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College sets registration for Aug. 6-22

Advising for Howard College fall 2001 registration is going on now.

Registration begins Aug. 6 and concludes Aug. 22. All new and returning students may receive an assigned time to register from the Admissions Office.

Assigned times for Aug. 6-9 are reserved for returning students. New students may register with an assigned time from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 13-16 and Aug. 20-22.

August 20-21 assigned times are extended to 7 p.m. to accommodate those students who need an evening appointment. And on Aug. 22, assigned times conclude with registration at noon.

For more information contact Howard College Admissions at 264-5072 or

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THURSDAY ☐ Gideons

International, Big Spring Camp No. U4206O, Herman's Restaurant, 7

☐ The Senior Citizens Center will host an Arts and Crafts session each Thursday from 9 a.m. to

☐ The Coffee Club will meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.

O Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

☐ Genealogical Society of Big Spring meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

☐ Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

☐ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the **Howard College Cactus** Room.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada **Spring City Senior** Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

☐ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Herald blood drive set Friday

Herald Staff Report

The increasing traffic expected on the roads during the July 4 holiday prompts the Big Spring Herald to encourage those to take time to save a life by donating blood.

"We encourage everyone who is able to take an hour of their time and donate blood," said Lyndel Moody, blood drive coordinator. "With more traffic on the roads this holiday season, the constant need for blood

will be even more critical." United Blood Service bloodmobile will be at the Herald office at 710 Scurry on Friday from 1 p.m. to 4

According to Johnna Pevey, UBS community relations representative, one pint of blood can help as much as four patients.

All those interested in donating blood must be 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Those who have recently donated whole blood may donate again in eight weeks.

Those wishing to donate blood are asked to carry proof of identification containing a legal name and one of the following: date of birth, Social Security number, UBS assigned donor number or photo identification.

Donors should also know the names of any medication they have taken during the past 30 days.

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FLY YOUR FLAG!



INDEPENDENCE DAY 2001

Pops draws overflow crowd again

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Comanche Trail Park was filled to capacity Tuesday night causing Big Spring police officers to turn away people entering the park to attend the Pops in the Park concert.

An estimated 15,000 to 20,000 people filed into the park to listen to music, watch the fireworks display and celebrate America's independence

Parking space for those entering from U.S. Highway 87 quickly filled before 8 p.m. and police began diverting the traffic to the Wasson Road entrance.

"There were cars parking in the barrow ditch on both sides of Highway 87," police officer Jay Fryer said.

By the time the fireworks display began, cars were turned away from entering the park because of lack of parking space.

Even with the large number of vehicles entering in the park this year, Fryar said the Police Academy Alumni volunteers helped smooth the process of park-

"This is so much easier this year because of the Police Academy Alumni," Fryar said. "It could not have been smooth as it was with out them.'

Fireworks, music and a good time brought many to

"This is one of our favorite things," said Pat Anderson, who attends the event with her family every year.

Brad Fielder said he has been coming to the event for the past three years for the fireworks and music.

The event began about 4:30 with vendors selling all sorts of food and novelty items - hamburgers, pizza, fajitas, ice cream, soft drinks and more - the profits benefiting numerous organizations ranging from



inez Salazar, left and Ramona Saenz wait for the festivities to begin **Tuesday at the Comanche** Trail Park Amphitheater. The sisters came early to find a good seats. At right, country music star Janie Fricke entertains the crowd with her performance during the Pops in the Park celebration.

HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody

Rotary clubs to church groups and youth softball

County music star Janie Fricke energized the crowd with her repertoire of songs from country to gospel, earning her a standing ovation.

Sisters Gayla Stone, Roberts Annette and

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Braden Upshaw, 1, of Colorado City enjoys a piece of fla-

vored ice fed to him by his grandmother, Shirley Limones.

See POPS, Page 3



Fizzers, fajitas and burgers: Celebration-goers get their fill

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

What's red, white and blue, fizzy, and cold? A "Fizzer," of course.

The West Texas Bandits girls softball team was selling the concoctions of lemon-lime carbonated beverage over frozen Kool-aid "rocks" at the annual Pops in the Park Independence Day celebration Tuesday at Comanche Trail Park. The girls were among about 40 vendors set up at the park raising money for good causes

"We're raising money to go to the Lubbock World Tournament," third baseman Shannon Higgins, 14, "We did this last year.

The girls said that each teammate prepares several trays of the fruit-flavored frozen ice cubes a few days before the celebration.

"We got the idea from the See VENDORS, Page 3



Shannon Higgins, 14, makes a "fizzer" drink to sell while softball teammates Kate Smiley, left, and Courtney Rodriguez, both 13, look on. The girls were selling the fizzers to raise money for their team.

back me up," Rylander said.

