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WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ American Business Women's Association scholarship auction, 6 p.m. at Salvation Army headquarters, 811 W. Fifth.

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1608 E. Third.

□ Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room.

□ Big Spring Amateur Radio Club, 7 p.m., club house.

□ Big Spring Comandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main.

□ Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main.

□ Intermediate line dance class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

□ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library annex, 500 Main, community room.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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Thompson looks forward to joining 'Up With People' after graduating from Tech

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

When she heard "Up With People" was to perform in Big Spring in April, Gladys Thompson-King called her son, Richard Thompson in Lubbock.



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Thompson-King was acting as host family to a performer from Sweden, and she thought her

son might want to meet her. Thompson, a student at Texas Tech University, has always enjoyed performing, and plans to pursue a career in the arts.

His father is the late Dickey Thompson.

"My mom is supportive of the performing arts," said Thompson, adding that she has encouraged him to get a degree that he can fall back on, if necessary. So he put performing on hold and is working toward a business degree.

Thompson said until his mother brought it up, he had never really considered "Up

With People."

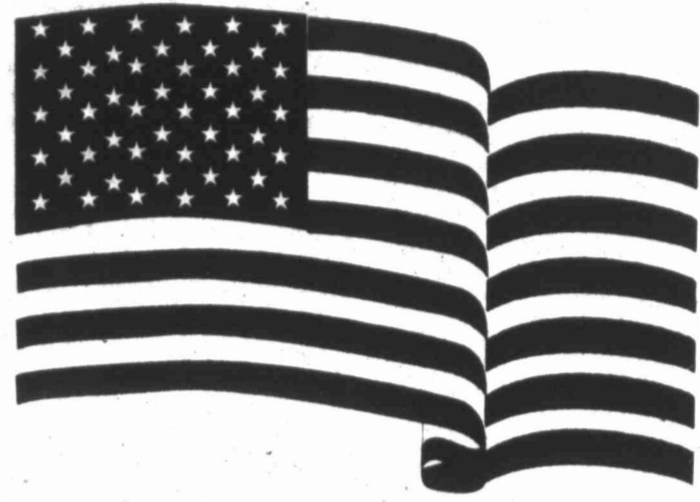
"I had seen them when I was in elementary school," he said. "But (in April), from the moment the show started, I knew this was it."

Thompson will start his year-long engagement with "Up With People" in January 2001, after he graduates from Texas Tech. His first official assignment is a six-week training course in Colorado.

Before then, he will send a tape of his musical and dance abilities to audition for a lead

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Paving, new restrooms to greet rodeo visitors

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Rodeo-goers will see a difference at the 66th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo this week, thanks to some volunteer efforts by a local contractor.

"This is our way of saying thank you to the community and all the people of Big Spring and the different entities who we have worked for throughout these past 28 years," said Bob Price, owner of Price Construction.

The rodeo begins Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. The annual rodeo parade is Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at State National Bank, 10th and Main. Winners in the rodeo parade, which is cosponsored by the Herald and KBST, will participate in the grand entry Saturday night.

Price, along with his crews, have worked the past week, paving the area at the south end of the rodeo bowl, and removing debris and weeds, he said.

About 2,500 square yards of paving have been applied to the area just east of the new restroom facility. As many as 15 men per crew on three separate crews have worked to have the area completed by rodeo time, he said.



Price Construction crews worked all last week to grade and pave the area east of the new restroom facility at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. As many as 45 men worked to have their project completed before the rodeo begins Wednesday. Pictured are Junior Herrera, left, Randy Price, Joey Loper, Jesse Ferrel in the loader, Catriño Guerrero, Cynthia Galley, lab, and Tim Atkins, mechanic.

"We've put down 250 tons of milling, and we graded and paved between the arena and the existing fair barn building and on either side of the new restrooms," Price said.

By paving the area, the fairgrounds and rodeo bowl are now handicapped accessible, and meet the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, he said.

"The rodeo committee put up a new fence, and we pulled all the old weeds and put down milling on the area," he said.

Milling, Price explained, is a material created when old highway is mechanically chewed up and crushed. The covering is small bits of asphalt and other road material that has been ground to a course consistency.

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"You could say milling is recycled, old asphalt," Price said.

Because of space constraints, the asphalt was poured by feeding the paver with a front end loader, he said. The wheelchair ramps that lead to the restroom

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Risin' Water

Lake Thomas level up more than 15 feet

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

LAKE J.B. THOMAS — My, my, what a little rain will do in this case, a lot of rain.

This desolate, murky body of water that has seen few visitors over the past few years may soon be the weekend hot spot for sports enthusiasts across West Texas again.

Thunderstorms during the past few days brought with them enough rainfall — about five inches — to more than quadruple the lake's storage.

"It's gone from 4 percent full to 20 percent. We've got about 40,600 acre feet of water in Lake Thomas right now," said a happy John Grant, manager of the Colorado River Municipal



GRANT

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Emphasis on enforcing moving ratings gets thumbs up from local theatre owner

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Local policy at Big Spring movie theaters will remain the same following White House requests that theaters obtain identification from teenagers for R-rated movies.

"Our policy is that an adult must buy the ticket for all R-rated movies. By policy, we do not sell a ticket to anyone under 17 for an R-rated movie," said Kevin Ritz, owner of the Big Spring theaters.

President Clinton has requested that theater owners enforce the R-rating by requiring those 17 and younger be accompanied by a parent or guardian when viewing an R-rated movie.

This strict compliance to the film industry rating system is in response to the Columbine,

High School shootings in Littleton, Colo. Clinton has said a typical American citizen may view as many as 40,000 dramatized murders before age 18.

The White House has asked all movie theater owners to voluntarily enforce the policy, and ask to see identification from all teenagers who attempt to enter an R-rated movie.

"We don't require the adult to go in and see the movie, that's parental choice, but we will not sell a ticket to anyone under the age of 17 for an R-rated movie," Ritz said.

Ritz, who owns the Ritz, Starz and Cinema theaters, said if a parent drops off their teenager to see an R-rated movie, that teenager will not be allowed into the theater.

"If a 15-year-old is dropped off by their parents to see an R-rated movie, we will not sell

them a ticket," Ritz said.

Ritz said the law is seeking to enforce parental permission, and he believes by requiring a parent or guardian to purchase the ticket, he is adhering to the request.

"They're trying to get people to enforce the thing. There are kids out there who will try to sneak into movies, and a lot of parents are totally ignorant," he said.

Some parents may purchase their teenager a ticket for what Ritz describes as a "hard R-rated" movie, and he will tell the parents the content is hard R-rated, he said.

"They tell me it's okay, he sees it at home," he said.

Ritz, a father of a 15-year-old son and 9-year-old daughter, said he monitors what his chil-

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Ryan and Josh Harris watch their father Rocky buy tickets for the Star Wars matinee Friday afternoon at the Ritz Theater. President Clinton has asked movie theater owners and parents to guide what movies children can see.

Dryland management workshop group to dust heels in Big Spring

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Approximately 20 agriculture professionals from dry climates around the world will be coming to the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Wednesday.

The visit is part of a two-week training workshop on Sustainable Agroecosystems and Environmental Issues. The workshop is sponsored by West Texas A&M University's Dryland Agriculture Institute. It began Friday and runs through June 24.

Those attending include scientists, researchers, teachers, farmers and government officials, said Dr. Clay Robinson, WTAMU professor of plant, soil and environmental science. Nations represented include South Africa, China, Ethiopia, India, Kuwait, Rwanda, Botswana and the United States.

"The purpose of the workshop is to present the principles of soil and water management for agriculture and especially dryland agriculture," Robinson said.

