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### St. Thomas festival slated Friday, Saturday

St. Thomas Catholic Church plans its annual parish festival Friday and Saturday, with homemade Mexican specialties served beginning at lunchtime.

Gorditas, tamales, flautas, burritos and other food, all made from scratch, will be available beginning at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church, 605 North Main. That evening, game and contest booths will open, and a disc jockey will entertain with music.

Saturday, food will be available starting at 11:30 a.m., and booths will be open all day. A band is also scheduled to entertain that evening.

During the event, Northeast Sixth Street will be closed between North Main and Scurry.

For more information, call the church at 263-4337 or 267-9056.

### WHAT'S UP...

#### TODAY

- Rackley-Swords Chapter 379 Vietnam Veterans of American, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.
- American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084 for place.
- Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

#### FRIDAY

- AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

#### SATURDAY

- District IV Convention dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.
- The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Cotton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

### WEATHER

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## Tourism has \$4 million impact by mid-year here, CVB reports

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Economic data compiled for the first six months of the year by the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) shows that tourism has had an economic impact on Big Spring of nearly \$4 million.



The report was presented to the CVB board by tourism director Andrea Earle at its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday.

"We've had several tour companies stop here and we've also worked with 10 meetings or conventions that have resulted in a total of 18,672 visitor days in Big Spring," explained CVB chairman John H. Walker.

Walker said the number of people coming to Big Spring can be attributed to the CVB's effort at marketing the community.

"Andrea joined CVB as its

director last Aug. 1 and we've been working hard ever since," Walker said. "Andrea will be the first to tell you that she was very green when she took the position, but she has done an excellent job and we are growing tourism in our community."

He said CVB used a more conservative formula than that normally used to calculate the economic impact of a visitor to a community.

"We estimate a visitor spends \$50 per day, whereas the state says they spend \$70 and we estimate those dollars turn over

four times in the community, while the state uses a rollover factor of seven," Walker said.

He said the number of tours is increasing as a result of CVB's participation in the National Tour Bus Association and its trade show.

"There was concern when membership in that organization first came up over the cost, but when you look at the number of tours we've attracted, we've already recovered that," Walker said.

Earle said a few years ago, Big Spring had more than 20 tour

buses stop a year but that number had declined because of problems with the motel they were using.

"We literally had to start over," she said.

Earle lined up three tours during last year's convention, while two others have since scheduled Big Spring stops and another will be here on July 30.

In addition, eight conventions or meetings are scheduled between now and the end of the year, she said.

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## 118th Court

### Defendant takes stand in effort to refute testimony that he was intoxicated

RICK McLAUGHLIN

Staff Writer

Following a barrage of incriminating witness testimony that Antonio Martinez Rodriguez had been drinking throughout the afternoon and evening of Feb. 27, the defendant himself took the stand Wednesday.

Testifying near the end of the evidence portion of his trial for intoxication manslaughter, Rodriguez admitted under cross examination that he fled the scene of the fatal accident because he was scared.

Rodriguez, 20, is on trial in 118th District Court in Big Spring for the death of Jesse Lee Walters Jr., 19, a computer technology student at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, whom he has admitted hitting with his vehicle about 8 p.m. Feb. 27 at Fourth and Union.

Rodriguez, who has been in jail since his arrest on intoxication manslaughter, failure to stop and render aid, and DWI, third offense charges, told the jury he did not feel intoxicated.

That was despite testimony that his blood alcohol content

had been at least at .24, some 2 1/2 times the legal limit, and may have even been higher two hours before the blood tests were taken at about 10 p.m. that night.

Furthermore, a DPS expert witness from the Department of Public Safety's Accident Reconstruction Team concluded that alcohol was the primary cause of the accident based on the team's reconstruction of events based on distances, time factors and evidence used in such reconstructions.

Under questioning by defense attorney Rick Hamby, Rodriguez testified he had consumed only two or three beers at a child's birthday party at the home of T.J. Rios and Cindy Hernandez. He testified he left the party and had taken his then-girlfriend, Frances Alcantar, first to their home, then to her work at the Santa Fe Sandwich shop at Big Spring Mall.

He said he then returned to the Rios home where he said he had two or three more beers. Then the men at the party

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## MS benefit planned Saturday in conjunction with bike tour

HERALD Staff Report

The public is invited as Johnny Blaine and The Spur Band performs in a benefit Saturday night to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

In addition to meals, refreshments and other support, riders will be awarded prizes based on the amount raised.

This year, the prize for cyclists raising more than \$5,000 will be a one-day bicycle island tour through Martha's Vineyard in central New England next spring. Other prizes range from bike shorts and jerseys to gift certificates from sponsoring bike shops.

Cyclists may join the Mission

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## BSISD changing policy on backpacks for year 2000-2001, McQueary says

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

Students attending school at Big Spring Independent School District will not be allowed to carry solid-colored backpacks, beginning in school year 2000-01.



"This was a decision we made for safety, and we will not start it this year, but wait till next year because we understand some parents have already bought their kids backpacks," said BSISD Superintendent Bill McQueary.

However, beginning in the next school year, only clear or mesh backpacks will be allowed, he said.

"We have already contacted the stores and told them of our decision, and they are supposed to order these type backpacks," McQueary said.

The back pack change is a

safety measure following the Columbine High School tragedy, where two Colorado students carrying backpacks that concealed weapons killed a dozen fellow classmates, and then themselves in the spring.

A new Emergency Operations Manual for Big Spring Independent School District campuses, approved by trustees, also provides additional safety measures for school personnel.

The manual, a 50-plus-page preparatory list of all sorts of possible scenarios of emergency, provides principals with a clear, concise, step-by-step plan of action.

For example, if a school receives a bomb threat by telephone, the principal is instructed in ways to help identify the caller through a check list of identifying characteristics.

"We asked for help from both Police Chief Lonnie Smith and Sheriff Bill Jennings. We gave them this manual and asked for their input, and any suggestions they made, we changed to that," McQueary said.

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manual answers questions about weapons at school, allergic reactions, school bus accidents, child custody disputes and trespassers on campus.

Also, power failures, medication or substance overdose, riots or public demonstrations, and chemical or ash fallout are just some of the topics covered in the manual.

One very important component of the manual is designating a person to be in charge of the school should the principal be away or for some other reason unable to fulfill that position.

The manual also calls for emergency telephone numbers and contacts to be placed in strategic locations around the campus.

The manual is not intended to alarm any parent or student, and McQueary stressed that these scenarios are hypothetical and have not been experienced in any BSISD campus.

"This is not about just a fight

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## Participants looking forward to 4-H Junior Rodeo's opening tonight

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Fans who attend the Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo which opens tonight can be assured of seeing lots of action.

"It's the last High Plains Rodeo Association rodeo before the finals so there will be lots of competitors coming to this rodeo to get points," said Lauren Middleton, who as competed in each of the association's 13 previous rodeos this season.

Shows are 7 tonight and Friday and 6 p.m. Saturday, at the Rodeo Bowl. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. Children age 6 and under will be admitted free.

Middleton, who has been competing for seven years, is entered in breakaway roping, ribbon roping, goat tying and barrels.

"I like riding horses and competing and getting to meet so many new people. It's just a fun sport," said Middleton, who

also rodeos collegiately. She'll be joined in the arena tonight by her college roommate, Kacy Henard of Tatum, N.M. Both attended Western Texas College in Snyder last school year on rodeo scholarships.

"I enjoy the money and the friendships," said Henard, who has been rodeoing since she was 8. "You get to travel lots of roads you would not normally travel."

The rodeo is open to boys and girls age 19 and under. While both Middleton and Henard are 19 and veterans of the youth circuit, many of those competing will be just starting out.

"It's a good rodeo to see, there are so many young kids, and that's how they get started. This is how they start if they ever think of some day going pro," said Middleton.

There are five events open to cowboys and cowgirls age 8 and under — barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, breakaway roping and calf riding.

Older youth are divided into

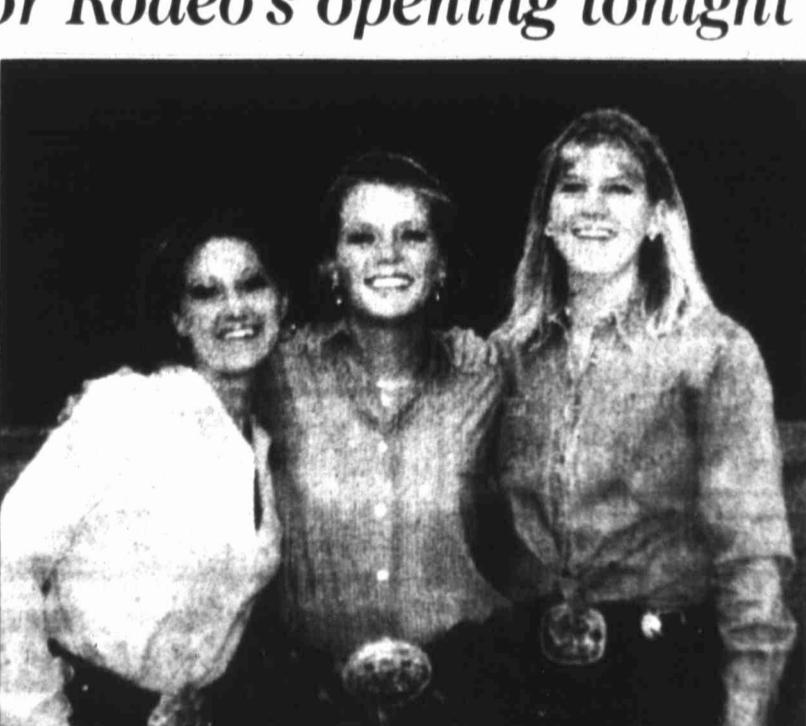
specific age categories — 9 to 12, 12 to 15, and 16 to 19. They will also be competing in barrels, poles, goat tying, breakaway roping and calf riding, but some more difficult events are also open to them, such as ribbon roping, tie-down roping, team roping, chute dogging, steer and bull riding, bareback riding and saddle bronc riding.

High Plains Rodeo Association participants must have received at least one point from three rodeos to qualify for the finals in Clovis, N.M. later this summer. Participants point by placing in the top 10 of any event.

4-H sponsors an all-around competition for those entered in the rodeo. There will be a boy and girl all-around champion in each age group, and one boy and girl overall all-around winner from all age groups.

The rodeo is the top fund-raising effort for 4-H Club members and the 4-H Adult Leaders Association. Funds raised at

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Courtesy photo  
Lauren Middleton, center, and Kacy Henard of Tatum, N.M., right, are scheduled in tonight's performance of the Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo. They and Jaymi Schmidt of Belle Fourche, S.D., also rodeo collegiately.

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## OBITUARIES

## Victoria Shortes

Victoria Shortes, 49, Ackery, died on Monday, July 12, 1999, in a Big Spring hospital. Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Friday, July 16, 1999, at Ackery Cemetery with Rev. Greg Taylor, pastor of Miracle SHORTES Revival Center, officiating.

