"Howard County has been with Lubbock since I can remember, and there is a community of interest there that might not be a community of interest with Midland-Odessa," Duncan said. "They cut up Lubbock and other communities purely as a political vendetta, ignoring the needs of the people in those communities. It simply had to do with the political ambitions of people in Midland and Odessa."

Duncan excoriated Cornyn, Rylander and Dewhurst for "arrogance."

"Politicians shouldn't be saying, 'We know what's best for you. We're the government and we know

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LRB MEMBERS

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Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, phone: 512 463-5001, fax: 512 475-1558.

Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, phone: 903 572-1887; fax: 903 577-1412.

House Speaker Pete Laney, phone: 512 463-100, fax: 512 463-5896

Fair queen enjoys meeting others

Editor's note: Herald Correspondent Nancy Koger will be reporting on the Howard County Fair all this week.

By NANCY KOGER
Herald Correspondent


KOGER

The ability to mix and mingle with everyone in the spirit of the fair is the quality that earned Amanda Sheedy the title of queen of the 2001 Howard County Fair.

"The county fair brings the community all together. The spirit of the fair is unique to small towns," said Amanda, with a smile.

"We want someone who can talk to little kids, the older folks, and the farmers about their crops," explained Sonya Metcalf, the person in charge of the queen contest. Contestants were judged 70 percent on personality and stage presence and 15 percent on evening wear and sportswear appearance.

"Her friendliness and openness with a crowd are natural and they come across that way," said Metcalf.

Amanda was not only chosen queen, she also tied for Miss Congeniality.

She shares that title with Kristyn Hambleton, 18-year-old daughter of Chris and Sue Hambleton of Stanton and a graduate of Grady High School.

First runnerup was Frances Clark, 16-year-old daughter of Bill and Diann Clark of Lenorah. She is a junior at Grady High School. Second runnerup was Tiffany Reid, 14-year-old daughter of Steve and Anna Reid of Coahoma and a freshman at Coahoma High School.

Other contestants were 15-year-old Timmi Blackshear, daughter of Tim and Terri Blackshear of Big Spring and 14-year-

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Howard County Fair Queen Amanda Sheedy gives 3-year-old Miranda Swinney a hug at the fair on Wednesday night. Seventeen-year-old Sheedy is the daughter of Mark and Anna and is a Big Spring High School senior. The Howard County Fair will continue through Saturday with a goat show slated Sunday.


HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Robert McClure, 87, of Big Spring shows the large watermelon he's entering in this year's Howard County Fair.

HOWARD COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

All events and activities are held at the Howard County Fairbarns

Today
- 4 p.m., Fair opens
- 4 p.m., Carnival begins
- 7 p.m., Gospel Night

Friday
- 1-7 p.m., Receive lambs
- 4 p.m. Fair opens
- 4 p.m., Carnival begins
- 7 p.m., Weight cards due for lambs
- 7 p.m., Craig Chambers
- 7:30 p.m. Showmanship lambs
- 9 p.m. Craig Chambers

Saturday
- 8 a.m., Lamb show
- 10 a.m., Fair opens
- 10:30 a.m., Kountry Kids
- 1 p.m., Antique Tractor Pull
- 1 p.m., Steer show
- 4 p.m., Goats arrive
- 7 p.m., Battle of the Cheerleaders
- 9 p.m., Mike Hilger
- 9:45 p.m., Quilt drawing

Sunday
- 9 a.m., Goat cards due
- 11 a.m., Showmanship goats
- 1 p.m., Goat show

Taxes

Coahoma ISD trustees sign off on 7-cent tax rate hike

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer


KINGSTON

COAHOMA — Taxpayers for Coahoma Independent School District will see a 7-cent increase in the maintenance and operation tax next year.

"It's larger than we would have liked to have adopted but the board felt we needed to go to the rate to offset the loss of state funding by the raise in taxable values," said CISD Superintendent Dr. Bill Kingston.

On Monday, CISD trustees set the tax rate at $1.46 per $100 valuation from the current rate of $1.39.

Kingston said the district may lose as much as $400,000 in state funding from the increase in taxable revenue. The 7-cent hike is expected to draw $140,000 more in taxes, he said.

"The state funding formula assigns a local district a share in the cost of the base funding program," said Kingston.

Under the equal funding plan, the state bases the amount of money going to the district from the property values, he said.

"When property values increase the local share of the funding increases so state funding decreases," Kingston said.

The district may see more losses in state funding as student enrollment continues to fall in Coahoma schools.

"We receive about $4,000 for each student in daily attendance," Kingston said. "If we lose 10 students then we lose $40,000."

Kingston reports that the district is down about eight to 10 students this fall from the 2001 spring semester.

Loss of students does not equal fewer expenses for the district, he said.

"Fewer students do not

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Sands schools earn exemplary ratings from the state

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer


BRYAN
SCISD

ACKERLY — For the third year, Sands Consolidated Independent School District earned the highest status on the Texas Education Agency rating report.

"Our greatest emphasis at the district is instruction, then extra curricular activities," said Superintendent Dr. Donald E. Bryan.

Sands CISD received "exemplary" status on the report with both the elementary and secondary schools also receiving the same status.

School district and campus ratings are based on student passing rates on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, a standardized test, and dropout rates. This year, attendance was removed from the measurement.

Districts and campuses earning the "exemplary" ratings had 90 percent or more of their total students and these student groups, Hispanic, African-American, white and economically disadvantaged, pass all sections of the TAAS test. They also had a drop out rate of 1 percent or less for all students and the four student groups.

According to Bryan, the district uses the previous year's TAAS scores along with other tests to determine the student's weaknesses and strengths then maps out how to teach the student.

"I tell my staff that each child's learning style is non negotiable but teaching style is negotiable. No child learns the same way," he said.

Bryan said the low turnover rate for teachers helps to the district to develop consistency in teaching students the curriculum from prekindergarten on through the 12th grade.

Also, students are given much of the credit, he said.

"The children are the ones put on the line," he said.

Bryan said the SCISD board of trustees helps to support the district.

"The board provides the resources and support for the administration in doing whatever we need to do to

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OBITUARIES

E.J. Smith

Funeral service for E.J. Smith, 85, will be 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 22, 2001, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Roger Huff and the Rev. J.D. Bilbro officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.



Mr. Smith died Wednesday, Aug. 22, at Mt. View Lodge following a long illness.

He was born on Jan. 19, 1916, Juan and married Loena Avants on Oct. 17, 1939, in Brooksmith. He moved to Big Spring in 1954 from Brownwood. He was a member of the Nazarene Church. Mr. Smith was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the occupation of Japan. Mr. Smith had farmed and alter retired from Big Spring Independent School District.

Survivors include his wife, Loena Smith of Big Spring; two daughters, Linda Tubbs of Big Spring and Lougenia Landale of Walteboro, S.C.; one sister, Cleta Gordon of San Antonio; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Eraul Padilla

Funeral service for Eraul Padilla, 75, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Padilla died Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2001, at a Midland hospital.

COAHOMA

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reduce our expenses," Kingston said. "We still have to maintain air conditioning in those those classrooms and still have to have the teachers. That loss of students does not reduce our spending."

Trustees also approved a $6.3 million budget on Monday that includes about a $20,000 increase over last year's budget, Kingston said.

Much of the added increase will go to health insurance and the potential cost of utilities.

The budget includes step salary increases for the district's teachers based on the normal Texas Education Salary schedule and sets aside money to continue the district's technology and help with the aging bus fleet.

Coahoma ISD's tax rate would be just 4 cents below the maximum allowed by the state of $1.50. Both Big Spring and Forsan school districts have raised tax rates to maximum.

FAIR

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old Meagan Kothmann, daughter of Penni Kothmann of Coahoma.

Amanda, 17-year-old daughter of Mark and Anna Sheedy, is a senior at Big Spring High School. Strong academically and active in extracurricular activities, she is most interested in theater. One reason she entered the queen contest was because she felt she "needed a stage."

"We had no summer theater this year and I needed some stage time," she said, noting that it sounded like fun and she got encouragement from her mother.

She was sponsored by The Paint and Safety Store.

Each queen contestant was asked two questions during the judging process. When asked what she would tell first graders if she could talk to them, Amanda responded, "I'm a DARE role model and we actually do go talk to the elementary kids. I'd tell them about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and about handling peer pressure while growing up."

To a question about her favorite part of the fair, she emphasized her love of the open spirit of friendliness one can experience there.

"It's great to be queen; I really like wearing a tiara," Amanda joked.

However, this young woman has serious plans following high school. She's considering either Southern Methodist University or Stephen F. Austin — colleges with strong theater departments. SFA has a London theater program that interests her because she wants to go into some theater-related career, or perhaps some facet of broadcasting.

Her thoughts about marriage and a family?

"It's really hard to have a family while doing theater work and I think being a wife and a mother is a full-time job. I'd like to get this theater thing our of my system and have a family later."

Part of the duty of the fair queen is to be around the fair each evening, greeting the fair goers and making them feel welcome. Wednesday, Amanda toured the fair barn in her regal blue gown and tiara. The remainder of the week she will be in less formal attire.

Yes, it's good to be queen and even better to have a good queen.

DUNCAN

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what's best for you,'" he said.

Duncan praised Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart and the County Commissioners' Court for joining in lawsuits last week challenging the shuffling of districts.

"I'm proud of Howard County for joining that lawsuit," Duncan said. "Bottom line is, you have an opportunity to continue to be heard and you need to take that opportunity."

Duncan wouldn't speculate on the chances of the lawsuits, saying that it is hard to tell how a case will go this early in the proceedings. He did commend the county for joining lawsuits which focus on racial aspects of redistricting in South Texas, saying that those issues are more "compelling" than the community-of-interest issues raised in West Texas.

"Your issues do have merit," he explained. "The thing is, you'll be at the table and you'll have a voice when they start redrawing those lines."

Duncan urged Howard County citizens to write to the members of the LRB expressing their opinions.

"I think you should write letters, you should write e-mails — you should write those three LRB members that voted for this," he said. "You should write the Judicial Department."

State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) was also present at the Lions Club luncheon, but didn't speak. The new redistricting plan moves Howard County from Counts' 70th Congressional District to Laney's 85th District.

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address a quality program," he said.

This is the fifth year the elementary has earned exemplary status and the fourth time in the last five years for the secondary school.

Zelda Bilbo is the principal of the elementary school and Wayne Blount is the principal of the high school.

Sands Consolidated Independent School District has approximately 209 students enrolled this year.

No 'old bats' cry needlepointers to Louisville Slugger bat museum

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Needlepointers 1, Louisville Slugger Museum 0.

When the shrine to baseball put up a billboard proudly proclaiming that it had "more old bats than a needlepoint convention," irate needlepointers swung back — and connected.

Workers this week painted over most of the phrase on the billboard, leaving the words "old bats" above a picture of a century-old bat. The museum has an extensive collection of baseball bats.

