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# POPSRIFFIC!



POPS! — Above, fireworks light up the sky over Comanche Trail Park. At right, Big Spring Symphony and Chorus entertain the amphitheater's overflow crowd. At left, Marisol Savell, 4, dances with her uncle Steve Starr. Below, Mario Camero, left, Olga Olaya Solis, Lance Cpl. Adam Solis — a U.S. Marine who served for three months in Iraq — and Marine Pfc. Mark Ortega pose for a photo.

HERALD photos/Roger Cline and Lyndel Moody

## Thousands enjoy annual patriotic celebration here

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

The annual Pops in the Park concert and fireworks show began with a whisper of excitement and ended in a spectacular explosion as the Big Spring area lit up Thursday to celebrate the nation's Independence Day.

By nightfall, the amphitheater in Comanche Trail Park was overflowing with spectators eagerly anticipating the fireworks display.

Even more people were packed behind the newly

constructed vending area and thousands of others were camped out in the rest of the park.

Everywhere there was red, white and blue.

"Even with a broken foot, I still made it to the Pops in the Park," quipped Bradley Garrison, who propped his injured foot on a chair while camped out on the lawn area near the amphitheater.

Sizzling hamburgers cooked on an outdoor grill nearby where Garrison and his friends

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## Big Spring mom thrilled to have her Marine son home for Fourth of July

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

One very handsome young man was getting a lot of attention during the annual Pops in the Park concert and fireworks show.

Dressed in his military uniform, Lance Cpl. Adam Solis, a U.S. Marine in the First Marine Division, was visiting a plethora of friends vying for his attention at

"I'm am so happy and proud of him. I'm proud of all the soldiers over there."

Olga Olaya Solis

the annual celebration of the nation's independence day.

A 2002 Big Spring High

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## 'Pops' was only the beginning

Funtastic Fourth Festival, Freedom Parade to fill out a busy weekend

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

Thursday night's Pops in the Park set the mood for exciting patriotic activities, but don't put your red, white and blue away yet: There's still plenty to come.

Today marks the kickoff of the second annual Funtastic Fourth Festival. Sponsored by the Downtown Revitalization Association, this year's event offers two full days of good music, good food and lots of fun

for everyone.

The excitement in Heart of the City Park got rolling at 9 this morning, but there's still plenty of time to join in the party; it's going to be going strong until 9 tonight.

And even if you miss today's activities, you'll have another chance Saturday when the Funtastic Fourth Festival will once again be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The centerpiece of the festival

will be a Battle of the Bands which will feature three hours of music in each category each day, with Tejano kicking things off at 11 a.m., rock and roll picking up at 2 p.m. and country wrapping things up from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Ongoing gospel music will also be featured throughout each day of the festival.

Other activities and vendors hawking scrumptious carnival

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### TODAY

FUNTASTIC FOURTH FESTIVAL 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Downtown Big Spring.

### SATURDAY

FUNTASTIC FOURTH FESTIVAL 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Downtown Big Spring.

### COAHOMA FREEDOM PARADE

10 a.m., Parade route is Bulldog Stadium south on Broadway in Coahoma.

JULY 4 2003



# BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

## Obituaries

### Charlotte H. Waight

Funeral service for Charlotte H. Waight, 82, of Rogers will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 5, 2003, at First United Methodist Church in Toyah. Burial will be held at Toyah Cemetery.

Mrs. Waight died on Tuesday, July 1.

Born on Oct. 5, 1920, she attended Howard Payne College and earned a bachelor's of art degree in high school English and homemaking. She later obtained her master's degree in elementary education at Sul Ross University. She taught at the high school and elementary levels. She was a Title I reading teacher and became a school principal.

During her teaching years, she taught many of her siblings, her own children, grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws. She was very active in her children's extra-curricular activities as they grew up.

After retiring from teaching in May of 1989, Mrs. Waight was elected to serve as the Mayor for Toyah.

She was very active in the Rogers Methodist Church where she served as a layleader. She enjoyed any type of arts and crafts activities. She also served as a Girl Scout leader in Toyah.

Her first husband was George Lichnovsky. In 1995, she married Ruben Raymond Waight in Toyah. He preceded her in death in 1977.

Mrs. Waight is survived by her children, Frank Lichnovsky of Midland, Ray Waight of Big Spring, Donald Waight of Rogers, Charles Waight of Midland and Amelia Meadors of Big Spring; 22 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

### Tinnie Morehead

Tinnie Morehead, 63, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 3, 2003, at Covenant Medical Center Lakeside in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Antonia Domenica Bertone Enos Jones (Toni, Dolly) Bouchereau



Memorial mass for Antonia Domenica Bertone Enos Jones (Toni) Bouchereau is scheduled for 11 a.m., Monday, July 7, 2003, at St. Joseph Church, in Ashtabula, Ohio. Father Philip Miller will preside.

Mrs. Bouchereau died on June 2, 2003, while visiting her children, grandchildren, and friends in her hometown of Ashtabula, Ohio.

Born Dec. 6, 1937, in Oakdale, Calif., she was very involved with her children in school and in after school activities. She was in the PTA and a leader for seven years for Lake to River Girl Scouts. Also, she was active with her sons with the Boy Scouts.

After raising her children, she returned to Kent State College and studied criminology. She also worked outside the home at various jobs as well as in the home.

For the last 15 years, she was a homemaker and loved to do her artwork.

She is survived by her husband, Sean M. Bouchereau of Big Spring; children, David Enos, Chris Enos, Sherry Serrano, Lisa Carothers, all of Ashtabula, Ohio, Celeste Jones Bingham, Carol Quenga, David Jones, all of Big Spring, Bonnie Bennett of Ohio, Peggy Smith of Arizona and Judy Jones of Ohio; 32 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; half sister, Dianne Seaman; and half brother, Jonathan Diprinzo, both of Erie, Pa.; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family will receive friends after the memorial mass Monday, July 7, at the St. Joseph Church Murphy Center. There will be a memorial service in Big Spring at a later date.

Donations can be made to the family.

Zaback-Ducro Funeral Home of Ashtabula, Ohio, are handling arrangements.

## Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Light winds.

Saturday...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs near 90. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70.

Sunday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Monday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the lower 90s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the lower 90s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the mid 90s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs in the mid 90s.

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## Police blotter

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

- **DOUGLAS BAILEY JR.**, 35, of Big Spring was arrested Thursday on four local traffic warrants.

- **DOYLE MIEARS**, 29, of 807 Johnson was arrested Thursday on a parole warrant.

- **JAMES TUBBS**, 24, of 101 Airbase Road was arrested Thursday on charges of disorderly conduct and hindering a police officer.

- **KATHERINE SKAGGS**, 32, of 3304 W. Highway 80 No. 27 was arrested Thursday to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

- **JAZMAINE VANDERBILT**, 18, of 1502 Lincoln was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving with a suspended license and on a warrant for expired drivers' license.

- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1900 block of South Scurry Street.

