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SATURDAY 95°-100°

Signal controllers to be replaced on 3rd and 4th Streets

Beginning Monday, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will begin a six-week controller-replacement project along Third and Fourth streets.

TxDOT spokesman Johnny Moore of the Big Spring office said a contractor will begin replacing the traffic signal controllers from Gregg Street to Birdwell Lane along Third and Fourth streets.

"We advise drivers to use caution during this time, as signal operations and timing will be affected by these changes," Moore said.

Moore also said there may be times when signal lights are completely out at an intersection and four-way stop will be used. He added that there may be other times when the signals may be out of sync with the other lights, creating a hazardous situation.

"This will be a time when drivers need to utilize caution and care as they move along either street," Moore said.

WEEKEND TICKETS

TODAY

Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

Pops in the Park, music and fireworks, 8:45 p.m., Comanche Trail Park.

SATURDAY

Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

Highland South Neighborhood Parade, 10 a.m., Highland Drive.

Coahoma Freedom Parade, 10 a.m., football stadium.

Patriotic program, 10:30 a.m., Coahoma High School Auditorium.

Rummage, antique and craft sale, Coahoma football stadium parking lot, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Heritage Museum, from 9-5 at 510 Scurry.

The Potton House, a restored historic home, from 1-5 p.m. at 200 Gregg.

SUNDAY

The Heritage Museum, from 10-5 at 510 Scurry.

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'Pops in the Park' is tonight

By JOHN WALKER
Managing Editor

Tonight's the night!

For the first time since 1995, city residents and visitors will be able to view an organized fireworks display and, for the first time since 1992, they will be able to view it to the accompaniment of patriotic music.

Pops in the Park is being presented by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Symphony and City of Big Spring in conjunction with the July Fourth Foundation.

The program, which will include a one-hour set of patriotic music followed by a 30-to-45

minute set of music to watch fireworks by as performed by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus. The symphony will be under the baton of Gene Smith.

Organizers are hopeful of crowds upwards of 10,000 persons for the performance.

The fireworks, including Class B (indoor) and Class C fireworks, will be fired from an area along Lone Star Lane, by the old Boy Scout Hut.

Lone Star Lane splits from the main park road at the south entrance to the park. It is the road that goes straight ahead, while the road that runs in front of the Amphitheater veers sharply to the left and down.

July Fourth Foundation

chairman Archie Kountz said Lone Star Lane will be closed to public traffic all day long as fireworks are placed.

Highlight of the fireworks display, produced by Kenny Landon of San Angelo, will be the firing of a 12-foot by 20-foot American flag. The flag has a total of 836 lances that will be on fire during the display.

"These fireworks are designed to be best viewed from the Amphitheater," Kountz said. "If you've watched them from your back yard in the past, you won't be able to see them this year ... you'll need to be in the park to hear the music and see the fire

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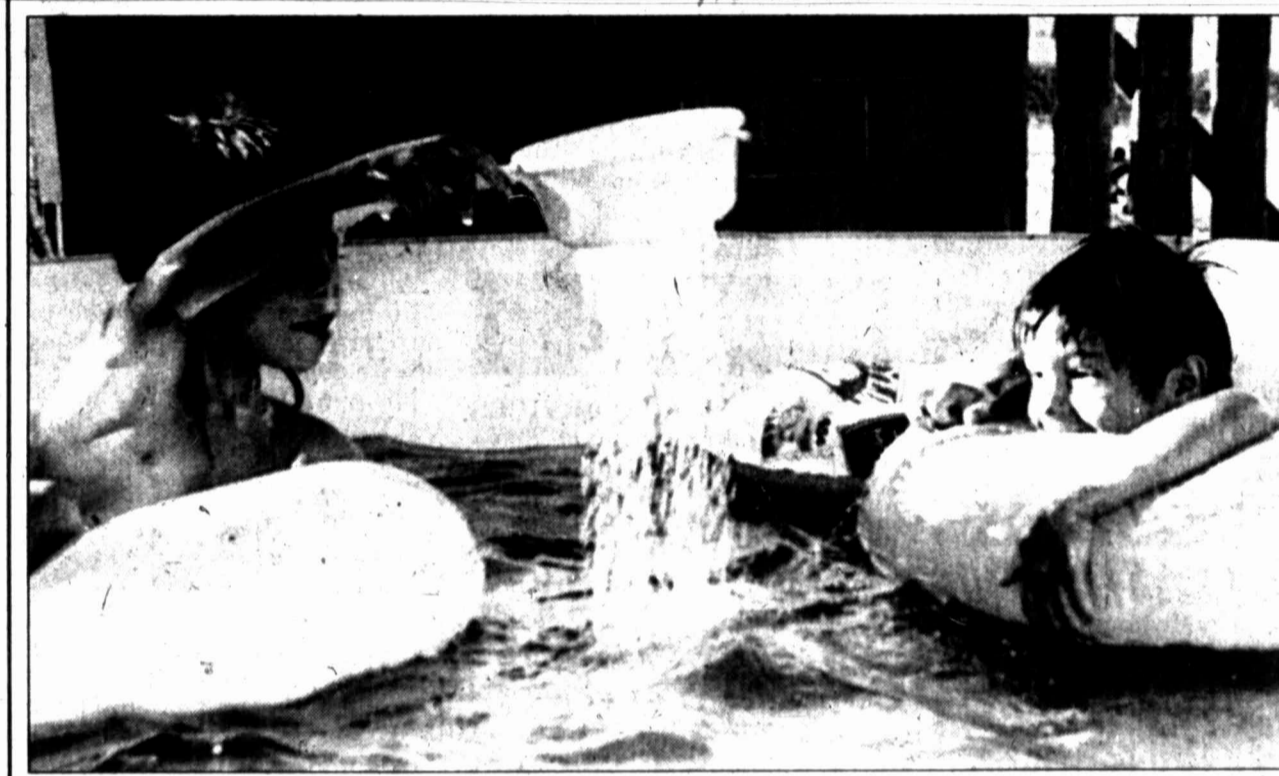
Fly your flag this weekend!



'Pops in the Park' music and fireworks, 8:45 p.m. today, Comanche Trail Amphitheater

Highland South Neighborhood Parade, 10 a.m. Saturday, Highland Drive.

Coahoma Annual Freedom Parade, 10 a.m. Saturday, Bulldog football stadium.



Brothers Ryan and Benjamin Klaassen, right, enjoy a dip in their backyard swimming pool. Temperatures "cooled" to the 90s this week but are expected to shoot back over 100 soon.

In workshop

Commissioners iron out budget

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners ironed out a 1998-99 budget this week that includes a seven-and-one-half percent decrease in expenses - including a 20 percent cut in funding for local organizations it supports.

"The workshop went pretty good. We went over the budget line item by line item, and we've made substantial cuts, although we haven't got the net of all we did yet," Sonny Choate, Precinct 4 commissioner, said.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said, "We asked each and every department to

cut expenditures, and if they didn't take it out, we took it out for them. It (the budget) is pretty lean."

Decreasing oil and mineral values, about \$30-35 million less for Howard County, made the budget process this year a tough task, commissioners said.

"Typically, with a drop in revenue, elected officials think of raising taxes, not dropping expenses. We're trying to react to a drop in revenue by cutting expenses, and by not raising taxes," Choate said.

Lockhart said the operating budget cuts generated about \$218,000, and with that the county may add a few items

deemed necessary, such as computer repairs.

"Then we'll have the computers up and running this year," he said.

And while purchasing new equipment might not be in the budget this year, repairs for existing equipment is, Lockhart said.

The commissioners agreed to cut 20 percent from local organizations that receive county support, he said.

Kilgore said, "This will hurt some of them, and I know it. We were not happy with this, but it's something we had to do."

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Moore board focuses on goal-planning for the future

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Focusing on various goals and objectives they will soon be confronted with was the catalyst of a special meeting of the Moore Development for Big Spring board of directors Thursday.

"We are coming up on budget time again," said Moore Development executive director Kent Sharp, "and I think we have successfully accomplished the goals that we set for ourselves last year. We had planned to increase employment in Big Spring by 130 jobs,

and we weren't far off of that mark."

According to Sharp, one of the board's most important accomplishments has been the development of training programs for possible employees.

"We have made a lot of positive steps towards meeting the needs of the prospective business in the way of labor," said Sharp. "We have worked with Howard College to get more training available, and I think that's extremely important to getting the companies to come to Big Spring."

"Every city has land and buildings," said board member

'We've got to be able to compete if we are going to have any chance at getting the big prospects.'

Charles Beil, "but what businesses these days want to know about is people. Are we going to have the labor with the necessary skills available to them once they come here."

"I believe our two most impor-

tant issues right now should be the matter of having a workforce survey done, as well as developing more ideas for an industrial park in Big Spring."

The board, which listened to a presentation last week from Economic Development Service president Jerry Conner, is considering having a survey done to determine the strengths and weaknesses of the area's workforce.

"Prospective businesses want real numbers when they are considering a community," said Conner. "They used to just take the word of the development company, but these days they

want independent reports."

According to Conner, the study is an indispensable marketing tool.

"The Texas Workforce Commission no longer collects the data that companies like to see when they are looking at a prospective site," said Conner.

"I believe Midland and Odessa will be receptive towards having the survey done," said Sharp. "Myself and Cheri Sparks attended the recent Economic Development Summit, and things look promising."

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4-H students wrangle college scholarships in Houston

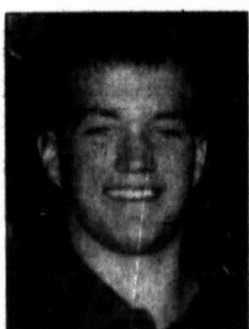
By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Two Glasscock County students received scholarships from the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation during the 1998 Texas 4-H Round-up.

Craig Hoelscher and Paula Braden both received scholarships in the amount of \$10,000, donated by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

"They have represented the Glasscock County 4-H Club really well," said Glasscock County Extension Service Agent Angel Walls. "We are really proud of them."

"These kids had to go through an interview process at the 4-H Round-up, conducted by a committee from the Texas 4-H Development Foundation. Their deci-



HOELSCHER



BRADEN

sions were based on their participation in local 4-H activities, as well as their overall involvement in the community."

Braden, who plans to attend Texas A&M University, was named valedictorian of her 1998 graduating class, made the "A" honor roll, and is listed among the

Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Braden also won many different awards for her 10 years of participation in the 4-H program at Glasscock County High School. They include, the J.T. Rutherford Award; Gold Star; outstanding senior girl in District VI; outstanding senior girl in Glasscock County; high individual in District Consumer Education competition; Tophand Award; County Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Swine.

Braden plans to study agribusiness in college, where she will learn how to do joint work between the people in business and agriculture.

Hoelscher, who plans to attend Texas A&M University, College Station, was named Mr. Garden City High School for

1998, and received many different awards for his participation in the varsity football team. He also received the USAA Math, Science, and All Around Scholar Award.

Hoelscher has been recognized by the 4-H for his part in the following programs and events: swine; livestock judging; leadership; foods and nutrition; recreation; Texas 4-H Congress, SPEC-TRA; and the Texas Pork Producers Youth Institute Tour.

Hoelscher plans to study agricultural systems management in college, and hopes to one day become a technical or production manager for one of the major ag related businesses in America.

"They are really happy and excited about this," said Walls. "They are ready to get in school."

OBITUARIES

Kenneth D. Holcombe

Services for Kenneth D. Holcombe, 71, of Stanton will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 4, 1998 in the First Baptist Church of Stanton with Rev. David Harp and Rev. Duane McClure officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.



HOLCOMBE

He died Thursday, July 2, 1998 in Stanton. Kenneth was born Aug. 6, 1926 in Gainesville, Texas. He moved to Stanton 52 years ago from Glasscock County. He was married to Ruth Glaspie on April 8, 1950 in Courtney. He retired from Holcombe Industries in 1997. He was a veteran of World War II, served on the Stanton Independent School District board from 1970 through 1972, was a member of the Stanton Lions Club, American Legion and the First Baptist Church, where he was a member of the L.J.L. Senior Adult Group. He was preceded in death by a son, Kerry Holcombe.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Holcombe of Stanton; a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Charles Butz of Greenwood; two sisters, Olive Pearson of Fort Worth and Thelma Brake of Newark, Calif.; two brothers, Hugh Holcombe of Fullerton, Calif. and Wayne Holcombe of Patterson, Calif.; three grandchildren, Ryan, Melanie and Samantha Johnson, and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Pallbearers will be Bud Glaspie, Rusty Allred, Johnny Paul, Charlie Pinkerton, John Griffin, Richard Doggett, Delbert Dickenson and Brad Speir.

Honorary pallbearers will be Art Twiss, Kevin Glaspie, Frank Fryar, Mike Glaspie, Mark Glaspie, Wendell Holcombe, Ronald Holcombe, Don Holcombe, David Holcombe, Stanley Holcombe, Jerry Don Holcombe, Les Brewer and Michael Huffman. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church in Stanton, Greenwood Baptist Building Fund or Allison Cancer Center.

Paid obituary

Patsy Arcand

Patsy Arcand, 72, of Round Rock, died Thursday, July 2, 1998. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Survivors are a son, Andre Thomas Arcand of Big Spring; two daughters, Cecilia McKenzie of Austin and Teresa Arcand of Austin; a sister, Maxine Myers of Smithville and five grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial to the Lighthouse for the Blind or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements under the direction of All Faith's Funeral Service, Austin.

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The Senior Citizens Center and the county health department were exempt from these cuts, Lockhart said.

The commissioners still await final data on employee health insurance costs, and will meet again July 13, County Judge Ben Lockhart said.

"When we meet again, we'll fine tune it," Lockhart said.

Kilgore said commissioners are also discussing the 1999-2000 budget, with an eye to the future.

The drought and lower oil prices have already effected the county's revenue for the 1999-2000 budget. About 60 percent of the county's budget comes from ad valorem taxes. Other revenue comes from licensing fees and fines, among others, Kilgore said.

"This is a depleting source, and we need to look at other ways to finance (the county)."

"County business is not just about building and maintaining roads. Roads are only about 10 percent of the whole budget. We also have the court system, law enforcement and tax collection," he said.

Lockhart agreed with Kilgore. "We're preparing for next year, which is going to be as bad or worse," he said.

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The board also discussed the need for an industrial park to draw more companies and corporations to Big Spring.

"You see places like Abilene, that have industrial parks," said Beil, "and it all comes down to competition. We've got to be able to compete if we are going to have any chance at getting the big prospects."

"Companies like to visualize where their facilities will be," said Sharp. "They want to know how they will get to and from it."

The board will officially meet again on the 22nd of this month.

RIGHTS

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rights are, and how to handle potential situations with the law."

Big Spring attorney Robert D. Miller supports Barber's efforts.

"I think that the more lawyers do to educate the public, the better things will be," said Miller. "It's our duty to inform people of things like this. We are losing more and more of our rights, and if the individual doesn't stand up for himself, we've lost it."