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Bryan Juan, 10 has his fingerprints made by Jeff Pritchett at the Missing Children Alert Program at HEB Grocery Store Saturday. Pritchett volunteers to help his wife, Darla, the West Texas Regional manager of the missing children program when the visit local communities and take fingerprints and photographs of children that their parents keep in the event of any future need.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

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OBITUARIES

Nieves Garcia

Service for Nieves Garcia, 86, Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. today at Iglesia Bautista La Fe with Rev. Andrew Rodriguez officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Garcia died Saturday, June 12, 1999, at Lubbock Methodist Hospital after a long illness.

He was born on April 3, 1913, in Poth. He married Maria Montez on March 2, 1934, in Cameron. He moved to Big Spring in 1981 and was a farm laborer. He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include: his wife, Maria Garcia of Big Spring; seven daughters, Angelita Marquin of Brownfield, Maria Sanchez of Manor, Jovita Jimenez of Big Spring, Delia Ybarra of Big Spring, Dolores Gonzales of Roundrock, Teresa Segura of Lubbock, and Christina Guerra of Plains; four sons, Rosendo Garcia of Big Spring, Abram Garcia of Lubbock, Reynaldo Garcia of Denver City, and Nieves Garcia, Jr. of Manor; one brother, Willie Garcia of Iran; two sisters, Josepha Rios of Lubbock, and Delfina Salazar of Earlismart; 57 grandchildren; and several great and great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

WORKSHOP

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"Worldwide, most of the best land for crop production is already being used for that purpose, so when the population increases, people begin to use more fragile land for production," said Robinson. "In dryland regions, it is difficult to produce a crop on just rainfall, so management of soil and water is especially critical."

Robinson and Dr. B.A. Stewart of the Dryland Agriculture Institute are leading the workshop. Over the weekend, participants were meeting on campus for presentations about soil and water resources and the history of agriculture development in the region. On Saturday, they toured the WTAMU Nance Ranch operation east of Canton.

In addition to the USDA-ARS laboratory in Big Spring, the group will tour the USDA and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research programs in Temple, the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in San Angelo, The A&M demonstration farm in Lamesa

and Texas Tech University. On the second phase of the trip, the group will visit Colorado State University research facilities near Sterling, Colo.; the USDA-ARS Central Great Plains Research Center in Akron, Colo.; the Southwest Kansas Research Extension in Tribune, Kan.; ServiTech Soil Testing Laboratory in Dodge City, Kan.; and the USDA Southern Plains Range Research Laboratory in Woodward, Okla.

Also scheduled is a trip to the USDA-ARS Conservation and Production Research Laboratory at Bushland.

"Our workshop emphasizes principles rather than technology because principles can be applied anywhere with any level of technology," Robinson said. "In many developing countries, the resources are not there to support the newer technologies."

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role in the musical.

And next year, Thompson will start raising money for his tour. Although Up With People supports the cast while they are on the road, performers are expected to pay some associated costs and some of their expenses, which can run into several thousand dollars.

From talking to cast members, Thompson said he expects his tour to be a very busy year.

"It sounds like it's very time-consuming," Thompson said. "You set up and tear down the stage for every show, do community service, and you get to know your host family and their culture a little bit."

By far, he said he is most looking forward to touring all over the world.

"They said they try to get each group to hit at least two different continents," Thompson said.

While his degree in management information systems should provide plenty of career opportunities, his heart is with the arts, Thompson said. He added that many of his Big Spring friends still remember an impersonation of Tina Turner, complete with lip-synching, that he performed in his senior year.

"Dancing, singing, performing arts is what I really want to do in life," Thompson said. And he hopes his year with "Up With People" will literally "take him places." "But wherever I go, I'll never forget where I came from," Thompson said.

LAKE

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Water District. "The boat ramp at the south side is back in the water, and the level is still coming up. There's a very good possibility that water will be back to the boat ramp at the north side soon."

"It's been pretty desolate past four or five years. This will provide some people opportunities to do some fishing and camping along the lake."

The 15 1/2-foot rise in the lake's level is the most dramatic increase in years. The last major rise was 11 feet on Memorial Day, 1992.

Thomas stands at 2,225.5 acre feet this morning. It was 2,210.15 on June 1.

The rains also assure that the city of Snyder won't have to worry about water for a while, and means that Big Spring could also benefit later this summer, Grant said.

"With the rains in May, we stopped transferring water to Lake Thomas. At that time, we were looking at July as maybe having to begin transferring water again. Then we got about a foot and a half rise earlier last week and figured we might be O.K. until August," Grant said. "Now, with this, it is put off

indefinitely. Of course, hopefully we will never have to do it again."

The CRMWD-operated wells in Snyder will be turned off within the next few days, Grant said.

"There is a very good possibility, with some more rain, we may actually be bringing some of that (from Lake Thomas) back to Big Spring this summer," Grant added.

The last time Thomas was 20 percent full, was in the spring of 1994.

If there was a downside to the rain, it was that straight-line winds damaged some CRMWD facilities at the lake. One restroom was almost completely destroyed, some roofs were lost from some houses, and there was also roof damage at the Odessa-Big Spring station.

"We're in the process of assessing the damage right now," Grant said.

The Colorado River at Gail was still running at 1,202 cubic feet per second at 6 a.m. today.

"The best part of it is that all the ground in Borden County and those areas were pretty well saturated. If we get more rain, we should really benefit from the runoff," said Grant.

Bull Creek and the Bull Creek channel got about three-inches of rain over the weekend, Grant noted.

The rainfall hadn't changed the level at Lake E.V. Spence, but could by Tuesday, officials said.

"We've got some pretty good water coming down the Colorado River and we anticipate it arriving some time tomorrow. How much of that will soak into the ground along the way we're not sure, but our best guess right now is that Spence will catch 5,000 to 8,000 acre feet," said Grant.

"The best part of that is it will be pretty good quality water, low in chlorides."

Near Silver, the river was running at 1,025 cubic feet per second at midnight Saturday. It dropped to 180 cfs Sunday, but was back up to 625 cfs early this morning.

O.H. Ivie Reservoir caught about 5,000 acre feet last week, Grant said.

Bill Birrell is Howard-Glasscock Chapter American Cancer Society prostate cancer awareness chairman.

55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING Class will be June 18, at 6 p.m., and June 19, at 9 a.m., at the Howard County Library, Community Room. The cost is \$8 and you must attend both sessions. Call 267-1729 before 8 p.m. to preregister or to ask questions.

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A FREE LUNCHEON SEMINAR titled, "Today's Market - Where are the Best Investments?" will be Wednesday, June 23, at 11:30 a.m., Big Spring Country Club. Speakers include Mark Early of Lord, Abnett & Co., and Barbara Brumley of Edward Jones Investments. Call 267-2501 to RSVP by Friday, June 18.

entrance are now flush with the exterior ground, up to the top of the rodeo bowl, he pointed out.

Many men volunteered to help with the project and to work in the hot temperatures. Asphalt is 325 degrees when poured, he said, and takes over night to completely cool.

"We really appreciate all the support we've received from the county. Ninety-eight percent of

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all our work is with the Texas Department of Transportation, and with the city and the county, and we just wanted to say thank you and that we appreciated all the work they have given us," Price said.

He said the county awarded its seal-coating bid to Price Construction this year, as they had submitted the lowest bid, and Price said he offered his services and materials for rodeo bowl upgrade out of gratitude.

Price Construction was founded in Big Spring in 1971, when the family purchased the W.D. Callwell Construction company.

Today the business employs more than 450 people, with offices in Eagle Pass and Laredo. The corporate office is in Big Spring.

"I think we are the third largest employer in Big Spring, behind the state hospital and Fina," Price said.

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U.S. fears Russian problem could undermine NATO's Kosovo plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials are concerned that confusion over Russia's role in postwar Kosovo could undermine NATO's effort to take an evenhanded approach to emptying the province of Serb troops and securing the return of ethnic Albanian refugees to their shattered villages.