The billboard was visible from Interstate 64, one of the busiest routes into town.

"We really didn't want to offend anyone," Bill Williams, the museum's executive director, said Wednesday. "We just learned our lesson, that there are a lot of needlepointers out there."

The museum happens to share Louisville with the headquarters of a national embroiderers' group, whose members cried foul.

"I personally don't like the reference of needlepoint convention attendees being referred to as 'old bats,'" said Bonnie Key, office manager at the headquarters of the Embroiderers' Guild of America. "I'm sure they saw humor in that, but I know our membership would not."

The organization has 20,000 members, and they are not only older women, she said.

BRIEFS

TODAY

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

SUNDAY

•AA, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

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Compaq	13.29 -.07
Cornell	15.25 nc
Dell	22.74 +.59
Du Pont	41.25 -.12
Exxon Mobil	41.06 +.35
Halliburton	31.12 +.32
IFCO Systems	1.6 nc
IBM	104.22 +.26
Intel Corp	28.13 +.17
NUV	9.55 -.03
Patterson Ener	15.45 -.55
Pepsico Inc	47.29 +.36
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Sears Roebuck	44.09 -.11
Texaco Inc	70.38 +.29
Texas Instrument	33.93 +.28
TXU	46.95 +.65
Total Fina	74.17 +.05
Unocal Corp	36.06 -.12
Wal-Mart	49.84 -.4
Wal-Mart/Mexico	24.9-25.3
AMCAP	16.4 +.09
Europacific	28.21 +.07
Prime Rate	6.5%
Gold	273.5 - 275.55
Silver	4.18 - 4.24

POLICE

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

• **RONALD WAYNE BENTON,** 52, of 2500 W. Highway 80 was arrested for local warrants.

• **WILLIAM LEROY DAVIS,** 25, of 5909 Walter Road was arrested for local warrants.

• **MINOR ACCIDENTS** were reported in the 1000 block of Gregg Street and the 700 block of East 11th Place.

• **INTOXICATED DRIVER** was reported in Comanche Trail Park.

• **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 2600 block of Ent Drive.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2200 block of Alabama Street and the 1000 block of North Main Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of the West Interstate 20 North Service Road. $600 worth of clothes were reported stolen from the unlocked vehicle.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 700 block of Goliad. A side door at the home was reportedly forced and about $2,900 worth of electronic equipment as well as about $400 worth of other items were stolen from the home.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 600 block of Steakley Street. about $500 worth of damage was done to a black 1988 Honda Accord at the address.

• **MINOR ASSAULT** was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla.

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 5,4,7

LOTTO: 5,19,21,27,31,35

SHERIFF

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

• **RONNIE DALE FREEMAN,** 44, of Big Spring was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department Tuesday on charges of criminal trespassing on a Super Fund Site.

• **MARTHA VANDERBILT,** 36, of 1502 Lincoln was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department Tuesday on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

• **JOSHUA KENT BECK,** 19, of 1423 Tucson was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **CURTIS PENDLETON,** 19, of 202 Texas was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department Tuesday on a charge of making a false statement for property or credit.

• **COLBY ROSS THURMAN,** 18, of 1606 Runnels was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department Tuesday on a charge of evading arrest.

• **JACOB JACKIE RIOS,** 34, of 712 Lorilla was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana 5 to 50 pounds.

• **BLAKE WILLIAM-ALDERMAN,** 18, of 1507 Richie Road was arrested on a charge of assault with physical contact.

• **THOMAS JOSEPH BOOTH,** 17, of 1505 Lancaster was arrested on a charge of assault with physical contact.

• **JEFFERY ALAN MARTIN,** 17, of 302 Main in Forsan was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **LEONARD LAMAR RUSHING,** 31, of 208 West Third Street in Forsan was arrested on a charge of assault with physical contact.

• **HAROLD RAY OTT,** 22, of 104 North Fourth St. in Coahoma was arrested for motions to revoke probation.

• **MARCUS ENNIS DELEON,** 18, of 313 N.E. Seventh St. was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department Sunday on charges of graffiti and evading arrest.

• **MICHAEL EUGENE MENDEZ,** 25, of 2613 Highway 87 was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Big Spring Police Department Sunday on charges of graffiti and evading arrest.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of Tubb Road.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 300 block of Spring Creek Road.

• County Judge Ben Lockhart sounded an **ALARM** at his office in the Howard County Courthouse. Sheriff Dale Walker and two deputies responded and escorted an "upset" man from the building, according to the Sheriff's Office logbook.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported on Interstate 20 near mile marker 167.

• **FIGHT** was reported in the area of the FM 461 and Main Street intersection in Forsan.

• The Midland office of the Texas Department of Public Safety is asking for help locating an **OVERDUE MOTORIST.** Todd Martin, 24, was traveling from Odessa to Laredo Monday and hasn't arrived. Martin is described as a white male, and was last seen driving a white 1997 Ford F-150 with Texas plates 4JX293. Martin's planned itenerary was Odessa to Interstate 10, to US 277 in Sonoma, to Del Rio to Laredo. Anyone with information about Martin's whereabouts can contact the Midland DPS.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

9:14 a.m. — 6200 block of Walter, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

12:03 p.m. — 1500 block of Gregg, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

12:19 p.m. — 1000 block of Gregg, traffic accident, service refused.

2:08 p.jm. — 1200 block of Birdwell, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

2:37 p.m. — Mile marker 167 of I-20, traffic accident, service refused.

4:55 p.m. — 1800 block of North Highway 87, trauma call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

9:36 p.m. — 300 block of Goliad, traffic accident, service refused.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 96
Wednesday's low 74
Record high 105 in 1950
Record low 53 1961
Average high 93
Average low 67
Precip. Wednesday 0.00
Month to date 2.03
Year to date 7.24
Sunrise Friday 7:16 a.m.
Sunset Friday 8:19 p.m.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
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Melba Whittington, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 11:00 AM, Monday, August 27, 2001, at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288

E. J. "Bud" Smith, 85, died Wednesday. Services are 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7:00 to 9:00 PM today.

Eraul "Smiley" Padilla, 75, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

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Suspected Sacramento killer remains at large as authorities protect relatives

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Calling the suspect in a family killing spree a "cold-blooded" killer, authorities began protecting at least a dozen of his relatives out of fear he may strike again.

Nikolay Soltys, 27, is suspected of killing his pregnant wife, his 3-year-old son and four other family members. He remained at large Thursday as a nationwide manhunt entered its fourth day.

Sacramento County Sheriff Lou Blanas called Soltys a "cold-blooded, calculated killer" and warned that anyone assisting him was "at risk of being his next victim." Fourteen family members in the Sacramento area were taken into protective custody.

Authorities say he used toys to lure the toddler to his death, suggesting that he may be more than a methodical killer, criminal experts said Wednesday.

The pattern of slayings — vicious stabbings interspersed with deliberate decision-making — suggest Soltys is delusional, rather than just engaging in crimes of rage or opportunity, said forensic psychologist Barry Rosenfeld, a professor at Fordham University in New York.

"Once there is a cooling-off period in between some of the murders, then it's no longer a spree," Rosenfeld said.

Soltys may now be driving an emerald green Ford Explorer with a rear hatch painted a lighter shade of green. His 1995 Nissan Altima was found abandoned Monday.

Investigators said the reward for information leading to Soltys' capture had climbed to $30,000.

Authorities said Soltys has relatives in New York, North Carolina and possibly Oregon and Washington state.

Soltys allegedly stabbed his pregnant wife, Lyubov, at their home in a Sacramento suburb on Monday and then drove 20 minutes to another suburb and killed four other relatives. Investigators said Soltys followed up the killings by driving to his mother's home to pick up his son. He later slashed the boy's throat and discarded the body in a cardboard box, investigators said.

Authorities found the boy's body Tuesday afternoon after following directions written in Russian on the back of a photograph of the child and his mother that was left in the Nissan.

In the car, they also found a second note from Soltys with a numbered list referring to the slayings, suggesting each had been killed "for speaking out," Garverick said. "The writing in effect said: 'Number one, this was for Lyubov, for her speaking,' or 'for her tongue.'"

Police had said family members may have chastised Soltys for not having a job, but sheriff's Detective Ron Garverick said the meaning of the message was unclear.

Rosenfeld, the forensic psychologist, says Soltys may have been acting under psychotic delusions that led him to believe there was a rational reason to kill people on his list.

"If he's delusional and has these delusional beliefs, he could have anybody on the list," he said.

A memorial service has been scheduled Sunday for the slain family members at Bethany Slavic Missionary Church outside Sacramento.

Family of four executed in western Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A woman and three children returning from a day at the beach were shot execution-style and dumped in a cornfield outside Mexico's second-largest city, officials said.

Police discovered the bullet-riddled bodies of a family wearing swimsuits under their clothes on a highway outside Guadalajara in western Jalisco state on Wednesday.

They identified the mother as 36-year-old Aurora Caraveo of eastern Tamaulipas state. The identities and nationalities of her children were unclear. Two Mexican television stations cited police sources as saying authorities found identifications for each child from schools in Tamaulipas and Texas.

The mother's identity was established with a Texas driver's license that listed a Brownsville address, according to The Brownsville Herald's Thursday editions.

Mexican police officials told the newspaper that about $5,500 in cash was found in the woman's purse.

A police investigator speaking by phone from Guadalajara on Wednesday night said the police report listed the children as ages 9, 10 and 13 and with school identification cards that had two names for each child. He refused further comment.

The investigator said each victim was shot in the head and chest and dragged from the Honda. He said investigators searching the car found dozens of 9 millimeter shell casings lying next to towels, empty soft drink bottles and pairs of flip-flops.

American consulates in Guadalajara and Mexico City were closed Wednesday night and U.S. officials could not be reached to comment .

The investigator, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said police believe the victims were shot hours before their bodies were discovered and that those responsible for the killings reported the car stolen.

DHS: Health care workers lied about residents' drownings

HOUSTON (AP) — An assisted living facility's employees lied to investigators about the drownings of two residents during Tropical Storm Allison, the state Department of Human Services said Wednesday.

One resident of Brightstar Care Home never made it to safety during the June 8 evacuation and the other drowned after going back into floodwaters to retrieve her Bible, DHS officials said.

Brightstar employees had maintained that all 54 residents evacuated safely on foot to nearby Houston Community Hospital. The employees said residents Lola Thomas, 55, and Cecil Hutchinson, 62, turned up missing on the return trip to Brightstar.

DHS officials say Brightstar supervisors urged their employees to lie to investigators.

The agency's July 2 report concluded that there was insufficient evidence to support allegations that Brightstar was negligent or failed to provide enough care and supervision to prevent the two drownings. But the report did cite Brightstar for not having a proper evacuation plan.

DHS reopened the investigation at the request of a witness who offered different information from what had been reported.

Despite the latest findings, DHS does not yet have the authority to sanction Brightstar and its owners, said a spokeswoman.