- **CRIMINAL TRESPASSING - HABITATION OR SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 1600 block of East Sixth Street. \$100 damage was reportedly inflicted on the structure.

- **CRIMINAL TRESPASSING** was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln Street. \$48 damage was reported in connection with the incident.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 400 block of West Seventh Street, the 2900 block of West Highway 80 and the 1200 block of Lloyd Avenue.

- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 400 block of South Gregg Street, the 3200 block of Parkway Street and the 2600 block of South Gregg Street.

- **FIREWORKS** were reported in the 1200 block of Austin Street, the 800 block of Lorilla Street, the 2600 block of Carleton Drive, the 2600 block of Dow Drive, the 1600 block of Mesquite Street, the 1200 block of Sycamore Street, the 1200 block of Lamar Avenue, the 700 block of East 15th Street and the 100 block of Sycamore Street.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported: - In the 100 block of East 10th Street. \$160 cash, merchandise worth \$34.95 and drugs or narcotics were reported stolen.

- In the 1400 block of East Sixth Street. \$100 damage was reportedly inflicted on the structure. Alcohol worth \$131, computer hardware and software worth \$2,700, firearms worth \$500, jewelry worth \$335, \$310 cash and other items worth \$15 were reported stolen.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported: - Twice in the 1700 block of Purdue Avenue. In the first incident, home electronic entertainment equipment worth \$2,040 was reported stolen from a green 1998 Ford. The vehicle reportedly sustained \$500 damage in the incident. In the second burglary, home electronic entertainment equipment worth \$350 was reported stolen from a tan 2001 Chevrolet.

- In the 1900 block of Morrison Drive. Items worth \$200 were reported stolen from a green 1998 Chevrolet. The vehicle reportedly sustained \$1,000 damage.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported: - In the 1900 block of Runnels. A maroon 2000 Kia reportedly sustained \$1,200 damage.

- In the 1800 block of South Owens Street. \$30 damage was reported in the incident.

- **THEFT** was reported: - In the 100 block of Whipkey. Merchandise worth \$36 was reported stolen.

- In the 2600 block of South Gregg Street. Consumable goods worth \$3.50 were reported stolen.

- **TAMPERING WITH A GOVERNMENT RECORD TO DEFRAUD OR HARM** was reported in the 1600 block of East Third Street. Police seized evidence in connection with the crime.

- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA TWO TO FOUR OUNCES** was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80. Drugs were seized in connection with the incident.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 10-15-24-28-33.  
Number matching five of five: 4.  
Prize per winner: \$13,588.  
Winning tickets sold in: Carrollton, Cuero, Galveston, Greenville.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-7-4

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### TODAY

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin Iron Inn., Highway 87.

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

Funtastic Fourth, downtown Big Spring.

Country & Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler. All area seniors are invited.

### SATURDAY

Freedom Parade, 10 a.m., Coahoma. The parade will begin at Bulldog Stadium and continue down Broadway.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Heritage Museum, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 510 Scurry.

Potton House, 1 p.m.-5 p.m., 200 Gregg St., a restored historical home. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Big Spring Squares, 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

### SUNDAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m., McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

### MONDAY

Sr. Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. People 50 years old and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

Evenings Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 Northwest Fourth St.

Encourager's Support Group (All widows and widowers are invited) Monday, July 7, 6 p.m. at La Posada Restaurant. Call 398-5522 for more information.

Encourager's Support Group (All widows and widowers are invited) Monday, July 21, 6 p.m., covered dish dinner, First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Runnels (enter through north door). Bring covered dish. Call 398-5522 for more information.

### TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dante class, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-1628.

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

Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 2 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Gospel singing, Kentwood Activity Center in Kentwood.

Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

Sheriff's Posse, 7 p.m. Clubhouse on Andrews Highway.

American Red Cross, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1600.

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

## Sheriff's report

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

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 100 block of Miller B Road.

- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the 176 mile marker on Interstate 20. The accident involved a jackknifed truck.

- **CRIMINAL TRESPASSING** was reported in person at the Sheriff's Office.

- **OVERDOSE** was reported in the 900 block of Angela Road.

- **PROWLER** was reported in the 500 block of South Main Street. Deputies discovered no prowler at the scene.

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## LIGHTS

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By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

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At the recent new representative cussed his experience and his "trial by fire



# LIGHTING UP THE SKY

## Guthals has been working his magic for six Pops now

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

John Guthals doesn't make the fireworks, but he makes the magic.

Thursday night, the sky over Comanche Trail Park erupted in a thunderstorm of fire, and Guthals, a pyrotechnics and special effects professional from San Angelo, was the one flipping the switches.

"If you've seen it before, it's about the same," he said Thursday afternoon before the show. "Hopefully a little better looking than last year. We're still putting a lot out. We've still got a lot of the candles to go."

This year's show included hundreds of separate shots, each with 35 different igniters. Listening to Guthals talk about his wares is like listening to a wizard talk about his spells.

"We've got 3/4 inch candles and we've got 'Happy Stars,' which are multi-shot boxes," he said. "Then green, red and purple candles, the two-inch

bore ones. Purple to green chrysanthemums then more blue stars then strobing thunders. These are 'Bee Mine' candles, then two inch artillery shells, more multi-shot boxes. 'Golden Croissants' and '150 Varieties.' We've got some assorted candles and I put a little finale in on that one."

The pyrotechnician said he enjoys putting a show together with the fireworks he's given by his company, Western Enterprises.

"They say, 'There's your stack, go!'" he said, displaying a list handwritten on yellow note paper. "You can see I've rewritten this thing four or five times since last night."

When the show gets started, Guthals sets off each cue manually, but each cue ignites several volleys in sequence.

"I have a box capable of 300 cues. I don't use that many, I think I'm only using 35 cues on this one," he said. "You push



Pyrotechnics expert John Guthals of San Angelo prepares effects for Thursday's spectacular Pops in the Park concert and fireworks show. Guthals has been running the Pops fireworks for six years.

a button and it ignites an electric squib. Some of this stuff, I might put two of these shot boxes together. When one's done, it burns over to the next one and ignites it."

To receive his pyrotechnics license, he had to

study and pass tests, Guthal said.

"You've got to be state licensed to do pyrotechnics operations," he said. "You pass a test. Usually the fire marshal's office gives them to you. It gets harder. I got my regular

pyrotechnics operator's license...I couldn't tell you how many years ago that was. But they came along and came out with one called 'special effects' and that one was harder."

Guthals has been handling the Pops in the Park

show for six years.

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Newly-elected U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer visits Big Spring City Hall Thursday to tell local voters "thank you" for their support in the 19th Congressional District race and runoff election. Following the appearance, Neugebauer enjoyed the town's annual Independence Day celebration, Pops in the Park.

# Neugebauer says 'thanks' to Howard County

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

Howard County's new congressman came to town Thursday to enjoy Pops in the Park and to say "thanks" to his local supporters.

