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WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
 □ Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 212.
 □ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

TUESDAY
 □ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.
 □ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library annex community room, 500 Main.
 □ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY
 □ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
 □ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall Walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of the movie theater box office.
 □ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
 □ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
 □ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY
 □ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.
 □ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
 □ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
 □ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY
 □ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.
 □ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
 □ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
 □ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.
 □ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 □ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1-5 p.m. \$2 for adults/\$1 for kids.

WEATHER



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Howard County bingo business big, but benefits small for agencies

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Bingo is big business in Howard County with local organizations paying out almost \$500,000 through the first quarter of this year.

That's not an indication that charitable bingo is a major benefit to the community, one



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local bingo official said, however.

According to the Texas Lottery Commission, bingo players who participated in the games played at two locations in Big Spring won \$498,444 in January, February and March.

Games are played at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club building, 1607 East Third St. and at the Howard County ARC Bingo Hall, 806 East Third St. Big Spring Christmas In April, Inc. and St. Thomas Catholic Church also hold games at the Lions Club building while FOE Big Spring Aerie 3188 holds

games at the ARC Bingo Hall.

But while \$500,000 is a decent payout to prize winners, it's not helping much with organizations the Big Spring Evening Lions Club would like to assist. "The Lions Club and Christmas In April are really struggling. They're not making it," said Bob Noyes, who operates the Lions Club bingo organization. "We were providing \$300 a month to the Mobile Meals program and we had to cancel that this month. We just couldn't afford it any more."

That, according to Noyes, is due to the overhead. The Lions

Club, which operates five to six nights a week, employs 35 people.

"Everything we earn is turned back to the community after paying salaries and maintenance," said Noyes, who receives no salary as operator.

"I think St. Thomas is benefiting from it, but they rely on volunteers. No one is going to volunteer to stay down here every night. We have to play our employees," he said.

The \$498,444 won locally is part of the \$101 million in prizes that bingo charities across the state paid to winners. That

includes \$84.3 million for regular bingo prizes and \$16.6 million in prizes for pull tab bingo games.

Big Spring received \$12,392.69 in charitable bingo prize fees covering the first quarter of 1999. The payments cover prize fees collected by bingo organizations from winning players in Howard County.

Cities and counties that imposed a gross receipt tax on a local-option basis prior to Jan. 1, 1993 receive quarterly payments of up to 2.5 percent of the prizes won by bingo players in their jurisdictions.

New school is dedicated

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Several hundred persons gathered Sunday in the west gymnasium (one of two) of the new Big Spring Junior High School for the dedication and open house of the \$10 million facility.

"We want to thank all the people in the community and we are proud to present the new Big Spring Junior High School to the city and people of Big Spring," said Irene Bustamante, vice president of the school board for the Big Spring Independent School District.

And Mayor Tom Blackshear, who accepted the building on behalf of the city, echoed the sentiments of all those who attended.

"I pray this is a safe haven for children to receive a first class education for years to come, and I want to say congratulations to the Big Spring Independent School District," Blackshear said.

Part of the ceremony was a presentation of a United States flag and a Texas flag by members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2013 to junior high principal Bill Tarleton.

Leo Welch, VFW commander, said the US flag has flown over the nation's capitol and the Texas flag has flown in Austin at the state capitol.

"Our staff will strive to teach the honor, respect and pride that go behind these flags," Tarleton said.

The entire project of a new junior high school came to fruition through the help of a community group, the Action



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HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

to Build for Children committee, said trustee Steve Fraser.

"It started as a group of friends who were sitting around visiting each other one Sunday afternoon. We began discussing the bond election in the early 1990s that had failed, and formed a steering committee," Fraser said.

That committee grew to more than 400 members, comprised of community leaders, parents

and others interested in providing a safe, modern facility for BSISD students, he said.

"We first looked at refurbishing Runnels, and that group concluded that a new school was the economically best way to go. So we committed ourselves to passing a bond, and we grew to 400 persons, which was amazing. In all we made 10,000 contacts and handed out 10,000 pieces of information. We made more than 2,000 phone calls. This was a pretty special effort by one group of people," Fraser said.

The bond issue in 1996 was approved with a resounding three-to-one margin for building the new junior high school,

as well as air conditioning the other BSISD campuses, said board president Larry McLellan.

Fraser asked that all those present who had been a part of the Action for Building for Children committee to stand and be recognized.

"I can't say how much I appreciate you. The bond election passed 73 percent to 27 percent and that was amazing," Fraser said.

Ron Logback, business manager of BSISD, worked every step of the way through the construction of the new junior high school, beginning with the

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New junior high building earns 'A' from students

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Maybe Jordan Wooldridge will like school in the new Big Spring Junior High School. The eighth grader admitted he likes the new building.

"It's a lot bigger than I thought, and I do like it. I plan on being an office worker and maybe taking Industrial Technology or Career Center," Wooldridge said.

His sister, Kaye, said she likes the locker area, also known as the Student Commons, and she's looking forward to band in the new band hall.

Kaye and Jordan attended the open house and dedication of the new, \$10 million school

Sunday, along with hundreds of others.

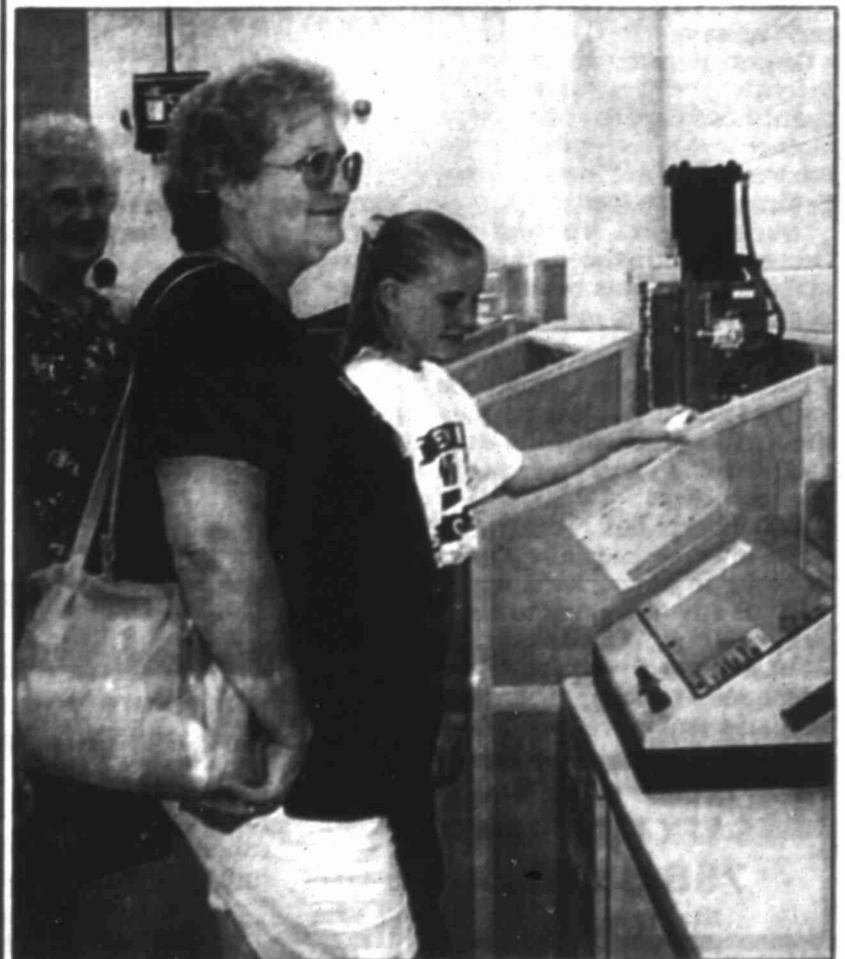
Following the dedication ceremony, those attending were allowed to tour the facility and ask questions of the teachers. Maps were provided to direct people to the various locations within the building.

"We have six science labs with state-of-the-art equipment, and administration is located in the north front. The east side has two computer labs and a distance learning center.

"The library is the guts of the whole building, which is where we have our information delivery system. A television, computer and telephone are in every classroom, and a teacher may pick up that telephone and talk with any other part of the building," said Ron Logback, business manager.

The cafeteria features a stage that is camera accessible, so that any production may be televised into the classrooms, he said.

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Alene Coffman, (left) Barbara Bryant and seventh grader Ginger Fugate observe one of the computer modules within the Industrial Technology laboratory of the Big Spring Junior High School during Sunday's dedication and open house.

Blowout

Officials battle H₂S gas leak over weekend

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

At least three homes are without electricity and relying on generators, and Farm Road 1205 remains closed, following an H₂S leak on Reinecke 287, an injection well near the Lake Thomas community of Sourdough.

"We are monitoring the area very closely, and trying our best to get it under control. We hope to achieve that very soon," said Unocal's Steve Gregory.

Reinecke 287, a well that has been shut in and was being reopened for production, blew out about 1 a.m. Friday. No one was at the site at the time, he said.

Gregory said first attempts to stop the blowout were unsuccessful. The company is monitoring the site around the clock, and hopes to have the entire situation under control within the next few days.