"We have to make sure that this agreement stands, and it cannot stand if there is going to be a posture struck by the Russians that they are there to defend the Serb population against the Kosovars," Defense Secretary William Cohen said Sunday.

Cohen and other Clinton administration officials said they welcome Russian participation in the peacekeeping force for Kosovo, known as KFOR, but they stressed that the Russians must not act unilaterally.

They reported progress on an arrangement that would allow the Russian military to play a peacekeeping role without undermining NATO control, possibly using the Bosnia peacekeeping operation as a model.

The lead Russian troops arrived Saturday in the Kosovo capital of Pristina ahead of alliance forces. On Sunday, the Russians blocked NATO from reinforcing British troops at the airport.

Clinton and Yeltsin planned to talk again today. The first of about 400 American paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division crossed into Kosovo from Macedonia to join the peacekeeping operation Sunday, accompanied by tanks and Bradley armored vehicles, Pentagon officials said.

State Department sends mission to China

WASHINGTON (AP) — A senior State Department official is going to Beijing with a report on the accidental bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and a goal of putting strained U.S.-China relations back on course.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Sunday that the mission is "an important one" that needs to go beyond this, Albright said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The bombing, which the Chinese insisted was intentional, was a serious blow to a relationship already reeling from U.S. charges that China tried to buy influence in American elections and stole U.S. nuclear secrets, and the failure to come to agreement over China's entry into the World Trade Organization.

China and the United States this spring were within sight of a broad market-opening agreement as a prelude to China's entry to the WTO. But the talks slowed following the nuclear theft charges, which heightened anti-Chinese sentiment in Congress, and then broke down after the Belgrade bombing.

More than 500,000 drunken drivers on probation, in jail

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans behind bars or on probation for drunken driving nearly doubled between 1986 and 1997, the government reports.

Without alcohol treatment programs, "these are just drunk drivers waiting to get back on the road," said Terry Schiavone, president of the National Commission Against Drunk Driving, a private group. "Jail and probation have never cured the drunken driving problem."

Psychotherapists report surge in patients after shootings

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Roxane Harcourt has seen firsthand a powerful effect of the Columbine school shooting: a bump in the number of requests for psychiatric help.

"It appears that people all across the country are so shaken by this incident that they're not taking any chances."

-Erin Somers, spokesperson for Magellan Behavioral Health

The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry has seen calls to its referral service more than double over the first five months of 1999 from the same period a year ago.

The massacre in Littleton, in which two students killed 12 classmates, a teacher and themselves, followed other fatal school-related shootings in recent years in Pearl, Miss., West Paducah, Ky., Jonesboro,

Ark., Edinboro, Pa., and Springfield, Ore. "People and schools have become more aware that mental illness is out there," said Mary whose 12-year-old son threatened another student and was diagnosed with manic depression shortly before the Littleton shootings.

Andrews County still courting nuke waste facility

LUBBOCK (AP) — Despite the Legislature's decision not to pass a nuclear waste bill this session, Andrews County officials and waste companies said they still will try to locate a nuclear dump in the West Texas county.

Legislators finished their session last week without changing the state's nuclear waste law, which, in accordance with the federally approved compact for nuclear waste with Maine and Vermont, requires that low-level nuclear waste be buried in Hudspeth County.

Meanwhile, Envirocare of Texas, which has set up shop in Andrews County in hopes of acquiring licenses for storage and treatment of low-level and mixed wastes later this year, will focus on finding sites suitable for assured isolation.

"It's sort of a new concept and sort of the basis of (Chisum's) bill," said Rick Jacobi, vice president of operations for Envirocare of Texas.

Law officers traveling to border to find evidence in killing spree

HOUSTON (AP) — A police team has left for the Texas-Mexico border to review clues in the recovery of a car belonging to one of the victims in a string of killings along railroad tracks.

either lived near a rail line or were killed near tracks. The FBI sent a San Antonio-based agent to Del Rio to assist in the investigation, agency spokesman Rolando Moss told the Houston Chronicle on Sunday.

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OUR VIEWS

Future looks bright for our city and county

Last week's story in the Herald that reported a drop in the county's unemployment rate for a fourth straight month is good news, indeed. While the rest of the Permian Basin, especially the larger cities, continue to suffer the long-range effects of the slumping oil industry, it is obvious that something good is happening locally.

As important as the declining unemployment rate is, an even stronger indicator of the strength of the local economy are the numbers that show our workforce has steadily increased.

Taking those numbers together means that our economy is sound and has moved beyond a dependence on just oil and gas or just agriculture or both.

Our diversification over the years, especially with Cornell Corrections and Signal Homes, has helped us weather a long-term drought and survive an Oil Patch where oil bottomed out at \$8 a barrel.

The promise for our community is even greater.

Already, there are 50 to 60 jobs being added through the opening of the Big Spring district office of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. Other jobs have been added at Signal and Cornell that will show up in next month's employment data — and somewhere out there still is the promise of those 165 jobs with the Texas VA Home.

And on top of all that, there's StarTek and the possibility that the new owners of the Big Spring Refinery — whomever they may be — will have an expanded presence in our community because of the role the refinery plays in their respective company.

But just because things are looking up doesn't mean it's time to kick back and take a break. Growing our community is a full-time job and, as much as anything, it depends on attitude.

That's why we're jingoistic about our hometown ... why we're "Positively Big Spring!"

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to publicly recognize Sen. Bill Ratliff (R-Mount Pleasant) and Rep. Rob Junell (D-San Angelo) for addressing Texas' most pressing health care needs. Health care needs in Big Spring will be met as a result of legislations passed by the 76th Texas Legislature.

Using the tobacco money to finance the Children's Health Insurance Program, to educate young people of the dangers of smoking, to fund new medical research, to provide financial resources for emergency and trauma services and to strengthen the health care infrastructure are the right things to do.

By allocating all of this biennium's tobacco settlement dollars to fund (\$1.8 billion) health care, legislators wisely took full advantage of this opportunity to create a legacy of good health for all Texans.

In House Bill 1676, legislators created five permanent repositories for current and future tobacco dollars. The earning from these funds will be used to finance health care for generations to come. That's an action with long-term vision, and I am proud to say that my legislator did that.

Texas legislators used tobacco settlement dollars to fund fully the state's portion of CHIP, which will make health services available to approximately 471,000 children across the state.

By setting the eligibility level at 200 percent of pover-

ty, legislators recognized the cost effectiveness of primary and preventive care, and will make it available to children whose families cannot afford to purchase health insurance but make too much to qualify for Medicaid.

Healthy children learn better in school, and education is the key to a healthy, productive workforce for the future.

The state's \$15 billion tobacco lawsuit settlement over 25 years provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Investing future tobacco dollars in the permanent funds established this session will create an ongoing source of financial resources to meet health care needs whether the state's economy is strong or weak.

Much as the Permanent University Fund has been an important resource for building a strong foundation for high education, the tobacco proceeds — invested in permanent funds — can create a legacy of good health for Texans.

I hope that future legislators will follow this Legislature's lead and continue their high level of commitment to addressing the health care needs of this state.

Thank you, Sen. Ratliff and Rep. Junell for your leadership and dedication to meeting the health care needs of Texans.

LOREN F. CHANDLER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SCENIC MOUNTAIN
MEDICAL CENTER

Roll out the (pork) barrel: There's no restraint

It is the U.S. Senate's answer to the movie "Groundhog Day," in which Bill Murray wakes up each morning to a repeat of the day before.

Every year around this time, senators begin debating the 13 annual appropriations bills that fund the government. Every year, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., brings up a series amendment to cut out the pork-barrel spending inserted by his fellow senators. And every year, the amendments are voted down with a big, bipartisan thud.