Howard County voters' 2-1 support of Neugebauer over opponent Mike Conaway in the recent 19th Congressional District runoff made the difference in electing the Lubbock businessman to the post.

"I don't know if you remember, but the first time I announced (my intention to run for the position), and I announced here in Big Spring, I made a statement," he said during a reception in his honor at Big Spring City Hall Thursday. "I said that the people in Howard County would elect the next United States congressman. You just have to go back and look at the election results to see that that's true."

At the reception, the new representative discussed his swearing-in experience and some of his "trial by fire" of hav-

ing to jump right into the congressional session.

"(The day after the runoff) the Speaker's office called my campaign office and said, 'Congratulations, Mr. Neugebauer. We're planning to swear you in tomorrow at 10 a.m.," he said. "I said, 'Well, with all due respect, the secretary of state has not certified the election yet,' and they said, 'When do you think she's planning on doing that?' I said, 'Well, we've been told next Tuesday,' which Dana and I were kind of hop-

ing, because it would give us a little transition time. They said they'd pass that along to the Speaker. About 45 minutes later, the Secretary of State's Office called our campaign office and said, 'Guess what? We've just certified the election.'"

Neugebauer answered questions about his daily schedule and some of the legislation he's already had the opportunity to work and vote on.

Neugebauer took the stage briefly at Pops in the Park Thursday night to reiterate some of what

he told those gathered at city hall.

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School graduate, Solis served three months and three days in Iraq, where his unit reached the outskirts of Baghdad.

"This celebration means so much to me now because of him being over there and making it back, especially on this date," said his mother, Olga Solis.

Solis, who arrived in Big Spring on Tuesday, said he was glad to be home and was spending as much time as possible with loved ones.

"There is no place like home. It's good to be here with family and friends," said the 18-year-old.

Fellow Marine, Pfc. Mark Ortega of Big Spring was also at the celebration. Smartly dressed in his uniform, Ortega was just as busy as young Solis, talking with well-wishers, shaking hands, giving out hugs and visiting with friends.

The striking young man will soon finish his pre-

deployment leave and head out on a nine-month tour that may take him to the Horn of Africa or Iraq for five of those months.

For now, Big Spring residents enjoyed the company of their own hometown heroes.

Olga Solis said her son's visit home while the nation is celebrating the Fourth of July makes it a little sweeter.

"I'm am so happy and proud of him," she said. "I'm proud of all the soldiers over there."

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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News Editor

## OUR VIEWS

## Take a moment to reflect on what our freedom means

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

That's the American way, after all.

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

Some 225 years ago, our founding fathers gathered in Philadelphia to sign a document that became known as our nation's Declaration of Independence.

Men, women and children — persecuted in Europe and wanting more control over their respective lives — had come to the land we now know as the United States of America to start anew.

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

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

When we look at other nations, our system continues to stand the test of time.

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

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

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

God bless America.

## We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

• **ARTURO RIOS**, Texas Special Olympics Area 18 2003 Male Athlete of the Year and all of the other athletes and volunteers recognized at the Area 18 awards banquet last Saturday.

• **COMMUNITY AND COUNTY RESIDENTS FROM HOWARD AND MARTIN COUNTY**, who took the time to speak their minds — both pro and con — during redistricting hearings in Lubbock and San Angelo. We applaud your interest in the political system and your concern for the Crossroads area.

• **Wow! TO EVERYONE WHO MADE POPS IN THE PARK SO WONDERFUL AGAIN THIS YEAR**, and there were many. The Air National Guard Band of the Gulf Coast and the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus for outstanding music. The presenters: Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the Symphony, the city of Big Spring, KBST Radio, the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Herald for promoting the event and setting it up. And the major corporate sponsors: H-E-B, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Wells Fargo Bank, Alon USA and the Worthy Company, without whom the event would be financially impossible. Thanks also to the hard-working Fourth of July Foundation, local law enforcement, Wilderness Camp and city workers and the many others who toiled "outside the scene" to make it another great success. Finally, and most importantly, thanks to the many spectators who support this celebration so well with their smiles, their cheers and their donations. What a fantastic job, everyone!

## Understanding the evolution of man

Barbecue causes cancer.

So? What doesn't?

I don't mean to seem flip about this, but these environmental do-gooders really can be a pain, you know?

They advocate saving everything from field mice to the universe. The ground water is polluted, the air is a mess and the red-crested, diamond-back housefly is almost extinct.

If they had their way, we'd all put out our cigarettes and turn off the ignitions to our cars, pickups and lawnmowers. We wouldn't use pesticides, aerosols, garbage bags, balloons, glass or plastic. We'd quit producing oil, automobiles and spit cups.

Most of us would be broke and jobless, but some of us could find work putting diapers on cows. Cloth diapers, mind you. Not the throw-away kind. And God forbid you should eat the darn thing. The cow, I

mean. Well, I'm tired of all this environmentally safe nonsense. It's time somebody told it like it is.

What the environmentalists don't understand is the inevitable: Evolution. And these do-gooders are messing it up.

Look, would Mother Nature have invented AIDS, cancer and all these other horrible diseases if she didn't intend on using them? Of course not. That's silly.

People get certain diseases because that's the evolutionary process. It's simple. Millions of years ago, when man got tired of eating bat guano in caves, he ventured out to find some real food. Occasionally, man got himself eaten instead. It was just part of the process.

Check your history books. I'm right on this.

Back then, man was about like... well, about like man is today. He was messing up the atmosphere, creating more and more exotic materials, which in turn led to more and more exotic diseases.

Gradually, environmentalists talked man into giving up meat, then vegetables, for flavored paper and synthetics.

Eventually, man evolved to where he could tolerate all kinds of chemicals.

At that point, man's characteristics took on an appearance very similar to the early dinosaurs. In fact, your ancestors very well may have been tyrannosaurus. I myself, am positive I've met people who are from the lizard family.

Meanwhile, plants flourished, the air was clean, and animals — which could no longer eat each other — ran amok.

Well, dinosaurs obviously couldn't make synthetics, what with those pitiful little hands they had. And even if they did, they couldn't get enough to fill those big bodies.

So they died. No mystery to it.

And now, here we come again, full circle. We've got these do-gooder environmentalists yelling and screaming about pollution, global warming and three-toed tree frogs. Meanwhile, people are throwing good money away on so-called cures for diseases.

Let's be honest. Doctors don't cure anybody. It doesn't take a brain surgeon to figure out that

doctors can't make a living off of well people.

I don't want to sound like I'm forecasting doom. I just think we should let nature take its course... naturally. Bring on the sugar, the cholesterol, the fat. Smoke, smoke, smoke them cigarettes. Have a side order of sludge, a little industrial waste.

Oh sure, people will die. Psst, hey buddy, look out there. They die already. On the roads, plane crashes, train wrecks, in the bedrooms of jealous lovers. And yes, some will find their demise at the expense of one too many hamburgers.

