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Positively ...
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planned Saturday

Organizers are preparing for Saturday's Crossroads Community Concert featuring Allen Wayne Damron. He will perform at the Municipal Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door, but \$3 off coupons are available at the chamber of commerce office and several other local businesses this week.

Damron performs folk music, Texas music, and some children's songs. He is also scheduled to open the Pops in the Park program here July 3.

Community Concert Series planners are seeking alternate locations for three more summer concerts in July and August, since the Municipal Auditorium will be undergoing renovations.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ 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.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

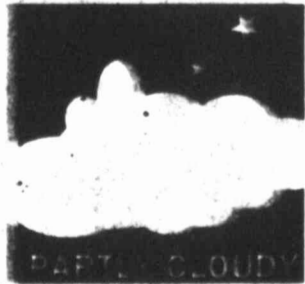
□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m.

□ Rackle-Swords Chapter 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

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StarTek incentives focus for Moore board

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Moore Development for Big Spring board of directors is expected to approve an incentive package for StarTek, USA when it meets Wednesday.

"Right now we're focusing on the College Park Shopping Center building



SHARP

(the old grocery store building), but we are not ruling out any options," said Kent Sharp, executive director for Moore Development.

StarTek, USA, an international company that employs 6,000 people around the world, is considering opening a 375-employee telephone support call center in Big Spring.

A conference call between StarTek officials and Moore Development officials is scheduled for Wednesday evening after the board of director's meeting, he said.

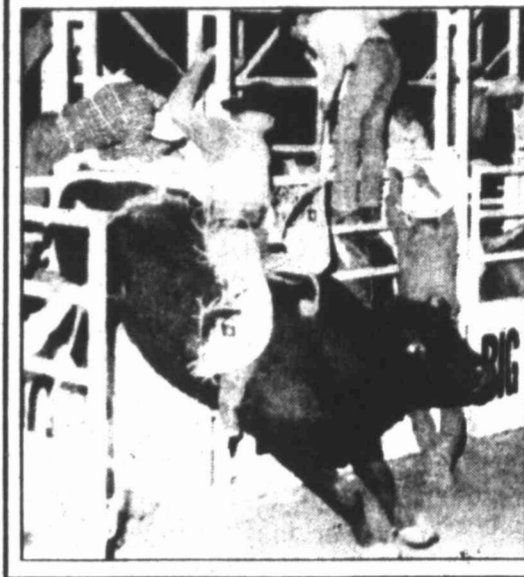
Sharp said the directors will

continue to prepare an incentive package for approval by StarTek that also meets local needs, and StarTek officials are expected to visit Big Spring to examine properties for a possible location for the telephone call center here.

While the old Kmart building on FM 700 remains a remote possibility, Sharp said timing and price for that building could not be successfully negotiated within the time line StarTek officials have provided.

If negotiations are successful-

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Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo performances are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday at the Rodeo Bowl. Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. The parade begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. See editorial, Page 4, and article, Page 5.

HERALD file photo

Crunch time for academy students



Citizen's Fire Academy student Garner Thixton handles the "Jaws of Life" spreader, a tool used by firefighters to gain entry into a wrecked vehicle during a rescue operation.

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Garner Thixton learned firsthand how heavy the "Jaws of Life" spreader is to handle during a recent class of the Citizen's Fire Academy.

Thixton, along with fellow classmates Stephanie Ferguson, Brad Smith, Robert Ragan and Marsha Jones mangled and cut metal to remove vehicle doors during the Extrication class of the academy.

"The spreaders become easier to handle, once you have experience," said Mitch Gill, who along with Lt. Robert Muller, taught the class.

A spreader, or "Jaws of Life" as is commonly known, weighs 52 pounds. The design of the

tool and the inflexibility of the metal makes handling the spreader an awkward experience.

Muller also instructed the students in cutting a vehicle with Cutters, and also allowed students to "dash roll" using the Ram.

"Our most important priority is the patient. Our job is to get in there and get the person out and not hurt them more than they already are," Muller said.

Extrication tools became available on the market in the early 1960s, he said. The first tool, a Hurst spreader, was nicknamed the "Jaws of Life," and while other manufacturers have created the same tool, the nickname has stuck to all such spreaders, he said.

"What we have is a Homaltr Spreaders, another brand. They all function the same way," Muller said.

By function, Muller means the capabilities the tool has to pop open a smashed vehicle door. The spreader has two long prongs which spread apart, using a hydraulic handle similar to a motorcycle throttle.

Powered by a gasoline engine about the size of a lawn mower motor, the spreader is connected to hydraulic air cords that pump fluid to the tool.

"This tool has an open push force of 33,000 pounds, and it will pull 20,000 pounds. The tips come off both sides for dif-

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Ag Complex

FSA and NRCS agencies to relocate in remodeled USDA Research Center

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

In a measure that has been a long time in the making but will still be a first of its kind,

the USDA Service Center here will be remodeled to include offices for the Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service.



STENHOLM

Architectural plans will be completed this week, and bids on the estimated \$450,000 project are scheduled to be let and awarded within 45 days. Remodeling is scheduled to begin the first week of August with completion of the facility expected in March 2000.

"With the establishment of a USDA Service Center, all three agencies will be able to reduce their operating costs through the sharing of facilities, while at the same time providing improved service to the public," said U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Stamford. "This is a win-win situation for those who use these agencies and for the American taxpayer."

It also assures that the Research Center will remain here for some time to come, said Dr. Dan Upchurch, Director of the Cropping Systems Research Laboratory in Lubbock and also the research leader of the Wind Erosion and Water Conser-

vation Research Unit.

"It's going to solidify the presence of the USDA in Big Spring," he said.

"It will be a unique USDA Service Center in that it will span from research to program implementation with the Farm Service Agency, through the technology efforts of the National Resources Conservation Service. As far as I know, this is the first example of all three agencies being collocated in one field office."

Collocation of the agencies is not a new concept, but this may be the first instance in which it is occurring.

"In 1994, I worked on legislation to reorganize the USDA, recognizing the importance of collocating offices to streamline USDA's operations and allow the public to do one-stop shopping," said Stenholm. "It has taken us almost two years to make collocation possible and that has been frustrating, but it has been a pleasure working with USDA personnel to bring this about and I am very pleased that USDA services will soon be sharing office space and improving their delivery of services."

"The agencies will share telephones, computers, office supplies, specialized equipment, computers, data bases, aerial photography and satellite facilities."