She was born on Oct. 14, 1949, in Riverside, Calif., and married Dan Shortes on Oct. 3, 1991, in Ackery.

She came to this area in the early 1980s. Victoria graduated with honors from Texas Tech Health Science Center School of Nursing in Lubbock in the spring of 1994. She had worked as Medical Administrator for Cornell Corrections for the past several years.

She leaves behind her loving husband, Dan Shortes of Ackery; her mother, Helen Walker of Bristol, Ind.; a daughter, Danae Shortes of Lubbock; a son, Russ Shortes of Austin; a brother, John Walker of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a sister, Judy Wurmnest of Bristol, Ind.; and her grandmother, Gladys Shortes of Ackery.

Victoria will be missed by all her friends and associates.

Pallbearers will be Shane Schaffner, Paul Coker, J.D. Hall, John Snell, Jimmy Perry and T.L. Howard.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

*Paid obituary*

## TOUR

tax revenue from the new Days Inn on South 87 was starting to increase following completion of renovations to the facility.

The board tabled action on a funding request by the West Texas Centers for MH/MR until an updated financial report was available. The board directed chairman Walker to approve the request if the monies were available.

Earle advised the board that the tourism radio station is expected to be on the air at 1180 AM by Aug. 1.

Walker advised the board that information was being obtained so that CVB might consider promoting a bid for one of the nation's new national cemeteries to be located in Big Spring.

## TOUR

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Possible Club by raising \$750 — one dollar for each person with Multiple Sclerosis living in the area. The MP Club members will receive a polo shirt and a chance to ride in the Fina stunt plane.

Some 100 riders are expected to participate in the tour. They will be of nearly all ages and will be riding bikes costing from \$300 to \$2,500.

Volunteers will be operating rest stops, where water and fruit will be available to tired and thirsty riders. Members of the Amateur Radio Club will be providing communications and traffic control for the event on Sunday.

MS is a disease that randomly attacks the nervous system.

Symptoms may range from numbness and paralysis to blindness. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of the disease cannot be foreseen.

## MANUAL

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The first will be this weekend, when the Big Spring Eagles Lodge expects more than 200 persons for its district convention.

Other meetings scheduled include the District 25 VFW convention, Lions Club district meeting, fall meeting of the Society for Creative Anachronisms, Signal Homes dealer meeting, Texas Square and Round Dance Conclave and two Jehovah's Witnesses West Texas conventions.

The meetings have ranged in size from 20 in attendance at the Texas & National Crime Institute's "Train the Trainer" seminar to 2,500 persons each for two Jehovah's Witnesses meetings.

In other action Wednesday:

• City secretary Tom Ferguson reported that the former Days Inns, now known as the Inn of Big Spring, is once again in arrears on their tax payments. Officials of the motel had signed an agreement to pay taxes that were past due, but have fallen behind on that agreement as well as the current taxes due. Ferguson said city attorney Jim Finley would notify motel officials that legal proceedings will begin unless they pay the monies owed, which are estimated at \$5,000.

Ferguson also reported that

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and Cemetery  
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## For the first time, a murder charge filed in rail slayings case

HOUSTON (AP) — The rail-hopping fugitive who triggered one of the largest manhunts in recent history abandoned his alias and appeared anxious to acknowledge guilt — even before prosecutors accused him of a ninth slaying.

Police say Angel Maturino Resendez has not confessed to any killings. But the 39-year-old Mexican drifter seemed resigned Wednesday after Harris County prosecutors described a bloody killing during a bail hearing on a burglary charge.

"Can all this be done very quickly so I can say I'm guilty?" Maturino Resendez asked District Judge William Harmon, who told him no plea could be taken yet and denied bond.

It was unclear whether

Maturino Resendez was specifically addressing the burglary charge or the more serious allegations against him.

Until Wednesday, the man who said his alias Rafael Resendez-Ramirez was the name of his uncle, had been charged with two slayings in Illinois and one in Kentucky. He was suspected of five Texas killings.

Shortly after the hearing, however, the total reached nine when Cass County prosecutors charged him with the Oct. 2 robbery-slaying of 87-year-old Leafie Mason, bludgeoned in her Hughes Springs home.

Until that charge was filed, the only count against him in Texas was burglary at the scene where Dr. Claudia Benton, 39, was killed Dec. 17 in the

Houston enclave of West University Place.

The decision of whether to charge Maturino Resendez with capital murder in Ms. Benton's death rests with Harris County District Attorney Johnny Holmes, whose county has notched the most death-penalty convictions in Texas. Prosecutors said DNA evidence might link him to her slaying.

Ms. Mason, who lived most of her life within 56 yards of a Kansas City Southern rail line that bisects the town of 2,000, was beaten to death with her antique iron by someone who entered her home through a window.

Like several other victims Maturino Resendez is suspected of killing, her body and that of Ms. Benton were covered by

blankets. A police crime lab said a palm print found on Ms. Mason's window matched that of the suspect.

Maturino Resendez surrendered to the Texas Rangers after crossing the border from Mexico into El Paso on Tuesday. The surrender followed a six-week manhunt that made him one of the most wanted fugitives in America, one of the FBI's 10 Most Wanted.

Most of the agencies investigating Maturino Resendez seem eager to prosecute the man who inspired fear nationwide in people who live near railroad tracks — the location of most victims.

"I don't care if he gets the death penalty seven times," said Lexington, Ky., police Sgt. Mark Barnard. "I want him in

Kentucky."

Texas has executed more people — 180 — than any other state since the death penalty was declared constitutional in 1976.

It makes it all the more unclear why the elusive Maturino Resendez chose to cross the border and give up. Mexico, which has no capital punishment, has refused to return suspects to countries where they may face execution.

Authorities have speculated that the suspect feared bounty hunters on his trail.

A \$125,000 reward had been offered for his capture, which family members who negotiated his surrender might try to claim.

His family in Ciudad Juarez, El Paso's neighbor in Mexico,

appeared to have huddled inside the home of the suspect's mother. His uncle, from whom he borrowed the alias, spoke briefly to reporters.

"Jesus Christ is going to be in charge of him," said Rafael Resendez-Ramirez. "We have faith in God and we are praying that God saves him."

Investigators have said they have no idea what motivated the killings, which began with the Aug. 29, 1997, slaying of a 21-year-old college student in Kentucky who was attacked while walking with his girlfriend along railroad tracks.

The rest of the killings have come since September. The most recent were those of a 79-year-old man and his 51-year-old daughter, found dead June 15 in Gorham, Ill.

## Firm guilty of selling pesticides for use as toothbrush disinfectant

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — A federal jury ruled Wednesday that a Texas corporation illegally sold pesticides for disinfecting children's toothbrushes at the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Head Start centers.

Friendly Systems Inc., of Irving, Texas, was found guilty on three counts of selling pesticides with claims the products could be used for purposes substantially different from those stated on its EPA-approved labels.

The maximum penalty is \$200,000 on each count. U.S. District Judge Charles Kornmann said sentencing won't happen until at least Oct. 4.

Asked about an appeal, Mark Werbner, a lawyer for Friendly Systems, said, "We'll have to discuss that. I'm not sure."

The jury deliberated less than four hours before reaching the unanimous verdict Wednesday afternoon.

The federal government said the sales occurred in November 1995, October 1996 and March 1997.

The pesticides, Tisan and DDS-164, were being used to sanitize children's toothbrushes at the Head Start centers. The products are approved for sani-

tizing floors, walls, tables and kitchen items such as glasses and silverware, but they are not registered for killing germs on toothbrushes.

Parents have said 100 or more children were exposed to the chemicals and many have developed medical problems such as nosebleeds, excessive fatigue, chest and joint pains, headaches, tooth decay and blisters around the mouth. The parents said they intend to sue the federal government for civil damages.

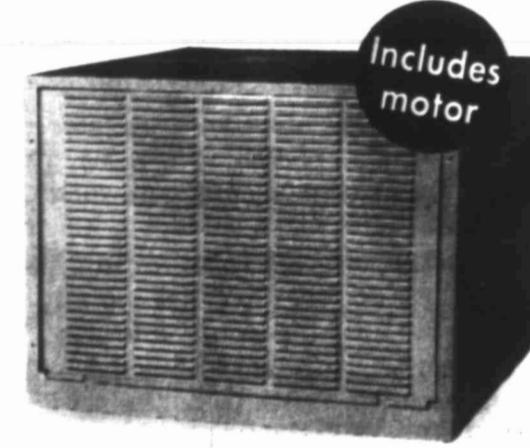
A sale involving similar claims occurred in late February and March 1997 to the Badlands Head Start program in Vale, northeast of Sturgis. That program bought the pesticides for cleaning countertops and other surfaces, a staffer there said.

But that program is involved in the case because a Friendly Systems saleswoman volunteered that it was being used by other Head Starts to sanitize toothbrushes.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler, of Pierre, characterized the company and its saleswoman as too intent on making a sale to worry about the safety of children.

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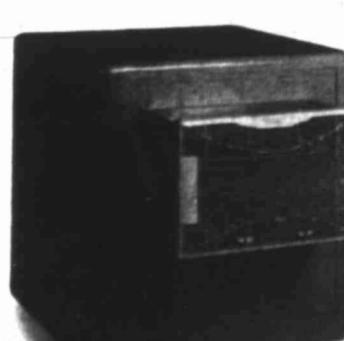
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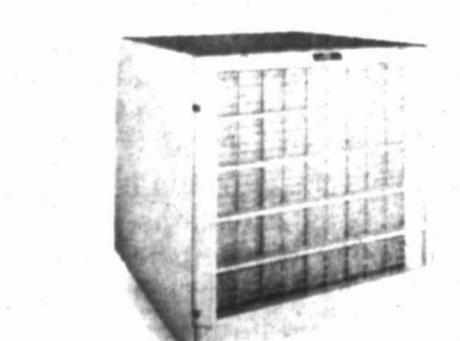
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## OUR VIEWS

## Waiting game continues for StarTek decision

**H**ow much is too much when a community is trying to attract a new employer? One who says, for example, that they want to bring 375 jobs to your town? And just how long do you wait while that prospective new employer plays the field?

That's the dilemma facing Moore Development for Big Spring officials, who have offered what we understand to be a substantial incentive package to Colorado-based StarTek in an effort to entice the firm to open a customer service call center in Big Spring.

Moore officials have apparently been strung along by StarTek, which has employed a variety of excuses as the company has delayed making a decision to locate in Big Spring.

Now, in Tuesday's online edition of Investor's Business Daily, it was reported that StarTek "may open a facility in Texas or Oklahoma."

The news brief read, "Startek, Inc. is considering opening a 10th plant in either Texas or Oklahoma, Chairman Emmet Stephenson told Investor's Business Daily newspaper ..."

Job attraction is a big business and while a community might be secretly "browsed" as Big Spring was by StarTek, when it comes time to land the jobs you better get your checkbook out.

We think StarTek, which has expressed concern about the size of the job market in Big Spring, would be pleasantly surprised with the work force in West Texas and the pride with which West Texans do their respective jobs.