But not everyone will die. And like laboratory rats, the ones who live will get stronger and stronger. Eventually, cancer and AIDS will run in the opposite direction.

So let's forget this nonsense. I say let's be real men. With real goals. Let's go smoke a big 'ol brisket.

Anybody got any lighter fluid?

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## People are the strength of our nation

I have done some pretty awful things in the name of journalism. I have rushed up to interview mothers who have lost children, husbands who have lost wives, families shattered by a variety of emotional and physical calamities.

All reporters do these things. We wear a protective cloak of professional indifference while we write the names and ages and addresses in our notebooks. The deed is done quickly and quickly forgotten.

But I am going to have a hard time forgetting a long, cinder-block corridor in a small Wisconsin town that led to a bare, large room where eight girls sat on folding chairs facing a television set.

No accident had befallen these girls. No one had died or gone to jail or been shot. What had happened to them, instead, is just about the worst thing that can happen to a person in this country.

They had failed. They had wanted to be Miss America, and now, they never would be.

I had spent three days in Oshkosh, Wis., talking to the girls entered in the Miss Wisconsin Pageant, the final step before Atlantic City, where the winner would meet fame, fortune and Bert Parks.

I had come to do a magazine article on the American Dream, and I saw the contestants go through endless hours of walking up and down a stage wearing evening gowns and bathing suits,

trying not to wobble on high heels while the same thoughts ran through their heads: "What if I trip? What if I faint? What if I throw up?"

Their workdays were 18 hours long. And wherever they went, they smiled.

But on the last night, the smiling stopped. The names of the finalists were read, and the eight losers ran offstage and were led to a room.

I walked past the door to that room three or four times before I could make myself go in. They swiveled on their chairs to look at me.

I had gotten to know them by the names of the Wisconsin towns they represented, and that is the way I think of them still.

Miss Watertown, who had the brightest smile and the cheeriest outlook during the contest, spoke one of the two thoughts that were dominating each of their minds.

"I just feel bad for my town," she said, fiddling with the hem of her gown. "I feel I let them down. I feel I let all the people down."

Miss Sheboygan, the girl I secretly had been rooting for, spoke the second thought. "I don't know how I will face the people who came here to see me," she said.

I wish I could have told them then what I feel now. That they had branded themselves as failures in a nation whose national religion is success. They were true dreamers of the American Dream, and now, they were paying for it. And it is ironic, considering our nation's history, that this should be true.

America was a country founded by failures who could not get along in the Old World and who came to a wilderness because there was simply no place else to go.

America was a country settled by failures — pioneers who could not adjust to the crowded life of the Eastern Seaboard and who went West because there was no place else for them.

America was a country built by failures — men and women who never attained the dream of owning their own business and being their own boss. Men and women whose lives were ruled by the alarm clock in the morning and the factory whistle in the evening.

Years and years of history books have taught us that America was shaped by the great deeds of great men and women. It was not. America was shaped by the great deeds of ordinary men and women.

On the Fourth of July, 1969, at the height of the Vietnam War, I refused to stand up for the playing of the national anthem.

I didn't know then what I have learned since. That America always has been better than its government, that its people have always been more decent than their presidents, and that the strength and greatness of this nation lies in them, the men and women who are not great and who never will be.

So on this Fourth of July — for Miss Watertown and Miss Sheboygan and for all the other glorious failures who have made and sustained this country — on this day, I stand for them.

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## Miracle Reviv Center

Salute to American children's patriotism under the direction of Sherry Taylor, wife, will be held the Sunday 10:30 service. Everyone invited to this program featuring special songs. Miracle Reviv Center is located E. FM 700.

The Women's Ministry will be having its 1st meeting Monday p.m. at the church.

Ramona Castill ordained minister nationally from Montana residing locally. She has seen and experienced the faithfulness of Lord throughout her life. She ministers to hearts of women and in the gifts of spirit.

All women are invited. For more information call the office at 263-7714.

Youth Ablaze!, church's youth group will hold Xtreme Summer Fest from until about 8 p.m. Saturday, July 12. Event will include inflatable interaction games with fun, food and entertainment all day. A contest featuring the grand prize will also be held. Funds from the event will go toward a youth center.

## Big Spring Downtown Lions Club

Big Spring Downtown Lions Club held installation banquet at Gale's Sweet Shop June 26.

In attendance were spouses and family members and Big Spring Downtown Lions Club Past District Governor Jim Lemons and granddaughter.

## Driver's License

## HERALD Staff R

The Spring City Center and Association of Persons have sponsored a driver safety course — 55 Ali is inviting seniors to participate.

The course will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday and July 10-11. A luncheon is included.

The program is being sponsored as a refreshment for drivers aged 55 and older. It will be a trained volunteer in addition to the rules of the road. Discuss how to stay safe on the road.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Miracle Revival Center

Salute to America, a children's patriotic program under the direction of Sherry Taylor, pastor's wife, will be held during the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service. Everyone is invited to this program featuring special patriotic songs. Miracle Revival Center is located at 600 E. FM 700.

The Women's Ministry will be having its monthly meeting Monday, at 7 p.m. at the church.

Ramona Castillo is an ordained minister, originally from Montana, now residing locally. Ramona has seen and experienced the faithfulness of the Lord throughout her life. She ministers to the hearts of women in word and in the gifts of the spirit.

All women are cordially invited. For more information call the church office at 263-7714.

Youth Ablaze!, the church's youth group, will hold Xtreme Summer Fest from noon until about 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 12. The event will include eight inflatable interactive games with fun, competition, food and entertainment all day. A concert featuring the group Paid in Full will also be held. Funds from the event will go toward a new youth center.

## First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church family wishes all of you a safe and happy Fourth of July. In the absence of our pastor, who is attending Missionfuge in St. Louis, Mo., with our youth, we are honored to have Dr. David Kimberly, director of the Big Spring/Lamesa Baptist Association, preach for us on Sunday, at both our 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. services. Also, Joe Whitten and His Children will sing during the 6 p.m. worship service.

For information concerning any of the programs of our church call 267-8223.

## First Christian Church

The members of First Christian Church will be hosting Joe Whitten and his Prison Ministries on Sunday, during the regular worship service. Mr. Whitten will present His Children in concert for 2003. Please come for Bible study classes at 9:45 and stay for the worship service at 10:50 a.m. You will experience something beyond the norm. Come join our Prayer Warriors group at 6 p.m. for God's prayer service.

The Fifth Sunday Singspiration on April 29 was a huge success. Several denominations participated in the singing and the fellow-

ship after the program was well attended. We hope to start a new tradition in town with the Fifth Sunday Singspiration. Contact us before the next Fifth Sunday, which occurs in August on Labor Day, if your congregation wishes to host the program.

If you have no permanent church home, please come and worship with us. We would be delighted to have you, because we are a church who "loves folks." God Bless.

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

A blessed Fourth of July holiday to all:

"O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea."

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for patriot dream that see beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with

brotherhood from sea to shining sea."