A new law providing for sanctions against assisted living employees who mislead investigators doesn't take effect until September.

TEXAS BRIEFS

Missourian crowned Miss Teen USA

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — Miss Missouri won the Miss Teen USA 2001 pageant Wednesday night after answering a question whether President George W. Bush's daughters have been treated fairly by reporters since their underage drinking incident made headlines.

Marissa Whitley, 18, of Springfield, Mo. answered that underage drinking is a significant problem and that as daughters of the president, Jenna and Barbara should be more mindful of their public stature.

As fans in the crowd waved, Whitley clutched a bouquet of flowers and took the crown from reigning Miss Teen USA Jillian Parry while waving back to the crowd.

Shortly after an evening gown competition, the selection was narrowed down to five: Indiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, and Texas.

First runner-up was Miss New York, Gloria Almonte, 18, of the Bronx, N.Y. Second runner-up was Miss Massachusetts, Marianne Zaslavsky, 16, of Boston, with the third runner-up Miss Texas, Katherine Perello, 16, of Lake Jackson, Texas; and fourth runner-up as Miss Indiana, Jillian Dornbush, 18, of Georgetown, Ind.

Former Florida pastor pleads guilty

DALLAS (AP) — A 38-year-old Dallas man has pleaded guilty in federal court in a case involving a sexual relationship with a teen-age girl who attended a Florida church where he and his wife were ministers.

Phillip Carpenter entered the plea Monday before U.S. District Judge Sam A. Lindsay of Dallas to a charge of enticing a minor to travel in interstate commerce to engage in illegal sexual activity. Sentencing was set for Nov. 5, 2001. Carpenter faces up to 10 years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

Prosecutors said Carpenter was a co-pastor of a church in Pinellas County, Florida, but didn't identify the church. They said Carpenter admits having sex with the girl beginning when she was 15. She will be 17 in November.

Carpenter and the girl kept the sexual relationship secret, but Carpenter and his wife separated last year over the accusations of impropriety between him and the girl, officials said, and Carpenter moved to Dallas. Prosecutors said Carpenter maintained contact with the girl by calling her at school and by relaying messages through a third party.

Woman killed while in patrol car

PASADENA (AP) — A woman sitting in the back of a patrol car on a freeway shoulder died Wednesday when an 18-wheeler struck it in a fiery collision.

Officers in Pasadena, a southeastern suburb of Houston, said they pulled over a woman suspected of drunken driving on the eastbound side of State Highway 225.

The woman was sitting in their cruiser, near an intersection, when an empty tractor-trailer slammed into it, causing a fire that engulfed the rig, the squad car and the woman's car.

The two police officers were outside the car when the 18-wheeler hit, Sgt. J.M. Baird of the Pasadena Police Department said. The freeway was closed in both directions, jamming afternoon rush-hour traffic.

"This is a tragedy and obviously we're going to try to get to the bottom of it," Baird said.

The victim's name was not immediately available.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Aug. 24, 2001:

You naturally express your ideas. An audience surrounds you; others like your thoughts and style. Express your Virgo thoroughness by maintaining contact with others. You make friends with ease, as your sensitivity often comes out in conversations. Work and health are subject to tension. Make sure that your work suits you. If you are single, you meet someone through friends who knocks your socks off. If you are attached, spend more time together sharing hobbies, friends and happenings. Zero in on something you desire. SCORPIO often seeks you out.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Make plans and check in for feedback with those associated with your project. Clear out excess mail, bills and calls. Set in motion next week's plans by making calls and letting others know what's up. Schedule a dentist's appointment soon. Tonight: Let someone take credit for luring you out the door.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** What might seem childish to some proves to be laden with wisdom. Listen carefully to what someone says in an offhand manner. A day of opportunities drops on your plate if you are willing to act. Others seek you out. Know when to say no or yes. Tonight: Be the ever-playful Bull.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** While others stream off to their weekends, you might feel as if you are left holding the bag. Use the time to clear your desk and arrive at a new sense of personal organization and control. Browse through a store you love. Don't let a treasure slip through your hands. Tonight: Choose to do your own thing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** You speak, and others listen. Use the power of the moment. Others agree with your logic. Catch up on news, but keep an eye on a loved one or child. If single, a relationship will bloom right under your nose. Tonight: Don't think anything is written in stone!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** You're on overtime thinking about how to maximize an investment. Pleasing your family ranks as a priority. Figure out what it would take through talks. Understand that you control the purse strings with spending. You can say no. Tonight: Regroup and then decide.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** You spew information as if you were a walking encyclopedia! Someone might ask a question, but he will not be prepared for the thoroughness of your response. If associates act strangely, you might have overwhelmed them. Try simplicity. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Once more, the material side of life preoccupies you. What comes on as an inner sense ends up directing your decisions. Maximize your many talents. Sometimes you underestimate your abilities. Tonight: Clear out your bills.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Whether thinking about the weekend or your work, you consider the majority and the many possibilities that lie in front of you. Greet friends with a smile. Absorb others' ideas and give them the full weight they deserve. Tonight: Follow your friends, wherever they go.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Others feed you information and instructions. Assimilate facts and assume responsibility as you gain a better handle on work. If your inner voice keeps saying something, stop and listen, especially when you are dealing with one in charge. Tonight: Everything is subject to change.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Develop your ability to sort through key issues. Gossip might not all be true, but a kernel of truth lies within. Check out a hunch, as it is likely to lead you on the correct course of action. Don't worry too much about a meeting. You'll get the results you want. Tonight: Don't worry about the cost.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** You shine in the spotlight. A work project or appearance needs to be your highest priority. Someone pulls you aside to lend support, comments and observations: It's about your quirky side. Put it aside for now. Tonight: Follow another's request.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Dig for facts, if they don't surface readily. Consider the feedback others give you. You might think this is a smoke screen, trying to divert you. Blend insightfulness and facts. Make an important call or two early on. Tonight: Escape for the weekend.

BORN TODAY

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat (1929), actor Steve Guttenberg (1958), actress Marlee Matlin (1965)

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Our Views

Let's help volunteer firefighters

Howard County's volunteer firefighters are all wet. Well, they will be on Saturday, when the volunteers sponsor a dunking booth at the Howard County Fair. It's all in good fun, of course, with the proceeds going to fight muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular diseases.

The dunking booth will be something unique for the firefighters. Last year, they collected money in front of Wal-Mart. That campaign went well, but volunteer fire chief Tommy Sullivan said the group felt like trying a different approach this year.

The volunteers will be manning the booth from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. and won't be charging a certain amount.

"We're just going to take donations," Sullivan said. That should fit everyone's budget.

Money raised in Saturday's effort — held in conjunction with the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon will stay in West Texas. And that's important, because there are more than 300 patients in the area with neuromuscular diseases.

So make it a point on Saturday when you are out at the fair for the Kountry Kids contest, the antique tractor pull competition, Battle of the Cheerleaders or Mike Hilger's band, to stop by the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Dunkin' Booth.

It's for a great cause.

Other Views

It had to happen: Tampa's random video-cam system picks up a face, which is published in a magazine, which comes to the attention of a woman in Tulsa, who identifies it as her deadbeat ex-husband and calls the police, who pick up Rob Milliron, 32, and subject him to the third — well, maybe the second — degree.

Top-notch space-age police work? Maybe so, except for the fact they got the wrong man. ...

This is just a taste of what random video surveillance holds in store for Americans. As Tampa continues to take secret snapshots of citizens minding their own business and other cities pick up on this supposedly anti-crime program, we can expect more misidentifications, more innocent people harassed and more excuses from those who feel the end always justifies the means. ...

Seventeen years ago, Americans were relieved that the police state tactics predicted in the Cold War novel 1984 did not come to pass. But as recent events have shown, the possibility that they will happen cannot be discounted.

The Patriot-News, Harrisburg, Pa.

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Getting ready for a trip to Alaska

A storm called Barry airmailed lots of rain and a delicious touch of fall this way. Finally, I'm able to pack for Alaska.



Rheta Grimsley Johnson

It's difficult to prepare for cool temperatures when the weather outside your door is a gumbo of heat, gnats and humidity.

As my earnest nephew Ben once said, "It's not the heat, it's the humility."

Hard to believe there's relief anywhere.

I operate best on deadline, when the hot whips of panic are on my back. Here I am the day before departure, getting ready at the last minute for a trip I've meant to take for eight years, running the washing machine full throttle, crazily throwing things into a duffel.

This is not like packing for a regular trip, say Florida or France. Alaska is rugged and unrefined. It could be miles between fast-food emporiums and convenience stores. A body has to think survival, take along a combo shampoo and conditioner and a few pretzels for emergency situations.

Before I board the ferry that will float me to Alaska, I have to cross the country. I have sworn off flying, since airline travel now amounts to a long Greyhound bus ride in the sky.

Whenever I think of cross-country sojourns, I conjure up this Route 66-ish vision of travel courts with cabins shaped like wigwams and gallons of strawberry Nehi crushes. I get in the mood. I get in the mood for 1955.

For sentimental reasons, I'm packing Harold Johnson's desert water bag. A friend brought it back to Harold from Arizona or California as a souvenir long ago, and he gave it to me.

I think it leaks now, but I'll take it along for luck. Harold would have approved of going to Alaska.

He didn't approve of all vacation spots. He didn't think much of Georgia's posh Sea Island, for instance. Once, when his son and I tried to start a newspaper on neighboring St. Simons, we drove Harold by all the famous, mansion-sized "cottages" on Sea Island, pointing out the opulence as proof we'd picked a swell place to peddle papers.

"What's this mean to me?" he said rather irritably. "I can't eat it. I can't drink it."

But the time we rode our bicycles up North Carolina's Outer Banks to Kitty Hawk, he couldn't get enough of the details. He wanted to hear again and again about the stiff May wind and how the tent leaked.

Harold liked adventures, especially if they were someone else's.

I'm also taking my Swiss Army knife in case I need to open a bottle of wine, trim my toenails or fend off a bear.

It's my weapon of choice, the only one you really need outside of Washington, D.C.

I've spent a great deal of time deciding on what reading material to carry along.

I considered Robert Service poetry to get me in the mood for frostbite, but the words in that slim volume wouldn't last until we were out of port.

The Thurber biography — the one I've been reading and talking about so long that someone thought I was writing one myself — would be an excellent choice, but I've been warned how precious space will be in the Family Fun Wagon.

So I've compromised by throwing in the new biography on Mike Royko, tough Chicago columnist. If that gives out, I'll see if the Alaska newspapers look just like the newspapers in Atlanta and Albuquerque.

The one thing I cannot forget — besides lots of money — is my camera. A trip like this doesn't seem real until you get home, process the film and put the photos in a discount-store scrapbook.

A glacier is not really a glacier until you put it under plastic and forget exactly where you saw it.

I won't bore you with my vacation pictures, though. I swore off torturing others with my memories after one interminable evening that involved a slide show and a search for eagles the size of dust mites.

