TUESDAY Positively ... **Big Spring**

Crossroads event planned Saturday

Organizers are preparing for Saturday's Crossroads Community Concert featuring Allen Wayne Damron. He will perform at the **Auditorium** Municipal 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

☐ 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

☐ 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 packfor StarTek, USA when it meets Wednesday.

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

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 See STARTEK, Page 2

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 A conference call between and price for that building could not be successfully negotiated within the time line StarTek officials have provided. If negotiations are successful-



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.

Crunch time for academy students



Citizen's Fire Academy student Gamer 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 experi-

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

"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 Homaltro **Spreader**, another brand. The 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 throt-

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,

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

Architectural STENHOLM

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 Conservation 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 collo-

cated 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 facili-

"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, sunshiny days, and in about anoth-





er 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

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 real hot 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 prob-

"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 Tubb, who has crops throughout the area, including Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties. "But we'll take some more. We were digging postholes and after you get down about 10 inches, it's dry down

See COTTON, Page 2

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 **Lupe 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.**

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OBITUARIES

Marilyn Weaver

Spring, died on Monday, June 14, 1999, at her home. No services are planned.

She was born on March 4. 1936, in Big Spring, and married Boosie Weaver in Hobbs,

Mrs. Weaver attended Big Spring Schools, graduating in 1953. She worked as an insurance clerk at Hall-Bennett Hospital and was an antique dealer for about 30 years.

Survivors include: her husband, Boosie Weaver of Big Spring; one daughter, Susan Burton of Midland; one son, Casey Weaver of Austin; an aunt, Arlye Jinks of Big Spring; and a cousin, Barbara Kunstler of Tacoma, Wash.

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A.E. "Jack" Lendermon

Graveside service for A.E. 'Jack" Lendermon, 82, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 16, 1999, at the Coahoma Cemetery with Rev. Ted Bostick, pastor of Sand Springs Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Lendermon died Monday, June 14, in a local hospital.

He was born on Jan. 17, 1917, in Hicker Plain, Ark. He married Dona Bell Joiner on April 1, 1939, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on Aug. 15, 1984. Mr. Lendermon retired from Walsh & Watts, Inc., in 1975 after 34 years as a pumper and roustabout. He was a member of Sand Springs Baptist Church and had been in the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Survivors include: one daughter, Peggy Hodnett of Big Spring; one son, Charles Lendermon of Lake Colorado City; two sisters, Lorena Stull of Odessa, and Dora Lee Tindol of Big Spring; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchil dren

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James Louis **Dorton**

Service for James Louis Dorton, 57, Hamilton, formerly of Big Spring, was 11 a.m. Saturday, June 12, 1999, in the Riley Funeral Home Chapel. Hamilton, with Wendell C. Wilbourn officiating. Burial was 4 p.m. in the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Midlothian. Mr. Dorton died Tuesday,

June 8, at Hamilton General Hospital.

He was born on Nov. 27, 1941, in Big Spring. He married Karen Kaye Miller, and she preceded him in death on May

Survivors include: two daughters, Angela Kaye Dorton Peebles of Grand Prairie, and Jaimie Marie Dorton Zijlstra of Cleburne; one sister, Martha Sue Spencer of Hamilton; one

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A. E. "Jack" Lendermon, 82, died Monday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Wednesday at Coahoma

Cemetery. Marilyn Weaver, 63, died Monday. No services are planned.

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brother, Dennis Dorton of Marilyn Weaver, 63, Big Hamilton; and three granddaughters.

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ferent types of attachments, depending on what you want to do," Muller said.

The spreader unit, with attachments, costs about \$14,000, he said. Recent remodeling of the tool reduced the weight of the machine, he said.

"They used to weigh 72 pounds, and now we have a 50 pound tool, and that's much better," Muller said.

Muller taught students various ways of entering a vehicle using the tools, such as the vertical maneuver, which spread the top and bottom parts of a car window until the door locks pop open.

Firefighters also use the spreader to pry the hinges from the doors, in cases where the vertical maneuver will not work.

"We teach it all, in case you ever need to know this stuff," Muller said.

Fire departments across the country have various methods of extrication, and are partial to their own practices, he said.

To remove the top of a vehicle, for instance, local firefighters will cut the A column low, close to the vehicle body, for safety.