"It will decrease the cost of operations for all three agencies," said Upchurch. "We'll be sharing the operational cost."

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Rains leave Crossroads Area cotton farmers optimistic

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Cotton farmers in the Crossroads Area are in general agreement — the recent rains have improved the crop outlook, and now what is needed is sunshine for a few weeks.

"It's been real good," said Coahoma area farmer John Wayne Metcalf. "The rain has been excellent for us out here. There's a very few places that may have to be replanted. But overall, it's real good."

"We need some warm, sunny days, and in about another



METCALF

FRYAR

two weeks another good rain. But right now we need to let it dry out, get back in the field and fertilize it and let it take off."

Lanny Fryar was getting concerned because his cotton is up

and was already getting dry from the hot, windy days. The sandy soil he farms along the Martin-Howard County line was already beginning to blow.

"It was the best thing we could have ever gotten," said Fryar, referring to 1.4 inches of rain that fell on his crops last week. "It's wetter out here than it's been in about two years. We got some subsoil moisture earlier in the year, so we've got some moisture to help plants through those hot dry days better than we would have."

Three weeks of warm weather to get the crop growing well, then another inch of rain is

what Fryar is hoping for.

"Course you know us farmer's we aren't ever satisfied," he said with a laugh. "It's either too much or not enough."

Gerald Hanson figures 80 to 85 percent of the cotton is up in southern Martin County and looks for the remainder to be up this week.

"All the cotton has pretty well been planted. We don't have a lot of underground moisture, but it's looking good," Hanson said. "We're going to have to have some more rain, of course. But I'd say we're in pretty good shape at least until it gets to squaring, blooming, you know."

Like Fryar, Hanson said the wind has been the biggest problem.

"We've had some that's been a little sand burnt, some that looked like it was fixin' to blow out, but this helps. It's wetter than it's been in a couple of years right now."

"It's looking real good," said Horace Tubbs, who has crops throughout the area, including Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties. "But we'll take some more. We were digging post-holes and after you get down about 10 inches, it's dry down

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CISD search for principal, athletic director moving on

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Coahoma Independent School District board of trustees will continue the process of hiring a high school principal and athletic director, and are expected to reach a decision during a June 22 special meeting.

"Our search for a high school principal is about complete, and we have interviewed three candidates for athletic director and have three more to interview," said Dr. Bill Kingston, superintendent for Coahoma.

"I expect we will be able to make a recommendation to the school board June 22 for both positions," he said.

Keith Price, former high school principal, resigned from his position mid-winter, but continued his employment in a consulting capacity for the district until year's end. Price returned to teaching, he said.

And athletic director and head football coach Jim Edwards resigned at the end of the 1998-99 school year, to take a

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Wal-Mart manager Daryl Holley, left, presents a check to JoAnne Hudson of Special Olympics Area 18, right, while, in back, coach Kay Wiley and police officers Lurra Liedecke and Gilbert Barraza look on. The \$1,600 donation was a match for the amount raised by the Law vs. the HOGs volleyball tournament that took place in the store parking lot. The fund-raising effort was part of the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Allies watching for Serbs to meet first deadline for troop withdrawal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clinton administration officials say they are satisfied that the Yugoslav military is making a sincere effort to meet today's deadline for emptying a swath of southern Kosovo of all soldiers and police. The territory includes a section of Kosovo being patrolled by American troops.

It remained unclear how NATO would respond if it discovered Serb stragglers.

"They are making a strong effort to get them out," the

Pentagon's chief spokesman, Kenneth Bacon, said Monday. "I can't predict now, 24 hours before the deadline, what will happen. But they are certainly making a very strong effort to get them out."

His comments suggested doubt that the deadline would be met. NATO had said it would resume bombing Yugoslavia if the Serbs deliberately dragged their feet in leaving Kosovo, a province of Serbia, although Bacon's description of the Serb withdrawal effort seemed to

indicate a willingness to let the deadline slide a little.

"The roads are jammed, so they're having a hard time getting them out," he said. "But we basically see a strong effort to try to comply."

As the Serbs pulled out, NATO troops continued to pour in, numbering about 14,000 as of Monday. They include 1,000 U.S. Army soldiers and 900 U.S. Marines, the vanguard of a U.S. force eventually to total 7,000.

A contingent of about 200 Russian troops remained at the

Pristina airport in central Kosovo while U.S. and NATO officials sought to work out an arrangement for the Russians to participate in a peacekeeping force under NATO control. The Russians are pushing to have their own geographic sector of Kosovo to patrol while resisting NATO's demand that all peacekeepers in Kosovo answer to NATO authorities.

Defense Secretary William Cohen made plans to meet Russian Defense Minister Marshall Igor Sergeev on

Wednesday and Thursday in Helsinki, Finland, to hash out the peacekeeping dispute. They were to be joined by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov.

More Russian peacekeepers were heading toward Kosovo today, the Defense Ministry said. Russia had sent an 11-vehicle convoy from Bosnia to resupply its troops.

Russian control of the airport has caused an embarrassing diplomatic standoff. The sur-

prise arrival of the Russian troops ahead of NATO has given Moscow greater leverage in negotiations over its place in the peacekeeping force.

Albright told a White House news conference Monday a range of issues would be discussed at the Helsinki talks. Despite the stalemate at Pristina, "there has not been long-term damage from this" to U.S.-Russian relations, Albright said. "We'll work the Russian part out because there is good will," she added.

Four people die in fiery I-20 crash in Arlington

ARLINGTON (AP) — Four people were killed Monday on Interstate 20 in southwest Arlington when a car blew a tire and careened across a grassy median into oncoming lunch-hour eastbound traffic.

Charles Andrew Mogayzel, 29, of Arlington lost control of his vehicle only minutes after leaving Medical Center of Arlington, where his wife gave birth to twins the day before.

Mogayzel died in the crash along with his son, Zack, 5; his mother, Nancy Elizabeth Mogayzel, 61, of Brooksville, Fla.; and Mitchell Gilliam, 35, of Arlington.

Entering the eastbound lanes, Mogayzel's Ford Taurus set off a seven-vehicle collision. Gilliam was traveling alone in a Ford Ranger pickup and collided with one of the other vehicles with such force that the pickup's frame bowed up and the front section was crushed flush with the windshield.

Three people were injured, one critically.

Investigators said the fiery collision was the worst in the city since 1991, when five people riding in a pickup were killed when the driver fell

asleep and crashed into a light pole off Interstate 30.

