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TUESDAY

June 15, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT TOMORROW 71°-73° 97°-99°

BRIEFLY

Game Day on hold because of damage

Big Spring State Hospital's Game Day fund-raiser, which was scheduled for today, was cancelled when recent rains damaged Community Relations office.

Game Day has not been rescheduled at this point.

For more information, contact Big Spring Hospital State Assistant Community Relations Director Maria Brito at (432) 268-

Large-item pickup slated for June 25

The city of Big Spring, District 3, is offering a courtesy service June 25 to haul large items to the landfill for the elderly, handicapped or those without the means to haul large objects.

To take advantage of the one-day-only service, place those items meant for the landfill by the curb, in the city right-of-way, less than 24 hours before scheduled pick up. Kenny Davis, city building official, asks that articles not be placed near water or gas meters, telephone poles, or stacked in the street.

The service will be offered only to residents in District 3. If you are unsure of your District, call 432-264-2504 or 432-264-2501.

Kennel Club book available for \$8

Big Spring The Kennel Club's fundcookbook, raising trom the "Treats Country," is available for \$8 by calling 394-

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Legends and Legacies gets rodeo week off and running

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Feature's Editor

More than 100 cowboys, cowgirls and rodeo fans launched rodeo week Monday night at the Heritage Museum's annual Legends and Legacies dinner.

"We dedicate this year's rodeo to the memories of R.G. Click, Dorothy Petty Fowler, LaRue Rankin and was the second rodeo board president," said Mike Mathis, announcer Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

Mathis introduced several rodeo celebrities during the dinner, See RODEO, Page 3A

FIRST-DAY RODEO EVENTS

Wednesday

3 p.m., clown contest 5:30 p.m., parade 8 p.m., rodeo

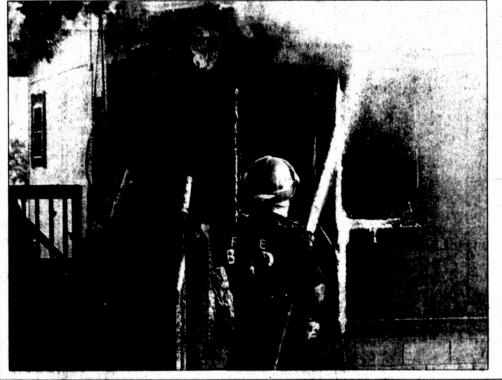
Nettie Creighton, whose husband including Jerry Diaz, charro performer, Lacy Billingsley, Miss Rodeo Texas from Aubrey, Rick for the 71st annual Big Spring Young, the "Agin' Cajun, and Coahoma's own Quail Dobbs.



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Gail Woerner, left, discusses her book "Fearless Funnymen. The History of the Rodeo Clown" with Susan Lewis, Tumbleweed Smith and Mary Ann Harms, who appeared in national rodeo events in the 1950s, after the Legends and Legacies dinner Monday at the Heritage Museum. Woerner will be autographing her books Wednesday before the rodeo parade at the museum.





Firefighters from the **Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and Big Spring Fire Department** spent more than an hour battling a blaze in the 2300 block of Oasis Road Monday afternoon. According to witnesses on the scene, the fire is believed to have started when a liquid propane gas (LPG) cylinder vented and was ignited by a hot water heater. Although the home was destroyed, no one was

injured in the blaze. The fire is under investigation by HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

could strike county again By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

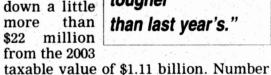
Budget woes

If the list of estimated taxable values are any indication, Howard County may be in for yet another budgetary storm this year.

According to an estimate released by Keith

"I think Toomire, c h i e f it's going appraiser for the Howard to make County this year's Appraisal District, taxbudget value for 2004 is even \$1.09 billion, tougher

Jerry Kilgore



crunching aside, Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said the outlook for the upcoming budget isn't good. 'We're about where we were last

year," said Kilgore. "We've cut quite a few things out that we're going to have to replace this year. Things that we didn't purchase last year, such as equipment and vehicles, and we're paying the price for it this year. The

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Commissioners rearrange funds to assist attorney

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners voted to take the budgetary burden of the new collection warrant officer off the county attorney's back Monday. Due to a declining "hot

check fund,"

Attorney Mike Thomas

County



requested commissioners look at the possibility of funding the salary for **Collections Warrant Officer** Mike Welling through a different source.

"He's primarily con-

cerned with the existence of the fund as we go down the road.' explained commissioner William Crooker, "simply because the monthly deductions that have been taking place for our new warrant officer position.

"Do you think we can find funds from another source within the budget?" Crooker asked County Auditor Jackie Olson.

Olson said she believed the newly formed collections department is bringing in enough funds in the form of delinquent fines to pay the \$12,000 that was being taken from the hot check fund.

According to information provided to commissioners court by Collections Officer Bobby Roever, delinquent fines have brought in \$62,587 for the county since the depart

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WORLEY

and area business-Herald Circulation Manager Angie Worley said nearly

a half-dozen racks have been stolen during the past two weeks. including one from Kwikie Grocery at 510 Lamesa Highway.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Big Spring area,

including several

taken from the Big

Spring Herald office

Local Crimestoppers is seek-

ing information on a rash of

newspaper rack thefts in the

Staff Writer

"In the past two weeks we've had five of our newspaper racks stolen," said Worley. "Two weeks ago the rack outCrimestoppers is authorized to pay up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of the culprits responsible for the thefts. Call 263-TIPS (8477) or 264-TIPS. The Herald has added an extra \$200 to the reward.

Crimestoppers, Herald offer reward

for conviction of paper rack thieves

side the Herald was stolen, and a week ago it was the racks at the *Herald* and Kwikie Grocery. Saturday the rack at Herman's Restaurant was stolen and early this morning

the one at Kwikie was stolen again.

'The police have a video tape of the men taking the one from Kwikie. Unfortunately they weren't able to enhance the tape enough to get a license plate number, but they tell me they're going to slow motion the tape and put the pictures out on Crimestoppers.'

Worley said the video tape shows a male suspect putting a Herald news rack into a white pickup truck.

"The video shows a white pickup and a short, heavy set, bald man picking up the machine and putting it in the pickup," said Worley. "This is very aggravating and frustrating. We put those racks out there so the customers can get

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Thelma Irene Duty McKinney

Thelma Irene Duty McKinney, 86, died Monday, June 14, 2004, at her son's residence in Goldthwaite. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, 2004, in Richland Hills, United Methodist Church. with Rodney Wall, grandson, and Claude Davison, officiating.

Thelma was born in Knowles, N.M., July 4, 1917. She lived in Big Spring and worked at the Bombadier Training Base during World War II. She was a member of Richland Hills United Methodist Church for more than 45 years.

Thelma was preceded in death by her husband, Henry E. "Bud" McKinney.

Survivors included her daughter, Patsy Rowden of Big Spring; her son, Henry E. McKinney Jr. and wife, Judy, of Goldthwaite; seven grandchildren;13 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

Family visitation will be from 7-9 pm today at Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home in Colleyville.

Geneva Stephens

Geneva Stephens, 86, of Big Spring, died Tuesday morning, June 15, 2004, at her home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support groups

☐ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 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.

☐ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.

☐ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

Police blotter

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

• APRIL MARTINEZ, 21, of 1612 Mesquite, was arrested Sunday on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and two Ector County warrants.

 FRED CASTILLO, 57, of 3001 Cactus, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

• LUIS AGUILAR, 57, of 1101 E. 12th Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication. • THOMAS EVANS, 45, of 1313 Kindle Street, was

arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication. • JOE DEWAYNE WOODRUFF, 33, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday on a charge of theft.

· JOE P. DIAZ, age unknown, of Midland, was arrested Monday on five local warrants.

 CLARA RANGEL, 30, of Midland, was arrested Monday on four capias warrants. • UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

was reported in the 1100 block of Mt. Vernon.

 ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1900 block of Main Street.

THEFT was reported:

- in the 2300 block of Wasson Road.

- in the 900 block of Willia. - in the 500 block of Lamesa.

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the

900 block of Douglas. · BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 600 block of Drake.

Sheriff's report

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

· BILLY YANEZ, 40, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

· JUAN A. SOTO JR., 30, was arrested Monday by

the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check. · EARL PERRY HANKE, 46, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - enhanced.

 SANDY DAVES, 21, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft.

• STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 2300 block of Oasis Road.

· MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported near the 188 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20.

Take note

□ BENEFIT GARAGE SALE FOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN KNOTT pastor's wife Cathy has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing deliver meals. treatment in Lubbock. The benefit sale will be in the_ vacant house behind the Knott Station on CR 846 in Middle Knott. Items include aclothing, decorative items, kitchen appliacnes, mattresses, chairs, baby cribs, toys, a bake sale and a quilt, with a goal of raising \$500 at \$1 each. Call Joann Peugh at 459-2220 or Sue Robinson at 353-4417 to donate. A fund for Cathy Kinman has been established at State National Bank.

□ MEMBERS OF THE EVENING LIONS CLUB are looking for area handicapped and disabled children who would like to attend the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville this summer.

Children eligible for the camp include those who are amputees or have asthma, cerebral palsy, lupus, muscular dystrophy, scoliosis, sickle cell anemia, stroke, partial paralysis, heart problems, epilepsy, cancer, or are deaf or hearing impaired.

Ineligible conditions include attention deficit disorder, Down's Syndrome, mental retardation, emotionally disturbed, autism and hemophilia.

For information on the camps, contact Bob Noyes at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 267-5811, or visit the Lion's Web site at www.lionscamp.com

Lions provide funding for the camp as well as transportation, if necessary.

□ REGISTRATION FOR KIDS COLLEGE at Howard College Continuing Education is ongoing. The program is June 14-24. Call 264-5131 or 264-5130.

□ POTTON HOUSE, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

☐ HERITAGE MUSEUM, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

☐ HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

□ CHRIST'S COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP is requesting donations of any household items, furniture, appliances, linens, cookware and dishes to be distributed to the needy in Big Spring. Items will be picked up. Please call 263-5683 and leave a message.

and lupus. If you or someone you love

EXPERIENCE COUNTS Ryan A. Krebs, M.D., J.D. HORMONE REPLACEMENT drugs Prempro and the combination of Richard A. Dodd, L.C. Premarin and Provera have been Craig W. Brown, P.L.L.C. linked to cancer, strokes, blood clots

took these drugs and has been diag-nosed with one of these illnesses, you may be entitled to damages, but NO FEE FOR FIRST VISIT the time to act is limited by law.

Timothy R. Cappolino, P.C.

☐ THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which deliv-Kinman is set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. She ers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight.

> or 10 meals, you are needed. 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

☐ THE CLASS OF 1974 is looking for the following classmates. If your know where they are please notify Carol Boyd at 432-263-0486 or e-mail Guy Teague at gntea@ddraytech.net: Kim Adams, Steve Adams, Terry Allison, Albert Arriols, Shirley Atwell, Vicki Axelrod, Blaz Bailon, Diane Baldock, Joyce Bennett, Sherri Bertan, Terry Billingsley, John Bowers, Donna Brewer, Kathy Bull, Sherry Burgess, Greg Burris, Randy Callison, Carla Carter, Cindy Cole, Paula Collins, Michael Conley, Linda Curtis, Cynthia D'Angelo, Pam Daniels, Kay Davis, Jimmey Dean, Donna DeFlitch, Joyce DeFlitch, Rosalinda Deleon, Cynthia Dennis, Wendell Dodson, James Dry, Pam Eisler, Dodie Evans, Cathy Ewing, Martha Eyssen, Steve Ferrell, Sandra Floyd, Ramon Franco, Sheri Fry, Karen Fuller, Mary Gainus, Raul Garza, Belinda Gomez, Anna Maria Gonzales, Garland Green, Janis Gregg, Sarah Haas, Sue Harris, June Hendrick Rhea, Mitzi Hill, Tracy Hill, Babbette Huckaba, Debra Hurrington, Robert Jackson, Phil Johnson, Patricia Jordan, Virginia Keathley, Patricia King, Kathy Kirksey, Ruth Knight, John Kushaney, Jeff Kuykendall, Barbara Landreth, Robert Lang, Karen Lawler, Russell Leggett, Wayne Lister, Richard Loehman, Barry Loyd, Art Mackie, Rebecca Marin, Jerry Martin, Virginia Martinez, Beckie Mason, Susie McGuire, Walter McWhiter, Frances Meade, Steve Meador, Patsy Medina, Bobbie Meeks, Henry Menchaca, Maria Mendoza, William Messenger, Jeff Miller, Barbara Morris, Paula Muskovin, Eva Palacios, Phil Parmenter, Vicki Patterson, Lana Perry Bruington, Iris Phillips, Randal Phillips, Cindy Phillips, Kenneth Platte, Eunice Ramirez, Libby Reed, Tony Reidy, Robert Renteria, Linda Richardson, Earl Richlart, Daniel Rivera, Bennett Robb, Patti Robertson, Vicki Robertson Martin, James Robinson, Johnny Rodriquez, Jerry Rogers, Martha Rogers, Priscilla Rudd Horn, Irene Saldivar, Patrice Sherrill Fivash, Mike Sieler, Doug Smith, Dennis Stevens, Harlan Stewart, Linda Stewart, Robert Sullivan, Carolyn Toaz, Joyce Turner, Sarah Vigil, Ken Walton, Joe Watson, Debra Way, Debbie Wheeler, Cindy Whitaker Jorgenson, Gary White, Kenneth Wilcox, Jimmy Wiley, Kenneth Williamson.

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TODAY

· Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

· A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

· Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

· Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at 1st and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.

· Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

· Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

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

WEDNESDAY

· Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

· Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

· Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

· Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

 Children's clown costume contest at 3 p.m. in the Heritage Museum before the rodeo parade.

 Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Parade 5:30 p.m. Family night at the rodeo.

· Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

 Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

· Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet

· Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-

· Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5;30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels. American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.

Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of herica meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.

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

FRIDAY

· AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. · Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell

 Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

Weather

Tonight - Mostly clear. Low 71. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday - Abundant sunshine. High 97. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night - Clear skies. Low 73. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday – Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 703.

Friday – Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows

in the low 70s. Saturday - Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-14-17-20-24. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-7-3

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Prime minister says Iraq wants U.S. to hand over Saddam by end of month

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The new Iraqi government wants custody of Saddam Hussein and all other prisoners by the time sovereignty is handed over at the end of this month, the interim prime minister said.

U.S. forces have said they will continue to hold up to 5,000 prisoners believed to be a threat to the coalition even after the June 30 restoration of sovereignty. They say as many as 1,400 detainees will either be released or transferred to Iraqi authorities.

But in an interview with Al-Jazeera television, Prime Minister Iyad Allawi said Iraqi officials expect to take possession of Saddam and all other detainees with the transfer of power.

Iraq's neighbors welcome new interim government in Baghdad

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ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) - Iraq's interim government received a boost Tuesday when its neighbors welcomed the transfer of sovereignty in that country at the end of June and wished the new administra-

Meeting on the sidelines of the Organization of the Islamic Conference session, Iraq's neighbors plus Egypt also stressed support for Iraqis "in their progress on the path toward building fully legitimate and representative national institutions.

The meeting on Iraq came as delegates to the OIC, the world's largest Islamic organization, debated a resolution that would give the interim government the key support of the Islamic world and call for help in rebuilding the war-shattered nation.

The meeting on Iraq comprised foreign ministers and representatives from Iraq and its neighbors — Turkey, Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Syria - plus regional power Egypt.