The friends had been to Alaska.



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Leave Bush and his vacation alone

I hear some folks are grumbling about George Bush taking the month of August for a vacation. They shouldn't. And if they understood the presidency, they wouldn't complain.



Charley Reese

First of all, no president is ever really "off work." What he absents himself from is the peripheral nonsense that has grown up around the White House — photo ops, meetings with people, showing up to cut ribbons and so forth. What he is really paid to do — think, make a few decisions and appoint people to office — are the kinds of things you can't turn off.

Some people apparently have the notion that the president wakes up, hurries through breakfast and then rushes down to his workbench, where he busily builds birdhouses or performs some such physical task.

He takes a quick lunch break and is back at the workbench until the final whistle blows.

Presidents don't do that sort of thing. If you could watch one on a spy cam all day, you'd probably come to the conclusion that he doesn't do anything but talk to people and attend a meeting or two. That's what executives do. It's that old saw from graduate schools of business: A chief executive officer spends a third of his time reading, a third planning and a third making decisions.

Heck, I was an executive once. I had 55 people and a budget of $5 million or so to supervise.

I used to come home exhausted, but when I tried to recall what I had done that day, I couldn't think of a single concrete thing. I had gone to meetings, answered correspondence, read memos, talked to employees, planned future actions — yet there was nothing tangible, nothing I could hold in my hands and say, "Well, at least today I did this."

Presidents probably feel the same way. But you can be sure that in addition to clearing brush and playing a little golf, the president is also reading briefing papers and meeting with his staff members. In other words, except for the ceremonial stuff, he's doing in Texas what he would do in Washington.

Let's look at the duties of the president as stated in the Constitution: 1. He's commander in chief of the armed forces and the militia when it's called to federal service. 2. He may require the opinion, in writing, from the principal officers in the executive departments about any subject relating to their duties. 3. He may grant reprieves and pardons. 4. He can, with the advice and consent of the Senate, make treaties. 5. He can nominate and, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, judges of the Supreme Court and all officers of the United States. 6. He can fill vacancies temporarily in the absence of the Senate. 7. He shall, from time to time, give to Congress information about the state of the union. 8. He may recommend to Congress whatever measures he thinks expedient. 9. He may, on extraordinary occasions, convene both houses of Congress and, in the event of a disagreement as to time of adjournment, adjourn them. 10. He shall receive ambassadors and other public ministers. 11. He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed. 12. He shall commission all officers of the United States.

There, you see? The duties of the president are not all that difficult. What is there on that list that you or I couldn't do if we had to? Being commander in chief is ceremonial except in time of war, and then it means making decisions, or rather approving or disapproving decisions made by the admirals and generals.

More to the point, what is there on that list that the president can't do in Texas as easily as he does in Washington? Bear in mind that Congress always takes the month of August off, not to mention most of the rest of the year, too.

Give the prez a break. If he wants to shovel manure on his ranch, well, that's better than shoveling it from a podium, which was the year-round pastime of Bill Clinton.

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This false membrane often forms in the patient's throat and can form in other areas of the body as well.

The toxin is released in the body and is most damaging to the tissues of the heart and central nervous system.

If left untreated this often results in kidney and heart failure.

The membrane that forms in the throat may cause problems with eating, drinking and breathing.

The disease will also cause lymph glands in the neck to swell which can add to the breathing and swallowing problems.

As a result the need for a tracheostomy may be considered. A tracheostomy is an artificial airway created by an incision in which a breathing tube may be inserted.

Patients are usually hospitalized in isolation rooms and treatment may include doses of diptheria antitoxin, antibiotics, bed rest, fluids and an adequate diet.

Recovery is slow, but it is usually complete. Immunization is available to all children in the United States and is usually given in conjunction with pertussis and tetanus immunization early in infancy.

However they should not be given if the child suffers from an infection or has a suppressed immune system or a neurological problem.

For more information about immunizations and when a child can be innoculated call the Department of Health located in the College Park Shopping Center.

'Survivor' winner charged with assault

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Former "Survivor" winner Richard Hatch pleaded innocent to a domestic assault charge after allegedly pushing a former partner who tried to force his way into Hatch's home.

Hatch went to the Newport County Courthouse on Tuesday to seek a restraining order against Glenn Boyanowski when he learned an arrest warrant had been issued for him, said Hatch's attorney, Christopher Behan. Hatch, who is gay, then turned himself in.

Hatch was released on $1,000 personal recognizance. He also was granted a temporary restraining order against Boyanowski.

"He's taking it in stride," Behan said. "He's extremely disappointed, but I think he realizes that this guy is trying to take advantage of him."

Boyanowski told The Providence Journal in Wednesday's editions that "my version of the story is [illegible] his." He would not elaborate.

Boyanowski has an unpublished phone number and could not be reached.

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Back-to-School Basics

Safety Quiz-a-Roo



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Always | Sometimes | Not usually

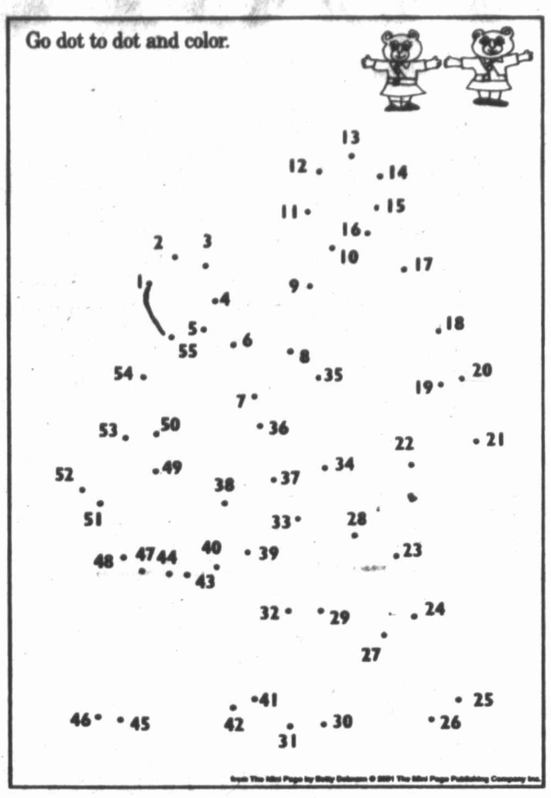
As a school bus rider, do you ...

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- obey the bus driver?
- remain seated and keep the aisles clear?
- avoid drawstrings on clothing and backpacks? They could catch on the bus door and cause you to trip and fall.
- never reach under the bus for dropped items?
- help the driver by not shouting or throwing things?
- cross at least five giant steps in front of the bus so the driver can see you?
- wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before getting up?

As a car rider, do you ...

- get into and out of the car from the curb side?
- keep your head and arms inside the car?
- help the driver by talking softly?
- wear a seat belt and sit in the back seat?

Go dot to dot and color.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Chock Full O' Green Casserole



You'll need:

- 1 (14.5-ounce) can cut asparagus spears, drained
- 1 (15-ounce) can peas, drained
- 2 eggs, hard-boiled and chopped
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1/3 cup Cheddar cheese, grated
- 1/3 cup almonds, slivered

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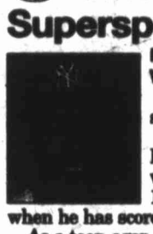
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Weight: 205 College: U. of Puerto Rico

Center fielder Bernie Williams is in his 11th season playing for the New York Yankees.

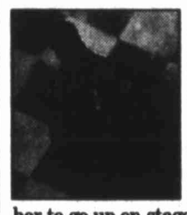
Last year he had a .307 batting average. His 31 home runs and 121 runs batted in were the best of his career. He also scored 100 runs. That was the fifth season in a row when he has scored at least 100 runs.

As a teen-ager, he played baseball and ran track. He won several medals in international track events.

Bernie was born and grew up in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He studied biology in college.

In his free time he likes playing the guitar and listening to jazz music. He also volunteers for children's health charities.

Meet Mo'Nique



When she was growing up, Mo'Nique dreamed of being famous. Her dream came true. Today she plays Nikki Parker on the show "The Parkers."

Mo'Nique, whose real name is Monique Imes, grew up in Baltimore. Her first performance was at a comedy club where her brother dared her to go up on stage and perform. The audience loved her. She decided to try a career as a comedian and began performing around the country.

Mo'Nique lives in Los Angeles with her husband and two sons. Last year she started her own women's clothing business. In her free time she likes to read and travel.

MIGHTY FUNNY's Mini Jokes

The following jokes all have something in common. Can you guess what the common theme or category is?

Yado: Where did Mother Goose take her trash?
Chip: To the Humpty Dump!

Kate: Who do mice see when they are ill?
Elisa: Hickory Dickory Doc!

Joe: What sign did the real estate agent put in the yard of "the old woman who lived in the shoe"?
Herb: Soled!

Basset Brown The News Hound's SAFETY TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of school safely are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SCHOOL, RULES, BUS, RIDER, STOP, STREET, HANDRAILS, OBEY, DRIVER, SEATED, HELP, WAIT, CROSS, CAR, CURB, WALK, ADULT, ROUTE.

HAVE A SAFE SCHOOL YEAR!

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is a member of the crossing patrol this year. See if you can find:



- bell
- kite
- football
- caterpillar
- word MINI
- letter E
- mushroom
- number 7
- fish
- question mark
- shoe
- number 3
- arrow
- letter L

On the playground, do you ...

- watch out for swings?
- check that your partner's feet are on the ground before getting off a seesaw?
- report strange animals to an adult and keep away from them?
- look for stones, holes and broken glass before playing on a field?
- make certain your shoes are tied?
- make sure there is much fine sand or tiny gravel stones under the equipment?
- climb up the slide on the ladder only?
- make certain you don't run with anything, especially sharp objects, in your mouth?

Look through your newspaper for back-to-school ads and stories.

Always | Sometimes | Not usually

- walk with a friend or adult?

As a walker, do you ...

- rehearse the route with an adult and talk about the safety rules along the way?
- cross at corners or crosswalks?
- avoid dangerous shortcuts?
- obey traffic signals?
- stay away from and never speak to strangers?
- follow the same route you rehearsed each day?
- walk, don't run, across the street?
- look left, right and left again before crossing the street?
- never cross the street from behind bushes or between parked cars?

Next week, The Mini Page features a message from our first lady, Laura Bush.

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jeff Morris at 263-7331, Ext. 233.

Rangers take Yankee series with 4-of-6

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Like everyone else, Texas backup catcher Bill Haselman was caught off guard when Ivan Rodriguez left the game.

Haselman was chatting on the bench when all of a sudden he was summoned to bat in the second inning. He grounded out, but later had two RBI singles as the Rangers beat the New York Yankees 8-1 Wednesday night.

Rodriguez left because of soreness in his right knee, and he was replaced by Haselman.

"It was probably one of the more surprising times I've had to go in the game, just because I didn't see anything happen," Haselman said. "After I made the out, I came back and stretched and I was fine."