And yes, that's one of those intangibles that you can't put a pencil to, but makes a difference in the company's bottom line just the same.

Moore Development was chartered for the purpose of job attraction and retention for Big Spring and Kent Sharp and his staff and the board of the organization have done their homework on StarTek.

While a community our size is limited with its financial ability to contest for jobs, we think Moore should do all it can to bring StarTek to town.

We base that statement on a couple of factors:

- StarTek officials have told community leaders that everywhere they have located, other computer-related businesses follow;

- This industry would allow us to expand and upgrade our work force, heading more towards high tech;

- And 375 jobs generating an annual payroll estimated at more than \$6.5 million can go a long way in easing the uncertainties brought about by the closing of Walls Industries and the planned sale of the Big Spring Refinery.

From calling a contact in Oklahoma City, we understand communities in that state generally don't ask for commitments, such as a guaranteed work force or payroll or length of stay.

Moore Development does, and we feel that is a good practice in that it serves as a level of protection for our community's investment.

As for StarTek, the decision is theirs. The offers are on the table. They can come to Big Spring, where more than 1,000 persons turned out for their job fair or they can go to Oklahoma and always wonder how much better it would have been in Texas.

## OTHER VIEWS

The violent demonstrations that have shaken Tehran and other cities during the past few days are an unusually public expression of deep-seated tensions within post-revolutionary Iran.

Paradoxically — and paradox is never far away in the land of the "Mercedes mullahs" — the protests could strengthen the hand of the reform-minded President Mohammad Khatami, or provoke a sharp conservative backlash that could prove his undoing.

THE GUARDIAN, LONDON

## We need more strict enforcement, not new laws

**W**hat is it that motivates someone to kill another person, especially a stranger? And should one motive be punished more severely than any other?

Yes, if the motive happens to be hatred based on race, religion or sexual orientation, according to a group of civil rights activists who met Monday with President

Clinton to discuss strategies for pushing new federal hate-crimes legislation.

Although earlier versions of proposed federal hate-crimes laws have faltered in the past, the recent murderous rampage through Illinois and Indiana by Benjamin Nathaniel Smith — who killed two people and injured nine others before apparently taking his own life — and the arrest of Benjamin Matthew Williams and James Tyler Williams, two brothers accused of killing a homosexual couple in Northern

California, may have added new impetus for such legislation.

Smith and the Williams brothers have been linked to the World Church of the Creator — no traditional religious denomination but a virulently racist, anti-Semitic and anti-Christian hate group that has been implicated in several attacks on members of racial and religious minority groups around the country.

It would be great if passing a new law would reduce the number of murders such as these — or even make it more likely that those who assault or kill be prosecuted successfully. But there is no evidence that federal hate-crimes legislation would achieve either of these goals. As it is, hate crimes appear to be — thankfully — a small fraction of the homicides and assaults committed every year in the United States.

According to the FBI — which monitors crimes based on racial, ethnic or religious bias, as well as crimes against homosexuals, bisexuals and disabled persons — fewer than 10,000 bias offenses were committed nationally in 1997 (the last year for which statistics are available). Of these, only eight involved murder and 1,237 involved aggravated

assault. Two whites and three blacks were murdered because of their race in 1997, and three male homosexuals were murdered because of their sexual orientation, according to the FBI — but these figures represent only about 0.04 percent of all murders and non-negligent manslaughters nationally.

Of course, proponents of hate-crime legislation argue that these statistics are the tip of the iceberg. Who knows, they may be right. It is possible that many more murders and assaults may be motivated by racial or ethnic hatred than we know. Who is to say that suspected serial murderer Rafael Resendez-Ramirez, in custody in connection with as many as eight murders nationwide, may not be targeting his alleged victims because of their race — all were white. Or what about recently convicted serial murderer Charles Ng, a Chinese immigrant and former U.S. marine who sexually tortured and killed six men, three women and two baby boys in California in the 1980s?

It is impossible to know what goes on in the twisted and vicious minds of killers like Charles Ng, or Benjamin Nathaniel Smith for that matter. And in the final analysis, what should it matter what

motivated these murderers? Charles Ng will die by lethal injection because of his crimes; Smith apparently chose to take his own life when the police chased him down and were about to arrest him. Similarly, John William King sits on death row in Texas for the horrifying killing of James Byrd, a disabled black man who was dragged to death by King. Two other men await trial in the same murder.

The promoters of hate-crime legislation seem to believe that we still live in a country where racists and anti-Semites go free if they commit crimes against racial or religious minorities. Sadly, that was once true in the United States, but no longer.

In the not-too-distant past, civil-rights advocates sought to prosecute racist killers for violations of federal civil-rights laws because all-white juries wouldn't convict them of murder if the victims were black. Such is not the case today.

Rather than focusing on redefining crime based on motive, the proponents of new hate-crime legislation should focus their efforts to strict enforcement of existing laws and tough penalties for those who are convicted.

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## Proposals to ban guns nothing new

**T**he more you know about the past, the more you realize there has been a great deal less change than some folks think.

Take the year, 1925. Guess what? People were proposing to ban handguns to reduce crime. The proposal came from a magazine called The Nation. This magazine is still published.

It came during alcohol prohibition. Our current ban-the-devil-firearm proposals are occurring during drug prohibition. Trying to ban alcohol produced the following effects: a product dirt cheap to make became expensive on the black market; huge crime organizations grew wealthy; bribery and corruption became rampant; there grew a general contempt for the law. Perhaps that sounds familiar.

At any rate, in 1925, H. L. Mencken, one of America's greatest and most libertarian journalists, was writing columns for the Baltimore Evening Sun. The proposal to ban handguns produced this from Mencken:

"The new law that it (the magazine) advocated, indeed, is one of the most absurd specimens of jackass legislation

ever heard of, even in this paradise of legislative donkeyism. Its single and sole effect would be to exaggerate enormously all of the evils it proposes to put down. It would not take pistols out of the hands of rogues and fools; it would simply take them out of the hands of honest men."

Mencken even points out that prohibition agents cannot stop liquor coming in by the shipload of bulky cases and they certainly will not be able to stop something as small as a pistol. "Thus the camel gets in," Mencken said, "and yet the proponents of the new anti-pistol law tell us that they will catch the gnat. Go tell it to the Marines."

In our own times, a government unable to keep out drugs by the tons and illegal aliens by the hundreds of thousands will certainly play heck trying to stop firearms should Congress ever be silly enough to ban them. And they may be seized by such an attack of silliness. Outbreaks of legislative silliness seem to be occurring with greater frequency. If Mencken thought his era was a time of legislative donkeyism, he should look down from heaven and see what nonsense consumes our public servants.

Mencken says in his column that he owns two pistols and his brother has six, and that they would certainly sell them on the black market rather than let the government seize them. Indeed while Englishmen and Aussies meek-

ly surrendered most of their guns recently, I doubt seriously if America's 80 million gun owners would do so. I personally would not want the job of going around to confiscate folks' firearms. I grew up in a part of the country where folks would shoot you for a whole lot less than that.

But the point is that human nature never changes. There are always people who think you can legislate paradise on earth. There are always people unwilling to allow others to be free, if what they want to do with their freedom (drink or snort or own a firearm) doesn't meet the do-gooder's high standards for OPB — other people's behavior.

Man is a fallen, sinful critter, but there is no salvation to be found in a lawbook or the courthouse. Nor will any paradise ever be created by legislation. Attempts at perfecting society through coercion have produced human rights disasters on an unprecedented scale.

Freedom means living with warts and risks, so to speak. But free people just deal with the warts and risks on an individual basis. They know you cannot legislate warts and risks out of existence.

But people won't change, and maybe that's an argument for knowing nothing about the past. At least then you wouldn't realize how repetitive it all is.

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## Congress leaning toward pay raise for lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers are moving toward granting themselves a cost-of-living pay raise exceeding \$4,600 at a time when the economy, budget surpluses and congressional popularity are all surging.

To avoid accusations of being sneaky, leaders of both parties planned a House debate and vote on the issue today as the chamber considers a bill financing the Treasury Department for the coming fiscal year. By law, legislators get automatic annual cost-of-living increases unless Congress votes against it, and the Treasury measure is the traditional vehicle for doing so.

"Everybody's agreed it's not

right to keep asking members to fall behind the cost of living," said Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., a senior Democrat and supporter of the increase.

Most representatives and senators have earned \$136,700 annually since January 1998. Leaders get more, with House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., earning \$175,400, the same as Vice President Al Gore.

The 3.4 percent increase would take effect in January.

The Senate approved its version of the Treasury bill on July 1 without language preventing the increase or any debate on the subject.

Supporters and opponents of the raise predicted the House would approve it. Rep. Jim

Kolbe, R-Ariz., chief author of the House's Treasury measure, agreed and said if that occurred, it would be "an extraordinary event" for the increase to be blocked when House-Senate bargainers craft a compromise Treasury bill.

For much of the 1990s, with huge federal deficits and an unpopular Congress, proposed pay raises often generated intense public opposition and became fodder for radio talk shows. Before last year, Congress had voted to block itself from getting a raise every year since 1993.

But this year's consideration comes as the country's economy is prospering, a three-decade string of budget deficits has melted into surpluses, and Congress' approval rating is at a healthy 56 percent, according to a poll by the Pew Research Center.

The federal surplus "takes away the argument some of us used in the past saying we shouldn't have any adjustment to our salaries until we take care of the deficit," said Kolbe.

Even so, Rep. Bob Franks, R-N.J., said he would oppose the increase, citing the uncertainty of long-term surplus projections.

"Until we have more accurate evidence of the long-term nature of this surplus, I think it's important for Congress to say we can live with a \$136,700 income," he said.

## Republicans ready \$864 billion tax cut bill for House floor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats couldn't stop Republicans from sending an \$864 billion tax bill to the House floor, but they did take every opportunity to press their claims that the tax cut threatens Social Security and Medicare.

Through 11 hours of House Ways and Means Committee debate Wednesday, Democrats repeatedly forced votes on amendments intended to divert some of the money for tax cuts into the two huge retirement programs or into paying down public debt.

And the Democrats also accused the GOP of drafting a huge tax cut designed to appeal

to their political base, contending it has no chance of becoming law because President Clinton is promising a veto.

"This whole thing is a house of cards," said Rep. Sander Levin, D-Mich. "At some point, you're going to have to sit down and talk reality, instead of farce and politics."

After fighting off the Democratic amendments, the GOP majority on the Ways and Means Committee cleared the bill on a 23-13 vote.

It moves next to the full House, possibly as early as next week, and a competing \$792 billion Senate version is also in the works.

Senate Democrats, mean-

while, are putting together a possible compromise proposal that would cut taxes by no more than \$300 billion over 10 years, according to Finance Committee sources speaking on condition of anonymity.

Although details were still in flux, the bill is expected to include an increase in the standard income tax deduction, relief from the "marriage penalty" that affects many two-income couples, tax break for health, the environment, culture and education and cuts in estate taxes, the sources said.

The House bill would cut income taxes by 10 percent across the board, reduce capital gains taxes, eventually abolish

estate and alternative minimum taxes and give people new breaks for education and long-term health care.