"Most of what is coming out of the well is CO₂ and water, and a little oil. There is some H₂S, and we are monitoring that," Gregory said.

Workers are striving to place a valve in tubing that was successfully installed in the well Sunday. Gregory said once the valve is in place, workers will begin pumping water into the cavity, which will resolve the situation.

"If that is successful, we will immediately begin restoring the area and clean up. Thus far the contamination has been routed to an emergency pit, but we do not know what is down wind of the well, because we can't go there yet," Gregory said.

He added that the Texas Railroad Commission, the Texas Department of Transportation and the Borden County Sheriff's Department are all monitoring the situation.

"The remediation plan will be under the direction of the railroad commission," Gregory said.

Peggy Luxton, communications manager with CapRock Electric, said electricity was turned off to the area Friday.

"We were notified this morning that the situation is not under control, so we sent out diesel trucks to deliver diesel to keep the generators up and going," she said.

Luxton said electricity was turned off to power lines that service three homes and a water well in the Sourdough Addition, to promote safety. These lines were in close proximity to the well.

Diesel-powered generators were distributed, to provide the residents with electricity while Unocal workers attempt to bring the well under control, she said.

In first attempts Friday to secure the area, two men were injured due to an equipment problem.

Cary Christenson and Trampus Poldrack from Cudd Pressure Control Inc., of Terminal responded to a call Friday that the well was leaking the deadly gas.

In an attempt to spray the site with foam, the sprayer apparatus broke apart and injured

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Bernice Harris
Bernice Harris of Big Spring died Monday, July 19, 1999 at her residence.
Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Robert Honeycutt
Robert "Bob" Honeycutt, 83, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, July 17, 1999, at his residence in the Salem Community. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 22, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Rufus Wilson, retired Baptist minister, and Rev. Ben Neal, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Dec. 5, 1916 in Midland County, Texas and the married Geneva Lee Row on Nov. 30, 1936 in Waco, Texas, and they had been married for 63 years.

Mr. Honeycutt came to Howard County in 1946. He had worked with the Santa Fe Railroad for seven years and then worked as a steelman for Condon Oil and Chemical for 18 years until retiring in 1968.

He was a member and deacon of Salem Baptist Church. He had served as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent, and also was the custodian for 37 years at the church until he was unable to continue due to failing health.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva Honeycutt of Big Spring; daughter and son-in-law, Nadine and Eddie McHugh of Brownfield, Texas; two grandchildren, Lee Honeycutt of Houston, Jenny Honeycutt of College Station, Sheila Connor of Fort Worth, Courtney Rye of Midland and Jay McHugh of Brownfield, two great-grandchildren, Erin Rye of Midland and Cade Connor of Fort Worth, a daughter-in-law, Wanda Honeycutt of Bryan, Texas; and one sister, Lucille Morgan of Moody, Texas.

Mr. Honeycutt was preceded in death by two sons, Odus Earl Honeycutt and Wesley H. Honeycutt.

The family suggests memorials be made to Vista Care Hospice, 3209 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, 79720.

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

C.A. Tomm
C.A. Tomm, 70, of Big Spring, passed away at 2:05 a.m. Sunday, July 18, 1999, at his home following an extended illness.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers and Smith Chapel with Rev. Arnold Tomm of St. Paul's Episcopal Church officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Tomm was born Dec. 13, 1928 in Howard County, and was a life time resident of Howard County. He married Jean Cornelison Oct. 28, 1948 in Big Spring. He was a Baptist. He was in the dry cleaning business in Big Spring for over 50 years and had also farmed in Glasscock County for the last 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Tomm of Big Spring; one son, Jack Tomm (and his wife Regina) of Big Spring; two daughters, Sandy Wegman (and her husband Stan) of Big Spring, Tammy Walker (and her husband Tom) of Fort Worth; a daughter-in-law Patty Tomm of San Angelo; one brother, Arnold Tomm (and his wife Norma) of Big Spring; one sister, Mary Ellison (and her husband Bill) of Midland; nine grandchildren: Kayla Jones, Kaurie Tomm, Kisa Tomm, Kassandra Tomm, Kyle Newton, John David Newton, Jennifer Newton, Seth Tomm, and Morgan Walker.

Mr. Tomm was preceded in death by one son, Randy Tomm in 1998; his parents, C.A. Tomm Sr. in 1968, and Mary King Tomm in 1972; one sister, Bertha Bostick in 1996 and one brother James C. Tomm in 1994.

Funerals will be at Pete Sanderson, George Smith, Preston Dumar, Bill Bennett, A.K. Guthrie and Daniel Kerr.

The family will receive friends at Myers and Smith Funeral Home from 5-7 p.m. Monday.

The family suggests memorials to Spring Tabernacle.

Steve F. Baker

Steve F. Baker, 80, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, July 17, 1999 in a local hospital. Service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. James Liggett, pastor of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, officiating. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Portales City Cemetery, Portales, N.M.

He was born Nov. 4, 1918 in Midland, Texas.

Mr. Baker had worked for Texas Electric for 48 years and retired in 1963. He had been married to Margie Goodson for over 50 years.

He was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, was also a member of Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 AF&AM and Chapter 67 Order of Eastern Star in Big Spring and was a Shriner. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served during World War II. His most avid interests were bowling, hunting and reading.

Survivors include a daughter, Diane Cook of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two grandchildren, Stephanie Griffin of Tucson, Ariz. and Chris Cook of Denver, Colo. and two great-grandchildren, Trevor Griffin and Reilly Griffin, both of Tucson.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
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906 Gregg St. (919) 267-6331
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Friday and 8 a.m. today:
- **THEFT OF A TRUCK** was reported in the 1200 block of South Gregg. An 183 pack of beer and several packs of cigarettes were stolen.
- **THEFT OF A TRUCK** was reported in the 2000 block of South Montford. A bicycle of value of \$200 was stolen.
- **WARRANT TO IDENTIFY** was reported in the 1100 block of West 18th.

- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1700 block of East Third.
- **BURGLARY OF A HOME** was reported in the 1100 block of East Sixth. Three guns, two gun cases, and two clips, at a total value of \$81,570, were stolen.

- **BURGLARY OF A HOME** was reported in the 200 block of East Sixth. Three guns, 60 compact discs and a plastic disc carrier, at a total value of \$2,155, were stolen.

- **BURGLARY OF A HOME** was reported in the 700 block of Thilane and the 500 block of Rummels.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of South Lamesa, the 300 block of Gregg, the intersection of 18th and Gregg, the 300 block of Owens, the 1800 block of Lexington and the 400 block of East Fourth.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3800 block of West Hwy 80, the 1100 block of West Third, the 1900 block of Wasson, and the 600 block of North Main.

- **VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER** was reported in the 3800 block of West Hwy 80.
- **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED** was reported in the 400 block of East Fourth.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3800 block of West Hwy 80, the 500 block of North Rummels, the intersection of East 18th and Settles, the 1200 block of Mesa, the 2000 block of East 1-20, the 1500 block of Sycamore, and the 1000 block of Main.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 700 block of Settles, the 1100 block of North Douglas, and the intersection of North and Gregg.

- **JUVENILE ARREST** was reported in the 1800 block of Jennings.
- **JUVENILE PROBLEM** was reported in the 1600 block of Jennings, the 700 block of East 13th, the 1800 block of North Gregg, and the intersection of 18th and Birchwell.

- **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 400 block of Main.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1700 block of Partridge, the 1400 block of East 11th Place, the Comanche Trail Park and the 1800 block of East FM 70.

- **FORGERY** was reported in the 200 block of Gregg and the 400 block of East Fourth.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 200 block of Bell.

- **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 800 block of Lorilla.
- **RONNIE MARTINEZ, 33**, was arrested in the 1100 block of North Lamesa for driving while intoxicated.

- **ROSALYN YOUNG, 29**, was arrested in the 1300 block of Harding for driving while license suspended.
- **JOHN BROWN, 33**, was arrested in the 200 block of West 119 for failure to identify.

- **EVARISTO TREVINO, 38**, was arrested in the 3300 block of West Hwy 80 for assault.
- **JOE PETTY, 36**, was arrested in the 2600 block of West Hwy 80 for local warrants.

- **RAFAEL LOPEZ, 54**, was arrested in the 1100 block of North Lamesa for public intoxication.
- **ADOLFO LOPEZ, 26**, was arrested in the 900 block of Goliad for public intoxication.

- **MARIO RIVAS, 45**, was arrested in the 1200 block of Mesa for disorderly conduct.
- **ANTHONY MUNOZ, 40**, was arrested at the intersection of State and Bluebonnet for public intoxication.

- **ERNEST KERR, 34**, was arrested in the 1200 block of East 15th for failure to identify.
- **JACKIE ACUFF, 19**, was arrested in the 700 block of Birdwell for local warrants.

- **MARLA OLYER, 44**, was arrested at the intersection of

Allness and Wasson for public intoxication.
- **ODIS BROOKER, 48**, was arrested at the intersection of West Hwy 80 and West Marcy for driving while license suspended.

- **WALTER HERRERA, 45**, was arrested in the 1800 block of East Marcy for public intoxication.
- **DEE BRADSHAW, 56**, was arrested in the 1800 block of Martin Luther King for public intoxication.