Darren Oliver (10-8) outpitched Mike Mussina as the Rangers, in last place since the opening weeks of the season, clinched a season series against the World Series champions for the first time since 1996.

Going into their last game Thursday night, the Rangers have won four of six against the Yankees, who lead Boston by four games in the AL East.

"Any time you can play spoiler to anybody when they are in the race, it's definitely great," said Oliver, who allowed one run and four hits in six innings.

Rodriguez, who will be evaluated Thursday, wasn't in the clubhouse after the game.

"All he said was that his right knee was real sore and couldn't play," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "I have no clue about the seriousness of the injury."

Texas went ahead to stay with three runs in the fourth, when Mussina (12-11) walked two and threw a pair of wild pitches.

In his other five innings, Mussina allowed just two hits and one walk, and the Rangers didn't get a runner past first base.

"Moose had that one bad inning, and that was it," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "It was weird, but we're not playing well."

Mussina didn't talk to reporters after the game.

After Alex Rodriguez and Rafael Palmeiro drew consecutive one-out walks in the fourth, Mussina threw his first wild pitch.

The Yankees loaded the bases in the seventh off reliever Danny Kolb, who struck out Derek Jeter in a 13-pitch at-bat. It took seven minutes.

"The biggest surprise I had all night was Jeter striking out," Torre said.

IN BRIEF

NCAA denies Mitchell appeal at Texas Tech

LUBBOCK (AP) — The NCAA has denied Texas Tech's appeal to allow defensive back Tory Mitchell, a transfer from Miami (Fla.), to play this season.

Tech filed an appeal of the NCAA's rule that requires transferring students to sit out a season. The appeal was based on a personal family hardship for Mitchell, who is from Big Spring, Texas.

Mitchell transferred from Miami to Texas Tech over the summer. He was a member of the Hurricanes last season but didn't play a down.

"This is unfortunate for Tory and his family. They deserve to have him on the field this year," Texas Tech head coach Mike Leach said. "Tory has worked hard to get to where he is at this point."

Mitchell will have three years of eligibility remaining after sitting out this season.

Little League fun

The International Little League organization is hosting its Co-ed Ragball Tournament on Friday and Saturday at the little League fields on E. St. Registration is set for Friday at 6 p.m. and the cost is $10 per player. For more information call 263-1945 or 756-2841.

Little League Football

The last chance to register to play Crossroads Little League Football will be Saturday. Registration continues today, through Saturday at the Big Spring Mall. Boys and girls may sign-up today and Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Soccer registration

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association registration continues today at All-Star Sports on Gregg St.

PREP SLATE

PRESEASON FOOTBALL

BIG SPRING — Thursday at Lamesa at 7:30 p.m.

FORSAN — Friday vs. Fort Davis at Wink, 6 p.m.

STANTON — Thursday vs. Post at home, 5 p.m.

SANDS — Friday vs.Ira at home, 6 p.m.

COAHOMA — Friday vs. Crane at home, 5 p.m.

GARDEN CITY — Friday vs. Bronte at home, 6 p.m.

GRADY — Friday at Ropesville, 7 p.m.

Tennis — Saturday, Big Spring vs. Burkbennett (8:30 a.m.) and Vernon (1:30 p.m.) at Vernon.

ON THE AIR

Radio

BASEBALL

6:40 p.m. — Houston Astros at 5:40 p.m., KBST-AM 1490.

Television

BASEBALL

6 p.m. — Regional Coverage, Houston Astros at Philadelphia or San Diego Padres at Atlanta Braves, ESPN, Ch. 30.

7 p.m. — New York Yankees at Texas Rangers, FSX, Ch. 29.

9 p.m. — Regional Coverage, Cleveland Indians at Oakland Athletics or Boston Red Sox at Anaheim Angles, ESPN2, Ch. 125.

LITTLE LEAGUE

1 p.m. — Little League World Series, International Semifinal, Teams, TBA, ESPN, Ch. 125.

3 p.m. — Little League World Series, International Semifinal, Teams TBA, ESPN2, Ch. 125.

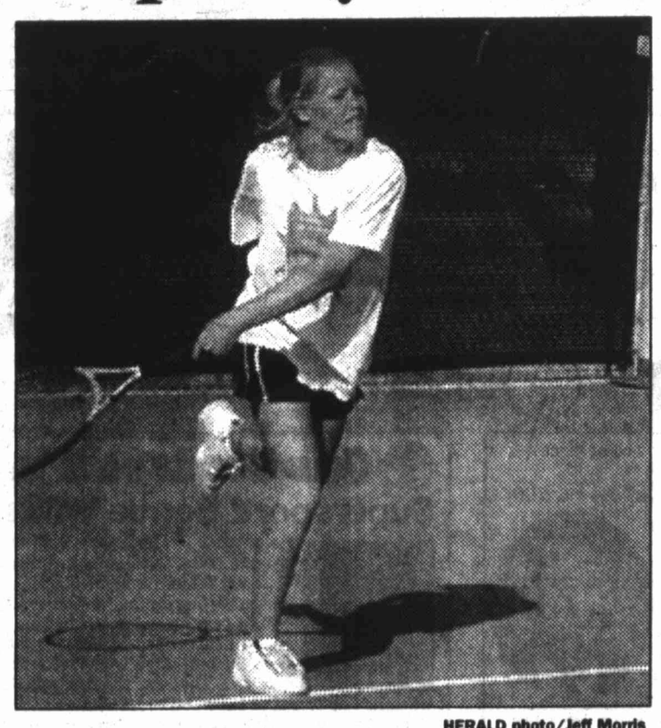
7 p.m. — Little League American semifinal, Teams TBA, ESPN@, Ch. 125.

Steers have plenty ot tennis talent

By JEFF MORRIS
Sports Editor

Sarah Corse, the boys and girls tennis coach at Big Spring High School, has her hands full — full of talent that is. Only three primary players departed due to graduation, giving Corse most of her talented players back for the fall tennis season. After splitting its first dual match last week in Odessa, beating the Odessa Bronchos 11-8 before losing its first match to the Permian Panthers 14-5, Corse and her Steers stay on the road Saturday, visiting Vernon at 1:30 p.m.

"We've got a lot of young kids who can play, so this bodes well for the future, but really, we expect to compete for a district title," Corse said Wednesday night after her players practiced at the Figure-7 Tennis Center at Comanche Trail Park. "I told our kids that our goal is to win our district (4-4A) and get to the regionals a team and that we have the talent to do that and maybe even more."



HERALD photo/Jeff Morris

Heather Parnell, a Big Spring sophomore will likely be the No. 3 girls singles player for Sarah Corse this season. Tuesday, she was putting in extra practice time with Michael Williamson, preparing for Saturday's Vernon visit.

With most of her top six singles boys and girls returning to the team, Corse and her steers could do better than last year's fourth-place district finish. Jay Shroff is a returning junior who earned All-District honors last year as the No. 2 singles player. He's moving up to No. 1 this season, replacing Zach Smiley who graduated. Smiley's brother Jake takes over the No. 2 position and Corse has another veteran returning at No. 3 in senior Alex Edgemon, who is also a team captain.



HERALD photo/Jeff Morris

Michael Williamson was putting in extra practice time this week for Big Spring. The senior is returning from an ankle injury.

Corse has a new No. 1 Lady Steer playing girls singles this year. Freshman sensation Veronica Villarreal, who led the junior high program and played super champs last year, has earned the top singles spot, leaving senior April Ward No. 2 and sophomore Heather Parnell at No. 3.

"She's an excellent player who is definitely helping our team this year," Corse said of Villarreal. "It is very unusual to have a freshman starting at No. 1 and a 4A level school, but she's a quality player who comes from a tennis family and she has earned the top spot, so we're glad to have her on our team. And, April is our No. 1 returning player. She's really a team player who wants to help her team. She's got a great attitude and has really handled the change well and will be a team leader for us again this year as a senior."

With most of her top six spots set for boys and girls singles, doubles and mixed doubles, Corse does have at least one question mark heading into Saturday's long trip to Vernon.

Edgemon and Shroff are set at the No. 1 boys' doubles position, but with senior Brian Wingert out due to illness, Corse still has questions about No. 2.

"Brian is out with a health issue and we don't know when we'll get him back, so we have a real question on our No. 2 team that qualified for the regional last year year. Mike Williamson should be able to step in and help our team because he's a team player who has experience, but he's had his own share of injury trouble the past four years."

Williamson, a senior who also plays some singles for the Steers, has had chronic trouble with his right ankle, breaking it several times during his high school career.

"It has held me back a lot because it seems like I break it every May,' Williamson said after practice this week.

Steers Glance

What: Big Spring Tennis
Who: Big Spring Steers vs. Vernon Lions.
Where: Vernon High School tennis courts
When: Today at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Record: Big Spring 1-1, Vernon N/A.
Next: Sept. 8, Andrews at Big Spring, Time TBA.

Corse said the teams to beat in District 4-4A this year would be about the same as last year's top three finishers. She said the Steers will have their sights set on Snyder's Tigers, Leveland's Loboes and Plainview's Bulldogs.

Big Spring opens its home season Sept. 8 vs. District 4-4A rival Andrews.

The following is the probable Steers' starting line up for this Saturday, including the complete roster.

Boys Singles
Jay Shroff
Jake Smiley
Alex Edgemon
Michael Roffers
Derek Deltoyos
Brian Wingert
Vishal Shroff
Michael Williamson
Ryan Vela
Nathan Smith

Boys Doubles
Edgemon and Jay Shroff
Roffers and Wingert
Smiley and Vishal Shroff

Girls Singles
Veronica Villarreal
April Ward
Heather Parnell
Megan Roffers
Mindy Partee
Lauren Chesworth
Jessica Rodriguez
Heather Knappe
Aex Gariepy
Synda Calobreves

Girls Doubles
Villarreal and Partee
Parnell and Ward
Chesworth and Rodriguez

Mixed Doubles
Derek DeHoyos and Megan Roffers

Galloway, Ismail adjust for rookie QB

OXNARD, Calif., (AP) — Joey Galloway and Raghib Ismail understand that their rookie quarterback will go through some growing pains this season.

But the Dallas Cowboys' speedy receiving duo isn't quite ready to accept mediocrity. They both still believe the Cowboys can have an explosive passing attack regardless of Quincy Carter's inexperience under center.

"It could take just one thing to get this thing started," Ismail explained. "It's just going to be an opportunity to be a part of something special."

Since Carter moved into the starting lineup following the release of veteran Tony Banks last week, the Cowboys have been tailoring the offense to better fit the rookie's talents.

Carter is gifted at scrambling away from pressure and throwing on the run, while Banks' ability to throw the long ball favored deep threats like Galloway and Ismail.

The quarterback change means that Galloway and Ismail will have to work on coming back to the ball instead of using their speed to run under bombs.