Republicans insisted that the \$2.9 trillion in projected budget surpluses over 10 years would easily provide enough money for the tax cuts and to ensure Medicare and Social Security are ready for the baby boom generation.

"We have plenty of money to do everything we want to do, if we do it smart," said Rep. Jim McCrery, R-La.

One major change approved by the panel was a proposed tax deduction for insurance costs paid by some senior citizens to cover prescription drugs.

## Suspected ex-SLA member pleads innocent

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An accused terrorist-turned-housewife has pleaded innocent to planting bombs under police cars in 1975.

Kathleen Ann Soliah, 52, a suspected Symbionese Liberation Army member who fled to Minnesota and became a doctor's wife and mother of three, entered the plea Wednesday. She was ordered held on \$1 million bail.

The defense argued for a lower bail, saying the woman who called herself as Sara Jane Olson is a different person from the one who fled California in the turbulent 1970s and is no longer a flight risk.

Witnesses portrayed her as a caring churchgoer who gave Christmas parties, acted in local theater, helped immi-

grants learn English and served meals to the homeless.

But Judge Larry Fidler said prosecutors have accused her of an act that could have killed police officers and innocent bystanders.

"There is something about the use of a bomb that I find ... abhorrent," Fidler said. "It is the terrorist weapon of choice. It has no discretion."

Ms. Soliah's daughters wept in their father's arms after the five-hour hearing.

"Her family is very worried that she won't make bail," said defense lawyer Susan Jordan. "A million dollars is a lot of money, (but) we're optimistic that it can be raised."

Ms. Soliah was a fugitive before FBI agents acting on a tip from the TV show

"America's Most Wanted" captured her last month in St. Paul, Minn. She was extradited on Tuesday.

A 1976 grand jury indictment unsealed Wednesday accused her of placing pipe bombs filled with nails under two Los Angeles police cars in retaliation for a 1974 shootout with police in which six members of the SLA were killed. One bomb malfunctioned and the other was found before it could go off.

Ms. Soliah, charged with conspiracy to commit murder and other crimes, faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

The bail hearing also revealed that in 1986, Ms. Soliah tried to reach a plea bargain that fell through when prosecutors declined to guarantee that she would not receive jail time.

## Teen must ask for promised raise

DEAR ABBY: I am 19 and work two jobs. One of them is with a small title company. When I started, I was promised a raise after a few weeks of training. I have not seen that raise. I am considering asking for it, but I'm shy when it comes to this sort of thing.

Abby, what would be the easiest and most effective way to ask without losing my job? — SHY AND BROKE IN LOUISIANA

DEAR SHY: Compile a list of the reasons you feel you deserve a raise, then ask your boss or supervisor for an appointment to talk. People who ask for what they deserve are respected, so do not be shy about asking for the raise you were promised.

The list will enable you to show your boss or supervisor why you think your salary should be increased. It will open the door for a discussion about your performance, and allow both of you to evaluate your strengths and any areas in which you need to improve.

Consider this another step on the road to maturity. If you are an asset to the company, you should be treated like one.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to a recent letter regarding the need to carry identification in case of an emergency.



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My husband is an avid runner. He never used to carry ID because he said it was inconvenient. I felt that it was an unsafe practice, and finally came up with a solution he could live with. Whenever I order ID tags for our dogs, I order one for my husband. I put as much pertinent information on it as possible, including his name, phone number and an emergency number at work.

He jokes that I put "property of" on the tag, too, but he does agree that it's a good idea. He laces the tag into his shoelaces. It's lightweight, soundless and reflective. He never forgets it because it's a permanent part of his shoe from the very first run. It's an inexpensive way to protect him in the event of an injury. Perhaps others might benefit from our idea. — KATIE SPICER, CHALFONT, PA.

DEAR KATIE: You have hit upon a clever solution to a common problem, and I congratulate you on your ingenuity. I'm sure your idea of adapting dog tags will appeal to runners and walkers who are reluctant to carry any "excess baggage" with them.

DEAR ABBY: I want to divorce my husband but I don't know how to tell him. We have been arguing too much, and it's affecting my studies in college. I strongly suspect that he's having an affair and feeling guilty about it because he stays out late. How late? you might ask. Try 4 o'clock in the morning! Also, our sex life has decreased to only two or three times a month.

We have been married for three years, and in the first three months of our marriage, he had an affair with the woman he left for me. Like an idiot, I took him back, thinking I could trust him. Now I have my doubts. I don't know what to do. Please help me, Abby. — UNCOUPLING IN OREGON

DEAR UNCOUPLING: Tell your husband exactly what you have told me. Offer him the option of marriage counseling. If he refuses — since there are no children to complicate matters — I suggest you talk to a lawyer.

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## Senate moves closer toward passage of patient protections

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans kept their promise to produce alternatives to a slew of defeated Democratic proposals on patients' rights, moving closer to passing their version of the politically popular legislation.

But Democrats remained largely unsatisfied Wednesday following two days of voting on amendments.

Republicans stayed the course and refused on a 54-48 vote to extend new rules for health maintenance organizations to some 161 million people with private insurance regulated by the states.

The result is that many of the new Senate provisions would apply only to the 48 million people covered by federally regulated insurance plans.

"The point ... is that the states have acted. They've acted without any mandate or prod from Washington and they've acted in a way to tailor their laws to their marketplace," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine. "One size does not fit all."

Democrats disagreed. "On every single amendment the people lose and the HMOs win," complained Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.

Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., a physician who is helping to lead the GOP effort, said some "very good" Democratic ideas would be folded into the final bill.

"We'll deliver," he told reporters.

Final passage was expected today, after further debate and votes on several amendments, including a Democratic proposal to give patients the right to sue their HMOs and collect damages when care has been denied.

Also Wednesday, the Senate rejected, 53-47, a Democratic proposal that would have required HMOs to pay for treatment by specialists, even those outside of a plan's network.

The GOP version would require "timely" specialist care, but not from outside doctors.

It also approved, 55-45, a GOP measure requiring coverage of doctor-recommended overnight hospitalization for women treated for breast cancer. Democrats support the idea, but voted against the proposal because it eliminated one of their provisions easing access to clinical trials for the dying or seriously ill.

The Senate was expected to pass the GOP plan, which President Clinton has signaled he would veto. The House has yet to consider patients' rights legislation.

Meanwhile, Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., was working with a handful of Democrats to fashion a compromise more to their liking, said his spokesman, Nicholas Graham.

## Commission wants to reorganize agencies to handle nuclear threats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Concerned about a series of doomsday scenarios ranging from an anthrax release in Boston to an Iraqi nerve gas attack on U.S. troops, a government commission proposes a far-reaching reform of agencies now handling such threats.

President Clinton said the recommendations "deserve serious consideration." He directed his national security adviser, Sandy Berger, to coordinate an interagency assessment and to report back within 60 days.

The commission's report released Wednesday details a plan to give the vice president the lead role in preventing and dealing with the threat of weapons of mass destruction and calls for appointment of a high-profile national director for nonproliferation.

In a separate report, a congressional study estimated it would cost a city of 500,000 about \$1.3 million to acquire basic equipment to prepare for a hazardous material incident and \$12 million to be "highly prepared" for a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear event.

The commission's main proposals and conclusions were

disclosed last week in interviews, but former CIA Director John Deutch, who headed the panel, released details of its work Wednesday.

"We believe the country needs to be better protected," Deutch said, introducing his congressionally-established 12-member panel at the Capitol.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the commission's vice chairman, announced plans to introduce legislation today that would tighten export controls on items that might be used to manufacture heavily destructive weapons, including requiring electronic registration of all sales of such products — a practice he said should be adopted worldwide.

"We are woefully unprepared, and we would like to see something done before some incident occurs," Specter said.

The commission concludes that the top levels of government are "not effectively organized to combat proliferation" and recommends more presidential and vice presidential involvement in the issue, as well as a reorganization of the nearly 100 agencies now dealing with the issue.

One commission member, for-

mer Democratic Sen. James Exon of Nebraska, dissenting from the report's main recommendation, urged greater Cabinet-level involvement and a nonproliferation director who would report directly to the president.

"What has been crafted, in my opinion, is another lower-level 'working group,'" Exon said.

To underscore the motivation for its proposals, the commission listed four scenarios it said could occur:

Anthrax is released in a Boston subway station during rush hour, sending 6,000 people to hospital emergency rooms.

Analysts estimate that North Korean scientists have assembled 10 nuclear weapons, and intelligence reports say North Korea is planning to sell two.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein orders Scud missiles carrying nerve agents fired upon U.S. troops in Turkey and Saudi Arabia.

A disgruntled Russian scientist at Ozyorsk acquires 44 pounds of highly enriched uranium and sells it to Iran.

"These events have not taken place," it said. "But they could."

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Thursday, July 15, 1999

## Supplies in demand

### Salvation Army needs donations for program

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

Salvation Army workers are sending out a desperate plea for help with their school supply drive.

"If we don't get some help with this, we're going to send a lot of kids to school this year without the supplies they need," said Danelle Castillo, social services director for the Salvation Army.

Right now the agency needs monetary donations to get the program going, Castillo said. While costs are estimated at about \$4,000, only \$150 has been received.

"We're just going to do the basics if we can this year, so that will keep our costs low," Castillo said. While 359 kids got help from the program last year, that number is expected to increase when applications are taken at the end of this week.

"I was getting phone calls about this program at the end of May," Castillo said. "That's good, because it shows our parents are learning to budget, and look ahead to expenses that are going to come up, but it also shows once again there will be a great need for help."

Some argue it is the responsibility of the parents to find a way to pay for their children's supplies, and Castillo said she can understand the criticism.

### Cable TV supports supply drive

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

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TCA Cable TV is sponsoring a program to collect school supplies that will go to support the Salvation Army's drive.

Beginning July 19, the company will start Project SOS, "Supply Our Students." TCA will give cable installation for \$2.25 to people who donate 10 or more items from a list of specified supplies.

"We like kids, and we like education, and we recognize the need in the area," said Barry Threadgill, general manager of TCA in Big Spring. "I think it makes for a better start when you have all your supplies. The Salvation Army

has a good program for identifying the kids, and getting the supplies to them."

Also, current customers who donate the supplies will be eligible to upgrade to standard or any premium service for \$2. The list of supplies includes spiral notebook, looseleaf notebook paper, pencils, pens, scissors, white glue, pocket folders, facial tissue, paper towels, 24-count crayons and 24-count map colors.

In addition, TCA will donate \$2 from each \$6.95 installation back to the Salvation Army's program, to be used to purchase more supplies.

The company is also serving as a drop-off location for donations of supplies, at 2006 Birdwell; or call 267-3821.

"Anybody helped by us has to provide verification of income and expenses," she said. "They have to show the need. I don't think we should punish the child for the mother and dad's choices or problems."

Churches have been asked to assist the program by designating one Sunday morning offering during July to fund the program.

The Salvation Army provides kits to school-aged children that include pencils, crayons,

glue, scissors and some of the required supplies on local school lists.

