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Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

AFTER HOURS

Brushworks, 2106 Scurry St., will host and sponsor a Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Business After Hours is a chamber program designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors.

Door prizes will be presented and refreshments will be served. Those attending are urged to bring a guest and to bring business cards.

For more information, call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 263-7641.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Free blood pressure checks and foot assessment will be provided by registered nurses at the Northside Community Center from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday.

The Northside Community Center is located at 108 NE Eighth St. For additional information, call the Center at 432-263-2673.

BLOOD DRIVE SLATED

Coahoma Lions Club is sponsoring a community blood drive from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 25.

The United Blood Services drive will be at the Town & Country convenience store.

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## Rodeo to break out of chutes with annual parade Wednesday

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

Ready for a bullfightin', mutton-bustin', calf-dressin' good time?

Well, pilgrim, sounds like the 70th Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is just the place you need to be.

The event begins with the traditional rodeo parade starting at the intersection of 10th and Main streets before winding its way along Main

and Scurry. The parade will line up at 4:30 and kick off at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Rodeo categories will include floats, riding clubs, custom and classic automobiles and bicycles. The best three entrants in each category will receive plaques.

The Hardin-Simmons White Horses will appear in the parade and will also perform at the rodeo Wednesday night.

The main event will be nightly through Saturday. Gates open at 7 each night with the grand entry following at 8 p.m.

Rodeo organizers have several special promotions and events planned for the event this year:

• Wednesday is Family Night — A family of two adults and three children can get into the rodeo for a \$10 admission fee.

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Hardin-Simmons University's White Horses are an annual feature at the Big Spring Reunion and Rodeo Parade, set here Wednesday.

## Ready for the challenge

New superintendent eager to get down to business

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Michael Downes is used to wearing many different hats.

As superintendent of Bovina, he and a staff of three performed the daily tasks of running the 580-student district.

Now the superintendent of Big Spring schools, a district numbering almost 4,000 students, and with a plethora of administrative hands at his call, 42-year-old Downes has plenty of help which

prompts one question. "What I'm supposed to do?" Downes quipped. He is finding plenty to do on the job.

"Some kids don't have anybody going up to them asking them how they are doing. Having that significant person who really cares makes a world of difference."

Michael Downes,  
BSISD Superintendent

tations and accountability and disappearing state

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Michael Downes, new Big Spring superintendent of schools, conducts business in his office. Downes officially took over as the district leader on June 1, replacing retired superintendent Murray Murphy.



Kara Gillit, Miss Rodeo America, 2002, left, Cheryl Click and Glenn Click enjoy a barbecue meal and entertainment by local singing group, the Anderson Sisters, on the Heritage Museum's patio Monday night. More than 150 people overflowed the patio area to enjoy the museum's "Legends and Legacies" dinner, held to promote the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. In conjunction with the dinner, the museum also unveiled its newest exhibit, "Cowgirls: Women of the West."

## FLIP FLOPS? YES!

New dress code issued for BSISD's 2003-04 year

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Big Spring secondary schools are making a big "flip-flop" in the dress code, at least where one-type of footwear is of concern.

Beginning in August, junior high and high

school students will be allowed to wear flip-flops to school.

"There are so many styles of flip-flops that it is becoming hard to constantly enforce that rule," explained Mike Ritchey, the principal at Big Spring High School.

In another change to the dress code, boys will be allowed to wear an untucked shirt as long as the shirt tail does not



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## H-E-B kicks off summer reading program

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring H-E-B is not only the place to find food for the soul but also for the mind as the cooperation has kicked off its H-E-Buddy Summer Reading Club program.

"This is a really good summer activity for the kids," said Cheryl Edmonson, H-E-B administrative specialist.

Now in its third year, the club challenges youngsters to read at least 15 books

Now in its third year, the club challenges youngsters to read at least 15 books during the summer and rewards their accomplishments with prizes.

Children are asked to list the books they have been reading on a scorecard and have a parent initial next to the book title.

After completing 15 books, the scorecard can be mailed to H-E-B and redeemed for a reading club

certification of completion, a T-shirt and coupons for products.

Scorecards can be picked up at a display located at the front end of the store, Edmonson advised, and mailing directions are listed on the information packet.

Each child that participates in the program will also be entered into a drawing to win one of 100



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# A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

## Obituaries

### Johnny Ray Dorries

Johnny Ray Dorries, 56, of Big Spring died on Friday, June 13, 2003, in a Lubbock hospital. Graveside funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2003, at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on Feb. 4, 1947, in Big Spring. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring.

### Jeremy Ryan Smith

Jeremy Ryan Smith, 27, of Lubbock died Saturday, June 14, 2003 near Notrees.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 19, 2003, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at 3 p.m. Thursday at Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland.

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

## Support groups

### TUESDAY

↳ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Texas RV Park meeting room. For more information, call 263-4948.

↳ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell. Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

### WEDNESDAY

↳ The Crossroads Group of Cocaine Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. in the office building between Third and Fourth streets on the west side of Lancaster Street. For more information, call 466-3254.

↳ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY

↳ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

↳ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

### FRIDAY

↳ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

↳ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY

↳ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 to 6 p.m.

↳ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

### MONDAY

↳ Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers 5 p.m., May 19, covered dish dinner, First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets, enter through north door. For more information, call 398-3522.

↳ The Military Support Group meets on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the IVA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, you are welcome to join. For more information, call Treva Hall at 263-8574 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.

↳ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

↳ New Voice Vocal Support Group for laryngeal cancer and throat cancer. For more information, call 267-2998.

↳ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 a.m. today:

- **JIMMIE ROGERS**, 42, of Midland was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JUAN SMITHWICK**, 35, of 1303 Lamar was arrested Monday on a charge of indecency with a child.
- **PRISCILLA GARCIA**, 31, of 2522 Gunter was arrested Monday on an assault/family violence warrant.
- **JOSHUA HYDEN**, 26, of 1111 Sycamore was arrested Monday on a Howard County theft warrant.
- **FRANCIS OVERTON**, 19, of 1 Courtney Place No. 114 was arrested Monday on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and revocation of probation.
- **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 1300 block of East 14th Street.
- **NEIGHBOR DISPUTE** was reported in the 1000 block of East 23rd Street.
- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 600 block of West Sixth Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in person at the police station.
- **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1400 block of Wood Street, the 2600 block of Dow Drive and the 1300 block of Wood Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon Street. Home electronic entertainment equipment worth \$200 and consumable goods worth \$8 were reported stolen from a red 1996 Pontiac.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION INTENDING OTHER FELONY** was reported in the 1100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue. Weapons other than firearms worth \$1,000, audiovisual recordings worth \$10,500, home electronic entertainment equipment worth \$450, Playstation equipment worth \$400, consumable goods worth \$100 and a silver 2002 Chrysler worth \$30,000 were reported stolen.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 4600 block of South Highway 87.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Hickory and Wasson roads.
- **LOOSE PIGS** were reported near the Knott Store.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of Davis Road. A dog was reported stolen in the incident.
- **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 400 block of E'holes.
- **THEFT** was reported at H-E-B. \$400 cash and a purse or wallet worth \$30 were reported stolen.

## Take note

↳ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

↳ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

↳ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

↳ **ANYONE WHO GRADUATED** from Forsan High School in the period of 1980 to 1989 is invited to an all 1980s reunion that will take place Aug. 1-2.

A schedule is still in the planning stages, but tentative activities include individual class get togethers on Friday, Aug. 1, and a golf tournament, tennis tournament and "Black and White Ball" on Aug. 2.

Some of the activities will be fund-raisers for the Forsan High School scholarship fund.

Organizers have taken great pains to reach as many students as possible but are still missing many. Any who graduated from Forsan during that time period or knows someone who did, is encouraged to call Carole Madry at 268-9191 or email Rick Hope at chalmrht2@aol.com.

## Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email [jmoseley@crcom.net](mailto:jmoseley@crcom.net).

### TODAY

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

### WEDNESDAY

Senior Circle Stretch and Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Downtown Lion's Club, noon, Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club.

Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Parade, 4:30 p.m., lineup downtown Big Spring, 10th and Main. Floats, riding clubs and custom and classic automobiles are some of the featured items in the parade.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

70th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, 8 p.m., Big Spring Rodeo Bowl, FM-700 and west Business 20. Family night, \$10 admission for two adults and three children.

Advance tickets are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, H-E-B, Ward's Boot and Saddle, First Bank of West Texas, Citizens Federal Credit Union, Wells Fargo Bank and Big Spring Banking Center.

### THURSDAY

Gideon International, B.S. Camp U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E FM 700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP office, 501 Runnels.

American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., 263-2084.

Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 309 S. Main, Sparenberg Building.

## Lottery

Here are Monday's Texas Lottery game results: Cash Five numbers drawn Monday: 20-25-26-30-34

Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night: 1-6-4

Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon: 3-4-0

## Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Light winds.

Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. Light winds. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the mid 90s.

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## NEWS

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NEWS BRIEFS

Sniper kills U.S. soldier

KHALDIYAH, Iraq (AP) — A sniper killed a U.S. soldier on patrol in Baghdad with a single shot, the military said Tuesday, while Iraqi officials in nearby towns were targeted by drive-by shootings likely designed to intimidate them against cooperating with Americans.

The violence came as U.S. military officials announced that American troops had detained 371 people in three days of sweeps in Baghdad and northern Iraq meant to "isolate and defeat remaining pockets of resistance that are seeking to delay the transition to a peaceful and stable Iraq."

During the attack on the U.S. soldier Monday night, the sniper escaped as the soldier collapsed on the ground. He was hustled into a military vehicle and evacuated to a first aid station, but died shortly

afterward, said Maj. Sean Gibson, a U.S. military spokesman.

Mideast talks continue

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The Palestinian prime minister, who is making a final push to halt attacks on Israelis, met Tuesday with a U.S. envoy dispatched to the region to supervise implementation of a troubled Mideast peace plan.

The head of the U.S. monitoring team, John Wolf, held talks with Mahmoud Abbas ahead of the prime minister's meeting with Palestinian militias later in the day.

On Monday, Egyptian mediators went home without a firm agreement from Hamas and other armed groups to lay down arms, but Palestinian officials said they are confident a deal could be reached in the coming days.

However, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told parliament Monday that he would continue his offensive against Hamas and

said his government would pursue terrorists "in every place and at every time until victory."

Trailer deaths arrests made

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators believe a 25-year-old Honduran woman was the ringleader of the nation's deadliest smuggling attempt that ended in the deaths of 19 people crammed into a stifling trailer.

Prosecutors unsealed an indictment Monday accusing Karla Patricia Chavez and 13 others of organizing or facilitating the trip that ended May 14 when the crowded trailer was found abandoned at a truck stop in Victoria, 100 miles southwest of Houston.

Seventeen immigrants died at the scene, and two others died later.

"This is all about money. These aren't people who are trying to make a better life for (others) and just providing them a pathway," U.S. Attorney Michael Shelby said Monday. "This is about an American dollar bill."

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Thursday is Teen Night. Area high school teams will compete in a calf-dressing competition and a teen dance with a disc jockey will follow the rodeo. Admission to the dance is free with a paid admission to the rodeo.

A golf tournament at Comanche Trail Park Golf Course will also be held Thursday at 8 a.m.

Friday night will feature a dance with Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboys providing the music.

Saturday night will feature a dance with Guy Will Zant and band.

Friday and Saturday nights' dances start at 9:30 p.m. and a \$5 admis-

sion will be charged.

Youngsters will get to test their riding and hanging-on skills at nightly mutton-busting competitions and each night will feature a drawing for a pair of Justin Roper boots.

Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, while gate tickets are \$7 for adults or \$5 for children each night.

Tickets can be bought in advance at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office, H-E-B, Ward's Boots and Saddle, First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma and Big Spring, Citizens Federal Credit Union, Wells Fargo Bank and Big Spring Banking Center.

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extend beyond the first knuckle of the thumb when their hands are down by their sides.

Students planning to take advantage of summer sales to stock up on school clothes, may want to take a quick review of the dress code.

**Dresses and skirts:** Hemlines of dresses and skirts cannot be worn higher than the width of a dollar bill from the top of the knee. The slit of the shirt cannot exceed the length of a dollar bill from the top of the knees. Dresses or tops with spaghetti straps are not

permitted unless they are worn with a jacket over them.

**Shorts:** Shorts will be allowed as long as they reach the top of the knee in length and must be worn on the waist. Form-fitting shorts, such as spandex or bicycle pants, are not acceptable. When wearing spandex underneath a skirt or pair of shorts, the outer garment will be the one measured in length. Jogging or nylon "wind" shorts are not acceptable.

**Shirts:** Crop tops, tube tops, halters, and strapless dresses are not acceptable. Transparent and/or see-through material is unacceptable. Any strap on the shoulders of a dress or blouse must be

the width of a dollar bill. Any blouse, shirt, or top deemed by the administrators to be too low and/or revealing will be inappropriate for school. Students will be in violation of the school dress code and will be asked to change shirts before being allowed to return to the classroom. Sleeveless shirts are not permitted for males. Shirts or blouses must cover the entire torso at all times, even in movement. Shirts, jackets, or any clothing with decorations, patches, lettering, advertisement, etc., that may be considered obscene or offensive are not to be worn at school. This includes garments or jewelry that refer to marijuana, tobacco,

alcohol, sex, violence and other subjects deemed inappropriate by the administration. All T-shirts, blouses and any other types of shirts do not have to be tucked in unless the length of any part of the shirt exceeds the first knuckle of the thumb when hands are down by the sides.

**Pants:** Slacks, blue jeans, khakis, etc. must fit and must be worn on the waist. Overalls must be worn with both bib straps up and fastened.

**Accessories:** Hair should be kept neat, clean and reasonably styled. No Mohawks, spikes, "dreads", or oddly shaved hair-dos are allowed. Hair color must be of a natural color (no purple, green,

blue, bright red, etc.) Head coverings of any type are not appropriate for the school setting. Knit caps are seasonal and are not to be worn indoors. Belts must fit appropriately. Any extra length of the belt must be tucked into the belt loops or in the pants.

Proper undergarments should be worn. No facial hair is allowed (mustache, beard, goatee, etc.). Sideburns must not exceed the bottom of the earlobe. Pajamas and/or house shoes (slippers) are not allowed. Chains, or spike jewelry is considered unacceptable. Visibly pierced body parts, other than the ears, are not allowed. Boys' ear adornments are accept-

able as long as they do not dangle from the earlobe. Boys' ear adornments are allowed as long as they are ear studs. There will be no "gauging" of the earlobes. Colored bandanas are not allowed on any part of the body unless approved by an administrator.

**Shoes:** All footwear needs to fit appropriately so the student can move about safely in the classrooms, hallways and stairwells. Therefore, tennis shoes, dress shoes, boots and sandals are acceptable.

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DOWNES

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fundings. "The board has to overcome some of its difficulties of the past year and move forward," Downes said. "We're already well on that way."

With trustees preparing to set a budget in a little more than a month, Downes and his crew are busy trying pare down expenses by about \$1 million.

"We need to streamline some of our operational procedures," Downes said. "Obviously streamlining some of our financial concerns is going to depend on what the state does in this impending special session."

Legislators are preparing to meet sometime in the fall to sunset the current school funding formula dubbed "Robin Hood," and replace the it with a fairer, yet-to-be determined method.

The "Robin Hood" formula takes a portion of local funds from rich school districts and redistributes that money to poor district across the state. Big Spring Independent School District has been a recipient of this formula.

Most importantly is continuing to increase the district's ability to provide the tools youths need to become successful, Downes said.

"We have some areas in the district where the students are not advancing as fast as what we would like and we will address those," he said.

"Particularly at the high school, there's concerns about retaining kids through graduation."

According to Downes, this is a concern that plagues the state as a whole.

"The state reports a drop out rate usually under 2 percent — 1.3, 1.5 — but if you look at the number of freshmen that enter high school and the number of graduates four years later, we're graduating less than 70 percent of the kids in this state," he said.

The discrepancy may be attributed to the record-keeping process, Downes said.

