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Signup continues for Kids' College

Howard College is now taking registrations for Kids' College, which offers classes such as astronomy, art and computers for children ages 6-13.

Classes are Monday-Thursday, June 28-July 8 from 8 a.m.-noon at the Howard College campus. Cost is \$74 for the first child from a family and \$60 for each additional child from the same family. The cost includes supplies, T-shirt, snacks and certificates in the program.

Parents can register a child at the registrar's office Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
□ 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.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY
□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY
□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

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

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Tonight:



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Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo heads out of the chutes tonight

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

It's time to kick up your heels and get set for one of the most entertaining events in West Texas — the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

One of the most colorful and longest running events in local history is just a week away as the 66th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo opens next Wednesday at the Rodeo Bowl. It all gets under way tonight at the Rodeo Bowl, beginning with the grand entry at 8:30.

Over the next four days and nights, rodeo-goers will have a chance to see the top cowboys and cowgirls in the profession — not to mention some of the best bucking stock in the world.

Add to that the antics of the clowns, kids trying to ride sheep, the always exciting Tijuana Poker, and it all shapes up to be entertainment that everyone can enjoy.

The annual parade, sponsored by the Herald and KBST, returns, of course, but at a later time this year. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

"The parade has always been a

part of the rodeo and we're glad to keep the tradition continuing," said Johnny Middleton, rodeo board member.

Prizes are awarded to first-through third-place winners in four categories as well as to the winner of the bicycle decorating contest. The parade starts at 10th Street and Main.

Thursday is 2-Dollar Night this year, with admission less than half the normal cost.

"It's a great night to go to the rodeo," said Terri Newton, executive vice president of Big

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RODEO SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NIGHTLY

- 8:30 - Grand entry
- Mutton Bustin'
- Tijuana Poker

THURSDAY

- 2-Dollar Night, sponsored by Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau

FRIDAY-SATURDAY

- 9:30 p.m. - Darice, featuring Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys

SATURDAY

- 5:30 p.m. - Rodeo Parade, 10th Street & Main

Feathered friends need help, too



Bebe McCasland, conservationist and licensed rehabilitator of wild birds, holds an immature great horned owl that had fallen out of its nest at too young an age. The owl will be transferred to Lubbock, where it will learn to hunt and be re-released into the wild at maturity.

ALLISON THOMAS
Staff Writer

This time of the year, migratory birds face many dangers. Among the threats faced in the wild, such as predators and rough weather, humans can also jeopardize the lives of songbirds.

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act acts in accordance with Canada, Mexico and Japan, making it illegal for anyone to kill, capture, possess, trade, import or export any migratory birds unless they first obtain an appropriate federal permit authorizing such activity.

"The whole thing boils down to education," said Bebe McCasland, a Big Spring resident who is federally and state

licensed in the care and rehabilitation of birds. "Parents need to educate children about what is appropriate to hunt. When you kill a songbird, it means you are killing all the birds in its nest as well," she said.

It is still legal to hunt resident game birds such as pheasant, grouse and quail within the proper season. Game hunting is managed by each respective state.

At this time of year, as a bird teaches its young to fly, it might encounter other threats. Even humans with good intentions can unwittingly be the cause of danger for these creatures, she said.

Often, people will find a

young, feathered bird on the ground outside of its nest. Although it is not in its nest, the parents are usually nearby. Humans assume that the bird is orphaned, and take it away from its natural environment while in the process of "rescuing" it.

"We have so many birds that are harmed because they are taken out of their natural environment and fed hot dogs or hamburgers," said McCasland. "Then the young bird will not develop properly."

McCasland urges people who find a young feathered bird on the ground to place it back in the nest. If that is not possible,

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Assistance

Local agencies can help eligible families make it through the hot summer

ALLISON THOMAS
Staff Writer

West Texas homeowners may be eligible for special types of home improvement assistance through several agencies in the area.

West Texas Opportunities, the Salvation Army, and the Northside Community Center in Big Spring all offer special programs and assistance with utility bills for low-income families.

A community action agency, West Texas Opportunities (WTO) has several programs that provide assistance to eligible families. Through the energy assistance program, WTO can make pledges to utility companies on behalf of the customer, lowering gas or light bills. Also offered through WTO is the weatherization program.

The weatherization program is designed to help low- and fixed-income families lower their energy consumption, and subsequently, their energy costs. Addressing air-infiltration and general heat waste measures, the program will insulate and improve a family's home free of charge.

"Eligibility is based almost entirely on income," said Randy Shaw, the housing/energy coordinator for West Texas Opportunities. To be eligible, a client's total income must be no

greater than 25 percent above the established poverty guidelines.

West Texas Opportunities also provides services as they are needed in the community. For instance, during last summer's intense heat crisis, WTO provided air conditioners to over 200 people in the area.

Help with expenses is also provided by the local Salvation Army and the Northside Community Center. The Salvation Army can provide funds to assist low-income families with utility bills. Also, fans and air conditioners donated by the community are given to families who have no air conditioning during the summer months.

"We have gotten a lot of requests for fans and air conditioners this summer," said Danelle Castillo, director of the Big Spring Salvation Army. "We received a grant during the summer heat months last year, but this summer we need to encourage people to give fans."

If the Salvation Army cannot provide assistance in a certain case, they do referrals to an agency that can help. They work closely with West Texas Opportunities.

The Northside Community Center, among their many programs to assist low-income families, will also provide assistance with utility bills to eligible families.

If you think you might be eligible for assistance from one of these programs, please contact

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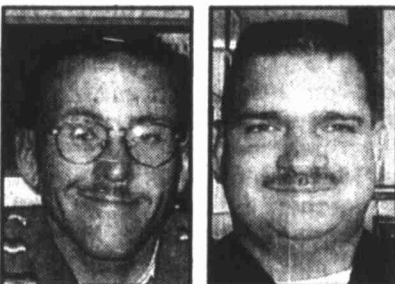
Big Spring Police Dept. recruits are making the grade

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Big Spring Police Department has added two new officers to the force, recruiting nearly half of those cadets from the regional academy who recently passed the state exam for police officers.

"Both the men Big Spring hired passed the exam, and we are very proud of them. Fourteen cadets attempted the exam, and only five passed," said Lt. Terry Chamness with the BSPD.

Officer Phil Bacon, 30, and



WHITTEN

BACON

Officer Phil Whitten, 25, have joined the police department, having successfully completed the state exam.

"The state level tests are tough, with 200 questions, and only two hours to complete,"

said Whitten.

Whitten recently graduated first in his class from the Permian Basin Regional Academy, a 16-week school of police officer training.

He achieved a 98 average overall, and placed first in the driving portion and the academic areas of the academy, he said.

"He missed having first place in the firing range by one point, so he came in second place," Chamness said.

Now Whitten and Bacon will continue their training with the BSPD for another 17 weeks, before they will be sworn in as police officers, Chamness said.

Bacon said he respects the BSPD and its officers, and is glad to become a part of the force.

"The department officers have provided us with so much help, being a rookie. All the time we were attending the academy, they would ask us, is there anything you need. The academy called us Phil, squared," Bacon said.

Whitten said the 16-week course at the training academy covered many areas of law and law enforcement, as well as writing and presenting reports to superior officers and in a court of law.

"We had extensive study covering CCP, or the Criminal Code Procedure. We learn all the traffic laws, arrest and search and seizure procedures, as well as professional ethics," Whitten said.

Along with the academic classes, Whitten said cadets are subjected to extensive physical as well.

"When the course begins we train three times each week and run one-half mile. Then we build to two miles, and I am running seven miles now, and I'm enjoying it. I intend to con-

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VA rolling out red carpet for former prisoners of war

ALLISON THOMAS
Staff Writer

The Veterans Administration Medical Center is trying to reach any former prisoners of war who might be residing in West Texas.

There are three West Texas chapters of the American Ex-Prisoner of War Association, located in Abilene, San Angelo, and the Permian Basin, working in accordance with the VA hospital.

These organizations know of 111 former POW's living in

West Texas. Potentially there are 50 or 60 more who may live in one of the 48 counties served by the Big Spring VA who are not known to these associations.

"We are trying to reach the former prisoners of war so they can know all the advantages the VA can give them. They are an honored group of men, and we try to have a red carpet treatment for them," said John Webb, coordinator of the POW program at the Big Spring VA

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Johnny Russworm, an operator with the Howard County Road and Bridge Department, patches the parking lot of the Howard County Fair Barns, preparing for the 66th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, which opens tonight and continues through Saturday. In addition to the parking lot, the restrooms have been completely renovated.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Audie Murphy Day to celebrate war hero's birthday

GREENVILLE (AP) — Audie Murphy, who parlayed his World War II heroism and boyish good looks into a long career in the movies, will be honored on the day that would have marked his 75th birthday.