Join us on Sunday for worship at 8 a.m. and Bible study for all ages at 9:30 a.m. The mission of St Paul Lutheran Church is "to serve Jesus Christ in word and deed, through the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the love of God so that everyone may have eternal life."

## Friends of Unity

Friends of Unity meet at 2 p.m. on Sunday and 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday at their center in the East Boxcar at the Railroad Plaza. All are welcome.

## Midway Baptist Church

This week hear Bro. Jim Binnix continue his series of messages, "For the Hurting People." This week's title is "A Healing Touch," from Acts 3:1-8.

Join the youth group as they study God's word each Wednesday night. This coming week we will be covering "CSI, uncovering the truth of God's word." Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Midway Baptist Church is located at 6200 S. Service Road, just east of the refinery. If you have any questions please feel free to call us at 263-6274. Sunday School is at 9:45 and worship is at 11.

We look forward to seeing you this week.

## First Assembly of God

The Coble Family will be ministering in concert this Sunday in the evening service at 6.

Southern Gospel has been blessed with many family groups throughout its history. The Cobles like many others, work together in ministry and harmony to make their performance something to be remembered.

The group is made of Paul Coble — who sings baritone and plays the piano, bass guitar and rhythm guitar — his wife, Rhonda and their two children, Lucy and Christa.

S.G.M.A. of Texas nominated the Coble Family as group of the year in 2002 and Paul and Rhonda as male and female vocalists of the year.

Playing several instruments, the family uses all live music, producing an exciting evening of

gospel entertainment.

You are invited to hear them Sunday at First Assembly, located at Fourth and Lancaster.

## First Presbyterian Church

"Justice Rolls Down" will be the sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. Fane Downs on Sunday.

Sunday school begins at 9:45. Social time with refreshments will be in the parlor at 10:30 and worship will be at 11 a.m.

The worship service will also broadcast on KBST-95 FM from 11 until noon. For the benefit of all shut-ins.

Sunday is Communion Sunday. Also there will be a short farewell get-together after the service in the parlor, as Sunday will be the last time we will hear Dr. Downs for awhile. Everyone is welcome at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels.

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# CLUB NEWS

## Big Spring Downtown Lions Club

Big Spring Downtown Lions Club held its 74th installation banquet at Gale's Sweet Shop on June 26.

In attendance were spouses and families of members and Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, Past District Governor Jim Lemons and his granddaughter.

PDG Lemons installed officers for the year of 2003-2004: President Jan Hansen, First Vice President Tim Blackshear, Second Vice President Jimmy Newsom, Third Vice President Judy Plumlee, Secretary and Treasurer Guy Teague, Past President Johnny Earp, Lion Tamer Bob Madigan, Tail Twisters Tom Arcand and Ted

Franklin, 2-year Directors Cleata Britton and Ed Roberts, and 1-year Directors Sam Myers and Franklin Weber.

President Earp exchanged the lapel pin by placing the president pin on Jan Hansen's lapel and Hansen placed the past president pin on Earp's lapel and presented Earp with the president's plaque.

Herald classifieds get results! Call 263-7331



## Driver safety course offered

### HERALD Staff Report

The Spring City Senior Center and American Association of Retired Persons have scheduled a driver safety program course — 55 Alive — and is inviting seniors to participate.

The course will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, July 10-11. A lunch break is included.

The program was developed as a refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. It will be taught by a trained volunteer. In addition to reviewing rules of the road, it will discuss how to compensate for age-related

declines in physical and perceptual ability.

Those who attend both days will receive a certificate good for an automo-

bile insurance discount. There is a \$10 fee for materials. To enroll, call the Senior Center at 267-1628.

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# All the music in just one box

By JOHN MORAN  
The Hartford Courant

Look around my den, and you won't see a single audio CD.

The hundreds of CD "jewel boxes" that once lined the shelves are now sealed in plastic bins and stored in the basement.

How do I listen to music, you ask? Easy. I play the giant jukebox in my computer.

Earlier this year, I copied all the music from my audio CDs onto my computer's hard drive. Now any song in the collection — and there are thousands — is within reach of a mouse.

In a moment, I'll tell you exactly how this happened. But first, here's why you might consider doing the same:

With talk of digital music focusing on downloads, copyright issues, piracy and commercial MP3 sites, it's easy to forget that the most convenient sources of digital tunes are the CDs you already own.

No downloading hassles there, no questions of ownership. You bought and paid for those audio CDs. If you want to copy that music onto your computer, who's to say you can't?

With that in mind, I set about converting my audio collection to compressed MP3 song files and saving them to my hard drive.

For me, Step 1 was to get a new hard drive. Even compressed MP3 files are big, and I wanted plenty of space to store them. Luckily, the price of hard drive space has plunged to \$1 per gigabyte (on sale and after rebate). I added 80 gigabytes for this project.

Step 2 was converting the audio CDs to MP3 song files.

For that, I chose a software program called MusicMatch Jukebox, which is free to download and \$20 to register (www.musicmatch.com). MusicMatch copies, or

"rips," the song files from audio CDs and compresses them into smaller MP3 files. (When you're done, the software also helps organize and play the MP3 songs.)

During the conversion and shrinking process, some musical detail is

would notice a difference, but mine couldn't.

Step 3 involved the real work in this project: ripping the CD collection, disc by disc, onto the hard drive.

Here, MusicMatch Jukebox was indispensable. Whenever I placed

ably with low-end stereos. But because I've got a fairly good stereo, I shelled out \$50 for the Xitel HiFi link (www.xitel.com).

The "link" consists of a digital-to-audio converter about the size of a tube of toothpaste, along with a 30-foot-long stereo cord. Plug one end into your computer's USB port, plug the other into your stereo, and you're done.

Using the Xitel HiFi link, my PC acts just like any other stereo component. Play MP3 files or online music streams, and it comes right out of the stereo speakers.

So there you have it: a completely digitized music collection for a total of \$150. (That's \$80 for the hard drive, \$20 for MusicMatch Jukebox and \$50 for the Xitel HiFi link.)

The changes this new arrangement has made in my listening habits are extraordinary.

For starters, I'm listening to a lot more music. The sheer convenience of finding and selecting songs entices me to listen more often than when I had to swap CDs every 40 minutes or so. Even better, I can easily find what I'm looking for by searching through or sorting the music by song title, artist, album, musical genre and more.

As a result, I'm more adventurous in my listening. Instead of turning to only favorites again and again, I'm spending more time exploring the odd corners of my collection. When I hear something I don't like, changing my mind — and changing the music — is a snap.

For fun, I've also been creating "playlists" of various songs. One is filled with quiet songs for morning listening. Another is hard-rock songs for weekend evenings. A third is for favorite classical selections. A fourth is for sad country songs.

As a group, these playlists are roughly akin to the "party tapes" we used to make by copying songs from LP records onto cassette tapes. But with playlists, you can randomize the song selection, so you don't get the same tunes in the same order again and again.