- **ALEX BERNARDEZ, 26**, was arrested in the 1700 block of East Third for public intoxication.
- **DESA HIGGINS, 17**, was arrested in the 900 block of Atholms for local warrants.

- **MARK WELLS, 28**, was arrested in the 900 block of Atholms for criminal mischief.

SCHOOL

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cleaning of the site by the demolition of Boydston Elementary. "I feel extremely good and I'm glad we finally made a date and met it," Logback said during his portion of the dedication ceremony.

Construction delays postponed the completion of the school by about one year. Logback faced such dilemmas as cement that did not meet job-specified stress tests, to a shortage of masons for a building that is more than 80 percent built.

And while he was coordinating the new junior high school building, Logback was also overseeing the installation of air conditioning systems into the other campuses.

"Since the 1996 bond issue passed, we have now reached the last phase of that with the finished completion and this ceremony today. I think you will be satisfied with how we spent your money," Logback said.

He admitted the two-plus year project has been a rewarding challenge, and he expressed gratitude toward the district administrators and board members for their confidence in his abilities to coordinate the project.

"This has been a lot of fun, and without your confidence I do not believe I could have done it. This is a high tech building with all the latest technology built into this building. The students educated at this facility will have opportunities they would not have had," he said.

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The kitchen features all the latest technology for cooking, including a 50-gallon bean pot. "So if you're really hungry, we can make 50 gallons of beans," Logback said.

Daniel Rodriguez, an eighth grader this year, said the building is nice. His mother Netha attended the open house with him.

"I like that the lockers in the athletics and p.e. rooms are bigger," he said.

Ginger Fugate, an incoming seventh grader, attended the open house with her grand mother and great grandmother, Barbara Bryant and Alene Coffman.

"She's been visiting in Oregon, but insisted that we make sure she was home so she could go to this open house," Coffman said.

Fugate, who plays trombone for the seventh grade band, said she really appreciated the band hall and the large instrument storage lockers.

"Mr. Harris has already told us we may not keep any papers or books in our lockers, and if he finds any he's going to make us clean it up," Fugate said. She and her friend and fellow trombone player Lauren Williams took advantage of the



Lauren Williams, left and Ginger Fugate examined about the size of the instrument lockers in the band hall of the new Big Spring Junior High School during Sunday's open house and dedication.

open house to exchange telephone numbers and comments about their summer vacation. "I think it is going to be really cool going to school here. This is a much bigger band hall," Williams said.

And adults were as impressed with the 150,000 square foot building as the students. Pat Simmons said the new junior high school is beautiful.

"For me, I compare this to Rummels which is where I went. This is a tremendous facility, and it is money well spent," Simmons said.

Simmons was also nostalgic about the carved stone entry way of Boydston Elementary, that were saved and placed in the new junior high school.

"I attended Boydston my third grade year, and I think it's great they utilized those arch ways," Simmons said.

BSISD trustee Al Valdes said he was impressed with the distance learning laboratory. Through computer links, students will be able to receive instruction from all over the globe, and teachers may receive training as well.

"I was standing there talking to this man on the television, and he said he likes my tie. I said, you can see me? and he said yes. That is truly amazing, to be talking to someone who is not even there," Valdes said.

Another popular location during the open house was the Industrial Technology and Career Center rooms, which had computer module work stations in place.

The Career Center, today's counterpart to Home Economics, offers modules to teach modern methods of food processing, interior decorating, parenting with an electronic baby and cosmetology, among others.

"We also have a module on home safety, and the students

will do experiments with carpets and throw rugs for safety. We also have a module on the safest locks for a home, as well as the importance of fire extinguishers," said teacher Karla Moses.

Many adults could be heard asking if they might return to school to take those classes, and others said if school had always been this nice they might have never wanted to leave.

Lindsay Barton, an incoming seventh grader, said she was a little concerned about making it to class on time, considering the size of the building.

And while all the furnishings have not yet arrived, most are expected within the next two weeks, principal Bill Tarleton said.

"The classroom furniture, teachers desks and student desks should arrive before school begins. And the lunchroom tables may have to be borrowed from another campus until we receive the new ones," he said.

No fire has been reported from the site, and no other injuries have occurred, Gregory said.

Unocal has placed H2S monitors and flammable substance monitors in the area. The road, FM 1206, which leads to Lake Thomas from Howard County, remains closed, and traffic is being rerouted, he said.

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Delayed night departure may have placed JFK Jr. at greater risk

BOSTON (AP) — It was supposed to be a daytime flight to Martha's Vineyard, something John F. Kennedy Jr. was qualified to pilot.

But his sister-in-law got held up at work. Then New York traffic jammed them up and the Friday departure to Martha's Vineyard got pushed toward darkness, a family friend, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The AP.

For a relatively inexperienced pilot like Kennedy, who didn't have the training to rely solely on instruments in bad weather, it may have been an ill-advised idea to set out on a dark, hazy night, many flight experts said.

"He set himself up into a very bad corner by flying over the ocean at sunset, in the haze," said Michael Barr, an experienced fighter pilot and director

of the aviation safety program at the University of Southern California. "I always said it's like flying in an eggshell, everything just blended together."

The plane carrying Kennedy, his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and her sister Lauren Bessette, was reported missing early Saturday. After a two-day search in waters off the Massachusetts coast, investigators said the three were presumed dead.

There was no indication the suspected crash resulted from poor training or decision-making by Kennedy. Mechanical failure, fuel problems or other factors may have played a role.

Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, conceded that even a lengthy investigation may not reveal what happened to the

single-engine Piper Saratoga. No mayday call was ever made and Kennedy apparently didn't stay in radio contact during his flight.

The flight left Fairfield, N.J., just after 8:30 p.m. Friday with visibility reported at 4 to 5 miles. His flight path took him over the Connecticut shore, and after passing over the southwestern tip of Rhode Island at 9:26 p.m., the plane headed toward Martha's Vineyard, said Robert Pearce, chief investigator for the NTSB.

The plane was at 5,600 feet when it headed out over the ocean. At 9:40 p.m., about 17 miles west of Martha's Vineyard, it was at 2,500 feet. When it was last detected, 29 seconds later, it was at 1,800 feet, about 16 miles west of the Vineyard.

"That's pretty far out to be that low. Most likely it was one continuous descent after that," Barr said, adding that planes of that type usually descend at half that rate.

Dr. Bob Arnot, chief medical correspondent for NBC and an experienced pilot, also was flying in the area Friday night. He said visibility was limited by haze as he passed about 3 miles south of the Vineyard just after 9 p.m. He had to rely on instruments to land at the nearby island of Nantucket.

"It was just black," Arnot said. "You couldn't see Martha's Vineyard."

Kennedy had earned a visual pilot's rating 15 months ago, meaning he was only allowed to fly when he could see what was happening outside the window. Kennedy had logged between

100 and 200 flying hours.

He was not licensed to fly by instruments only, which allows pilots to rely on sophisticated devices to locate airports, maintain specific courses and speeds and to check the correct course to specific runways, whether the skies are clear or not.

At night, over water, with just a sliver of moon, however, flying visually can become difficult because the horizon can be impossible to see and a pilot can easily become disoriented.

"In layman's language, you can't tell which way is up," said Drew Steketeer, senior vice president of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. "Pointing toward open ocean on a nearly moonless night, that has tripped up pilots for a long, long time."

The pilot who sold Kennedy

the plane said he also thought conditions were bad. Hussain Munir said he had returned to Fairfield, N.J., from Martha's Vineyard about two hours before Kennedy departed.

"When I came back to the hangar and saw his plane, I knew he was taking it out," said Munir, of Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. "I didn't think anything of it because I figured he was going with his flight instructor. He seldom flew without his instructor."

Munir, who owned the single-engine, six-seat plane for nine months before selling it in April, said he spoke to Kennedy about the plane two weeks ago.

"He told me he thought the plane was great," Munir told The Record of Hackensack. "He said, 'It's beautiful. I love this plane.'"

Complaints about harassment of women prompts investigation into A&M's Corps of Cadets

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University officials say they will investigate complaints that the school's hallowed Corps of Cadets is singling out women for pranks.

Last April, a drunken male cadet went on a rampage in the women's bathroom on the second floor of a Corps dorm, causing \$800 in damage. In another incident, female cadets reported chasing a male "peeping Tom" from their bathroom in a Corps dorm.

The 123-year-old military unit at Texas A&M remains an overwhelmingly male institution. Although 17 of the Corps' 29 units are integrated by gender, only 141 cadets in last year's 2,197-member Corps of Cadets were female.

Corps officials say they don't believe female cadets are singled out for abuse because of their gender, citing women who have reached leadership ranks in the organization.

Nevertheless, Corps officials, prompted by the university, have promised to start investigating the issue when the fall 1999 semester begins Aug. 30.

"We're going to look into some of those things that we haven't seen before the best we can," said Joseph "Doc" Mills, a Corps spokesman.

Five women who are current and former Corps members filed complaints. They paint an unflattering picture of a tradition-steeped military group

with no ties to any branch of the armed services.

The Bryan-College Station Eagle obtained the complaints filed with Texas A&M's Department of Student Life.