"A lot of the men and women of law enforcement forget that what they are saying when they are talking about a person's rights isn't just words on a card. They are very real, and very important, and shouldn't be left at the station when they hit the streets."

"In the end, the officer either has to give you a ticket or let you go. Otherwise, they are not allowed by law to detain you."

POPS

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works." Kountz said officers from the Big Spring Police Department, assisted by members of the Citizens Police Academy, will be on hand to direct traffic.

"We'll have four parking areas and as one fills up, they'll move you on to the next one," Kountz said. "The longest distance anyone will have to walk will be about 100 yards." Kountz said handicapped parking will be available next to the Amphitheater. In addition to the music and fireworks, food and beverage

vendors will have booths set up along with several arts and crafts-type booths. Those booths will open at 6 p.m.

Kountz said he thought it would be wise for persons to begin arriving early for the evening's activities, as well as to bring a seat cushion.

Aggravated assault charges filed against 28-year-old individual

By MARSHA STURDIVANT Staff Writer

Aggravated assault charges have been filed by the Big Spring Police Department for an incident that occurred June 30.

A 28-year-old man was assaulted by four young men and one young woman as he walked along Washington Blvd., according to police reports.

"The victim walked east on Washington when a vehicle drove by. They yelled things and pulled away, but then backed up."

"Four males got out and a female; they chased him and assaulted him, and they may have had a weapon," said Sergeant Roger Sweat with the BSPD.

A vehicle was damaged in the altercation, which involved a third party. The suspects fled when a neighbor yelled out his door, he said.

"When they heard the police are coming, everybody took off," Sweat said.

The victim said the youths yelled something about gang affiliation as they sped away.

The victim was treated and released from Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room.

"I understand he was beaten up pretty good," Sweat said.

The case is still under investigation, and the victim is expected to provide composites or picture identification from police department photographs, he said.

Sexual assault under investigation

HERALD Staff Report

A sexual assault was reported in Big Spring June 27, according to the Big Spring Police Department.

"An adult female reported to the department that an adult male, known to her, had sexual intercourse with her, without her consent," Sergeant Roger Sweat, BSPD, said.

An investigation is on going, he added.

CLARIFICATION

In a June 21 advertisement in the Big Spring Herald, Curtis Smith was erroneously listed as owner of radio station KBYG. Smith is the operations manager.

Escapee caught after brief run in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH (AP) — A convicted bank robber who overpowered an investigator for the Tarrant County district attorney's office and stole her car was back in custody after just seven hours of freedom, authorities say.

Officers said William David Williams, 36, was in handcuffs and shackles Wednesday when he struck and bit the investigator. He stole her car, a shotgun, a handgun and keys to the handcuffs.

Officers say they believe the man robbed a Bedford business about 90 minutes later, leaving an employee in leg irons.

He was arrested at Mr. Magoo's bar about 9:30 p.m., police said.

Witnesses and police said

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Williams came into the bar and ordered two drinks and some nachos from a nearby Mexican restaurant. He was playing pool when two investigators came in and issued a familiar barroom ultimatum: step outside.

"We're just thankful we got him back into custody as soon as we did," said David Montague, an assistant Tarrant County district attorney.

Williams, who is serving a 12-year sentence at a federal prison in Florence, Colo., was brought to Tarrant County to help with ongoing cases, police said.

Celeste Rogers, the investigator who was overpowered and bitten, was treated at a Fort Worth hospital for wounds to her right arm and released.

She had been working with Williams for about two weeks to gather evidence.

Williams, a former Tarrant County resident, was convicted in 1995 of robbing three Bank of America branches in Fort Worth. No weapons were displayed in the robberies, authorities said.

FBI spokeswoman Marjorie Poche said the U.S. Marshal's Office in Fort Worth is filing an escape charge against Williams. He could also face state charges in the escape.

BRIEFS

UNITED BLOOD SERVICES WILL conduct a blood drive Thursday from 8:10-30 a.m. at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Office. If you have questions concerning donor qualifications or to schedule an appointment, call 268-7535.

THERE WILL BE CUB Scout Day Camp July 7-10 at the Hughes Aquatic Base. The cost is \$30 and registration forms are available at the Scout Office, 610 Scurry. Office hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, and 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday. For more information call 263-3407, 263-3255 or 394-4310.

LINE DANCING WILL BE taught each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Big Spring Mall starting June 25. Anyone is welcome to join the class for no charge. Gather in the room near Hallmark and Bealls in the east end of the mall.

Call Dorothy Kennemur for more information, 398-5522.

BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL is in need of 1998 magazines. They can be delivered to the Community Relations Office at the front of the campus.

The sheltered workshop is also in need of the following items: Costume jewelry, inexpensive toys, old appliances such as toaster and coffee pots, baseball gloves and footballs. These donations can be taken to the sheltered workshop on the campus or call Mary Jane Phillips at 268-7700 for more information.

CORRECTION

THE BARGAIN MART AD THAT RAN WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 IN THE BIG SPRING HERALD, THERE WAS AN ERROR ON JAMES TOWN ROLL SAUSAGE...THE AD STATED, JAMES TOWN ROLL SAUSAGE LB. ROLL 10¢...THE CORRECT PRICE IS JAMES TOWN ROLL SAUSAGE LB. ROLL...2/\$1.00. WE ARE SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY HAVE CAUSED THE CUSTOMERS.

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THE AREA AGENCY ON Aging needs volunteer ombudsmen in Big Spring nursing homes to visit and monitor nursing home residents. A new training session is being scheduled. Call the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-491-4636.

BIG SPRING'S MUNICIPAL POOL has "family night" and "teen nights" planned this summer.

Families are invited to swim together from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Teen nights are Fridays from 7-9 p.m., and those age 13-17 must show a school I.D.

Pool admission fees of \$1.50 per person apply at these special evening events, as well as during regular pool hours, 1-6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Call 264-2484 for more information.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club has free eyeglasses for all adults the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third. All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. For more information call Al Valdes or Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

SUPPORT GROUPS

FRIDAY •Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers. •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY •Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

•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.

•"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the

center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

•NA 10 p.m. candlelight meeting, St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad.

•Open birthday night meets the last Saturday of the month with a covered dish at 7 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity through 8 a.m. today:

•EVERETT PARTON, 33, arrested for public intoxication. •WENDELL HANKINS, 27, arrested for public intoxication. •CHAD DEAX, 24, arrested for no Texas driver's license.

•JUAN BUSTAMANTE, 20, arrested for theft.

•BILLY GARRETT, 61, arrested for public intoxication.

•CLIFTON GRIFFIN, 53, arrested for public intoxication.

•ADRIAN VERA, 23, arrested on local warrants.

•JASON MOSCOE, 18, arrested for DWI.

•SUSPICIOUS INVESTIGATIONS reported in the 1500 block of E. 6th, at 18th and Gregg, in the 100 block of N. Owens, 200 W. Marcy, 1100 Lamesa Hwy., at 3rd and Main and in the 1500 block of E. 11th.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported in the 200 block of West Marcy (two instances), 400 block of North Runnes and 60 block of North West 11th.

•FORGERY reported in the 500 block of North Lamesa and 1100 block of Benton.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION reported in the 1600 block of Canary, 2100 block of Wasson and at 11th and Scurry.

•THEFT reported in the 1700 block of East Marcy, 1700 block of Purdue, 1200 block of Stamford, 2300 block of Wasson, 100 block of Airbase Road, 1600 block of MLK, 1200 block of East 11th Place and 1200 block of East 11th Place.

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Happy 4th B-Day Miklo Love Mom, Grandma, Minnelli & PoPo Mike

Fire-ravaged Florida east coast praying for rain

ORMOND BEACH, Fla. (AP) — With thick smoke hanging down to his waist, Danny Greaves had to lie on his stomach to catch a fresh breath. He wasn't there for long, not with wildfires inching toward his parents' home.

Down went nearby pines and palmettos, felled by his chain saw. Up went garden hoses, onto the roof. Shovel in hand, Greaves beat at a flaming tree.

"This is home," Greaves said early today, his voice raspy from 28 hours without rest. "I can't sit back and do nothing."

But thousands of others could do nothing, ordered out of their homes when fires that have burned across Florida since Memorial Day raged out of control this week. Many residents can't go back, barred by roadblocks.

The flames have burned more than 125 homes and forced nearly 40,000 people to seek other shelter. More than 425 square miles have been blackened, twice the land lost to fires in a normal year in Florida.

The fires along the state's ravaged east coast showed no sign of letting up early today, with a smoky haze obscuring the sky as far away as Miami, 250 miles to the south. Firefighters have been stymied by gusty winds and temperatures of more than 100 degrees.

The fires have wrecked many Fourth of July plans, forced the postponement of Saturday's Pepsi 400 stock car race at Daytona International Speedway and closed nearly 100 miles of Interstate 95 — the major highway along the East Coast — before one of the busiest travel weekends of the year.

Many fireworks displays already have been canceled for fear they might spark more wildfires across drought-stricken Florida.

By Thursday, 30,000 people were told to leave their homes in Volusia County, mostly in Ormond Beach and Daytona Beach. Another 10,000 were ordered to stay away from their homes in Brevard County.

Just east of Orlando, residents of 200 homes near the town of Christmas were forced to leave Thursday as winds sent fires

"We're not going to put these out, we're just trying to contain them."

their way.

Million-dollar homes and double-wide trailers alike were threatened in dozens of developments along a corridor stretching 45 miles from Titusville to Ormond Beach, just north of Daytona Beach.

"There are fires all over," said Charles Spagnola, who left his home in Ormond Beach as fires came within a half-mile. "You never know when another is going to start up. It's like sitting

on a pile of dynamite."

Before they fled their home in Brevard County, Catherine and Danny Goodrich managed to grab a suitcase of clothes, a box of photos and a stuffed deer head.

A fire tore through their double-wide trailer near Scottsmoor overnight, leaving behind a charred metal frame.

As they toured the debris Thursday, they found the blackened bones of their 12-year-old dog, Murder, nestled on the remains of their bed.

"It felt just like my insides were pulled out of me," Goodrich said. "I felt sick to my stomach."

Gov. Lawton Chiles called on Florida mayors to send more equipment, including bulldozers, to clear fire lines around residential areas.

With dry, blustery conditions predicted for the weekend, progress simply means not losing ground. Aerial water drops help, but the only salvation appears to be rain.

"We did not turn the corner,"

said Barry Baker, the fire chief in Ormond Beach. "They were as volatile today as they were yesterday and they will be just as volatile tomorrow. We're not going to put these out, we're just trying to contain them."

That wasn't good enough for Greaves, a 26-year-old plaster contractor.

His neighbors obeyed the order Wednesday night to evacuate River Bend, a subdivision of two-storied houses and manicured lawns.

Greaves sent his parents packing. Then it was time to go to work, knocking down trees and wielding the garden hoses.

"He is a one-man army," said Karen Peatross, who lives next door and credits Greaves with saving her house.

One police officer arrived and told him it was time to leave. Two officers came back, then four officers, all demanding that he get out.

"I'll be glad to," Greaves said he told them, "just as soon as you get a fire truck out here." None came. Ms. Peatross' son

Bruce returned home Thursday and saw a hole in the tool shed framed by blackened wood. The broom was singed to the handle. Wooden bleachers behind the house were charred.

Then he saw Greaves' work — garden hoses across the yard, soaking the house and the driveway.

"He saved this house," Peatross said. "If he hadn't have come over here, no telling what would have happened."

Greaves kept his parents updated by cell phone. His father told him where to find the mask and snorkel in case his only way out was the Tomoka River, 100 yards behind the house.

The fires had moved on early today to threaten other subdivisions, leaving behind the sound of chirping locusts and crickets. At the end of Wildwood Court, Greaves' work was finished for now.

"It's not going to stop," he said before heading inside. "There's really no hope except for it to rain."

Probe: CNN reporters ignored critical facts

NEW YORK (AP) — Reporters for CNN worked hard and honestly but brushed aside inconvenient facts in putting together a story saying U.S. commandos used nerve gas during the Vietnam War, a network-ordered probe found.

The reporters instead read too much into what their sources told them in producing the story, according to the investigation conducted by the First Amendment lawyer Floyd Abrams.

The probe led to Thursday's retraction of the broadcast story and a companion article in Time magazine.

The story asserted that the U.S. military used sarin gas to kill American defectors in 1970 during a secret mission in Laos called Operation Tailwind.

"The CNN journalists

involved in this project believed in every word they wrote," Abrams' report said. But it said the journalists apparently were so convinced of the truth of the story that they ignored or minimized information that conflicted with their conclusions.

The investigator's 54-page report called it a case of "journalistic overkill," and concluded: "The CNN broadcast was not fair."

The CNN journalists who worked on the story included correspondent Peter Arnett and producers April Oliver, Jack Smith and Pamela Hill.

Hill resigned Thursday. Oliver, who did most of the reporting, was fired, as was Smith. Arnett was reprimanded.

CNN hired Abrams, a New York lawyer who has represent-

ed news organizations over the years, to investigate the report and allegations that it was wrong, including complaints from sources. He began his probe June 20, working with two people on his staff and CNN general counsel David Kohler.

The investigation entailed interviewing the CNN journalists, examining their notes and video outtakes, and weighing the criticisms that followed the June 7 broadcast on "NewsStand: CNN & Time," a collaboration of the all-news cable network and the newsweekly.

"The views of the individuals best placed to know what happened... were unduly discounted. Statements of sources that were vague, ambiguous or qualified were relied upon as if they were clear, focused and unam-

biguous," Abrams' report said.

Central to the CNN story was 86-year-old retired Adm. Thomas Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the time of the 1970 operation.

Overall, Moorer came across on the broadcast as "the most consistent and visible supporter of both the nerve gas and defector themes," the investigation said. But Moorer's account was not as clear-cut as it might have seemed.

Under persistent questioning from CNN, Moorer would seem to occasionally come close to confirming the thrust of CNN's story, only to back away.

"So you were aware sarin was used?" Moorer was asked at one point.

"I am not confirming for you that it was used. You have told me that," he replied.

FAA orders immediate inspections for 737 engines

WASHINGTON (AP) — The newest versions of the Boeing 737 are being grounded until their engines can be inspected for signs that a weak part has failed.

The Federal Aviation Administration ordered the action Thursday after learning that broken engine parts prompted two in-flight engine shutdowns last week.

A "telegraphic airworthiness directive" from the agency, second only in urgency to an emergency directive, ordered immediate inspections on 46 engines installed on 23 U.S. airliners, 13 of which are owned by Southwest Airlines.

Nine others are owned by Continental Airlines; one is owned by Eastwind Airlines.

The directive also stated that the engine part in question, the accessory gearbox starter gearshaft, had to be replaced on all of the aircraft by Sept. 1 or within the next 750 flight hours, whichever comes first.