"There's all types of exclusions that you can code a kid when they leave your campus — if they are moving to another district, if they're moving out of state, if they're enrolling in a GED program or going to home school," Downes explained. "Across the state, we know that there are approximately 30 percent of our kids that are leaving school, yet the drop out is reported less than 2 percent."

Retaining students is a major concern, Downes said, and to address that issue the district is planning to implement High Schools that Work.

"It address the whole school, upgrading academic courses, upgrading career and technology courses, parental involvement, high expectations, extra help, advisement for students in expanded counseling," Downes

said. "It's an outstanding model."

The program is aimed at bolstering students who are most at-risk for dropping out.

"They found that the students that were dropping out didn't find there was a place for them at high school," Downes said. "A lot of people refer to them as the missing 60 percent. We have about 20 percent of our population that are high performing. We have 20 percent of the population that receives some type of special service through some compensatory program — special education, migrant services, bilingual ESL."

"Then you've have this middle 60 percent that seems to just kind of be floating through and that's where a lot of drop outs have been coming

from," Downes continued.

One of the strongest parts of High Schools that Work is the student, faculty mentorship program, Downes said.

"Every professional person on that campus is going to take eight to 12 kids and they're going to be their significant contact person," he said. "Some kids don't have anybody going up to them asking them how they are doing. Having that significant person who really cares makes a world of difference."

Downes has seen the implementation of the program in two districts.

"As principal in Memphis, it had awesome, really amazing effects," he said. "The campus had never been recognized. We achieved

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## OUR VIEWS

# Rodeo offers something for everyone

Tradition. Perhaps no better term applies to the sport of rodeo, and that's especially true in this community where we anxiously await the opening performance of the 70th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is the oldest continually running rodeo in the nation, and doesn't take a back seat to any when it comes to the talent that arrives each year to compete.

Many of the top competitors from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) will display their talents during the event's four-day run-through Saturday, each performance beginning at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

In fact, every event that will be staged during the rodeo — bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and barrel racing — will feature competitors who have appeared at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, several of them having won world championships in the past.

The rodeo will again feature the Mutton Bustin' competition featuring local youngsters displaying their rodeo skills.

Advance tickets for the rodeo are priced at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12, while tickets at the gate will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.

The rodeo officially begins at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday when the annual rodeo parade lines up at 10th and Main and snakes its way through downtown Big Spring.

There is something special each night of the rodeo. Wednesday is Family Night. For just \$10, two adults and three children can attend.

Thursday is Teen Night. There will be a calf dressing competition among area high schools with a DJ dance after the rodeo. Admission to the dance — only those 19 and younger can attend — is free with paid admission to the rodeo.

Other dances are set for Friday and Saturday at 9:30 p.m. On Friday, Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboys will perform. On Saturday, performers will be Guy Will Zant and band. Admission for those dances is \$5.

Simply put, the 70th Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo will once again provide something for virtually everyone.

So shine up those boots, dust off that hat, pull on your favorite jeans and join us at the Rodeo Bowl. We bet you'll be glad you did.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*You have given us many talents, Lord, help us not to hide them, but use them for your good.*

Amen

# Experimenting with drugs

When Dr. Andrea Barthwell of the White House drug czar's office addressed the American Psychiatric Association in San Francisco last month, she threw out an intriguing statistic: 16 million Americans use illegal drugs, 6 million of them need treatment.

There are more than 291 million people in this country. The numbers, which come from a national survey, made me wonder whether the drug war is worth the cost. There's the dollar cost, and then there's the social cost of placing 16 million Americans outside the law.

I don't have an answer, but I can offer some more food for thought.

Eric Sterling of the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation in Washington, D.C., pegged the annual tab of America's drug war at \$50 billion.

Sterling based his estimate on a 1996 Chicago Tribune opinion piece in which former drug czar Barry McCaffrey wrote that the federal government spent \$14 billion annually on the drug war, while state and local governments spent \$33 billion. Of course, if drugs were legal, there would be

more than 16 million users and more than 6 million problem users. How many more? Ethan Nadelmann of the Drug Policy Alliance, which favors legalizing marijuana, estimated that drug usage could double. The federal government's National Household Survey on Drug Abuse bolsters his argument, as it shows that 12.9 million Americans are heavy drinkers.

That's slightly more than double the number of Americans with drug problems.

Tom Riley, of the drug czar's office, says that estimate is too low.

Don't look at the number of heavy drinkers in the survey, he said, look at the number of regular drinkers — 109 million — then guesstimate how many drug users there would be. Or, he said, "Let's say it's half that, 50 million." Riley asked, in an America with 50 million drug users, "Would our educational achievement be better? Would economic productivity be better?" Serious people wouldn't answer yes.

On the other hand, Nadelmann points out, legalization ends some dollar costs associated with criminalizing drugs. There would be less crime, as users wouldn't have to steal to buy drugs. (Drugs would be cheaper.) Users would be more likely to hold jobs that pay taxes. They'd use clean needles.

Riley countered with the greater

social costs of drug use — the health costs, reduced productivity, the likelihood that teen-agers will do less well in school, increased child neglect.

I should note that Barthwell's talk was attended by professionals who don't take the benign view of drug use clearly held by pro-legalization forces. They have to heal the human wreckage of addicts who have hit bottom. One doctor announced himself to be "militantly anti-drug," as he spoke of the need for a "de-glamorization of drug use." But then there was the woman who worried about the system being "overly punitive." There is a cost to criminalizing any activity — whether it's owning the wrong gun or smoking the wrong plant. It tells people that they are outside society, that they do not belong, that they will not get ahead.

I don't know the answer. I know the equations. More laws equal more criminals. Fewer laws equal more addicts. By Barthwell's own arithmetic, on any given day there are 10 million Americans who aren't addicts, but are criminals. Many of those 10 million use marijuana, which — I know Riley disagrees, but — is comparable to alcohol.

Federal one-size-fits-all drug laws equal no chance to find out what good or bad things would happen if the laws were changed, tweaked or at least rethought.

# Glad to see session end

Even though there's a good chance we'll be called back to Austin for a special session sometime soon, I was glad to say good-bye to the 78th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature.

In my 14 years as a legislator, this was certainly my hardest session: Physically, mentally and emotionally.

Working to overcome the grim specter of a \$10 billion budget revenue shortfall, I was involved in making some of the most excruciating decisions I've ever made as a state senator. It took long days to get the job done, but I take some satisfaction in the fact that my fellow lawmakers and I met the challenge.

Remembering the many pitfalls encountered along the way, I marvel at the \$118 billion dollar budget we produced for the next biennium.

Despite the massive revenue shortfall, the Texas legislature crafted a budget that still funds core essential services

without requiring a tax increase.

In the health and human services portion of the budget, we maintained the income eligibility standards for children in the Medicaid and CHIP programs and we avoided closing any MHMR state schools or hospitals.

As for education, the new budget fully funds public school formulas and growth and adds an additional \$1.3 billion of new state money for 2004-05. Higher education receives a one percent increase in "all funds" spending.

The budget we adopted for the next biennium actually spends less in general state revenue than was allotted for this current biennium. That circumstance, not experienced since World War II, reflects a \$5 billion cut in projected government spending. It also reflects the will of Texas voters, who clearly communicated in the November 2002 election that they want a fiscally responsible state government.

Holding the line on spending resulted in some unpleasant outcomes. Some programs are receiving less money than they would in better economic times.

Thousands of state jobs will be eliminated and health benefits for state employees and teachers are being reduced. We had to make those tough calls in honoring the mandate set by the voters. I believe fiscal responsibility requires state government to spend less during hard economic times.

The amount of space I've devoted in this column to discussing the budget exemplifies how much that issue dominated the just-concluded session. However, we did address a number of other issues, including homeowners insurance.

Led by my esteemed colleague, Rep. John Smithee of Amarillo, legislators passed a bill in response to the loud outcry over huge increases in homeowners insurance rates. The state insurance commissioner is receiving new regulatory authority that includes the power to order companies that are overcharging their customers to cut their premiums.