Only 16 of 100 senators could muster enough courage to take on the big barons of the Appropriations Committee by voting to cut the pork. Even liberal Democrats — who love to rail against expensive projects like the B-2 "stealth" bomber — couldn't be bothered to vote down a list of projects that contains a little something for everyone.

Last week the target was the bill to fund the Department of Defense, which just last month

was fortified with \$13 billion in "emergency" spending to fund the war in Kosovo. Flush with victory in the Balkans — and with the Pentagon due for a funding boost in 2000 after a decade of stagnant or declining budgets — many senators just couldn't restrain themselves from using this as an opportunity to fund pet projects.

There's the \$3 million being spent on "phyto-remediation in arid lands," and the \$1 million going to the Texas Regional Institute for Environmental Studies.

Don't forget the \$3.5 million going to the "Smart Truck" initiative (maybe the folks in Detroit need a little competition) or the millions being spent on eradicating the tree snake in Hawaii and conducting high-altitude atmospheric research in Alaska. (Alaska and Hawaii are the home states of the top Republican and Democrat, respectively, on the Senate Appropriations Committee.)

In all, McCain counted nearly \$5 billion worth of pork; not a lot in a budget of nearly \$300 billion, but still significant given the shortfalls of manpower and equipment in several key areas.

All the items on McCain's list were things that were not requested by any branch of the service, nor included in the president's budget. McCain

also left off any items included on the Pentagon's "unfunded priorities" list, a wish-list sent to Congress each year of items they'd like to have if there's money left over.

McCain's list is limited to items inserted into the defense bill by senators themselves, without the benefit of congressional hearings. To pay for these projects, the spending bill cuts \$3.1 billion that was supposed to be spent on readiness and modernization — unglamorous stuff like fuel and spare parts.

Instead, there is a seemingly endless array of research projects, obscure weapons systems and items completely unrelated to the national defense. Many of these projects may have merit on their face — but the senators who put them there never bothered to find out by exposing them to normal budgetary scrutiny.

"It's an election issue," says a McCain staffer. "These are lucrative projects for the home state. I think some folks feel that this is also productive research."

What else could explain why the defense budget is being used to fund \$175 million worth of breast cancer research? Or \$75 million worth of research into prostate cancer? Nobody doubts that they're both worthy projects — but vital to the national defense?

Meanwhile, serious readiness problems remain throughout the military. Although service members get a 4.8 percent pay hike in the new budget, the nuclear carrier USS Enterprise was recently deployed to the Persian Gulf with 800 fewer soldiers than it needs; the Army complains that five of its 10 divisions don't have enough majors, captains, tankers or gunners, and only 26 percent of Air Force pilots have re-enlisted beyond their current service agreement.

Perhaps the most egregious example of wasteful spending wasn't even included in McCain's amendment, because it found its way onto the Pentagon's unfunded priorities list. In a deal worked out between the Appropriations Committee and the Air Force, generals will soon have authority to lease six brand-new Gulfstream V executive jets to ferry top brass around the globe. The deal could cost \$500 million over the next 10 years — and yet the Air Force wouldn't even own the planes. But an amendment by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, to cancel the lease authority was also voted down resoundingly.

It's been said many times that the first casualty of war is truth.

If that's the case, then the second casualty surely must be fiscal restraint.



JACK ANDERSON



They are the caretakers of a changing world

It was a middle-school graduation, the casual approach, held in the school lunchroom, with eighth-graders wearing bluejeans and class T-shirts instead of their fancy church clothes.

Outside the May day was flawless, cool and ripe-smelling, as if special-ordered for proud youngsters poised on the cusp of summer.

I was there for my young friend Justin Fitzpatrick, as smart and responsible as a 14-year-old boy can be. He smiled shyly in the direction of his Macon, Ga., grandparents as the long line of graduates inched by the onlookers.

I was struck, as I always am when considering kids this age, by how their faces are still so childlike, their bodies so mature. It is an awkward time of internal and hormonal war, when hearts are worn on

sleeves like emotional chevrons.

Yet the innocence is still there, in the smile and in the eyes. The child is still lurking, looking for guidance.

Over the years, friends have asked why she chooses to teach middle school, Peggy Hughes told the audience. She was one of several teachers presiding.

"I say it's because they're like Saint Bernards — they still love you." But, she added, her middle-school charges have many directions to take, many choices to make.

I found her description appealing and apt. Peggy Hughes knows her subject. She is, by the way, retiring this year after 30 years. She hugged her students as one by one they climbed the riser. When she presented two language arts awards — to Zackery Parker and Tee Todd — the personable Mrs. Hughes noted she had once taught both boys' parents.

Oh, the history she has witnessed.

This school year, in particular, has been memorable, fraught with emotion and change. "It's a year that's been different," Principal Edna

Herndon acknowledged. She was admirably frank with parents and friends who had come bearing their video cameras and hopes.

"I won't tease you. It's been a hard year," Mrs. Herndon said. She mentioned Columbine, Conyers and Carrollton. A lovers' suicide pact in Carrollton's Central High prompted the first school shootings of the year. Two died. The Conyers story, following so closely the Colorado horror, all but eclipsed the horror here.

The middle school has re-evaluated its security precautions in light of all that's happened this year, Mrs. Herndon said, and done its best to maintain a safe school. There have been no bomb threats, and for that she's thankful.

The kids who marched across the riser to grasp a hand and a piece of paper have worked for their recognition, she reminded us. They deserve it.

Suddenly I felt terrible for the youngsters sitting attentively, expectantly, in their casual graduation duds. Considering all that has happened, maybe innocence is only skin-deep. The moment was marred.

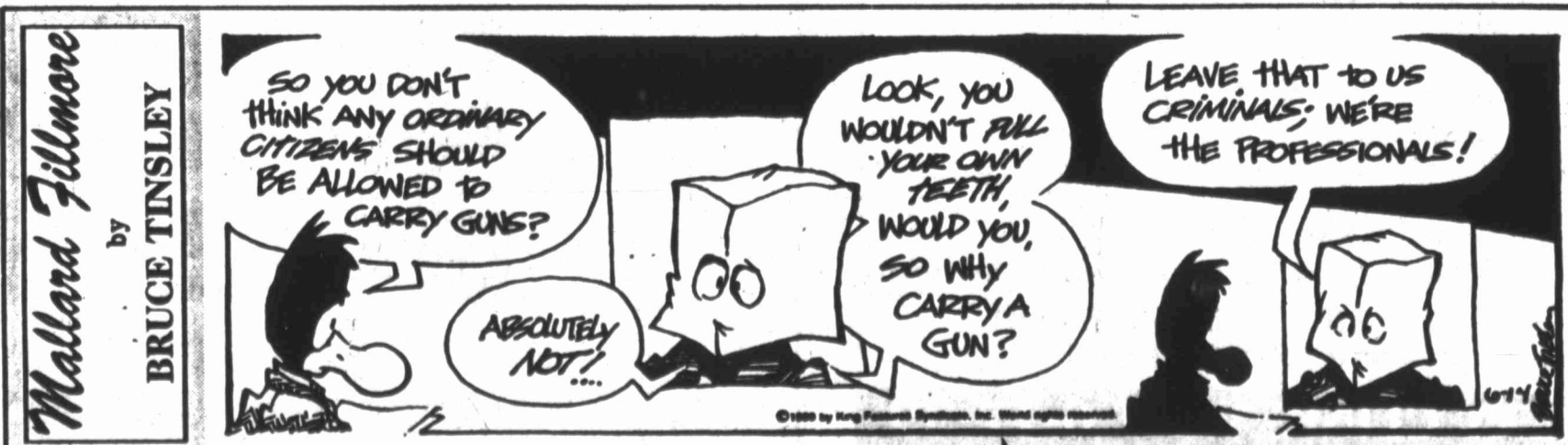
I tried to remember what the principal talked about when my class left junior high school, the Dark Ages equivalent of middle school. It probably was something corny about making a difference, or how America's future depended on us. I can't remember. I may not have been listening.