"Our kits don't contain everything," Castillo said. "But they do help get them started. It's just enough to get them in the door."

With donated funds, Castillo will order supplies from a local vendor at a discount. But people can also donate supplies to the program.

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HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Danelle Castillo, social services director for the Salvation Army, checks boxes of school supplies left over from last year's program. She estimates she only has enough supplies to furnish

about 10 kits.

doing your shopping to pick up some extra paper, pencils or something else," she said. "And I hope some people will do that. Just put an extra package of pencils or box of crayons in your cart and that will help us

out."

If the program is not funded sufficiently, the Salvation Army will contact school principals and try to provide some supplies for the students who came to school without any.

In some states, they would list the county of birth as well as the state. County histories are a good source of family information. They often tell of family lines back several generations. The people giving the information may be the only ones with those references, and the county history may be the only place it is found. I check out all counties I can, as families moved. Even though your family lived in one county, their children may have moved to another. By finding the children, you can often add several generations to your line.

Our ancestors used migration routes and often traveled with other family members. They may have been brothers, sisters, cousins, nephews or nieces, or friends from back home. By studying the migration routes, you can find where your ancestors traveled. In some cases, one or more family members would leave the caravan and stay behind. By retracing the route, you may find other ancestors and their families have left other clues as to their origin.

When a relative tells a story on the family, listen and record what they say. They can be a gold mine of information. Write down or tape record everything you can, then check it out. Most of it will probably be true and exactly like they said. On some occasions, they will be off, but for the most part, they know what they are talking about.

When entering a claim for new land in most early regions, the grants often required that the settler improve the land before he could actually own it. So the settler would be allowed to settle on the land and then improve it for several years, then petitioning the government for the right of claim.

Sometimes it would be as much as 15 years before the settler actually received title to the land. Some of these petitions included information on the settling families. The settler had to show where he got the claim and for what service, if any; who he bought the land from; what family members came with him or who was helping him.

Family Bibles are very important to the genealogist and can fill in gaps where no other record can. If a family has a Bible that belonged to their ancestors that lived in the 1700s to 1800s, that family should feel privileged to have

it.

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of life!

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Have a party, and let the kids create their own invitations, placemats and place cards for their friends.

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**AN AARP "55 ALIVE" Mature Driving refresher course is planned July 27-28 at Howard County Library from 1-5 p.m. both days. You must attend both classes. Call 263-1576 to sign up.**

**GIRL SCOUT TROOPS 247 and 234 are hosting a "glamour photo" fundraiser Saturday and Sunday at Barcelona Apartments Party Room, 538 Westover. To set up an appointment for your glamour photo session, call 267-4612. There is a \$10 sitting fee, with proceeds going to the troops, and participants can buy the photographs if they so choose.**

**The Scouts are planning a trip later this summer to the birthplace of Girl Scouts, Savannah, Ga.**

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## 'Like an old pair of Levi's' — Bad Company is back

NEW YORK (AP) — When the original members of Bad Company got together last fall at Black Barn Studios in Surrey, England, they didn't know what to expect.

"We didn't want to get on anybody's toes," said guitarist-songwriter Mick Ralphs. "We were dying to cut loose. Then we launched into an old song."

As it turned out, the chemistry was still there.

"We went into 'I Can't Get Enough of Your Love,'" said musician-singer-songwriter Paul Rodgers. "It was like putting an old pair of Levi's on."

Bad Company's original members — Ralphs, Rodgers, Simon Kirke and Boz Burrell — are on tour this summer.

Their last tour was 20 years ago, when the band broke up. Bad Company continued with other breakups and lineups.

Meanwhile, the original members stayed in music, soaking up different influences and working with other musicians. "Now, it'll be interesting to see what we all can contribute," Rodgers said. "When you play with different people, different

things come out of you."

The band is optimistic.

"If we weren't able to rock, we wouldn't have done the tour. It has to be happening now, not just in people's memories," Rodgers said.

Said Ralphs: "We never came to dislike each other at all. It's remarkable, really. I don't worry it's going to be different now. I don't feel pressure. It feels easy. It feels good."

Bad Company was formed in England in 1973 as a rock supergroup. The band included Rodgers and drummer Kirke from Free, Ralphs from Mott the Hoople and bassist Burrell from King Crimson. Influenced by Jimi Hendrix, Cream and to a certain extent, the Beatles, Bad Company produced a string of hit records from 1974 to 1982.

Their new 33-song, two-CD set, "The 'Original' Bad Company Anthology" (Elektra Records), presents the band's songs in chronological order. "Can't Get Enough," a No. 5 single in 1974, is the first song on the new CD, followed by "Rock Steady" and the No. 1 hit "Ready for Love."

"Some people say it's the soundtrack of their lives, certainly of their youth," Rodgers said.

Although touring has its ups and downs, "This tour isn't going to be long enough to get to the downhill part," Ralphs said. "When it ends, I think we'll still be cruising."

What about extending the tour beyond its original 30 dates?

"We'll keep it open-ended, see how it all feels, whether we want to do more or not," said Ralphs. "Hopefully, it'll go well and we'll want to continue. We have to have that option to make it comfortable for everybody. We can be honest with each other and make a decision that feels right."

Rodgers was the first to leave, saying he wanted to spend more time with his two young children. Those children, now 27 and 29, have bands of their own. ("And doesn't time fly," Rodgers said.)

He built a home studio and recorded a solo album, "Cut Loose," which was released in 1983.

"By 1985 I was back on the

road with Jimmy Page in the Firm," he said. "I got a lot out of my system, having left the band and done various things. My tribute to the blues ("Muddy Waters Blues" in 1993) particularly was very exciting and interesting for me."

His new album is "Now."

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for  
Friday, July 16, 1999:

Be willing to make changes in areas of your life with which you aren't satisfied. You know better than anyone where you are being pushed beyond your limits. Take better care of yourself emotionally, professionally and physically. However, avoid any radical diet or health changes. If you are single, a relationship could be weighty and demand more commitment than you are willing to give.

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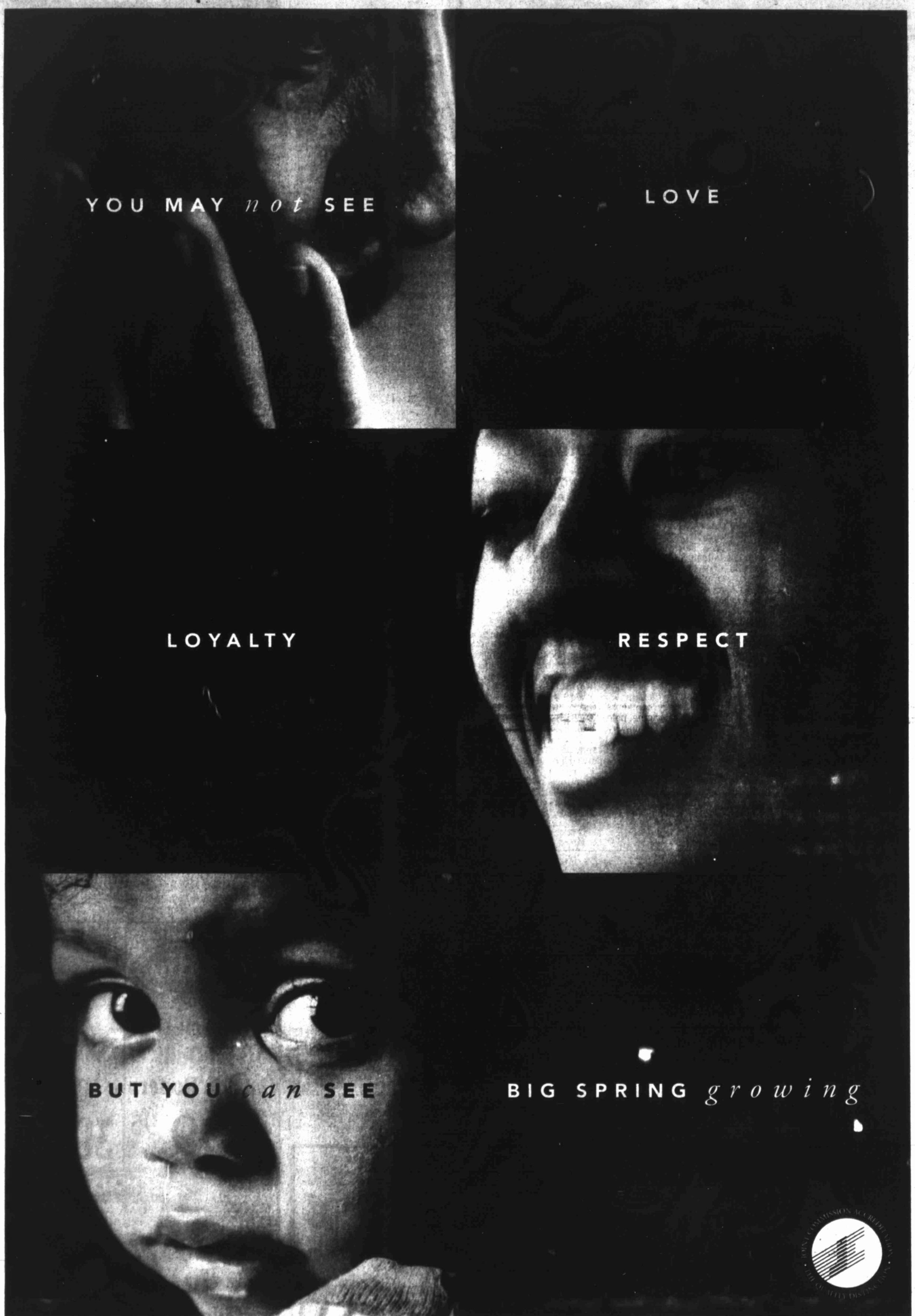
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Do you have an interesting item or story idea for sports? Call John Moseley, 263-7331, Ext. 233.

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## IN BRIEF

### Stephanie Stewart third going into second round

Stephanie Stewart entered today's second round of competition at the YMCA National Gymnastics Championships third overall in the senior division following an impressive opening performance Wednesday.

However, Stewart was the only member of the Big Spring Sidewinders team that managed to advance to today's round.

Mikelle Farris saw her hopes fade when she suffered a hyperextended knee on her first attempt on the vault, her opening event of the day.

Teammates Megan Haynes and Crystal Wingert both suffered falls on events and failed to advance to the second round.

Stewart earned her third all-around spot by chalking up the top score on the uneven parallel bars, finishing third on the vault and was third on the balance beam.

### Midland Mid-City takes District 3 championship

A three-run home run blasted by J.W. Wilson in the top of the fifth inning gave Midland's Mid-City All-Stars a 3-2 come-from-behind victory over Midland Tower and the championship of the District 3 Little League Tournament on Wednesday night.

Tower, which had survived the tournament's loser's bracket, took a 2-0 lead before Mid-City's rally in the next-to-last inning.

Mid-City's Matt Roan and Kevin Newton both hit singles to set the stage for Wilson's game-winning blast.

Mid-City now advances to sectional action which begins Wednesday in San Angelo.