Gov. George W. Bush has declared Sunday to be Audie Murphy Day.

"His character and courage represent the best our state has to offer, and he remains a hero and an inspiration to us all," the governor said.

Murphy was born June 20, 1924, near Kingston in Hunt County, the son of tenant farmers. As a boy, he learned to hunt and became an expert shot — a skill that would help him in his military career.

Murphy enlisted in the U.S.

Army shortly after his 18th birthday.

He took part in the invasions of Sicily and southern France as a member of the Third Infantry Division.

He won the Bronze Star, a Silver Star and the Distinguished Service Cross for bravery in battle.

He rose in rank from a private to second lieutenant by the end of 1944. In late January 1945, German infantry and tanks attacked his company near Holtzwihr in northeast France. Murphy ordered his men to fall back while he remained at a forward command post calling in firing instructions to his artillery.

As the enemy closed in on him, Murphy climbed aboard a

burning tank destroyer and used its .50-caliber machine gun against them. Alone, atop a vehicle that could have exploded at any moment, he continued firing until his ammunition ran out.

Ignoring a leg wound, he then made his way to his company, refused medical attention and organized a counterattack that forced the Germans to withdraw.

Murphy was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions. In all, he received more than 30 medals, including three Purple Hearts and the Croix de Guerre of both Belgium and France, making him the most decorated American combat soldier of World War II.

Murphy continued to serve

his state and country after the war, rising to the rank of major in the Texas National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserves.

His memoirs, "To Hell and Back," became a best seller. He then went to Hollywood where he made more than 40 films, including "The Red Badge of Courage" and the film version of "To Hell and Back."

In 1971, he was killed in a plane crash and was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. His gravesite is the second most frequently visited spot in the cemetery, following that of President John F. Kennedy.

There is a national drive to get the U.S. Postal Service to honor Murphy with a commemorative postage stamp.

Dry-cleaners owner: 'I am not being paid to be a tax collector'

WAXAHACHIE (AP) — The owner of a dry cleaners shut down because of a delinquent tax bill says he had told officials he wouldn't charge customers a sales tax because he wasn't "being paid to be a tax collector."

"I had informed the state I would not be collecting taxes," John E. Parsons told the Waxahachie Daily Light.

"Because in looking at the thing, I was not being paid to be a tax collector for the state," he said.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's office padlocked Globe Laundry & Cleaning on Monday, saying Parsons owed \$126,872 in sales taxes, penalties and interest.

Michele Kay, a spokeswoman for Ms. Rylander's office, said Parsons' advance notice that he would not collect sales tax did not release him from the obligation.

"It is not a choice," Ms. Kay said. "You cannot just tell us you don't want to."

Parsons has refused since 1995 to pay taxes and cited his membership in the separatist Republic of Texas, Ms. Rylander said.

But Parsons told the Waxahachie newspaper that he is not a member of the group.

"I have friends who were and may or may not be at the time, but I don't even know what the organization does," he said.

"That's just nonsense. If you could describe me in a political manner, I am a person who believes in the U.S. Constitution."

Parsons' business had been in operation for 70 years since his grandfather, J.A. Hunt, opened it.

Parsons said he doesn't know what he will do now but has no intention of changing his mind about collecting sales taxes.

Attorneys for Canadian fight to keep him from execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Joseph Stanley Faulder doesn't deny killing a 75-year-old East Texas woman during a burglary of her home nearly 24 years ago.

But the fact that Faulder, now 61, is a Canadian citizen, has raised questions as to whether Texas authorities can put him to death for the murder Thursday evening.

Canada has no capital punishment and Faulder would be the first of his countrymen executed in the United States since 1952.

The impending punishment, to be carried out in the most active death penalty state in the U.S., has prompted myriad legal maneuvers by Faulder's lawyers, who challenged Texas' clemency procedures. They've also argued Texas authorities neglected international law

when Faulder first was charged with the December 1975 murder of Inez Phillips at her home in Gladewater, about 115 miles east of Dallas.

"This case has been through every facet that it could possibly go through," Odis Hill, the former Gregg County district attorney who twice prosecuted Faulder, said this week. "I'll be glad when this thing comes to a conclusion that the jury has determined."

With Thursday nearing, at least two federal appeals courts were considering actions to halt the execution, which would be the 14th in the state this year.

The U.S. Supreme Court was asked to review the Texas clemency process. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans was considering a lawsuit citing the 200-year-old

Alien Tort Claims Act, which allows foreign citizens to sue the U.S. government for harm because of international law violations.

In December, Faulder, a native of Jasper, Alberta, came within 30 minutes of execution before the Supreme Court halted the punishment, saying it needed more time to consider his claims of international law violations. The court later rescinded its reprieve.

Faulder's attorneys have insisted Canadian authorities should have been told of his murder arrest and detention under terms of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. Also under that treaty, Texas authorities should have told Faulder of his right to contact the Canadian government for help, his attorneys say.

Texas officials insisted they knew Faulder previously had served prison time in Canada, but he did not tell them he was a Canadian citizen. Fifteen years later, his family — who believed he was long dead — and the Canadian government discovered him alive.

Hill said Tuesday Faulder insisted on keeping Canadian authorities in the dark.

"He did not even wish his attorney contact his family in Canada," Hill said. "We later determined he abandoned his wife and two small children without any money."

"Most folks in the state of Texas or any other state, I don't think there's a lot of compassion for parents who abandon their wife penniless with two children so they couldn't even afford to buy milk."

Recent rains don't make a dent in Valley drought

HARLINGEN (AP) — The Rio Grande Valley has gotten a rare dose of rain recently, but not nearly enough to break the region's long-running drought.

Although it's too early to tell, the early indication is that the rain will have only slight — if any — effect on reservoir levels.

"At this point in time, with the drought, any inflow is good," said Julian Perales, river operations manager with the Rio Grande Valley Watermaster's office. "It's not going to take us out of the

drought, but every little bit helps."

The Rio Grande Valley has been mired in drought without a significant break since the mid-1990s.

The Valley gets its water from Lake Amistad, near Del Rio, and Falcon Dam, just northwest of Rio Grande City. The reservoirs are managed as one system and are shared with Mexico.

Last summer, when Texas went through its second major statewide drought of the decade,

the U.S. share of water in Lake Amistad and Falcon Dam bottomed out at about 19 percent of capacity — the lowest level in recorded reservoir history.

Reservoir levels for the U.S. share were at 35 percent of capacity as of June 5. At the same time last year, the level was 25 percent of capacity.

By contrast, 1997 reservoir levels for the time period were around 41 percent of capacity. With Valley farmers in the midst of the peak cotton irrigation period, which will last into

late July or early August, water use is at a high, Perales said.

But the rain also was spotty. Areas such as Rio Grande City received up to three inches of rain, but most other parts of the Valley got less than an inch. Meanwhile, temperatures continue to soar into the 90s and low 100s.

A good soaking, however, means a boost in the quality of irrigation water. The Rio Grande had been so salty that plants weren't getting all the nutrients they needed.

Unified Dietary Guidelines developed by health groups

DALLAS (AP) — Five of the nation's top health organizations are joining forces to endorse a healthy eating plan aimed at helping stave off the diseases that kill most people: heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes.

There are few if any surprises in the Unified Dietary Guidelines, which the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, the American Dietetic Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Institutes of Health have embraced.

The groups recommend that a healthy daily diet include no more than 10 percent of calories from saturated fat and no more than 30 percent of total calories from all types of fat.

The diet also suggests that 55 percent or more of daily calories come from complex carbohydrates such as grains, fruits and vegetables. Dietary cholesterol should be limited to 300 milligrams or less each day (less than the amount in two eggs), and salt to six grams (one teaspoon) per day.