But I know he didn't have the burden of reassuring our parents about safety in the school.

He didn't need to talk about locked doors and security precautions and neighborhood shootings. Compared with today, his rhetorical chore was a piece of cake.

Soon enough the little ceremony was over. Mrs. Herndon announced there would be a few minutes for congratulations and mingling. Parents hugged their children. A few took more pictures. Students slapped one another on the back and signed one another's T-shirts.

The strange, scary school year had come to an end for this one group of kids. It had gone out with a whimper, a blessedly uneventful spring. Middle school was history, and high school loomed.



Mallard Fillmore
by **BRUCE TINSLEY**

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The Big Spring YMCA will conduct a for young people ages of 5 to 10 June 26.

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For more call Paul G.

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IN BRIEF

American Little League meeting set for tonight

The American Little League has rescheduled an open board meeting for 7 tonight at the American League park.

The meeting had originally been scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

YMCA baseball program slated to begin June 26

The Big Spring YMCA will conduct a baseball program for youngsters between the ages of 5 and 12 beginning June 26.

The program will have 5- and 6-year-olds playing T-ball, while those between the ages of 7 and 9 playing coach pitch baseball.

Games in the seven-week will be played on Saturday mornings at Washington Elementary School and at the International Little League field.

Registration for the program will be \$32 for non-members of the YMCA.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

National Little League slates baseball camp

Big Spring's National Little League will sponsor a baseball camp June 18-20 at the Roy Anderson Complex in hopes of raising enough money to construct a batting cage at its field.

The camp will be conducted by American Baseball Camps with a staff composed of former major and minor league players.

A fee of \$85 is required and is open to youngsters between the ages of 7 and 16.

For additional information, call Paul Gibbs at 263-1976.

Country club schedules tournament for weekend

The Big Spring Country Club will hold its 6-6-6 tournament for Saturday and Sunday with play beginning with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

Originally slated for June 5-6, the event's format will have players playing six holes of low ball, six holes of alternate shot and six holes of scramble play each day.

Fees for the tournament will be \$65 per player plus cart rental. Entry fees include a mulligan and barbecue dinner following play on Saturday.

For more information, call the club's pro shop at 267-5354.

Softball, ragball tourneys rescheduled for July 10

The Spring City Softball and Ragball Tournament has been rescheduled for Saturday, July 10, at the Roy Anderson Baseball/Softball Complex.

The tournament is being sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee.

Entry fees for the 20-team softball tournament will be \$100 per team, while the fee for the 12-team ragball tournament will be \$80 per team.

For more information, call Chris Cole at 264-2100 or Jesse Rios at 264-6129.

Coahoma booster club seeks new softball field

Members of the Coahoma Booster Club are soliciting help for constructing a softball field on the Coahoma High School campus.

Organizers are asking local businesses to help by purchasing billboards that will be hung on the outfield fence.

For more information, call David Elmore at 394-4759, Gary Stovall at 263-3880 or Don Evans at 393-5578.

ON THE AIR

Television MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 6:30 p.m. — Texas Rangers at New York Yankees, TCA Ch. 97. 7 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Houston Astros, TBS and FXS, Ch. 11 and Ch. 29. WOMEN'S PRO BASKETBALL 6:30 p.m. — Washington Mystics at New York Liberty, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Steers put three on all-district team dominated by Andrews

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

It should come as no surprise that Andrews' state champion Mustangs dominated the voting when District 5-4A coaches met to select their all-district baseball team.

In fact, the Mustangs landed almost all of the individual awards conferred by the league's coaches and locked up one-third of the first-team selections.

Spearheaded by the district's most valuable player and Atlanta Braves draftee Chris Trevino, the Mustangs placed eight other players on the first team.

In addition, Mustangs boss Joe Ray Halsey was his peers' choice for coach of the year honors.

Big Spring's Steers, who narrowly missed an opportunity at qualifying for the playoffs with a relatively young and inexperienced lineup, landed two first-team selections and one second-team spot.

The Steers' two first-team selections were outfielders Jason Choate, a sophomore, and Jose Carnero, a junior. Teammate Ryan Guinn, another sophomore, was the second-team catcher.

Choate and Carnero were joined by Andrews' Mike Hudgens and Jeremy Pitkin, Sweetwater's Brandon Phillips and Justin Gee, Snyder's Brad Roemisch and Matt Grimmer and Fort Stockton's Caesar Hernandez in the first-team outfield.

In addition to Trevino, Andrews put two more pitchers on the first unit, seniors P.J. Lewis and August Lewis. The remainder of the pitching staff included Fort Stockton's Nathan Reeves, Snyder's Wes Wilson and Johnny Pena and San Angelo Lake View's Scooter LaFavers and Oscar Solis.

Solis was the only underclassman among the first-team pitchers.

Four catchers were named to the first team — Lake View's Michael Gonzales, Fort Stockton's Jonathan Rojas and

Snyder's tandem of Cory Mandrell and Zach Newberry.

The remainder of the infield positions were two-deep on the first team. Andrews' Brandon Long and Snyder's Clint Hook were the first basemen, while the Mustangs' Gerald Bueno shared the second base spot with Sweetwater's Curt Alexander.

Andrews' Shaud Williams and Lake View's Chris Martinez were the first-team shortstops, while third base belonged to Hector Natividad of Fort Stockton and Josh Ward of Snyder.

Andrews' Adrian DeLaCruz and Snyder's James Shields were the first-team picks for designated hitter, while Fort Stockton's Jeremy Hickman was the utility player.

Those joining Guinn on the second team were first basemen Cody Ashley, third baseman Abelardo Santillan and outfielder Wes Morrison of Lake View; second baseman David Nanez of Fort Stockton; shortstop Matt Rodgers of Snyder; and the Andrews duo of third

baseman Joe Sanchez and outfielder Derek Hicks.

DISTRICT 5-4A All-District Baseball Team SUPERLATIVES

Most Valuable Player: Chris Trevino, Sr., Andrews. Coach of the Year: Joe Ray Halsey, Andrews. Newcomer of the Year: Lee Morrison, Soph., Lake View and Rusty Rantolt, Jr., Sweetwater.

FIRST TEAM Pitchers: Nathan Reeves, Sr., Fort Stockton; P.J. Lewis, Sr., Andrews; August Lewis, Sr., Andrews; Wes Wilson, Sr., Snyder; Johnny Pena, Sr., Snyder; Scooter LaFavers, Sr., Lake View; Oscar Solis, Jr., Lake View.

Catchers: Michael Gonzales, Jr., Lake View; Jonathan Rojas, Sr., Fort Stockton; Cory Mandrell, Sr., Snyder; Zach Newberry, Jr., Snyder. First base: Brandon Long, Sr., Andrews; Clint Hook, Sr., Snyder.

Second base: Gerald Bueno, Sr., Andrews; Curt Alexander, Sr., Sweetwater. Shortstop: Shaud Williams, Sr., Andrews; Chris Martinez, Jr., Lake View.

Third base: Hector Natividad, Soph., Fort Stockton; Josh Ward, Jr., Snyder. Outfielders: Mike Hudgens, Sr., Andrews; Jeremy Pitkin, Sr., Andrews; Brandon Phillips, Sr., Sweetwater; Justin Gee, Sr., Sweetwater; Jason Choate, Soph., Big Spring; Jose Carnero, Jr., Big Spring; Caesar Hernandez, Sr., Fort Stockton.

Designated Hitters: Adrian DeLaCruz, Jr., Andrews; James Shields, Sr., Snyder. Utility: Jeremy Hickman, Sr., Fort Stockton.