"Others say cut the column higher," he said.

A column is the metal portion of the vehicle between the windows and doors. The front metal part, near the windshield, is the A column. The next portion, between the front and back doors, is the B column, and the rear portion, near the back windshield, is the C column.

"Buses have columns D, E, F, and so on," he said.

By cutting the columns, firefighters are able to remove the top from the vehicle, when a

"It all depends on the situation. Our purpose here is to cut patient," he said.

Air bags have created an additional hazard for firefighters as they work to extricate victims

from a vehicle. At first, air bags had a delay switch that would cause the air

bag to expand after the accident, often when a firefighter was working to get into the vehicle.

"I've heard stories of air bags deploying and breaking a mechanic's arm or breaking his nose," Gill said.

But Muller said air bags have saved countless lives, and modern equipment is less hazardous to rescue teams.

The cutter, a device that resembles solid steel lobster claws, is used to cut a metal vehicle. Many different techniques will remove various parts of the car to allow entry, he said.

"This cutter is capable of cutting through one-inch of stainless steel," Muller said.

A tool called a punch is used to break window glass, and the RAM, a long, steel pole with expanding ends, is used for a dash roll.

To execute a dash roll, fire academy students Ferguson and Smith positioned the tool between the door frame rear and front of the passenger side of the vehicle. Then the tool is turned on, using a throttle handle, and the ends expand until the metal pulls apart.

"By destroying the integrity of the metal, you take the strength away from it," said Gill.

The result is that the dash and front of the vehicle grind for-

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ward and down, while the back section moves away.

We also use these tools to stabilize a vehicle, especially in vehicle rollovers," Muller said. Muller and Gill said these

tools, are used innumerable times throughout the course of a year by firefighters called to the scene of an accident.

Tonight, fire academy students will learn search and res-

This is the eighth in a 12-part series about the first Big Spring Citizens Fire Academy. The class began April 20 and will conclude

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We'll only have to maintain one facility, and we own this one." Upchurch said it makes sense to combine the three agencies

under one roof. "The Big Spring facility includes 250 acres of dryland farm land, which provides an opportunity for the NRCS and FSA to collaborate on projects. Farmers will be able to go to one place to talk with the FSA and NRCS, and they can also visit with the scientists at the same time.'

Upchurch said there will be no loss of jobs with the consolidation. One secretary will be transferred to Lubbock.

Neither Eddy Spurgin, district conservationist with the NRCS, nor Rick Liles, executive director of the FSA, were available to comment on the announcement.

Upchurch also said he is still interviewing candidates for the other research scientist's position here. He will be at the local facility for an interview Wednesday, and to look in on a training workshop on sustainable agroecosystems and environmental issues.

That workshop, conducted by Dryland Agriculture Institute at West Texas A&M University, is a two-week, multi-state tour involving some 20 agriculture professionals from dry climates around the

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Tubb planted 1,100 acres is April in hopes of avoiding problems with boll weevils. That's coming along well right now, he said. "The rain really set it off the

other day." Warm weather is needed, but

"we'll take rain anytime," he said.

Hardest hit by the storms has probably been the area around Vincent, but David Barr, known better as Shorty to some, is trying to take it all in stride.

"It's a whole lot better to be too wet than to be too dry," he philosophized. "We've been beaten around with wind, rain and hail. There's some fair crops around, but ours, what we need is sunshine.

The Vincent area received 5-1/2 inches of moisture over the past week.

Despite all the rainfall, Barr actually had some crops that were dry until then. The rains are giving it a chance to make, now. He's also lost some crop to the weather, but just how much he won't know for a week or so.

"We just need warm weather, sunshine and (after a while) more rain," he said.

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David Kight, agriculture extension agent, said much of the area remains low on moisparticularly

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groundwater is concerned. There are some spotted areas that got significant rainfall and will be very beneficial for those. In a lot of areas it is still not enough to make a crop, so to speak," he said.

"Very few, in fact, have enough underground moisture to make a banner crop this year. And the situation is they do need to make a banner crop because the price projected at harvest is low, like 50-52 cents."

Kight stressed that the rains don't mean the drought has ended.