The size of the collection is quite tolerable. If you use the same 256kpbs bitrate that I did, figure on 10 gigabytes of data per 100 audio CDs. My whole music library has taken up only 40 of the 80 gigabytes on my new hard drive, leaving plenty of room for growth.

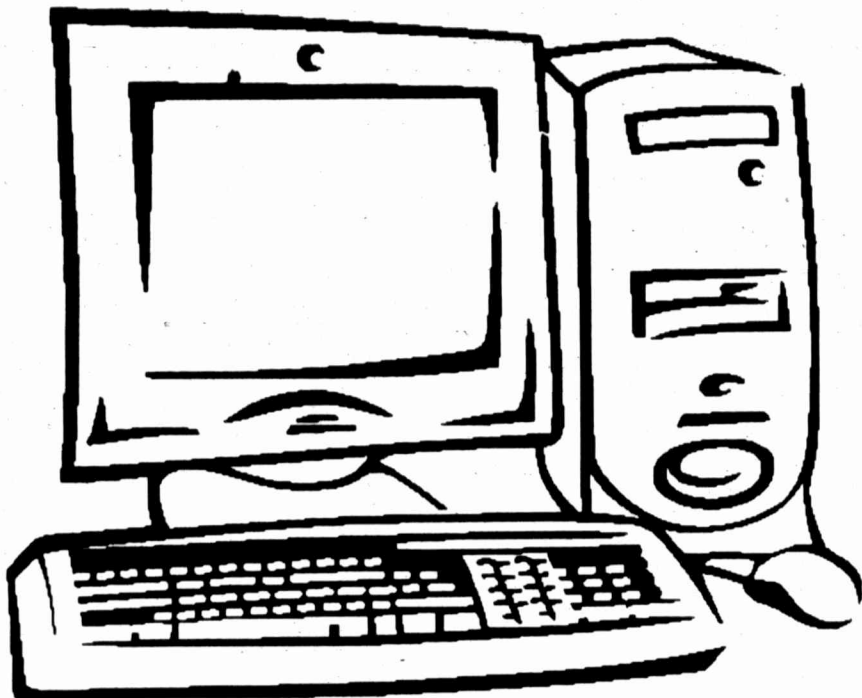
There are a couple of downsides to music on PC. Because my computer is in the same room with my stereo, it makes noise that interferes with serious listening. I also worry about hard drive

crashes. (I still have the original discs for backup, but I'd hate the chore of ripping them a second time.)

Still, my computerized music collection is far more useful than audio CDs. Not only am I listening to more music, I'm buying more CDs.

That just underscores the massive mistake that the music industry is making by blocking the route to digital song files. When consumers can better control their music, they want more of it.

You can, of course, easily see where this is heading. Start with the music collection. Add the photo collection. Then the home movies and the recorded TV programming. Soon enough, your personal computer has become a media server dishing up sound and pictures on command.



You can put together a completely digitalized musical collection for \$150.

lost. Exactly how small those MP3 files get depends on how much sonic detail you're willing to sacrifice. It's like a digital picture: The smaller the file, the less detail the picture has.

I puzzled for some time over the question of how small to make the song files. I wanted my MP3s to sound good, but I didn't want them to be unnecessarily large.

MusicMatch offers several MP3 "bitrates," a term that defines how detailed the recorded MP3 will be. One bitrate is described as "FM radio quality," another as "near CD quality" and another as "CD quality."

I went one step better than "CD quality" by settling on a bitrate of 256 kilobits per second (kpbs) — not the very highest available, but close.

So how good is it? Plenty. In multiple tests, I could not tell the MP3 song from the actual CD. And I have a pretty good stereo system, too.

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an audio CD in my CD-ROM drive for copying, the software reached out across the Internet to identify the disc and download the album, artist and song titles. (About one in 50 discs went unrecognized; I had to manually type the information for those.)

Copying each audio CD to the hard drive took about 5 minutes. I knocked off a dozen an hour, on average — typically while watching TV or surfing the Net.

Even so, there were hundreds of CDs to contend with. The ripping process got tedious at times, but I kept at it. My goal was to get through one letter of the alphabet each day (my music collection was alphabetized). In about three weeks, the whole job was done.

The fourth and final step was getting the music from the computer to the stereo system.

You could skip this step. Today's PC sound systems compare favor-

## Google adds pop-up ad zapper, auto-fill tab

THE WASHINGTON POST

Internet search star Google keeps adding the darnedest tools. The latest include a pop-up-ad zapper, an auto-fill tab for quickly filling out Web forms and a "blog this" button for automatically posting a note to a Web log about whatever Web page you're visiting.

Google added all three last week to its tool bar, a free program that adds a skinny strip of useful buttons across the top of Microsoft's Internet Explorer Web browser.

Google's Toolbar 2.0, available in trial form (toolbar.google.com/index-beta.php), also continues to offer the original toolbar's features — the

important one being an always-accessible Google search box.

Google's new ad zapper is quite elaborate. The company claims it will stop most pop-up ads from being displayed and signal when they are being blocked by changing the appearance of your cursor briefly and altering the appearance of the ad-blocking button. Moreover, the tool lets you add sites whose pop-up ads you want to see to a "white list" of sites that the blocker won't thwart.

The new auto-fill function lets you store your name, address and credit card information and choose when you want it automatically entered in Web forms. And the "blog

this" button is the result of Google's acquisition a few months ago of Blogger, a tool for creating Web logs ("blogs" for short). Blog authors typically link to material others have written around the Web and add their own commentary. The "blog this" button automatically copies any text you have highlighted on a

Web page to your blog, along with a link to the page where it originated. It requires the user to have an account at Blogger.com.

Google's tool bar works only with Internet Explorer 5.0 or newer for Windows. Free to users, it's designed to drive additional search traffic to Google.

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**NEWS**

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Fireworks warehouse explodes**

**KILGORE (AP)** — Federal explosives agents and East Texas firefighters searched early Friday for three fireworks company employees who were missing after a series of explosions shattered their warehouse, injuring several other employees and damaging or destroying houses and vehicles in the neighborhood.

The blasts destroyed about half of Lamb Entertainment's large metal warehouse, knocking fireworks and other debris several blocks away. Flames from the explosions burned pickup trucks. The cab of a tractor-trailer rig near the warehouse was gutted.

Gregg County Sheriff Maxey Cerliano said five homes in the neighborhood east of the warehouse were damaged or destroyed, with their occupants evacuated to an area hotel.

"The scene is pretty devastating," he said. Thousands of pounds of fireworks inside the warehouse and packed in the tractor-trailer rig exploded, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said. Employees were preparing 12 commercial fireworks shows scheduled for Friday, including one in Kilgore, when the blasts began at about 5 p.m. Thursday.

**Deputy shot in gun battle with motorist**

**LUFKIN (AP)** — An East Texas sheriff's deputy was wounded and a motorist died in a gun battle during a traffic stop when a law officer's gun was seized.