The women complained of an unsafe living environment in Corps dorms. They said women "are required to use restrooms two floors from where they live, men are found peeping into women's bathrooms, and shower curtains and restroom signs are not available."

Other complaints included disparaging remarks by male cadet leaders, and sexist yells and calls during unit physical exercises and at the school's tradition bonfire ceremony.

The women said male cadets kept obscene materials in their rooms and they enclosed a summary of alleged incidents of sexual harassment.

The bathroom-wrecking incident occurred April 15 during Parents' Weekend.

Col. Lee McCleskey, assistant commandant for discipline, said the young man "went into one of the female bathrooms and for some reason proceeded to break things up. He broke two stall dividers ... one toilet and tore down two shower curtains." McCleskey said the cadet "wasn't real clear as to why he did it." The cadet was ordered to pay \$800 in restitution.

He also was placed on probation and ordered to receive

counseling and perform community service. In the "peeping Tom" episode, a male cadet was "spotted and identified in one of the women's bathrooms while women were in there. He fled. When apprehended, said he was just going in there to wash his arm. It appeared that he was, in fact, a peeping Tom," McCleskey said. The cadet in that case was placed on probation and ordered to write letters of apology.

Corps officials noted that three sexual harassment charges filed this spring by female cadets were deemed "unsubstantiated" after investigations by Corps and Student Life officials. A total of nine gender-related complaints were filed during the 1998-99 school year.

Brent Paterson, the Student Life department's director, said the critical issue is whether the Corps as a whole is a hostile or "nonconductive" environment for female cadets.

In a May 11, 1999, memo to J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, Paterson noted the five female cadets' complaints came from "all four major (Corps) outfits and every class rank in the Corps of Cadets."

"There are issues relating to a hostile environment for women in the Corps of Cadets that need to be examined beyond potential disciplinary charges against individuals," he wrote.

New measures reduce frivolous lawsuits filed by state inmates

HOUSTON (AP) — Laws aimed at curbing frivolous lawsuits filed by prison inmates appear to be having some impact.

According to a survey of federal courts in Texas, the number of lawsuits filed by county and state inmates in federal court dropped nearly 25 percent between 1995 to 1998, from 3,903 to 2,949, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

Though few expect the state to start collecting significant amounts of money from prisoners who waste tax dollars in court, the sudden drop indicates that state and federal laws aimed at curbing frivolous lawsuits may be working.

"The point is to provide some thought process in these suits," said Carl Reynolds, general counsel for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. "It's to deter the getting-your-free-day-in-court sort of attitude."

Prisoner complaints most often deal with questions of constitutional rights, so as many as three-quarters of inmates' lawsuits end up in federal rather than in state court.

To end lawsuits over com-

plaints such as no dessert in solitary confinement (a suit filed by an inmate sentenced to six years in a 1992 manslaughter case), a 1996 act of Congress required prisoners to pay a \$150 fee for filing a federal lawsuit, or to pay a portion of that cost depending upon the amount of money in their inmate accounts.

Those who have three cases dismissed as frivolous must pay the full \$150 for every new lawsuit. Some of the most egregious of the repeat offenders must now get permission from federal judges before they can file a suit.

Texas lawmakers, meanwhile, crafted a similar measure a year earlier that wipes out good-time credit toward early release if a court rules a prisoner has filed more than three frivolous suits in a year.

Still, state officials say inmate lawsuits continue to pile up.

TDCJ officials say they are handling about 5,000 cases from the state's 140,000 inmates at any given time. Not all the complaints are invalid, officials say, but they do not all belong in court.

"Sometimes a prisoner might have a legitimate gripe," said Reynolds. "But a legitimate gripe is not necessarily a legitimate lawsuit."

Isidro M. Ramirez filed one of those prisoner lawsuits that seems to grind the justice system to a halt.

A sheriff's deputy had allowed a fellow prisoner at the Bexar County Jail to attack him with a pen, Ramirez argued in a 1997 federal lawsuit. His civil rights were further violated, he said, when another sheriff's deputy bruised his forehead trying to break up the scuffle.

But late last month, the Bexar County District Attorney's Office received a check for \$744.28, the first installment of an \$11,500 judgment it won for legal costs after a jury ruled the lawsuit frivolous.

The prosecutors' office called the judgment "extraordinary." Indeed, few who contest prisoners in court ever see restitution fees. But the payment, while unusual, is also indicative of a judicial system that is increasingly hostile to the legal whims of prisoners.

Plan to screen inmate interviews scrapped by state

DALLAS (AP) — A state agency's plan to limit access to death row inmates for media interviews is hitting a roadblock following complaints from journalists and constitutional experts.

Members of the Board of Criminal Justice are expected to formally reject the proposed rule when they meet Thursday.

"It's off the table," Texas prison spokesman Larry Todd told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions. "The proposal, as drafted, was poorly written. It led to lots of confusion, so we're withdrawing it."

State prison officials' first effort to codify ground rules for interviews with death row inmates sought to distinguish between what they called "legitimate, working journalists" who would have continuing access to inmates and so-called "tabloid" television shows, which would be barred.

"There's a place for Jerry Springer and Oprah and shows like that," Todd said last month, defending the proposed rule. "It's just not within the Texas prison system."

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OUR VIEWS

Each of us is responsible for safe education

We're pleased to see that Big Spring Independent School District is taking steps to ensure a more safe learning and teaching environment for 1999-2000. The last school year ended amid disruptions — threats of violence, uncontrolled rumors and vandalism. School officials know that without some plan of action, without strong communication between administration, teachers, students and parents, the problems could continue with the start of a new year.

All of these disruptions weren't of our own making, of course. But nonetheless, when something as tragic as the Columbine High School shootings occurs, it has repercussions nationwide, and we were certainly not immune to it.

Our school officials and parents have taken some steps to promote a more peaceful, constructive start to the 1999-2000 school year. A meeting for teachers, counselors and other professionals dealing with student violence is scheduled for July 27. Parents are encouraged to attend an open forum that evening.

In addition, the district has put out a new handbook to deal with all types of emergencies, whether they are acts of nature, or acts of unruly individuals.

A parent support group is being formed for Big Spring Junior High School — another step we see as a positive one toward keeping communications open and ensuring that the education of our children remains the primary goal of our public schools.

Administrators and teachers did a good job of keeping control last year. Caring parents, too, served as hall monitors at times. The majority of students kept their cool and were intent on the task at hand, of course. They perhaps haven't been given enough credit, for they are the ones most affected by all of this.

It only takes one or two disruptive students, or former students — whatever the case may be — to cause problems for everyone.

As we think about starting the new school year, let's remember that administrators need to be free to run the day to day operations of the school and make important decisions. Let's remember that teachers need to be able to teach without the worry and fear of retaliation. They deserve our respect.

And let's remember that parents need to parent. That means taking control of their child, getting involved in his or her education. Making sure he or she is staying out of trouble, is respectful and responsible.

Finally, let's remember that the students of today are our leaders of tomorrow. The time we put in to ensure their education is time well spent. They need and deserve a chance at that education in a safe, constructive environment

It takes each of us to make that happen.

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Now the candidates are grasping at straws

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

Straw polls are won by straw men at least as often as they foretell presidential nominees. But there never has been a straw poll with the buildup and advertised stakes of the vote coming up in Ames, Iowa, next month.

For some of the Republican candidates, it could be the last straw.

For all of the field trying to overtake Gov. George W. Bush — now down to nine — it's an early chance to show the front-runner vulnerable.

For cash-short campaigners, it is an opportunity to demonstrate that donors ought to take another look and send along a check. Or not.

All that for \$25 a vote, although the rival presidential campaigns are spending much more — the guessing runs to several million dollars — trying to win, or at least come close enough to claim a measure of success, on Aug. 14. The estimates are that perhaps 12,000 votes will be cast, all for show, binding nothing and nobody.

In ticket-vote sales, that turnout would add up to \$300,000 for the Iowa Republican Party, which

already has auctioned off campaign sites outside the hall to the competing candidates for more than \$80,000.

Bush was the high bidder, \$43,500 for 60,000 square feet of the lawn outside the coliseum, to entertain straw voters with music and barbecues while the prime candidate works at political persuasion. He overpaid in the blind auction. Steve Forbes got second choice for \$8,000.

Since Bush hasn't done as much campaigning for the Iowa caucuses next year as his challengers — he sat out the spring, saying he had to tend to his business with the Texas Legislature — there was speculation he might pass up the straw vote. These faux primaries always are troublesome for the leader, as Bob Dole learned in 1996.

But Bush is not only competing, he alone has said flatly that he's there to win the straw vote. "I think we not only ought to compete, I think we ought to win the Ames straw poll," Bush said, calling it a good test for his organization.

Other candidates stick to the safe claims. Elizabeth Dole, for example, said that she expects to do well but doesn't regard it as make or break.

"I've got to exceed expectations," said Lamar Alexander,

campaigning almost full-time in Iowa until the straw vote, in which he hopes to show enough support to persuade contributors to keep him going. Forbes, who doesn't need money but does need to show that he can catch Bush, is campaigning intensively, too.