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"I think it's worth a good

look and I don't think any of

too. But I defer to our lead-

Hutchison also believes

"I don't see the Navy

doing anything that's not

supported by the local com-

Although the Navy has

said it's too early to com-

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and local leaders mounted a

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Kenedy County commis-

sioners voted unanimously

Corpus Christi Mayor

Loyd Neal, who has been

working with Navy officials

as chairman of the South

Texas Military Facilities

Task Force, said it is time to

Russian plane

crashes, killing

145 on board

MOSCOW (AP) - A

Russian airliner plunged

into a meadow in a Siberian

forest and burned up after

trying unsuccessfully to

land in the city of Irkutsk

on Wednesday, killing all

Aviation officials were

examining the two black

box flight recorders from

the Tu-154 jet, said Vasily

Yurchuk, spokesman for the

spokesman said 143 bodies

or fragments of bodies had

Minister Sergei Shoigu,

who flew to the site, said the

plane's three engines may

have failed for unknown

reasons, Russian television

Relatives and friends of

the passengers spent a har-

rowing, tearful night in the

airports at Yekaterinburg

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destination. When they

heard there were no sur-

vivors, most went home or

flew to Irkutsk to identify

bodies, with the promise of

\$414 in insurance payments

from the airline. Interfax

to collect the remains. I'll

bury him myself," said

whose brother was among

the passengers. He had trav-

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port from an outlying dis-

rule out a terrorist act and

were searching for signs of

explosives, the Interfax

news agency said. The ground controllers who han-

dled the last moments of the

flight were suspended while

the crash was being investi-

Security officials did not

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OBITUARIES

Flossie Gilmore

Flossie Gilmore, 87, of Big Spring, passed away on Tuesday, July 3, 2001, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home following a long illness. Service is 4 p.m., Thursday, July 5, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collum, pastor of First Baptist Church in Coahoma, officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Flossie was born on Sept. 17, 1913, in Taylor County. She married L.C. Gilmore on June 15, 1935, in Big Spring and he preceded her in death on April 29, 1993.

Mrs. Gilmore was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma for 63 years. She was also a member of Sand Springs Senior Citizens Center and had been a volunteer for three years for "Pot Luck for Senior Citizens." Gilmore was also president of Midway School PTA for two years. Flossie loved to make quilts, embroidery and do other hand work.

She is survived by three sons, Richard Gilmore and his wife, Jane, of Coahoma, Melvin Gilmore and his wife, Dora, and Don Gilmore and his wife, Lisa, all of San Angelo; two daughters, Ruby Pitzer and her husband, Kenneth of San Marcos and Lois Sheridan of Panama City, Fla., and Arlene Blakney of Big Spring; two brothers, Floyd Mansfield of San Angelo and Harvey Mansfield of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren; and 13 greatgrandchildren.

She is preceded in death by one brother. Cecil Mansfield, and four sisters, Nettie Kennedy, Lena Macomber, Merle Cheeseman and Jeanette

Mansfield. The family will be at 506 South Avenue in Coahoma and suggests memorials to American Attention Association, Department, Memorials P.O. Box 15186, Austin to pursue plan

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Eloise McMurray Eloise McMurray, a longtime resident of Big Spring,

died July 1, 2001, in Sacramento, Calif., after several weeks in hospice She was born in Big

Spring, Dec. 28, 1930. She trained and worked as an LVN at Medical Arts Hospital in Big Spring before moving She Sacramento, Calif. retired and returned to Big Spring in 1993. Eloise was a member of St. Lutheran Church and was active with the Senior Citizens Center, especially enjoying her art classes. She returned to Sacramento, Calif. in June of 2000.

She is survived by her

Nalley-Pickle & Welch **Funeral Home**

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME

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Flossie Gilmore, 87, died Tuesday. Services are 4:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

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Pat Veteto, an engineer and retired Marine who helped come up with the plan for the Texas coast, said that he believes the mother, Mrs. Lillie Brown of New Braunfels; three plan has little chance of surdaughters, Patricia (Fallon) Murdock and husband, Charles, of San Antonio, Sue (Fallon) Gage of support. Sacramento, Calif. and Julia us have given it a good look yet," he said. "My feeling is (Fallon) McConahy and husband, Michael, of Grass Valley, Calif.; and a sister, much further. I thought we Peggy Clauss of Rancho Murieta, Calif. She also

A visitation will be held at the Elk Grove Funeral Chapel, 9101 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, Calif. 95624, on Thursday, July 5.

leaves seven grandchildren,

10 great-grandchildren, one

nephew and three nieces.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to U.C. Davis Medical Center Hospice Program, Drive, Business Sacramento, Calif. 95820-

Arrangements are under the direction of Elk Grove Funeral Chapel, Elk Grove, Calif.

Paid obituary

Tommie Diana Graves

Graveside service for Tommie Diana Graves, 84, of Calico Rock, Ark., formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m., Thursday, July 5, at Liberty Cemetery, Hawkins. Mrs. Graves died Sunday, July 1, at Baxter Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include her two sons, Dale and Paul Graves; two daughters, Shirley Edwards and Pauline White; one sister, Essie McDonald; nine grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-greatgranddaughter.

Arrangements are under the direction of Roller Funeral Home in Mountain Home, Ark.

Hutchison says she doesn't Heart expect Navy

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) -Many state and local officials expect the Navy to abandon its proposal to use part of Padre Island and the South Texas coastline as a warfare training site after a number of high-ranking officials publicly spoke out against the plan.

After U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison expressed reluctance Tuesday to support the Navy's plan, many consider the proposal dead on arrival.

"She carries more leverage than all of us put together, you could say, in regards to the (Bush) administration," state Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times for its Wednesday editions.

Hutchison added her name to a growing list of people against the plan.

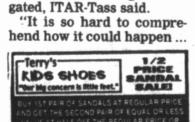
Earlier Tuesday Austin, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander cited environmental concerns and doubts about an economic boon in her opposition.

"Bombing Texas beaches just doesn't make sense," Rylander said. "I think some may think there's economic benefits. I don't."

She ordered an economic impact study of the plan. 'We'll see if the numbers

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BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

based on an elementary that it's probably not going had a pretty good idea. And in our discussions with the Navy, they thought we had turn and crashed. a pretty good alternative,

> The plane was carrying 136 passengers, six children and nine crew members, Yurchuk said. Twelve passengers were foreigners, believed to be from China, officials said. Names from the passenger list scrolled down the screens on Russian television

> The plane disappeared from radar screens at 2:10 a.m. local time, while en route from Yekaterinburg in the Ural Mountains to Vladivostok, the major port on Russia's Pacific Coast.

some passengers. plane from landing.