On another front, we passed a tort reform bill that should bring relief to doctors who are being forced to close their practices or reduce their range of services because of the escalating cost of

malpractice insurance. Under House Bill 4 if a doctor or nurse is sued, there will be a \$250,000 cap on the non-economic damages for which they are individually responsible.

The principal disappointment I have concerning the 78th Texas Legislature is that we did not address the issue of public school finance. I believe we long ago passed the time when an overhaul of our state's school funding system was needed.

Going into the session, I truly believed we would take up school finance, but, ultimately, others decided that the Legislature was simply too burdened with other matters. Now, a special session on public school finances appears to be a question of "when," not "if."

There's a strong possibility that the Legislature will be summoned back to Austin for more than one special session.

When the call comes, it will be an honor once again to represent you as your state senator. I thank you for your support. Please contact my office if I can assist you in any way.

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# Military reservists may qualify for relief on some bills

By JOCELYN Y. STEWART  
Los Angeles Times

The war in Iraq might have left the Carter family of Lancaster, Calif., with a stack of delinquent bills but for a law with roots that date to the Civil War. With her husband deployed at Camp Roberts and the family income reduced, Debbie Carter did what many spouses of reservists do: She gave the couple's lenders copies of her husband's deployment papers and requested in writing that interest rates on their loans be lowered, a move made possible by federal law.

"All the lenders I gave that letter to immediately changed the rate to 6 percent," said Carter, whose husband serves in the Army Reserves. "All my lenders were very cooperative except for one."

In the face of war, the matters of everyday life do not go away: The house note is still due each month. Property tax bills arrive with the certainty of spring. With tens of thousands of American service members — many of them reservists — likely to remain in the Mideast for months to come, their families are helped by a variety of measures: deferred water bills, protection from eviction, free calling cards. Some assistance is mandated by federal or state law. Other measures have come voluntarily from companies or local governments.

The federal law remains a key protection for people in the military. In war or peace, the protections take effect on the first day of active duty and end 30 to 90 days after the date of discharge from active duty.

The protections cover not only those stationed in a war zone, but also others, such as those who have been called to service and, for now, remain at U.S. bases. The nation's recognition of the burden that military service places on personal life dates as far back as the Civil War, when Congress passed a moratorium on civil actions against Union soldiers and sailors.

In 1918, Congress provided protections from such acts as bankruptcy and foreclosure for those fighting in World War I. With the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act in 1940, those protections became permanent.

The act provides all service members with some protections, including military reservists called to active duty.

It can be used to reduce interest rates on mortgage payments and other debt to 6 percent per year during the period of military service, protect from eviction when the rent is \$1,200 or less and give courts discretion to delay civil actions. The act also prohibits creditors and



Debbie Carter with her father-in-law, Markus Carter; daughter, Alicia Carter; and granddaughter, Tayana Kensie. Her husband's deployment made paying their bills a challenge.

insurers from taking adverse actions against service members who invoke the protections.

In sessions before deployment, service members and their families learn about the law, said Steven Read, director of Family Programs for the California National Guard. Landlords and lenders, however, are sometimes less aware. "Sometimes they need a member of the legal society to call and say, 'Look, this is what the law says. It's here in black and white. It's not an option,'" he said.

In times of peace, Sgt. Gregory Carter drives a truck for Ralphs markets. Debbie Carter works as a medical biller. They share a four-bedroom home with their 18-year-old daughter Alicia, 2-year-old granddaughter Tayana and Gregory's father, Markus.

Last year, Gregory Carter began participating more frequently in drills at Camp Roberts. Each day represented a significant reduction in pay: about \$136. After Gregory was deployed Feb. 14, there was a lag between his transition from reserve pay to active-duty pay — a lag

that shook the family's finances.

Overnight, Debbie Carter became the one to make sure the family stayed afloat. Along with worrying about Gregory's safety, she dealt with lenders and got rates reduced on the home mortgage from 8.5 percent to 6 percent. A furniture store allowed the couple to make no payments and pay no interest on a bedroom set until Gregory Carter returns.

But even after a military attorney at Edwards Air Force Base called on the family's behalf, one car dealership would not wait for Gregory Carter's active-duty pay to kick in, his wife said. Because of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Act, no legal action could be taken against Gregory Carter. Nothing, however, prevented legal action against Debbie Carter, who was threatened with a lawsuit to collect \$650.

Eventually, Gregory Carter's pay kicked in, supplemented with a differential pay offered by Ralphs, and his wife paid the bill in installments.

The relief act is good, Debbie Carter said. "But it doesn't cover the spouses unless you're military. That's up to the creditor."

"I advise people the act is very helpful, but it is not foolproof," said Lt. Col. Randall Bunn, deputy staff judge advocate in the legal office at Edwards.

Now the act is receiving renewed attention.

In January, Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J., introduced legislation that would expand protections from evictions from the current rent maximum of \$1,200 to a rent as high as \$1,700. The bill also would expand the ability of military personnel to terminate leases when their duties require them to move.

Another law, the Uniformed Services

Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, ensures that reservists do not lose their jobs or seniority

when they are called to duty. About 1.2 million people serve in the National Guard and reserve, representing 50 percent of the nation's military strength, said Lt. Col. Michael H. Lovitt, spokesman for Arlington, Va.-based Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

"Nearly half of our force is trying to balance military service against civilian employment," Lovitt said. "That's significant."

His organization provides education and honors those who support reservists. Sometimes it mediates disputes. Since the Iraq war started, the number of calls to the group has skyrocketed to about 500 a week. The Web site ([www.esgr.org](http://www.esgr.org)) receives about 15,000 hits weekly, and Lovitt has been encouraged by some of the inquiries.

"Employers are asking not only what are their responsibilities under the law," he said. "They're also asking, 'What can we do above and beyond the law?'"



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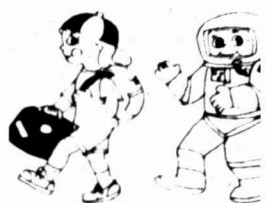


### What Are You Thinking?

Are you and your friends taking a summer vacation? The chances are that you will take a trip in a car or a plane close to home. Travel experts are predicting a very busy summer. Many people are taking their jobs and are trying to make money. Because of the high cost of travel, many will probably travel only short distances.

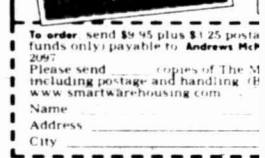
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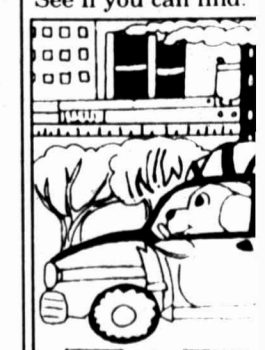
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## Garrido: UT shouldn't be counted out

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Even after a 12-2 loss to Rice on Monday, Texas coach Augie Garrido believes his team has what it takes to repeat as the College World Series champion. "It's been characteristic of this team to fight back and battle," Garrido said. The Longhorns came back to win the Big 12 conference tournament after a loss to Texas A&M cost them a share of the regular-season title. They did it the hard way, too, losing to Texas A&M in the second game

of the tournament but then beating the Aggies twice to reach the title game. In that game, Texas blew a two-run lead in the ninth inning before Curtis Thigpen won it in the 10th with a two-run homer. In their NCAA regional, the Longhorns had to come back from a loss to Lamar to advance. In the super regional, they beat top seed Florida State in Tallahassee to earn their 30th trip to the CWS. Now, the Longhorns must beat Miami today and would then

have to defeat Rice twice to advance to the best-of-three championship series that starts Saturday. "We'll have to have a championship performance from someone," Garrido said. "This is where someone has to do something not normally expected of them." After using seven pitchers Monday, Garrido said the likely candidates to start against Miami are freshmen Sam LeCure (4-0) and J. Brent Cox (6-0). Owls pitcher Wade Townsend

struck out 10 and gave up two hits in the final six innings, and Rice used a seven-run sixth inning to send Texas to its second-worst loss in 119-games at the CWS. "It was a case of a very good team on a good day and a very good team on a bad day," Rice coach Wayne Graham said. The loss was the first in six CWS games for the defending national champions, who won four straight here last year and beat Miami 13-2 in their Series opener Saturday.