Pat Buchanan, who ran third in the straw poll four years ago, said this one could be the undoing of candidates who run far behind. "The Grim Reaper is going to be waiting outside the gates of the Ames fieldhouse and about five or six of those fellows may never survive that," said Buchanan.

That sounds like a considerable judgment to be made at an event that is in fact only a preview of a preview. The Iowa Republican caucuses next winter will be the first actual competition of the campaign year, the first time there will be real winners and losers. But even that vote, at the precinct level, just begins the process that will award the state's nominating delegates at the Republican National Convention.

Still, the straw poll is the only contest at hand now. And it is more Iowa-representative than it used to be; at least the voters now are required to show that they're from the state. Four years ago, straw

voters were based in from the rest of the Midwest, notably by Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, who gained a surprise tie vote with Bob Dole, the early favorite and the eventual nominee. Not that it did Gramm any good. His campaign didn't get as far as the New Hampshire primary.

Straw polls have picked losers about as often as winners. Iowa's, for example, went to then-Sen. Alan Cranston among Democrats in 1983, Pat Robertson in the Republican vote of 1987. Sen. John Ashcroft won one in South Carolina in 1998, and he's long since dropped his GOP presidential bid. On the other hand, Jimmy Carter used a 1975 Democratic straw poll in Ames as a springboard in his winning campaign.

There won't be a Democratic version in Iowa this year. The Democratic National Committee opposes straw polls as "premature and false barometers" of the nominating process. Despite that, Massachusetts Democrats held one at their state convention in May. Vice President Al Gore won easily.

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The Carpetbagger's Baggage

Flat peaches, barbecue and rambling thoughts

"Flat Peaches," the sign said, and I whipped into the parking lot from the highway.

I would have stopped, anyway. If I told the strict truth, I'd admit going to elaborate lengths to try to make every pass through Moulton at mealtime. This one establishment has everything a body needs.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

The main sign reads: "Classical Fruits and Barbecue." Beneath that, in smaller letters, "Antiques."

A family named Adair started with a hobby orchard and a special interest in apples. When Hoyt Adair couldn't find enough of any variety apple tree he craved, he did the grafting himself. He even grew some "antique" apples, including one Thomas Jefferson preferred. Classical fruits.

When people sampled the fruit, they wanted more, and

eventually Franny and Hoyt Adair were selling both fruit and fruit trees from a log cabin near their home. The business outgrew the cabin, and five years ago it moved into a bigger building, its present location.

They added a barbecue restaurant, which, among other delectables, features stuffed potatoes and homemade fudge. The Adairs gradually accumulated my kind of gift items — fruit-flavored candles, jams, fun and funky old furniture, stuffed animals, ornamental frogs for the garden. They even have an indoor goldfish pond and waterfall.

When I thought it couldn't possibly get any better, the Adairs built a greenhouse. I'm thinking of having my paycheck direct-deposited here.

And now flat peaches. I'd never seen such. They are flat all right, as if a semi had run over a regular peach and left it flattened but unbruised. Franny says they are Peento peaches ("ento" means flat in Chinese) and, though funny and white inside, especially sweet.

The flat peaches fed my summertime travel musings, thoughts that have roughly the

same discipline and growth pattern as kudzu. I compose mental essays on esoteric subjects, the better to get on down the road.

Why is most fruit round? (That's how it begins, a little question darting across your forehead like a squirrel crossing the highway. It's usually about something trivial, something you'd never say aloud.)

Why are the cars pulling Jet Skis always speeding?

What fine would be high enough to keep fools from littering?

What are the tires you see on the roofs of trailers holding down, just the roof or the whole shebang?

Is there a sign painter in America who owns a dictionary, and, if so, wouldn't it make sense for him to look up the words he plans to use before investing time and paint in an elaborate sign?

Why do cemeteries need rules?

Why do car dealerships fly the biggest American flags?

Is there a garbage Dumpster crisis, or am I just imagining things? Businesses now "strictly enforce" the prohibition against your throwing something into their Dumpster.

When did that happen?

Why is every fireworks stand that you see the "World's Largest"? How could that be? Same thing with flea markets and pawnshops.

By now you see what happens when I forget to pack the cassette tapes for a long road trip.

I could be listening to Iris DeMent or Webb Pierce, but instead I'm pondering universal truths.

I read somewhere once that the only way to know the caliber of a person's mind is to read her secret thoughts. That measure should land me somewhere between Confucius and Andy Rooney.

So. Could the "cute" spelling some businesses use in advertising be part of the reason youngsters can't spell? Why is "Kwik" better than "Quick," for instance, when you're trying to entice someone to lubricate his car?

I was glad to learn that "Classical Fruits" wasn't an attempt at cute, but an apt description of what's inside one of my all-time favorite stops.

Which leads to this question: Is there such a thing as classical barbecue?



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IN BRIEF

East blanks West, 22-0, in Six-Man All-Star Game

Trinidad's Damien Jackson rushed for 147 yards and one touchdown on 23 carries Saturday night in leading the East to a 22-0 win over the West at the Six-Man Coaches Association All-Star Football Game in Lubbock.

The West defense, spearheaded by Borden County's Fernando Baeza held Jackson in check for much of the first half, but he still managed to win the game's most valuable offensive player award.

But it was the East defense that stole the show, limiting the West to just 115 total yards.

The West's best scoring opportunity came when quarterback Josh Morris of Lubbock hit Grady's Greg Gibson with a 19-yard pass to inside the East 5-yard line on the game's opening drive.

But linebacker Joe Kostha drilled Gibson, forcing a fumble that the East recovered in the end zone.

It was Gibson's only catch of the night, and Grady teammate Jonathan Ribble managed to gain just two yards on three carries.

Rose Magers-Powell's volleyball camp slated

The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp has been scheduled for Thursday through Saturday at Big Spring High School's Steer Gym.

The camp will be for girls in the fourth through 12th grades. Camp sessions will be from 9 a.m. to noon for seventh-through ninth graders; from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for fourth through sixth graders; and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. for 10th through 12th graders.

Fees will be \$30 for fourth through sixth graders, \$70 for seventh through ninth graders and \$75 for 10th through 12th graders.

For more information, call Traci Pierce at 267-4047.

Clinic beginning July 26 at Figure 7 Tennis Center

A tennis clinic for beginners to intermediate players has been scheduled for July 26-30 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Professional Jim Blacketer said the clinic is designed especially for seventh- and eighth-grade players, as well as those with more experience.

The fee will be \$96 per person.

For more information, call Blacketer at 264-6834.

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.

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

Texas Tech exes slate 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.

Tickets are priced at \$10 each and all members of the community are invited.

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

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Lawrie wins British Open championship no one seemed to want

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland (AP) — Jean Van de Velde's name now is part of golf folklore. Paul Lawrie's name is on the claret jug.

And the British Open might never see such a bizarre finish again.

A British Open that no one seemed to want to win ended in the darkening rain of a Scottish summer evening with a native son holding the championship claret jug and the golf world wondering just what Van de Velde had been thinking.

Put a wedge in Van de Velde's hand on the last regulation hole, and he would be the Open champion, leaving Lawrie with nothing more to do than drive an hour down the coast to his home and accept the congratulations of his wife and neighbors for a nice Sunday finish.

Give him a 2-iron and thoughts of a

glorious finish, though, and get out of the way.

"...range things happen, especially around here," Lawrie said.

Nothing stranger than what happened to Van de Velde, a Frenchman who still held three strokes of the 5-shot lead he started the day with as he stood on the 18th tee.

A horror-filled 487 yards later, he was heading for a three-way playoff. Four holes and back-to-back finishing birdies later, the 30-year-old Lawrie was the new champion.

"Next time, maybe I'll hit the wedge and you will all forgive me," an unrepentant Van de Velde said. "I just hit a poor shot at a bad time."

The most stunning collapse in golf might also have been its most bizarre, shocking the thousands who filled the

grandstands and lined the fairways to watch Van de Velde walk the 18th in triumph.

Instead, they watched as he hit one at them, hitting the grandstand, and thrashed another into the watery ditch known as the Barry Burn that threads its way around the 18th at Carnoustie Golf Links before crossing in front of the green.

They laughed as Van de Velde took off his shoes and rolled up his pants to go into the ditch to try and play out of the water. They cheered when he made an 8-footer for triple bogey to get in a playoff.

Then they went crazy with joy as Lawrie made back-to-back birdies on the final two playoff holes to become the first Scot to win an Open on Scottish soil since 1931.

"Obviously, Jean had the tournament

in his pocket," Lawrie said. "I'm not here to criticize him. I feel sorry for him. He really should have won. Thankfully for me, he didn't."

The four-hole playoff with Van de Velde and Justin Leonard capped the biggest comeback in championship history, with Lawrie coming from 10 strokes off the lead on the final day with a 67 that was posted more than an hour before Van de Velde reached the 18th tee.

Rain fell and the skies darkened even further as spectators ran down fairways and jostled for position as three players who never expected to play past the 72nd hole tried to pull themselves back together enough to win.

"It was a circus," Lawrie said. "Everyone was inside the ropes and everyone was shouting your name out. It was really hard to try to focus."