The action followed two incidents on June 26 involving the latest versions of the world's most common airliner, the Boeing 737-700 and -800 aircraft.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each Friday, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **LEON AND CHERYL BYRD**, who, after seeing a report on an area television station, donated use of their 1996 Suburban to the Serious Air Acro-gymnastics team of Odessa so that the squad could travel to national competition in Minnesota.

• **NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER**, which for the sixth straight year - this time teaming with Wal-Mart - is making it possible for students of less fortunate families to more easily purchase clothes and school supplies.

• **CORNELL CORRECTIONS**, which unveiled its newest facility, the Cedar Hill unit, bringing more than \$1.7 million annually in new salaries to Big Spring.

• **JOHN WEEKS**, who was recently named general manager of KBST radio station.

• **MARY ANN MARQUEZ**, who made her family and friends proud as a recent bone marrow donor.

• **TORY MITCHELL**, Big Spring High School senior-to-be, who won both the 100 and 200 meter dashes at the U.S. Junior National Track & Field Championships in Edwardsville, Ill. with not only speed, but class.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

OTHER VIEWS

The chapter of human rights has been provisionally closed by Bill Clinton to make way for business.

LA REPUBBLICA, ROME

As the president continues his Chinese visit, he will be able to give free rein to his curiosity and make himself the spokesman for the interest China awakes in the United States.

No more tormented sermons in favor of human rights, or 'debates' in which each word is weighed at length to reconcile both the Communist authorities and the American Congress - practically impossible.

One has to recognize that Clinton has made a fairly good job of this difficult exercise, to which he devoted himself for three days.

TRIBUNE DE GENEVE, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Efforts to achieve a peaceful solution to the Kosovo crisis seem to have all failed.

The truth is that no solution will ever be found unless one of the two contenders accepts to give up part of its demands.

On one side Kosovo's ethnic Albanians should give up the dream of an independent state.

On the other side, the Serbs should finally acknowledge that other people are now liv-

ing in what was once the cradle of their civilization.

Can capitalism survive under socialism?

A year has passed since that question was posed in the unprecedented test in the return of Hong Kong, the former British colony, to China.

The invisible shadow of China can be sensed, but its two key principles of 'one nation, two systems' and Hong Kong ruled by Hong Kong people are basically intact.

Tung Chee-hwa should listen to the calls for more democratic freedoms and greater citizen participation in politics, as in the Legislative Council election.

The 'prosperity and stability' referred to in Hong Kong's Basic Law have begun to erode.

Discontent with the Hong Kong government has grown over its failure to take effective measures to fend off economic crisis.

Can Hong Kong retain prosperity while retaining its idiosyncrasies?

The answer to that part of the experiment has not yet emerged.

ASAHI SHIMBUN, TOKYO

Simply a remarkable event in human history

By JAY AMBROSE
Scripps Howard News Service

One story has it that, on July 4, 1776, King George III scribbled in his diary, "Nothing happened today." An ocean away, a group of men thought differently.

They had formally adopted a document declaring the independence of American colonies from this king and from Britain, and they had done something else in that declaration.

They had stated that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Almost anyway you look at it, the writing, passage and signing of that document was one of the most remarkable events in human history.

It was remarkable, for one reason, because the authors seemed to assume that saying the colonies were independent made them independent. Britain, of course, was nothing less than the greatest power in the world at the time.

The colonials weren't worried. They knew they had a fight on their hands, but many seemed incurably convinced that Providence would see them through, no matter how astronomical the odds.

It was remarkable, too, because of the ideals it expressed.

Thomas Jefferson was chiefly responsible for the striking, muscular prose, although many of the central tenets were being written in other declarations by colonies and towns, and even though, as he himself put it, the Continental Congress "mutilated" the draft he had composed.

These ideals were to become the most revered principles of a nation that has not always been sure-footed in their implementation, but has almost always kept them somewhere in view, using them as corrective, as guide and as inspiration.

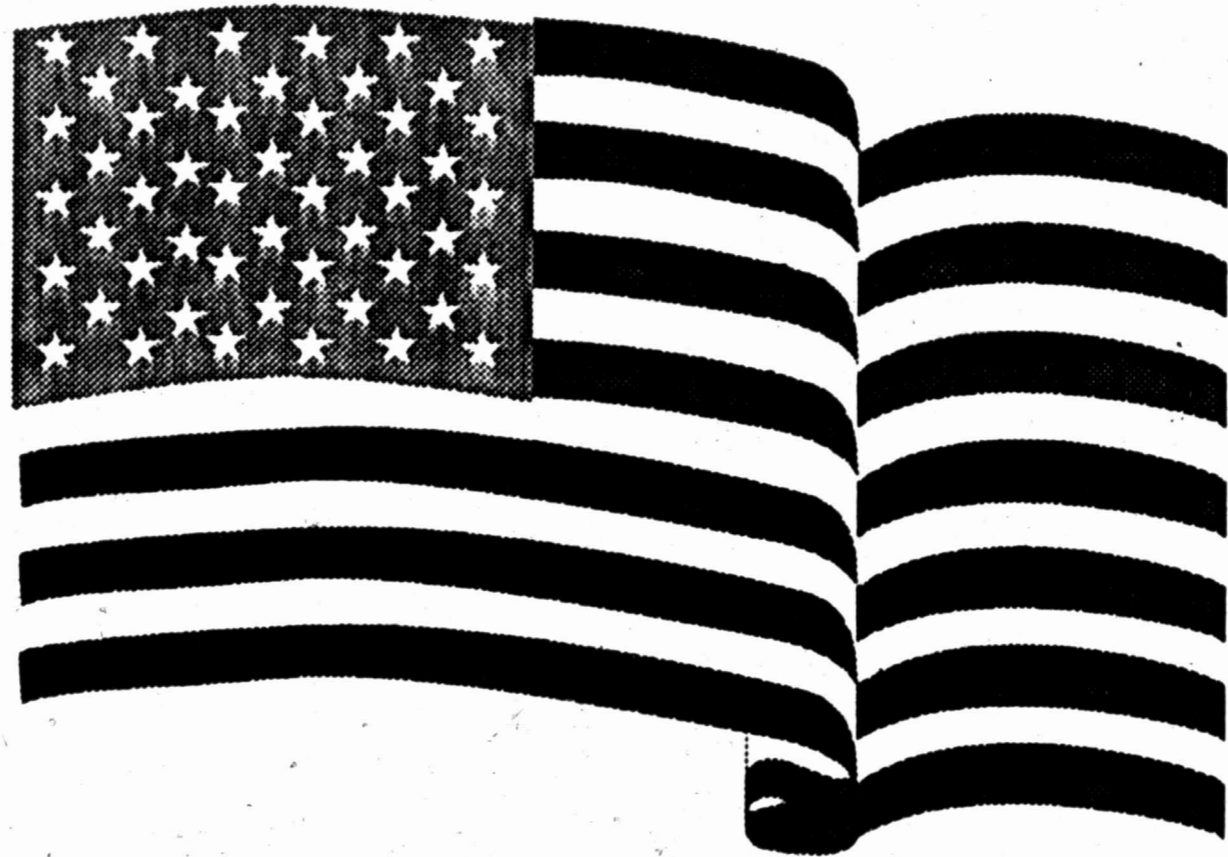
The Declaration of Independence is finally remarkable because it serves as the focal point of the most

celebrated of all patriotic holidays in the United States.

It's not the successful conclusion of the Revolutionary War that Americans whoop up. Nor is it the later ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

It's this declaration of human freedom, dignity and self-rule that Americans rightly cheer about every July, following the hopes of John Adams, who said the day should be recognized with "pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other."

Despite a king's understandable ignorance of the fact, something did happen on July 4, 1776, and in honor of that event, let the fun begin.



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The struggle to remain free continues

GUEST COLUMN

When you arrive in Big Spring you have to be impressed by the mountains that dominate the city. Try to imagine the waves of buffalo that were described as being as thick as waves on the ocean. Buffalo was food, their hides were homes, their bones substituted for wood. They provided necessities for survival.

Then there was the "big spring." Ever flowing fresh water in the middle of a desert. A natural location with all the basic attributes to be a great place to live.



LAMAR GOLDING

The Comanches were here thousands of years prior to the arrival of the White man. Survival required that they learn patience. Patience as they stalked ranches along the Rio Grande. Scouts observed the foal crop. The next summer or fall they struck, generally during the full moon. Never taking everything, always leaving the seed stock to assure that there would be a crop next year.

The settlers learned from the Indians. Perhaps the greatest lessons were of survival. You don't eat your seed corn, you must prepare for the fickle weather, droughts were and are common to the area. Remember, these people worked without a net. Their safety net was the love and respect of their neighbors. They learned from experience.

These early settlers lived frugally, respecting nature, utilizing what they had. One of Howard County's greatest benefactors was a lady named Dora Roberts. This lady was truly in tune with the laws of opulence. Prior to the discovery of oil on

her ranch, I am told that she sold eggs in Big Spring, wearing her high-button shoes as she delivered her product.

Suddenly she became a wealthy woman. She was at the right place at the right time, and somehow she knew what to do. Soon there was the Dora Roberts discovery in Ector County, followed by another major discovery in Lubbock County.

The signal fires of the Comanches are not being used or Signal Mountain now, but their spirits and perhaps ghosts are as active as ever. There very well may be something in the soil or water in the West Texas area. These people are survivors - doers - many times against all odds.

The Wall Street Journal of June 1998: The State National Bank is in vanguard of the State Banking Revolution. Its Internet site began two years ago and is serving about 15 percent of the bank's customers. State National has been named one of the best Internet banks in the country.

When the site for the Veterans Hospital, Big Spring, was designated, I doubt that much thought was given to the fact that more than 13,000 years ago elephants and buffalo lived in the area. How do we know this? Archaeological artifacts indicate that Indians hunted elephants and buffalo as far back as 13,000 B.C. Grass and water were abundant in 1950, when the Hospital was completed.

Almost equidistant between Fort Worth and El Paso, the location would ultimately be in a location to serve some 83,000 veterans in a 77,000 square mile area.

Without patient clinics in Abilene, Fort Stockton, San Angelo, Odessa and New Mexico, distances are great in sparsely populated Western

United States.

With 443 staff employees and between 350 to 425 volunteers, every type of specialty is available. If you prow the halls of the hospital it is not possible to know the paid staff from the volunteers. Cary D. Brown, Director of this facility, stresses that everyone is treated equally. Quality of the operation is paramount.

I have had the run of the hospital for several months, and no amount of money can buy any better treatment than the dedicated people give. I am not going to try to single out the individuals. Invariably I would leave out some of the staff and feel they would justifiably be offended.

Let me describe some of the patients that I have met. There is a very broad spectrum of patients. Many of these veterans live in daily physical pain. The tender loving care is everywhere.

John Colley, 102 years young, from Marfa, was the driver for Capt. Harry S. Truman in World War I. Colley did not get close enough to see the Eiffel Tower. In speaking with Colley I asked if there were any secrets to his longevity. He thought for a minute or two and said, "Well, I never married!"

Perhaps one of the most touching was an interview with a survivor of the Bataan Death March. This gentleman tried so hard to tell his story. Most of the words were blurred, unintelligible.

A few weeks later, I was in the ward and he recognized me, rushed up to shake my hand. He wanted so much to share his thoughts. We started over.

This Veteran is not giving up, he is trying so hard to remember, still doing his duty to his country.

Besides the doctors, therapists, the entire staff, including volunteers, offer the human factor. They listen; they care; it shows.

When I discussed some of the problems with Brown, he noted that the real challenge is to continue to excel in the quality of care. Our veterans are living longer. New medications are more effective. Patients have the benefits of new technology. With new drugs, high blood pressure and strokes are being brought under control.

Mr. Brown pointed out that the Veterans Administration is the largest health organization in the world. More than half of our doctors were trained in Veterans Health Administration facilities. Enormous research is available on a continuing basis for our veterans.

One of the many successes that we discussed was the area patients or clients. People in West Texas are generally self-sufficient.

They help their neighbors through droughts and while they are fiercely independent, helping their neighbors is a way of life.

They all know that the caregiver of today may be the care receiver of tomorrow.

This major medical facility may not have much in common with the Comanches and the buffalo that rolled as in waves from the ocean, but the strength of character of the citizens of Big Spring makes me very proud to be from West Texas.

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who Love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28.

Every veteran, regardless of rank, length of service, whatever, has served his country and fellow man, and is paying the price of freedom.

Freedom is not free. So, as we enjoy the music, fireworks, and other celebrations, just remember the struggle to remain free is continuing.

We must remain alert to protect our precious freedom. God bless America!

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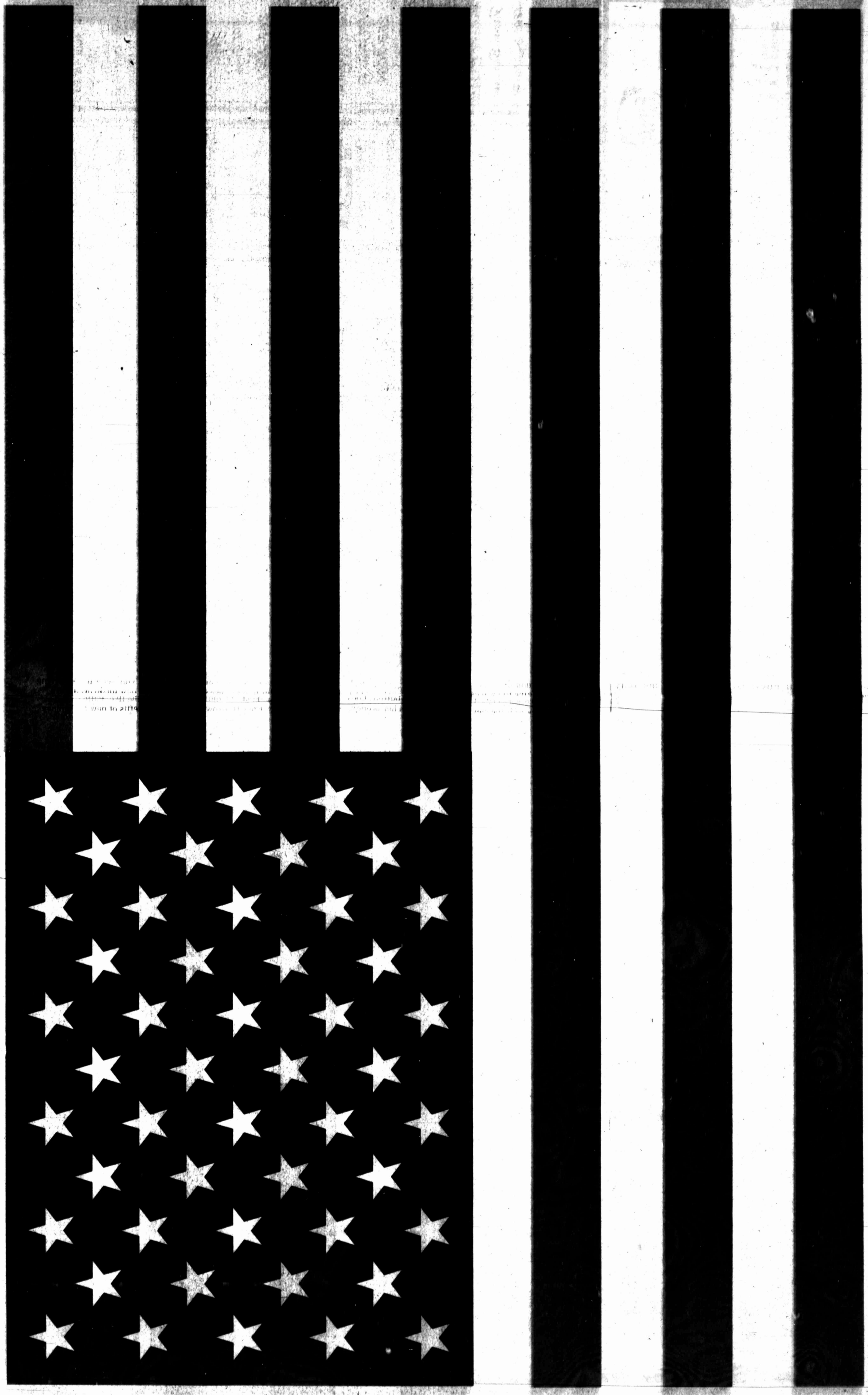
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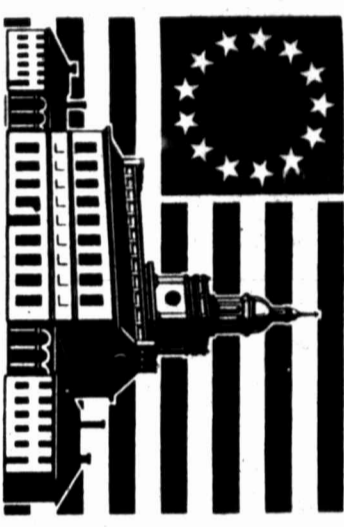
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Census offers statistical look at Independence Day

WASHINGTON (AP) — "It's a grand old flag," goes the patriotic song, and indeed, millions of Americans will fly the Stars and Stripes on the Fourth of July.