Vladivostokavia officials said the plane underwent extensive repairs after they purchased it from a Chinese company two months ago.

plane tated when she heard of the crash. She dren.

'We don't know what to do, how to be. ... But we don't blame anyone, it was technical malfunctions. When we flew, the plane was in fine condition," she

Russia and other former Soviet republics plagued with air crashes as aircraft maintenance and supervision deteriorated.

TEXAS LOTTERY

knowledge of aerodynamics. It is a weird accident," Shoigu told reporters on the meadow, which was littered with smoking fuselage. He said the plane was at an altitude of 2,800 feet when it suddenly made a 180-degree

The 15-year-old belonging to airline, Vladivostokavia crashed about 18 miles southeast of Irkutsk, which is some 2,600 miles east of Moscow. The area lies between Irkutsk and enormous Lake Baikal. There munity," she said. "I don't were no reports of casualthink they will force their ties among people on the ground.

Wednesday afternoon.

The plane tried twice to land in Irkutsk, where it was to refuel and drop off crashed while making a third attempt to land, Russian television stations reported. There were no immediate details on the problem that prevented the

Flight attendant Yulia Zaikina, who flew on the ill-Yekaterinburg before it took off for Irkutsk, was devasamong the crew members killed was a married couple who left behind seven chil-

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, civil aviation fell into a steep decline as hundreds of small airlines were spun off from the one-time monolithic Aeroflot.

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p.m., 615 Settles. FRIDAY •Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and

Goliad. Open to all substance abusers. ·AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m.

Big Book Study. ·NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager

·Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles. SATURDAY

·Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 7 a.m. on Wilhout of the wild will

 MARCUS ARMEN-**DAREZ**, 37, of 1008 N. Gregg, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and driving while license invalid.

· THOMAS FAY, 61, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. · MARIO GARCIA, 46,

no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. JIMMY JOHNSON, 26,

of 1203 Stanford, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. JAMES ERRON LOVE,

17, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence-minor.

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· RAFAEL LOPEZ, 56, of 508 1/2 Father Delany St., was arrested on a charge public intoxication.

 SANDRA SHAEFFER, 17, of 2509 Hunter, was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcoholminor.

 JENNIFER ANN ORNELAS, 25, was arrested on local warrants.

 AMANDA ALMAZAN, 24, was arrested for war-

· FIREWORKS were reported in the 1400 block of Bluebird, the 1700 block of Purdue, the 1200 block of Ridgeroad, 900 block of E. 16th, 1500 block of Lincoln Avenue, 2100 block of Main, in the entrance of Airpark and Highway 87, the 3300 block of Cornell St, the 1600 block of Hardy, the 200 block of NE 10th and the 1100 block of Lamar Ave.

 INTOXICATED SUB-JECT/DRIVER was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard.

 DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCE was reported in the 3100 Cactus Drive, the 4200 block of Dixon, the 1200 block of Stanford Avenue and the 1600 block of Hardy.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

 JENNIFER ANN ORNELAS, 25, was arrested on a warrant for false report to a police officer. (HCSO)

 NATHAN HOUSTON CAHOON, 41, was arrested on a warrant for driving while intoxicated. (HCSO)

• FIREWORKS were reported in the 4000 block of Parkway, in Rockhouse Road and in Ponderosa Road.



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Melissa McCullough sang back up for Fricke while the Big Spring Symphony provided music for the country

"It was a neat opportunity to sing with Janie," said Roberts.

Ackerly farmer and rancher G.W. Martin said he has been a big fan of Fricke's for 20 years.

"This is the first time I have seen her in person," Martin said. "She looks good."

Martin was also there to support the grandson of a friend, Guy Will Zant, who earned a standing ovation of his own when he sang "God Bless the USA.

Fireworks lit up the sky, pleasing the crowd of thousands while the symphony and chorus performed patri

otic songs.

Stephanie For Bechenridge and Nancy Black, Tuesday night's festivities marked the first time they'd attended the Pops in the Park event. They'd been invited by friends and were impressed by the show.

"I think it is awesome," Black said.

Jim Fleming, a newcomer to Big Spring, admitted being very impressed by the concert and absolutely loved the show.

"We are still talking about it," Fleming said as he and his family left the amphitheater after the show ended.

Randy Roberts, a member of the Pops in the Park committee, said he was pleased with the results.

"This was great," Roberts said. "There is no way we

could have improved it." Monday's rain showers

created some problems for organizers, however, when equipment which had already been set up was drenched by the downpour. The sound crew and volunteers from the committee were out until 11 p.m. drying the equipment with hair dryers, Roberts said.

"We want to thank everybody who contributed," Roberts said. "This is designed as a gift from the business to the citizens of Big Spring. Nearly every business gave something to this event."

VENDORS

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Internet," center fielder Kate Smiley, 13, added.

Another softball team, the Big Spring All-Stars, was also raising money to go to a tournament, this one in Abilene later in the month.

The girls, ages 7 to 9, sold watermelon, ice cream and bottled water.

'We've done this for many, many years," said Pam Yanez, league manag-

The team needs to raise \$1,400 to attend the tournament, \$100 per player.

The "Men In Black," a service group of employees Sid Richardson from Carbon Co. of Big Spring, are already looking ahead to the flipside of the year.

"We're raising money to 'adopt' a family for Christmas," group member Mike Jennings said.