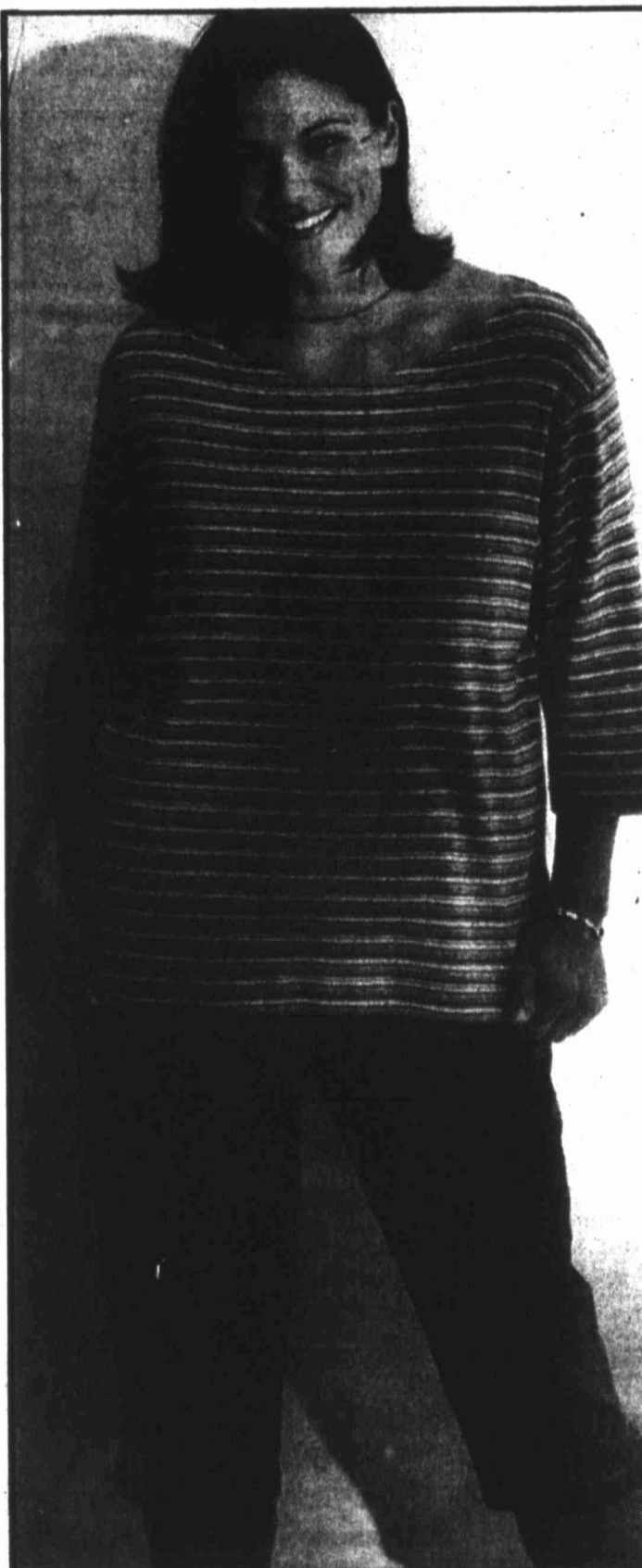
"The good news is that we don't need one diet to prevent heart disease, another to decrease cancer risk and yet another to prevent obesity and diabetes," said Richard J. Deckelbaum, M.D., co-author of the journal article and professor of pediatrics and nutrition at Columbia University.

"A single healthy diet cuts across disease categories to lower the risk of many chronic conditions."

The recommendations closely follow the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Pyramid, intended to ensure that diets contain enough vitamins, minerals, fiber and other essential nutrients.

Edward A. Fisher, a co-author of the article on behalf of the AHA and director of lipoprotein research at New York's Mount Sinai Cardiovascular Institute, said saturated fat makes up half or more of most overall fat consumption.

"The other big problem is that we simply consume too many calories — more than we burn during physical activity," Fisher said.



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NATO, KLA negotiate over terms for disarming guerrillas

WASHINGTON (AP) — NATO is negotiating with the ethnic Albanian guerrilla army in Kosovo over terms for surrendering weapons to help protect fleeing Serb forces from attack, says the U.S. general in charge of the advancing U.S. contingent in the Yugoslav province.

The Kosovo Liberation Army is not bound to give up small arms under the peace accord accepted by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic for the withdrawal of all Serb forces and police from the province.

"We've got to make sure that we defuse potentially explosive situations," Brig. Gen. Bantz Johnson "John" Craddock told a Pentagon briefing. "We don't want KLA, armed KLA, in proximity of withdrawing Serbs."

He said he hoped for an agreement either within the next few days.

As Serb forces continued their exodus from Kosovo, Defense Secretary William Cohen was meeting in Helsinki, Finland, with his Russian counterpart in an effort to resolve a standoff at the airport in Pristina, Kosovo's provincial capital.

There, a contingent of Russian forces continued to hold the airport and refused entry to NATO troops. A second column of Russian troops arrived at the airport on Tuesday, including 29 soldiers, to resupply the 200 already there.

Cohen was to meet with Russian Defense Minister Igor Sergeev to discuss what role

Russia would have in the Kosovo peacekeeping action. Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will join the talks on Thursday.

Sandy Berger, the president's national security adviser, talked Tuesday with his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, to discuss a compromise that could allow the Russians to participate as long in Kosovo as their commander reported to the general of another country, who would report to the NATO peacekeeping command, said P.J. Crowley, a White House spokesman.

"We have pointed to Bosnia as a model," Crowley said, noting that the same sort of Russian-NATO command linkage has

been used there.

The White House and Pentagon also said that, although Serb stragglers were likely to be in southern Kosovo past Tuesday's deadline to leave that sector, Yugoslavia was largely in compliance with NATO orders to pull out. Serb forces, retreating in waves, must be out of Kosovo entirely by Sunday.

White House press secretary Joe Lockhart, in Geneva with President Clinton, said NATO had given the Serbs an additional 24 hours to vacate one zone because of road congestion. "Overall, we've found that the withdrawal has worked well."

A complete assessment will not be available until today.

At the Pentagon, Craddock said he expected a formal agreement soon that would give field commanders the same kind of explicit guidance for dealing with the KLA that the June 9 peace pact provides for contacts with the departing Serb forces.

When necessary, U.S. forces "intervene and ask KLA to back off," so the Serb troops can retreat as required under the peace plan, Craddock said. KLA leaders who do not comply are forced to give up their weapons, Craddock said.

A KLA leader said Tuesday the army was prepared to surrender heavy weapons but would not willingly give up small arms such as rifles.

"Heavy weapons will be turned in on a voluntary basis,"

said spokesman Dino Asanaj. "The (KLA) will not be an obstacle to peace."

The rebels are fighting hard to push as deep into Kosovo as possible before Yugoslav forces leave and American and other international peacekeepers take full control.

More than 2,000 U.S. Marines and Army troops that have moved into Kosovo in the past two days are dealing with KLA rebels on a case-by-case basis, said Craddock, who spoke to reporters by telephone from his temporary headquarters in Skopje, Macedonia.

As part of the Kosovo peace agreement, the KLA is to be "demilitarized" but not disarmed, NATO officials have said.

House approves \$56 billion for operating FAA and airport spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Propelled by members complaining of overcrowded runways, old equipment and high ticket prices, the House has ignored the warnings of its own budget leaders and the Clinton administration and backed a big boost in aviation spending.

The House voted 316-110 Tuesday for a Federal Aviation Administration spending bill that authorizes \$56 billion over five years for operating the FAA and improving airport and air traffic control facilities.

House Transportation Committee Chairman Bud Shuster, R-Pa., known for his mastery in directing money to

infrastructure projects, said he was able to squeeze out an extra \$14 billion with a provision ensuring that all revenues in the Aviation Trust Fund, which comes from airport user taxes, are used exclusively for aviation projects.

The trust fund, which takes in some \$10 billion a year, is part of the general federal budget. Because revenues exceed spending on aviation projects, the rest goes to other federal programs or to padding the budget surplus.

Shuster last year succeeded in moving a similar highway trust fund "off-budget," but the administration warned that

President Clinton would veto the FAA bill if he tried it again, and budget leaders from both parties denounced the move as an attempt to usurp their authority to determine government spending.

"We must shut this door today and we must slam it shut for good," said Rep. Tom Delay of Texas, the third-ranked Republican in the House.

"Once this process begins," said Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., of efforts to build firewalls around certain areas of the budget, "the members of this House lose control over the budget process."

But a Young amendment to

remove the provision protecting the aviation trust fund was defeated 248-179, as many members rose to speak of the need to spend every airport tax dollar to address deteriorating facilities and poor service.

Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y., spoke of how businesses are leaving her Rochester district because of the lack of air service to its smaller market has made air travel prohibitively expensive — \$1,200 for a roundtrip to Chicago.

Americans who fly are not being told that their taxes "are used by bureaucrats in a classic Washington shell game of hide-the-budget-deficit," said Rep.

Bob Filner, D-Calif.

Shuster denied claims that the extra money would eat away at funds for Social Security and other federal programs, saying the \$14 billion could come from GOP plans to cut \$778 billion in taxes over the next 10 years.

"It is morally wrong to take aviation ticket taxes and use those ticket taxes for a general tax cut," he said.

The bill, which has yet to be taken up by the full Senate, also allows airports to double facility charges from \$3 to \$6 for local use. It would require the hiring of more air traffic controllers and establish procedures to quiet air tours over national

parks.

Incentives are provided to encourage service to and competition at smaller market airports. Spending under the Airport Improvement Program, which funds new runways and deals with noise pollution, would rise from \$1.9 billion this year to \$4.3 billion in 2004.