We get two or three rains like this and people automatically go to thinking we're out of a drought and everything is in good shape. That's not the case. We were fortunate to get some moisture but it wasn't a very general, widespread rain, Kight said. "I think we are seeing some

positive things and maybe we are coming out of a drought, but we are far from being out of it as this point." Kight also said that when the

drought ends, it will take three to four years to recover in the rangeland.

"A lot of grass actually died from lack of moisture or overgrazing. It will take adequate rainfall and proper management to overcome that situation. These is no quick fix for everything, but obviously we are pleased with the rain we have received. We'll take rain any time.

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position with the Midland **Independent School District.**

Kingston also said an enrollment report was provided to trustees during the Monday night meeting, and Coahoma one sakes via lamas a bround at suffered a 48-student loss from to year's beginning and the

"We're worried now and concerned about next year's enrollment. We suspect that it's possible that breadwinners for some families had already left, and that their families followed this summer. There's really not any way to estimate that, but we remain optimistic about next year," Kingston said.

Budget sessions this summer are another concern for trustees and administration, as-a significant student enrollment loss, along with declining property and mineral values, will cause trustees to make some tough

decisions, he said. "We will have to find ways to be more efficient, and all school districts in West Texas are faced with this same problem, some worse than others," he

said. Also, the \$3,000 pay raise for all teachers effective in the 1999-2000 school year may cause

some budget concerns, he said. The pay raises were funded by legislative calculations, he said, but other special incentives, such as the annual step increases for teachers, raises for other district employees and supplemental pay bonuses must also be maintained, yet were not funded, he said.

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Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

"The intent is to make sure the teacher gets the full benefit of the \$3,000 increase, but this is placing a lot of pressure on West Texas schools. We might have been planning to reduce the amount of supplemental pay to help offset the losses in property and mineral values, but

away from us," Kingston said. Trustees also heard a report concerning a new program, the Primary Texas Reading Inventory, that must be initiat-

they have taken that option

ed in the 1999-2000 school year. Kingston said this new program is to be used to help determine how kindergartners and first and second grader are progressing with their reading skills.

"We do not administer TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) tests to these age groups, and this will be one of the mechanisms we use to determine if they are progressing at the appropriate rate through those grades," Kingston said.

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ly, StarTek hopes to have the call center operational by Aug. 1, and fully staffed at 375 people by Sept. 1.

June 2-4, Kevin Cory, human resources director for the company, conducted a labor market search in the area, and gave Big Spring employees a thumbs-up as a work force able to meet the needs of StarTek.

The five-session workshop brought nearly 1,000 local and area workers to Howard College, to meet with Cory and to fill out an application.

A short test on computer knowledge was also administered, to determine the level of training that will be needed should the company decide to open the call center. Since the labor market

search, Kent Sharp, executive director Moore for Development, has been in continuous negotiation with the company, as he searches for just the right building to house the call center, as well as other incentives the city may be able to offer.

StarTek, USA provides outsourcer support for such companies as Hewlett-Packard and Microsoft, as well as manufactures software and computer peripherals. A telephone call center

employs individuals to answer

incoming calls from consumers

who are having difficulty with their computer purchases. "That customer will never hear the name StarTek. We answer the telephone Hewlett-Packard of Microsoft technical support," Cory said during one

interview session.

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was arrested for theft more than \$50 and less than \$500 in the 200 block of West Marcy. · JENNIFER RANGEL, 19. was arrested for theft more

than \$50 and less than \$500 in

the 200 block of West Marcy. JOSE GARFIAS, 24, was arrested for criminal mischief in the 1500 block of Oriole.

RECORDS

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MARKETS

July cotton 56.30 cents, down 9 points; July crude 18.22, down 11 points; cash hogs steady at 34; cash steers steady at 67 even; July lean hog futures 51.35, down 180 points; Aug. live cattle futures 66.77, down 45

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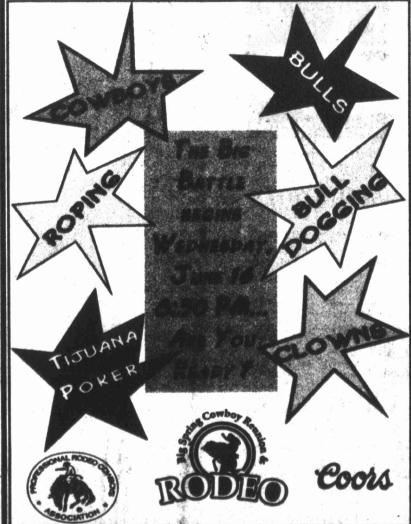
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Tuesday, June 15, 1999 GENERAL NEWS Allies watching for Serbs to meet first deadline for troop withdrawal