But at least some of those banners will not be born in America.

In a statistical look at Independence Day, the Census Bureau has found that imports of American flags totaled \$710,200 in 1997. Most, \$566,700 worth, came from Taiwan.

On the other hand, the bureau's analysis of foreign trade found exports of U.S. flags totaled \$473,200. The Dominican Republic was the biggest customer, spending \$102,400.

On the holiday, there is one other thing Americans like to see overhead — fireworks.

Imports of fireworks totaled \$93 million in 1997, nearly all from China. U.S. exports of fireworks totaled \$6.2 million, with Canada the leading country of destination, buying \$2.5 million

worth. The Revolutionary War to claim the nation's independence was fought against England, as every schoolchild in America learns.

Well, most of them, anyway, judging by a poll of 1,004 adults and 502 children commissioned by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

Asked the purpose of the Declaration of Independence, 82 percent of adults and 59 percent of children knew it was to state

that the colonies were free of British rule. Some thought it was to repeal the stamp act and others suggested it was to free Virginia from the other colonies.

The poll found that 81 percent of adults and 68 percent of children knew the "Redcoats" were the British regulars in the Revolutionary War.

Others suggested both sides in the Civil War and some chose soldiers in World War I. Also, 89 percent of adults and

76 percent of children knew there were 13 original states. Six percent of adults and 15 percent of youngsters thought there were 50.

Despite having fought the British in two wars — the Revolution and the War of 1812 — the Census Bureau reports that today, Britain is our fourth leading trading partner.

During the January-February period this year, there was \$11.5 billion worth of trade between the United States and the

United Kingdom. Even the Boston Tea Party did not stop the trade in tea. The United States imported \$5.6 million worth of tea from the United Kingdom last year, making that country the sixth leading source of tea imported by the United States.

The cry, "the British are coming," nowadays applies to tourists rather than Redcoats. During fiscal year 1995, some 2.3 million British tourists visited the United States.

Clinton urges Beijing leaders to 'take China into 21st century'

HONG KONG (AP) — President Clinton wrapped up his nine-day tour of China today by urging Beijing leaders to "ride the wave of change and take China fully into the 21st century." Asked if he feels democracy could come to the world's largest nation, he said, "Oh, yes."

"I believe there can be (democracy in China) and I believe there will be," Clinton said.

At a departing news confer-

ence, the president praised China for a "remarkable transformation" and predicted it would lead to a recognition that "democracy also will be the right course practically as well as morally." China has been ruled by communists since 1949.

Speaking in the ballroom of a Hong Kong hotel, Clinton said the "present government, headed by this president and his premier, who are clearly committed to reform, (should) ride the wave of change and take

China fully into the 21st century."

Asked if he had a timeframe, Clinton said, "That's like saying ... Do I believe a woman will be elected president of the United States? I do. Do I think it will be a good thing? I do. Do I know when it will happen? I don't."

The news conference was Clinton's last event of his five-city tour. He was returning to Washington for the Independence Day holiday.

On the way to the airport, Clinton, his wife Hillary and daughter Chelsea went to a shopping district of steep, narrow streets.

Clinton shook hands with people who were among the hundreds crowding the sidewalks of Wellington Street.

Clinton's summit meeting with President Jiang Zemin was the highlight of the tour, culminating in a lengthy joint news conference televised live to the Chinese people.

He met too with Premier Zhu Rongji.

Before leaving Hong Kong today, Clinton met privately with pro-democracy leader Martin Lee and other Hong Kong legislators.

In his remarks to reporters, Clinton defended his decision not to meet individually with dissidents, saying his direct engagement of Chinese leaders could do more to "advance the cause of human rights." To the dissenters, Clinton said, "The

United States is on your side and we did our best."

"Clearly, China is changing. But there remain powerful forces resisting change," Clinton said, citing restrictions on free speech, assembly and worship.

On other foreign affairs matters, Clinton would "not rule out any options" on ways of ending the bloodshed in Kosovo.

He also expressed dismay at two nights of arson on churches and schools in Northern

GM says slow-moving lines may be axed earlier

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. appears ready to jettison some of its weaker car lines, a move that is being welcomed by industry analysts but is sure to worsen tensions during crippling strikes.

Most auto industry watchers agree that GM needs to trim its model roster to bring its per-vehicle profitability more in line with that of Ford Motor Co., Chrysler Corp. and foreign automakers.

"It's not a radical strategy," analyst Scott Merlis of Merlis Automotive International Inc.

said Thursday. GM already has pared its lineup from 109 models four years ago to 80 today.

Even so, GM's talk of dropping more models and perhaps closing some aging plants can only add to tensions with the United Auto Workers, whose strikes at two Flint plants have all but halted the North American production of the world's No. 1 automaker.

Negotiations at the plants ended Thursday without a settlement and were to resume today. Vice President Norm McComb of UAW Local 659 said

talks at one plant, the Flint Metal Center, accomplished nothing.

Nearly 172,000 GM workers have been idled because of the strikes. Before GM's two-week summer vacation shutdown began Monday, 26 of the company's 29 major, wholly-owned assembly plants in North America had been idled by the strikes. The only plant still operating during the shutdown is GM's Ramos Arizpe small-car plant in Mexico.

GM marketing chief Ronald L. Zarrella has said GM faced a

sharp drop in market share if the strike continued through July, and that the automaker was looking at the strikes' financial effects "on every aspect of the business." He acknowledged that "there's still some overlap" in GM's lineup — cars that compete with each other.

"We may well take this situation as an opportunity to move up some future plans in terms of eliminating overlap in our portfolio," he said. "We have more cars than we need and not enough trucks."

California still tops nation in abortions

ATLANTA (AP) — Though the number of abortions in California has declined, the government said the nation's most populous state still has the highest abortion rate in the country.

The latest state-by-state statistics for 1995, released Thursday, also show Wyoming at the bottom of the list, though the number of abortions there rose slightly from 1994.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that California recorded 289,987 abortions, a rate of 40 abortions for every 1,000

women. In Wyoming, the total was 182 abortions, a rate of 2 per 1,000 women. The states also had the highest and lowest actual numbers of abortions performed.

California's numbers were down from 1994, when it also led the nation with 308,564 abortions, a rate of 43 per 1,000. Wyoming's rate remained the same, but the number increased from 174 in 1994.

All but 12 states recorded a decline in the number of abortions performed from 1994 to 1995. The CDC had previously reported that the nationwide

abortion rate was 20 per 1,000 women in 1995, its lowest point in two decades.


"Since 1990, we've seen declines in abortions in almost all states," said CDC researcher Lisa Koonin. "This continues a trend we've been watching for quite a while."

It's difficult to determine why some states have higher abortion rates than others, Ms. Koonin said. There are many factors involved, including the accessibility of abortions, the rate of unintended pregnancies, regional mores and the age and fertility of the population.

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Swedish teens enjoy soaking up Texas sun

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Sixteen-year-olds Sophie Lindblad and Charlotta Goransson are enjoying plenty of Tex-Mex food and hot, hot weather during their summer vacation.

Those are at least two things they don't get very often in Sweden.

The two natives of southern Sweden are accustomed to a summer where the high temperature averages about 25 C. (77 degrees F.) Although they spend a lot of time at the nearby beaches, both agreed they can't get the same intense sunshine they've been soaking up while visiting locally.

"We love it," said Charlotta. "We want to go back and have a tan," Sophie added.

After a call from home, the girls learned it had been raining almost nonstop in their village in southern Sweden recently.

Best friends, Goransson and Lindblad are staying with Charles and Joan Beil. The Beils visited Goransson's family in Sweden last summer on a Rotary Club tour, and asked the girls over for a personal visit this year.

But Beil has also incorporated their visit into Rotary's

youth exchange program. They've already stayed at the homes of several other Rotarians, and will continue home visits throughout four weeks of their five-week stay.

The remaining week will be spent at Camp RYLA, Rotary's Youth Leadership camp.

"That camp is designed not only for fellowship and the camping experience," Charles said. "But a series of speakers is planned in hopes that they will inspire young women."

Sophie and Charlotta agreed their biggest surprises were the terrain, and the malls.

They've enjoyed shopping in San Antonio, eating at Riverwalk restaurants and floating the river at San Marcos.

This weekend, they will see fireworks and a parade for the first time, then join in a family picnic and birthday celebration with the Beil family.

"The whole concept of these exchanges is that you do what that family does by way of their culture," Charles said.

"It's great getting to know different people and how they live," Charlotta said. "It's better that way."

"It's much better than staying in a hotel," agreed Sophie. "You get to see the normal life."

But "normal life" in America



Swedish 16-year-olds Sophie Lindblad and Charlotta Goransson are shown with their current host family, Joan and Charles Beil. The Beils visited Charlotta's family in Sweden last summer, and returned the favor by hosting the girls as part of their Rotary Youth Exchange.

was not something with which the girls were familiar before their visit.

Both said their main image of the U.S. came from movies, and the television show "Dallas," which Charlotta watched often when she was younger.

And how does life at the Beils' house measure up?

"They're not much like it," she said.

"I'm no J.R.," Charles agreed.

The worst thing that has happened to the visitors was when the first arrived — and found out their luggage hadn't. It was stuck in Frankfurt, Germany.

But most of their trip has so far gone without a hitch. Both

excellent English speakers, the girls said they have enjoyed a chance for lots of practice.

And they've even learned a few new words — y'all, and "fixin'" among them.

"We're going to have a good time," Sophie said. "And hopefully get to come back here again someday."

Don't buy spiritual Brooklyn Bridge

One of the things that marks true Christian character is the ability to model yourself after what I would call healthy Christian people.

This means we have multiple choice in life when it comes to choosing who will influence us. We can be influenced by (a) Persons who do not follow Jesus as their Lord, (b) Persons who claim to follow Jesus and are essentially healthy, or (c) Persons who claim to follow Jesus but are essentially unhealthy.

Unhealthy Christians abound these days. False prophets have been with us from the beginning — which is why the New Testament has so many short epistles in it. What makes for an "unhealthy" Christian? Many things suffice, but here is just one example.

I fully expect that in the next couple or three years we may see a lot of activity, noise, and bluster from certain religious types who are going to be trying to tell people that "The Second Coming of Christ Is At Hand," and won't you give them some money so they can tell you all about it.

They will quote this expert and that expert and tell you how "It's in the Bible," and won't you buy their book, join their group, and contribute money to their cause.

Yet this is all an almost blasphemous waste of energy, because ONLY GOD THE FATHER KNOWS WHEN THE SECOND COMING IS, and for these so-called "experts" to be fiddling around with such divine prognostications (just because the third millennium is about to appear on the calendar) may look dramatic and profound, but false prophets have always looked that way.

I personally believe God's probably got at least a few more thousand years in store for this universe, so don't let the false prophets give you a bum steer or try to sell you some snake oil idea they cooked up. Good sounding reasons are often different from good, sound, reasoning.

God alone knows what He will do. Not the scare-and-sell people. In the mean time, we are told in the book of Thessalonians to live as if Christ would come "today" — every day. Live every day like it would be the last one; the prelude to the first days of a greater existence.

A wise Christian will model himself or herself after healthy role models. Who are they? They are more interested in praying for and helping others than spending their time pondering their own afterlife. They do not let their politics override their Christian compassion and love for all. They have a healthy sense of humor. They won't let you down when you work together with them.

Christ shines through in healthy Christian people. Be one of them!



ED WILLIAMSON

CHURCH NEWS

Coahoma Church of Christ

Coahoma Church of Christ is having a homecoming Sunday. Everyone who has been a member of the church or attended church in Coahoma in the past is invited to come home and spend the day with us. Russ Mullins, present minister, will teach the adult Bible class beginning at 9:30 a.m. At the 10:20 a.m. worship assembly, Ralph Beistle will bring the sermon.

Following an old fashioned pot-luck dinner at noon, there will be congregational singing at 1:30 p.m. John Snider will speak during the afternoon worship assembly at 2:30 p.m. We will be looking for you.

First United Methodist Church

"Your Part in Strengthening America" (I Corinthians 5:16-21) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this America Sunday at the First United Methodist

Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about our stewardship of citizenship as Americans. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Our home page is <http://www.xroadstx.com/users/fumc/index.htm>.

The First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children. There is a Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

Call the church office at 267-6394 for more details.

Southern Baptist Churches

The Southern Baptist Churches of Big Spring are planning a citywide crusade for April 1999. If your church or denomination is interested in participating please call Dr. David Kimberly at 263-1673 for more information.

Women's Aglow

The Women's Aglow will meet Monday at the Dora Roberts Community Center with refreshments at 6:30 p.m. (\$1.25 per person) and the meeting at 7 p.m. There will be a

nursery at the Miracle Revival Center, 600 E. FM 700.

The speaker will be Margie Sipes, of Crystal River, Fla. For more information call Brenda North at 267-3398 or Linda White at 263-5541.