As rescuers pulled Mogayzel's body from the wreckage, he was still wearing a hospital wristband. A police spokesman said that only minutes earlier, the three had left the hospital.

Arlington police chaplain Harold Elliott said his assignment to break the news to Mogayzel's wife was among the most difficult of his career.

She had seen news footage about the wreck on TV shortly before Elliott arrived and feared that something bad had happened.

"I just confirmed — she went into shock," Elliott said. "It's the second time I've had to tell someone that their entire family is gone."

Wreckage from the collision was scattered along the interstate for more than 100 yards. Witnesses said some of the survivors were so dazed that they didn't call out for help.

"The most people said was 'Please help me,'" said Ruby Neighbors, who watched the accident unfold as she drove west on the highway. She stopped to help. "We had to wake people up," she said.

McGraw-Hill dominate at TNN Country Music awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Six of the 12 trophies at the TNN Music City News Country Awards went to the husband-and-wife team of Faith Hill and Tim McGraw. Country's power couple will have to share two of them.

One of the few major awards McGraw and Hill didn't win Monday evening was the top prize, Entertainer of the Year. Neither was nominated, and Neal McCoy beat George Strait, Garth Brooks, Alan Jackson and Shania Twain to win it for the second straight year. All sell more CDs than McCoy.

"You really don't know how big a deal this is for me," McCoy said. "We bust our butts over 200 dates a year."

McGraw was named best male vocalist, and Hill best female vocalist. Their duet "Just to Hear You Say That You Love Me" won best vocal collaboration and song. Hill's pop-crossover hit "This Kiss" won for best video and single.

"I feel greedy all of a sudden," Hill said after winning her third award, the best single honor. She started the evening as the top nominee with seven, and left the top winner with five.

After beating Brooks, Jackson, Strait and Vince Gill to win best male vocalist, McGraw quipped: "I'm glad my

AWARD WINNERS

- Entertainer:** Neal McCoy
 - Male Artist:** Tim McGraw
 - Female Artist:** Faith Hill
 - Male star of tomorrow:** Michael Peterson
 - Female star of tomorrow:** Dixie Chicks
 - Vocal duo-group:** Brooks & Dunn
 - Vocal band:** Dixie Chicks
 - Vocal collaboration:** Faith Hill and Tim McGraw, "Just to Hear You Say That You Love Me"
 - Single:** Faith Hill, "This Kiss"
 - Video:** Faith Hill, "This Kiss"
 - Album:** George Strait, "One Step at a Time"
 - Song:** Tim McGraw & Faith Hill, "Just to Hear You Say That You Love Me"
 - Living legend award:** Charlie Daniels
 - Minnie Pearl award for charity work:** Roy Clark
- Strait was the only performer to beat Hill in a category in which she was nominated, winning

best album for "One Step at a Time" over Hill's "Faith." The Dixie Chicks were named best vocal band and female star of tomorrow. The band was formed at Dallas in 1989. Brooks & Dunn took home their fourth trophy for best vocal duo, and Michael Peterson was named male star of tomorrow.

Editors of the Music City News fan magazine named Charlie Daniels, a veteran with hits like "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," a living legend.

"I would like to thank my

three favorite people: the Father, Son and Holy Ghost," Daniels said. Lee Roy Parnell, Deana Carter, Vassar Clements and Steve Wariner joined Daniels to play his song, "The South's Gonna Do It."

A panel of industry leaders selected Roy Clark to receive the Minnie Pearl Award for charity work.

Jackson, Gill and George Jones were among the performers on the show, which was televised live by The Nashville Network.

Judge bows out of dispute over ownership of Mount Carmel

WACO (AP) — A Texas judge is bowing out of a dispute over ownership of the 77-acre compound east of here where the Branch Davidian leader and his followers lived and died.

Judge Alan Mayfield will issue a formal ruling later in the week, but decided during a pretrial hearing Monday against allowing his 74th State District Court to become involved.

Mayfield said his court has no jurisdiction to determine matters of theology, church doctrine and religious beliefs.

The dispute is between followers of David Koresh, who lived at Mount Carmel about 10 miles east of Waco, and a man who claims to be the divinely appointed leader of the Branch Davidian Seventh-Day Adventist Association.

Douglas Mitchell sought to block followers of Koresh from using the name of the association or claiming ownership of the property.

"I don't believe a jury could approach these issues without invading the First Amendment rights," Mayfield said.

The trial against defendants Clive Doyle and other followers of Koresh was to have begun in Mayfield's court on Monday.

A tentative trial date for a lawsuit filed by Koresh's followers to gain clear title to the property was set for June 28 in

Mayfield's court. But court officials said Monday that a trial postponement is likely.

Koresh and 76 followers died in a fire on April 19, 1993, at the compound. In the raid that led to the siege, four federal agents died and 16 were wounded. Six Davidians died in the gun battle.

Mitchell claims to have lived at Mount Carmel from 1982 to 1984 while it was under the leadership of Lois Roden.

Mitchell said Monday that he will appeal Mayfield's ruling to the 10th Court of Appeals in Waco. He also threatened to sue the judge and others who oppose his attempt to establish that he is the new president and

leader of the association, the "one true believer" and owner of the land.

Mitchell contends that Koresh — and now Koresh's surviving followers led by Doyle — violated church bylaws and changed the name of the true association, thereby relinquishing their claim to the property.

Amo Bishop Roden, who has said that she was married "by contract" to the late Branch Davidian ex-leader George Roden, also claims ownership.

Ms. Roden alleges she is the new president of the association based on a "spiritual message" she received. She intervened in Mitchell's lawsuit and in the lawsuit over ownership of the

land.

Doyle, who survived the fire at Mount Carmel six years ago, has said his group has clear title to the land because they have maintained it, established a memorial there and have paid the taxes on the land.

Doyle, and the group's attorney, Percy Isgitt of Houston, have said they are eager to resolve the land dispute and other issues because the group wants to provide more affordable housing there for many of the elderly followers of Koresh.

"We have had some attacks from other members or former members of the Branch Davidians who have tried to assert their individual claims," Isgitt said.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Let's make this parade the best in rodeo history

The 66th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo will get under way at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday with the first of four rodeo performances at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

And just as in years past, the rodeo offers something of interest for virtually everyone.