The group had fired up the grill and was dishing out beef and chicken fajitas to hungry concert-goers.

'We raise money like this throughout the year," Jennings said, noting that the group participated in



Lauren Bell, 4, of Midland sits with her father Joe at the annual Pops in the Park concert Tuesday at Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

the Relay For Life American Cancer Association fundraiser.

Like the Men In Black of movie fame, the Sid Richardson crew has access to highly-classified information: The Recipe.

Asked about the secret, Jennings said "Not that we're going to give out...it's a secret recipe. We've got to keep some secrets."

The Big Spring Rotary Club was also frying up tasty eats: Hamburgers.

"We've been here ever since Pops in the Park has been going on," "Fixins" server Emma Bogard said.

Jan Foresyth, club president, said the money from the hamburger sales would go to scholarships the club offers.

"We have at this time two scholarship funds," she said. "The Alice Haynes Scholarship Fund and the

Big Spring Rotary Club Fund."

Joyce Ditto was at the park selling raffle tickets for a handmade quilt displaying a separate block for each state. The blocks show the state's name, the year it became a state, the state bird, the state flower and important products pro-

duced by that state. "We had volunteers to do the work," Ditto said. "About 50 ladies made it."

Ditto, who came up with the idea to raise money for the Howard County Fair, said the quilt would be on display at Big Spring Banking Center for a few more days before moving to Coahoma Bank for two weeks.

The last day to buy a ticket is Aug. 25, she said.

"We'll announce the winner the last day of the fair,"

she added.

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"We encourage people to make an appointment to expedite the time it takes for them to give blood," Moody said.

To make an appointment contact Moody at 263-7331 ext. 234 or call UBS at 1-915-653-1307 or 1-800-756-0024.

"Take a quick break from your vacation or work schedule and be a lifesaver," Pevey said. "It takes so little to be a hero.'

In order to supply the 12 area hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units of blood each week. Blood products have a shelf life of five to 42 days.

To keep up with the demand, the blood center needs about 50 people to donate each day.



Emma Bogard, left, and Frances Wheat of the Big Spring Rotary Club work the "fixins" line at the club's hamburger booth during the annual Pops in the Park Independence Day

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OUR VIEWS

Forefathers fought for our freedom

great many of us in Big Spring began celebrating the Fourth of July on Tuesday in much the same way most Americans have for many years celebrated our nation's independence - picnics in the park or sampling the fare of concession vendors. live music, patriotic songs and fireworks. That's the American way, after all.

But it behooves us all to take a moment to think about the events that had to take place to make to make this our Independence Day.

Some 224 years ago, our founding fathers gathered in Philadelphia to sign a document that became known as our nation's Declaration of Independence.

Men, women and children — persecuted in England and wanting more control over their respective lives — came to the land we now know as the United States of America to start

Their freedom was not easily obtained. It was paid for with the blood, sweat, tears and lives of many. That same freedom we enjoy today has had to be paid for on numerous occasions.

While there are those who would quickly complain of our nation's shortcomings, and we most assuredly have our share, we need to remember that even though our democratic system of government oft times reveals flaws, it is still the strongest and longest surviving of any in the world.

When revolt rocks other nations, our system continues to stand the test of time.

So, today when you fire up the grill for hamburgers and hot dogs, head to your favorite lake or simply turn on the TV to watch its fare for the holiday, take a moment to remember those who gave us our country and those who have helped preserve and protect it.

In fact, it wouldn't hurt to offer a little prayer of thanks while we're at it.

Then go ahead and unfurl your flag. Display it proudly because it truly is a grand old flag and this grand old nation is another year older.

God bless America.

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Happy birthday, my fello

appy birthday. U.S.A.! Our national natal day rolls around again, giving us the oppor-tunity to dwell once more on the

charms and glories of our although slightly peculiar — coun-We were

all along on the rollercoaster ride during the 36-day political slugfest in Florida,

MOLLY IVINS

providing the rest of the world with a splendid example of democracy in action. Bif! Bam!

Special thanks to the cable television show that put on two of our least helpful citizens, the Rev. Jerry Falwell with the Rev. Al Sharpton, to shed light on that situation. Now we have a new president and almost half of us voted for him. So far he hasn't barfed on a single foreign leader, for which we are profoundly grateful.

Our Secretary of the Treasury Paul O'Neill observed helpfully, "If you set aside Three Mile Island and Chernobyl, the safety record of the nuclear industry is really very good."

The Artist Formerly Known as Prince is now known as Prince again. We have a new television

go to the Folklife

Antonio every couple

TUMBLEWEED

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of years to do inter-

views and see what's new. I

have a bunch of friends in

the "Back

40" section

of the com-

plex and

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the 30 years

the festival

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going. Bill

Brett is still

ing ropes out

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about his hog dogs.

of horsehair. Rowdy Pate is

rawhide. Delbert Brewster

cowhorns and antlers. Jim

Stevens is decorating black

powder rifles. And Cowboy

These people take a week

year and go to San Antonio

and spend very long days

in the hot sun demonstrat-

ing their crafts. For them,

the friendships developed

over the 30 years have

become like family and

they go for the annual

reunion. They go because

Williams is there talking

out of their lives every

does his scrimshaw on

there mak-

Festival in San

reality program about people getting into a pit with rats, which has given profound satisfaction to our public scolds. This further evidence that we are on the high road to moral rot and intellectual turpitude gives great satisfaction to those who are fond of denouncing, Americans as a bunch of hopeless louts.

Meantime, the country is still full of people who stop by the side of the road to help other people change their flats, send canned goods to Houston after a flood, bake casseroles when the neighbor dies, kiss their spouses and volunteer at the Humane Society, and who sometimes sing "Oh What a Beautiful Morning" to themselves on the way to work.