Investigators ask whether fighter jets could have stopped Sept. 11 planes

WASHINGTON (AP) - The nation's law enforcement and intelligence agencies did not discover the plot. Airport security screeners did not find the hijackers' weapons.

But could military jet fighters, the final line of defense, have stopped or lessened the destruction on Sept. 11, 2001, by shooting down airliners aimed at some of the nation's best-known buildings?

On Thursday, the Sept. 11 commission will end its series of public hearings by taking up that question. They will examine the performance on that day of the Federal Aviation Administration, which manages the nation's air traffic; and NORAD, the North American Aerospace Defense Command, which defends U.S. airspace.

Kristen Breitweiser of Monmouth, N.J., whose husband, Ronald, died in the World Trade Center, said a lack of foresight on the part of those agencies was compounded by officials' mistakes on the morning of

California couple injured in I-20 rollover near Coahoma early today

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer A California couple was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center early this morning after a onevehicle rollover near Coahoma.

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"They were on vacation and heading back home when the female appar-

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December of 2003.

ment began work in

Commissioners Crook-

er, Jerry Kilgore and

Gary Simer voted unani-

mously to move funding

for the position to the

general fund. County

Judge Ben Lockhart and

Brown weren't present.

Emma

ently fell asleep at the by Coahoma EMS for nonwheel," said Gary Pritchett, chief deputy for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

The accident occurred around 7:30 a.m. near mile marker 188 by the entrance ramp to the city of Coahoma after the driver apparently overcorrected the vehicle, causing it to roll, Pritchett said.

The unidentified couple was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center

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incapacitating injuries, Pritchett said.

"They were both complaining about neck and head injuries," he said.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers were investigating the accident this morning.

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them last year," Olson told the court. "They will provide our law enforceexpert witness testimony

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringher-

"This is the same agreement that we signed with

ment with certification for breath-alcohol testing, as well as service two machines and provide if we need it."

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"Folks outside of Texas believe Big Spring is a suburb of Coahoma, because that's what Quail's been putting out there all these years," Mathis said.

Gail Woerner, author of three books on the history of rodeo clowns, bronc riding and bull riding, was on-hand to sign her books, which are available for sale at the muse-

The museum opened its newest exhibit, "Rodeo Clowns - The Cowboys Hero."

hol testing.

"This is a great turnout and everyone seems to have had a wonderful time,"



Nancy Raney, museum director, agreed.

"We had SCHRECENGOST great food and great company," she said.

Christene's of Coahoma catered the event, and Raney and Schrecengost were assisted by museum employee Amanda

Morrow and volunteer Mike Burrow.

Rodeo events continue this week, with a clown costume contest about 3 p.m. Wednesday at the museum before the rodeo parade, which begins at 5:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to the best dressed clown boy and girl, for ages 2-5 and 6-10. Winners will also ride in the Old Settler's parade float.

Family night at the rodeo is Wednesday, where entry is \$2. The rodeo runs nightly through Saturday at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Jody Nix and Texas Cowboy's perform for a dance Friday night.

The 80th Old Settler's Reunion is Saturday at the Fairbarns, and Katie Cathey said Mathis also will announce the wooden horse race during the reunion.

RACKS

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the Herald and it's very aggravating to know that someone is doing this. The last rack stolen from Kwikie was only there three days."

Herald Publisher Susanne Reed said the cost of replacing these racks, along with the loss in sales and damage it does to the circulation of the newspaper, is a very serious matter.

"The replacement value of these racks is no joke,' said Reed. "We can get refurbished racks for about \$200 each. Brand new ones cost between \$400 to \$500 each. The money in the rack depends on the time of day and the location of the rack, but on any given day it can be between \$2 and \$90."

Crimestoppers is authorized to pay up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of the culprits responsible for the thefts. Call 263-TIPS (8477) or 264-TIPS. You may remain anonymous and no caller ID is ever used.

Reed said the *Herald* is eager to put an end to these thefts, and is offering an additional reward for information leading to an arrest.

"We're offering a \$200 reward on top of what Crimestoppers is offering," said Reed. "That's for information leading to the arrest of the person or people responsible for these thefts."

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Concepcion "Chona" Juarez, 80, died Sunday. Graveside Services were at 10:00 AM Tuesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Geneva Stephens, 87, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers &

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Cheerfulness is the classy personality trait that attracts VIPs to you. Choose to smile, and your brain will actually change chemistry to support that happy choice. Tonight features a Libra or Sagittarius with news that affects you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Walking your talk might cause you to wonder why you talked so much! Fulfill your promise, though, no matter how inconvenient, and you'll have fabulous luck. Tonight, Scorpio and Cancer fit in well with your plan.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What's fair is fair, right? But the concept is relative today, and so the real question is: What's fair to you? Clients and customers have offers so outrageously off track that you'll be tempted to exclaim, "Forget you!"

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People you come into contact with today are overwhelmingly influenced by what happens in the first 10 minutes of your meeting. Therefore, put effort into that impression. Tonight features a healing of sorts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are less experienced people around you who need to make their own mistakes before they will understand. If a situation is out of your hands, admit it. Drop the idea of playing martyr or hero, and go on fulfilling your own destiny.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Turn on the comic television, read the funny papers, and talk to that



goofball friend of yours who always cracks you up. Levity helps you see a family situation from a new vantage point. You could be paid to develop your skills.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If I keep telling you how unique you are, Libra, will you let it go to your head? (If so, stop reading here.) You are the sculptor of your own appearance, the architect of your life, the writer of your own script.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Part of being a leader is saying what's unpopular when it needs most to be said, Nagging is simply the repetition of unsavory facts. Your loved one would like to do the right thing but needs more information

about how. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Work is at a whole new level. That level might be total chaos, but the only thing left to do is to accept it no, love it! The nerves you feel over all that is going on could also be looked at as delicious excitement.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're loaded with powerful information. To tell or not to tell, that is the question. I vote that you don't give it up. You don't want to diffuse the power by giving your energy away to people who don't share your

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're succeed-

because you're methodical. Today brings you into the right situation, and now, you can experiment with new approaches, monitor the results and incorporate feedback into new initia-

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). While others are concerned about status and how they fit into the pecking order, you seek to get along and will almost never single anyone else out as different from the others. You're a peacenik.

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OUR VIEWS

Shine up those boots dust off that hat the rodeo is coming

radition. 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 71st 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 — a Family Night, a Teen Night with a DJ dance after the rodeo and dances are set for

Friday and Saturday. Simply put, the 71st Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo will once again provide something for virtually everyone.

So shine up those books, 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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Ronald Reagan's legacy of optimism

It is never too late," George Eliott once wrote, "to be what you might have been."

Ronald Reagan very much believed in that. He refashioned himself any number of times, always keeping track of the goal, never keeping track of the clock.

As was often pointed out when he ran for president in 1980, he would become 70 within a few months of being inaugurated. Only William Henry

Harrison had been that old upon taking office, and he had died of pneumonia six weeks later.

Ronald Reagan did not care. Things had always worked out for him. Which was one source of his optimism: He had always achieved everything he set out to achieve. He had gone from humble beginnings - he had grown up poor in central Illinois and remembered hauling his alcoholic father from the snow banks where he had passed out - to become a sportscaster, then an actor, then a governor and then president.

He had always attained his goals, had always lifted himself up by his own bootstraps, and saw no reason others could not do the same – once he lifted the burden of the welfare state from their shoulders, that is.

"The real destroyer of the liberties of the people," Reagan said in his famous 1964 televised speech on behalf of the Republican Party, "is he who spreads among them bounties, donations and benefits."

Such things were not needed. Not only did his own life prove it, he felt, but so did the other great influence on his thinking: the movies. In the movies, things almost always turned out for the better. Things almost always turned out just swell.

Reagan knew the movies were fantasy, but he knew that Americans loved fantasy and it was a world in which he liked to dwell, a world where America was triumphed over evil, and where a sunny, can-do attitude and a bright smile were better than a pocketful of gold.