Middleton, Pool rodeo winners

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

While Saturday's final performance of the 54th annual Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo created several changes on the leaderboard, Big Spring's Lauren Middleton and Chance Pool went unscathed.

Middleton opened the rodeo Thursday night with the fastest times in the girls' 16-19 barrel racing and goat tying and saw those times stand against all comers.

While Lindsay Schubert of Hobbs, N.M., did her best to mount a challenge, Middleton won the barrel racing with a time of 17.508 seconds. Schubert finished second in the overall standings with a 17.532 clocking, while Daniell Henry of Grady, N.M., was third with a 17.666.

Middleton's 8.658 time in the goat tying was almost a full second faster than runner-up Terra Bynum of Snyder, who posted a 9.448 clocking during Saturday's performance to drop Jera Harris of Amarillo into third place at 9.481.

Pool saw the 66-point ride he delivered during Friday's second performance get a real run for its money Saturday.

Laramie Wilson of Haslet wasn't able to surpass Pool's total, but did manage to match it, sharing the rodeo's first-place prize money for that event.

Logan Helton of Amarillo finished third with a 62-point ride, while Garrett Pool, was fourth with a 59.

Cody Groves of Lubbock and Ryon Swink of Crosbyton took the top spots in the 13-19 saddle bronc riding Saturday and finished the overall standings in that order. Groves posted a 67-point ride, while Swink had a 50-pointer.

Ryan Davis of Sterling City and Guthrie Long of Pecos shared the 9-12 steer riding title, both turning in 63-point rides.

Rowdy Sanders of Whiteface took the 13-15 bull riding division with a 66-point ride, while Wes Farris was right behind with a 64.

Rounding out the rough stock winners was Ben Cook, whose 66-point effort Thursday night turned out to be the only qualified ride of the rodeo in the 16-19 bull riding.

Stetson Vest of Childress won the 9-12 calf touching competition, his 4.820 time easily giving him the edge over Chase Roberts of Hobbs, who had a time of 6.145.

The tie-down roping competition saw Justin Nevarez of



Justin Nevarez of Denver City dismounts en route to posting a time of 9.922 that was good enough to win the 13-15 tie down roping competition during the 54th annual Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo.

Denver City take the 13-15 division with a 9.992 clocking and Monty Eakin of Amarillo win the 16-19 division with a time of 9.340.

Other barrel racing winners included Clayton Hirt of Hermleigh in the 8-under division with a 17.834 clocking; Lindsey Ewing of Midland in the 9-12 division with a time of 17.653; and Taylor Fellows of Midland, who took the 13-15 division with a 17.333.

Pole bending winners included Tara Schroedter of Roby in the 8-under division with a 21.419; Raelyn Gardner of Lovington, N.M., with a 21.779 in the 9-12 grouping; Lynde Orcutt of Portales, N.M., who won the 13-15 division with a 20.980; and Jera Harris of Amarillo, whose 21.535 won the 16-19 division.

- Here are final results following Saturday's third performance of the 54th Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo sanctioned by the High Funs Junior Rodeo Association:
- 13-15 Saddle Bronc Riding**
1. Cody Groves, Lubbock, 67. 2. Ryon Swink, Crosbyton, 50.
 - 9-12 Steer Riding**
1. Chance Pool, Big Spring, 65. 1. Laramie Wilson, Haslet, 65. 3. Logan Helton, Amarillo, 62. 4. Garrett Pool, Big Spring, 59.
 - 16-19 Bull Riding**
1. Rowdy Sanders, Whiteface, 66. 2. Wes Farris, Odessa, 64.
 - 16-19 Bull Riding**
1. Ben Cook, Lubbock, 66 points.
 - 9-12 Calf Touching**
1. Stetson Vest, Childress, 4.820. 2. Chase Roberts, Hobbs, N.M., 6.145. 3. Sterling Via, Lubbock, 6.596. 4. Grady Herrera, Tatum, N.M., 6.822. 5. Riley Branch, Ackerly, 7.418. Cameron Thompson, Hobbs, N.M., 7.800.
 - 13-15 Tie Down Roping**
1. Justin Nevarez, Denver City, 9.922. 2. Dillon Lewis, Clovis, N.M., 10.034. 3. Monty Eakin, Amarillo, 10.673. 4. Brett Squares, Plains, 11.788. 5. Tyler Hargrave, Happy, 11.860. 6. Trey Wheeler, Lovington, N.M., 11.898.
 - 16-19 Tie Down Roping**
1. Monty Eakin, Amarillo, 9.340. 2. Joshua Donnell, Canyon, 10.183. 3. Rex Tippy, Hobbs, N.M., 10.320. 4. Ryan Swink, Crosbyton, 10.432.
 - 8-Under Barrel Racing**
1. Clayton Hirt, Hermleigh, 17.834. 2. Janae Esthman, Clovis, N.M., 18.050. 3. Lisa Maez, Dalhart, 18.099. 4. Dusty Anderson, Artesia, N.M., 18.177. 5. Tara Schroedter, Roby, 18.184.
 - 9-12 Barrel Racing**
1. Lindsey Ewing, Midland, 17.653. 2. Kaci Armitage, Eida, N.M., 17.672. 3. Lacie Edwards, Midland, 17.673. 4. Tiffany Sotter, Lovington, N.M., 17.783. 5. Taylor Gregory, Pampa, 18.040.
 - 13-15 Barrel Racing**
1. Lynde Orcutt, Midland, 17.333. 2. Amy Lide, Andrews, 17.573. 3. Kaci Harrison, Pecos, 17.649. 4. Jessica Ferguson, Petersburg, 17.673. 5. Jaci Sant, Rogers, N.M., 17.759.
 - 16-19 Barrel Racing**
1. Lauren Middleton, Big Spring, 17.508. 2. Lindsay Schubert, Hobbs, N.M., 17.532. 3. Daniell Henry, Grady, N.M., 17.666. 4. Krista Imbeck, Happy, 17.697. 5. Kacie Kikes, Carlsbad, N.M., 17.972.
 - 8-Under Pole Bending**
1. Tara Schroedter, Roby, 21.419. 2. Lisa Maez, Dalhart, 21.623. 3. Dusty Anderson, Artesia, N.M., 21.766. 4. Janae Esthman, Clovis, N.M., 21.891. 5. Cameron Callan, Roby, 22.422.
 - 9-12 Pole Bending**
1. Raelyn Gardner, Lovington, N.M., 21.779. 2. Paige Davis, Lubbock, 22.226. 3. Chryste Herdley, Lubbock, 22.669. 4. Lindsey Ewing, Midland, 25.847. 5. Taylor Gregory, Pampa, 26.824.
 - 13-15 Pole Bending**
1. Lynde Orcutt, Portales, N.M., 20.980. 2. Emily Smith, Post, 21.267. 3. Jaci Sant, Rogers, N.M., 21.283. 4. Ashley Branch, Ackerly, 21.421. 5. Ashley Kinschlag, Tatum, N.M., 21.497.
 - 16-19 Pole Bending**
1. Jera Harris, Amarillo, 21.535. 2. Jessica Bradshaw, Snyder, 22.870. 3. Marcey House, Plains, 23.068. 4. Lindsay Schubert, Hobbs, N.M., 23.180. 5. Laci Roberts, Ira, 26.727.
 - 16-19 Team Roping**
1. Josh Morris, Lubbock, and Jody Crowhite, Eida, N.M., 9.483. 2. Shelley York, Snyder, and Cody King, Sultan, 10.329. 3. Kevin Parker, Eunice, N.M., and Rex Tippy, Hobbs, N.M., 11.730. 4. J.D. Kibbe, Portales, N.M., and Jeff Middleton, Lubbock, 12.097. 5. Jeffrey Seaton, Lubbock, and Bryce Davis, Abilene, 12.895.
 - 13-15 Team Roping**
1. Jake and Jimmie Cooper, Monument, N.M., 7.577. 2. Brett Squares, Plains, and Darcia Penser, Tatum, N.M., 7.785. 3. Tom Fisher and Sterling Morris, Andrews, 8.814. 4. Brad Good, Eida, N.M., and Koby Smith, Portales, N.M., 11.500.
 - 9-12 Steer Shipping**
1. Stetson Vest, Childress, 3.690. 2. Grady Herrera, Tatum, N.M., 5.100. 3. Sterling Via, Lubbock, 6.044. 4. Coy Speer, Clovis, N.M., 6.561. 5. Chance Kitchens, Denver City, 11.553.
 - 8-Under Steer Shipping**
1. Tadeo Gray, Lovington, N.M., 5.787. 2. Trent Bibbey, Eida, N.M., 21.936.
 - 9-12 Breakaway**
1. Kassandra Clark, Portales, N.M., 12.016. 2. Lacie Edwards, Midland, 17.313.
 - Boys 9-12 Breakaway**
1. John Clark, Pecos, 2.946. 2. Stetson Vest, Childress, 3.148. 3. Cimarron Thompson, Hobbs, N.M., 3.708. 4. Jake Caldwell, Crane, 4.059. 5. Hart Greenwood, Carlsbad, N.M., 4.187. 6. Sterling Via, Lubbock, 4.334.
 - Girls 13-15 Breakaway**
1. Kenna Armitage, Eida, N.M., 3.909. 2. Kimberly Howard, Eida, N.M., 3.966. 3. Taylor Fellows, Midland, 4.306. 4. Laura Jo Via, Lubbock, 5.041. 5. Tiffany Stroud, Snyder, 5.065.
 - Girls 16-19 Breakaway**
1. Kenna Armitage, Tatum, 2.796. 2. Raquel Davis, Hermleigh, 11.889. 3. Cameron Callan, Roby, 12.516. 4. Dusty Anderson, Artesia, N.M., 12.529. 5. Tada Gray, Lovington, N.M., 13.751.
 - 13-15 Goat Tying**
1. Cody Miller, Odessa, 2.736. 2. Trey Wheeler, Lovington, N.M., 3.123. 3. Brett Squares, Plains, 3.294. 4. Brad Good, Eida, N.M., 3.537. 5. Jacob Helton, Lovington, N.M., 3.539. 6. Cinco Boone, Eida, N.M., 3.546.
 - 16-19 Chute Dugging**
1. Monty Eakin, Amarillo, 2.960. 2. Rex Tippy, Hobbs, N.M., 5.275. 3. Jeffrey Seaton, Lubbock, 5.961. 4. Shandon Staffs, McLean, 7.511.
 - 8-Under Goat Tying**
1. Lisa Maez, Dalhart, 11.174. 2. Clayton Hirt, Hermleigh, 11.889. 3. Cameron Callan, Roby, 12.516. 4. Dusty Anderson, Artesia, N.M., 12.529. 5. Tada Gray, Lovington, N.M., 13.751.
 - 9-12 Goat Tying**
1. Kaci Armitage, Eida, N.M., 10.748. 2. Ton Bibbey, Eida, N.M., 10.776. 3. Jodi Kibbe, Portales, N.M., 11.051. 4. Kassandra Clark, Portales, N.M., 11.663. 5. Raelyn Gardner, Lovington, N.M., 11.777.
 - 16-19 Goat Tying**
1. Taylor Fellows, Midland, 9.740. 2. Taura Higgins, Lovington, N.M., 10.051. 3. Kimberly Howard, Eida, N.M., 10.068. 4. Amy Lide, Andrews, 10.479. 5. Lynde Orcutt, Portales, N.M., 10.520.
 - Boys 13-15 Ribbon Roping**
1. Vin Fisher, Andrews, 5.797. 2. Rex Tippy, Hobbs, N.M., 6.247. 3. Joshua Donnell, Canyon, 6.674. 4. Neal Starfield, Clovis, N.M., 6.831.
 - Boys 9-12 Ribbon Roping**
1. Tadi Good, Kenna, N.M., 6.785. 2. Sterling South, Post, 7.345. 3. Hadley Hirt, Hermleigh, 7.444. 4. Grady Herrera, Tatum, N.M., 8.495. 5. Chase Roberts, Clovis, N.M., 8.836. 6. Aaron Lide, Andrews, 9.059.
 - Girls 13-15 Ribbon Roping**
1. Trey Wheeler, Lovington, N.M., 5.120. 2. Marty Eakin, Amarillo, 5.352. 3. Miles Thompson, Hobbs, N.M., 5.742. 4. Jake Cooper, Monument, N.M., 6.674. 4. Neal Starfield, Clovis, N.M., 7.891.
 - Girls 16-19 Ribbon Roping**
1. Kenna Armitage, Eida, N.M., 8.255. 2. Casey Jo Light, 8.255. 3. Tiffany Stroud, 10.083. 4. Taura Higgins, 15.007.
 - 9-12 Ribbon Roping**
1. Brandi Clements, Odessa, 6.507. 2. Raquel Davis, Lubbock, 7.449. 3. Kacie Kikes, Carlsbad, N.M., 12.248.