### IN BRIEF

**WT Junior Champions Tour set for today**  
The West Texas Junior Champions Tour will be held at Comanche Trail Golf Course today. The event is open to boys and girls from ages 7 to 18. Participants in ages 7-11 will play nine holes, as will female players from 12-14 years of age. All other age groups will compete over 18 holes.

**Crossroads cheer, football sign-ups near**  
Registration for the 2003 Crossroads Little Football League football and cheerleading squads will get under way June 23 at the Big Spring Mall. Registration for cheerleaders will be held from June 23 to July 14 at 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. during the week, and from noon to 4 p.m. on weekends. A copy of each child's birth certificate and report card will be needed at the time of registration. The cost for cheerleading is \$65 per person. For more information, contact Stacy Campbell at 268-9634.

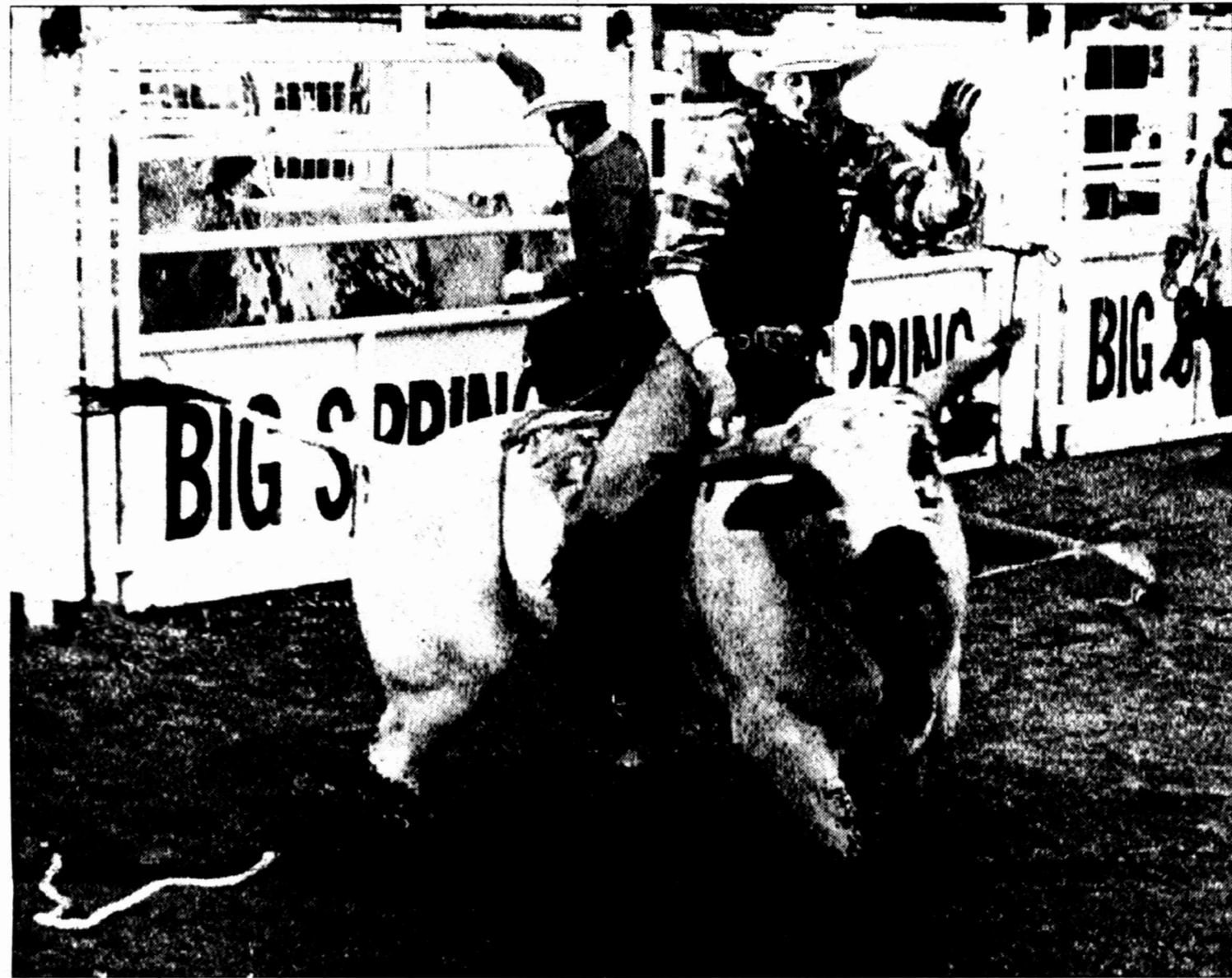
**WGA to hold Two-Lady Golf Scramble**  
The Big Spring Country Club Women's Golf Association will be holding its Clover-leaf Two-Lady Scramble on Thursday at BSCC. The event will begin at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start. The cost for entering is \$100 per team and includes the cost of a cart and one mulligan. For more information contact Larry Bryan at 915-267-5354 or Claudia Patterson at 915-263-8723.

**'Best of the Rest' event set at CTGC**  
Comanche Trail Golf Course will be hosting the 'Best of the Rest' golf tournament Saturday and Sunday, June 28-29. Championship flight will play low-ball partnership, and the 'Best of the Rest' will play Scramble. Teams will be pre-flighted according to verifiable handicaps. For more information, call the CTGC pro shop at 264-2366.

**Fourth of July touney slated for Coahoma**  
The annual Coahoma 4th July Ragball Tournament will be held at the Coahoma Softball Park, beginning at 5 p.m. Person or individuals interested in a fundraiser should sign-up for a booth. The cost per booth is \$100. Deadline to sign up for booth space is June 26. For more information, please call Laura Martin at 466-1950.

**ASC's golf pass is now available locally**  
The American Cancer Society's Texas Golf Pass entitles golfers more than 670 rounds of golf at 281 participating courses throughout the state. For more information call 1-800-ACS-2345 or go online at [www.texasgolfpass.com](http://www.texasgolfpass.com).

## Big Spring Cowboy Reunion & Rodeo



Bull riding action is normally one of the biggest draws at the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. The rodeo is scheduled to get under way Wednesday evening at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. More than 250 athletes from throughout the U.S. will compete.

# SADDLE UP, Y'ALL

## Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion, Rodeo ready to get started tomorrow

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Bell up to the arena, boys. The fun is about to begin. The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is scheduled to get started tomorrow evening at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. More than 250 professional rodeo athletes from throughout the United States are scheduled to compete in the four-day event which has been held annually since 1933. One of the largest rodeos in West Texas, the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo consistently attracts some of the nation's top rodeo athletes. This year should be no different as numerous cowboys ranked among the best in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association standings will be on hand. Among the returning riders is defending barrel racing champion



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Tammy Key/ She held off a strong test last year to claim the event's prize money. Howard County rodeo fans will get their chance to return to the arena beginning at 8 p.m. with the Grand Entry ceremonies. Wednesday's performance will likely be a post Father's Day treat for dad. Officials with the rodeo have set aside Wednesday's opening event as Family Night — allowing two adults and three children to enter the rodeo for just \$10. The action won't stop after Wednesday's events.

Rodeo officials will celebrate Teen Night on Thursday and stage a special calf dressing contest for local high school teams. A dance will also be held following the conclusion of Thursday's action. Golfing enthusiasts will get the opportunity to get into the swing of things Thursday morning. The rodeo's annual golf tournament is scheduled to get under way at 8 a.m. at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Tickets to the 2003 Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo can be purchased at various locations in the community including the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, H.E.B. Ward's Boot and Saddle, First Bank of West Texas, Citizens FCU, Wells Fargo and the Big Spring Banking Center. Tickets purchased prior to the rodeo are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Tickets at the gate will be \$7 and \$5.