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

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

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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

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

Pentagon's chief spokesman, indicate a willingness to let the 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 Sergeyev on

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

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-

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

Wednesday and Thursday in 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 asleep and crashed into a light people were killed Monday on pole off Interstate 30. 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 wind-

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 wake people up," she said.

rescuers As 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

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 husbandand-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 McCov.

"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 popcrossover 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

beating Brooks, After 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 &

Vocal band: Dixie Chicks **Vocal collaboration:** Faith Hill and Tim McGraw, "Just to Hear You Say That You Love

Single: Faith Hill, "This

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

wife wasn't nominated for this tonight."

Strait was the only performer to beat Hill in a category in which she was nominated, win-

a memorial there and have paid

Doyle, and the group's attor-

ney, Percy Isgitt of Houston,

have said they are eager to

resolve the land dispute and

other issues because the group

wants to provide more afford-

able housing there for many of

"We have had some attacks

the elderly followers of Koresh.

from other members or former

members of the Branch

Davidians who have tried to

assert their individual claims,"

Isgitt said.

the taxes on the land.

male star of tomorrow. charity work. 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

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ning best album for "One Step 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

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

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Judge bows out of dispute over ownership of Mount Carmel WACO (AP) - A Texas judge Mayfield's court. But court offileader of the association, the land. is bowing out of a dispute over cials said Monday that a trial one titrue believer and owner. Doyle, who sur that the tire

followers lived and died.

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 Seventh-Day Davidian Adventist Association.

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

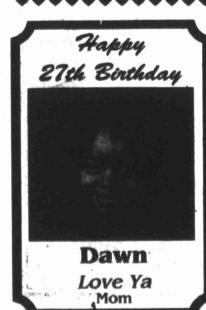
approach these issues without invading the First Amendment rights," Mayfield said. The trial against defendants Clive Doyle and other followers

"I don't believe a jury could

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





Judge Alan Mayfield will to the siege, four federal agents died and 16 were wounded. Six Davidians died in the gun bat-

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

ownership of the 77-acre compound east of the work and 78 followers died of the land. Include that the land of the land include that the land of the land include the l

Branch Davidian leader and his in a fire on April 19, 1993, at the — and now Koresh's surviving title to the land because they compound. In the raid that led followers led by Doyle - violat have maintained it, established ed 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

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OUR VIEWS

Let's make this parade the best in rodeo history

he 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 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 a more and water

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

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

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.

"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 to happy to accept the money that Congress sends them — yet eager to pass the buck at the first whiff of scan-

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 buckpassing official wrote in an internal university exchange shortly after espionage allegations began appearing in the

"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 offi-

cials 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

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

The contract is renegotiated every five years. Although a large portion of the faculty oppose the university's involvement in the labs, school officials worfied 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 Galilee. Let us assume that a

r. 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. Rami Tal interviewed **Morris for** the newspaper Yediot Ahranot in December 1994.



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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 versions, 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 Arabs 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

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 mé mention the pioneering work of Erskin Childers Arish journalists. 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

SPORTS

Little Angels finish with unbeaten record at 11-0

The Little Angels closed out 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

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

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

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.

standing ovation as they took the field Those 4x8 signs will be \$400 for the first year and \$100 annually thereafter.

For more information, call David Elmore at 394-4759, in three runs for the White Sox. "We've Gary Stovall at 263-3880 or got to keep it up." Don Evans at 393-5578.