"For Ronald Reagan, the world of legend and myth is a real world," said Patrick Buchanan, former White House communications director, in 1988. "He visits it regularly, and he's a happy man there." Buchanan meant it as a

compliment.

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Presidents we now associate with hope and optimism - John F. Kennedy, for instance - often were quite somber in their speeches. In his inaugural address, Kennedy had pledged to "pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

This was not the language of Ronald Reagan. He promised peace and prosperity, guns and butter, a triumphant America and a vanquished Soviet Union – all without any real sacrifice on the part of the American people.

"Let's make America great again!" he would say. (Simplicity, in life as in the movies, was always a virtue with Reagan.) And his "morning in America" was designed to be in marked contrast to the gloom and doom of Jimmy Carter's "malaise."

Things would work out because they always did, they always had. All Americans needed was a leader who could give them a sense of confidence, inspiration and hope. Just as he had done in the movies. Just as he had done when he played a dying football player and asked his team to "win one for the Gipper." As Reagan told historian Douglas Brinkley near the end of his second term, "There have been times in this office when I've wondered how you could do the job if you hadn't been an actor."

Perhaps his greatest skill as a candidate and a president was to believe utterly in whatever he was saying at the time he was saying it. Reagan never stopped acting and never saw anything wrong

"Do you think of yourself as a politician?" a reporter once asked

"No," Ronald Reagan replied. "Ex-actor."

But he also had the actor's flaw of wanting to win over his audience whenever and however he could: According to historian Garry Wills, in 1983 Reagan told the Israeli prime minister he had served in an Air Force unit that had filmed Nazi death camps. It was not true - Reagan never left the United States during his military service. But it was right for the moment. The scene played.

On the eve of his election in 1980, a reporter asked Reagan what people saw in him. "Would you laugh if I told you that I think, maybe, they see themselves and that I'm one of them?" Reagan replied. "I've never been able to detach myself or think that I, somehow, am apart from them."

It was true. He and his audience were one. He had no doubts about the future of this country. None. And neither did those who supported him. At the end of his second term, he said, "And whatever else history may say about me when I'm gone, I hope it will record that I appealed to your best hopes, not your worst fears, to your confidence rather than your doubts."

And when that sad day came in 1994, when he wrote a letter to the American people announcing he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, even then, he chose to focus on what was bright and hopeful and good.

"When the Lord calls me home, whenever that day may be," he wrote, "I will leave with the greatest love for this country of ours and eternal optimism for its future. I now begin the journey that will lead me into the sunset of my life. I know that for America there will always be a bright dawn ahead."

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Kerry on intelligence rationalizing past conduct

nder attack by Republicans for proposing deep cuts in the intelligence budget a decade ago, John Kerry is trying to justify them as efforts to slice away pork. The problem is that during the Senate debate on Feb. 19, 1994, Kerry was

taken to task by two pillars of the then Democratic majority: Dennis DeConcini of Arizona and Daniel Inouye of Hawaii.

DeConcini, the Intelligence Committee chairman, and Inouye, the Appropriations **Defense** Subcommittee chair-



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man, assailed Kerry's unsuccessful efforts to cut the intelligence budget. DeConcini calculated it would cost \$1 billion in intelligence spending that year and \$5 billion over the next five years. Both senators suggested Kerry did not recognize the dangers existing then after the first terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. In opposing Kerry's amendment, DeConcini declared, "We no longer seem immune from acts of terrorism in the United States." Inouye asked: "Is this the time to cut the satellite programs that give our forces warning of attacks?"

Since George W. Bush's re-election campaign has made this dispute an issue, Sen. Kerry has faced a choice. He could admit an error in past judgment, which is never easy or perhaps prudent for a presidential candidate. Or, he could defend what seems a politically vulnerable position. Kerry has taken the latter course. When this column asked about Kerry's past position this week, campaign

spokesman Chad Clanton replied: "You bet. John Kerry voted against business as usual in our intelligence community. It is no secret that we've got some serious problems with our intelligence." The issue, first raised by Bush

in March, has been revived by published accusations that the president's campaign has distorted the senator's record. This is a question worth exploring because it addresses Kerry's judgment as an experienced public servant. His unfortunate charges of American war crimes in Vietnam can be excused as the excesses of an angry 27-year-old war veteran. In 1994, he was 50 years old with 10 years experience as a U.S. senator and was a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

The defense by the campaign is that Kerry's proposed intelligence cuts were aimed at what "was essentially a slush fund for defense contractors." Clanton added: "Unlike George Bush, John Kerry does not support every special spending project supported by Halliburton and other defense contractors."

While the Kerry campaign suggests the senator somehow foretold the 1995 "slush fund" scandal over the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) hoarding \$1 billion in unspent funds, he never mentioned the NRO in 1994. His amendment, offered without co-sponsors, would have cut intelligence across the board.

In the floor debate, DeConcini said his committee had pruned the intelligence budget by \$1.2 billion for that fiscal year, and that is "as deep as the intelligence community can withstand." He added "it makes no sense for us to close our eyes to developments around the world." Noting imminent bombing in the Balkans, Inouye warned "we are putting blindfolds over our pilots' eyes.'

In the debate, Kerry did not respond to criticism from DeConcini and Inouye. He did not address intelligence specifically, much less single out pork barrel projects in the intelligence budget that his campaign now says he was targeting. However, 10 days earlier on the Senate floor, Kerry declared: "The madness must

Kerry's amendment failed 75 to 20 – opposed by his Massachusetts colleague, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy; a future Intelligence Committee chairman, Sen. Bob Graham of Florida; and the Appropriations Committee chairman, Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia.

The senator is described by campaign aides as attempting to restore human intelligence to learn about terrorism, drug trafficking and international crime. But at an Intelligence Committee meeting in 1995, Kerry asked "whether we should use paid clandestine human assets in situations where the ramifications of discovery are so great and the risk of U.S. security is so minimal."

Such suspicion of human intelligence had been the liberal line since the early 1970s, grinding down CIA assets. Indeed, Kerry's assault on intelligence spending had been urged by liberals for the past quarter of a century. The presidential candidate now attempts to rationalize his past conduct rather than repudiate it.

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Politics and the Internet: More strange bedfellows

n a time when politics. candidates and the very governmental fiber that makes up this great country seem to be at eternal odds with the voters, it only makes sense that the Internet would become yet another electoral battle ground.

For candidates the advent of the information highway means end-

less "voteforme.com" adds tagged on everything from television advertisements to bumper stickers. For voters it means countless

e-mails from candidates begging for support, both financially and at the ballot box.

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For one newly formed company, X-voter.com out of Bedford, it means an entirely new voter initiative. Or at least that's what Robert Parker, director of content management for the six-month-old company, wants us to believe.

"X-voters.com's objective is to give everyone in America a better, easier way to communicate their views on the issues to their federally elected representatives, and then hold them accountable for the laws they

produce," Parker touts in a recent press release sent to me and hundreds of other newspapers in the state.

The press release goes on to describe an "information pipeline directly into the offices of our elected representatives," as online voters cast their unofficial ballots "in monthly referendums on the issues they choose, and then Xvoters.com will compile the results by Congressional districts. Each Senator and Representative will then receive by U.S. mail the specific results of the votes cast by his or her X-voter constituents."

Sounds like a great idea, right? The press release conveniently leaves out one very important detail - membership to the X-voters Web site isn't free. Didn't our mothers warn us about something like that?

With an annual price tag of \$24.95, participation in the "referendums" takes a very sharp turn from the electoral process X-voters seems to be trying to emulate or improve. The last time I checked, registering to vote is free. Casting your ballot is free. Even grumbling after your favorite candidate doesn't win is free.

I found the "membership fee"

rather disturbing, so in the greatest of American traditions I put pen to paper (in this case it was more like fingers to keyboard) and e-mailed my concerns to the staff at X-voter.