Hillcrest Baptist Church

The Hillcrest Baptist Church of Big Spring presents Bill and Vicky Murphy in concert Sunday. Bill and Vicky are fulltime evangelists from Irving. Rev. Murphy will be preaching in the morning service. They will be doing a concert in the evening service. Services are 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Anyone is welcome.



BILL MURPHY



VICKY MURPHY

Nun reflects on 100-year life story

By JOY DICKINSON

The Dallas Morning News DALLAS — At 19, Anna Mae Staats entered the novitiate at Dallas' Ursuline Convent "just to try it out and see if I liked it."

That was in 1918. She's still there.

The former Miss Staats, now Sister Marie Staats, turned 100 last week. She has spent all but a few years of that century at Ursuline's residences and schools in Dallas — first as a student, then as a respected teacher and administrator, now as the school's oldest alumna and one of the oldest active Ursuline nuns in the country.

After graduating from Dallas' Ursuline school in 1917, she had registered and was waiting to go to the University of Texas, she recalled during a recent interview at the convent. It is tucked in a shady grove just east of Ursuline Academy at Walnut Hill Lane and Inwood Road in North Dallas.

"But it was wartime, and there was an army base in Fort Worth (where her family lived). A lot of the families were taking in soldiers. My mother had given up half our house to an officer and his family."

Sister Staats, who doesn't like crowds, made the three-hour drive (at 15 mph) back to her Dallas alma mater to live. The convent and school were located on Bryan Street near downtown then. She had transferred to the Ursuline School from Fort Worth's Paschal High as a junior, and in 1917 she graduated as valedictorian and class vice president.

After returning, she enrolled as a novitiate and told the mother superior, "I'll do anything but teach."

She was immediately sent to the classroom.

"Back then, you taught or did housework," she said. "I didn't really see much choice."

She took her vows in July 1920 and immediately started teaching, attending college during summer sessions in St. Louis.

Her father, Carl G. Staats, was an architect who designed many Texas landmarks, including the Thistle Hill mansion, Tarrant County Criminal Courts, St. Mary's Church and Fort Worth Star-Telegram buildings in Fort Worth; the Houston Post-Dispatch building in Houston; and the Stephen F. Austin Hotel in Austin.

Sister Staats followed his tradition of building, choosing letters and words as her tools. She taught language arts — Latin, Spanish and German — for 46 years at Ursuline schools in Dallas and Galveston.

More than 30 years after her official "retirement" — she tutored, among other convent duties, for years afterward — former pupils recall Sister Staats as a formidable teaching force who could break through to the most recalcitrant students.

With perhaps one exception: "She taught me Latin and she was so hard. I didn't want to stay in that class; I pulled everything I could think of to get out of it," said Sister Teresa Joseph Ingram, 88, also a nun at the convent.

"I never did learn. They finally gave me an honorable discharge into Spanish."

Sister Margaret Solon jumps to her former teacher's defense. "She was a great teacher," said Sister Solon, who took four years of Latin at Ursuline rather than the required two. "When I took my college exams in the 1950s, I exempted out of 12 hours of Latin because of what I'd learned here."

RELIGION IN BRIEF

At 91, church organist plays on

DICKSON, W.Va. (AP) — Addie McGinnis was barely 13 when she began playing the church organ. Now, 78 years later, Addie McGinnis Earp is still playing and has no plans to retire.

"It's hard now to find organists," she says. "You have to be here all the time, and not too many want to be that involved."

Her pastor, the Rev. Roby Farley, couldn't agree more. "She's there all the time," he says. "I don't know what the church would do without her."

The Florence Memorial

United Methodist Church had to wait to Israel when she went to Israel to be baptized in the Jordan River. Her son, the Rev. Marcus A. Earp III, performed the rite in 1979. He is pastor at John Wesley United Methodist Church in Hagerstown, Md.

Besides playing the organ, Mrs. McGinnis worked as a secretary for 30 years, raised two children by herself and made two other trips to Israel.

Pagans appeal for acceptance

VILNIUS, Lithuania (AP) — A gathering of pagans has called for pagan unity around the world and appealed for

greater tolerance of their beliefs.

The resolution was adopted during the five-day World Pagan Congress in Vilnius.

"We encourage pagans of the world to strengthen their solidarity and seek membership in international institutions, and we urge societies to be tolerant of our beliefs," the statement said.

Lithuania was the last nation in Europe to be converted to Christianity.

Before the conversion around 1400, Lithuanians worshipped many deities, including Perkunas, the god of thunder.

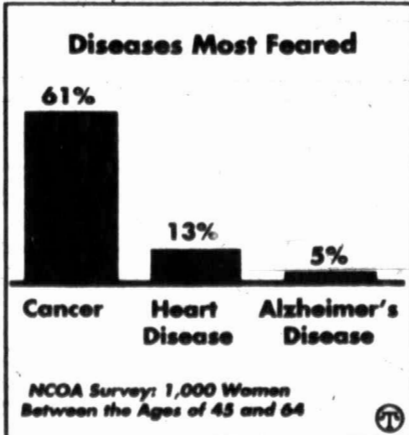
Slice of Life!

HEALTH NEWS

What disease do you fear most?

(NAPS) — A recent survey conducted by the National Council on Aging suggests that most women fear breast cancer more than other diseases, and may not take precautions to combat the greater health threats of Alzheimer's and heart disease. The survey examined 1,000 women between age 45 and 64 to determine what age-related diseases they fear most, and how much they actually know about these diseases.

More than half the women in the survey (61 percent) cited cancer when asked which disease they fear most. But only 26 percent of respondents were aware that lung cancer is actually the leading cancer killer of women. Women said they understood that diet and exercise are important in preventing and managing diseases such as osteoporosis, heart disease and diabetes, but showed a lack of knowledge about therapies and discoveries. For example, few were aware that estrogen replacement therapy can reduce the risk for Alzheimer's and colon cancer.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Volunteers needed

The Area Agency on Aging needs volunteer ombudsmen in Big Spring nursing homes to visit and monitor nursing home residents. A new training session is being scheduled. Call the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-491-4636.

Scholarship fund

A scholarship fund has been set up in memory of Kenny Richardson at Big Spring High School. To contribute, take donations to the high school or mail to: 707 11th Place. For more information, call Jamie McVean at 264-6211 or Gwen Storie, 264-3641.

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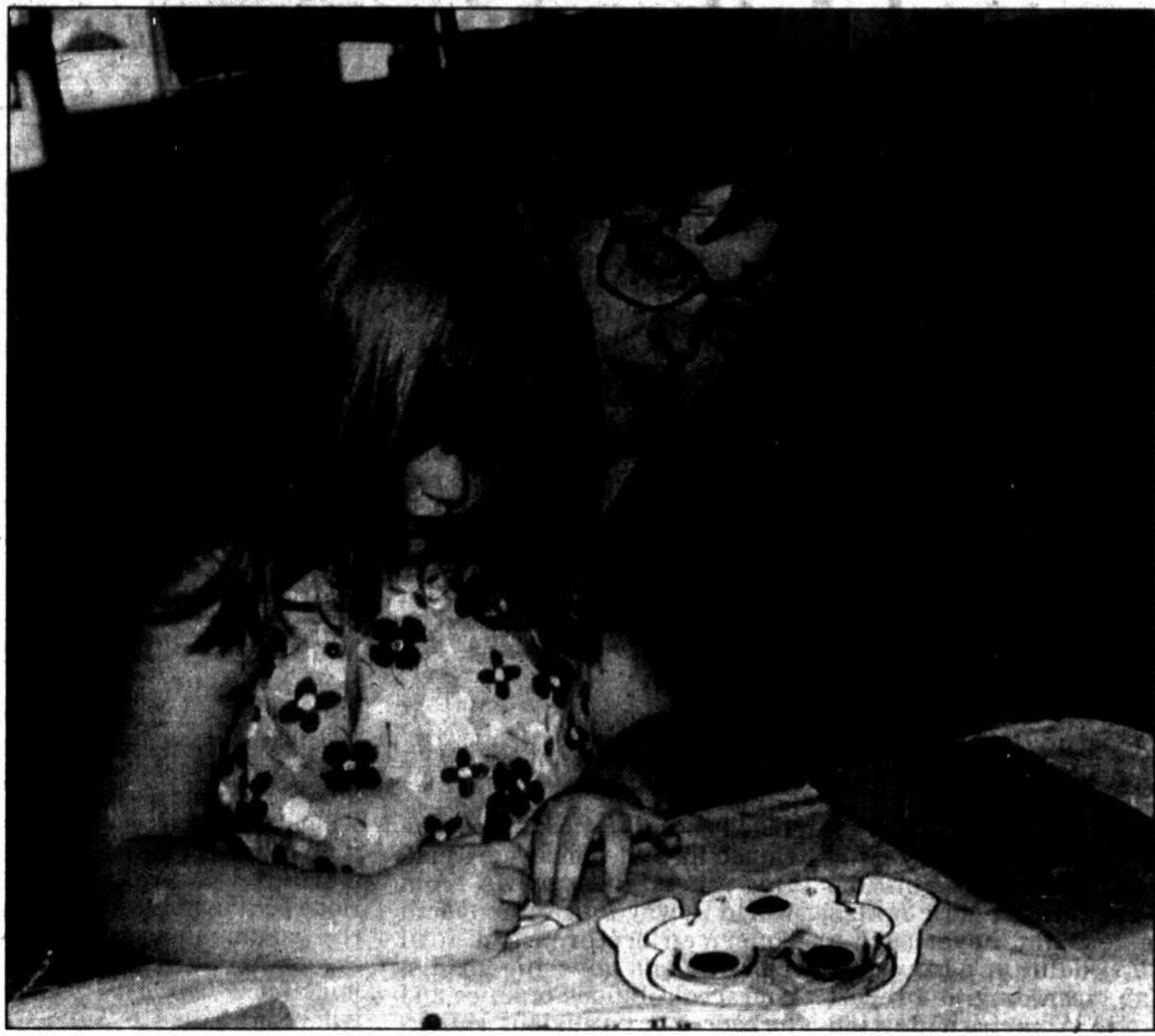
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Sheila Hall watches while Rebekah Hall makes a craft project at the Howard County Library Wednesday. Thursday was the final day for the library's summer reading program, which involved more than 900 children in a variety of activities throughout the six weeks. The number of books read by the children who turned in their records totalled 1,195. Those children have received a pass to attend a party Monday evening in their honor.

Women's rights movement celebrates much progress made

SENECA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) — In 1848, a lifetime after Thomas Jefferson declared that "all men are created equal," Elizabeth Cady Stanton uttered her own self-evident truth: "All men and women are created equal."

It was an audacious thing to say at the time. Women in America could neither vote nor attend most colleges, and many professions were closed to them. If married, women could not legally own property or retain their own wages.

The first Women's Rights Convention had already drawn howls of criticism when Stanton made her bold declaration. It began a crusade for equality between the sexes that carries on even now, as the convention's 150th anniversary is about to be celebrated in splendor.

Sesquicentennial concerts, exhibitions, lectures, sports events, worship services and academic workshops is planned here from June 26 through July 19.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will speak at the July 16 opening of the Celebrate '98 festival, five days after poet Maya Angelou, astronaut Shannon Lucid and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright are inducted with 18 others into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

Up to 50,000 people are expected to descend on this Finger Lakes village of 7,400 to mark the first time in the United States that women gathered formally to discuss their grievances and draw up an agenda for change.

A likely crowd-pleaser will be daily dramatizations of the convention on July 19-20, 1848, when Stanton, Lucretia Mott and Frederick Douglass were among 300 people at the birth of an energetic new phase in the women's rights movement.

One hundred women and men at the convention signed a Declaration of Sentiments mod-

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eled after the 1776 Declaration of Independence.

The convention "is as significant in our history as was the Boston Tea Party," said Celebrate '98 organizer Mary Ann Krupsak, who was New York's first female lieutenant governor. "It paved the way for a revolution in human rights."

Among the resolutions adopted 150 years ago at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel was one asserting "that woman is man's equal, was intended to be so by her Creator, and the highest good of the race demands that she be recognized as such."

Douglass, the black antislavery leader, helped Stanton push through the most radical plank of all: women's suffrage. For many, that was too much to stomach, and just 68 women and 32 men signed the declaration.

The convention roused mostly derogatory comments in the press: "A woman is a nobody. A wife is everything," screeched the Public Ledger and Daily Transcript of Philadelphia.

But others found it difficult to repudiate a document couched in terms upon which the Republic was founded. Demanding equal participation in political life "is but the assertion of a natural right, and as such must be conceded," wrote New York Tribune editor Horace Greeley.

The convention caught the imagination of the public, instituting a major tilt in society that eventually carried more women into higher education and previously closed careers.

Political change came more slowly. It would be 72 years more before the U.S. government granted women the right to vote. And some reforms arrived only in recent decades: the Equal Pay Act of 1963, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act in 1964, the education amendments and equal-credit laws of the 1970s.

"Many of the grievances at the convention are issues that we still are dealing with," said Vivien Rose, historian at the Women's Rights National Historical Park, which opened in 1982.

Nan Johnson, director of the University of Rochester's Susan B. Anthony center, said the next frontier is financial equality.

"The most important thing for women is economic security," she said.

Churches make it less stressful to join

DALLAS (AP) — Doug Skinner, pastor of Northway Christian Church in North Dallas, has learned something from his weekly invitation to membership at the end of Sunday services.

"There are some people who'd rather have a root canal than to get up in front of others" to join the church, he said.

Larry and Beth Rice know exactly what he means. For weeks, the couple watched other prospective members troop up to the front of First United Methodist Church of Duncanville for the "altar call," the Protestant tradition of professing faith in Jesus Christ or transferring membership to a church.

"At the end of service you sort of subconsciously feel that everyone's waiting to leave because of you," Larry Rice said. "We knew that it was supposed to be a public statement, but getting up there in front of everyone was sort of overwhelming."

The Rices joined the church recently through what Larry Rice calls the "low-stress" option — a private conversation with the pastor that allows people to ask more questions and become confident in their decision.

"This is no lesser commitment to the church," said Dr. Clayton Oliphint, who has "low-stress Sundays" several times a year. "I don't think God necessarily cares about the time or the place. If getting up in front of everyone is the barrier, we remove it."

From Southern Baptists to Methodists, Protestant churches are creating alternatives to altar calls to lure the more reserved, sometimes shy, churchgoer.

That pleases some worshippers, but others see the alternative altar calls as an affront to tradition.

"The question becomes, are we diluting an important part of what makes the church special?" asked Scott Jones, the McClellan chair of evangelism at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology. "There is a lot of experimentation going on right now, and we're looking for ways to remove cultural barriers."

"But one way to bring a new member into the church is to bring that person in front of the congregation. There's a bonding that takes place, and people expect that."

Yet pastors also want to make sure their churches keep growing at a time when many are battling declining membership.

Oliphint said, for example, that 20 percent of the 100 or so new members who have joined

the Duncanville church since January chose the low-stress option. Would they have joined otherwise?