Not only does the rodeo bring some of the sport's top athletes, members of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA), to compete on some of the best stock Auger Rodeo Co. can provide, but gives opportunities for young and old alike to take part in a variety of events.

A cowboy scramble benefiting the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund will give local golfers a chance to play with professional athletes competing in the rodeo on Thursday; local youngsters aspiring to one day stand in the arena's spotlight will get a chance to compete in each performance's mutton bustin' event; and of course anyone wanting to ride in the grand entry at the start of each performance is encouraged to do so.

In addition, organizers are enlisting entries for the rodeo's parade scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, and that's an event that anyone in the community is welcomed to enter.

Sponsored by the Herald and KBST Radio, the parade is open to groups interested in building floats, owners of classic and custom cars, riding clubs, and individuals wanting to decorate bicycles.

The parade is scheduled to form at the intersection of 10th and Main. It will proceed north around the Howard County Courthouse square, turn south on Scurry Street and disband at the intersection of 10th and Scurry.

Judges will determine the winners of awards in each of the parade's categories. Engraved plaques will be presented to the first-, second- and third-place entries in each of the four categories and Fiesta Dodge will provide a \$100 prize for the winner of the bicycle decorating contest.

In addition, the winning entries in each category will be included in the grand entry for Saturday's final performance.

Since this year's parade will be the final rodeo parade of the 20th Century, every effort is being made to make it the biggest and best in the rodeo's 66-year history.

As co-sponsors of the parade, we here at the Herald encourage the entire community to get involved and make sure you're a part of the best rodeo parade we've ever had.

Entry forms are available at the newspaper's offices at 710 Scurry and at KBST Radio's offices at 608 Johnson.

There is no fee for taking part in the parade, just complete an entry form, get your vehicle, float or riding club ready and be there in time to line up for the procession.

We look forward to seeing you there, just as we look forward to seeing everyone at the Rodeo Bowl for each night's performance.

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DOE labs obviously had open-door policy

Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., is on a roll. Thanks to his committee's well-received report detailing Chinese espionage at government weapons labs, Cox is enjoying some of the most favorable press coverage in recent Washington history.



JAN MOLLER

"Cox has achieved what some saw as impossible: bipartisan agreement in the era of the politics of personal destruction," gushed a recent article in the Washington Post. By sharing the spotlight with committee Democrats — and refusing to engage in the type of partisan bomb-throwing that's characterized previous Clinton scandals — Cox has become popular enough that some Republicans are urging him to run for the U.S. Senate next year.

Yet the accolades have come at a cost: The White House damage control machine stripped the public report of many details that would have been embarrassing to Clinton. And sources tell us that political considerations also kept the report from identifying what many see as the root of the security problem: lax oversight and management by the University of California, which has run three Department of Energy labs for more than 50

years. Though Cox is a graduate of the University of Southern California, he represents a district that includes the University of California-Irvine.

A close examination of the public record suggests that much of the criticism focused on the DOE should also be shouldered by university officials. In the best Washington tradition, these officials are only too happy to accept the money that Congress sends them — yet eager to pass the buck at the first whiff of scandal.

The General Accounting Office, an investigative arm of Congress, has often been critical of the university's lab management.

A major problem has been that ultimate responsibility for oversight was never clearly spelled out between the DOE and the university.

With little accountability, neither side has much incentive to fix problems when they arise.

It's not surprising, then, that both university officials (who recently received a top-secret briefing from the lab managers) and DOE officials are now exploiting that ambiguity.

"The university was told that the federal government was handling security," one buck-passing official wrote in an internal university exchange shortly after espionage allegations began appearing in the press.

"I think the time has come to reevaluate (that) relationship," he wrote.

For his part, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson threatened to open the contract

to competition (for the first time in 50 years) — which he has since backed away from. University employees outnumber government officials by 60 to 1 at the labs, so changing partners would be a difficult undertaking.

Allegations of espionage at the labs have also reignited the long-running debate between openness and secrecy. Where university officials push for openness as a way of fostering a "campus-like" academic atmosphere, government bureaucrats have often pushed for greater secrecy.

Take, for example, the foreign visitors program. As early as 1980, the GAO reported that required background checks were being performed for fewer than 10 percent of the visitors from sensitive countries prior to their visit.

As a result, visitors with questionable backgrounds — including those with foreign intelligence services — obtained access to the labs.

Between the late 1980s and the mid 1990s, the annual number of foreign visitors increased from about 3,800 to 6,400, while those from sensitive countries increased from about 500 to 1,825 per year.

In 1994, the University of California requested — and the DOE granted — an exemption to the background check requirements for the Los Alamos lab.

"Los Alamos allowed unescorted after-hours access to controlled areas to preserve what one official described as an open 'campus atmosphere,'" wrote the GAO. The FBI became so disgusted with the way the labs were handling

security that they left. With nobody clear on who was coming or going in the labs, it shouldn't come as a surprise that the labs became a one-stop shopping center for nuclear knowledge. DOE officials could have punished these lapses, but instead chose to boost the labs' year-end "management fees" from around \$10 million to between \$15 million and \$20 million each.

The DOE provides the university a base of \$2.5 billion annually to manage and operate three labs: Lawrence Livermore, Lawrence Berkeley and Los Alamos. Approximately 60 percent of the budgets at Los Alamos and Livermore are devoted to weapons research. If the university lost the contract, hundreds of non-classified research projects could be left high and dry.

The contract is renegotiated every five years. Although a large portion of the faculty oppose the university's involvement in the labs, school officials worried about the bottom line continue the relationship.

"I think the whole question of the structure and management of the labs is a very fair question, and I think there's no doubt that we've opened the door to that debate," Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., chair of the House Select Intelligence Committee, told our associate Ashley Baker. "I think it's a legitimate question to ask."

A long history of screw-ups makes the question especially legitimate.

But if the past is any guide, fundamental reform will have to wait for another scandal.

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Propaganda about Palestinians being upended

Dr. Benny Morris is an Israeli-born-and-educated historian and one of several who have upended Israeli propaganda about the Palestinians. What follows are direct quotations published in Israel and translated by Dr. Israel Shahak, a professor of chemistry and Holocaust survivor.