## Bagwell says he may retire in 2006

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. (AP) — Houston Astros slugger Jeff Bagwell, who grew up in Killingworth and played for the University of Hartford, said he plans to retire after the 2006 season. The Middletown Press reported in Tuesday's editions. Bagwell, who has been bothered for the past few years with an arthritic shoulder, said his current five-year, \$85 million contract runs through 2006 and that he is considering

retirement at that point. Bagwell's contract also includes a \$7 million buy-out of a club option for 2007. The 1991 National League Rookie of the Year and 1994 National League Most Valuable Player spoke to the newspaper Saturday night after the Boston Red Sox beat the Astros 8-4. Bagwell, 35, a four-time All-Star, graduated from Xavier High School in Middletown and played

ball in the Middletown American Legion. Bagwell, who came to the Astros in 1990 in a trade with the Red Sox for pitcher Larry Anderson, has spent his entire career with the Astros. He and teammate Craig Biggio have appeared in the most games in the franchise's history. Bagwell ended his career worst streak of 156 at-bats without a home run this weekend at Fenway Park.

## Scenic Mountain Longhorns roll to 'Cinco' title in Odessa

The Scenic Mountain Longhorns of Big Spring Men softball team certainly left their mark on the Cinco De Mayo Odessa Softball Association Spring Fling Tournament. The Longhorns edged out 20 teams for top honors. In the championship game, the Longhorns downed Odessa's Opt — a team that had beaten the Longhorns twice

this year. The Horns won the second game, 25-5, in fourth inning. Members of team include Anthony Herrera, Chris Carrillo, Pete Carrillo, Oscar Cervantes, Tommy Chavarria, Freddy Olivarez, Joey Grant, Michael Hillario, John Oliva, Andrew Martinez, Gilbert Morales, Bill Starr, Jason Starr and Oscar Valencia.

Especially for kids and their families  
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By BETTY DEBNAM

What Are You Doing This Summer?

**Vacation Plans**

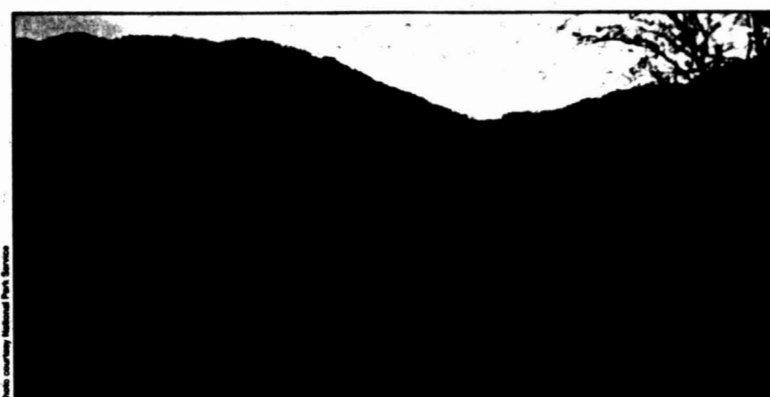
Are you and your family making plans for a summer vacation? The chances are that you might take a trip in a car and travel to a place close to home. That's what travel experts are predicting for this summer.

Many people are concerned about their jobs and are trying to save money. Because of this, many families will probably travel only short distances.

Are you going to be swimming, skating, going to the beach, playing soccer, visiting relatives or relaxing with a book? Will you learn new things about subjects that really interest you?

Some families are spending their vacations volunteering to help others. Maybe you are planning to visit an amusement park or a national park.

Many kids are taking classes or going to special camps such as basketball or space camp. Other kids are working on special projects run by their local museums.



In 2002, Great Smoky Mountains National Park was the most popular park in the park system. About 9 million visitors went to this park in North Carolina and Tennessee. The park is world-famous for its wide variety of plants and animals.

**National parks**

Are you going to a national park? Last year about 277 million vacationers did.



Summer is the most popular visiting time. July is the most popular month. August is the second most popular, and June is the third.

You might want to keep these busy months in mind when making plans.

The Mini Page thanks Carol Anthony of the National Park Service for help with this story.

**Tips for visiting national parks**

Call ahead to the site you will be visiting to get the most up-to-date information.

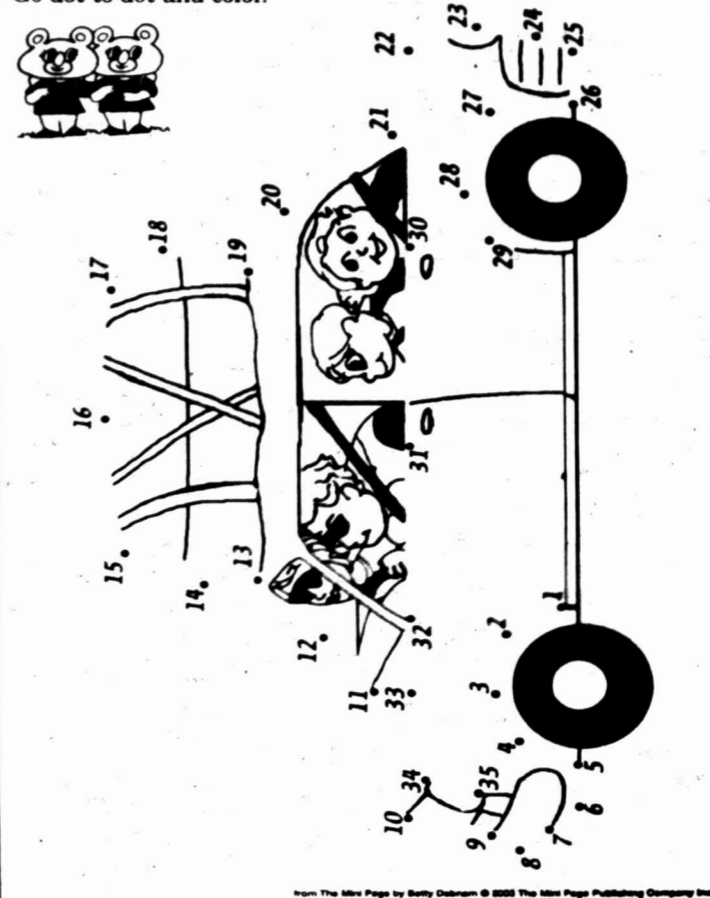
When you arrive, check out the visitors center to see what special events and activities are planned.

Ask rangers questions. They like to answer them, especially from kids.

- Wear proper clothing and sunscreen.
- Respect the wildlife.

Site to see: [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

Go dot to dot and color.



**Rookie Cookie's Recipe Easy Pimiento Cheese**

You'll need:

- 1 (8-ounce) package shredded American cheese
- 1 cup lowfat mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1 (2-ounce) jar diced pimientos
- 1/4 cup green olives, chopped
- dash of salt

What to do:

1. Combine cheese and mayonnaise. Mix well.
2. Add remaining ingredients. Mix well.
3. Chill in refrigerator.
4. Serve on crackers of your choice or on bread as a sandwich. Serves 4.



**Rookie Cookie Cookbook**

Easy, everyday recipes designed especially for kids!

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Encourages kids to read and follow directions!

**Goldie Goodsport's Report**

**Supersport: Natalie Coughlin**

Height: 5-8 Weight: 130 Hometown: Concord, Calif.

Even a giant fish might have trouble outswimming Natalie Coughlin. The University of California junior is Wonder Woman in the water. She has captured nine national titles in the last three years. She set three world and seven American records in 2002-2003.

In the NCAA meet this year, Coughlin won the 100-yard butterfly, 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard backstroke. As a result, she earned the Honda Award, which is given to the top college female swimmer.

Coughlin also is expected to make a big splash in the 2004 Olympics.

In addition to swimming, Coughlin is an honor student majoring in psychology. In leisure moments, she enjoys photography, surfing, and watching cooking shows on television.

**Meet Kyla Pratt**



At 16, Kyla Pratt has shown a remarkable talent for acting, both in movies and on TV. In the movies, she's played roles in "Love and Basketball" and "Like Mike." She also played Maya, the youngest daughter who loves animals, in "Dr. Dolittle" and "Dr. Dolittle 2."

On television, Kyla has shown talent in voice acting. She won a Vision Award for her character from the Disney show "The Proud Family." She provides the voice of Penny Proud, a 14-year-old African-American girl figuring out what it means to be a teenager. And she has appeared on popular TV series such as "The Hughleys," "Friends" and "E.R."