"People have their reasons for not wanting to be the center of attention," said Carol Miller, the first member of Oliphint's church to join without answering the traditional altar call. "If it weren't for this other choice, I'd probably still be attending church and giving my donation but not be a full member."

Few churches are doing away with the altar call altogether. Instead, they're just offering another option.

Some area churches use a nearby chapel or fellowship hall as a more private place for new members to talk to the pastor. Skinner's church lets new members gather in the sanctuary after other worshippers have

left out. The new members are then introduced to the congregation through photos in a newsletter or bulletin.

Officials at Lakepointe Baptist Church in Rockwall have gone a step further by receiving new members in a glass-enclosed hospitality room where pastors spend time after worship services on Saturday evenings and Sunday morning. Pastor Steve Stroope said that sometimes people just come by to ask questions; other times they make a commitment to join the church.

"We just looked for ways to make it easier for people to make the transition from spectator to participant," said Stroope, whose church has done away with the altar call altogether.

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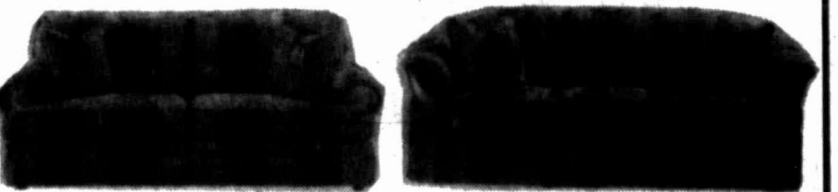
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Rainbow Family gearing up for annual gathering

GREER, Ariz. (AP) — Even in a forest full of hippies, the Sail Bus stands out.

With its solar panels, Grateful Dead logos and a mast that doubles as a pirate radio transmitter, the Sail Bus looks like a stoned scientist's attempt to cross a sailboat and the bus from "The Partridge Family."

Inside, making coffee, there's Victoria, wearing a tie-dyed tank top and an assortment of small, round tattoos on her cheeks and between her eyes.

"I've been doing this four years," she says. "I have four kids and seven grandchildren. They think I'm whacked."

Victoria is one of 2,000 like-minded people who have already arrived at the annual

Rainbow Gathering, an event that attracts thousands of aging hippies, twentysomething flower children and members of the counterculture to a different national forest each year.

This year's gathering is in a patch of alpine meadow and Ponderosa pine on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest about 120 miles northeast of Phoenix.

Up to 20,000 people are expected when the gathering hits its peak Saturday.

Part Woodstock, part refugee camp, prayer vigil and camp-out, the Rainbow Gathering attracts back-to-nature folk from Alaska to Maine and just about every state in between.

"There's a feeling of calm-

ness, of serenity, of strangers becoming friends, of friends becoming communities," said Felipe Chavez, who has been coming to Rainbow Gatherings for about 15 years. "I haven't seen it happen anywhere else in the world."

The U.S. Forest Service isn't quite as serene.

The annual event usually costs them between \$400,000 and \$700,000. This year, 24 officers have been brought in from across the country to patrol the gathering.

"We can't manage the gathering, but we can manage some of the effects," said team leader Rose Davis.

A main reason why the Forest Service has difficulty

dealing with the Rainbow Family is that the group has no formal structure or leaders. Group decisions are usually made in a long process of building consensus and hearing everyone's opinion.

That means there aren't any leaders to sign for the permits the Forest Service requires for groups of more than 75 people. It also means that there are no leaders to arrest for not getting those permits.

"They don't like the idea that a bunch of free spirits are exercising their constitutional rights," said a Rainbow member who calls himself Woody.

Forest fires are the biggest fear this year. The usual Arizona dryness and lush

undergrowth fed by an unusually wet winter have combined to make nearly ideal conditions for wildfires.

The Forest Service has banned campfires and most other open flames, and the Rainbows are complying. The camp's cooking is done in ovens and grills made with rocks and mud.

The Rainbows have even begun to patrol the area, putting out any campfires and warning people not to start new ones.

"We're not stupid. We know fire kills people, and we love our family," said Gary Stubbs, a Rainbow Family member from Los Angeles.

CLUB NEWS

Big Spring Chapter No. 67 Order of the Eastern Star
The Big Spring Chapter No. 67 O.E.S. will have a stated meeting on Tuesday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple.

CHURCH NEWS

First Church of God
An Independence Day celebration is planned Sunday with special music and a message in the morning service, followed by a dinner and recreation. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m., followed at 10:45 by morning worship. Singing by Hope Harrington Kolb Trio and the pastor, along with a message, "Our Christian Heritage" is planned. The American flag will be presented. At noon, a carry-in dinner is planned with meat provided. At 1:30 p.m., fun, fellowship and recreation will include horsehoes and volleyball.

Impoverished Cuban Jewish community fights for survival

HOUSTON (AP) — Five years ago in Havana, Cuba, Lourdes Albo, 44, converted to Judaism, seeking to fill her spiritually empty soul.

The daughter of communists, she had been baptized Catholic. Yet Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution and ensuing dictatorship meant communism was what she knew best. She found it offered no solace when her mother died.

"I was only 5 years old in 1959. My childhood, my schooling, was very secular. When my mother died, I was very spiritually depressed. I went back to church. At that time, I needed something, but church was not enough," said Albo, whose father was Jewish.

One Yom Kippur, the Jewish high holy day, Albo went to the Patronato, a Conservative synagogue and Jewish community center in Havana. Worshipping there assuaged her grief. Soon her daughter, also named Lourdes, began accompanying her. Both converted a few months later, joining a growing renewal of Cuba's small, impoverished Jewish community.

That renaissance continues, thanks in large measure to tireless assistance from American Jews, including Houston's

Jewish community. Houston lay leader Frieda Dow made her third trip to Cuba this spring, returning once more amazed by the courage and persistence of the Caribbean faithful.

"They need the support of the Jewish people throughout the world, to know that we are there for them," Ms. Dow said. "They need to know we want to bring them back into the main-

stream."

Before the 1959 revolution, an estimated 15,000 Jews made their home in Cuba, an island 90 miles south of Florida. Thousands fled when Castro took over. Those who remained faced near extinction in the 1980s. Havana's three synagogues barely survived, rarely able to attract more than a minyan, the 10 Jewish men required to hold a service.

Elsewhere on the island, organized Jewish activity was scarce-to-nonexistent. Until the last several years, most Jewish youngsters had never seen a Jewish wedding or a bar or bat mitzvah, according to a report from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the New York-based agency that coordinates most stateside outreach to Cuba.

Poor conditions in Cuba per-

sisted as the United States continued its trade embargo, isolating the island's Jews from world Jewry and their North American brethren. Up until 1991, Cuba's government discouraged religious practice and forbade many religious gatherings. After revisions to the island's constitution in 1992, some restrictions were relaxed and world Judaism began reaching out to Cuba.

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IN BRIEF

Sweetwater widens lead in Crossroads standings

Sweetwater improved its record to a perfect 14-0 in Crossroads Summer Girls Basketball League play Thursday with a 39-32 win over Sands, extending its lead over second-place Grady to 2 1/2 games.

Grady, which dropped a 40-31 decision to Coahoma, fell to 8-2-1 in the standings, while Odessa, a 43-22 winner over Garden City, moved into third place with a 7-3 record.

The loss to Sweetwater left Sands in fourth place at 7-4 on the season.

In other games Thursday night, Stanton saw its record drop below the .500 mark with a 50-25 loss to Ira, while Sterling City took a 42-34 win over Big Spring.

Big Spring dropped to 1-10 in league play, while Sterling City improved to 3-6.

Howard College slates girls' camp July 13-16

Howard College's Girls Basketball Camp has been scheduled for July 13-16 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The day camp will include sessions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, while Thursday's final session will begin at 9 a.m. and close at 2 p.m.

Lady Hawks head coach Matt Corkery will head the camp's staff of instructors that will include Howard assistant coaches, high school coaches and members of the Lady Hawks basketball team.

Also open to overnight campers, the camp will be supervised at all times and nightly activities for those spending nights in the dorms. Registration fees are set at \$100 for day campers and \$210 for overnight campers.

For more information, contact Corkery at 264-5040.

Women's Club planning benefit golf tournament

The Big Spring Women's Club will host a benefit golf tournament on July 18 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Proceeds will be used to pay for improvements to Kid's Zone.

The four-person scramble with teams made up of A, B, C, D handicaps. The entry fee is \$40 per person, plus cart rental.

For more information, call the country club at 267-5354 or Julie Wolf at 263-7664.

ON THE AIR

TODAY:

BASEBALL
6:30 p.m. — Baltimore Orioles at New York Yankees, ESPN, Ch. 30.

6:35 p.m. — New York Mets at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.

7 p.m. — Arizona Diamondbacks at Houston Astros, FXS, Ch. 29.

9:30 p.m. — Colorado Rockies at San Diego Padres, ESPN, Ch. 30.

SATURDAY:

ARENA FOOTBALL
11 p.m. — San Jose Sabercats at Portland Forest Dragons, ESPN, Ch. 30.

BASEBALL
6 p.m. — New York Mets at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.

GOLF
1 p.m. — State Farm Senior Classic, second round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

2 p.m. — U.S. Women's Open Championship, third round, NBC, Ch. 9.

3 p.m. — Greater Hartford Open, third round, CBS, Ch. 7.

TENNIS
8 a.m. — Wimbledon, women's final, NBC, Ch. 9.

SOCCER
9 a.m. — World Cup quarterfinals, ABC, Ch. 2.

2 p.m. — World Cup quarterfinals, ABC, Ch. 2.

7:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer, Chicago Fire at Dallas Burn, FXS, Ch. 29.

Old guard upstages new in women's semifinals

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — So much for all that talk about teen-agers taking over women's tennis. The old ladies are doing just fine, thank you.

Martina Hingis, Venus and Serena Williams, Anna Kournikova and Mirjana Lucic will be watching on television — if they bother to watch at all — when the Wimbledon women's final is played Saturday.

The two finalists are among the oldest players on the tour — 30-year-old Nathalie Tauziat and 29-year-old Jana Novotna. Together, they represent the oldest Wimbledon finalists since Betty Stove (32) and Virginia Wade (31) in 1977.

"Sometimes it seems like the older the better," said Hingis, outplayed by Novotna in straight sets in Thursday's

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semifinals. "If you see Tauziat on the other side in the finals, it's amazing. I hope it's going to be like that with me also. The smarter, the cleverer, the better."

It's the second Grand Slam tournament in a row where the youngsters have been upstaged. At the French Open last month, the finalists were relative old-timers Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (27) and Monica Seles (24).

Hingis, 17, was the only teenager to get as far as the Wimbledon semifinals. Kournikova, 17, missed the tournament with a thumb injury; Lucic, 16, lost in the second round; Serena Williams, 16,

went out in the third, and Venus Williams, 18, departed in the quarters.

"It doesn't really matter how old you are," Novotna said. "The most important is how you feel. I have been working really hard."

The women gave way to the men's semifinals today, with defending champion Pete Sampras facing Britain's Tim Henman, and 1996 champ Richard Krajicek playing Goran Ivanisevic.

Sampras, who hasn't dropped a set all tournament, is seeking his fifth title in six years, while Henman can become the first British player to reach the men's final since 1938.

Age seemed irrelevant Thursday as Novotna covered the court with ease in her 6-4, 6-4 victory over the defending champion, reversing a three-set defeat to

a 16-year-old Hingis in last year's final. "Even though I'm one year older than last year, I felt so much better," Novotna said. "I felt so much younger, really. I said to myself, 'I may be old, but I'm still all over the court.'"

Novotna said it was natural for attention to be focused on the young players, but the veterans still have an advantage. "I said this tournament will come down to experience," she said. "Nathalie and me are playing very similar tennis. Our tennis is based on experience, and that's what we have shown here."

Novotna also has another edge: royal support. Five years ago, the world watched as Novotna sobbed on the shoulder of the Duchess of Kent after a 4-1 lead in the final set to Steffi Graf.

Mitchell receives another honor

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Thursday proved to be one of those so-called "red letter" days for Tory Mitchell.

Of course, 1998 has proved to be nothing short of a continuous string of big days for Big Spring High School sprinter, who not only proved he was the state's best in the 100 meters and 200 meters at the UIL state track meet in May, but capped his junior season by turning in the fastest times ever recorded in those events at the National Junior Track and Field Championships last week.

But Thursday, during a reception hosted by the BSHS Quarterback Club, Big Spring Mayor Pro-Tem Chuck Cawthon made it official, presenting the Steers phenom with a proclamation declaring July 2 as "Tory Mitchell Day."

The reception, which drew a crowd that overflowed the BSHS Athletic Training Center's meeting room, was in some ways discomfiting for the shy and reserved Mitchell.

"This kind of thing used to really bother me, but I'm beginning to get used to it. I guess," he said after having received congratulations from classmates, teammates, faculty and community leaders. "It's an honor and I really appreciate all these people coming out today."

BSHS Assistant Track Coach Rickv Long did most of the talking for Mitchell during the reception's opening minutes, thanking members of the Quarterback Club for hosting the event and to those attending, but the quiet speedster spent several minutes accepting congratulations and talking with virtually every person in the room.

Big Spring ISD school board president Al Valdez noted prior to the meeting's start that Mitchell is in the process of "putting Big Spring on the map."

And BSHS Assistant



Big Spring Mayor Pro-Tem Chuck Cawthon (left) presents Tory Mitchell with a proclamation designating Thursday as "Tory Mitchell Day" during a reception honoring the Steers sprinter at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Principal Craig Fisher indicated that he expects Mitchell, already installed into the school's athletic hall of fame, to become the second Big Spring alumnus to compete in the Olympic Games.

"Right now Rose Magers-Powell is the only Big Spring graduate to ever compete in the Olympics," Fisher noted, "but I want you to be thinking about Melbourne in 2000, so that we'll have a male athlete to join her in that category."

Mitchell, who's passing up an expenses-paid trip to the World

Junior Track Championships in France this month, explained he'd rather have a month to relax before the start of football two-a-days than spend another month in his running regimen.

"I'm probably 10 pounds lighter than I want to be when football season starts," he explained. "It (going to France) just isn't something I'm motivated to do right now."

"I really want to take this month that I have off and relax a little," he added. "Hopefully, I'll have a chance to gain some

of the weight I've lost."

Mitchell, who's already been the focus of more than 40 major college football recruiters, said he hasn't even begun to consider where he wants to continue his education.

"I definitely want to play football and run track in college, but that's as far as that goes for now," he explained.

"I'll get with the coaches and start narrowing down the possibilities later in the year," he added, "but that's not something I need to worry about right now."

McCombs winds up successful bidder on Vikings

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Red McCombs, former owner of the NBA's San Antonio Spurs and Denver Nuggets, has completed his long-held ambition to own a professional football team.

McCombs was chosen Thursday as the Minnesota Vikings' new owner and promises to keep the NFL franchise in Minnesota.