Rangers bounce Giants

ARLINGTON (AP) — At the age of 39, Mike Morgan pitches with his head as much as his arm.

The Texas right-hander won for the fourth time in five decisions and became the Rangers' first 10-game winner of the season in a 5-4 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Sunday night.

Morgan (10-6) allowed three runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings, struck out two and walked one.

"I was throwing the kitchen sink at them," said Morgan, who had his longest start since throwing a complete game on June 28. "Splits, sliders, sinkers, curves, whatever worked. I tried to Houdini them."

Morgan was making his first start since July 10, and he needed an inning or two to regain his rhythm.

"It had been seven or eight days, and I was sluggish early," Morgan said. "But I got into the seventh inning and was still able to make my pitches."

Morgan got 10 straight groundouts between the second and fifth innings and took a 4-0 lead into the sixth before J.T. Snow's two-run homer.

The Rangers were also pleased with a bounce-back performance from closer John Wetteland, who blew his three previous save opportunities. Wetteland retired three of the four batters he faced in the ninth for his 27th save in 34 chances.

"That was no monkey," Wetteland said. "It felt like two gorillas off my back."

Wetteland allowed four runs in 1 1-3 innings in Saturday's 8-6 loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks, and afterward admitted he was having one of the toughest stretches of his career.

On Sunday night, Wetteland threw almost all fastballs in his 13 pitches and was able to keep the ball down and avoid the long ball after giving up two homers in the ninth on Saturday. He only allowed a one-out single to Scott Servais on Sunday night.

"He bounced back," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "He needed a save, I needed a save and this ballclub needed a save."

Giants starter Mark Gardner (3-8) gave up five runs, five hits and four walks in six innings.

Cone sheer perfection in Yankees' 6-0 win over Montreal

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

After missing out on a no-hitter three years ago, David Cone finally got a second chance. This time, he was nothing less than perfect.

"You probably have a better chance of winning the lottery than this happening," the New York Yankees right-hander said after pitching the 14th perfect game in modern major league history and 16th overall with a 6-0 decision over Montreal on Sunday.

Cone had to be thinking back to 1996 when his career almost ended because of an aneurysm near his right armpit. He made an amazing return after surgery, pitching seven no-hit innings at Oakland before manager Joe Torre and pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre decided 85 pitches were enough.

"If Joe was going to leave the decision

to me, I'm going back out there and throw caution to the wind," Cone said of his 1996 start against the Athletics. "I think Mel and Joe did the right thing, trying to protect me. But I didn't know if that would be my last chance at one."

Watching Cone's performance on Sunday was Don Larsen, who pitched the only perfect game in World Series history for the Yankees in 1956. He was among the 41,981 fans at Yankee Stadium who came out for Yogi Berra Day, honoring the former Yankees catching great

The two were batterymates when Larsen pitched his masterpiece against the Brooklyn Dodgers on the very same field 43 years ago.

"I was just thinking about my day," Larsen said. "I'm sure David will think about this every day of his life."

In other interleague games, it was Boston 11, Florida 9; Toronto 3, Atlanta

2; Philadelphia 3, Tampa Bay 2; Detroit 9, Cincinnati 8 in 10 innings; Minnesota 5, St. Louis 2; Kansas City 5, Chicago Cubs 4; Houston 2, Cleveland 0; Milwaukee 5, Chicago White Sox 4; Oakland 3, Colorado 2; Seattle 8, Arizona 7 in 10 innings; Texas 5, San Francisco 4; San Diego 6, Anaheim 3; and the New York Mets 8, Baltimore 6.

In the only NL game, Pittsburgh beat Los Angeles 6-5 in 10 innings.

Cone (10-4) was brilliant in setting down the 27 Montreal batters. He didn't go to a three-ball count all day and struck out 10, but did need a couple of strong defensive plays.

He got through the first inning with the help of a diving catch in right field by Paul O'Neill to rob Terry Jones of a hit. In the eighth, Jose Vidro hit a hard grounder up the middle with one out. Second baseman Chuck Knoblauch, who has 16 errors this season, ran to his right

to backhand the ball, pivoted and made a perfect throw to first baseman Tino Martinez to get Vidro.

Red Sox 11, Marlins 9

The Red Sox rallied from a four-run deficit to win despite an off day by ace Pedro Martinez. Martinez, whose 15-3 record leads the majors, gave up nine runs to baseball's worst team.

Martinez escaped without a loss largely because of John Valentin, who drove in four runs, the last two on a triple in the eighth that gave Boston a 10-9 lead against Vladimir Nunez (3-3).

Blue Jays 3, Braves 2

Joey Hamilton and two relievers combined on a six-hitter, and Shawn Green extended his hitting streak to 16 games. Hamilton (2-5) allowed six hits in 7 2-3 innings, struck out three and walked four.

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The company offers medical, dental, 401k and stock options to its employees, uniforms are furnished. Starting pay is \$7.75/hr. for new employees without experience and no Texas Jailers License. \$8.25/hr. for those that possess a current Texas Jailers License.