SECOND TEAM C Ryan Oelms, Soph., Big Spring; LB Cody Ashley, Sr., Lake View; 2B David Nanez, Sr., Fort Stockton; SS Matt Rodgers, Sr., Snyder; 3B Joe Sanchez, Sr., Andrews; 3B Abelardo Santillan, Sr., Lake View; OF Wes Morrison, Sr., Lake View; OF Derek Hicks, Jr., Andrews.

Rough stock rodeo's top draw

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

What brings fans flocking to rodeos around the country? The answer is simple.

It's the rough stock events, specifically the bull riding that keeps fans glued to their seats at each and every stop on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) circuit.

That will most certainly be the case this week as the 66th annual Big Spring Cowboys Reunion and Rodeo gets under way at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

The rodeo, with performances slated for 8:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, always features two bull riding sets every night.

And as was the case last year, the rodeo will pit some of the PRCA's best cowboys against some every bit as high quality stock.

That stock is being provided by Louisiana-based Auger Rodeo Company, which produced last year's rodeo.

That doesn't mean, however, that fans will find the same old rodeo when the Wednesday's opening performance gets under way.

In fact, the very nature of professional rodeo means there's nothing certain. Every ride for every competitor is different. It's a fact that's as true for the sport's best known stars and it is for rookies on the circuit.

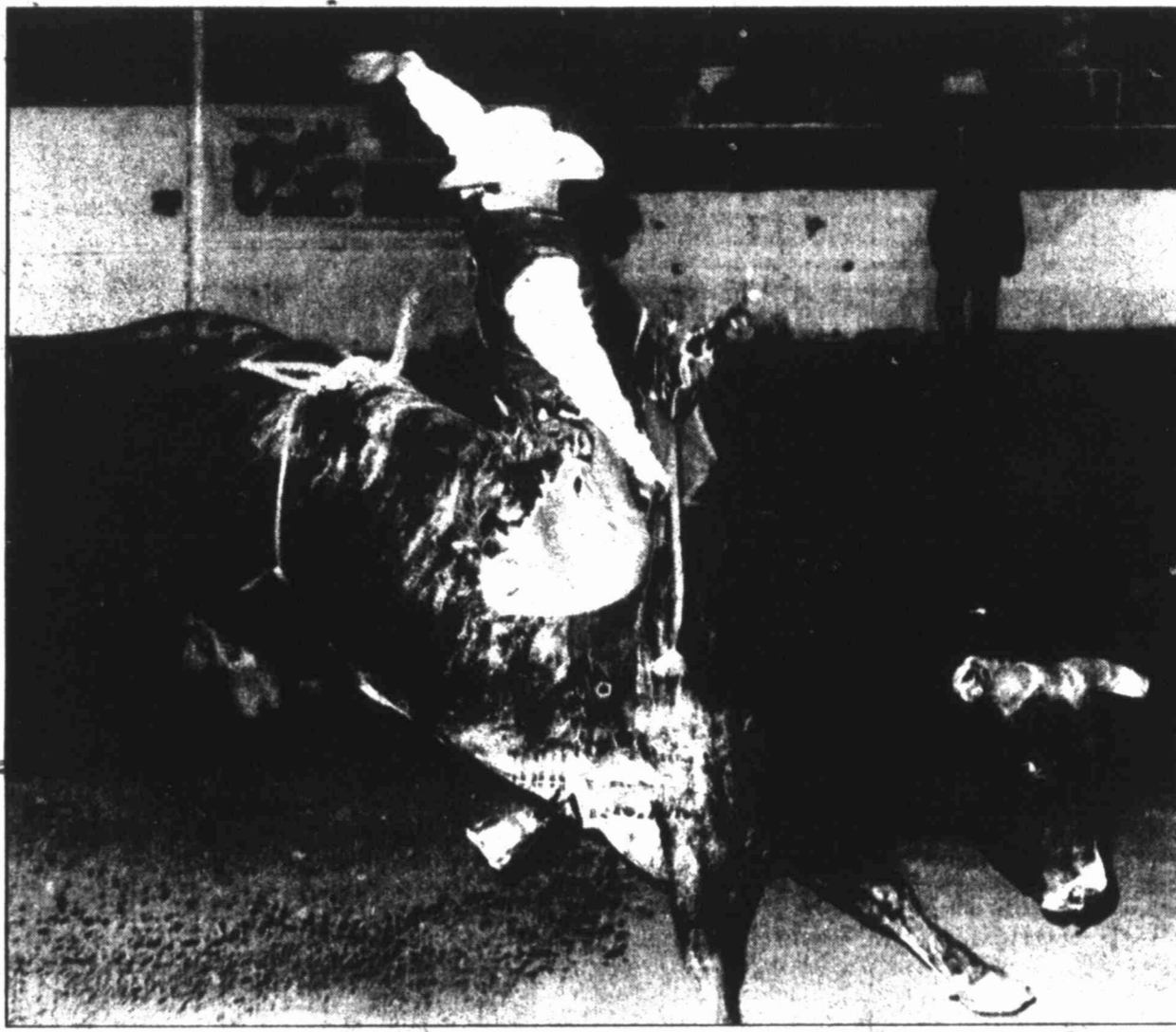
Those professionals will be again be vying for prize money in bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback bronc riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and barrel racing.

Perhaps not enough to draw crowds to the arena on their own, it has become clear that mutton bustin' and Tijuana poker have become mainstay attractions that are among the favorites for Big Spring fans.

Mutton bustin' has become one of the biggest crowd pleasers by featuring youngsters trying to ride sheep for eight seconds.

The event is open to boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 8 who weight 50 pounds or less. Buckles are awarded to all contestants and a pair of boots is given to the winning boy or girl each night.

Each of the young riders is provided with a protective vest



Rider Robey Condry does his best to stay on board for a full eight seconds during the opening night's bull riding during the 1998 Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. The rodeo opens its 66th annual performance Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.

and helmet, just like the professional bullriders wear.

Like the mutton bustin' competition, Tijuana poker will be making its third straight appearance at the rodeo.

While a relatively simple game, it provides a number of thrills for four competitors and fans, alike.

The four contestants, a select group of young cowboys, are placed in the middle of the rodeo arena and play poker while a bull is released.

The cowboys staying seated at the table the longest is declared the winner, even though it is sometimes difficult to determine who earned the prize money following the bull's head-long charge into the table.

One of the biggest changes in the 1999 rodeo's schedule will involve the annual rodeo parade, which is being moved to Saturday afternoon.

Previously the parade was

staged on the morning of the rodeo's final day.

More importantly, this year's winners in the parade's four categories, in addition to receiving an engraved plaque, will be included in Saturday night's grand entry.

Those with plans to attend performances of the rodeo can now purchase tickets in advance and save \$2 per ticket.

Advance tickets are currently on sale, priced at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, and are available through Tuesday at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, State National Bank, Norwest Bank, First Big Spring Banking Center, American State Bank, H.E.B., First Bank of West Texas locations in both Big Spring and Coahoma, Citizens Federal Credit Union and the Kwikie Convenience Store.

Those purchasing tickets at the gate will pay \$7 for adults admission and \$5 for those 12

and younger.

And as always, the rodeo's 66th edition will include a couple of dances with Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboys providing the music.

Nix and his band are scheduled to perform Friday and Saturday.

In addition, a cowboy golf scramble will again be held Thursday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course, as local golfers and rodeo cowboys help raise money for the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund.

All area golfers are invited to participate in the 18-hole, four-person Cowboy Golf Scramble will be placed on teams made up of A, B and C players plus a cowboy golfer.

A \$35 donation to the fund covers use of a golf cart, green fees and a hamburger lunch.

Those interested in playing in the tournament can call Comanche Trail superintendent Jack Birdwell at 264-2366.

Rockies knock off Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Colorado Rockies manager Jim Leyland was impressed with the way Bobby Jones pitched against the Texas Rangers.