In her free time, she likes to go bicycling, swimming and inline skating. She also enjoys hip-hop dancing and playing basketball. Kyla currently lives in Los Angeles.

**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes**

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

- Ruby:** Why are owls invited to so many parties?  
**Rudy:** Because they are a hoot to have around!
- Quincy:** What type of vacuum cleaner do owls like to have around?  
**Zelda:** A hoo-ver!
- Zachary:** What do you call it when a group of owls get together to play banjos and guitars?  
**Andrew:** A hoot-e-nanny!

**VACATION TRY 'N FIND**

Words and names that remind us of vacations are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: JULY, TIPS, EVENTS, FUN, HELP, AMUSEMENT, RIDE, BALL, SAFETY, RANGER, SUMMER, BEACH, VISITING, SKATING, LEARNING, CAMP, VOLUNTEER, PARKS, FRIENDS, FAMILY.

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and her family are traveling on a vacation. See if you can find: spool of thread • horse's head • squirrel

- fish
- lion
- number 3
- basket
- turtle
- letter A
- word MINI
- bell • key
- scrub brush
- arrow
- toothbrush
- ruler
- doughnut
- letter H
- hammer

**Summer Vacation Plans**

**Volunteering on vacation**



These boys are helping to clean up a park in the San Francisco area.

Many families are finding that helping others is a meaningful way to spend their vacations. Most of the time they volunteer close to home, but some families choose opportunities that are in new and different places.

Experts in volunteer organizations say that more people are giving back to their communities since the tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001.

Organizations such as VolunteerMatch or USA Freedom Corps, churches and local charities all help volunteers find causes they'd like to help.

Some of the ways kids can help include:

- washing cars to raise money for a cause.
- visiting people in nursing homes.
- playing with puppies and kittens and cleaning kennels at animal shelters.

**Tips for volunteering**

Here are some ways to make your volunteering more satisfying.

- If your family is volunteering at the same place, make certain there is an activity each family member will be able to do with satisfaction.
- Do some homework to find out what causes you most care about.
- Make a list of the skills your family has to offer. Or find a place where volunteering will help you learn new skills.
- Plan your time wisely. Do you want to volunteer for a one-time event, such as cleaning a beach? Do you want to give a certain number of hours each week? Or do you want to volunteer for most of the summer?

Sites to see for you and your family: [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org); <http://USAFreedomcorps.gov>

The Mini Page thanks Jason Willett, director of communications, VolunteerMatch, for help with this story.

Look through your newspaper for stories, ads and pictures about places where you'd like to spend your vacation.

Next week, The Mini Page celebrates the Fourth of July with a story about Minutemen, the Declaration of Independence and today's National Guard.

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**Amusement park visits**

Attendance at America's amusement parks has increased almost every year for the past 10 years. In 2002, about 324 million people visited America's amusement parks.

The most popular rides are the old favorites, such as the roller coaster, the carousel and the Ferris wheel.



The most popular amusement park in 2002 was the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida, with about 14 million visitors.

**Tips for amusement parks**

- Dress comfortably. But don't wear open-toed shoes, or clothes or jewelry that hangs out.
- Wear sunscreen and a hat.
- Do what the ride operators tell you. Obey all ride restrictions, such as age and height rules.
- Keep your hands, arms, legs and feet inside the ride the whole time. Stay put until the ride comes to a complete stop.
- If you drop something, do not reach over to get it back. After the ride has stopped, ask the operator to help you.
- Always use the safety equipment, such as seatbelts.
- Don't overeat before going on rides.
- Don't ride with food, gum or candy in your mouth.

The Mini Page thanks Joel Cliff and Jason Kemp, The International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions, for help with this story.

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**BY JOYCE JILLSON**  
The moon in Aquarius is inventive and always game for figuring out a solution to even the knottiest complication. It's an interesting day for romance, even if there's not a spare moment to pursue this area of life. There's always fantasy. Your mind and your dreams are a fine place to start revving up your interest in someone special.



Joyce Jillson

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** An avoided task is brought to your attention, and you can procrastinate no more. Intellect is attractive, so don't hide your smarts! It's sexy to debate with a colleague. Loved ones adore you but may not share your perspective.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** A special friend is quite dependent on you. Topics that you may have avoided in the past will not be as difficult to approach. What goes for your personal life goes double for your professional life.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Why are you so lenient with people who've let you down? Get tough. A financial lucky streak starts when you stand up for yourself. Career strides are swift and remarkable; your winning attitude is convincing even to skeptics.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Analyze where you went wrong in an unsuccessful financial trend, and then, let it go. A past disappointment doesn't mean you won't ever be wealthy.

Focusing on negativity only helps it take over your life. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You've got creativity and imagination for a reason, so use them! Forgo instant gratification in matters of the heart, and your satisfaction will be even greater. Don't spend time with someone compliant just because you won't be rejected.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 17).** Your charm is unstoppable. It's no wonder you clean up on the romantic front this year. Next month is a month of interviews, moves and final reviews. A Pisces love will give you wisdom and insight like no other; seek an Aries for fun. Married couples invest in property and consider new babies. The best time to start your own business is September. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 16, 24 and 9.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Today's the day to face up to the facts. Roll up your sleeves, and dig right in. You'll feel better when things are resolved. A past relationship has haunted you. Don't let future happiness be impeded by a memory.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Your strength is in playfulness. Spin some party music on the ride to work, or teach the kids that recess game you grew up on. Run! Getting your breath moving helps do away with problems too boring to hold on to.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Take time to deal with practical matters. Sorting out a mess is required at work. When energy wanes, think of something that makes you proud. Keep going until it's done to avoid leaving it for the

morning. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Someone who knows how to apply the brakes to your Jupiter-sized excess is your most valued companion on days like this. It's probably a Virgo or a Pisces who puts things in a way you understand on a core level.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Tenacity and determination are showing up big time. When there's a choice, it's better to leave a little to the imagination. You may feel like walking out on a relationship, but the timing hasn't been right.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Boredom is a natural stage in any work situation. You caught the fever, so you want to play all day and leave responsibility behind. Finances in general may be out of sorts and in need an outsider's assistance.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Reflecting on past mistakes and glories helps you make solid financial decisions. Contact former friends, neighbors and loves. Longtime associations help with success later, but financing comes from newly met acquaintances.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a political activist - a Sagittarius with a Cancer moon - who needs advice on what the

year ahead will hold. My organization is focused on health care for Native Americans. It's a tiny group, and a very small budget is allotted for huge undertakings. Can you tell me whether we can meet our projections? Will we raise even more money for our efforts?"

Sagittarius will never give up, regardless of whether your goals are met. You're dedicated to teaching and organizing groups of people to gain control of their own destinies. You're very brave and even more adventurous. Your work may sometimes take you into danger, but you will never be taken by surprise, politically or otherwise, because you can read the secret intentions of others and feel the future as soon as it is decided. For Sags, meeting goals has more to do with setting them reasonably than anything else. One of the most energetic and dedicated workers of the zodiac, you'll do everything in your power to move your projects ahead as far and as fast as possible. If you base your numbers on reality and not impossible fantasies, you should have no problem.

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# Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Dexter" for 35 years. Two years ago, Dex retired, and we moved back to his home state and a new house. I call it a house because it certainly doesn't seem like a home. Shortly after we settled in, my husband converted part of the house into an apartment for his 80-year-old widowed mother. Mom has been living here for 18 months.



Annie's Mailbox

Since Mom moved in, we have no privacy. Even though her apartment has its own entrance, she prefers to come through our part of the house. Dexter tells her everything - when we are going out where we will be and when we are coming home. I feel like a teenager with a curfew. Dex also thinks his mother should know all our business, personal and otherwise.