In one of the more controversial provisions, takeoff and landing restrictions would be eliminated at O'Hare in Chicago in 2002 and at La Guardia and JFK in New York in 2007. Additional flights to under-served airports would also be allowed out of Washington's Reagan National Airport.

Bad manners? No, thanks, say Louisiana lawmakers

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Add another "R" to the reading, "ritin'" and "rithmetic being taught in Louisiana classrooms: respect.

Lawmakers are on the verge of passing Gov. Mike Foster's bill requiring students to address teachers and other school employees as "ma'am" or "sir" or use the appropriate title of Mr., Miss, Ms. or Mrs.

The bill, passed by the Senate last month and the House this week, awaits only a final Senate vote on House amendments before the Legislature adjourns Monday night. It may be a national first.

Requiring respect is one way to add discipline, the Republican governor insists. "It'll make a difference. It becomes habitual."

Says who?

"It's not anything they can legislate," said Mark Teal, who has taught for 14 years in the town of Sulphur. "They'd have to pass laws on the parents."

Asia Wyman, an eighth-grader in New Orleans, said: "Kids don't respect their parents at home. What makes them think they're going to go to school and respect their teachers?"

Retired teacher Jean Kennedy of New Orleans said she likes the idea.

"I think it's a good idea to try whatever method there might be to raise the consciousness of students and parents, and this may be a way of doing that," she said Tuesday.

It could be the first such law in the nation. Jeanne Allen, president of the Center for Education Reform in Washington, said she knows of no other such attempt to require respectful conversation through state law.

Some school systems require parents or students to sign codes of discipline, and some states, including Arkansas and Georgia, require "character education," teaching honesty, fairness and respect for others.

The bill would apply to kindergarten through fifth grade in the school year that starts this fall. Higher grades would be added one year at a time.

The measure doesn't outline enforcement. It leaves punishment up to school boards, though the House eliminated expulsion or suspension as options.

"If this passes and becomes law, how will it be enforced?" Ms. Kennedy said. "There are so many laws on the books now that students do not follow and sometimes, teachers cannot enforce them."

Despite Y2K, government to recognize New Year's holiday

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration has scrapped a proposal to move the federal New Year's holiday to Jan. 3 to give computer experts extra time to fix the Year 2000 problem.

With New Year's Day falling on a Saturday, advocates of the plan had urged the government to recognize the holiday the following Monday to provide an extra day to resolve problems before employees returned during the first work week of 2000.

But the White House Office of Management and Budget said in a new report released Tuesday night that Clinton's top Y2K experts rejected the plan as "unwise."

"It would require extensive reprogramming of systems to account for the change that would only add to the burden of Year 2000 work," the OMB said.

The OMB also raised to at least \$8.06 billion its estimate of how much the federal government expects to spend fixing the

Y2K problem, \$1.3 billion more than it predicted just three months ago.

The agency said the increase was due mostly to the Defense Department's use of \$1.05 billion in emergency funds set aside by Congress to fix the most important computers.

The \$8.06 billion estimate includes money spent on the problem by federal agencies since fiscal 1996, when some of the earliest repair work began.

The report also said 99 percent of the government's 190 most important computers have been repaired, replaced or never were vulnerable, up from 79 percent in February.

Of the 410 computer systems government-wide that aren't ready, most are being repaired, it said. Thirty-five computer systems are being replaced and 24 are being scrapped, it added.

Fourteen federal agencies said all of their most important computers were prepared. Ten other agencies — including the

departments of agriculture, commerce, energy and justice — still have unfinished work. Among the systems still not ready is part of the FBI's automated fingerprint system, the report said, but the Justice Department said it should be fixed by next month.

The government had earlier set a March 31 deadline for all agencies to have their most important systems repaired.

Many computers originally programmed to recognize only the last two digits of a year will not work properly beginning Jan. 1, 2000.

According to census report, more Americans living past 100

WASHINGTON (AP) — At age 98, Ella May Stumpe really didn't want a computer.

Arthritis had prevented her from recording a century of memoirs with her typewriter, and her friends were pushing her to buy a PC so she could keep writing.

"I didn't want to buy it. I really bought it to get them to not bother me anymore," Mrs. Stumpe said. She looked at the computer sitting in her room and saw a "white elephant," she said.

Five years later, Mrs. Stumpe, now 103, has mastered word processing and has written two books, including one titled, "My Life at 100."

For Mrs. Stumpe, like for more and more Americans, reaching the century mark doesn't necessarily mean slowing down.

A Census Bureau report released Wednesday finds the nation's centenarian population overwhelming female and doubling this decade. Women living in the Midwest have the best chance of living to 100, the report suggests.

"More than anything else, the reason I have survived to this age is a moderate way of life," said Mrs. Stumpe, who grew up in North Dakota, which had the

11th highest percentage of centenarians among its population in 1990. She now lives in Frederick, Md.

Mrs. Stumpe, who changed her diet to nonacidic foods after suffering an ulcer at age 30, offers advice for those yearning to live long: "I do not go for the modern teen-age diet of hamburgers and pizza and stuff like that."

The Census Bureau reported that its analysis of 1990 data found that four out of five U.S. centenarians are women. Iowa had the highest percentage of residents in their 100s, a tiny .0261 percent of the total population, closely followed by South Dakota at .0256 percent. Three other Midwest states — Nebraska, Kansas and Minnesota also finished in the top 10.

Ex-cop gets 10 to 20 years

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — A retired policeman who admitted killing his wife and daughter smiled after a judge sentenced him to 10 to 20 years in prison.

In addition to the manslaughter sentences, Anthony Ambrosovitch was given terms up to 15 years for the attempted manslaughter of his daughter's boyfriend and weapons possession and seven years for reckless endangerment. He will be eligible for parole in 2008.

Ambrosovitch, 66, who pleaded guilty, could have been sen-

tenced to 50 years.

Psychiatrists for both the defense and prosecution agreed that he suffered from extreme emotional disturbance at the time of the killings in June 1998.

Ambrosovitch apparently was set off by the illness of his 70-year-old wife, Gloria, and criticism from his 40-year-old daughter, Melinda Podesta. He shot them both, wounded his daughter's boyfriend and held police at bay for hours outside his Tarrytown home in a suburb north of New York City.

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◆ The record for the tallest snowman belongs to a team of 12 in Valdez, Alaska, whose creation was 76 feet tall.

Got an item?

Do you have a story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

Big Spring Herald

Wednesday, June 16, 1999

Preserving the art of canning — the right way

Many years ago food preservation was a way of life. When food wasn't readily available year-round, families had to use food preservation methods as a way to maintain nourishment when fresh game, vegetables and fruits weren't available. Today many people preserve their food because they like to garden and food preservation is a way to enjoy that "fresh from the garden" flavor all year long. There are three main ways of food preservation: They are canning, freezing and drying. All can help assure that food is safe for later consumption. While food preservation techniques aren't hard or complicated, they can be time consuming and it is important that foods freshly harvested be preserved as quickly as possible. If you are interested in preserving some of your garden bounty, find a method that best suits your needs and find a reliable resource to help you get started.

Today we will talk about canning methods. There are two safe methods depending on the type of foods, water bath and pressure canning.

The boiling water bath method is safe for fruits, tomatoes, pickles, jams, jellies and preserves. In this method of canning, jars of food are completely covered with boiling water and processed for recommended time - hence the reliable resource with tested recipes for canning. The second method is pressure canning and this is the only safe way of canning vegetables, meats, poultry and seafood. Jars of food are placed in a pressure canner (with a dial gauge or weighted gauge) in about 2 to 3 inches of water. They are then heated to a temperature of at least 240 degrees which can only be reached in a pressure canner.

Why the extreme temperature you might be asking? The *Colstridium botulinum* microorganism is the main concern and the reason that pressure canning is necessary. While the microorganism can be killed at boiling temperatures, the spore can withstand these temperatures and grows well in low acid foods in the

absence of air. When the spores begin to grow they form the deadly botulinum toxins. This is why use of recommended and tested canning recipes and an appropriate canning method is so important.

If you have any recipes that recommend open kettle canning, steam canning, oven canning, microwave or dishwasher canning - don't use them, these methods are all unsafe. Proper temperatures cannot be reached and maintained to assure a safe product. Also, the aspirin canning method is not a valid method.

Canning jars and lids are also important for proper, safe canning. Mason-type jars specifically designed for home canning are recommended. Commercial type jars that you have saved may not seal appropriately and may break during the canning process. The most commonly used sizes include pint and quart. Two-piece, self-sealing lids are the most common sold today. The flat metal disc has a sealing compound that should only be used once, the screwband can be used over and over as long as it does not become bent or rusty.