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

Tampa Bay has lost 11 of 13 games. "This has been happening to us for two or three weeks," Canseco said. "The

formances and Mike Bordick hit a three-

Ornelas and Johnny Reves Tony Saracho will be the International

Alternates will be Larry Mendoza, Ricky

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

Little League programs announce their all-star squads 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

All-Stars roster is made up of Brandon

Boling, Joshua Caudill, Jerry Doporto,

Ty Froman, Coley Hollandsworth,

Landon Jenkins, Andy Lasater, Jacob

Nichols, Nicholas Rivera, Ryan Rodriguez, Randy Solis and Ryan

Darrell Nichols will serve as manager

of the team, while Jim Lasater, Edwin

Vela and Victor Rodriguez will serve as

Those named to the International

Little League Majors All-Stars roster are

James Clark, Chris Garcia, Matthew

Islas, Jacob Marquez, Abel Morelion,

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

Big Spring's American, International

and National Little League programs

have announced their all-star teams for

the upcoming district tournaments set

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

The District 3 Minors (9- and 10-year-

The American Little League Majors

olds) Tournament start the same day and

will be played in Midland.

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Sports Editor

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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 tanked No. 19 on the money list with 15 135 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

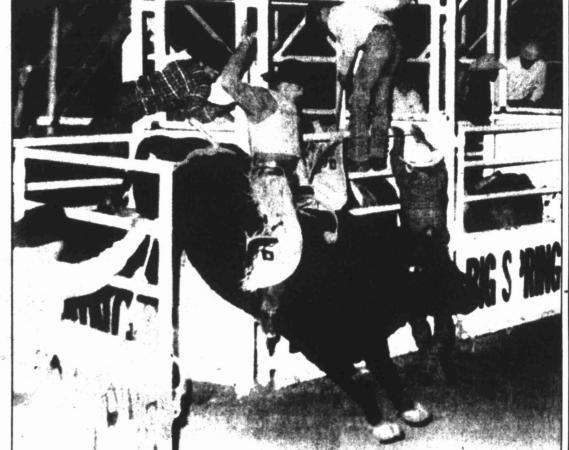
bull riding at the National Finals Rodeo. Rounding out the list of top stars, Boettcher finished 16th among the bull riders last year with winnings of \$59,954 after

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 be 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 rodeo's schedule will involve the annual



Lubbock cowboy Michael Daniel rides a buil out the chute during a performance at the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Redeo 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

them are mutton bustin' and Tijuana

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 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

One of the biggest changes in the 1999

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 provid

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.

Davis leads Yankees past Rangers, 8-2

NEW YORK (AP) - Chili Davis spent the last week chilling out on an interleague vaca-

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 (3-6) and appeared headed to center. Shortstop Royce Clayton made a diving stop behind second, but his flip to baseman McLemore was wide of the bag and Williams reached on a sin-

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.

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

following a three-game sweep of the crosstown Cubs. "They're here, they're loud and they're vocal," said Darrin Jackson, who drove

Canseco went 4-for-4 with four RBIs Howry came in to get the final two outs.

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 run homer at Camden Yards. Over 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 Ripken went 6-for-6 with two homers

Atlanta. Scott Erickson (3-8) continued Baltimore's run of effective pitching per-

and six RBIs in Sunday's 22-1 rout of

last nine games, Baltimore starters are 5-0 with a 1.83 ERA.

Red Sox 4, Twins 3

ing the music.

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 home red 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 lead-

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

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

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive:

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*****You are definitely evaluating new information. A friend isn't clear or cannot grasp the whole picture. Take action; check out alternatives. Let others know where you are coming from. Your caring touches another. Work with friends and loved ones. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ****Anchor in and be sure of

yourself. Understand that, despite a boss' good intentions, confusion wins out. You have your hands full as you attempt to cover all bases. Maintain a sense of humor. Get down to basics. Joint financial agreements need to be honored. Tonight: It is all or nothing!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *****Lighten up about what is going on. You might not be able to figure out which way to go. Chaos prevails. Be a free thinker; use your ingenuity. You might be pleasantly surprised. Your positive attitude. mixed with your vitality, draws

what you want. Tonight: Let the good times roll? CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***Expenses easily go overboard. Listen to your instincts

about money. An associate might not be handling finances as strongly as you would like. Take charge. Head in the direcfrom that's right for you. An expenditure which you are considering might be worthwhile. Tonight: Talk with a roommate

or a family member. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

*****Think before you leap into action. Somehow, you might not see everything clearly, especially when it comes to dealing with a key partner. Humor goes a long way in handling today's tensions. Your appeal is magnetic; others gravitate toward you. Tonight: Having a good time! **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***Work demands your complete attention. Listen and anchor in to what another is really saying. Confusion surrounds work. You could be overly sensitive and uptight about emotional issues presently. Your intuition helps you with finances. You make money and spend it, as well. Tonight: A night off!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *****A child or a new friend weaves a haze around you, but you might not care! Stay on top of long-term goals, network, touch base with friends. Greet new plans positively. Discard what isn't working. You have the high-voltage energy to go for what you want. Tonight: Making the most of the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***Read between the lines. Express your frustration in a way that another can hear. Bosses are demanding, but they mean well. Use care in a family or domestic issue. You don't have all the facts. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: Could be a late night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