CHARLEY REESE

Rami Tal interviewed Morris for the newspaper Yediot Ahranot in December 1994. Tal: "What attracted you to the eviction of Palestinian Arabs during the War of Liberation?" Morris: "Till then everyone in Israel spoke about Arabs who had just run away in 1948, but there existed no real historical research on it. There were two conflicting propaganda ver-

sions, one Arab and another Jewish. As one who received his education in Israel I thought I knew that the Arabs had 'run away.' But I knew nothing else. The Jewish generations of 1948, however, knew the truth and deliberately misrepresented it. They knew there were plenty of mass deportations, massacres and rapes. ... The soldiers and the officials knew, but they suppressed what they knew and were deliberately disseminating lies."

Previously secret, but now published, protocols of Israeli government meetings revealed that David Ben-Gurion, prime minister and one of Israel's founders, actually used the word "cleanse" when referring to getting rid of Arabs.

In a published protocol, Ben-Gurion was arguing for a wider war. At the time he was speaking, the Galilee area is still in Arab hands. Here is the quotation as published in Israel:

"Regarding the Galilee, Mr. Moshe Sharett already told you that about 100,000 Arabs still now live in the pocket of

Galilee. Let us assume that a war breaks out. Then we will be able to cleanse the entire area of Central Galilee, including all its refugees, in one stroke. In this context let me mention some mediators who offered to give us the Galilee without war. What they meant was the populated Galilee. They didn't offer us the empty Galilee, which we could have only by means of a war. Therefore if a war is extended to cover the whole of Palestine, our greatest gain will be the Galilee. It is because without any special military effort which might imperil other fronts, only by using the troops already assigned for the task, we could accomplish our aim of cleansing the Galilee."

At another meeting, of which a record has been found, Ben-Gurion said, "We have decided to cleanse Ramla."

In an article in the newspaper Ha'aretz, Danny Rabinovitz wrote, "What happened to the Palestinians in 1948 is Israel's original sin. ... Between the 1950s and 1976, the state systematically confiscated most of the land of its remaining

Palestinian citizens."

Shahak said in his article: "In this context let me mention the pioneering work of Erskin Childers/Erskin journalist. Childers was first to show that the Zionist claim that Arab propaganda had called on the Palestinians to run away from their homes was a gross lie. He inspected all broadcasts the BBC recorded them and kept transcripts as did the American government of the Arab radios of the time to find that no such call had ever been made."

Finally, this quote from the diary of Yitzhak Tabenkin, a charismatic leader of the kibbutz movement. In his diary, Tabenkin said, "the ideals of Hitler which I like: ethnic homogeneity, the possibility of exchange of ethnic minorities; the transfers of ethnic groups for the sake of an international order which for me are a particularly valuable feature." No wonder some people prefer myth to truth.

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IN BRIEF

Little Angels finish with unbeaten record at 11-0

The Little Angels closed out United Girls Softball Association Division I-A play unbeaten with an 11-0 record by taking a 10-4 win over the T-Bears. Baylea Fox hit her eighth home run of the season in helping power the Little Angels' offensive attack, while Gina Oliveras, Kelly Sage and Paige Smith had two hits each. Defensively the Little Angels got strong play from Brittni Coates, Haylea Stuteville and Ambrie Schaffner.

Dominique Green, Kelsy Jones, Brittni Roamer and Chelsey Huckabee provided hitting for the T-Bears in the loss.

Rains apply a damper to local girls' hopes

Big Spring girls playing for the Midland Strike Force softball team saw heavy rains wash out their chance for a rematch with the Odessa Sting at the ASA 14-Under District Tournament.

The Strike Force suffered a 2-1 loss to the Sting on Saturday, despite a strong showing by Christina Gwyn.

Despite giving up just two infield hits and striking out five, Gwyn saw the Sting make the most of four walks.

Bridgett Cain paced the Strike Force offense in the loss, going 2-for-2 at the plate, scoring the team's lone run.

The Strike Force opened Saturday's action with a 5-4 win over the West Texas Heat of Midland.

Trailing 4-2 in the bottom of the fourth inning, Cain got things started for the Strike Force with a double and scored on an error.

Gwyn provided late-game heroics with a game-winning home run that not only cleared the outfield fence, but the fence that encloses the MUGS complex itself.

Big Spring CC's Bryan tied for 10th in tourney

Big Spring Country Club professional Larry Bryan posted a 1-over-par round of 73 Monday in the opening round of the Northern Texas PGA's Lynn Alexander Autogroup Western Championship at the Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo.

Bryan's round of 73 left him tied for 10th in the field with eight other professionals, five strokes off the pace of 68 set by Bob Mims, the head professional at Dallas' Sunset Golf Club.

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.

The field will play 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.

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

Coahoma booster club seeks new softball field

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

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

Those 4x8 signs will be \$400 for the first year and \$100 annually thereafter.

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

7 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Houston Astros, TBS and FXS, Ch. 11 and Ch. 29.

NHL PLAYOFFS

7 p.m. — Stanley Cup Finals, Game 4, Dallas Stars at Buffalo Sabres, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Little League programs announce their all-star squads

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Big Spring's American, International and National Little League programs have announced their all-star teams for the upcoming district tournaments set for a July 6 start.

The three Big Spring leagues, as well as Coahoma's Little League will play host to the District 3 Majors (11- and 12-year-olds) Tournament set to begin July 6.

The District 3 Minors (9- and 10-year-olds) Tournament start the same day and will be played in Midland.

The American Little League Majors

All-Stars roster is made up of Brandon Boling, Joshua Caudill, Jerry Doporto, Ty Froman, Coley Hollandsworth, Landon Jenkins, Andy Garcia, Jacob Nichols, Nicholas Rivera, Ryan Rodriguez, Randy Solis and Ryan Tannehill.

Darrell Nichols will serve as manager of the team, while Jim Lasater, Edwin Vela and Victor Rodriguez will serve as coaches.

Those named to the International Little League Majors All-Stars roster are James Clark, Chris Garcia, Matthew Islas, Jacob Marquez, Abel Morelino, J.R. Rodriguez, John Paul Franco, Justin Green, Clay Kuykendall, Raul Marquez Jr., Matthew Rodriguez and Luis Viera;

Alternates will be Larry Mendoza, Ricky Ornelas and Johnny Reyes.

Tony Saracho will be the International Majors manager and will be assisted by coaches David Riefkohl and Loy Serrano.

Players named to the National League Majors All-Star team are Tye Baker, Daniel Castillo, Jeremy Furniss, Angelo Garcia, Gabriel Hernandez, Mitchel Hooper, Mark Lozano, Lance Murphy, Josh Nobles, Ryan Slate, J. Rich Sparks and Kale Van Ness.