Each food has its own processing time, based on research that tells how long the product must be heated so that the proper temperature is reached to kill all dangerous microorganisms. Do not guess at a processing time: Too long results in overcooked product, too short results in a spoiled and even potentially dangerous product.

Canning recipes are usually based on an altitude of 0 to 1000 feet, unless otherwise noted. In Howard County our altitude is between 2,200 and 2,700 this means you need to add five minutes to the processing time of water bath canning, pressure canner adjustments must be made in the pressure - a dial gauge canner process at 12 pounds of pressure, in a weighted gauge canner process at 15 pounds of pressure.

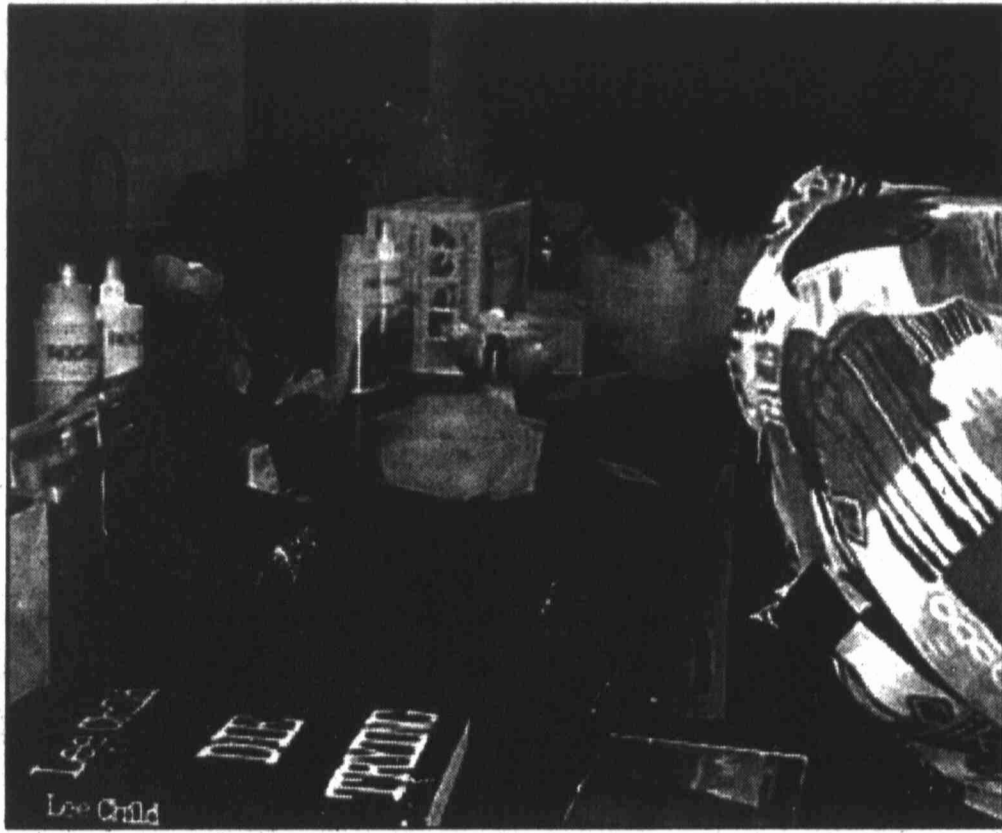
You should not plan to can recipes that do not have a recommended processing times. Paraffin sealing is no longer accepted as a way to seal jams, jellies or preserves; water bath canning is the only accepted method for these products. Always use a reliable food preservation resource.

So easy to Preserve: Cooperative Extension Service, The University of Georgia, Second Edition.

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DANA TARTER



ABWA Auction raises \$1,600



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At top left, Josephine Garcia inspects items to be auctioned by American Business Women's Association, Scenic-Cactus Chapter, Monday evening. The money raised will go toward college scholarships for women in the community. Top right, Goldie Anderson and Janice Stroup examine some of the items, which included framed prints, jewelry, tools, hair products and gift certificates. Above, left, Vivian Jones, a member of ABWA, looks over scholarship applications before the auction began. Above, right, from left, P. J. Heckler, Danelle Castillo, auctioneer Robert Pruitt, Deloris Albert and Tony Castillo prepare to begin the auction. More than 125 items were auctioned for a total of \$1,600 which will provide three college scholarships.

Xeriscaping:

Homework the key to water-saving gardening

AMARILLO (AP) — Mark Barham planted his perennial garden in 1995 and dedicated it to his wife, Joy, who was battling leukemia at the time.

She survived, and they now have a living memorial to her victory in the back yard of their Canyon home.

The Barhams both are avid gardeners and participants in the Texas Master Gardener program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The plants in their perennial garden are survivors, as well.

"That's one thing about this garden - only the strong survive," he said. "It changes every year."

Barham said he doesn't baby his plants, but the bed still is filled with lush, colorful flowers and shrubs. All are xeriscape plants which require little water.

Except for a few reseeding annuals, all of the plants are perennials.

The garden's beauty reflects proper plant selection. The choices for his garden are suited to the Texas Panhandle soil and temperatures.

"Here, for the average gardener, you almost want to look for things like, 'tends to be an

aggressive plant.' Because with the weather, the soil and the water - gardening is tough," Barham said.

But if a plant does too well, it can become an invasive plant, said John Ladd, owner of High Plains Natural Gardens. Ladd sells xeriscape plants. His wife, Melissa Ladd is co-owner.

"Some plants will take over an ecosystem," Ladd said. "Natives that are drought tolerant, many have small leaves and don't get real big. They don't dominate a community."

You have to do some homework, Ladd said. And plant selection is only one of several steps in creating a xeriscape landscape.

"Xeriscape plants are water efficient plants that are real adapted to our area; therefore, they can grow in our area with little water," said Jim Allison, Potter County extension agent-agriculture.

The term "xeriscape" was coined in 1978 in Denver. Since then, more than 40 states have initiated xeriscape projects in the United States, according to information from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Xeriscaping incorporates seven principles that lead to

saving water, according to the extension service. They are: planning and design; soil analysis; appropriate plant selection; practical turf areas; efficient irrigation; use of mulches; and appropriate maintenance.

But xeriscape doesn't mean that the landscape will be dull, Allison said.

"There are annual flowering plants and perennial flowering plants," Allison said. "There's a wide range of when those plants will bloom and look nice. If people will plan their landscape, they will have color throughout the summer, basically."

Planning is the key to success. And the extension service is the source for gardeners eager to get free xeriscape planting lists for the Texas Panhandle that include everything from trees to vines.

"You need to try it in a small area first to see if it gives you what you want," Allison said. "Phase it in."

Generally, you want most of your landscape to be free flowing, with curves rather than sharp corners, because it's easier to maintain, he said.

Barham plotted out his xeriscape bed on paper before

he bought the plants.

When planning a garden, people should consider the size of the plant at maturity as well as water and sun requirements.

But gardeners interested in trying xeriscaping should make sure that they don't mix plants with high-water and low-water requirements in the same area.

Mixing the two could hurt - or kill - the plants.

"The biggest problem I have is that people water them too much," Ladd said.

A proper landscape includes a good mixture of sun and shade - about 50 percent of each, Ladd said.

And in the planning stages, people also should learn what type of plant thrives in their area, he said. Timbercreek Canyon is a different eco-zone than an area up on the Caprock. And Wolfpen is, more like a woodland area.

Ladd encourages people to place plants against the house that require the most water and food. Also, cut down on water usage by decreasing grass in yards and by adding more pathways and perennial beds.

Different choices for grass selection also can decrease water requirements.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Local Bauer Magnet Elementary School student Alyssa Rains is not a famous artist, but a piece of her artwork is hanging in the Texas capitol. Rains' pastel, "Realize That the End of Each Stormy Voyage Brings a New Adventure," is part of an exhibit by schoolkids from across the state. The work is on display in the William B. Travis State Office Building, in a first floor gallery, through July 2.

Most of the work comes from the annual art competition called PTA Reflections, sponsored by the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers. The work is designed to paint an image that completes the sentence, "Suddenly you turn around and..."

The Travis Office Building is located at 1701 N. Congress Ave., open from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday.



RAINS

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 463 will have an ice cream social on Thursday, June 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Mall. There will also be a licensed masseuse giving 10 minute massages for a \$10 donation.

The girls are raising money for a trip to Savannah, Ga., the birthplace of the Girl Scouts movement.

There will also be face painting for the kids, homemade ice cream, cookies and coffee. This would be a great treat for Dad as Father's Day approaches!