*****You see way past the immediate. Understanding another helps him to be less uptight and critical. Good vibes come from your positive attitude. Still, confusion reigns. You might not always see eyeto-eye with others, but you do enjoy a charged conversation! Tonight: Follow the music. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

**** Make strong decisions about money and a partnership. You understand another's clear message. Let caring evolve; share deeper feelings. A business partnership is a go. but be careful financially. You could end up giving away more than you realize! Tonight: Add some romance to your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *****You have a way of veiling others' perceptions, though you clearly understand where you are heading. Another proves to be challenging. Question key choices. Don't be afraid to change direction. Others seek to influence you Tonight: Accept an invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ****Your intuition might take about limits. Establish needed groundwork. Emphasis is on work and getting the job done. Others respond to your ideas and energy. You make excellent decisions. A boss acknowledges you for a job well done. Tonight: Put in some extra

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Best friend's late birthday gift is whole lot of spite

DEAR ABBY: I have never written you before, but I have a big problem.

My best friend of 26 years got drunk at my 50th birthday party. I begged and pleaded her.

asked her for her keys, and offered to her have spend the night at my house -- or let me drive her The home. only alternative was to get physical and forcibly take That keys. wasn't

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option. My friend is 61 years old and a great-grandmother. She got a DUI that night. She blames the DUI on me! I offered to loan her \$2,000 for the lawyer because we have been friends for such a long time. One day I was her best friend and received a beautiful birthday card and gifts. The next day I was the world's biggest heel.

My friend reads your column. Please comment on this. I decided not to talk to her anymore because I feel betrayed. This isn't the first time she has gotten drunk and driven her car. It's just the first time she got caught. I am very hurt. --**BEST-FRIENDLESS**

DEAR BEST-FRIENDLESS: There is a term for your former best friend's behavior. It's called "displaced anger." What it means is that your friend is unable to direct her anger at what happened where it belongs -- at herself for her fooladmit she has a problem with alcohol. Therefore she is aiming it at you. For the sake of a 26-year friendship, I hope she recognizes the unfairness of her actions. Right now it's easier for her to blame you than to blame herself. You have my sympathy. DEAR ABBY: This has been

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bothering me for many months. I am a senior citizen member of a musical group that presents a major concert during the holiday season.

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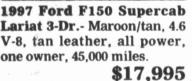
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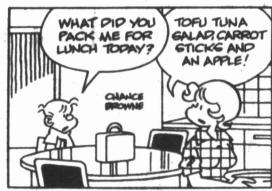
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Washington head of the Continental Army. In 1836, Arkansas became the 25th state. In 1844, Charles Goodyear received a patent for his

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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. 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.

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. Ten years ago: Three Chinese workers in Shanghai were sentenced to death for helping to set fire to a train during recent pro-democracy protests.

Five years ago: Israel and the Vatican estab'ished full diplomatic relations. Former President Jimmy Carter arrived in North Korea on a private mission to try to reduce tensions with the communist nation.

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. The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that state prison inmates are protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Today's Birthdays: Former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo is 67. Singer Waylon Jennings is 62. Actor Aron Kincaid is 56. Actor-director Simon Callow ("Shakespeare in Love") is 50. Actor Jim Varney (Ernest P. Worrell) is 50. Singer Russell Hitchcock (Air Supply) is 50. Rock singer Steve Walsh (Kansas) is 48. Comedian-actor Jim Belushi is 45. Actress Helen Hunt is 36. Rock musician Scott Rockenfield (Queensryche) is 36. Actress Courteney Cox is 35. Country musician Tony Ardoin is 35. Country musician Michael Britt (Lonestar) is 33. Actorrapper Ice Cube is 30.