Leyland wishes he could pitch like that more often.

Jones allowed only three hits — including back-to-back homers to Juan Gonzalez and Rafael Palmeiro — and struck out seven, and Colorado relievers gave up only two hits the rest of the way as the Rockies beat the Rangers 4-2 on Sunday.

"To give up two runs to that lineup is a hell of an effort," Leyland said. "Bobby has a chance to be a good pitcher. If he gets a better change-up, a better feel for pitches, and gets better command of his pitches, he has a chance."

Jones (2-5), winless in four decisions since May 11, needed the strong performance against a powerful lineup like Texas'.

"If I pitch that way, we'll win a lot of games and I'll keep this team on a roll," said Jones. "You definitely need a win every once in a while."

The Rockies bullpen also played a major role as closer Dave Veres survived a confrontation with the Rangers for the second straight day. Veres struck out Mark McLemore and Ruben Mateo with runners on first and third to notch his ninth save.

In other interleague games, it was the Baltimore 22, Atlanta 1; New York Mets 5, Boston 4; Cleveland 7, Cincinnati 3; Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 0; Toronto 7, Philadelphia 2; Pittsburgh 8, Kansas City 4; Detroit 3, St. Louis 1 in 10 innings; Florida 8, the New York Yankees 2; Oakland 9, Los Angeles 3; San Francisco 8, Seattle 4; the Chicago White Sox 6, Chicago Cubs 4; and Arizona 3, Anaheim 1 in 13 innings.

The only National League game, San Diego at Houston, was suspended in the eighth inning after Astros manager Larry Dierker had a seizure in the dugout.

Mateo made his major league debut with a two-run homer on Saturday night, and that got the Colorado pitching staff's attention.

In driver's seat, Miami just trying to avoid wreck at CWS

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Alex Santos won without his best stuff as Miami beat Alabama at the College World Series. The Hurricanes are two victories from the national title that has eluded coach Jim Morris.

Now comes the hard part. "There's no question this is a very, very important game to put us in the driver's seat," Morris said after Miami's 8-1 victory Sunday. "But just because you're in the driver's seat doesn't mean you can't wreck."

The Hurricanes and Morris were in the same spot in 1997. After beating Alabama in the second round, Miami got an extra day off but lost to the Crimson Tide in two subsequent games.

Alabama (52-15) plays Tuesday against Rice (59-14), which beat Oklahoma State 7-2 to eliminate the Cowboys. Top-seeded Miami (49-13) will wait to play the Rice-Alabama survivor on Wednesday.

"We've never won the second game

here and it's a tougher road," said Alabama coach Jim Wells. "We'll have to play well, hope to win and see a light at the end of the tunnel."

Today, Stanford (49-13) meets Florida State (54-12). In an elimination game, Texas A&M (52-17) plays Cal State-Fullerton (49-13).

The Hurricanes have made the trip to Omaha in each of six seasons under Morris but they're still seeking a championship to go with the two won in 1982 and 1985 by former coach Ron Fraser.

A fourth-round draft pick by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Santos (12-3) threw a four-hitter while Kevin Brown homered off the left field foul pole and Miami got 14 hits to end Alabama's 16-game winning streak.

A lanky right-hander who relies on precisely placed fastballs, Santos hit one batter and walked four but still struck out six in 6 2/3 innings.

"I don't think it was as good as it has

been in the past," Santos said. "Thankfully enough, I was able to throw strikes when I had to. But my control wasn't what it was supposed to be."

The Hurricanes scored three runs in the seventh to stretch a 3-1 lead and break open a pitching duel with Alabama's Manny Torres (10-3).

Michael Neu threw the last 2 1/3 innings for his 14th save. He replaced Santos with runners at first and second and two outs in the seventh, walking the first batter he faced to load the bases before G.W. Keller fled out.

Santos had allowed only an infield hit through five innings before Andy Phillips doubled to lead off the sixth, stretching his SEC-record hitting streak to 35 games.

Keller followed with a first-pitch double to the corner in left, scoring Phillips to pull the Tide within 2-1. Santos responded by striking out Jeremy Brown, Kelley Gullledge and Darren

Wood.

In the late game, Rice right-hander Kenny Baugh made big escapes in the first and second innings. Oklahoma State loaded the bases with no outs both times but came away with no runs.

"When you've got a defense behind you, you just go after the hitters," Baugh said. "They've been picking me up all year."

In the first, Baugh struck out Josh Holliday and Lamont Matthews, who came to Omaha leading the nation with 105 RBIs but went 0-for-7 with five strikeouts at the CWS. Baugh then got Jay McCullough on a force play.

In the second, Carlos Gautreaux grounded to third, where Rice's Matt Fox stepped on the bag for the first out and threw home to get Toby Rhodes. Kevin Lucas then fled out to left.

Afterward, Baugh was asked if he felt lucky. He sidestepped the question, praising his teammates.

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Ideas are abundant both within and around you, especially about making money and increasing your own marketability. Be open to outside suggestions, but never underestimate who you are and what you have to offer. Be careful when it comes to taking risks, especially involving a child or loved one. If you are single, sort through options carefully. You do have a lot of admirers! Develop a good friendship as well as a love relationship. If attached, allow your partner or mate to have a greater role in your life. Become a team, financially as well as emotionally. CANCER is full of inspiration.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***Stick to the fundamentals. Have a discussion with a family member. Honor security first. You could easily become frustrated and lose your temper. Getting angry helps no one, not even you! Find words to convey your frustration. You can make a difference! Tonight: Lounge around the house.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
****Make use of your communication skills. Sharing ideas and respecting each other's opinions is instrumental in making positive changes. Sort through work demands; discern what is absolutely necessary and what isn't. You could get frustrated with a coworker. Tonight: On the phone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***Your possessive side emerges. You might not be sure about which way to go. Keep a high profile. Refuse to be intimidated by another in a money matter. This person wants to do things his way, but you could be uncomfortable with your risk. Be careful with your commitments. Tonight: Pay bills.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
****You're amazing, and everyone knows it! Examine your long-term desires when dealing with a family member who could be a bit aggressive and pushy. You know how to handle his energy. Make a long-needed change on the home-front. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***The answers lie within. Think through a decision rather than acting on it. Refuse to be pushed. Take your time and do the needed research. Your sense of humor emerges if you don't overreact to another's curiosity. Pace yourself. Don't be coerced to act before you are ready. Tonight: Take a night off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
****Be careful about spending. Halt unnecessary extravagance. Your sense of humor comes out with a friend. Discussions are animated, lively and directed. Brainstorm, exchange news - even swap a joke or two. Your sense of direction emerges. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
****You can only push so far and so hard. Even you, the zodiac's diplomat, could lose your temper. Be more aware of work, image and demands. Have discussions with others, but don't feel you need to take their word literally. Take a break at lunch and do something just for you. Tonight: In the linelight!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
****Listen to news. Seek alternatives and new sources of information. You might not have the complete story. As you attempt to come to terms with another's opinions, you could feel frustrated. There might be another solution. Pull back, don't trigger. Answers come forth. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
****Determine what is important to a partner. You might need to pull and tug in order to get the information you are seeking. Another doesn't mean to be coy, he just wants to be sure that you are receptive to his ideas. A friend makes demands that you can't meet right now. Tonight: With the gang.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***Follow a different drummer; veer-off the beaten path. Examine another's ideas, though you might not be comfortable with them. Pressure from a boss or a higher-up could be a bit disconcerting. You feel you're being pulled in several directions. Decide what you want to respond to. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
****Emphasis is on work and accomplishment. Though a lot comes across your desk, you can handle it. Still, information from a distance could spin you in several different directions. Understand your limitations. Stay focused on what you feel is important. Tonight: Try a stress-buster.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
****You may feel torn between two alternatives or courses of action and may be unsure about which way to go. Tap into your imagination, allow more spontaneity into your life. Take time for a child or a new friendship. A demanding partner or associate could irritate you. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

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DEAR ABBY: Our national flag, "Old Glory," does not get the respect today that it deserves. The enclosed piece titled "Remember Me?" may remind our citizens to respect it and honor those who have died in battle so that "Old Glory" could continue to fly over the land of the free. Please print it again.