This lawsuit, it could mean the end of our group, and restrictions in the town's policy toward such activities in the future. Alcohol is always present at these affairs, and the woman admitted she was drunk at the time of her fall, a fact to which several people can attest. The problem is, this woman is a close friend to many of us. Some of the ladies in our group have refused to have anything more to do with her. Others are confused and upset. We need an impartial opinion on how to handle her. - Sad Friend in Los Angeles

We have talked about this, and Dex says, "She raised me and cared for me, and now it's my turn to take care of her." I'll admit, I'm not crazy about my mother-in-law. She often laughs at nothing at all, which really gets under my skin. She has hearing aides but never wears them. The TV in her quarters is so loud, I can watch ours with the sound off.

Dear Annie: If this woman's lawsuit puts your group out of business, you can't blame the members for holding it against her. You reap what you sow. Nonetheless, those who wish to maintain a friendship with the woman should not be ostracized for doing so, as long as discussion of the lawsuit is off limits.

Dexter insists I should be more understanding. I love my husband, but this arrangement is killing our marriage. It seems as if there is no happy place for me now. It used to be in my husband's arms, but I feel someone else has taken my place. Can you help? In a Pickle in Denver

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Not a Lifeguard in California," whose neighbors wanted to use his pool. May I suggest the flag method? When a red flag is flying, it means the pool is closed. When a green flag is flying the neighbors are welcome. - Southern Pool Owner

Assuming Mom is relatively healthy, this problem may vex you for some time. Tell Dexter he needs to find a way to be both a caring son and a devoted husband. If he cannot find the right balance, discuss the problem with your clergyman or a therapist. Of course, you must do your part to get along with Mom, too. Good luck.

Dear Pool Owner: Several folks suggested flags or towels, and we agree it's a great solution. Our thanks to all who wrote.

Dear Annie: I belong to a women's group, and every year we have a large, formal ball. Last year, one of our members had a bit too much to drink and fell while dancing. She hurt herself severely and is now suing our group, the town and the facility where the ball took place. If she wins

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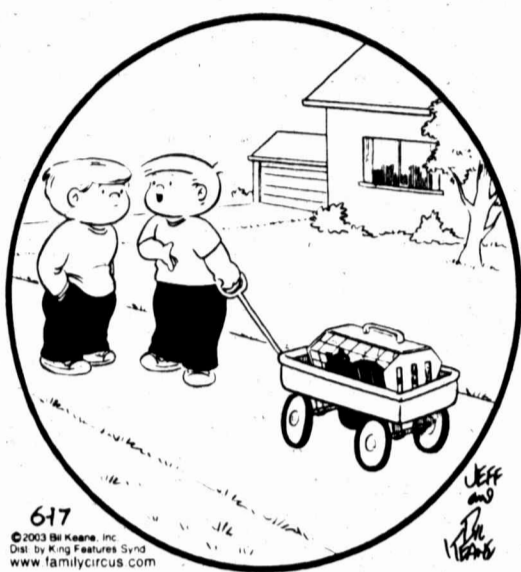
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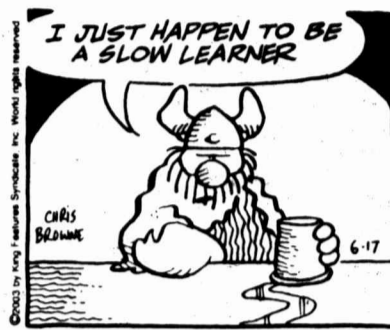
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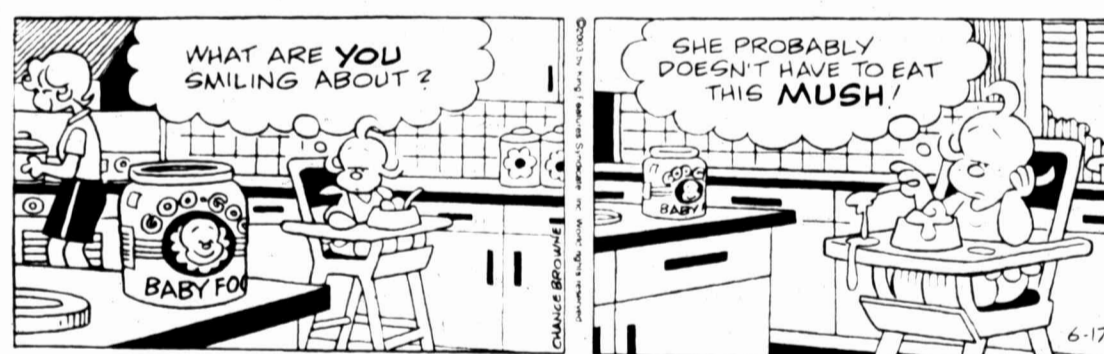
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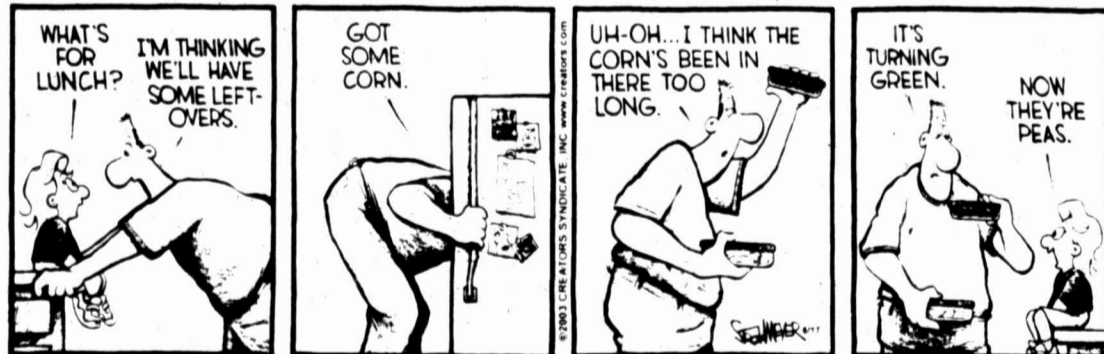
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 17, the 168th day of 2003. There are 197 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 17, 1775, the Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill took place near Boston. The battle, which actually occurred on Breed's Hill, was a costly victory for the British, who suffered heavy losses while dislodging the rebels.

On this date: In 1856, in Philadelphia, the Republican Party opened its first convention. In 1885, the Statue of Liberty arrived in New York City aboard the French ship Isere.

In 1928, Amelia Earhart embarked on a transatlantic flight from Newfoundland to Wales - the first by a woman.

In 1940, France asked Germany for terms of sur-

render in World War II. In 1963, the Supreme Court struck down rules requiring the recitation of the Lord's Prayer or reading of Biblical verses in public schools.

In 1971, the United States and Japan signed a treaty under which the U.S. would return control of the island of Okinawa.

In 1972, President Nixon's eventual downfall began with the arrest of five burglars inside Democratic national headquarters in Washington, D.C.'s Watergate complex.

In 1992, President Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a breakthrough arms-reduction agreement.

Ten years ago: U.N. forces in Somalia searched in vain for warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid. The Food and Drug Administration said no reports of tampering with Diet Pepsi-Cola cans at the manufacturing level had been confirmed, despite reports of foreign objects turning up in containers.

Five years ago: Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto welcomed a rare U.S. intervention in currency markets to support the sinking yen.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Lupus is 71. Singer Barry Manilow is 57. Comedian Joe Piscopo is 52. Actor Mark Linn-Baker is 49. Actor Jon Gries is 46. Actor Greg Kinnear is 39. Olympic gold-medal speed skater Dan Jansen is 38. Actor Jason Patric is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kevin Thornton is 34. Tennis player Venus Williams is 23. Actor-rapper Herculeez (Herculeez and Big Tyme) is 18.

Answer to previous puzzle

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STICK FIGURES by Gail Grabowski  
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- 1 Diamond unit
  - 6 Mayberry boy
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  - 16 Carryall
  - 17 Mail-order music service
  - 19 Verbal exam
  - 20 \_\_\_-man band
  - 21 Stadium sounds
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  - 24 Vermouth drink
  - 26 Consommé
  - 27 Crunchy bird food
  - 29 Good buddy
  - 32 Pouts
  - 35 Vein pursuits
  - 36 Yoko \_\_\_
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  - 38 Cattle ID
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  - 41 Golfer Ernie
  - 42 Encounter
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  - 61 Doubting sounds