THE LAST WORD

There are no illegitimate children - only illegitimate parents.
Judge Leon R. Yankwich

Nobody with that awful wife and those ugly children could be anything but normal.
Gore Vidal

No matter how many communes anybody invents, the family always creeps back.
Margaret Mead

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taining, travel, food and parenting in various magazines published by Conde Nast (Mademoiselle, Vogue, Bride's, Glamour) and Time (People, InStyle, Parenting, Health, Food & Wine).
Besides the successful Lifetime channel, run by Walt Disney Co. and Hearst Corp., the new TBS channel faces competition from a channel called Oxygen, being developed by talk show host Oprah Winfrey and Geraldine Laybourne, a driving force at Nickelodeon.
Entertainment industry analysts were unsure if there is room for all three.
"There's certainly enough topics to be dealt with, but the question is whether there's enough advertising to support three networks in the same area," said Tom Wolzien, a media analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein & Co.

'Texas' opens its '99 season tonight with new sound

AMARILLO(AP) — It's not the 35th anniversary season. That's next year. So is "Texas" just marking time this season?
Not on your life, said Bla'ne Bertrand, new executive director for the outdoor musical drama.
"It's always somebody's first time to see it. We try to make it a big deal for (audiences) every time," Bertrand said. "Each year in nonprofit performing arts should be a celebration."
"Every year is a progression to something bigger. If we waited to 35 or 25 or whatever, in an outdoor drama you've waited too long," he said.
This year, the focus is on a new amplification system.
"We don't want to destroy the ambient nature of an outdoor drama... but it does push the envelope a little bit," Bertrand said.
The new system, which includes speakers and microphones specially designed for the Pioneer Amphitheatre, will ensure that every line is clearly heard in every seat in the house, Bertrand said.
"It should let (the actors) relax a little bit more than in the past. They can be a little more dramatic... if they don't have to project as much," he said.
What won't change is the basic story, a celebration of the pioneers of the Texas Panhandle.
Uncle Henry, a prominent rancher, is disturbed by new settlers to the area, like Calvin Armstrong, a farmer with visions of helping the region advance.
Armstrong's dreams of a train and a town in the area aren't initially favored by Henry, who for years has grazed cattle freely on the range. Tempers flare as the characters battle nature and each other while making their homes on the Texas plains.
This year's cast of about 140 singers, dancers and actors comes from about 15 states. Most were found at eight audition sites around the country.
What draws the cast?
"Neil (Hess, the director) has an incredible reputation for being able to train singers, dancers and actors alike, for building really good actors and actresses and giving them a broad spectrum of training," Bertrand said.
Contracts were signed in mid-May, giving the cast 24 days to prepare for today's opening night.
Despite "Texas'" reputation as the best attended outdoor drama in the country, audience numbers have been dropping.
"Texas'" is produced by the nonprofit Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation Inc.
The 1999 season runs through Aug. 21. Performances begin at 8:30 p.m.

Innovations make life easier for amputees

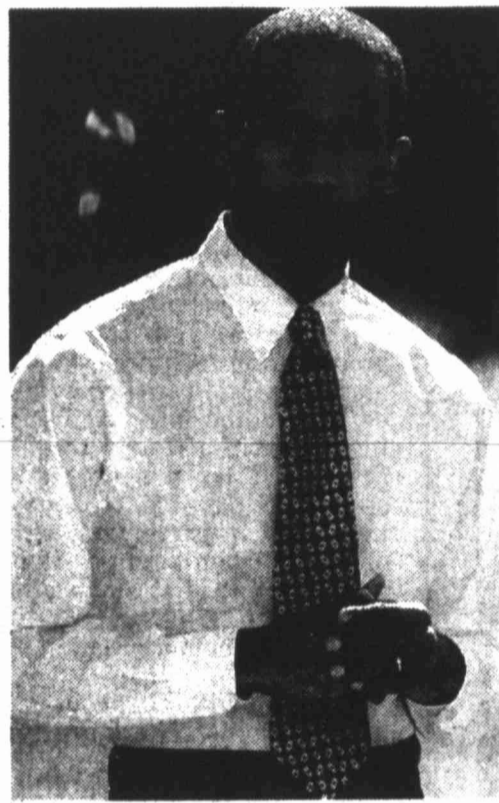
BRAZORIA(AP) — When Ron Farquharson showed up for work one day in 1991 with a bandage on his left hand, a coworker at Dow Chemical Co. in Freeport teased, "I see you've been cooking again."
Farquharson, who admitted he had, in fact, been trying to slice an onion using a kitchen knife held by the hook on his artificial right arm, wished aloud for a device that would hold a knife securely.
"I also wanted something that could move, something that would hold all kinds of tools," Farquharson said.
He and coworker Danny Still, a graphic artist, came up with a design, and the Dow machine shop built the first prototype of

what Farquharson calls a "terminal device." It's a receptor attachment for the end of a prosthetic arm. Once the terminal device is in place, all kinds of specially adapted tools can be snapped onto the end. They can be turned to 45-degree angles or rotated 360 degrees.
The system isn't designed to permanently replace a user's existing hook, but it does allow the user to perform special tasks he couldn't do otherwise.
Being able to hold onto a tool securely opens a world of possibilities for people who have lost one or both hands.
Need to fix your car? Snap a wrench into place.
Want to go fishing? Snap on a fishing rod.

Onions need slicing? Attach a knife to the terminal device and prepare to cry.
Farquharson and Still called their invention the "Hayden-Preston System" (using their middle names) and got a U.S. patent in 1995 after fine-tuning the prototype.
Still sold his interest in the invention to Glenn Betts of Lake Jackson, and Farquharson and Betts formed a company known as Texas Assistive Devices, LLC. Now they stay busy with their company, attending conventions throughout the country and monitoring the Texas Assistive Devices Web site: www.txad.com.
Johnnie Rouse, owner of

Reactive Metals of Angleton, often accompanies Farquharson and Betts to conventions. Reactive Metals supplies the high-quality, lightweight aircraft aluminum used to make the terminal devices, and Allen Precision Machine Inc. in Angleton produces the terminal devices. When tools are needed, Rouse adapts them to fit the terminal device.
Farquharson has worn an artificial arm since an industrial accident at Dow in 1971 crushed his right hand, which was amputated just above the wrist. Because he is right-handed, Farquharson was eager to see if he would be able to write once he got his prosthetic arm.

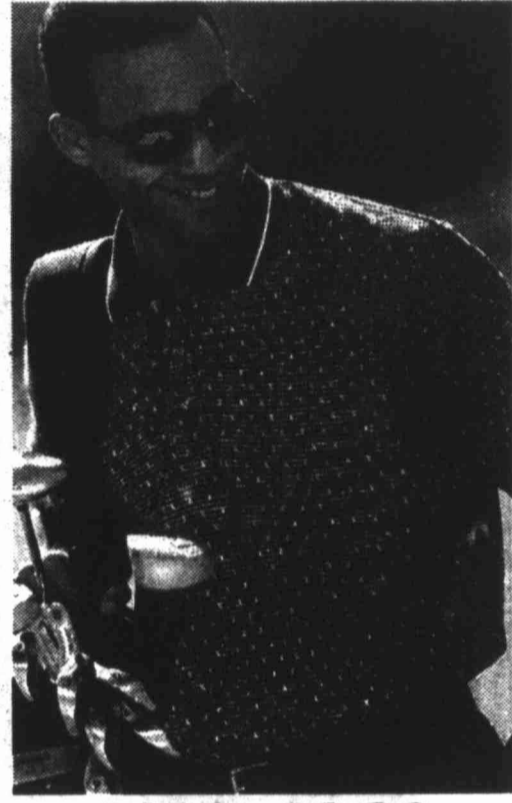
"After the accident, it was probably about a month and a half before I could see a prosthetist because of all the swelling. The day I got fitted, I brought a pen and paper with me and couldn't wait to get out to the car by myself to see if I could still write," Farquharson said.
It turned out that he could. After that victory, however, Farquharson settled down to learn a new kind of work with a hook instead of a hand. He underwent occupational therapy at The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research (TIIR) in Houston and eventually returned to work at Dow, retiring in 1997.