"When I first read your press release (new Web site promises to empower voters) I though 'What a wonderful idea.' I shared the concept with my fellow writers and reporters, and they thought it was a good idea as well," I wrote. "Then I logged on to the X-voter.com Web site and discovered, unlike the democratic process that it is supposed to represent, it's anything but free.

"While a noble idea indeed, by putting a price tag on the service you have now made it 'unreachable' by low-income voters, rendering the results you plan to report skewed at best. Skewed, just like the process you're trying to 'fix.' An interesting paradox, isn't

In all honesty I never expected an answer from X-voter (so much we do on the Internet is strictly for our peace of mind and ends up in someone's delete bin approximately two lines into the topic). Needless to say, I was surprised to find a response waiting in my inbox a few days later.

The content of the letter,

however, was the real surprise. simply don't have the funds. It "Mr. Jenkins, thanks for

your comments on Xvoter.com," writes back Parker. "While it's true that we didn't mention the joining fee in the press release, we consider it to be a nominal fee less than one cup of Starbucks coffee per month for a year. We are also free of ads. The process will be completely supported and driven by the membership, and no one can claim to influence our results with advertising money.

"Again, thanks for taking a look. We think we have a great, non-partisan tool with which to give people a way to look at and discuss the issues without having to walk a political party line.'

Does anyone else see the ever-widening gap that's developing here? Starbucks coffee? How many low-income families do you think frequent Starbucks for a cup of java? We were talking about people who don't have a lot of money but still have the right to vote, weren't we?

"Your reference to Starbucks coffee says a lot," I wrote back to Parker. "Take a moment to think about it, and then consider the fact that most lowincome families don't purchase Starbucks coffee because they

seems to me you're not very 'in touch' with a large portion of the voter base."

Sadly enough, I haven't gotten a response from Parker or anyone else at X-voter.com since my last communication. Perhaps they're too busy buying over-priced coffee or something equally white-collared.

Am I the only one that finds it disturbing that such a wonderful medium such as the Internet, which holds limitless applications when it comes to reaching our elected officials, still ignores those of us who struggle each month to make ends meet?

My high school history teacher told me something years ago that X-voter.com reminded me of. He said the government is run by people with money, for people with money. However, the greatest minds and ideas come from those of us who don't live in mansions, drive expensive cars or own a jet. I guess it's true necessity is truly the mother of invention.

Maybe someday X-voter.com will realize this.

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BUDGET

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biggest hit is from maintenance on equipment that we should have gotten rid of."

The taxable value for 2004 has been estimated at \$319 million for minerals: \$282 million for industrial; \$430 million for real estate; and \$59 million for local personal property, which was down \$4.06 million compared to taxable values in 2003.

The commissioners approved a tax rate of 55 cents per \$100 valuation in 2003, a 6.6643-cent tax hike that still left the county nearly \$1 million in the red.

Having struggled with the 2003 budget, Kilgore said the coming year is shaping up to be even more demanding.

"I think it's going to make this year's budget even tougher than last year's," said Kilgore. "I think we're going to have to spend more. You've cut

all of the easy things out and you're going to have to go to some harder items. If it didn't go up anymore and it just stayed the same, you're going to have the same problem that you did last year. We thought that was tough and I think this is going to be worse on the county.'

NO. WE DIDN T LOSE

County Auditor Jackie Olson agreed with Kilgore that things are looking very similar to last year's budget situation, but seemed a little more optimistic this early in the budgetary process.

"It looks like this year's budget situation is going to be very similar to what the county faced last year

when you look at the taxable values," said Olson. "Until we get into it, it's still a little too early to tell how it will go."

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Bryan loved to play softball. He had three friends who loved to play, too. Collin was one friend of Bryan's friends. Travis and Andrew were two more of Bryan's friends who loved to play the game just as much as Bryan. Did you ever play softball?

Bryan and his friends loved to play against other teams in his town. One team was really, really good and it sure wasn't Bryan's team! The good team had beaten most of the other teams in their town. But, they had never played against Bryan's team!

Collin said to Bryan one day, "Why don't we invite the good team over for a game? I know that we can beat them!" "Yes, I think we can beat them, too," Bryan said.

The good team's name was, "The Terrible Tigers!" They had that name for a good reason! On the softball field, they were like tigers, wanting to win each game they played. But they were good because they had a coach. Do you know what a coach is? What does a coach Andrew, another friend of Bryan's, decided to go watch "The

Terrible Tigers" practicing one day just to see what made them so good! He saw the reason! The coach! "So," he thought to himself, "We need a coach, too. He can help us by showing us the right way to hit the ball and the right way to pitch the ball. I'll go tell my friends that we need a coach. Then we can win all of our games!"

It just happened to be that Travis' dad was a highschool softball coach! What luck! Travis asked his dad, Scotty, if he would coach the team. "Of course I would," Scotty said, "I will be happy to coach your

Well, those boys started practicing, with Scotty's help. They practiced and practiced! Then when they weren't doing their homework, they practiced even more! They practiced after school, and on weekends, and even on holidays. They really worked hard!

Finally, the time came when they felt like they could beat The Terrible Tigers! Bryan invited them over to play a game the next Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. The Terrible Tigers accepted the invitation!

Oh boy, it should be a really good game!

Bryan couldn't wait until Saturday! He was so excited! All day Friday, he and his Mom, Rebecca, and his Dad, Derek, practiced with him so he would be ready for the big game!

Saturday came! Bryan and his parents went to the ballpark. There, he met all of his friends. They were ready! They had those uniforms as clean as a whistle. Their shoes were spotless. Their softball gloves were shiny. They were ready!

The Terrible Tigers came out and boy, did they look ready, too! It sure looked like Bryan's team was going to have to play hard to win

The Tigers went to bat first. The first batter hit the ball really hard, but Travis was ready for it and caught it with one hand. One out! The second batter came up to the homeplate. He smacked that ball and made it to first base. The third batter came up. He struck out! Out two! The forth batter came up to the plate. He hit that ball so hard that the bat broke in not one, but two places! A home run! Two points for the Tigers! Another batter came up. He struck out. Out three!

Now it is time for Bryan and his team to show what they could do. Bryan came up to bat first. That pitcher threw the ball so fast that Bryan didn't even see it. Again it happened. Then again! Out one!

Travis came up to bat. He swung the bat at the ball and missed. Strike one. Strike two. Strike three! Out two. Andrew came up to bat. He hit the ball and it went right past the pitcher. Andrew made it to second base! Scotty put Bryan back up to bat and told him to watch out for that fast pitch. Bryan did! He was very careful this time. He had his eyes on that ball ever since it left the pitcher's hand! When the ball came within striking distance, Bryan hit it with all of his strength. He knocked it into center field. Andrew made it to home plate to score the first point for his team! Bryan made it all the way back to home plate to score the second point! Two points for Bryan's team! One of the other boys came up to bat. Strike one. Strike two. Strike three! Out three!

This kind of excitement went on all afternoon. Both teams played their hardest. They had played the best that they could. It was a really good game!

Then, with the score tied, it was the Tigers time to bat. Bryan's team could not let them score a point. If they did, the game was over, and The Terrible Tigers would win again!

The first batter came up and stood there, waiting. The pitcher tossed that ball, and the batter hit it and started running towards first base. Travis grabbed the ball and threw it to Andrew. But it was too late, the batter was already on first base! The boys had done their best to stop him!

The second batter came up and it was the same one who had broken that bat earlier in the game. The pitcher pitched the ball as fast as he could. The batter looked worried for a moment, but then whammed that ball completely out of the ballpark! Two more points! The Terrible Tigers win!

Now, you may be wondering why Bryan's team didn't win in this story. After all, the name of the story is, "No, We Didn't Lose." Read the rest of the story!