Were we to accept the portrait of ourselves found in the media, we would conclude the nation is rife with weird cults, serial killers, vicious dogs and people who believe in flying saucers. OK, OK, so we have a lot of people who believe in flying saucers. We continue our hilarious national habit of studying ourselves to find out how stupid we are: 12.7 percent in this year's poll believes Joan of Arc was Noah's

The majority of Americans do not spend their time reading pornography or shooting one another. Instead, they belong to ballroom dancing, square dancing, clog dancing and tango groups. They sing barbershop quartet

Folklife Festival hasn't changed

they want to. And because

they've done it for 30 years

and it's become a habit for

them. They wouldn't dare

miss a chance to go to the

I enjoy visiting with my

friends at the festival. But

I don't see many new faces.

I see some who are chil-

dren or grandchildren of

some of the original

many who are there on

in the folklife business.

exhibitors. But I don't see

their own, just starting out

And that's a shame. Young

people need to be learning

their cultural heritage and

crafts if this type of demon-

I certainly hand it to the

down there year after year.

I was an ambassador, mas-

ter of ceremonies and sto-

ryteller at the festival for

became tired of the heat

and the crowds, got busy

stopped being a participant.

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festival was started in 1972

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harmony, grand opera, gospel, country, folk, jazz, swing, norteno and medieval chants.

We compete in chili cookoffs, bird-watching, bridge, the Spam-o-rama, polo, the Pillsbury bake-off, rattlesnake round-ups, spelling bees, hog-calling, the Miss **Turpentine Spirits beauty** pageant, regattas, jalapeno-eating contests, the Prairie Chicken Drop and the

We are not uniformly full to the brim of nice folks all of us have our human share of pride, greed, lust, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth. This is not Garrison Keillor's America, which is itself no Eden. But I think we're closer to Keillor, with an even more wry twist, than most of the media rec-

Our democracy is, as ever, in a parlous state. Our politics are corrupted by legalized bribery, and the gap between the rich and everybody else keeps getting worse. FDR once said: "The liberty of a democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of private power to a point where it becomes stronger than their democratic State itself. That, in its essence, is Fascism — ownership of government by an individual, by a group or by any controlling private power."

Our teen-agers tattoo their bodies, wear rings through their noses, listen to heavy metal, attend raves, dye their hair blue and otherwise offer ample reason for despair.

Institute. His idea was to

bring representatives of

every ethnic group in

their foods, games,

dances and crafts.

every year.

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in millions of dollars dur-

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all over the state. The festi-

participants who come

Forty countries are repre-

Although some of them are in band or Latin Club. They all get zits and hormones, and if you can't empathize with that, you may have early-onset Alzheimer's.

Way to go, kids. You were born to drive your parents

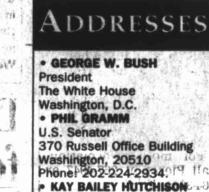
Can you imagine how confused our new immigrants are?

Story from Texas: A few weeks ago, our old friend Latane Lambert - longtime freedom-fighter, good citizen and noble human, died at an advanced age. The Daily Disappointment decided to do a feature obit on her and asked her sons, Who can we interview, who was with her in the old days?"

The sons recommended Ruth Ellinger, who was also an old CIO organizer. They sent some bubbleheaded young thing out to interview Ruth, who is not particularly poetic or philosophical — she's one of those people who just concentrates on fixing things. Ruthie, without drama, described to the bubblehead what it was like to be a union organizer in the old days, the civil-rights movement, about the farmworkers struggle and many others.

The young woman finally piped up: "Gosh, it sounds like y'all just spent your whole lives helpin' other people. Why?"
Said Ruth without hesi-

tation, "Common decency." That's why I love America.



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330 p.m. - New Yankees at Baltime Orioles, ESPN, Ch. 6:30 p.m. - Phi Phillies at Atlanta I ESPN, Ch. 30.

Steers win Permian 7-on-7 tournament

The Big Spring Steers added another win to their summer schudule as they defeated Odessa Permian 44-32 in the Odessa Permian 7-on-7 tournament championship game.

The Steers advanced to the championship game by winning their first three games of the tournament.

The Steers crushed Odessa High School 48-6 in the opener, defeated Frenship in a high-scoring shootout 72-63 and then defeated Midland High School 48-14 to advance to the title game.

The tournament sweep increases the Steers' summer record to 21-2.

Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp set

The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp will be held July 16-18 at Steer Gym.

The camp which is open to second graders through high school seniors.

Fees for second to fifth graders is \$55, it will be \$70 for sixth to eighth graders and \$95 for high school athletes.

Sessions for grades 6-8 will be 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., while those in grades 2-5 will attend from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

High school campers will work from 6 p.m. to 10

Game strategy, as well as fundamentals of how to play volleyball will be stressed.

Registration fees may be mailed to Traci Pierce at 2711 Rebecca, Big Spring

For more information, call Pierce at 267-4047 or 264-3662

Black Gold tourney set for July 13-15

The Big Spring Black Gold Tennis Tournament has been scheduled for July 13-15 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center Comanche Trail Park.

Play will be conducted in boys and girls singles, doubles and mixed doubles in five age divisions. Fees will be \$15 for one event, \$20 for two and \$25

for three. Entries must be received

no later than July 6. For more information, call Wendy Justiss at f398-

YMCA swim team seeks competitors

The Big Spring YMCA Swim Team is currently competing in long course meets.

Practice sessions are held Monday through Thursday mornings.