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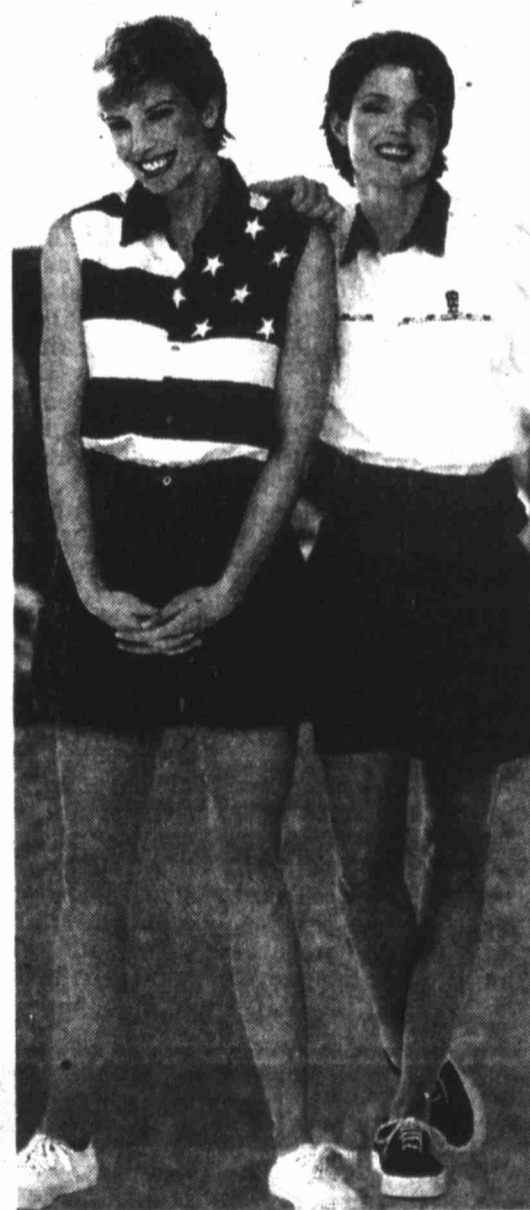
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Big Spring C finishes 47th
Big Spring professional League rocketed to an exciting final round Northern Texas Alexander Auto Championship Quicksand Golf Angelo, finishing in the field.
Bryan had a name with a was tied for 10 with eight other going into Tues

YMCA baseball slated to begin

The Big Spring conduct a baseball for youngsters ages of 5 and June 26.
The program and 6-year-olds while those be of 7 and 9 play baseball. Those ages of 10 and with youngsters Games in t will be played mornings at Elementary School International field.
Registration will be \$32 for the YMCA.
For more in the YMCA at 2

National Little League slates baseball

Big Spring's League will sponsor camp June 13 Anderson Center raising enough to construct a ball field.
The camp will be by American with a staff of major players.
A fee of \$85 is open to you the ages of 7 and 9.
For additional call Paul Gibb

Country club tournament

The Big Spring Club will hold a tournament for Saturday with play beginning p.m. shotgun.
Originally scheduled for 6, the event's players played low ball, six hole shot and six hole play each day.
Fees for the be \$65 per rental. Entry mulligan and following play.
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IN BRIEF

Big Spring CC's Bryan finishes 47th in tourney

Big Spring Country Club professional Larry Bryan skyrocketed to an 83 Tuesday during final round action of the Northern Texas PGA's Lynn Alexander Autogroup Western Championship at the Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo, finishing tied for 47th in the field.

Bryan had opened the tournament with a round of 73 and was tied for 10th in the field with eight other professionals going into Tuesday's round.

YMCA baseball program slated to begin June 26

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

The program will have 5- and 6-year-olds playing T-ball, while those between the ages of 7 and 9 playing coach pitch baseball. Those between the ages of 10 and 12 will play with youngsters pitching.

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

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

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

National Little League slates baseball camp

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

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

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

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

Country club schedules tournament for weekend

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

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

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

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

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.

For the past five year, Bulldogette softball teams have been played on city park fields, but school officials and booster club members say they want to build the high school its own field adjacent to the Bulldogs' baseball park.

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

6:30 p.m. — Texas Rangers at New York Yankees, FXS and ESPN, Ch. 29 and Ch. 30.

9:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh Pirates at Los Angeles Dodgers or Florida Marlins at Arizona Diamondbacks, ESPN, Ch. 30.

NBA FINALS

8 p.m. — Game 1, New York Knicks at San Antonio Spurs, NBC, Ch. 8.

Howard's Green, Hughes get strong start at college rodeo finals

From staff and wire reports

CASPER, Wyo. — Howard College's Kimberly Green and Jeremy Hughes opened the College National Finals Rodeo in strong fashion Tuesday, as both managed to finish one round with the lead in their respective events.

After finishing tied for eighth in the first round of barrel racing, Green posted a time of 14.12 seconds to win the second round, but did not place well enough in the third go-round to be among the four leaders after the third round.

Hughes, who posted a 78 on his first ride in the bull riding competition, went into the second round as the event's leader, but did not place in the second go-round.

Tarleton State's Jennifer Smith took the overall barrel racing lead with a 14.11-second run in the third go round,

giving her a three-run total of 42.90 seconds. Colby College's Nancy Parliament and Angela Olsen were second and third in the standings, followed by Central Washington's Katy Miller.

Tyree Reeder of Southern Idaho posted a 79 score to win the second go-round of bull riding, followed by Marcus Michaelis of Treasure Valley College and Jeremiah Wilder of Hill College.

Tennessee-Martin cowboy Jeremiah Diffee used an 82-point bareback bronc ride Tuesday to surge into the early lead of the second round on the rodeo's opening night.

The top collegiate cowboys and cowgirls are competing for a chance to return to Saturday's finals, which determine 1999's National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association champions.

Each first-place performance in the three preliminary rounds is worth 80

team points and strong early scores or times boost contestants' odds of reaching the championship round.

Green has scored 85 points in the competition, while Hughes has 80.

Diffee's ride came aboard stock contractor Harry Vold's Foxhole Skoal. Right behind with 81s were Scott Montague of two-time defending men's champion Panhandle State and Jacob Hayworth of Western Montana.

The first round of barebacks was won by Jody Wiggins of Texas' Tarleton State with an 82.

After two rides, Hayworth sat in first place with 160 points.

Tyree Reeder of the College of Southern Idaho won the second round of bull riding with a 79, edging Marcus Michaelis of Treasure Valley Community College by one point.

The team roping duo is Matthew Funk

of Lewis and Clark State College and Kain Garcia of Blue Mountain Community College stretched their steer in 8.3 seconds in the third round to build a solid 24-second lead on their nearest rivals in the overall chase.

Casey Crow of West Texas A&M was setting the pace in calf roping with a combined time of 30.6 seconds on three head.

In the race for the coveted all-around titles, Casey Callahan of Tarleton State held a 115-85 point lead on Wyoming's James Tarber.

The women's all-around leader was Mary Ann Barrow of Southwestern Oklahoma State.

Other women's event leaders included Dickinson State's Brandi Nelson and Southwestern Oklahoma's Sonya Shields in goat tying and Wyoming's Bryel Zancanella in breakaway roping.

Rodeo opens tonight with top riders up

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Four of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's (PRCA) current money leaders will be in action tonight when the 66th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo gets under way.

With performances slated for 8:30 each night through Saturday, each night's rodeo promises to have some of the PRCA's top competitors in virtually every event.

Foremost among the entries for tonight is Byron Walker who is currently ranked third in the steer wrestling event, having earned \$28,797 this season.

Walker, who hails from Ennis, finished sixth in the overall steer wrestling standings in 1998 following an 11th-place finish at the National Finals Rodeo.

Three of the PRCA's top bull riders will also be in action tonight, as Philip Elkins, Chris Littlejohn and Mike White are scheduled to ride during the opening performance.

Elkins, who's home is in Saginaw, is currently ranked 20th in the bull riding standings \$16,034 in winnings this season, while Littlejohn, who hails from Sapulpa, Okla., fell out of the Top 20 this week after having held that spot the week before.

White, who calls Lake Charles, La., home, has not yet broken into the money leader standings, but would like nothing better than take a big stride in that direction this weekend in Big Spring.

The PRCA's 1997 Rookie of the Year, White finished No. 6 in the overall bull riding standings a year ago in his sophomore season on the rodeo circuit.

And in the saddle bronc riding competition, two of the three Etbauer brothers, Robert and Billy, will be making appearances tonight.

The Etbauers are perennially among the nation's leaders in saddle bronc riding and 1999 is no exception.

Billy, who makes his home in Ree Heights, S.D., and was the 1992 and 1996 world champion in the event is currently 14th in the standings, having won \$19,534 this season. He finished the 1998 campaign at No. 11 on the money list with \$81,585 in winnings following a 14th-place finish at the NFR.

Robert, who is two years older than his brother, was the 1991 world champion saddle bronc rider and finished the 1998 season 10th on the money list with \$95,153 in winnings. He finished the NFR in Las Vegas in eighth place overall.

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, steer wrestling and saddle

bronc riding, the rodeo's professionals will be again vying for prize money in bareback bronc riding, calf roping and barrel racing.

The rodeo will also have many of the save features which have thrilled audiences in recent years — foremost among 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 bull riders 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 boys, 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.