Vikings co-owner James Jundt said the purchase price is at least \$200 million, the same amount author Tom Clancy offered for the team; Clancy

pulled out two months ago after he was unable to raise the money.

McCombs, who confirmed Thursday his bid exceeded \$200 million, told reporters in San Antonio he'd proposed the purchase several months ago.

"We were not successful at that time and I really thought this opportunity was gone," McCombs said. "It came back around again. We increased our bid. I know the interest will be in how much, and we're not in a position to disclose that."

McCombs, who made his millions from automobile sales, cattle, energy and television and radio stations, said he's happy to be back in the sports business. He plans to visit Minnesota on Tuesday for a meeting with team employees and a press conference.

Team lawyer John Moody said he expects the NFL will approve the deal quickly, but insist on keeping the team where it is. League owners' next meeting is July 28.

"My first desire has and will

continue to be an NFL team for San Antonio ... but it won't be the Minnesota Vikings," McCombs said.

But he said he wants the Vikings to have some kind of San Antonio presence — in training camp, preseason games or some other form.

Some in San Antonio, including businessman Raphael Torres, said they think McCombs will find a way to bring the Vikings to San Antonio, and residents will support it.

Leyland: Wood's numbers just not good enough for computer

NEW YORK (AP) — Kerry Wood was a victim of the All-Star numbers game — his numbers weren't good enough for Jim Leyland's computer.

"He would have been a great story," the NL manager said Thursday. "If we had plugged in his numbers from yesterday, he probably would have moved up some."

The manager of the World Series champion Florida Marlins said he used a computer formula to pick his pitchers. The computer took into account wins, losses, ERA, wins against teams over .500, quality starts, games averaging more than one strikeout per inning and games averaging less than one hit per inning.

"Even though Kerry Wood may have been the most exciting to take, according to everything I weighed, it wasn't the

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right decision to make this particular year," Leyland said.

The Chicago Cubs rookie, who earlier this year tied the record with 20 strikeouts in a nine-inning game, is 8-3 with a 3.38 ERA and 139 strikeouts in 93 1/3 innings.

"I wasn't expecting to make it," Wood said. "Maybe next year."

Leyland's computer had Atlanta's Greg Maddux No. 1 with 34 points, following by Philadelphia's Curt Schilling with 25. Not including Wednesday's victory over Arizona — in which he allowed just three hits and struck out 13 in eight innings — Wood had 18 points, tied with Atlanta's Denny Neagle and the Dodgers'

Ramon Martinez.

Five pitchers were tied at 19: Pittsburgh's Francisco Cordova; Houston's Mike Hampton, Jose Lima and Shane Reynolds; and the Cardinals' Todd Stottlemyre. All missed the cut.

"I did not consider the marketing aspect," Leyland said. "I tried to pick the guys I thought were most deserving, and that's what I did."

Leyland and AL manager Mike Hargrove said during a telephone conference they had a difficult time and advocate expanding rosters from 28 to 40.

"People are talking about guys who got snubbed," Leyland said. "I publicly apologize — not apologize — but I'm sorry everybody couldn't make it, but that's the way it goes."

Leyland left off Brian Jordan of the Cardinals, the NL's leading hitter, and

Mark Grace, No. 2 entering Thursday.

Hargrove didn't select a pair of top pitchers on the Yankees: 11-game winner David Cone and Hideki Irabu, the AL's ERA leader. Also missing are Boston's Nomar Garciaparra, Chicago's Frank Thomas and Texas' Rick Helling.

"There's no way you can make everybody happy, and you try to be as fair as you can possibly be," Hargrove said. "I don't think people understand how difficult it is. I watched a couple of the shows and I kept wining every time I heard the word 'snub.' There are guys who we left off that absolutely deserve to be on the team. They are All-Stars. If you had 50 spots on the roster, there would still be 10, 15 guys left off."

Helling and teammate Aaron Sele both have 11 wins and Hargrove picked Sele, based on his 1-0 victory over Cleveland.

LA finishes sweep with 4-1 victory

ARLINGTON (AP) — Glenn Hoffman hopes the Los Angeles Dodgers can use a three-game sweep at Texas as a springboard to catching the San Diego Padres. Not that he doesn't realize they have a long, long way to go.

Chan Ho Park pitched 8 1/3 strong innings and Charles Johnson hit a three-run homer as the Dodgers beat the Texas Rangers 4-1 Thursday night to complete the sweep.

The victory and a loss by San Diego brought the third-place Dodgers within 1 1/2 games of first place in the National League West.

"We're still the guys behind," the Dodgers manager said. "It's not going to be easy. We've got our work cut out for us."

Park's outing was a good sign for Los Angeles. It was his second strong appearance since he gave up 10 runs in five innings against Colorado — the worst performance of his career — on June 21.

Park (7-5) gave up a run on a bases-loaded balk in the second inning, but shut down the Rangers the rest of the way, not allowing another runner past second base. He allowed seven hits, walked two and struck out four.

The victory snapped a five-game losing streak outside of Los Angeles for Park, who is 4-0 at home this season and 2-5 away.

Park said he gained momentum after working out of a second-inning jam.

"When I make the good pitches, I get more confidence and it makes it better each inning," he said.

Scott Radinsky, who blew five of his previous six save chances, got the final two outs for his 12th save.

The Rangers have lost five straight games, their longest losing streak of the season, and have dropped 16 of their last 22.

"Our ball club is a little bit down right now," Oates said. "We're not swinging the bat as well as we have. It's a little bit of a combination of being in a slump and a little bit of facing good pitching."

Will Clark, who had two doubles for Texas, said he's glad the Rangers don't have to face any more NL teams this season.

"We need to get back to playing somebody in our own division," said Clark, never a fan of interleague play. "Some pitchers we've seen before and some hitters we've seen before."

The bottom of the Dodgers' order hit Darren Oliver (4-6) hard in the second inning.

SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League AL—Upheld the five-game suspension of New York Yankees LHP Mike Stanton...

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns for American League East Division, West Division, National League East Division, West Division, and Texas League. Includes team names, wins, losses, percentages, and games behind.

NL LEADERS

Martinez, Boston, 11-2, .846, 2.87; Dwight, New York, 11-2, .846, 3.75; Cone, New York, 11-2, .846, 4.38...

Maddox, Martinez make bid for All-Star starter honors

Greg Maddux and Pedro Martinez bolstered their bids to become the starting pitchers in next week's All-Star game. Maddux won his 10th consecutive decision, pitching a five-hitter for his second straight shutout as Atlanta won 6-0 at Tampa Bay on Thursday.

home losing streak. Loaiza (6-4) took a shutout into the seventh before Luis Gonzalez hit his ninth homer. Indians 7, Brewers 2 Jim Thome hit a two-run homer, and Bartolo Colon won his fifth straight start and had his first major league hit for Cleveland at Milwaukee.

Mets 9, Blue Jays 1 Mike Piazza homered and Bobby Jones (7-5) allowed five hits over eight innings as New York salvaged the last game of the three-game series at Toronto. Piazza hit a two-run shot in the third inning to give the Mets a 3-0 lead, and Todd Pratt had a three-run homer in the fifth to make it 8-0.

White Sox 4, Astros 3 Magglio Ordonez hit a three-run double in Chicago's fourth inning as the White Sox avoided a sweep at Houston. James Baldwin (3-3) and two relievers combined on a five-hitter against the Astros, who got 30 hits in winning first two games by a combined 27-6.

Red Sox 15, Expos 0 Boston's Nomar Garciaparra hit a two-run homer to extend his hitting streak to 23 games, longest in the majors this season. Mike Benjamin and Darren Lewis each had four hits for the Red Sox, who set a season-high in runs and matched a season-

high with 20 hits. "I'm getting a lot of runs," Maddux said, explaining his recent success. "I've had a lot of games where I've had six or more runs, and that helps." Martinez (11-2) pitched two-hit ball for six innings as Boston routed Montreal 15-0 at Fenway Park. He was lifted as a precaution when the Red Sox scored six runs in the fifth and four in the sixth to take a 14-0 lead.

"He had two long innings (in the dugout) in a row," manager Jimmy Williams said. "It's not that he had thrown a lot of pitches. We just wanted to protect our investment." Martinez, probably competing with the Yankees' David Wells for the AL starting berth, struck out five and walked none against his former team. He retired the first 13 batters and left with the huge lead after throwing only 67 pitches.

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TEXAS LEAGUE

Thursday's Games Wichita 12, Arkansas 9; El Paso, Shreveport 3; Midland 10, Tulsa 5; Jackson 10, San Antonio 9. Today's Games Arkansas at Wichita; Shreveport at El Paso; Tulsa at Midland; San Antonio at Jackson. Saturday's Games Arkansas at Wichita; Shreveport at El Paso; Tulsa at Midland; San Antonio at Jackson. Sunday's Games Arkansas at Wichita; Shreveport at El Paso; Tulsa at Midland; San Antonio at Jackson.

AL LEADERS

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Rangers ponder toy idea

ARLINGTON (AP) — Major League Baseball and the Rangers have searched long and hard for ways to unlock the hearts of children. They've decided Beanie Babies are the key.

For those who don't have young children or investment-minded adults in their family, Beanie Babies have emerged in the past four years as the hottest collectible toy line on the market. Some of the rarer bean-bag animals, produced in limited and highly secretive quantities by Oakbrook, Ill.-based Ty Inc., can fetch several hundred dollars in resale on a rabid collectors market. In May, a promotion involving miniature versions — Ty's Teenie Beanies — produced lines of an hour or more at McDonald's restaurants.

The Rangers hope to get in on the Beanie craze, and are exploring sponsorship ideas for a Ty Beanies giveaway sometime in September. A team official said a deal could be set within a week.

Charlie Seraphin, the Rangers' vice president of marketing, is one of baseball's ultimate Beanie insiders. He's a founding member of Major League Baseball's top-secret, four-member Beanie Babies Committee. The committee was formed in response to successful Beanie promotions staged by several individual clubs and has organized baseball's biggest Beanie giveaway ever.

That will be the distribution of nearly 50,000 of Ty's new Beanie bear "Glory" at the July 7 All-Star Game in Denver. "Glory" is a white bear covered in red and blue stars, ideal for both the Fourth of July week and baseball's All-Star showcase.

Beanie Babies' attached tags have a name, poem and birth-date for the animal. The All-Star Game's "Glory" also will be accompanied by a baseball card encouraging young fans to learn more about youth baseball programs in their area by calling USA Baseball at (520) 327-9700 or visiting its website at www.usabaseball.com.

The massive and expensive giveaway is the first cooperative effort of Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association to promote the game. Union chief Don Fehr and MLB president Paul Beeston have been brought together by the magic of Beanie Babies.

The Rangers' own giveaway would be one of at least 19 such promotions this summer at major-league ballparks across the country. The Chicago Cubs, New York Yankees, St. Louis Cardinals and Detroit Tigers each have two Beanie giveaways dates on their 1998 promotional schedules.

The Cubs gave away Ty Beanies at two games last season, drawing crowds of 37,958 and 38,849 to Wrigley Field (capacity 38,884). This year, the Yankees drew 16,606 for a home start by David Wells on May 12, but 49,820 for Wells' next start on May 17, when he pitched his perfect game against Minnesota. The Beanie bear "Valentino" was being given away that day, and one wound up accompanying Wells' cap and game ball to baseball's Hall of Fame display in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Ty has been courted by more than two dozen MLB, NBA, NHL, NFL and WNBA teams. Although the company supposedly will not design custom Beanie Babies for teams, one of the newest releases is a blue jay named "Rocket," which just happens to be the nickname of Toronto Blue Jays pitching star Roger Clemens.

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none.
I Corinthians 7:29



When we are conscientious in our work and perform to the best of our ability, we are not only helping ourselves, we are also helping our country. Likewise, whenever we are being critical of American workmanship, we are being critical of ourselves. Like former President Kennedy once said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

It is essential that everyone who is able, should take the responsibility to improve their skills and do good work. When mistakes occur, we should correct them, and each day we should have a good feeling that we are not only contributing to our jobs, but to our country as well. We should be willing to sign our name to every piece of work we do, and to let our friends and co-workers know that we value a job well-done.

God has richly blessed us in this country and it is everyone's responsibility to take care of it. Praying for our country, trusting in God, and performing well in our work are all necessary for us to remain a great nation.

*Lord, our God, may your blessings be with us.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, JULY 4:

Be open to what life offers you. Let creativity soar, be willing to grow personally and gain understanding. Partners have a special way of expressing their love. Excellent communications mark your relationships. Nurture others. You can be overly sensitive at times, taking comments personally that aren't meant that way. If you are single, be careful; you could become involved with someone who isn't emotionally available. You can't be too careful about your choices. If attached, your relationship progresses through a willingness to be vulnerable with each other. SCORPIO is good for you.

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) You'll easily make up with someone over yesterday's problems. A partner responds. Friends are full of great ideas. Get together with others to celebrate Independence Day. A long-distance call is a must! Someone misses you. Tonight: The love temperature soars. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Others are delighted by your spirited ideas. Get together with friends for a special Fourth of July. Someone doesn't view a partnership the same way. Know that there is a meeting point, and this is a moot issue. Socialize, and express yourself. Tonight: Personal fireworks. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Be direct with someone who is at a distance. A pleasant surprise comes your way. Someone has an odd way of expressing his love, yet you accept it. Make time for a key discussion. Someone demonstrates a willingness to change. Tonight: Rest and relax. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Your more pleasant, dynamic side emerges. A partner is excitable but adds to the fun.

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The unexpected occurs when dealing with someone close to you. Talks open doors. Pitch in at a barbecue and lessen someone's burden; it will make you feel good. A chat calms a friend. Tonight: Let sparks fly. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Entertain close to home. Join neighbors in celebrations, and let togetherness develop. Unexpected insights allow you to open up and share. Friends let you know just how important you are to them. Do not hold back. Tonight: Romp into the wee hours. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Communications are activate, and you discover a lot about someone. He might seem totally independent, but he also needs a lot of support from those he values. Do you want to become important to this person? Give him more of what he needs. Tonight: Have a hamburger with friends. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Expenses are definitely out of whack. You take a risk that comes from out of the blue, but excitement surrounds it. Communications bring new information to the table. Take time to visit neighbors and friends. You add to the celebrations. Tonight: Do what makes you feel good. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Others clearly adore you. Allow more feedback from a family member. Perhaps you weren't aware of the intensity of feelings in a key relationship. Indulge an older relative or someone whom you cherish. He gives back in his special way. Tonight: Your wish can come true. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A surprise is coming your way. You might opt to keep some of the information to yourself. Your gestures speak for themselves. Others know how you feel. Share plans with a loved one. Take a day trip, where you can see the fireworks. Tonight: The party goes on in your backyard. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Go to exactly what you want. Don't stop; be spontaneous. Surprises occur both financially and emotionally. Use your instincts in a key talk. Bring friends together for a fun barbecue or celebration. Think about what independence means to you. Tonight: Play away. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Others look to you for leadership and caring ideas. The good news is that you are full of them! Listen when someone opens his heart, and be open to the unexpected. Friends, family and loved ones mix with ease. Let go, and enjoy yourself. Don't worry as much. Tonight: Be the lead actor. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Reach out for others, and make calls. A gut feeling about a family member is right on.