To be eligible to compete, youngsters must be able to complete a lap of the YMCA pool.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234

Senior Class to hold ragbali tournament

There will be a ragball tournament sponsored by the Big Spring High School senior class on Friday and Saturday, July 13-14. The entry fee is \$100 per

For more information contact Brittany Bryant at **267**-1011,

ON THE AIR

Radio BASEBALL

7:10 p.m. - Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers, **KBST-AM 1490.**

Television BASEBALL

330 p.m. - New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles, ESPN, Ch. 30. 6:30 p.m. — Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Veteran Caminiti leaves Rangers, seeks new home

ARLINGTON. - Ken Caminiti figured the worst thing that could happen would be to return home and play with his three daughters, so the frustrated and injury-prone third baseman didn't wait until August for the inevitable decision by the Texas Rangers.

After playing just 54 games, Caminiti requested and received his unconditional release on Monday.

"I don't want to be on a team that doesn't really want me, and doesn't need me," Caminiti said. "I'd rather be on a team that has me in their future, has me longer than August. They were going to ditch me in August anyway.'

With the Rangers in last place in San Francisco and the Chicago sion to go with younger players, he the AL West and content with playing as many young players as possible, the 38-year-old former NL MVP didn't really fit any longer. There was also the \$3 million or more Caminiti would have been owed had he still be on the roster Aug. 15.

"I never thought I'd be in this situation. Even if I was playing bad, I thought the team would be doing good and wait for me to pick up the pieces," he said.

There are about four teams — all in the National League - that Caminiti has an interest in. While he wouldn't name the teams, the most likely are Atlanta, St. Louis, Cubs.

"I want to go and fit on a team that wants me, that I can fit in with, that needs me and wants me to come help the team win," Caminiti said. "It doesn't have to be a team that's necessarily in first place."

Teams that weren't willing to give up anything for Caminiti in a trade can now sign him for the league minimum. He is eligible to be activated whenever he signs.

"After I discussed the situation with Ken, he has decided that it is in his best interest to take his release," Texas general manager Doug Melvin said. "With our decidid not fit in with the future plans.' After spending his first 12 seasons

in the National League, where he is a 275 career hitter, Caminiti hit .232 with nine homers and 25 RBIs in his short American League stint. He struck out 41 times in 185 atbats and committed nine errors.

While disappointed and embarrassed by his AL performance, Caminiti insists he still has confidence in his ability to contribute.

"It's going to come, I believe that in my heart. If I didn't I would go home to my kids and just stay home," Caminiti said. "Right now, my swing feels right."



The Big Spring Junior League All-Stars will play Floyd Gwinn at 6 p.m. Saturday at Floyd Gwinn Park in the first round of the district tournament. Coahoma forfelted to Big Spring in game one. Front row, from left, are: Michael Shockley, Jeremy Cerda, Phillip Padron, Chris Carrillo, Chance Rainer, Ray DeLeon and Coley Hollandsworth. Josh Helmstefler is not pictured. Back row: coach Brock Gee, C.J. Lowery, John Terry, Jeremy Renteria, Wesley Smith, Chad Heinis, Lee Gillihan and coach Luis Lopez.

Differing styles bring success for Williams and Davenport

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Lindsay Davenport wore a simple silver clip in her hair. Venus Williams sported a sparkling blue and white pin on one side and a glistening red and green one on the other.

Davenport doesn't get much attention. Williams can't escape it. But there was a similarity Tuesday. Both won their Wimbledon matches.

And when they meet in the semifinals Thursday, their styles won't be much different - two tall, hardhitting women whose theatrics are rarer than double

They also happen to be the last two Wimbledon champions.

"She goes about her business, doesn't say much anymore," Davenport said, "just plays, wins or loses. I don't really think there's too much drama with her."

Davenport could just as well be describing herself, except, unlike defending champion Williams, the spotlight doesn't seek her off the court.

"I'm not a shy person, but a shy person in the sense that I don't like reading stoabout myself," Davenport said. "I definitely don't think it's hurt my

She didn't need much flair to end 1998 as the world's top-ranked woman player and finish the last two years second to Martina Hingis. A knee injury that shelved her for three months this year didn't keep her from being ranked third heading into Wimbledon.

Yet she's far down on the headline writers' popularity list, even when the London tabloids are having an off without Kournikova in the tourna-

ment. In the men's quarterfinals Wednesday, it was Andre Agassi against Nicholas Escude, Marat Safin against Goran Ivanisevic, Tim Henman against Roger Federer and Pat Rafter against Thomas Enqvist.

The other women's semifinal features Jennifer Capriati, who's made it halfway to winning the Grand Slam.

In a dramatic if hardly flawless match, Capriati came from within two points of losing, then beat Serena Williams 6-7 (4), 7-5,

Serena took a break after falling behind 4-0 in the third set when the stomach virus that began bothering her last week caused more problems.

"I was really nauseated," she said. "I just had to get out of there. I don't know how I came back." She won three of the next

four games before Capriati won her 19th straight Grand Slam match and moved two wins away from winning the third of the four Grand Slam tournaments in the same year.

Davenport played a less thrilling match against a talented but lesser-known opponent, beating French Open runner-up Kim Clijsters 6-1, 6-2.

"After a day of a lot of drama, my match was pretty mellow," Davenport said. The stage will be brighter when she meets Venus in a rematch of last year's championship match. Capriati faces Justine Henin in the other semifinal.