The Terrible Tigers' whole team, with the coach, came over to talk with Scotty, Bryan, and the rest of his team. They looked worn and tired and terrible! The captain of the Tigers said to Bryan's whole team, "We have never played a team like you! You tried your hardest, and you put your heart into it, and you made us work harder than any other team ever has! With the way you practiced to play us and all of the work you put into beating us, just keep it up and next year, we will play you again and you will probably beat us! And the way we both played today, no one really lost!"

On the way home that Saturday night, Bryan was thinking about what courage it took for the Tigers to come over and tell them how they felt about the game. They were champions in more ways than

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I ask you, who wants to buy a top that makes you look like refrigerator? worse.....A STOVE!

It seems as if the only patterns available in the sewing factories these days are microwave and toaster oven. I'd wager that a piece of material is thrown over an appliance box, cut out and stitched straight up the sides.

And, as to lengths? Oh, don't get me started. It's either biting the ankle or nearing the navel.

Whatever happened to good, old-fashioned, calflength, shapely skirts?

And necklines? Never heard of 'em. The neckline either v's down to the navel, to meet the skirt that's hanging out up there, or plunges wide across the shoulders and displays every bone you never knew you had. No amount of necklaces can cover that up.

blouses? Peasant Correct me if I'm wrong, but those went out of style somewhere in the late 60's.....the late 1560s. They've made

Clown costume

Heritage Museum is sponsoring clown costume contest Wednesday for children 2-10 years old.

Cash prizes of \$25 each will be given to the best clown costume for boys and girls age 2-5 and 6-10.

Winners will also have a seat in the Old Settler's Reunion parade float.

The reunion is set for 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday in Fairbarns.

For more information contact th museum at 264-

Ladies, it's time to do comeback, posing as wingback chairs.

Polyester has arrived back in full force, under the guise of Prom Attire. These dressy ensembles resemble microphone Only stands. narrowest of rectangularshaped beauties need apply.

So, what to do? Well, there is the tried and true remedy of do-it-yourselfclothing. This requires needles, thread, machines, pedals, and other dangerous equipment.

There is also the resale and goodwill shops that sell these same shapeless outfits at a reduced rate because depreciation factor.

And, lastly, you can write your congressman. Demand that he or she immediately outlaw the lack of creativity in the design field. Press appliance companies to boycott use of their patented gadgets as models for women's clothing.

March in front of your local malls and dollar stores, urging them to search for better clothing markets.

This may take longer than women's suffrage to take affect, but maybe daughter's your daughters will reap the harvest of newer and user-friendly outfits.

Christy Alton is a full-time student, mother of two and married to park ranger Ron. Her column appears in the Tuesday edition of the

Kids College still enrolling students

Kids College began Monday, but it's not too late to enroll for the twoweek program, which offers children 5 to 12 a chance to glimpse college

Classes are divided into morning and afternoon sessions, and the cost is \$74 per session, with a \$10 discount for more than one child from a family. Students enrolled in both sessions receive lunch as well.

Continuing Call Education at Howard College, 264-5131.

Bluebonnet Books

Tippy Lemmy by Patricia McKissack

A dog, Tippy Lemmy, smarter than the children

By Kimberly Artounian

Special to the Herald Tippy Lemmy is about an ordinary family that moves in with an extraordinary Timmy.

T h town's children hate him. He is very, extremely, bothersome to them all. He does everything that they don't want him to do.



Unbelievable! They are always trying to come up with a plan to

get past Tippy Lemmy

turns out Tippy is does and how he does it. smarter than the children Will Tippy ever change? themselves.

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You will have to read the book to find out.

As I said before, the children thought that Tippy was just a flea in their way, but are they sure of that? Compared to "There Is A Boy in the Girl's Bathroom," they are very much alike because there is one and only one bully.

This book gets a 10 from

but nothing works, as it me because of what Tippy Will become he something else or will he stay a pest?

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Editor's note:

Bluebonnet Books is a special feature of book reviews written by Big Spring elementary It's an out of this world students for the Herald.

This series will continue through the summer. featuring reviews on the

The nominated Texas It's one of the best and Bluebonnet Books may be checked out from the

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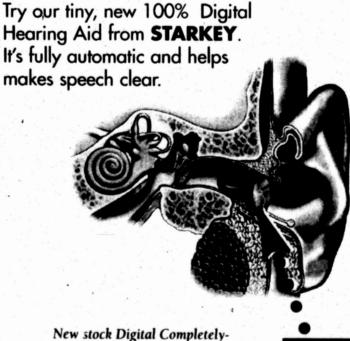
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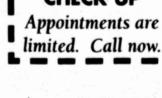
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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Troy Hyde at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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IN BRIEF

Dates set for Camp of Champs

Coach Ricky Long has set Big Spring High School's Camp for Champs to be held from June 7 through July 1 at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center.

weightlifting The camp is open to males and females in grades five through eight.

For more information, call Coach Long at 432-269-3662 or 432-263-0519.

Chaparral summer round ball classic set

A 14 and under basketball tournament titled Chaparral Summer Classic will take place in San Angelo June 26-27.

The tournament is for boys and girls and costs \$90 per team to enter. There is a three game guarantee, but teams must be entered by June 21.

To enter, call 325-277-0628.

Forsan announces camp Buffalo dates

Forsan's Camp Buffalo will run from 8 a.m. to noon, July 19-23. The camp is for all boys grades five through eight and designed to develop skills and fundamentals of football, basketball and strength conditioning.

Each student will be divided into an appropriate age group and all participants receive a camp T-shirt.

The cost of the camp is \$40 per student. Registration needs to be sent in by June 19 to ensure correct shirt sizes.

For more information or to register, call Terry McDonald at 432-267-7445 or Tommy Thompson at 432-457-

Coahoma baseball camp set for June

The Coahoma baseball camp will take place Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The camp is for ages 6 and up and the cost is \$60 per player.

Everyone involved in the camp will get a free T-shirt, certificate and other prizes.

Proper techniques in hitting, fielding, pitching and base running will be taught.

For more information, contact Bulldog coach Brad Harmon at 361-542-9039.

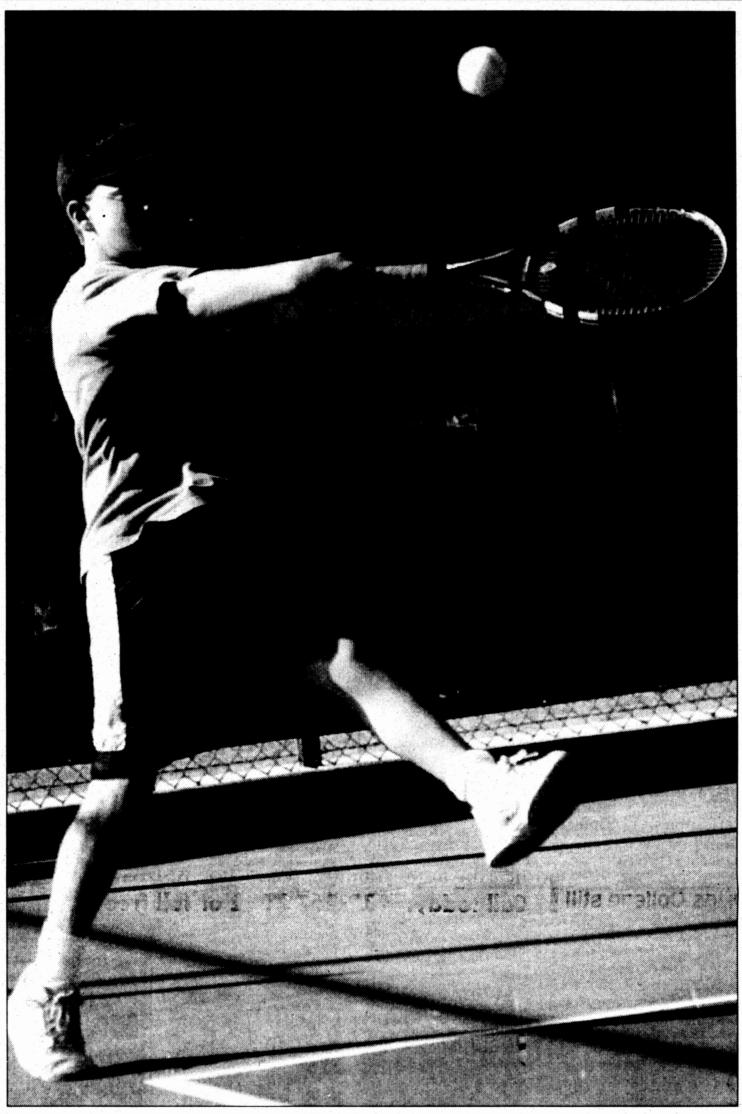
Big Spring co-ed ragball tourney set

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will be holding a co-ed ragball tournament as a fundraiser for Big Spring softball allstars.