They will be managed by John R. Sparks, while Daniel Castillo and Jerry Baker will serve as coaches.

The American Little League Minors All-Stars are Christopher Arista, Jeremy

Braxton, Cody Chandler, Steven Evans, Jacob Froman, Lance Gross, Benjamin Luna, Jacob Martinez, Dustin Paul, Derek Pierce, Augustine Rivera and Ryan Walker. They will be managed by James Gross and coached by Bobby Cordova and Charlie Hall.

The National Little League Minors All-Stars include Cody Schoonover, Justin Epley, Matt Lozano, Austin Cox, Hadden Phillips, Jonathan Ochoa, Cameron Parker, Zack Dawson, Rusty Gressett, Jake White, Mark McKisky and Cadry Gibbs.

Randy Phillips will manage the National Minors, while Mike Dawson and Wayne Gressett will serve as coaches for the team.

Top bull riders set to compete

No. 3 on money list, O'Byrne leads field of 80 into weekend

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Six of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's (PRCA) top bull riders from 1998 will be among the field of 80 entered for this week's 66th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

With performances slated for 8:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, each night's rodeo includes two sessions of bull riding — the event that clearly is the favorite among rodeo fans throughout the world.

Foremost among the entries for this bull riding field is Josh O'Byrne of Animas, N.M., who currently stands third on the PRCA bull riding money list with \$27,915 in earnings this season.

O'Byrne, 33, finished 13th in the bull riding standings in 1998, earning 64,292 and was 15th in the average at the National Finals Rodeo.

Two other riders currently in the Top 20 scheduled to compete this weekend are Philip Elkins of Saginaw and Chris Littlejohn of Sapulpa, Okla.

Elkins is currently ranked No. 19 on the money list with \$18,195 in earnings this season, while Littlejohn is right on his heels with earnings of \$14,942.

Cody Custer of Wickenburg, Ariz., who finished fourth in the PRCA standings in 1998, is also scheduled to compete.

The 33-year-old Arizonan earned \$105,192 last season in the event, but has not jumped into the money leader's list as yet.

The same can be said of two other top bull riders from the 1998 circuit, Mike White of Lake Charles, La., and Fred Boettcher of Rice Lake, Wis.

White the PRCA's rookie of the year in 1997 finished sixth in last year's standings, earning \$93,303. He was 11th overall in the bull riding at the National Finals Rodeo.

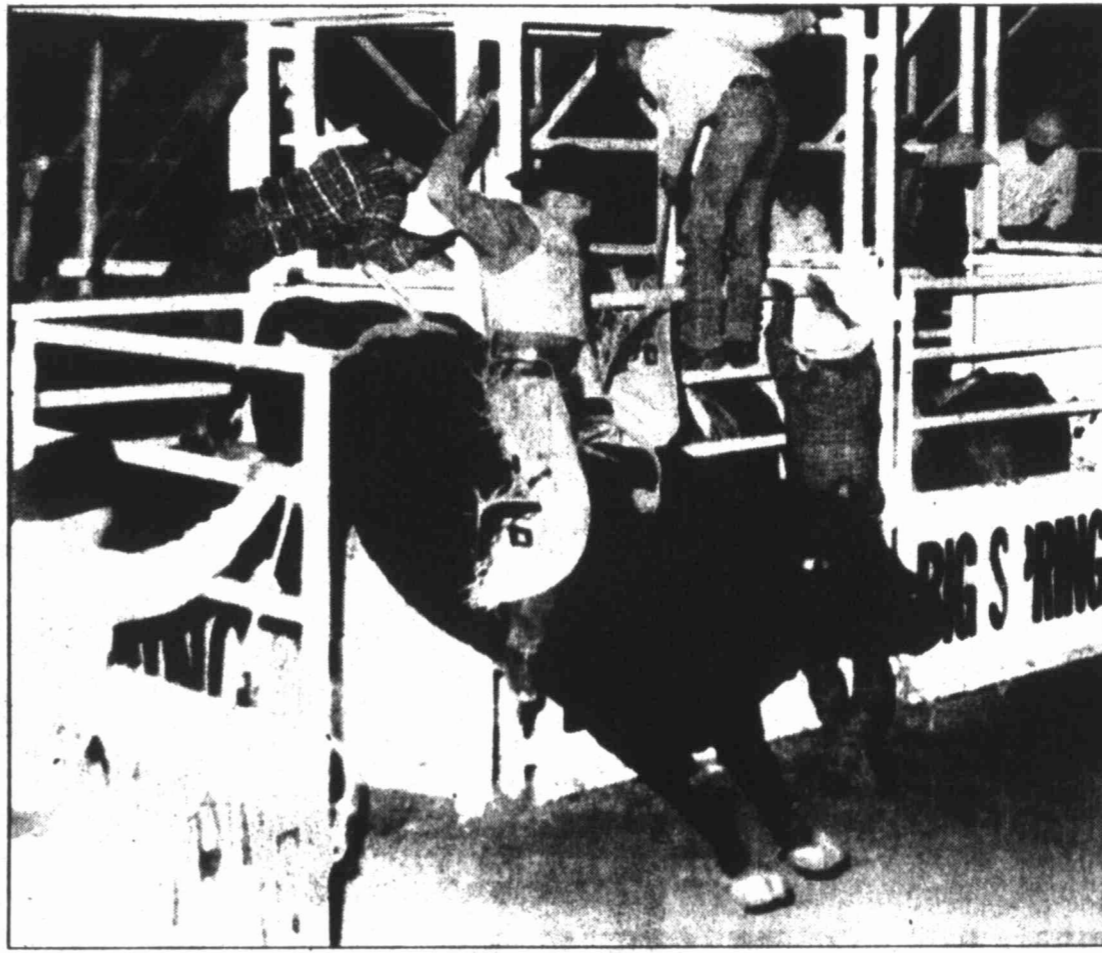
Rounding out the list of top stars, Boettcher finished 16th among the bull riders last year with winnings of \$59,954 after finishing 13th on the average at the NFR.

And as was the case last year, the rodeo will pit these top cowboys against stock that is every bit as impressive as the athletes who ride them.

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

In addition to the bull riding, the rodeo's professionals will be again vying for prize money in saddle bronc riding, bareback bronc riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and barrel racing.