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6:30	News (CC)	Delicious Home Imp.	Science Guy	Show-Funny Show-Funny	News (CC) Tonight	News (CC) Tonight	Major League Baseball	Provision	Go West (CC) Movie: Toy	Walters (CC)	20 Minute	From the Earth to the Moon	News (CC) Today	Jan & Oler (CC)	Mid-Discovery	DR (CC)	Sports News (CC) Sports	Overwatching			Planet Green		
7:30	20/20 (CC)	7th Show	7th Show	Life, Camera, Action!	King Becker (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Dawkins (CC)	Adults	Comics	of Talent	Kevin Sharp	State Place	Movie: Titanic (CC)	News (CC) Today	Jan & Oler (CC)	Mid-Discovery	DR (CC)	Sports News (CC) Sports	Overwatching		Planet Green		
8:30	Movie: Deduction in	Ally Medical (CC)	Amish Experience	Famous Families (CC)	Raymond Redder (CC)	Movie: Deduction in	Movie: Wings to	Toronto Blue Jays (CC)	Angie	(CC) Movie: Three	From the Country (CC)	Movie: Ship (CC)	Dr. Phil	Light of the Day	Investigative Reports (CC)	Jan & Oler (CC)	Mid-Discovery	DR (CC)	Sports News (CC) Sports	Overwatching	Planet Green		
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12:30	(12:00) Real Life	Movie (CC) Judge Brown	April 11: First Steps of	Movie (CC) Judge Brown	Movie (CC) Judge Brown	Movie (CC) Judge Brown	Movie (CC) Judge Brown	Movie: The Death	Online: Es-	Can Express	Angie (CC)	Dr. Phil	Light of the Day	Investigative Reports (CC)	Jan & Oler (CC)	Mid-Discovery	DR (CC)	Sports News (CC) Sports	Overwatching	Planet Green			

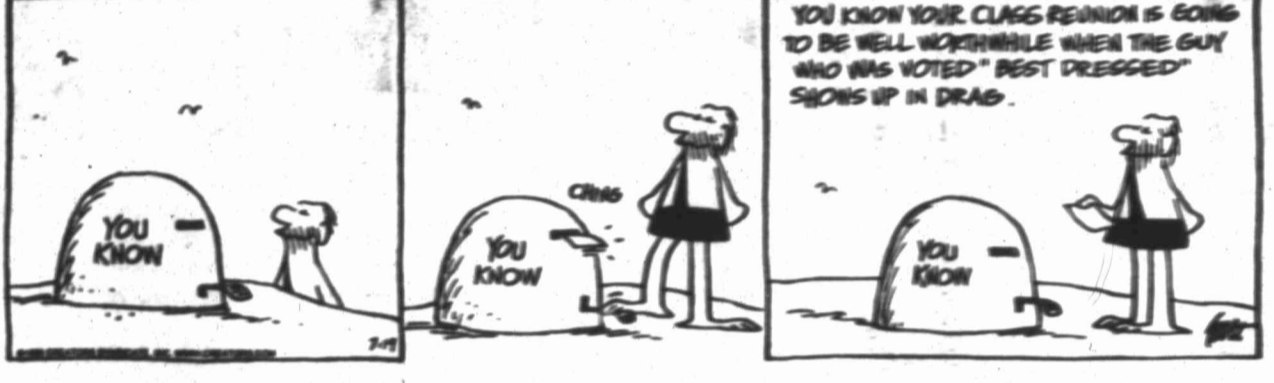
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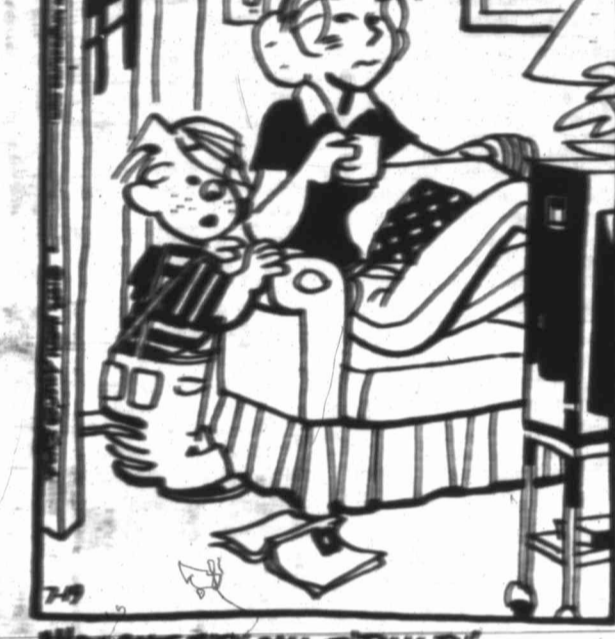
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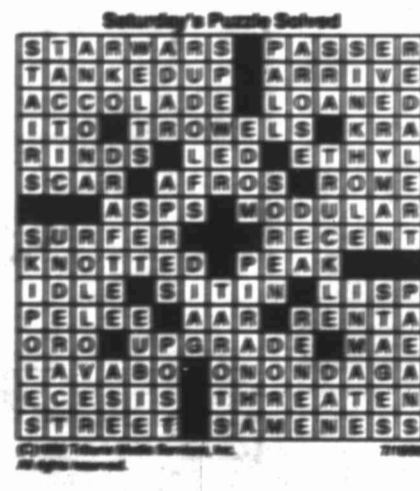
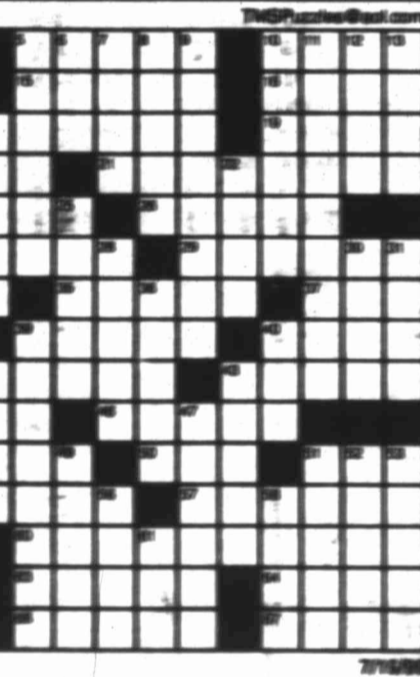
Today is Monday, July 19, the 200th day of 1999. There are 165 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 19, 1969, Apollo 11 and its astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins, went into orbit around the moon.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- 1 Impersonator
- 5 Postage
- 16 Iowa college town
- 14 Mother of Caesar and Polix
- 15 Woods on a golf course
- 16 Indonesian island
- 17 Reasonable
- 19 Stated type: abbr.
- 20 Line of inquiry
- 21 Occupant
- 23 One of the girls
- 24 Aid
- 26 Equitation
- 27 Also can
- 29 Repeated action
- 32 Series of breads
- 35 Doves (owl)
- 37 -de-France
- 38 Made known
- 39 Rose and Sampras
- 40 Mix
- 41 Shade tree
- 42 Submarine detector
- 48 Central American language group
- 44 Locations
- 46 Frosted
- 48 Deceive
- 50 Choice: abbr.
- 51 Fetch
- 54 Sends forth
- 57 Science fiction award
- 59 Gives.
- 60 permission
- 60 Of no relevance
- 62 In - of
- 63 "The Medium" or "The Bar"
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- 67 Visualized
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- 3 Lawn-care tool
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- 25 Oman neighbor
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In 1553, 15-year-old Lady Jane Grey was deposed as Queen of England after claiming the crown for nine days. King Henry VIII's daughter Mary was proclaimed queen.

In 1848, a pioneer women's rights convention convened in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

In 1870, the Franco-Prussian War began.

In 1941, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill launched his "V for Victory" campaign in Europe.

In 1943, allied air forces raided Rome during World War II.

In 1975, the Apollo and Soyuz space capsules that were linked in orbit for two days separated.

In 1979, the Nicaraguan capital of Managua fell to Sandinista guerrillas, two days after President Anastasio Somoza fled the country.

In 1984, U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro (D-N.Y.) won the Democratic nomination for vice president by acclamation at the party's convention in San Francisco.

In 1985, Christa McAuliffe of New Hampshire was chosen as the first schoolteacher to ride aboard the space shuttle. (McAuliffe and six other crew members died when the Challenger exploded shortly after liftoff.)

In 1993, President Clinton announced a compromise allowing homosexuals to serve in the military, but only if they refrained from homosexual activity.

Ten years ago: 112 people died when a United Airlines DC-10 crashed while making an emergency landing at Sioux City, Iowa; 184 others survived.

Five years ago: A bomb ripped apart a Panama commuter plane, killing 21, including 12 Jews, a day after a car bomb destroyed a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, killing 95 people. Funeral services were held for North Korean dictator Kim Il Sung, who had died July 8 at age 82.

One year ago: Seeking to break a 16-month deadlock, Israel and the Palestinians held their first high-level talks in months. Hundreds of Serb police battled secessionist guerrillas for control of the central Kosovo town of Orshovac.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Sen. George McGovern is 77. Actor Pat Hingle is 75. Actress Helen Gallagher is 73. Country singer Sue Thompson is 73. Country singer George Hamilton IV is 62. Actor Dennis Cole is 59. Singer Vikki Carr is 58. Actor George Dzundza is 54. Rock singer-musician Alan Gorrie (Average White Band) is 53. Rock musician Brian May is 52. Rock musician Bernie Leadon is 52.