### CRMWD now accepting hunting permit requests

Applications for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir wildlife management areas are currently being accepted by mail through Aug. 15.

A public drawing for permits is slated for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, at the reservoir's field office located at the north end of the dam.

Hunting permits will be limited and requests for information should be made by calling the CRMWD at 267-6341.

### Texas Tech exes slates dinner, freshman send-off

The Big Spring Area Texas Tech Exes Association has scheduled its 1999 Dinner and Freshman Send-off for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, in the Cactus Room of the Howard College Student Union Building.

Red Raiders defensive line coach Jason Clemons, will join Dr. David Smith, president of the Texas Tech Health Science Center, and Dr. Bill Dean, executive vice president of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association, as speakers for the program.

Tickets are priced at \$10 each.

For more information, call Roxie McDaniel at 267-5846 or Pat Porter at 267-7828.

### Dora Roberts Pro-Am scheduled for July 25-26

The Dora Roberts Pro-Am Golf Tournament has been scheduled for July 25-26 at the Big Spring Country Club.

For more information, call Larry Bryan at 267-5354.

## ON THE AIR

### Radio

#### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

7:10 p.m. — Arizona Diamondbacks at Texas Rangers, KBST-AM 1490.

### Television

#### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

6:30 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at New York Yankees, TBS and FXS, Ch. 11 and Ch. 29.

7:30 p.m. — Arizona Diamondbacks at Texas Rangers, TCA Ch. 97.

### BASKETBALL

7 p.m. — Olympic qualifying tournament, USA vs. Uruguay, TNT, Ch. 28.

## Howard College announces Mayberry as new Lady Hawks coach

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

Ron Mayberry, a veteran coach with more than 30 years experience, has been selected as the new head coach for Howard College's Lady Hawk basketball program.

Howard College officials announced their selection of Mayberry this morning following negotiations that lasted into Wednesday night.

Dr. Cheryl Sparks expressed confidence that the college's search for a successor to Matt Corkery, who left Howard to take an assistant coach position at Stephen F. Austin University, had produced the desired result.

"Coach Mayberry's experience and success with working with young people

at this level make him an excellent choice," Sparks said, noting that the new Lady Hawks coach's resume includes coaching experience at Midland College, Odessa College, Kilgore College, Wayland Baptist University and South Plains College.

"He has a proven track record at the collegiate level," she added. "Not only does he understand community college concept, but knows how intense the competitive level is in this conference."

Mayberry, who had recently been hired by the Ozona Independent School District to succeed long-time Lady Lions coach Dickie Faught, said during a telephone interview moments following the announcement that only getting the Lady Hawks job would have made him leave that post.

"I'm awfully excited ... this is some-

thing I've dreamed about," he said. "As a matter of fact, I really was excited about the prospect of taking over the Ozona program. Only the fact that it was a chance to coach at Howard College and the women's program has me changing my mind."

Mayberry said he had informed Ozona athletic Director Steve Taylor and Faught of his decision to take the Howard College position.

"They're understandably unhappy that I've made this decision this late in the year," he acknowledged, "but both of them understand my decision. In fact, I think anyone who knows me very well knows Howard College is where I belong."

Most recently, Mayberry coached Stanton's Lady Buffs to the District 6-2A championship in 1997-98.

Health problems forced Mayberry to resign at Robert Lee the next year before ever putting a team on the floor.

Prior to taking the Stanton job two years ago, all of Mayberry's experience had been in coaching boys' and men's teams.

He began his coaching career at the high school level, coaching teams in Midland High, Albany, Van Horn, Hereford and Odessa Permian to an overall 286-112 record.

After leaving Midland, he took over the South Plains College job where he compiled a 210-50 record, taking Western Junior College Athletic Conference championships in 1989-90 and 1990-91.

In 1991-92 he led South Plains to the NJCAA men's national championship and was named National Junior College Coach of the Year.

## Dierker set for return with Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Larry Dierker's goals will be simple at first.

On the day he returns as manager of the Houston Astros, all he wants is to drive himself to the Astrodome and to be on time.

Dierker will return as manager of the Astros tonight for the first time since June 13, when he suffered a grand mal seizure that required brain surgery to remove a cluster of blood vessels.

The Astros play host to Detroit tonight through Saturday.

Looking fit and relaxed, Dierker showed up at the Astrodome on Wednesday for an optional team workout. His hair is beginning to grow back, and he feels normal except for occasional forgetfulness about time.

"The strangest thing is that time seems to have no meaning. I find myself out of touch with time," Dierker said. "It's been a month since this happened and it seems like two weeks."

Bothering Dierker more is the fact that he's prohibited from driving for another five months.

"Not being able to drive is driving me up the wall," Dierker said. "Every day I have the urge to get in the truck and drive somewhere. My wife has a busy life and she's going to get tired having to drive me everywhere."

Fans have been asked to wear brightly colored Hawaiian shirts — Dierker's favorite attire — to welcome him back. Dierker met the media Wednesday wearing a lei.

"I'll be delighted tomorrow, but I haven't been antsy to get back," Dierker said. "I don't feel anything but normal. I'd say at no point did I worry about my recovery. I had confidence that I would recover."

The Astros begin the second half of the season with a long injury list that includes two stars, third baseman Ken Caminiti and left fielder Moises Alou.

"I'd rather have Alou back than myself and I'd rather have Camy back than myself," Dierker said. "But what we've gotten from the outfielders and third basemen we have wasn't so bad."

Dierker's No. 49 jersey came down from the dugout, where it has hung since his collapse.

## Local athletes ready to rodeo

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

While it has seemed to some that local youngsters' interest in rodeo has waned in recent years, that is certainly not the case for at least seven athletes scheduled to compete during the 54th annual Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo this weekend.

The rodeo, sanctioned by the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association (HPJRA) gets under way tonight at 7 in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. A second performance begins at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday's final performance will start at 6 p.m.

Open to all youngsters under the age of 19, the rodeo's field is divided into four age groups.

Youngsters 8 years of age and younger, both girls and boys, compete in an abbreviated schedule of events.

Competitors in the 9-12, 13-15 and 16-19 age groups are divided into boys' and girls' classes in the entire range of events that include barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, breakaway roping, calf riding, ribbon roping, tie-down roping, steer stopping, team roping, chute dogging, steer riding, calf touching, bareback bronc riding saddle bronc riding and bull riding.

The field for this week's rodeo promises to be among the best the HPJRA can muster, because the association's top athletes will be trying to pick up all the points they can muster in hopes of cementing berths in the HPJRA Finals.

That rodeo, staged in Clovis, N.M., is just two weeks away.

Two of the top girls' competitors in the 16-19 age group this weekend will be Lauren Middleton and Stephanie Fryar, both of whom can count past wins at their home rodeo among their accomplishments.

Middleton, a 1998 Big Spring High School graduate who competed at Western Texas College at the collegiate level last year, will be making her final appearance at the rodeo.

The product of a family with long-standing ties to the sport, Middleton will compete in barrel racing, goat tying, breakaway roping and ribbon roping.

Fryar, preparing for her senior year in high school, two years ago took the 13-15 girls' barrel racing championship, will be trying to add a senior division title this weekend.

In the boys' 16-19 division, Big Spring's Tony Wyrick will



Stephanie Fryar of Big Spring, shown here in the process of winning the barrel racing event at the Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo in 1997, will be among the several local contestants scheduled to compete this weekend. The opening performance begins at 7 tonight at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

be among the contestants in the breakaway roping and tie-down roping events.

Many of this year's contestants, like Middleton, will go on to compete at the collegiate level, following their junior rodeo careers. Others will enter the professional ranks.

As a result, those who attend this weekend's rodeo will have an opportunity to watch tomorrow's pro rodeo stars as they hone their craft.

Collegiate or professional careers are a long way off for 11-year-old Shilo Pool of Luther and her 8-year-old twin brothers, Garrett and Chance, but that doesn't mean they won't be among the favorites in their age groups this weekend.

Shilo is entered in the 9-12 girls' goat tying and barrel racing, while Garrett and Chance will both compete in the 8-under calf riding and barrel racing.

Chance, in fact, heads into his home rodeo ranked third in the HPJRA calf riding standings.

The Pools will compete during Friday's second perfor-

mance, and the fact that all three have qualified for the HPJRA Finals in their respective events is clearly a matter of pride for their father, David.

"We've had a pretty good year, so far," the elder Pool noted. "It's a good thing, considering all the money we've put into buying horses and traveling to rodeos."

That expense, David Pool believes, is money well spent.

"I'll tell you, as long as these kids are busy every weekend going to rodeos and competing, they're doing something worthwhile," he explained.

"You don't see many of these kids (junior rodeo athletes) getting into trouble," Pool added. "This is a family sport and that's important to us. If you ask me, what my children are getting out of rodeo is worth every dime it costs."

While he doesn't have much hope of joining the Pools at the HPJRA Finals in Clovis, Nick Bailey says he's looking forward to competing in the 13-14 boys' tie-down roping and breakaway roping events on Friday night.

Ticket prices for each night's performance are set at \$4 for adults, \$2 for students and children under the age of 6 admitted free.

Bailey, another Big Spring youngster, admitted that the 1999 season has been a struggle.

"It's been a rough season, but I'm pretty much in a groove now," Bailey said, noting that he's encouraged by his showing at the Colorado City Junior Rodeo last weekend.

"I did pretty well last week in Colorado City, so I think I'm finally getting it turned around," he explained. "That's got me excited about my chances this weekend. I sure would like to do well, not only because it would mean I've really got things going my way again, but because I'll be roping in front of people from my hometown."

The rodeo is the Howard County 4-H Club's major fund raising effort each year, helping the club in its efforts to assist in the development of 4-H members in a variety of leadership activities, educational programs and contests.

Ticket prices for each night's performance are set at \$4 for adults, \$2 for students and children under the age of 6 admitted free.

## One thing certain at Carnoustie: Someone will win British Open

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland (AP) — One after one, they came trudging off the 18th green at the Carnoustie Golf Links, moaning about the tiny slivers of fairways and the deep rough that swallowed ball after ball.

Days of battling winds, rain and chill spurred talk of scores in the 90s in the British Open, which begins today. Players worried privately about being embarrassed by a links course set up longer and narrower than any before.

Through it all, though, they agreed on one thing: Someone will stand holding with the claret jug Sunday, no matter how ugly this championship gets.

"Regardless of whether an individual player likes or dislikes the golf course, they haven't stopped giving out a trophy come Sunday," David Duval said. "Whether you think it is fair, unfair, too hard, too easy, somebody is going to take home the claret jug."

Not that the R&A is offering any apologies. Far from it. The rough is what it is, period.

"I would feel seriously guilty if we had deliberately set out to grow wheat fields off the edge of the fairways," said Hugh Campbell, chairman of the championship committee. "That has not been the case."

Not so, counters Greg Norman, who believes Carnoustie is so penal that it plays no favorites.

"I think this golf course basically takes away the strength of everybody," Norman said. "This golf course doesn't allow you to play to your strength."