The rodeo will also have many of the save features which have thrilled audiences in recent years — foremost among



Lubbock cowboy Michael Daniel rides a bull out of the chute during a performance at the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo in 1998. Daniel is scheduled to return and be among the field of 80 bull riders to compete in the 66th annual rodeo at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

them are mutton bustin' and Tijuana poker.

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 weigh 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 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.

Tickets at the gate will be \$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 crisis fund covers use of a golf cart, green fees and a hamburger lunch.

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

Thomas extends hitting streak to 20; Canseco hits two homers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Frank Thomas keeps hitting and the Chicago White Sox keep winning. Jose Canseco homers again and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays lose again.

Thomas homered to extend his hitting streak to a career-high 20 games, and the White Sox overcame two homers by Canseco to beat the Devil Rays 9-7 Monday night at Comiskey Park.

Chicago extended its winning streak to four before an enthusiastic crowd of 15,457, which gave the White Sox a standing ovation as they took the field following a three-game sweep of the crosstown Cubs.

"They're here, they're loud and they're vocal," said Darrin Jackson, who drove in three runs for the White Sox. "We've got to keep it up."

Canseco went 4-for-4 with four RBIs and increased his major league-leading homer total to 25. He hit a solo shot in the fifth and added a three-run homer in the ninth off Bill Simas, but Tampa Bay's five-run rally fell short when Bob Howry came in to get the final two outs.

Tampa Bay has lost 11 of 13 games.

"This has been happening to us for two or three weeks," Canseco said. "The combination isn't there right now."

Thomas hit a solo shot in the fourth off former teammate Wilson Alvarez (2-5).

Mark Johnson also homered for the White Sox, who broke the game open with a seven-run fifth and went on to win for the eighth time in 10 games.

Canseco started the game tied for the home run lead with Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr., who didn't hit any in the Mariners' 8-7 loss at Detroit.

"I don't need to watch the boxscores. You guys remind me about it every day," Canseco said. "Griffey will probably hit three tomorrow."

In other American League games, Boston beat Minnesota 4-3, Baltimore defeated Kansas City 7-1, and New York topped Texas 8-2.

In National League games, Houston pounded Atlanta 10-4, Arizona beat Florida 2-0, Milwaukee defeated Chicago 5-1, Colorado held off San Francisco 5-4, Montreal downed St. Louis 7-5 and Cincinnati beat New York 8-4.

Orioles 7, Royals 1

Cal Ripken, coming off the best offensive day of his career, had two hits and drove in two runs as Baltimore won its fifth straight.

Ripken went 6-for-6 with two homers and six RBIs in Sunday's 22-1 rout of Atlanta.

Scott Erickson (3-8) continued Baltimore's run of effective pitching performances and Mike Bordick hit a three-

run homer at Camden Yards. Over the last nine games, Baltimore starters are 5-0 with a 1.83 ERA.

Red Sox 4, Twins 3

Darren Lewis and Jeff Frye hit consecutive home runs with one out in the ninth inning as Boston rallied to win.

Lewis and Frye had combined for only one homer in 273 at-bats this season before connecting off Mike Trombley (1-3). Frye had four hits as the Red Sox won for just the second time in nine games.

Tigers 8, Mariners 7

Tony Clark doubled home the winning run in the ninth and Gabe Kapler homered twice as Detroit won.

Dean Palmer also homered for the Tigers, who once trailed 6-1. Mariners manager Lou Piniella filed a protest after umpire Al Clark reversed his own safe call and ruled Griffey out on an attempted steal in the ninth.

Masao Kida (1-0) pitched the ninth for his first major league victory. Seattle has lost three straight.

Astros 10, Braves 4

Their manager in a hospital facing brain surgery, the Houston Astros kept their focus. They hung Larry Dierker's No. 49 jersey in the dugout, then went out and beat the Atlanta Braves 10-4.

Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell, who both visited Dierker earlier in the day, both had big games at the Astrodome. Biggio hit three doubles and Bagwell hit his 21st home run.

The Astros won their fourth in a row and sent Atlanta to its fourth straight loss in the matchup of NL division leaders.

Today, Dierker was scheduled for surgery to remove a blood vessel mass that caused his seizure in the dugout Sunday. Doctors termed his prognosis "excellent."

Diamondbacks 2, Marlins 0

Pitching despite a stomachache, Randy Johnson made the Florida hitters look sick at Bank One Ballpark.

Johnson (9-2) held the Marlins to two hits in seven innings and won his fifth straight decision. He was pulled early for a pinch-hitter because of a stomach virus that had bothered him all day.

Brewers 5, Cubs 1

Sammy Sosa hit his league-leading 22nd home run, but Chicago lost its season-high fifth in a row at County Stadium.

Sosa extended his hitting streak to 17 games.

Geoff Jenkins and Dave Nilsson homered for Milwaukee, and Jeff Cirillo drove in two runs.

Davis leads Yankees past Rangers, 8-2

NEW YORK (AP) — Chili Davis spent the last week chilling out on an interleague vacation.

He made the most of his return Monday night, homering and driving in four runs in the New York Yankees' 8-2 win over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

"I think the days off helped me," Davis said. "I felt stronger and more refreshed than before the trip."

Davis was mostly a spectator last week with the Yankees playing without the designated hitter in National League parks. His only opportunities came as a pinch-hitter and he went 1-for-4.

Every Yankees rally seemed to find Davis, who had 11 men on base in his five at-bats.

"I wasn't worried about timing," Davis said. "I was more concerned with aggressiveness. I had been in chill mode the last week and when you hit you don't want to be in chill mode. I may have been too aggressive a couple of times, but I don't think it affected me too much."

He struck out with the bases loaded in the first inning, but got a second chance in the third inning.

Tino Martinez started the two-out burst with a walk. Bernie Williams then hit a hard grounder that bounced off Mark Clark (8-6) and appeared headed to center. Shortstop Royce Clayton made a diving stop behind second, but his flip to second baseman Mark McLemore was wide of the bag and Williams reached on a single.

That brought up Davis, who hadn't homered since May 16. He hit a towering shot off Mark Clark (3-6) into the right-field seats for his 10th homer and a 4-0 lead.

"The big play was the force we didn't get at second base," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "If we make that play, Chili doesn't hit a three-run homer. He doesn't bat. Of course we still have to get Chili out and we didn't do that."

The Rangers never seem to get the big out or the big hit when they play New York. The Yankees have won 16 of the last 20 games against Texas.