"There's going to be more rallies" than in the match with Serena, Capriati said. Henin, a French Open semifinalist, overwhelmed 1994 champion Conchita Martinez 6-1, 6-0. Venus breezed by Nathalie Tauziat

7-5, 6-1. Fans cheered loudly for Venus, who has won all 10 sets she's played in the tournament. She appreciates that, but public support is no guarantee of contentment.

"Wasn't that like the chief theme of Death of a Salesman, to be well-liked? What happened to them?" she said. "You've got to like yourself first. If that doesn't help, you're lost."

Lawton homers give Twins fifth win over ChiSox

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Minnesota Twins are making it nearly impossible for the Chicago White Sox to mount a serious defense of their American League Central title.

Matt Lawton homered twice, including a tiebreaking shot in the seventh inning, as Minnesota rallied to beat the White Sox 5-3 Tuesday night for its fifth straight win.

The White Sox are 1-10 against the first-place Twins this season and 37-32 against everybody else. That leaves Chicago 12 games back in the same division it ran away with last year.

"If we had just played maybe .500 against them, we'd be in better shape. They have pretty much dominated us," White Sox manager Jerry Manuel said.

The Twins, who have won nine of 10 overall, still have eight games left against Chicago.

"The White Sox are a good team and they match up with us, but right now we are just getting a lot of breaks." Lawton said.

In other American Leagie games, it was Cleveland 9, Boston 1: the New York Yankees 10, Baltimore 6; Detroit 8, Kansas City 4; Tampa Bay 7, Toronto 2; Seattle 8, Texas 4; and Oakland 5, Anaheim 2.

In National League games, Los Angeles beat San Francisco 4-3, Chicago topped New York 3-0, Houston beat Arizona 6-5, Atlanta defeated Philadelphia 14-7, San Diego stopped Colorado 6-5, Florida blanked Montreal 7-0, Milwaukee beat St. Louis 2-0 and Pittsburgh downed Cincinnati 3-2.

Brad Radke (9-4) won for the first time in four starts since June 12. LaTroy Hawkins pitched the ninth for his 21st save in 24 chances.

Sean Lowe, filling in for injured David Wells, took a 3-2 lead into the seventh.

But No. 9 hitter Luis Rivas hit an RBI double with two outs to finish Lowe (3-1), who went a career-high 6 2-3 innings. Bob Howry relieved, and Lawton hit a 1-2 pitch down the right-field line for his eighth homer to make it 5-3. Lawton's solo homer in the third carried just over

the fence down the left-field

line. "Matt's a veteran guy who's been around the league. We lean on him and he's starting to swing the bat," Minnesota manager

Tom Kelly said. Jeff Liefer's ninth home run put the White Sox ahead 3-2 in the fourth against Radke, who allowed 11 hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Royce Clayton tried to tag and score on a fly ball in the seventh, but Twins center fielder Torii Hunter threw him out at the plate for an inning-ending double play.

Indians 9, Red Sox 1

Roberto Alomar got a career-high five hits to overshadow Manny Ramirez's return to Jacobs Field.

Alomar had four singles and a double, and Jim Thome had three RBIs as the Indians won for just the third time in eight games.

Jake Westbrook (2-0), making his third career start and first with Cleveland, allowed one run and five hits in six innings. Ramirez, signed as a free agent by Boston in the offseason, went 2-for-4 with two singles.

Yankees 10, **Orioles 6**

Chuck Knoblauch had three hits and three runs scored as New York rallied at Baltimore to win its sixth straight.

Derek Jeter, Martinez and Scott Brosius homered for the Yankees, who moved a half-game ahead of Boston in the AL East.

Tigers 8, Royals 4

Jose Lima won for the first time in nearly three months as Detroit ended its eight-game losing streak.

Lima (1-0), making his second start for the Tigers, allowed three runs on eight hits in five innings.

It was his first win since April 10, when he beat Milwaukee while with the

Grizzlies are moving to Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The Grizzlies are giving Memphis its first big-time sports team.

The NBA gave its approval Tuesday for the Grizzlies' relocation from Vancouver.

The formal approval wasn't a surprise because the Grizzlies had already moved their basketball operations, but it was necessary, nevertheless.

"This is an exciting day for the people of Memphis," said Memphis businessman J.R. "Pitt" Hyde, leader of a local group that worked for more than a year to attract

"It's time now to turn our focus to building a competitive basketball team that

will be a positive force in final step done, but it was the city."

In unanimously approving the move, the NBA Board of Governors also cleared the way for Hyde's group to buy a minority interest in the team.

The league's relocation committee gave its approval last week.

Grizzlies boosters held a relocation party Memphis on Saturday. The team conduced its NBA draft last week at The

Peabody Hotel, a downtown Memphis landmark. Billy Knight, the Grizzlies' general manager, said approval from the board of governors was

"We're glad we got the

expected.

like a step, like you're walking and that foot is up in the air and it's got to come down," he said. The relocation is the

league's first since the Kings moved from Kansas City to Sacramento in 1985. Memphis has longed for a major league sports fran-

League.

chise for more than 30 years, but until now managed only to attract teams from second-tier leagues. They have attracted teams with the former World Football League, the United States Football League, the

Canadian Football League, at Forsan High School. the old American Basketball "A free 90 minute tennis League and most recently, the Extreme Football

Figure 7 Tennis Center plans free lesson session **HERALD Staff Report**

Free tennis lessons will be held in Big Spring from

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 12, at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park. The free tennis lessons are being offered by Wendy

Justiss at the tennis center and is part of a five-year program by the United States Tennis Association to increase the number of tennis players in the area. Justiss is the tennis coach

lesson is yours for the asking," according to Darlene

Gifford, USA Tennis Blitz Captain of Midland. The lessons are available for anyone interested in tennis, young or old, new players or experienced players.