WOMAN'S HEAD AND HEART BATTLE OVER 'WONDERFUL MAN'

DEAR ABBY: I have been engaged to a wonderful man for more than two years, and cannot seem to set a wedding date. He loves me and my 9-year-old daughter. He does all of the laundry, the dishes and the cleaning, and he accepts my daughter as his own. He works two jobs so we don't go without anything. Sounds perfect, right? The problem is, I don't think I love him. I say that I do, but I don't feel it in my heart. He is all a woman could ask for in a husband, but is that enough to replace love? Or have I read too many romance novels? He wants to get married as soon as possible. I am 29, have never been married, and I feel my daughter needs a father. I am also afraid I won't find a man who will ever love me as much as he does.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Can I find a man who I love, who accepts my daughter as his own -- or should I marry a man I don't love, but who would be a wonderful husband and father? -- FOR BETTER OR WORSE
DEAR FOR BETTER: If you marry this man, knowing in your heart that you do not love him, you will be doing yourself and him a great disservice. Marriage is supposed to last forever. And forever is a long time to live with yourself, feeling that you sold out because you were afraid you wouldn't find a man you can love. Let him go.

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from "Hurting in Whittier," I had to write. Your response was excellent, but I would like to tell "Hurting" about my mother.
Mother became a widow at 63. She, too, had deep wrinkles on her face, but no one noticed because she always had a smile and was interested in other people.

Mother's life was not without men. After Dad died, she joined a singles group for older people. There, at age 68, she met a wonderful man. He became my stepfather. When he passed away some years later, she grieved for him for a while, but then decided she wasn't going to stay at home and mope, so she rejoined the singles group and met another nice man with whom she kept company for many years. Then he died. Mom used to joke that it was dangerous to date her because she outlived all the men she had gone with.

Shortly before her death at age 79, she had begun dating yet another man from the singles group.
Abby, the reason for her popularity was not her looks. It was her warm and caring personality. She always made everyone feel she was glad to see them. That was her "secret." All her grandchildren (she had 11) adored her and visited her often. My 20-year-old son took her to Disneyland when she was in her 70s. Like all the grandchildren, he loved being with her.

"Hurting in Whittier" should forget about how she looks and focus on making other people comfortable. She should be glad to see them, offer them a ride, join a club, volunteer for a

cause that interests her. She should get out and enjoy life. She may be surprised at the changes that will occur when she changes her point of view. **- STILL MISSING MOM**
DEAR STILL MISSING MOM: Your mother exemplified the adage, "It's what's inside that counts." How special she must have been.
I've always believed that there are two kinds of people in the world: those who say, "There you are!" and those who say, "Here I am!" Your mother was definitely one of the "there you are" people. That's the kind everyone is delighted to see.

DEAR ABBY: You told the mother of "Disappointed but Seeking Help" that her daughter didn't become sexually active because she was looking for the kind of affection and attention she could receive from her family.
While I cannot speak for that girl, I know that is exactly the reason I became sexually active in high school. My parents had their jobs, their parties, their worries and their lives. I didn't think they would notice me even if I were dead.

I planned suicide, until a male teacher held me in his arms and told me that I mattered. I would have given anything to have even this semblance of love and affection. I needed someone to care about me. My parents didn't and he did. Sex was a very small price to pay. And my parents never noticed a thing.

Yes, I am aware that what the teacher did was wrong. But I will never forget how much it meant to me at the time. At least he could see my pain when my family was oblivious to it.
We all seek love, and many of us will take whatever is offered when that is all there is. If children are to love appropriately, they must learn to give and receive love in the right places -- from their family in youth, then from friends, and later from a lover and mate.

Parents: If you don't want your children "looking for love in all the wrong places," perhaps you should make sure they're getting enough in the RIGHT places. -- KNOWS FIRSTHAND IN NEW HAMP-SHIRE
DEAR KNOWS FIRSTHAND: I apologize for having said so emphatically that the teen-age daughter did not become sexually active because she was looking for the kind of affection and attention she could receive from her family. Teen-agers begin having sex for varied and sometimes complicated reasons that are not always related to sexual needs as much as emotional needs.

P.S. Although the high school teacher recognized your neediness and vulnerability, if his motives had been humanitarian instead of predatory, he would have found some other way of letting you know you were worthwhile. The fact that you were a willing participant does not mean that you were not taken advantage of.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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For Sale: Kitchen table w/6 chairs, coffee table & matching end tables. Call 263-7208

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Request for Bid
The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 A.M. on July 10, 1998 for one (1) New or used 2 Wheel Drive Loader Back Hoe
Please mark your return envelope "2 Wheel Drive Loader Back Hoe" and return to: Howard County Auditor, P.O. Box 1949, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1949
Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court on July 13, 1998 at 10:00 A.M. for their consideration
The court reserves the right to reject any or all bids
Jackie Olson, County Auditor
1935 June 26 & 27, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 A.M. on July 10, 1998 for asphalt material used for patching
Specifications may be obtained in the Auditor's Office, 300 S. Main St., No. 202, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or by calling 915-264-2210. Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court at 10:00 A.M. on July 13, 1998 for their consideration
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West Texas Centers for MHMR is accepting bids for 2 mid-size 1998 passenger cars. Vehicle specifications available upon request. Bids due by noon, July 13, 1998
Attn: Jeff Janca, 409 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas 79720, 264-2650 ext. 231
1947 July 1, 3 & 5, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE
NO 12,433
IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN MYRL HAMILTON, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOHN MYRL HAMILTON, DECEASED, were issued on June 25, 1998, under Docket No. 12,433, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to:
DEBRA DIANE KILLINGSWORTH
The residence of the Independent Executrix is in Dallas County, Texas, and the post office address is:
6003 Twin Coves Dallas, TX 75248
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the Independent Executrix at the above address within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
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| 6:30 PM | Midland News (CC) Fortune | Odessa Simpsons Home Imp | Dallas Science Guy Creatures | FAM Underwater Predators | KOSA News (CC) Grace Under | WFAA News (CC) Fortune | KWES News (CC) Seinfeld (CC) | WTBS Major League Baseball: New York | UNI Lucero y Con Amores | DISN Movie: The Mighty Ducks (45) Movie: Pippi 400 Preview | NASH Waitons (CC) Hero (CC) Cheech & Chong: Brothers | TMC Hero (CC) Cheech & Chong: Brothers | SHOW Movie: Fled (CC) Movie: Anaconda | HBO Movie: Anaconda | KMLM Joseph Good John Hayes | A&E Law & Order (CC) New York | DISC Gimme Shelter | TNT Atlanta | FSN Sportscenter Major League Baseball: Ar | ESPN Sportscenter Major League Baseball: Ar | AMC Magnificent Obsession | BET Planet Groove Top 20 |
| 7:30 PM | Sabrina-Witch You Wish | Beyond Belief | Wash. Week Wall St. Week | Rescue 911 (CC) | Kids-Darkest Candid C. | Sabrina-Witch You Wish | Dateline (CC) | Baseball: New York | Anor | Movie: (45) Movie: Pippi 400 Preview | Pepsi 400 Preview | Chong: Brothers | Movie: Fled (CC) Movie: Anaconda | Light of the Southwest | Biography | Wild Discovery | Movie: Coal Miner's | Major League Baseball: Ar | Baseball: Baltimore Orioles at New York Yankees | Baseball: Baltimore Orioles at New York Yankees | Movie: Anastasia | Planet Groove Top 20 |
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| 9:30 PM | 20/20 (CC) | Soldier of Fortune, Inc. | Face of Russia (CC) | Hawai Five-0 (CC) | Nash Bridges (CC) | 20/20 (CC) | Movie: The Fourth Deadly Sin | Braves at Atlanta | Al Ritmo de Fiesta | Growing Pains Donald-Wheel | Dallas | Ninja (CC) L.E.T.H.A.L. | Stargate SG-1 (45) Outer | News Life-in-Word | Porot | UFOs: Down to Earth | Justice Files | Take This Job and | FOX Sports News | Baseball: Los Angeles | Black Scorpion | Planet Groove Top 20 |
| 10:30 PM | News (CC) Nightline | Home Imp Mad Abo. You | News-Lehrer | 700 Club | News (35) Late | News (CC) Nightline | News Wimbledon | Risky Business | P. Impacto Noticiero Uni. | V Walt Disney Presents | Dallas | Ladies: Day of the Warrior | Limits Poltergeist | Dennis Miller | Something Good | Law & Order (CC) | Justice Files | Take This Job and | FOX Sports News | Baseball: Los Angeles | Black Scorpion | Planet Groove Top 20 |
| 11:30 PM | Politically Inc Hollywood | Vibe | Reg Green Red Green | Bonanza-Lost | Show (CC) Married. With | Ent. Tonight Politically Inc. | Tonight Show (CC) | Al Ritmo de la Noche | Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse | Dukes of Hazzard (CC) | (10) Movie: Spirit Lost (40) Movie: Dukes of Hazzard (CC) | Red Shoe Red Shoe | Spawn (CC) Movie: Booty | PrimeTime | Biography | Wild Discovery | Shove It (45) Movie: | FOX Sports News | Dodgers at San Fran | Movie: Fleming | 227 (CC) Midnight Love | |
| 12:00 AM | (12:08) Ricki Lake | Mad Abo. You | Neighbors Murder-Horror | Paid Program Paid Program | Late Late Show | News Ent. Tonight | (12:02) Late Night (CC) | (11:55) Fast Times at Club America | Movie: The Barefoot Ex- | Motor Madness | (40) Movie: Dukes of Hazzard (CC) | Call (CC) | Light of the Southwest | LA Detectives | News World-World | Part 2. Walking Tall | Last Word Pennant | cisco Giants Sportscenter | Feather Rmber WENN | | | |

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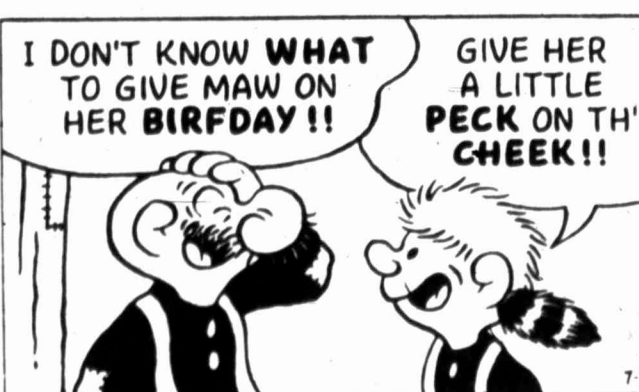
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, July 3, the 184th day of 1998. There are 181

days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
One hundred years ago, on July 3, 1898, during the Spanish-American War, a fleet of Spanish ships in Cuba's Santiago Harbor attempted to run a blockade of U.S. naval

forces; practically all of the Spanish ships were destroyed in the four-hour battle that followed.

On this date:
In 1608, the city of Quebec was founded by Samuel de Champlain.

In 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Mass.

In 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, Penn., ended in a major victory for the North as Confederate troops retreated.

In 1890, Idaho became the 43rd state of the Union.

In 1930, Congress created the U.S. Veterans Administration.

In 1944, during World War II, Soviet forces recaptured Minsk.

In 1950, American and North Korean forces clashed for the first time in the Korean War.

In 1962, Algeria became independent after 132 years of French rule.

In 1971, singer Jim Morrison of The Doors died in Paris at age 27.

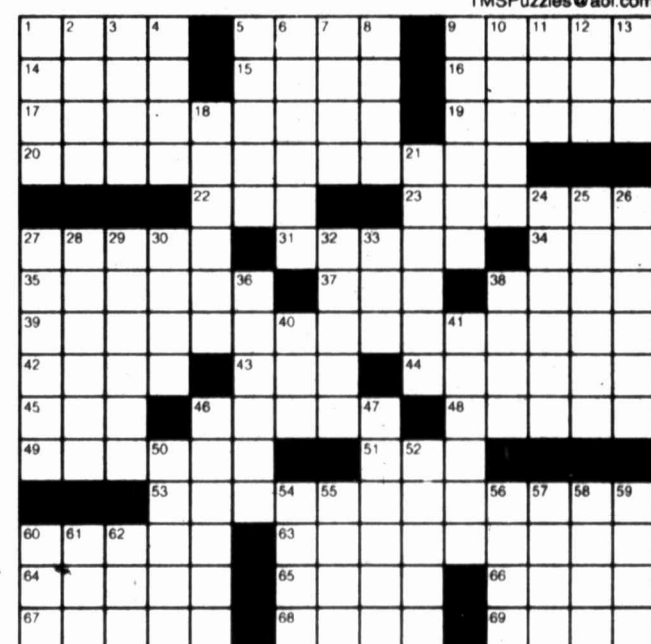
THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- 1 Leave out
- 5 Work gang
- 9 Get up!
- 14 Rozelle of football
- 15 Pelt
- 16 Lifting device
- 17 Surfacing
- 19 Ross or Fligg
- 20 Talking potato heads?
- 22 Ginnie
- 23 Broad panoramas
- 27 Nebraska city
- 31 County of SW England
- 34 Letters on graves
- 35 Shaddock fruit
- 37 Phone #
- 38 Indra's dress
- 39 Root louder?
- 42 Egyptian goddess
- 43 Garden vegetable
- 44 Glossy paint
- 45 Court divider
- 46 "Divine Poems" poet
- 48 Crosses
- 49 Shreds, as vegetables
- 51 Cereal grass
- 53 Run from sugar?
- 60 Speedy
- 63 Restaurant serving drinks
- 64 Fred Astaire's sister
- 65 British princess
- 66 Jar covers
- 67 Earth
- 68 Fishing gear
- 69 Votes for

DOWN

- 1 Fuel cartel: abbr.
- 2 Short note
- 3 Menu listing
- 4 Time in office
- 5 Dishes
- 6 Engaged in a violent disturbance
- 7 Ferber or
- 8 Compass direction
- 9 Armstrong, and Collins
- 10 Houdini's last name
- 11 One of Frank's eyes
- 12 Writer Follett
- 13 Segment of history
- 18 Mogadishu resident
- 21 Unfold
- 24 Battle injury
- 25 Flyboys
- 26 Sales speeches
- 27 Making a choice
- 28 Working cat
- 29 Ambrosia of immortality
- 30 Biddies
- 32 Actor Hawke
- 33 Sign of victory
- 36 Run against
- 38 Smack
- 40 Half a score
- 41 Starts
- 46 Transferred property
- 47 Brief trip
- 50 Discount buy, briefly
- 52 Affirmatives
- 54 Skiers' transport
- 55 Pisa's river
- 56 Have confidence
- 57 New York canal
- 58 Radames' love
- 59 Hardy heroine
- 60 Uncooked
- 61 Excitement
- 62 For each



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