Talk about the golf course so dominated the days leading up to the Open that a number of subplots were almost lost along with it.

Intentional or not, the rough threatens

to turn this Open into a battle for survival, where placing balls in the fairway takes priority and where greens will have to be approached with long irons because players are afraid to hit drivers off the tee.

It's a setup that would seem to favor

longer hitters like Tiger Woods, who can hit 2-irons or 3-woods off the tee and hit fairways.

"I think that's a tremendous advantage in any tournament, period," Woods said.

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## SPORTS EXTRA

## TRANSACTIONS

## BASKETBALL

**CHICAGO WHITE SOX**—Recalled OF Brian Strimmins from Charlotte of the International League. Signed OF Jeff Ufer to Charlotte.

**Detroit Tigers**—Activated C Raul Casanova from the 60-day disabled list and assigned him to Toledo of the International League.

**KANSAS CITY ROYALS**—Extended the contract of manager Mike Napier, through the 2000 season.

**Seattle Mariners**—Placed OF Brian Hunter and OF-IF Charles Gipson on the 25-day disabled list, retroactive to July 11. Recalled OF Otto Tornberg from Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League. Activated OF John Salas from the 25-day disabled list.

**National League**

**Atlanta Braves**—Promoted Dick Baldwin to director of player development. Announced Dennis Lauder, director of minor league operations, will work as a major league scout.

**NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**ATLANTA HAWKS**—Signed G Jason Terry and FC Cal Bowden.

**National Football League**

**Miami Dolphins**—Signed DT Matt Scott, Receiver WR Samir Bailey, DE Eric Davis and S Jackie Mitchell.

**HOCKEY**

**National Hockey League**

**Atlanta Thrashers**—Named Craig Rymer coach.

**New York Rangers**—Signed LW Jim Howick.

**Philadelphia Flyers**—Signed C Chris Albert to a one-year contract.

**St. Louis Blues**—Re-signed C Pierre Turgeon to a two-year contract.

**Tampa Bay Lightning**— Fired GM Steve Duley and named Dan Mordzak, director of player development. Named Steve Laddie coach. Announced Rick Dudley will handle the general manager duties.

**Toronto Maple Leafs**—Announced Pat Quinn, coach, will assume the duties of the general manager.

## WNBA

**Wednesday's Game**  
West All-Stars 79, East All-Stars 62

**Thursday's Games**  
No games scheduled.

**Friday's Games**  
Detroit at Washington, 6 p.m.; Charlotte at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.; Sacramento at Cleveland, 7 p.m.; Houston at Utah, 8 p.m.

## SOCCER

**Saturday's Game**  
All-Star game in San Diego, 2:30 p.m.

**Thursday, July 22**  
Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 7 p.m.

## ARENA FOOTBALL

**Friday's Games**  
San Jose at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.; Buffalo or Portland, 9 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**  
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.; Milwaukee at Grand Rapids, 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**  
Orlando at Florida, 3 p.m.

## MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

American League East Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	42	.583	—
Boston	42	.583	4
Toronto	40	.562	7
Tampa Bay	39	.549	14
Baltimore	36	.521	18 1/2
Central Division	—	—	—
Chicago	35	.516	6
St. Louis	42	.500	13
Detroit	36	.500	20 1/2
Kansas City	35	.500	23
Minnesota	34	.492	23 1/2
West Division	—	—	—
Texas	48	.591	—
Cleveland	43	.548	5
Seattle	42	.543	6
Arizona	45	.577	6 1/2
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W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	55	.583	—
New York	50	.583	—
Philadelphia	55	.583	7 1/2
Baltimore	50	.583	10 1/2
Montreal	32	.586	23 1/2
Chicago	45	.544	8
St. Louis	46	.544	8
Montreal	45	.544	8
Central Division	—	—	—
San Francisco	50	.586	—
Arizona	48	.539	25 1/2
San Diego	43	.530	6
Colorado	40	.545	9
Los Angeles	39	.477	19
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National League West Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	50	.586	—
Arizona	48	.539	25 1/2
San Diego	43	.530	6
Colorado	40	.545	9
Los Angeles	39	.477	19
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Alexandria at Lafayette, 2000, 10am  
Today's Games:  
Alexandria at Abbeville  
Greenville at Lafayette  
Crawford at Rio Grande Valley  
Greenville at Lafayette  
Clark at Rio Grande Valley

## TOUR DE FRANCE

Results Wednesday from the 100th stage of the Tour de France — a 137-kilometer leg from Sestriere, Italy to L'Alpe d'Huez, France, per rider, country, team and time:

1. Gianni Gancia, Italy, Daikin-Telerepubblica, 4:21 minutes, 32 seconds behind.

2. Pavel Tonkov, Russia, Mapei, 21 seconds behind.

3. Remo Venturi, Spain, Asturias, 25 behind.

4. Peter Zuffo, Switzerland, Santic, same time.

5. Lance Armstrong, United States, U.S. Postal Service, same time.

6. Richard Virenque, France, Roubaix, same time.

7. Laurent Jalabert, Switzerland, Santic, same time.

8. Marti Van de Wouwer, Belgium, Lotto, same time.

9. Manuel Beltran, Spain, Banesto, 32.

10. Carlos Contreras, Colombia, Heros, 48.

11. Stephane Heulot, France, Recreacion des Jeux, 2 minutes, 42 seconds behind.

12. Abraham Olano, Spain, ONCE, 2:04.

13. Alessandro Winckvorski, Kusselstein, Casino, 2:13.

14. Laurent Salmon, France, Casino, 2:13.

15. Andrea Peron, Italy, ONCE, 2:42.

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Other Americans

16. Tyler Hamilton, United States, U.S. Postal Service, 2:45.

17. Michael Livingston, United States, U.S. Postal Service, 2:45.

18. George Hincapie, United States, U.S. Postal Service, 24:52.

19. Franklin Andreu, United States, U.S. Postal Service, 27:48.

20. Pascal Denormandie, France, U.S. Postal Service, 34:20.

21. Christian Videvold, United States, U.S. Postal Service, 34:20.

Overall Standings

(Percent points)

1. Armstrong, 46 hours, 14 minutes, 3 seconds.

2. Olano, 7 minutes, 42 seconds behind.

3. Zulle, 7:47 behind.

4. Olafsson, 8:45.

5. Esteban, 9:53.

6. Virens, 10:32.

7. Tonello, 10:38.

8. Nardetto, 10:56.

9. Guerra, 10:57.

10. Casero, 11:11.

11. Salmon, 11:42.

12. Zulle, 12:52.

13. Peron, 12:53.

14. Van de Wouwer, 15:14.

15. Herets, 17:30.

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Other Americans

20. Zimmerman, 12:12.

21. Lippert, 12:37.

22. Hinze, 1 hour, 6 minutes, 1 second behind.

23. Andrus, 1:11:26.

24. Vandewalle, 1:22:57.

25. Nemeth-Niemier, 1:32:32.

250. Denome, 1:44:06.

Wednesday's Games

Denote (Springer 5-0) at Toronto (Herriges 4-0), 6:35 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Maggio 6-0) at St. Louis (Brewer 6-3), 7:30 p.m.

Arizona (Anderson 7-0) at Texas (Hitting 6-0), 7:35 p.m.

San Diego (Hitchcock 8-0) at Seattle (Feltner 5-0), 8:05 p.m.

San Francisco (Orsi 2-0) at Oakland (Rogers 5-0), 8:35 p.m.

Friday's Games

San Antonio at Arkansas, Shreveport at El Paso, 7:00 p.m.

Midway at Tulsa, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Midway at Port Arthur, 7:00 p.m.

Arkansas at Shreveport, 7:00 p.m.

El Paso at Shreveport, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Port Arthur at Shreveport, 7:00 p.m.

Tulsa at Shreveport, 7:00 p.m.

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for July 14. (Report also available on Web at: [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us))

**CENTRAL**  
BROWNSVILLE: Water stained; 86 degrees; Black bass are good on topwaters fished early and midmorning; on crankbaits and black Berkley Power Lure lures in 2 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are fair on white jigs and minnows fished in 15 to 20 feet of water around the boat docks and 5 to 6 feet of water around brush piles in the rivers. Hybrid stripers are fair on topwaters fished early. White bass are good on topwaters fished early. Black bass are fair early on 1/4 oz. white/chartreuse Terminator buzzbaits, chrome/blue Spinners and watermelon Magic Shads fished on flats close to creeks such as Beaver, Chimney and Willow Slough. Midday try Carolina rig with chartreuse Ring-Free and shad colored Fat-Free Shads on points in 4 to 8 feet. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 15 to 20 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are in the main river between Beamer and Nueces and in 8 to 20 feet on Horizon Park Minnows, slabs and Spin Traps fished vertically. Striped bass are fair best fish coming in the evening in lower lake trolling bucktail jigs with trailers in 23 to 40 feet over trees. Channel and blue catfish are good on liver shad. Yellow catfish to 15 pounds are good on live shad. Baited with live perch.

**SOUTHERN**  
AMISTED: Water clear; 82 degrees; 38.75' low; Black bass are good on topwaters fished early (all day if it is cloudy) and midday on red shad or watermelon seed Carolina-rigged fished in 12 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows fished up the Devil's River around cottonwood. White bass are now. Striped bass are in. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad fished with a cork. Yellow catfish to 32 pounds are good on trotlines baited with live perch or goldfish set around rocks in 18 to 25 feet of water.

**WEST**  
ALAN HENRY: Water slightly stained; 73 degrees; Black bass are good on plastic baits and spinnerbaits fished in shallow water. No reports of Alabama Spotted bass. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished off the crappie dock. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on minnows, stink bait and shrimp. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with perch.

**ARROWHEAD**: Water clear; 75 degrees; 5' low; Black bass are good on worms and spinnerbaits fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 8 feet of water around the old derricks, docks and at the Henrietta Bridge. White bass are good on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 8 feet of water around the Henrietta Bridge with schooling action present. Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cheese bait fished in 10 to 12 feet of water in the river. Yellow catfish are excellent on trotlines baited with perch in 6 to 14 feet of water on the south end of the lake.

**BRADY**: Water slightly stained; 74 degrees; 13' low; Black bass are good on spinners and worms. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in 5 to 10 feet of water around brush. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 6 to 8 feet of water under lights at night. Blue and channel catfish are fair on minnows fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 20 pounds are poor on perch and large minnows.

**COLORADO CITY**: Water slightly stained; 75 degrees; 12' low. No fishing report available.

**FT. PHANTOM HILL**: Water slightly stained; 72 degrees; 13.5' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and worms fished in 2 to 5 feet of water (new water). Crappie are fair on minnows and Ripple-pac jigs. Sand bass are poor on small minnows fished in 10 to 12 feet of water. Hybrid stripers are fair on shrimp fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. Blue catfish are excellent on shad and shrimp fished in 6 to 8 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 18 pounds are fair on shad and cap fished in 8 to 12 feet of water near Johnson Park.