The tournament will be July 9, 10 and 11 and the team fee is \$125.

For more info, call Nicole at 432-264-2206 or 432-267-6391.

ON THE AIR



14-year-old Philip Kelleher sends a shot over the net in doubles action last Saturday morning at the Big Spring Black Gold circuit tournament at Comanche Trail Park. Kelleher and teammate John Bennett finished second overall in the 14-16 boys doubles portion of the tournament. Kelleher and Bennett took first and second, respectively, in the 14 boys singles tourney Friday, as well.

BIG SPRING BLACK GOLD TENNIS CIRCUIT DOUBLES AND MIXED DOUBLES RESULTS

14-16 boys doubles

- 1. Cory and Michael Morton
- 2. Philip Kelleher and John Bennett
- 3. Jeremy Landin and Ainhan Ngheim

14 girls doubles

- 1. Megan Martin and K.K. Watkins
- 2. Allison Ward and Michelle McMurtrey
- Tristen Jenkins and Connie Riddle

16-18 boys doubles

- 1. Derik and Devin Vendixsen
- 2. Ryan Fink and Chase Dunagan

Men's doubles

- 1. Trey Chavez and Cade Park
- 2. Derik and Devin Vendixsen
- 3. Alex Edgeman and Jay Shroff

Women's doubles

- 1. Heather Parnell and Natasha Neighbors
- 2. Kim Dominguez and Amy Mirmothes

14 mixed doubles

- 1. Allison Ward and Jeremy Landin
- 2. Ainhan Ngheim and Michelle McMurtrey
- Tristen Jenkins and James Marlow

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- 1. Vishal Shroff and Ame Dolan
- 2. Curt and Mattie Phillips
- 3. Heather Parnell and Dennis Smiley
- 4. Jeff and Kandi Lane

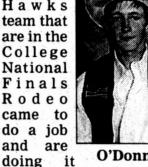
Howard begins strong at CNFR

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Howard College Rodeo Coach Greg Kernick said the four

members of his Hawks team that are in the College National Finals Rodeo came to do a job and are



O'Donnell after round one in

Casper, Wyo. Three of the four Hawks are in the top 10 of their respective events and two are in the top five.

After round one, Ryan O'Donnell and Tarlenton State teammate Clayton Jackson

are in first place after a dazzling 6.1 second time in team roping. Also compet-



in ing team rop- Cornelius ing was Trent Cornelius and Tarlenton State's York Gill. This team turned in a first round time of 6.4 which places them fourth thus far.

Bray Armes, who has been a regular to the CNFR, turned in a 4.6 second time in steer wrestling, which placed him sixth overall, out of 39 participants. There are 42 participants in team roping.

"The guys know what's on the line and they are all representing Howard College well, s a i d



Kernick. "The Southwest Region is doing very well as a whole, as well."

Howard College competes in the Southwest Region throughout the year.

Ty Glover also participated in round one of the team roping competition, but he wasn't as fortunate as his Howard College team

mates. Glover a n d teammate Kyle Lodgson of Odessa College



Glover

finished in 21.3 seconds. All of round two's timed events will conclude today and round three will begin tonight. No one from Howard will compete Wednesday.

The top 12 in each event advance to the finals Saturday.

"We need to put three solid rounds together and hopefully get into Saturday's finals," said Kernick.

IN BRIEF

First-ever memorial announces tourney

The first-ever Rob Etheridge Memorial four-man golf scramble has been set for Saturday.

The tournament will take place at Comanche Trail Golf Course and it will benefit the baseball and golf programs at Coahoma High School.

The shotgun start begins at 8:30 a.m. It costs \$50 per player and carts are not included.

For more information, call 432-264-2366, 432-394-4755 or 432-394-

"Best of the rest" golf tournament set

The "best of the rest" two-man golf tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course will take place Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27.

The championship flight is a two-man best ball and the "best of the rest" plays scramble.

The cost is \$100 per player plus cart.

For more information or to enter, call 432-264-

Crossroads football sign-up dates set

The Crossroads Youth Football Association has announced the sign-up dates for the upcoming season.

Both football and cheerleading sign-ups will take place at the Big Spring Mall June 18 through July 17 on Fridays (5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) only.

The league is for kindergarten through sixth grade.

The flag football league costs \$30, while football division 1 and 2 and cheerleading costs \$55 and \$65, respectively.

There is no late signup for cheerleading. For more information, call Stacie or Robert at 432-268-9634.

Coahoma's annual ragball tourney set

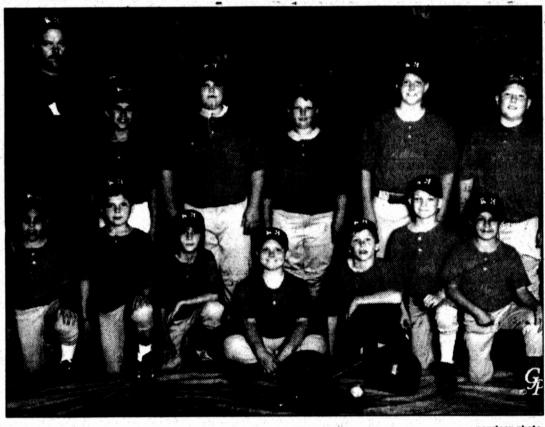
Coahoma's annual ragball tournament has been set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 25-27 at, the Coahoma Softball Park, which is a change from past years.

The sign-up for the tournament has been scheduled for 5 p.m. Friday, June 25.

If anyone is interested in a fund-raiser for your organization, booths are also available for \$100.

The deadline to sign up for weekend booth space is Friday, June

For more information about the tournament or to reserve a booth, call Patric Robinson at 432-393-5622 or Randy Clanton at 432-393-5338.



The Coahoma Rockhounds won the City Championship in minor league baseball Friday evening after defeating the Big Spring Pirates, 9-8. Front row, from left: Julian Uranga, Skyler Coates, Sam Cornutt, Dustin Fontana, Justin Coker, Ryan Reid and Billy Acosta. Back: Coach James Sanders, Pete Acosta, Britt Dickenson, Brandon Sanders, Max Macik and Reagan Reid.

Big Spring Little League All-Stars

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the cyclist. The heart of the accusations come from Emma O'Reilly, who worked for several years Armstrong's masseur, physical therapist and personal assistant. A USPS team spokesman confirmed O'Reilly "was a past employee" but declined additional comment.

book The claims Armstrong asked O'Reilly to dispose of a black bag containing the used syringes after the Tour of the Netherlands in 1998.

Armstrong has said that he never failed a drug

Excerpts of the book published France's L'Express magazine Monday, a few weeks before Armstrong begins his bid to win a record sixth straight Tour de France next month.