"We've got to get in our guys' minds that the play isn't over until it's over," said Cowboys coach Dave Campo. "When you have a guy that scrambles, the receivers have to keep working to get open. I think throwing the deep ball is one of the things Quincy does well."

Earlier in training camp, Carter's fluttery passes often forced Galloway and Ismail to slow down or even stop to make the catch. Now, Carter has improved at hitting the speedsters in stride.

Both receivers insist that the switch hasn't bothered them, although more performances like the one against New Orleans in last Saturday's preseason game.

Rodeo roping



HERALD photo/Jeff Morris

Howard College Sports Information Director Stan Feaster announced the addition of Jenny Melvin to the Hawks' Rodeo team this week. Melvin, a South Dakota native who hails from Pierre, will be an incoming freshman this season. Melvin is pictured above at the Little Britches Rodeo Association World Championship where she won the championship in the breakaway roping event, setting a record with a 1.928 second time. She finished third in the goat tying, third in the all-around standings. Howard Rodeo coach Greg Kernick said, "Jenny will be a tremendous help to our program. We expect big things from this young lady."

Butler expects improvement

By JEFF MORRIS
Sports Editor

Big Spring High football coach and athletic director Dwight Butler isn't looking for any bad weather this afternoon when he takes his Steers on the road for a visit to Lamesa, but he does expect to see some serious Golden Tornadoes when his Steers take the field for their first full-speed game-style scrimmage at 7:30.

"We'll be going full speed, locking for improvement, trying to simulate game conditions all the way tonight," Butler said this morning. "Offensively, we're still looking for the right combination of linemen who can work together as a team. We're still looking for our best unit."

Butler said the team will be leaving between 5:30 and 5:45 for the hour-long drive down Hwy. 20 West.

Steers Glance

Who: Big Spring Steers vs. Lamesa Golden Tornadoes.
Where: Lamesa Golden Tors Stadium.
When: Today at 7:30 p.m.

"We'll be looking for a lot of improvement from Saturday," Butler continued. "We'll be playing an option team and we don't see that much in our district, so this will be a big test for us to see how we make the adjustments. We want to see how we adapt to seeing new things we haven't worked on. I expect to see some mistakes, but I expect to see them full speed and we better be able to adapt on the run."

BIG SPRING NOTES:

Butler was calling the cops Thursday morning. After hitting the field for morning workouts during the early athletic period, he and his staff noticed the blocking-sled covers were missing and presumed stolen, so the Big Spring Police were called to the scene and a report taken.

Butler said the police will be keeping a closer eye on the high school now that school has started and that he was sorry to see that vandals would resort stealing athletic equipment, especially something like a blocking-sled cover.

"I sure hate to see this," Butler said. "I'd hate to see some young person get in serious trouble over a prank or something like this, so maybe it will turn up, but I sure hope we don't have any further episodes."

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division
New York
Boston
Toronto
Baltimore
Tampa Bay
Central Division
Cleveland
Minnesota
Chicago
Detroit
Kansas City
West Division
Seattle
Oakland
Anaheim
Texas

Wednesday's Games
Tampa Bay 11, Baltimore 10
Minnesota 6, Toronto 3
Texas 8, N.Y. Yankees 1
Chicago White Sox 13, Kansas Cit
Anaheim 4, Boston 2
Seattle 16, Detroit 1
Cleveland 5, Oakland 4, 11 inning

Today's Games
Toronto (Halladay 1-1) at Minneso 4-5), 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 13-4) at (Mulder 15-6), 2:35 p.m.
Detroit (Redman 2-4) at Seattle (0), 5:35 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division
Atlanta
Philadelphia
Florida
New York
Montreal
Central Division
Houston
Chicago
St. Louis
Milwaukee
Cincinnati
Pittsburgh
West Division
Arizona
San Francisco
Los Angeles
San Diego
Colorado

Wednesday's Games
Chicago Cubs 16, Milwaukee 3
Atlanta 6, San Diego 3
Arizona 6, Pittsburgh 0
Montreal 7, San Francisco 1
Florida 8, Los Angeles 6
Cincinnati 3, St. Louis 1
Philadelphia 2, Houston 1
N.Y. Mets 2, Colorado 1

Today's Games
St. Louis (Smith 3-1) at Cincinnati 8-10), 11:35 a.m.
Milwaukee (Haynes 8-15) at Chic (Tavarez 8-8), 1:20 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 17-5) at P (McKnight 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (L.Hernandez 1 Montreal (Ohka 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Baldwin 1-1) a (Dempster 14-10), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (C.Hernandez 1-0) at Ph

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS—Activated L Redman from the 15-day disabled list C.J. Nitkowski outright to Toled International League.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Signed C Ton a one-year contract extension.

SPORTS EXTRA

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	74	53	.583	—
Boston	69	56	.552	4
Toronto	60	67	.472	14
Baltimore	53	73	.421	201/2
Tampa Bay	46	81	.362	28
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cleveland	71	55	.563	—
Minnesota	66	61	.520	51/2
Chicago	62	63	.496	81/2
Detroit	52	73	.416	181/2
Kansas City	51	76	.402	201/2
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Seattle	91	36	.716	—
Oakland	73	54	.575	18
Anaheim	67	60	.528	24
Texas	56	71	.441	35

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Cleveland (Sabathia 13-4) at Oakland (Mulder 15-6), 2:35 p.m.
Detroit (Redman 2-4) at Seattle (Pineiro 2-0), 5:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Towers 8-7) at Tampa Bay (Bierbrodt 1-3), 6:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hitchcock 2-2) at Texas (Bell 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Glover 3-1) at Kansas City (Suppan 7-10), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Fossum 1-0) at Anaheim (Rapp 5-10), 9:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Toronto at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 6:15 p.m.
Boston at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Anaheim, 9:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Seattle, 9:05 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	69	56	.552	—
Philadelphia	68	57	.544	1
Florida	60	65	.480	9
New York	58	68	.460	111/2
Montreal	54	72	.429	151/2
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	72	54	.571	—
Chicago	70	56	.556	2
St. Louis	69	57	.548	3
Milwaukee	55	70	.440	161/2
Cincinnati	50	76	.397	22
Pittsburgh	46	79	.368	251/2
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Arizona	73	52	.584	—
San Francisco	71	55	.563	21/2
Los Angeles	68	58	.540	51/2
San Diego	62	63	.496	11
Colorado	53	72	.424	20

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Chicago Cubs 16, Milwaukee 3
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Cincinnati 3, St. Louis 1
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N.Y. Mets 2, Colorado 1

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Arizona (Johnson 17-5) at Pittsburgh (McKnight 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (L.Hernandez 11-12) at Montreal (Ohka 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Baldwin 1-1) at Florida (Dempster 14-10), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (C.Hernandez 1-0) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 2-0), 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jennings 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 6-8), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 3-2) at Atlanta (Millwood 3-5), 6:35 p.m.

Friday's Games
St. Louis (Morris 16-7) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 8-7), 2:20 p.m.
San Diego (Jones 8-14) at Florida (Clement 7-8), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Reyes 1-4) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 9-11), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Oswalt 10-2) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 6-14), 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (B.Anderson 3-8) at Philadelphia (Daal 11-4), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 12-8) at N.Y. Mets (Chen 5-6), 6:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 11-9) at Atlanta (Glavine 11-6), 6:35 p.m.
Colorado (Neagle 7-6) at Milwaukee (Wright 9-8), 7:05 p.m.

TOP 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press preseason college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and 2000 records:

	Record
1. Florida (20)	10-3
2. Miami (33)	11-1
3. Oklahoma (10)	13-0
4. Nebraska (4)	10-2
5. Texas (5)	9-3
6. Florida St.	11-2
7. Oregon	10-2
8. Tennessee	8-4
9. Virginia Tech	11-1
10. Georgia Tech	9-3
11. Oregon St.	11-1
12. Michigan	9-3
13. Kansas St.	11-3
14. LSU	8-4
15. Washington	11-1
16. Northwestern	8-4
17. UCLA	6-6
18. Notre Dame	9-3
19. Clemson	9-3
20. Mississippi St.	8-4
21. South Carolina	8-4
22. Wisconsin	9-4
23. Ohio St.	8-4
24. Colorado St.	10-2
25. Alabama	3-8

NFL PRESEASON

Today's Games
Carolina at Baltimore, 6:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tennessee, 7 p.m.

Friday's Games
Cleveland at Washington, 7 p.m.
Indianapolis at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Detroit at Pittsburgh, Noon
Buffalo at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.
New England at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Arizona at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Miami at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
New York Jets at New York Giants, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 8 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at San Diego, 9 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 27
Dallas vs. Oakland at Mexico City, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 30
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.
New York Jets at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at New England, 7 p.m.
Jacksonville at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 31
New York Giants at Baltimore, 11 a.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Kansas City at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Green Bay at Oakland, 8 p.m.
San Francisco at Denver, 8 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 9 p.m.

WNBA PLAYOFFS

EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS
New York vs. Charlotte
Friday, Aug. 24
New York at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 26
Charlotte at New York, 1 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 27
Charlotte at New York, 7 p.m., if necessary

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WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS
Los Angeles vs. Sacramento
Friday, Aug. 24
Los Angeles at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 26
Sacramento at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 27
Sacramento at L.A., 9 p.m., if necessary

AL LEADERS

BATTING—Suzuki, Seattle, .345; RAlomar, Cleveland, .345; JGonzalez, Cleveland, .341; JaGiambi, Oakland, .329; BBoone, Seattle, .327; MientkIewicz, Minnesota, .324; ARodriguez, Texas, .322.

RUNS—ARodriguez, Texas, 109; Suzuki, Seattle, 104; Jeter, New York, 94; BBoone, Seattle, 93; RAlomar, Cleveland, 90; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 87; Stewart, Toronto, 86; Damon, Oakland, 86.

RBI—JGonzalez, Cleveland, 113; BBoone, Seattle, 111; ARodriguez, Texas, 109; MRamirez, Boston, 109; Thome, Cleveland, 107; EMartinez, Seattle, 96; JaGiambi, Oakland, 95; TMartinez, New York, 95.

HITS—Suzuki, Seattle, 192; Stewart, Toronto, 162; BBoone, Seattle, 162; ARodriguez, Texas, 159; RAlomar, Cleveland, 158; Jeter, New York, 157; Mientkiewicz, Minnesota, 148; GAnderson, Anaheim, 148.

DOUBLES—MJSweeney, Kansas City, 42; Stewart, Toronto, 37; JaGiambi, Oakland, 36; Mientkiewicz, Minnesota, 35; Durham, Chicago, 34; Long, Oakland, 32; EChavez, Oakland, 32; O'Neill, New York, 32.

TRIPLES—CGuzman, Minnesota, 13; Cedeno, Detroit, 10; RAlomar, Cleveland, 10; Suzuki, Seattle, 8; CBeltran, Kansas City, 8; JEncarnacion, Detroit, 7; Easley, Detroit, 7.