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DEAR CLAY: Thank you for reminding me of this moving piece. Today is Flag Day, and I'm reprinting it to remind American citizens to respect our national flag, and in turn, honor our veterans who bravely fought in days past, and our servicemen and women taking part in the Kosovo operations even now.

REMEMBER ME?
by David C. Graham
Hello. Remember me? Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star-Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your flag, the flag of the United States of America.

Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you - because it is about you and me.

I remember some time ago, people would line up on both sides of the street to watch the parade, and naturally I was leading every one, proudly waving in the breeze.

When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart - remember?

And you, I remember, were standing there, straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat,

but you were giving the right salute. Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart - remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I've added a few more stars since you were a boy, and a lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now, somehow, I don't feel as proud as I used to feel. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets. You may give me a small glance, and then you look away. I see children running around you shouting; they don't seem to know who I am.

I saw one man take his hat off, then he looked around, and when he didn't see anybody else take off their hat, he quickly put his on again.

Is it a sin to be patriotic today? Have you forgotten what I stand for, and where I have been? Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea and Vietnam!

Take a look at the memorial honor rolls, and see the names of those patriotic Americans who gave their lives to keep this republic free. When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So when you see me, please stand straight and place your hand over your heart, and I'll know that you remembered. I'll salute you by waving back!

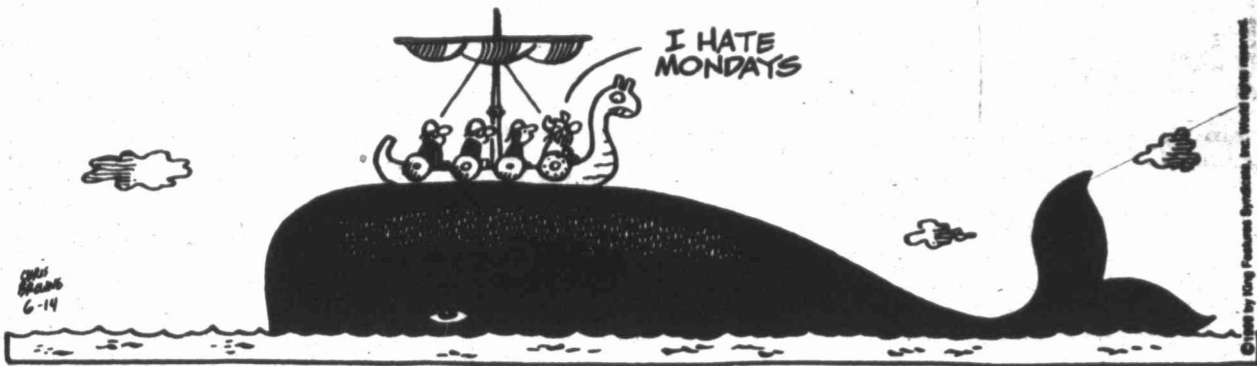
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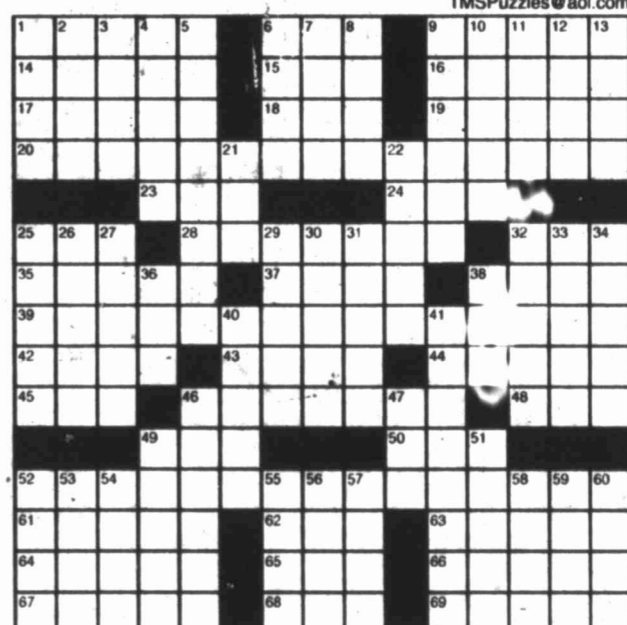
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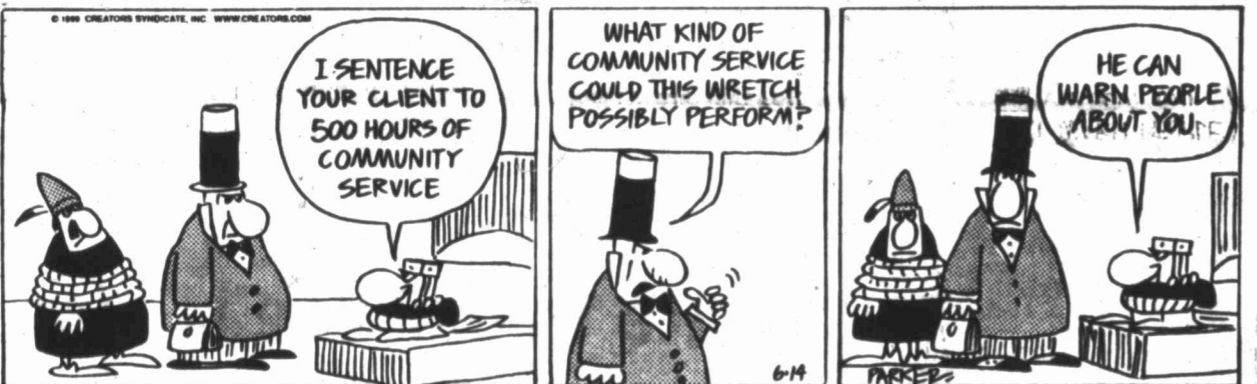


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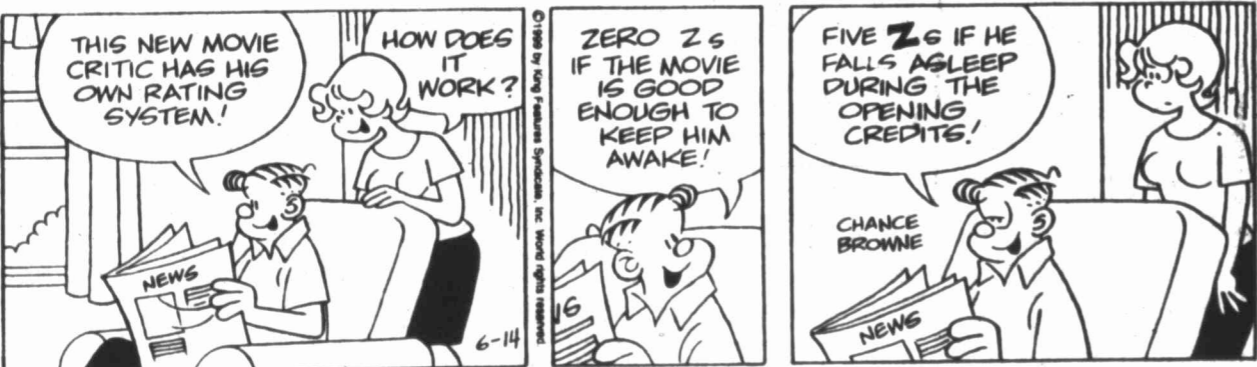
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