**HOOD COUNTY**: Water clearer; 85 degrees; 5' low; Black bass grow to 9 pounds are excellent on topwaters and spinnerbaits fished in 5 to 8 feet of water around grass beds (early and late). Crappie are fair on small minnows fished in 15 to 20 feet of water and around boat houses. White bass are excellent on small spinners and slabs where they are schooling. No reports on hybrid stripers. Channel catfish are good on dip bait fished in 12 to 15 feet of water. No reports of blue and yellow catfish.

**KENESAW**: Water stained; 70 degrees; 1.5' low; Black bass are good on 2.5 feet of water. Sand bass are slow on minnows fished in 2 to 5 feet of water. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 3 to 8 feet of water. White bass are fair on small crankbaits and jigs where they are schooling. No reports on hybrid stripers. Channel and blue catfish are good on punch bait and cut bait fished in 5 to 12 feet of water. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.

**NOCOCA**: Water stained; 85 degrees; 3' low; Black bass to 9.25 pounds are good on worms and crankbaits fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are good on dark minnows and spinnerbaits fished in 15 to 25 feet of water. White bass and hybrid stripers are excellent on lipless crankbaits and topwaters fished in 8 to 15 feet of water with schooling activity. Channel and blue catfish are good on prepared baits and shad fished in 8 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch and goldfish.

**OAK CREEK**: Water clear; 77 degrees; 1.5' low; Black bass are good on minnows, jerkbaits and minnows fished in 6 to 12 feet of water. White bass are excellent on minnows and jigs fished in 4 to 14 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 3 to 15 feet of water. Blue and channel catfish are fair on stink bait, minnows, gold fish, shad and liver fished in 4 to 8 feet of water. Yellow catfish are good on shad, liver, gold fish, minnows and stink bait fished in 4 to 10 feet of water.

**OHM**: Water clear on main lake; stained up the rivers and creeks; 80 degrees; 8.5' low; Black bass are good on top water baits fished along the grass on the main lake (early and late). Crappie are fair at night on minnows and jigs fished in 40 feet of water under lights and poor during the day. White bass are fair during the day with schooling activity and at night on minnows. No reports on nightcrawlers fishing under lights in 40 feet of water. Catfish are slow on shad fished in 35 to 40 feet of water.

**POSSUM KINGDOM**: Water clear; 82 degrees; 7.5' low; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on flukes and spoons early and on jigs and Power worms fished in 5 to 20 feet of water later in the day. White bass are slow on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Some sand bass are found in the deep water. Striped bass to 15 pounds are excellent on live shad fished in 20 to 30 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. Blue catfish to 20 pounds are good on cut shad and perch fished in 20 to 40 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet of water.

**SPENCE**: Water slightly stained; 80 degrees; Black bass are good on minnows fished early and late on minnows, worms and spinners fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. White bass are good on small crankbaits and spinnerbaits fished near shallow sand bars in the main lake where they are schooling. No reports on crappie. Striped bass to 14 pounds are excellent on downriggers with white jigs and on top waters fished in 20 to 40 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows and nightcrawlers fished near the banks of the lake. No reports on yellow perch.

**STAMFORD**: Water stained; 72 degrees; 4' low; Black bass are fair on spoons. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. White bass are fair while schooling near the power plant. Yellow catfish to 60 pounds are excellent on trotlines baited with cut shad, perch and goldfish. Channel catfish are good on shad, stink bait, worm, shrimp, minnows and worms.

**SWEETWATER**: Water clear; 72 degrees; 11.5' low; Black bass to 8.1 pounds are good on Caminairas (plastic baits) fished in 10 to 12 feet of water on under water hummers. No reports on Crappie. White bass are excellent on Rat-Traps and cast masts fished on points in the main lake where they are schooling. Blue and channel catfish are good on minnows and worms fished in new water (shallow). No reports of yellow catfish.

**TWIN BUTTES**: Water stained; 79 degrees; 36.5 feet low; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and crankbaits fished in 2 to 12 feet of water along the dam and on dark colored plastic worms fished in cover up Middle Concho. White bass are fair on minnows and small crankbaits with some schooling activity. Channel and blue catfish are good fished in 5 to 10 feet of water in brush along the channels in Spring Creek and Middle Concho. Channel, blue and yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with perch and shad and on red and reefs baited with worms and cut bait.

**WHITE RIVER**: Water slightly stained; 71 degrees; Black bass to 8.75 pounds are fair on spinnerbaits and minnows fished shallow. Crappie are fair on small minnows fished from the river in 6 to 10 feet of water. White bass are good on small baits with schooling activity. No reports on walleye. Catfish are excellent on worms, shrimp, minnows and chicken livers fished near the dam.

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Texas From A to Z

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With a population of 18,300,000, Texas is second after California in population.

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The Alamo in San Antonio, a chapel of a Spanish mission, was the site of a famous battle during the Texas Revolution.

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Rookie Cookies Recipe

Texas Enchiladas

Mexican with a Texas twist is very popular in the state.

You'll need:

- 4 tortillas
- 1 (16-ounce) can black beans, drained
- ½ cup cheddar cheese
- 1 cup salsa
- ½ cup sour cream

What to do:

1. Spread equal amount of beans on each tortilla.
2. Sprinkle equal amount of cheese on top.
3. Roll, starting from one side, to form enchiladas.
4. Place in an 8-by-8-inch baking dish.
5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 15 minutes.
6. Take from oven and top with equal amounts of salsa and sour cream. Makes 4.

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TEXAS TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of Texas are hidden in the block below.

Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find:

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Rookie Cookie are having a real Texas breakfast. See if you can find:

• number 8 • snake

• heart • exclamation mark

• letter C • rolling pin

• fish • sailboat

• number 6 • clothespin

• elephant's head • lips

• banana • word MINI

• letter L

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More About Texas



Houston, the state's largest city, and the largest city in the South, has a population of more than 1.8 million.

The Indian word "tejas" means "friend," which is where the state got its name.

An old Texas Jingle is "the sun is riz, the sun is set, and we ain't out of Texas yet." It is the second largest state in area, after Alaska.

The King Ranch is the largest ranch in the state. It is about the size of Rhode Island!

The Lone Star State is the state's nickname. The flag has one star.

The Rio Grande River, at 1,241 miles long, is the state's largest river and forms the border with Mexico.

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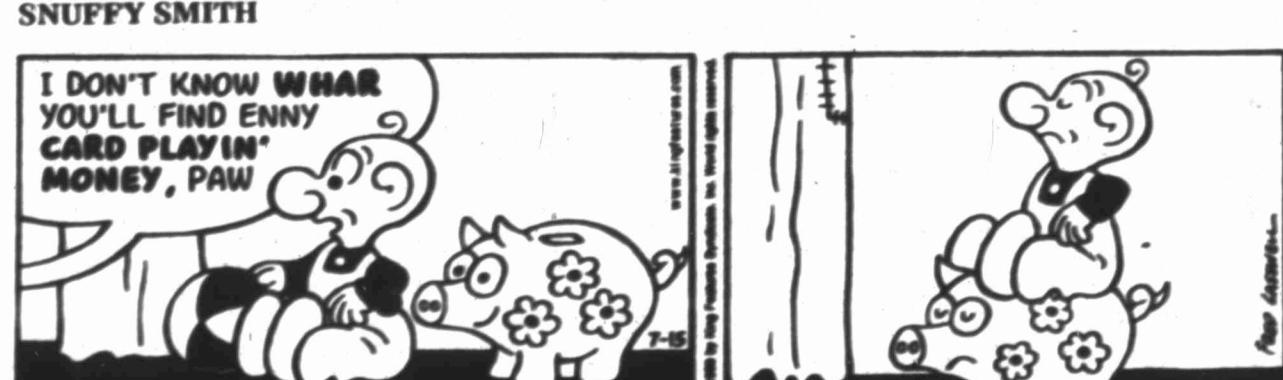
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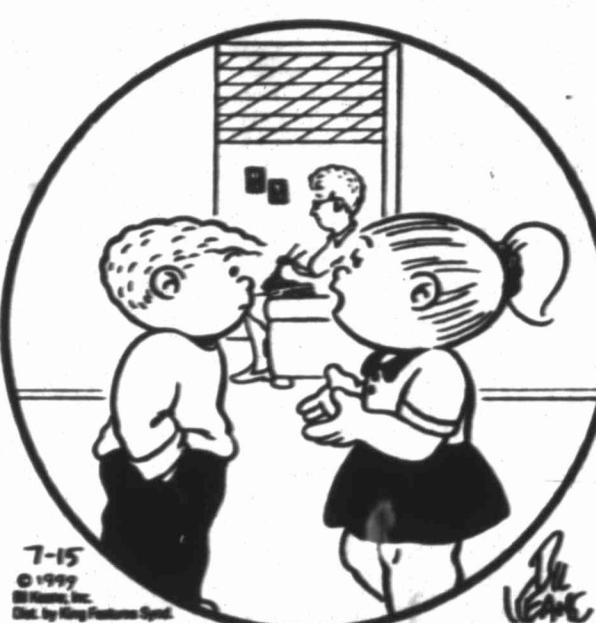
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## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, July 15, the 196th day of 1999. There are

169 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On July 15, 1971, President Nixon announced he would visit the People's Republic of China to seek a normalization of relations.

On this date:

In 1606, the Dutch painter

Rembrandt was born in Leiden, Netherlands.

In 1870, Georgia became the last of the Confederate states to be readmitted to the Union.

In 1916, the Boeing Co., originally known as Pacific Aero Products, was founded in Seattle.

In 1918, the Second Battle of Marne began during World War I.

In 1948, President Truman was nominated for another term of office at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1964, Senator Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona was nominated for president at the Republican National Convention in San Francisco.

In 1979, President Carter delivered his "malaise" speech in which he lamented what he called a "crisis of confidence" in America.

In 1985, a gaunt-looking Rock Hudson appeared at a news conference with actress Doris Day to promote her cable television program. It was later revealed Hudson was suffering from AIDS.

In 1992, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton claimed the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in New York.

In 1997, fashion designer Gianni Versace was shot dead outside his Miami home; the suspected gunman, alleged serial killer Andrew Phillip Cunanan, was found dead eight days later.

Ten years ago: Leaders of the seven major industrial democracies, meeting in Paris, voiced support for democracy behind the Iron Curtain and condemned repression in China.

Five years ago: Microsoft Corp. reached a settlement with the Justice Department, promising to end practices it used to corner the market for personal computer software programs.

One year ago: Three days of ceremonies to bury Russia's last czar and his family, who were killed by the Bolsheviks, began in the city of Yekaterinburg. The Congressional Budget Office estimated federal surpluses of \$1.5 trillion over the next decade.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Philip Carey is 74. Actor Alex Karras is 64. Actor Ken Kercheval is 64. Sen. George V. Voinovich (R-Ohio) is 63. Actor Patrick Wayne is 60. Actor Jan-Michael Vincent is 55. Rhythm-and-blues singer Millie Jackson is 55. Rock singer-musician Peter Lewis (Moby Grape) is 54. Singer Linda Ronstadt is 53. Actor Terry O'Quinn is 47. Rock musician Joe Satriani is 43. Model Kim Alexis is 39.

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