HOME RUNS—Thome, Cleveland, 43; ARodriguez, Texas, 38; MRamirez, Boston, 38; CDelgado, Toronto, 36; Glaus, Anaheim, 33; RPalmeiro, Texas, 33; JGonzalez, Cleveland, 30.

STOLEN BASES—Cedeno, Detroit, 49; Suzuki, Seattle, 40; Soriano, New York, 38; Knoblauch, New York, 33; McLemore, Seattle, 33; Cameron, Seattle, 27; Hairston, Baltimore, 24; Damon, Oakland, 24; RAlomar, Cleveland, 24.

PITCHING (14 Decisions)—Clemens, New York, 16-1, .941, 3.60; PAbbott, Seattle, 13-3, .812, 4.20; Sabathia, Cleveland, 13-4, .765, 4.33; Sele, Seattle, 13-4, .765, 3.60; FGarcia, Seattle, 14-5, .737, 3.33; Moyer, Seattle, 14-5, .737, 3.78; Mulder, Oakland, 15-6, .714, 3.33.

STRIKEOUTS—Clemens, New York, 172; Nomo, Boston, 167; Mussina, New York, 163; Zito, Oakland, 158; Colon, Cleveland, 152; PMartinez, Boston, 150; Hudson, Oakland, 143.

SAVES—Sasaki, Seattle, 39; MRivera, New York, 38; Percival, Anaheim, 36; Foulke, Chicago, 32; Koch, Toronto, 29; Hawkins, Minnesota, 27; Isringhausen, Oakland, 25.

NL LEADERS

BATTING—Alou, Houston, .356; LWalker, Colorado, .351; LGonzalez, Arizona, .344; Berkman, Houston, .343; Floyd, Florida, .338; Pujols, St. Louis, .333; Helton, Colorado, .333.

RUNS—SSosa, Chicago, 107; Floyd, Florida, 104; LGonzalez, Arizona, 104; Helton, Colorado, 102; Bagwell, Houston, 99; Biggio, Houston, 96; Bonds, San Francisco, 95.

RBI—SSosa, Chicago, 127; LGonzalez, Arizona, 115; Helton, Colorado, 113; Bonds, San Francisco, 107; Berkman, Houston, 104; SGreen, Los Angeles, 104; Bagwell, Houston, 101; LWalker, Colorado, 101.

HITS—LGonzalez, Arizona, 163; Aurilia, San Francisco, 161; Berkman, Houston, 154; Vina, St. Louis, 154; Pujols, St. Louis, 151; Biggio, Houston, 151; Helton, Colorado, 150.

DOUBLES—Berkman, Houston, 40; Helton, Colorado, 40; Floyd, Florida, 38; Pujols, St. Louis, 36; VGuerrero, Montreal, 36; Abreu, Philadelphia, 35; Kent, San Francisco, 35.

TRIPLES—Rollins, Philadelphia, 10; NPerez, Colorado, 8; LCastillo, Florida, 8; Vina, St. Louis, 8; Pierre, Colorado, 7; BGiles, Pittsburgh, 6; Ochoa, Colorado, 6; Kent, San Francisco, 6; LGonzalez, Arizona, 6.

HOME RUNS—Bonds, San Francisco, 54; SSosa, Chicago, 49; LGonzalez, Arizona, 46; SGreen, Los Angeles, 39; Helton, Colorado, 38; CJones, Atlanta, 32; Bagwell, Houston, 32.

STOLEN BASES—Rollins, Philadelphia, 39; Abreu, Philadelphia, 32; Pierre, Colorado, 31; LCastillo, Florida, 31; VGuerrero, Montreal, 27; Reese, Cincinnati, 23.

PITCHING (14 Decisions)—RDJohnson, Arizona, 17-5, .773, 2.35; Lieber, Chicago, 16-5, .762, 3.37; Schilling, Arizona, 18-6, .750, 2.94; Daal, Philadelphia, 11-4, .733, 4.59; Maddux, Atlanta, 17-7, .708, 2.86; RuOrtiz, San Francisco, 14-6, .700, 3.21.

STRIKEOUTS—RDJohnson, Arizona, 287; Schilling, Arizona, 228; Wood, Chicago, 183; Vazquez, Montreal, 183; Park, Los Angeles, 180; Burkett, Atlanta, 157; Armas, Montreal, 147; Maddux, Atlanta, 147.

SAVES—Nen, San Francisco, 36; Shaw, Los Angeles, 35; Hoffman, San Diego, 32; Mesa, Philadelphia, 32; Benitez, New York, 31; BWagner, Houston, 28; Gordon, Chicago, 25.

Maddux excels at plate as well as on the mound

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greg Maddux was more excited by his prowess at the plate than his mastery on the mound.

Maddux won his 17th game and got two hits — including the 200th of his career — to help Atlanta avoid its longest home losing streak in 11 years with a 6-3 victory over San Diego on Wednesday night.

"It's only a big deal to me because I was a bad hitter in high school and I got DH'd for in high school," the four-time Cy Young Award winner said.

Maddux has 201 career hits, becoming the 62nd pitcher to top 200 and the first since Tom Seaver in 1983 to reach the mark.

"I'm the only one who cares," Maddux said. "It's no big deal."

Chipper Jones, Brian Jordan and B.J. Surhoff homered for the Braves, who snapped a six-game losing streak at Turner Field. Atlanta hadn't dropped seven straight at home since April 12-28, 1990.

In other National League games, it was Chicago 16, Milwaukee 3; Arizona 6, Pittsburgh 0; Montreal 7, San Francisco 1; Florida 8, Los Angeles 6; Philadelphia 2, Houston 1; Cincinnati 3, St. Louis 1; and New York 2, Colorado 1.

In American League games, Seattle blasted Detroit 16-1, Cleveland defeated Oakland 5-4 in 11 innings, Anaheim beat Boston 4-2, Chicago overtook Kansas City 13-12, Texas topped New York 8-1, Minnesota beat Toronto 6-3 and Tampa Bay rallied past Baltimore 11-10.

Maddux (17-7) won his second straight start and 11th in his last 13. He allowed three runs and three hits in eight innings before leaving after Mark Kotsay's leadoff homer in the ninth.

Mike Remlinger got the final three outs to earn his first save. The Braves maintained a one-game lead over Philadelphia in the NL East.

Cubs 16, Brewers 3

Sammy Sosa hit three homers and drove in six runs, helping Kevin Tapani (9-10) win for the first time in almost 11 weeks, as Chicago routed visiting Milwaukee.

Sosa hit a solo, two-run and three-run homer, his second three-homer game this month.

Sosa, who has 14 homers in August, has 49, one short of his NL-leading total of last season. He was taken out of the game after his last at-bat, a solo homer in the sixth.

Diamondbacks 6, Pirates 0

Albie Lopez pitched his first NL shutout, and Mark Grace hit a three-run homer in the first inning at Pittsburgh as Arizona won for the 10th time in 11 games.

Lopez (3-3) made his third consecutive strong start, pitching a four-hitter for his fourth career shutout and his first since April 13, when he beat Baltimore 2-0 for Tampa Bay.

Expos 7, Giants 1

Javier Vazquez (13-11) pitched eight strong innings, and Geoff Blum's three-run homer off Shawn Estes (8-8) capped a six-run third to lead host Montreal.

Barry Bonds went 1-for-2 with two walks, scoring the Giants' lone run.

Marlins 8, Dodgers 6

Kevin Millar and Mike Lowell drove in three runs apiece as host Florida snapped an eight-game losing streak.

A.J. Burnett (9-9) allowed three runs and four hits in seven innings to snap a four-game losing streak.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS—Activated LHP Mark Redman from the 15-day disabled list. Sent LHP C.J. Nitkowski outright to Toledo of the International League.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Signed C Tom Prince to a one-year contract extension.
TEXAS RANGERS—Claimed LHP Chris Michalak off waivers from the Toronto Blue Jays. Signed 3B Mark Teixeira to a four-year contract.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Mark Prior on a five-year contract. Purchased the contract of LHP Ron Mahay from Iowa of the PCL. Optioned RHP Carlos Zambrano to Iowa.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Activated OF Eric Owens from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned OF Jeff Abbott to Calgary of the PCL.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Recalled OF Tim Raines from Ottawa of the International League. Sent 1B-OF Fernando Seguignol outright to Ottawa. Optioned RHP Carl Pavano to Ottawa. Recalled RHP Darwin Cubillan from Ottawa.

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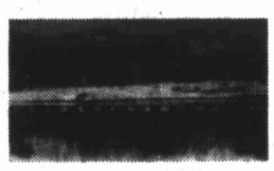
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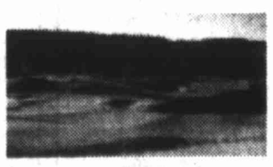
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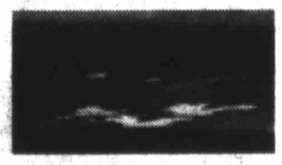

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Dear Ann Landers: "Joe" and I have been married for 20 years. My first husband died when I was pregnant with my daughter, "Kim." Joe is the only father she has ever known.



ANN LANDERS

Recently, a friend of my late husband came to town. He had kept an old jacket that once belonged to Kim's father. He wanted to give it to her as a keepsake. I was touched by his offer, but Joe is upset about it. He says I am not being considerate of him and that Kim should not be wearing a "dead man's jacket." He wants me to throw it out and never mention it again.

I have always kept in touch with my late husband's family. They are lovely people. I do not understand why Joe is so threatened by this jacket. Joe and Kim are very close, and she loves him dearly. Should I get rid of the jacket to pacify Joe, or should I put it away for another day? Should I tell Kim about it and let her decide? Please tell me what to do. I am — Troubled in San Diego

Dear San Diego: Joe sounds paranoid to me. I wonder why he feels so threatened by an old jacket that belonged to a man who died more than 20 years ago. Do NOT throw the jacket out. It may have special meaning to Kim, and she should have it. This jacket has nothing to do with Joe. It is an object that your daughter will cherish, and she should not be deprived of the pleasure.

Dear Ann Landers: I need an outside opinion. My mother is 61 years old and in poor health. I have signed her up for disability, food stamps, and so on. I have a job and use the income to help pay her bills. It is hard, but I don't mind. The problem is that my husband does mind.

Every time I try to talk to "Floyd" about helping Mom, he gets mad. This is putting a strain on our marriage. Mom's disability benefits should be kicking in soon, but Floyd has ordered me to stop helping her, so I've been sneaking behind his back to give her assistance, which makes me feel awful. I had to wait until he went to sleep before I could write this letter.