TUESDAY

JUNE 15

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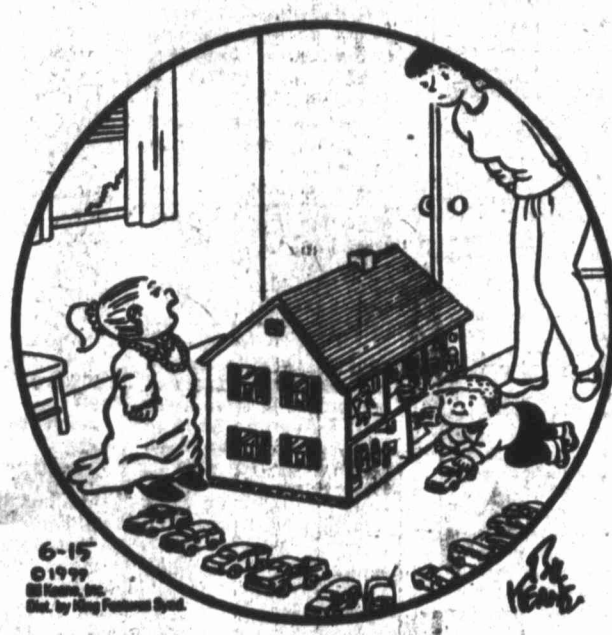
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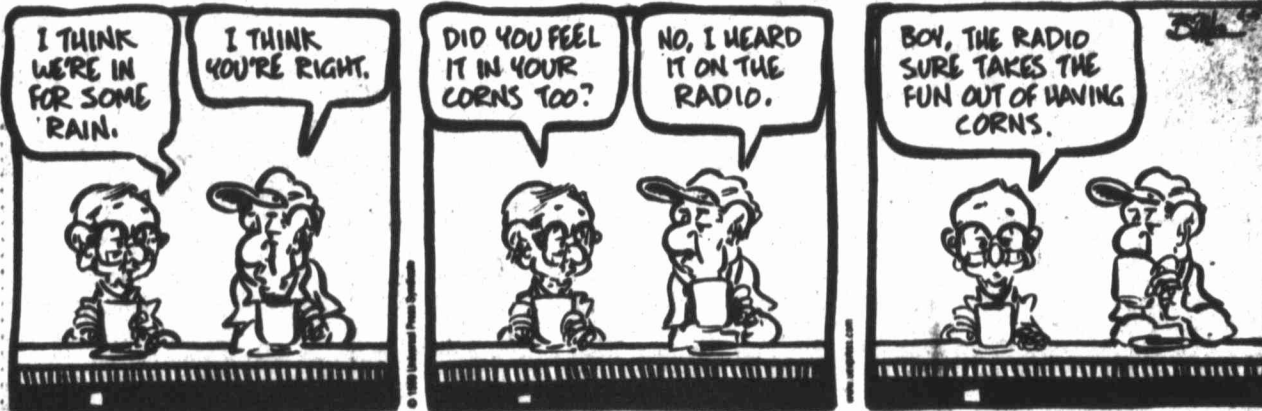
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, June 15, the 166th day of 1999. There are 199 days left in the year.

In 1775, the Second Continental Congress voted unanimously to appoint George Washington head of the Continental Army.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Edited by Wayne Robert Williams.

In 1844, Charles Goodyear received a patent for his process to strengthen rubber.

In 1846, the United States and Britain signed a treaty settling a boundary dispute between Canada and the U.S. in the Pacific Northwest.

HI AND LOIS



Monday's Puzzle Solved grid with words like GLEAM, CAT, TALCS, LORRE, AGO, OMAHA, UNMET, LEW, ROMAN, TIANANMENSQUARE, APE, OUR, SPA, HEROINE, SIN, LINGO, ANTI, BONE, ANTARCTIC, C, R, CLE, BUSS, ETCH, NAKED, SPY, DRYEYES, STY, SEE, PTA, BERMUDA, TRIANGLE, AZOIC, BAY, LILAC, WROTE, ERA, LLANO, LAKES, LON, SEDAN.

In 1849, James Polk, the 11th U.S. president, died in Nashville, Tenn.

In 1864, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton signed an order establishing a military burial ground, which became Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1904, more than 1,000 died when fire erupted aboard the steamboat General Slocum in New York's East River.

GASOLINE ALLEY



In 1944, American forces began their successful invasion of Saipan during World War II.

In 1978, King Hussein of Jordan married 26-year-old American Lisa Halaby, who became Queen Noor.

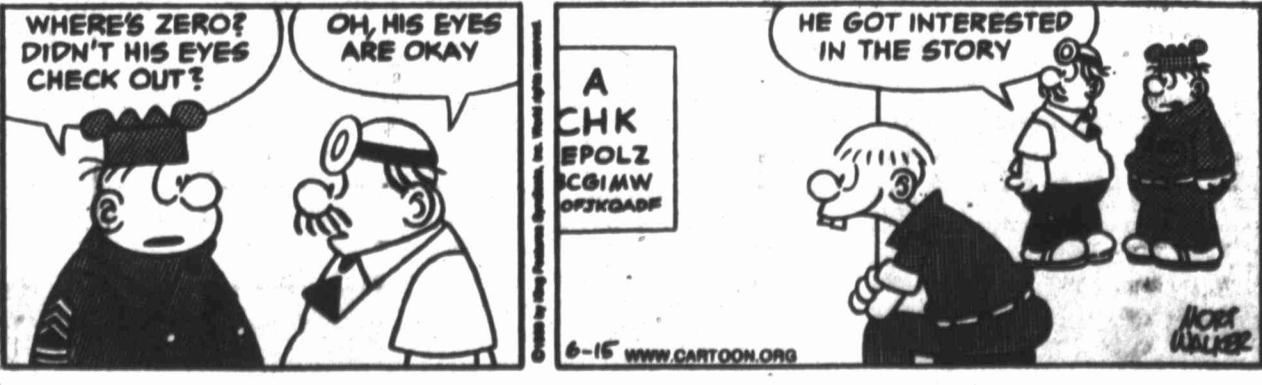
In 1993, former Texas Gov. John Connally, who was wounded in the gunfire that killed President Kennedy, died at age 76.

SNUFFY SMITH



One year ago: NATO fighter jets staged a show of force meant to pressure Yugoslav forces to end their attacks on ethnic Albanians in Kosovo province.

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Today's Birthdays: Former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo is 67. Singer Waylon Jennings is 62. Actor Aron Kincaid is 56.