Angelina County Deputy Joey Davidson was in fair condition Friday at an area hospital with a gunshot wound in the "knee area," said Sheriff Kent Henson.

He said Davidson stopped a motorist on Loop 287 East, backed up by another deputy. Davidson was interviewing the vehicle's driver alongside the road, across from the First Church of the Nazarene. A struggle ensued and the man "pulled one of the deputies' guns," the sheriff said.

He said the man shot Davidson in the leg and the deputy returned fire about 10:30 p.m. Thursday.

The motorist, who had not been identified early Friday, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace R.G. Bowers.

**Court rejects fight over billboard**

**AUSTIN (AP)** — A West Texas lawyer who posted a billboard urging motorists to "just say no" to police searches in the 1990s lost his constitutional battle over free speech Thursday in the state Supreme Court.

The court's 6-3 ruling rejected Pat Barber's claims that a state law that prohibited the sign violated his First Amendment rights to political speech. The Texas Highway Beautification Act is "content neu-

trition on sign placed on Supreme Court. particularly on our constitutional rights. In 1997 when he signed on his property next to County. It read "Just Say No" and a phone number led callers to a website urging motorists to refuse to pay tolls on their cars during routine traffic stops.

**Ohio woman accused of helping New York truck driver transport a trailer load of illegal immigrants inland from the border — resulting in the deaths of 19 people from hyperthermia and asphyxia — pleaded innocent Thursday.**

"It's a shame she's being charged when she should be treated as a witness," newly appointed defense attorney Stanley Schneider said after an arraignment hearing for Fatima Holloway, in which the 28-year-old Cleveland-area woman pleaded innocent. According to federal investigators, video surveillance tapes from the Victoria truck stop where the trailer was abandoned on May 14 show Holloway buying bottled water. One of the 50-plus surviving immigrants told authorities the group was picked up by a man and woman who later opened trailer doors and handed the dehydrated passengers water.

Authorities believe 32-year-old Tyrone Williams, of Schenectady, N.Y., and Holloway panicked when they realized the dire straits of their human cargo, disconnected the trailer and headed to Houston. Medical workers told authorities they saw Holloway with Williams when he arrived at a southwest Houston hospital, but she fled before authorities arrived to question him. She turned herself into authorities at Cleveland.

**Central Texas still recovering from flood**

**NEW BRAUNFELS (AP)** — This time last year, Keith Plambeck was scrambling to let the air out of dozens of inner tubes before his Guadalupe River floating operation got smashed by a wall of flood water from Canyon Lake. Now, he's hoping 2003 brings out enough tourists to keep his struggling business afloat.

"It's been pretty promising," said Plambeck, a Dallas businessman who bought into the tubing operation just two months before the flood. "Whenever it's sunny and in the mid-90s, big crowds have been coming out." A massive volume of water tore down the Guadalupe's narrow canyon in early July 2002, leveling houses, uprooting trees and washing out bridges.

**POPS**

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visited. Several feet away, Ector and Nancy Guerra, their family and friends settled in to watch the fireworks. The couple enjoy the celebration so much each year they spend all day in the park.

"It a great family get-together," Ector said. One thing did tear the couple away from the campout, if only for a few minutes — pineapple drinks.

The delicious concoctions were served in a hollowed-out pineapple and were being sold by Lobos, a regular vendor at the celebration.

Lobos member Audrey Brown said the business has been coming to the event since its inception and she was impressed by the upgraded vending area.

"I think it's one the nicest setups we've ever been to," Brown said. Tim Blackshear, the Pops in the Park chairman, said the investment in creating the vending area and restroom building was a worthwhile endeavor.

"This amphitheater is set up and ready for concert series or whatever

anyone wants to do out here now," Blackshear said. "The setting is beautiful. Its unparalleled in West Texas."

Performances by the Air National Guard Band of the Gulf Coast jazz ensemble and concert bands warmed up the crowd for the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus, which took stage after 8:30 p.m.

Midland Mayor Mike Cannon and newly-elected U.S. 19th District Rep. Randy Neugebauer spoke briefly before the main concert began.

"You all are so fortunate to have this in this community," Neugebauer said. "This precious democracy did not come cheap. Men and women in the past have paid a precious price for the opportunity for Randy Neugebauer to be your United States congressman and I am humbled by that."

"We have many people in the audience tonight that have fought to defend freedom. We have family members whose loved ones are over defending freedoms at this very moment and we should remember them."

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**FESTIVAL**

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fare, arts and crafts and other items will also crowd the downtown area.

If a parade's your thing, check out Coahoma's Freedom Parade at 10 a.m. Saturday. The deep-rooted community event

will begin at Bulldog Stadium in Coahoma and head down Broadway. Anyone interested in participating in the event can show up at the stadium by 9 a.m. to get a spot.

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### IN BRIEF

**Crossroads cheer, football sign-ups**  
Registration for the 2003 Crossroads Little Football League football and cheerleading squads is now under way at the Big Spring Mall.  
Registration for cheerleaders continues through 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.

**July 4th tournament slated for Coahoma**  
The annual Coahoma Fourth of July Ragball Tournament will be held at the Coahoma Softball Park, beginning at 5 p.m. today.  
For more information, please call Laura Martin at 466-1950.

**Booster Club golf tournament slated**  
The second annual Big Spring Steers Football Booster Club Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, July 12, at the Big Spring Country Club.  
The four-man scramble will have teams consisting of three players paired with a Steers coach or player.  
Former Steers standout and current Green Bay Packers tight end Bubba Franks will make a guest appearance.  
The tournament is set for an 8 a.m. shotgun start.  
Entry fee is \$65 per person and includes cart rental and a meal.  
To enter or receive more information, call 264-6600.

**Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp set**  
The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp will be held July 23-26 at Steer Gym.  
Registration forms are available at Athletic Supply and at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.  
Camp times for players in the seventh through ninth grades will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Players in grades 10-12 will attend from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
The cost is \$85 per camper.  
For more information, call 263-4847.

**YMCA instructional class registration**  
Registration is under way for instructional classes that begin the week of July 7 at the YMCA.  
The classes include swim lessons, gymnastics classes, tennis lessons and martial arts classes.  
For more information, call the YMCA office at 267-8234.