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no 16th, 3:00 pm: Horitago Museur Kids Cown Contest For Ages 2 to 10, the winner will get a \$25.00 Gift Certificate & get a ride on the Old Settlers Float in the Parade. lune 16th, Wednesday - Rodeo Parade, 5:30 pm

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

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Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago,

on June 15, 1904, more than 1,000 people died when fire erupted aboard the steamboat General Slocum in New York's East River. On this date:

In 1215, England's King John put his seal to Magna Carta ("the Great Charter") at Runnymede. In 1520, Pope Leo X threat-

ened to excommunicate

Martin Luther if he did not

recant his religious beliefs. In 1775, the Second Continental Congress voted unanimously to appoint George Washington head of the Continental Army.

In 1836, Arkansas became the 25th state.

In 1844, Charles Goodyear received a patent for his process to strengthen rub-

In 1849, James Polk, the 11th president of the United States, died in Nashville, Tenn.

In 1864, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton signed an order establishing a military burial ground, which became Arlington National Cemetery.

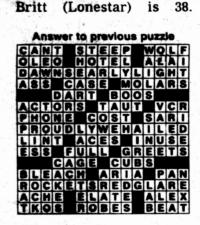
In 1944, American forces began their successful invasion of Saipan during World War II. Meanwhile, **B-29 Superfortresses made** their first raids on Japan. In 1978, King Hussein of

Jordan married 26-year-old American Lisa Halaby, who became Queen Noor. In 1993, former Texas Governor John Connally,

WIIO gunfire that killed President Kennedy, died at age 76. Ten years ago: Israel and the Vatican established full

diplomatic relations. Former President Jimmy Carter arrived in North Korea on a private mission to try to reduce tensions with the Communist nation.

Today's Birthdays: Former New York Governor Mario Cuomo is 72. Singer Russell Hitchcock (Air Supply) is 55. Rock singer Steve Walsh (Kansas) is 53. Comedian-actor Belushi is 50. Country singer Terri Gibbs is 50. Actress Julie Hagerty is 49. Actress Eileen Davidson is 45. Actress Helen Hunt is 41. Rock musician Scott Rockenfield (Queensryche) is 41. Actress Courteney Cox is 40. Country musician Tony Ardoin is 40. Country musician Michael



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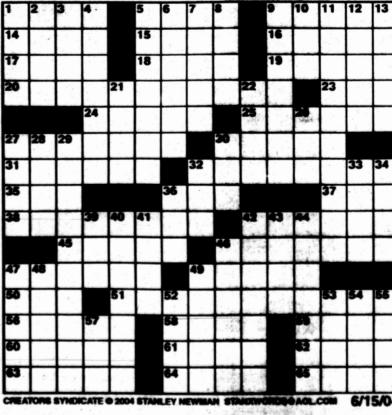
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Atlanta. It also could stand for "Ace." Ortiz, who helped lead Oklahoma University to the national championship

Supersport: Russ Ortiz

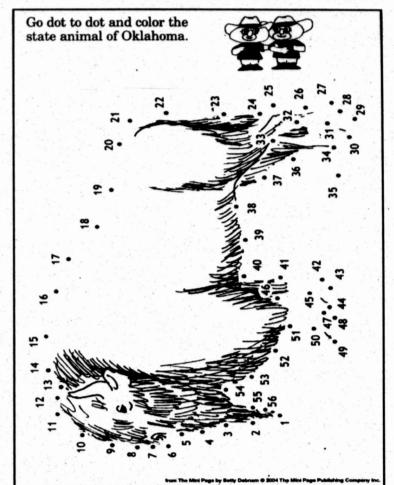
Height: 6-1

Weight: 210

The **Fiddle** is the state musical instrument.

Birthdate: 6-5-74

Hometown: Encino, Calif.





Rookie Cookie's Recipe **Summer Corn Casserole**

Corn is a popular crop in Oklahoma.

- You'll need: (12-ounce) can shoepeg (white) corn, drained
- 1 (15-ounce) can French-cut green beans, drained 1 (10³/₄-ounce) can cream of celery soup 1/₂ cup cheddar cheese, grated
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 cups saltine crackers, crushed
 1 stick butter, melted

What to do:

 In a large bowl, mix together the first five ingredients. Grease a baking dish and pour in corn mixture.

3. Sprinkle crushed crackers on top and then pour on the melted butter.

Meet Reba McEntire

4. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 40 minutes. Serves 8. Note: You will need an adult's help with this recipe.



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

Anthony: Why aren't elephants allowed on the beach?

William: They can't keep their trunks up!

Words and names that remind us of Oklahoma are hidden in the block

below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally and some words are used twice. See if you can find: SOONER, STATE, BUFFALO, NATIVE, AMERICANS, OIL, DERRICK, FIDDLE, SEQUOYAH, WILL, ROGERS, HORSES, FEED, LOT, GRASSES, WHEAT, MESA, TEARS, CATTLE, PRAIRIES, COWBOYS, FARMLAND, FORESTS, TRAIL.

Mini Spy is at a wildlife refuge in Oklahoma. See if you

can find: • ice-cream cone • word MINI • pig's face

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Diane: Why was the elephant so tired? Cecilia: His trunk was really heavy to carry all day!

George: What do you get if you cross an elephant with a Boy Scout? Karen: An elephant that walks old ladies across the street!

Mini Spy ...

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than any other state.

A copy of the Declaration of Independence, signed by Benjamin Franklin,

is at the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa. The museum has the world's largest collection of artifacts about the American West.

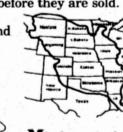
Journalists Bill Moyers and Paul Harvey are native Oklahomans. K5

Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico and

Colorado are the states that border Oklahoma

fatten them up before they are sold.

Oklahoma land was part of the Louisiana Purchase.



Feed Lots are

enclosed areas

where ranchers

put cattle to

Mistletoe is the tate floral emblem.

The National owboy and Western Heritage Museum is in Oklahoma City. The displays include an old pioneer town

and Indian village. Oklahoma comes from two Choctaw Indian words. "Okla,"

means "people" and "humma" means "red." The world's largest

Pentaceratops skull, at 101/2 feet, is in the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman.

MesQuite and sagebrush are plants found on the prairie.

the blood of the American Indian men, women and children who traveled the "Trail of Tears" in the 1830s.

> Cherokee warrior, invented the 1809. It was adopted by the Cherokee

The Trail of Tears was a journey to Oklahoma that the Five Civilized Tribes from the southeast U.S. were forced to take in the 1830s. These tribes had lived among whites for a long time and learned many of their customs. Thousands died along the journey.



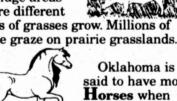
Reba McEntire, 50, doesn't take her career as an actress and country music singer lightly. She puts her heart into whatever she does. Reba took a four-year break from singing to become an actress. She has been on Broadway and is the star of her own TV show, "Reba." She thinks the role she plays is a lot like herself in real life. The writers gave her character moral values like the

ones she says she learned from her mom and dad. She has fun on the show. Reba's true love is singing country music. She made her first album in 1984. Her newest one is "Room to Breathe.

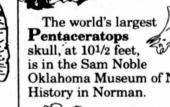
She made sure every song meant something special. When she recorded the song "My Sister," her older sister, Alice, cried. This redhead from Chockie, Okla., says she is successful because what's most important to her is sharing her heart

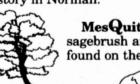
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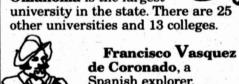


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Sequoyah, a Cherokee alphabet in

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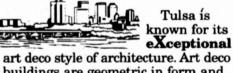
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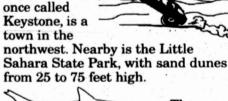
gold near the Cimarron River in 1541. The Wichita

Wildlife Refuge is one of the oldest national wildlife Tulsa is



known for its **eXceptional**

buildings are geometric in form and were popular in the 1920s and '30s. WaYnoka,



Oklahoma City Zoo has the Noble Aquatic Center. Visitors can see more than 500 aquatic

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