The free 90 minute tennis lessons are being offered to promote tennis as a sport in Big Spring.

Similar programs are being held in Odessa, Midland, Fort Stockton, Monahans, Pecos and Big

Lake. The free tennis lessons will serve to kick off the Big Spring Black Gold Tennis Tournament which is set for July 13-15 at the tennis 915-263-7331

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Essay on founding fathers fraught with embellishment

Confidential to Dear Abby in Los Angeles: Happy Birthday, Sis. I send love and good wishes for many more happy ones. Aren't we

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find yourself in a very

important bond that could

lead to much more. If you

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ARIES (March 21-April

**** Though much could be

changing in the next few

months on the home and

work fronts, you don't need

to develop attitude. Go

easy. In fact, the way you

verbalize affects the results.

You'll gain more with sugar

than with vinegar. Tonight:

Check in with an older rela-

TAURUS (April 20-May

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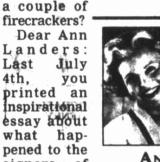
willing to spend a little. Use

a talent to enhance your

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tive.

Dear Ann Landers: July Last you 4th, printed an inspirational essay about what happened to the signers of



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Declaration Independence. The writer said five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the war, and another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or the hardships of

the war. The writer also said Carter Braxton lost his ships, went into debt and died in rags. Thomas McKean was forced to live in hiding and wound up poverty-stricken. Thomas Nelson Jr.'s home was

quarters, and Nelson told Washington to fire on it. He died bankrupt. Francis Lewis lost his home, and his wife was jailed. John Hart's fields were destroyed, and he died heartbroken.

The essay brought a tear to my eye. Unfortunately, a lot of the information in it was incorrect or misleading. Here's what the facts

No signer was killed out-

right by the British, and only one, Richard Stockton, is said to have been imprisoned solely for having signed the Declaration of Independence. The others were captured while fighting in the army and were treated just like any other prisoner of war (which was fairly harsh), but they were not tortured. Of the 56 signers, 17 (not nine) held commissions in the army or did medical duty during the war. Many of those whose property was looted or destroyed managed to re-

establish themselves financially after the war. Carter Braxton did suffer financial hardship because of the British, but he retained other holdings. What ruined him were comdestroyed when the British mercial setbacks after the took it over as their head- war. Thomas McKean did

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not die in poverty. In fact, he was quite wealthy when he died at the age of 83 in 1817. No one knows for sure if Thomas Nelson's home was fired upon (the source of this story is family legend), but I heard the home was turned into a tourist attraction after the war. and additional cannonball holes were added for

authenticity. The other facts are essen tially correct, but give the impression that these men died as a result of wounds suffered in the war, or they died in poverty. In reality, the majority survived the war and rebuilt their fortunes.

The signers of the Declaration Independence knew they could have been targeted by the British as traitors. They showed tremendous courage and bravery by willingly putting their names on a document that could bring about their deaths. They were remarkable men. We do not need to embellish the truth. --

History Buff in Dallas Dear History Buff: Thank you for your excellent research. You were not the only one to tell me that the facts presented in my column were misleading.

There was also some controversy about the author. Some readers insisted the original piece was written by the father of Rush Limbaugh Jr. (Rush Sr.) during World War II. Another said the author

was Peter McWilliams, a libertarian writer. Several said the true author is Gary Hildreth of Erie, Pa.

So, dear readers, those wno want the entire nistory lesson can look up the facts at the local library or on the Internet. I've done my

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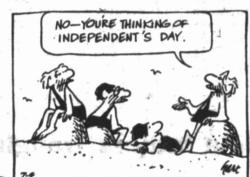
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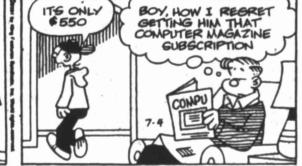






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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Wednesday, July 4, the 185th day of 2001.

There are 180 days left in the year. This is Independence Day. Today's Highlight in

History: On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.

On this date: In 1802, the U.S. Military Academy officially opened at West Point, N.Y.

In 1826, 50 years to the ay after the Declaration of Independence was adopted, former presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died.

In 1831, the fifth president of the United States, James Monroe, died in New York City.

In 1845, Henry David Thoreau began his two-year experiment in simpler liv-

ing at Walden Pond, near Concord, Mass.

In 1862, English mathematician Charles L. Dodgson ("Lewis Carroll") began inventing the story of Alice in Wonderland for his young friend Alice Pleasance Liddell during a boating trip.

-In 1872, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, was born in Plymouth, Vt.

In 1939, baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, said farewell to his fans at New York's Yankee Stadium. In 1966, President

Johnson signed the Freedom of Information Act, which went into effect the following year.

In 1976, Israeli commandos raided Entebbe airport in Uganda, rescuing almost all of the passengers and crew of an Air France jetliner seized by pro-Palestinian hijackers.

In 1976, America celebrated its bicentennial with festivities; daylong President Ford made stops in Valley Forge, Pa.,

Independence Hall in Philadelphia, and New York, where more than 200 ships paraded up the **Hudson River in Operation**

Today's Birthdays: Conductor Mitch Miller is 90. Advice columnist Abigail Van Buren is 83. Advice columnist Ann Landers is 83. Actress Eva Marie Saint is 77. Playwright Neil Simon is 74. Actress photographer Gina Lollobrigida is 73. Baseball team owner George Steinbrenner is 71. Country singer Ray Pillow



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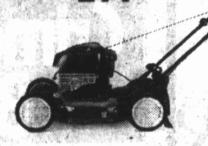
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