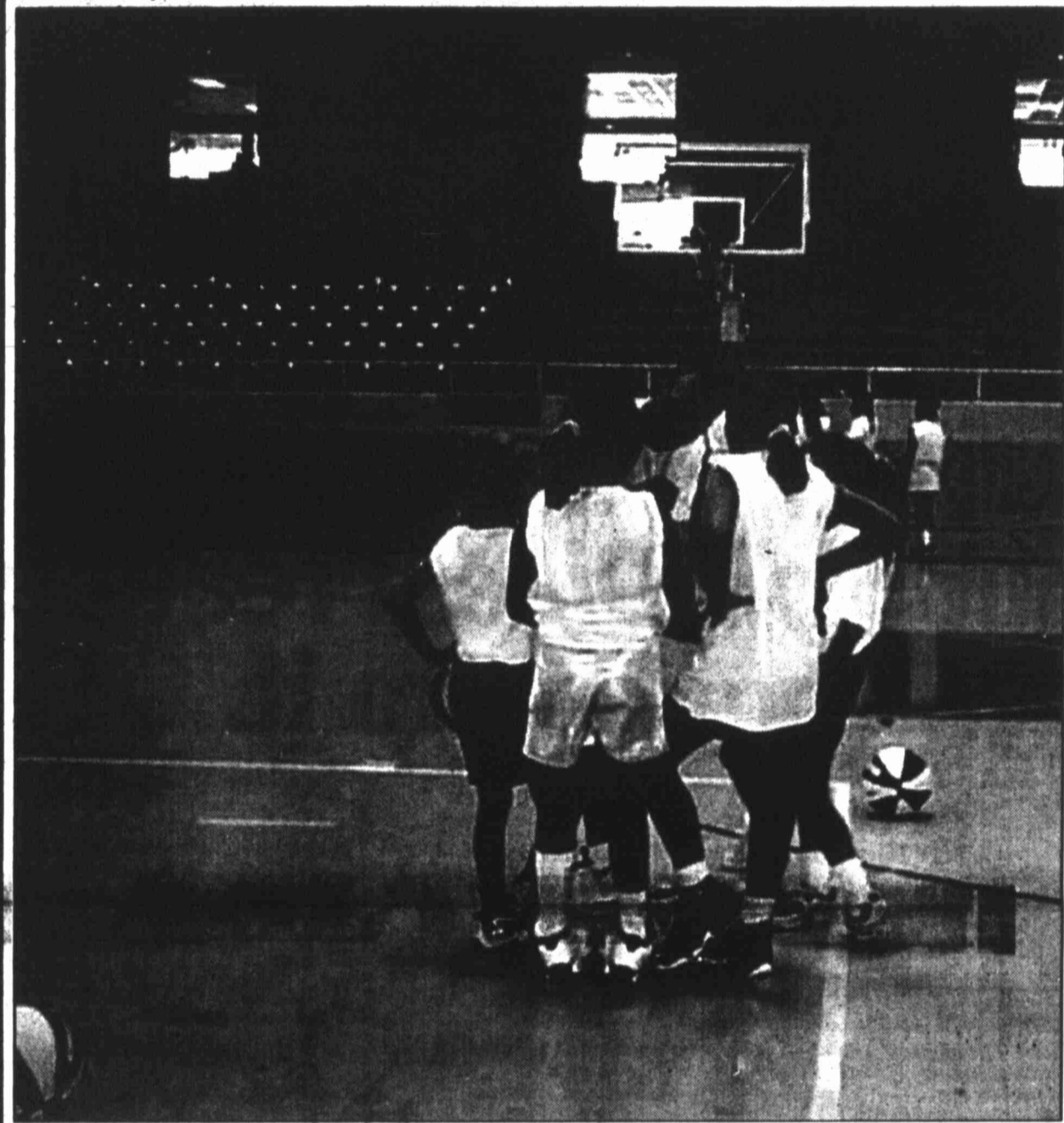
Nix and his band are scheduled to perform Friday and Saturday.

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 in the Thursday morning tournament can call Comanche Trail superintendent Jack Birdwell at 264-2366.



A group of girls attending the Howard College Lady Hawks Basketball Camp form a huddle around head coach Matt Corkery as he gives them advice on their game. The camp began Monday and will last until Thursday afternoon.

Lady Hawks Basketball Camp has girls honing hoops skills

By ALLISON THOMAS
Staff Editor

Howard College is hosting the annual Lady Hawks Basketball Camp this summer, teaching basketball skills to girls ranging in age from eight to 18.

The camp began this Monday, and will last until Thursday afternoon. Matt Corkery, head coach of the Lady Hawk basketball program heads the camp's staff that includes selected high school coaches and several of Howard's players.

"We spend a lot of time teaching the fundamentals," Corkery noted during Tuesday's camp session. "We teach them proper techniques in shooting, ball handling, and all the general

skills and techniques that they will need to know."

The day camp, lasting from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., draws girls from not only the Big Spring community, but surrounding areas as well.

"Most of the girls attending are local, from Big Spring or the surrounding communities like Coahoma and Forsan," said Corkery. "We do have some girls attending the camp from as far away as Ozona and Dallas who are staying with relatives."

The players are grouped by age, and taught according to their skill level. Along with the basketball drills and training, girls attending the camp will have the chance to participate in several contests and competitions.

"We spend some time on games, and we give them a chance to compete," said Corkery.

Wait's over, NBA Finals begin tonight

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs have spent most of the past five days insisting they're not overconfident heading into the NBA Finals against the New York Knicks.

The more you listen to them, the more you wonder whether they really mean it.

"We're a confident team. We feel good about ourselves," Mario Elie said. "I mean this is probably — not disrespecting the Knicks — this is probably the weakest team we're going to play in the playoffs."

Elie has been the talkative type as everyone has waited around for the finals to begin, but he would not be baited into making any guarantees Tuesday on the eve of Game 1.

Still, he exudes self-assurance, just like all of the Spurs, who enter this series with a 10-game winning streak that is just one short of the record set by the Los Angeles Lakers in 1989.

The Knicks entered Game 1 with a little streak of their own, having won the first game of their first three series in this year's playoffs. All three victories, against Miami, Atlanta and Indiana, came on the road.

"It's a statement for the opposing team," Chris Childs said. "Once you lose that first game at home, it changes everything you do."

Said Latrell Sprewell: "It's like a wake-up call, it lets them know we're here to play."

The themes of this best-of-7 series have been clearly established in the days since the Knicks beat Indiana in the Eastern Conference finals.

The Knicks, who will definitely be without Patrick Ewing and could be without Larry Johnson, need to establish their running game to make up for their clear disadvantage in height.

In other words, if Latrell Sprewell, Marcus Camby and

Co. can't produce as much on the fast break as Tim Duncan and David Robinson can in the low post, the Knicks don't figure to stand much of a chance.

"With Patrick out, Larry is our dominant post player," Sprewell said. "And if he's gone, Marcus and Kurt Thomas are going to have to step up because we need a presence inside."

Aside from their 10-game winning streak, the Spurs enter this series with a 42-6 record.

They had the best regular-season record league-wide, swept the second round against the Los Angeles Lakers and swept the Portland Trail Blazers in the Western Conference finals.

"When it all came together was when we really started playing together as a team," Duncan said. "We don't rely on any one person to do it for us on any given night. There's a whole lot of people you really have to keep an eye on."

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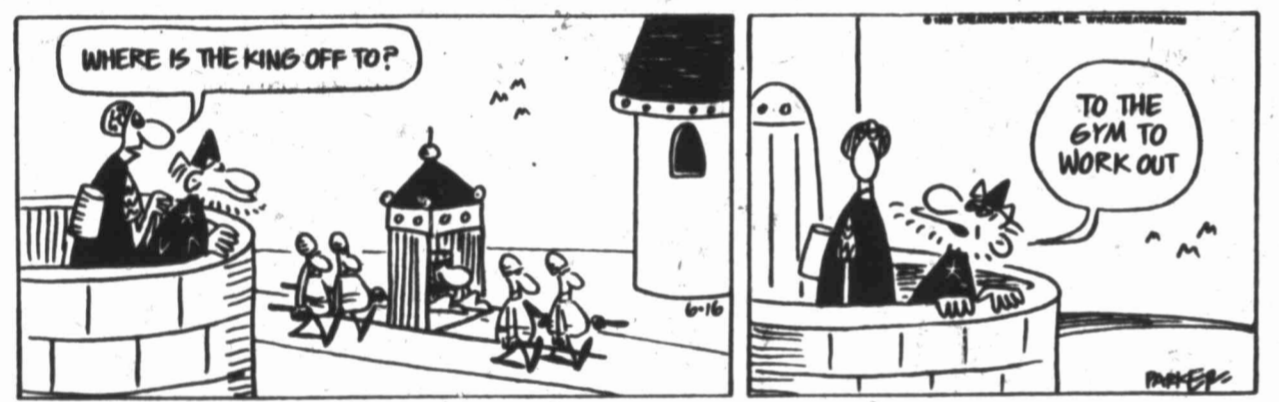
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