Please, Ann, I need your advice. My mother has no idea this is causing so much trouble between my husband and me. She would rather starve than put my marriage in jeopardy. I love her dearly and would never forgive myself if I didn't help her. Why can't my husband see that? — Distressed in Alabama

Dear Alabama: Don't concern yourself with what Floyd sees or doesn't see. He is a cold-hearted Scrooge, and you aren't going to change him. Just continue to help your mom, and if Floyd gives you any more static, tune him out and let him talk to the wall.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Glasscock County Commissioner's Court proposes to increase the Sheriff's salary by 4.73%. Hearing set for September 10, 2001 at 9:00 a.m.
#3294 August 23, 2001

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Coahoma ISD will accept sealed proposals to purchase one new 2002 diesel, 71, passenger bus, 1 ton 4-Dr. pickup, new district-wide telephone system, and new intercom system for high school building. Specifications may be obtained at the Coahoma ISD Administration Office or PO Box 110 Coahoma, TX 79511 or by calling 915-394-4290. Envelopes must be marked "School Bus Proposal" or "Telephone System Proposal" or "Intercom System Proposal. Proposals shall be in the Coahoma school district's Business Office no later than 10:00 a.m. September 10, 2001. Bids will be awarded at the regular September board meeting held September 17, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals in the best interest of the Coahoma ISD.
3289 August 22 & 23, 2001

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District Office (s)
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6 :PM :30	News (CC) Fortune	Cosby (CC) Suddenly	Wishbone Zoboomafoo	Baseball: Detroit Tigers	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Fresh Prince Major League	Carita de Angel:	The Color of Friendship	Mad TV Mad TV	Movie: The Inkwell (CC)	Love Songs (CC)	Bride (CC)	Update With John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	Pretender (CC)	Lost Ark
7 :PM :30	Whose Line? Whose Line?	World Records	European Rail Journeys	at Seattle Mariners	NFL Presea- son Football:	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Friends (CC) Spy TV (CC)	Baseball: San Diego Padres	Amigas y Rivales	(CC) (:35) Movie:	Lifegame		Movie:	Hard Knocks	Light of the Southwest	Biography (CC)	Fixing-Body	Movie: Carrie	Bomb Detectives
8 :PM :30	Be a Millionaire	Night Visions (CC)	Mystery! (CC) (DVS)	(CC) State of Grace	Philadelphia Eagles at	Be a Millionaire	Will & Grace Just Shoot Me	at Atlanta Braves (CC)	Por un Beso	Quints (CC)	Movie: Are You	Movie: Bio-Dome (CC)	Superstar (CC)	Movie: Bait (CC)		Biography (CC)	Cosmetic Sur- gery-Wrong		Tornado Alley
9 :PM :30	Primetime Thursday	Arrest & Trial Nanny (CC)	Nova (CC)	Scariest Places	Tennessee Titans (GC)	Primetime Thursday	ER (CC)	Movie:	IPica y Se Extiende!	(:10) Movie: Mighty Joe	Lonesome Tonight (CC)	(:35) Movie:	Going to California		Hour of Healing	Poirot (CC)	Obesity: A Deadly Risk	Movie: Blade (CC)	Storm Force
10 :PM :30	News (CC) Nightline	Blind Date Jerry Springer	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (:35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (:35) Tonight	Christine	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Young (CC)	Mad TV	Mad About Mambo (CC)	Leap Years	Temperatures Ghosts	Update With Sam Soleyn	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files (CC)		Bomb Detectives
11 :PM :30	Politically Inc. Cheers	(CC) Spin City (CC)	Frontline (CC)	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) Golf Highlights	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (:37) Late	(:35) Movie:	El Super Blablazo	Zorro Mickey Mouse	Lifegame	(:15) Movie: Blood Red	Movie: Born Bad	Six Feet Under (CC)	Promise Church	Biography (CC)	Fixing-Body	Movie:	Tornado Alley
12 :AM :30	Paid Program Paid Program	Judge-Brown Cops (CC)		Paid Program Paid Program	Late Late Show (CC)	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	Escape From New York	El Premio Mayor	Walt Disney Presents	Miami Vice	(CC)	Movie: The		Faith Pleases God	Biography (CC)	Cosmetic Sur- gery-Wrong	Firewalker (CC)	Storm Force

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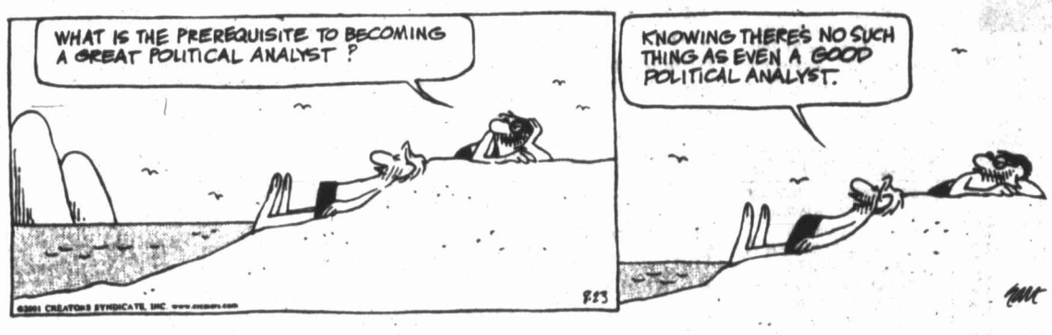




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Today is Thursday, Aug. 23, the 235th day of 2001. There are 130 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 23, 1927, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were executed in Boston for the murders of two men during a 1920 robbery. (Sacco and Vanzetti were vindicated in 1977 by Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis.)

On this date:

In 1754, France's King Louis XVI was born at Versailles.

In 1914, Japan declared war on Germany in World War I.

In 1926, silent film star Rudolph Valentino died in New York at age 31.

In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union signed a non-aggression treaty.

In 1944, Romanian prime minister Ion Antonescu was dismissed by King Michael, paving the way for Romania to abandon the Axis in favor of the Allies.

In 1960, Broadway librettist Oscar Hammerstein II died in Doylestown, Pa.

In 1972, the Republican national convention, meeting in Miami Beach, Fla., nominated Vice President Spiro T. Agnew for a second term.

In 1979, Soviet dancer Alexander Godunov defected while the Bolshoi Ballet was on tour in New York.

In 1982, Lebanon's parliament elected Christian militia leader Bashir Gemayel president. (However, Gemayel was assassinated some three weeks later.)

In 1989, in a case that inflamed racial tensions in New York City, Yusuf Hawkins, a black 16-year-old, was shot dead after he and his friends were confronted by white youths in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Robert Mulligan is 76. Actress Vera Miles is 71. Political satirist Mark Russell is 69. Actress Barbara Eden is 67. Actor Ronny Cox is 63. Actor Richard Sanders is 61. Ballet dancer Patricia McBride is 59. Former Surgeon General Antonia Novello is 57. Country singer Rex Allen Jr. is 54. Actress Shelley Long is 52. Actor-singer Rick Springfield is 52. Country singer-musician Woody Paul (Riders in the Sky) is 52. Queen Noor of Jordan is 50. Actor-producer Mark Hudson (The Hudson Brothers) is 50. Rock musician Dean DeLeo (Stone Temple Pilots) is 40. Actor Jay Mohr is 31.

Answer to previous puzzle

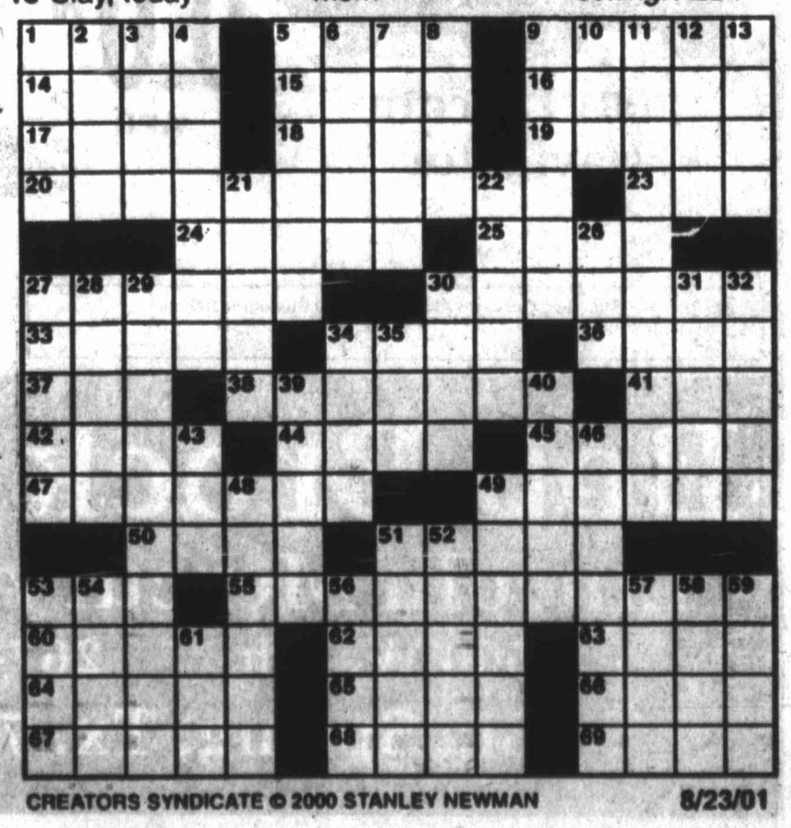
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ACROSS
1 Blackthorn fruit
5 Billboard
9 Actor Fernando
14 Office seekers, for short
15 Netman Nastase
16 Texas shrine
17 "I smell __!"
18 Actress Taylor
19 Windshield device
20 RED __
23 D-Day craft
24 English city
25 Unimportant
27 Ibsen heroine
30 1979 World Series victors
33 Het up
34 Small duck
36 "Phooey!"
37 Latin 101 word
38 RED __
41 Greek vowel
42 Desist
44 Solo for Scotto
45 Vast expanse
47 Soft drink
49 Some poets
50 Silent one
51 Actress Ina
53 Gettysburg loser
55 RED __
60 Actress Burstyn
62 Altitude: Abbr.
63 Colt's mother
64 –
65 River of 24 Across
66 Not on land
67 Sample
68 "__ Fall in Love"
69 European herring

DOWN
1 Ship's mast
2 Actress Petty
3 Patron saint of Norway
4 Golden Girl Getty
5 John Reid's steed
6 Homeric epic
7 Lung relatives
8 Playwright Simon
9 *The Practice* figure
10 Clay, today
11 RED __
12 Iowa State city
13 Variety
21 Band section
22 Author Zola
26 Wonderful, slangily
27 Zoysia, for one
28 "We __ please!"
29 RED __
30 One of the Bears
31 Annoy persistently
32 Laurel and Getz
34 Field cover, for short
35 Center starter
39 Wynonna's mom
40 *The Kiss* sculptor
43 Amigo
46 Movie theaters
48 Nebraska Indian
49 Salad ingredients
51 Contradict
52 Turn away
53 Baltic resident
54 Director Kazan
56 Actress Patricia
57 Deep cut
58 Field of expertise
59 Peruse
61 Bangor summer setting: Abbr.



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