**All Americas Open slated for July 23**  
The inaugural All Americas Open, an 18-hole golf tournament, will be held July 23 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

## Rangers post 6-5 win to split series with Angels

By KEN PETERS  
AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Tony Mounce's first major league victory was particularly special.  
Mounce, a 28-year-old rookie who thought elbow surgery might end his career two years ago, pitched 5 1-3 innings Thursday night as the Texas Rangers beat the Anaheim Angels 6-5.  
"It's a huge milestone, super exciting. It's as exciting as when I got called up. It's overwhelming to beat the Angels, the world champions," said Mounce, who spent a decade in the minors before being called up from Triple-A Oklahoma on June 13.  
"When I missed 1 1/2 seasons, I was concerned I would never pitch again. But I was mentally strong enough for the challenge," he said.  
Mounce (1-2) gave up three

runs on six hits and struck out two. He had walked a total of 14 in his four previous starts, but walked none against the Angels.  
"I decided to challenge the hitters. I'd rather give them a knock than give them a walk," he said. "(Pitching coach) Orel Hershiser told me to stand taller and drive the ball down."  
Angels manager Mike Scioscia was impressed.  
"For a guy who had been walking a lot of guys, he pitched well, changed speeds very well," Scioscia said.  
Hank Blalock hit a pair of solo homers and doubled as the Rangers earned a split of their four-game series in Anaheim. He homered off Kevin Appier in the first inning and against Scot Shields in the sixth, his 14th homer and first career multi-homer game.  
"It's a big deal. I do not consider myself a home run hitter,"

Blalock said. "It's pretty rare — and to do it in a close game where it makes a difference."  
Appier (6-5) lost his 10th straight decision to the Rangers dating back to May 23, 1996, when he was with Kansas City. He gave up five runs on six hits in 2 2-3 innings, walking two and hitting a batter with a pitch.  
"They had their way with me, as they have a lot over the last few years," said Appier, who is 7-17 in 32 career starts against the Rangers. "I made a bad pitch to Blalock in the first inning. Then in the third, they hit some pretty good pitches. They can do that."  
"I've been trying stuff against them. Maybe next time I'll throw a knuckleball or something."  
Trailing 6-3, the Angels closed within a run in the seventh on Bengie Molina's leadoff homer, his eighth, against Rosman Garcia, and pinch-hitter Jeff DaVanon's RBI double.

Francisco Cordero came in to get the final out of the seventh and pitched a hitless eighth. Ugueth Urbina struck out two in a perfect ninth for his AL-leading 23rd save in 27 chances.  
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Notes: Rangers pitcher Jeff Zimmerman, on the disabled list all season following elbow surgery last summer, cut his simulated game short after feeling soreness in his right forearm. Zimmerman threw 23 pitches and stopped after facing two batters in the second inning. The soreness was not thought to be related to his elbow surgery, and he will be re-evaluated before throwing again. ... Anaheim pitcher Mickey Callaway, on the disabled list since June 6 with tendinitis in his shoulder, hopefully will be back on the mound for the Angels within a month, Scioscia said, adding, "He's on our radar."

## GROWING UP

### Garden City hoping experience, depth mean more wins in 2003

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The 2002 high school football season is one the Garden City Bearkats would just as soon put behind them.  
And who could blame them? For a team that had won 14 games in the previous two years, a 1-9 campaign that included a last place finish in the District 7-A standings isn't something the Bearkats expect to want.  
Garden City will be looking to erase the sour memories of a year ago beginning in August when they take to the field with a more experienced lineup and the desire to return to their winning ways. The Bearkats head into two-a-day workouts with 15 starters back from last fall.  
Unfortunately for Garden City fans, Wade Wesley's third year at the helm of the Bearkats didn't draw a favorable review from pre-season pollsters. The Bearkats are predicted to finish last in the district standings again this fall, according to Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine.  
The magazine, citing the team's dependence on young players in a tough district, picked McCamey, Wink, Iraan and Rankin to finish ahead of the Bearkats — whose only win last year came in a 7-6 thriller against Sterling City. The 2003 issue of the magazine hit newsstands in late June.  
Despite the pre-season rankings, the Bearkats are one of the more experience laden teams in the district. Garden City brings back seven starters on the offensive side of the ball and eight on the defensive side.

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Returning to key the Bearkat offense this season will be quarterbacks Travis Coats and Colby Hirt. Coats can also play wide receiver. Running back Trey Hillger also returns and should



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expect a heavier workload this fall as Garden City graduated its top rusher Brian Hillger in May.  
Other players who could make an impact include tight end Blake Chudej and offensive linemen Cory Multer, Tim Schniers and Wade Machicek. The four should form the core of a big offensive

line as each check in at better than 6-feet and 215 pounds.  
Chudej should also give the Bearkats a big offensive target when they need to pass. An honorable mention all-district pick last fall, he enters his senior year at 6-foot-7 and 240 pounds.  
Defensively, Garden City will be led by Todd Weishuhn, a junior defensive back that earned all-district praise in 2002.  
Joining Weishuhn in returning on the defensive side will be Chudej, Multer, Hillger, defensive back Robert Lopez, Machicek and Schniers.  
The McCamey Badgers, despite losing all-world running back Rigo Juarez, head into the upcoming year as the odds-on favorite to claim the district championship. The Badgers welcome back seven starters from last year's team that advanced to the area round of the playoffs.  
Wink, which did not qualify for the playoffs a year ago despite posting an 8-2 record, should also make a run at the 7-A crown. The Wildcats head into the summer with nine starters due back on offense, including speedy running back Gizmo Ruiz.  
Wink has eight letterwinners returning defensively.  
Iraan, which lost head coach Randy Doege to Crane in the off-season, is predicted to finish third, just ahead of the Rankin Red Devils. Iraan, a stater quarterfinalist last year, has just four starters coming back from a 12-1 team that was ranked No. 1 in the state for much of the year.  
Rankin has four players returning on each side of the line from last year's 4-6 campaign.

## Astros thump Brewers

HOUSTON (AP) — Geoff Blum found his hitting stroke at second base.  
Blum, 8-for-19 since moving from third base to second to replace the injured Jeff Kent, hit a three-run homer to help the Houston Astros beat Milwaukee 7-3 on Thursday night.  
"Playing second base has helped me relax and taken my mind off hitting," Blum said.  
"Because out there, you're involved in all the plays and you don't have time to think about hitting. Sometimes at third base you aren't involved as much."  
His three-run shot in the fifth gave Houston a 6-2 lead.  
"I hope this is the beginning for me," Blum said. "I haven't been driving the ball, but I've been working on my swing and I'm getting some good balls to hit."  
Blum helped Jeriome Robertson (7-3) win his sixth consecutive decision. Robertson allowed three runs on seven hits in 7 1-3 innings, the longest outing the rookie left-hander's career.  
"I've found a little groove," Robertson said. "I'm just going to try to minimize my mistakes and keep doing what I'm doing."  
After Milwaukee's Richie Sexson hit his 23rd home run in the eighth, Octavio Dotel got

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## Armstrong: Anybody can win Tour

By JOHN LEICESTER  
Associated Press Writer

PARIS — Even Lance Armstrong acknowledges that in a race as unpredictable as the Tour de France, anybody can win.  
Armstrong is trying to become just the second rider to win five consecutive Tours, and he's expecting this centennial race to be more competitive than in previous years, when he left challengers in his wake.  
"I think the race will be more challenging for us," the 31-year-old Texan said. "I think it will be a tighter race. I'm not getting any younger, and therefore probably not getting any stronger."  
"Other guys are reaching the pinnacle of their career. I think there are some wild cards that can really change the face of the race."  
Armstrong, a cancer survivor who has become a sporting icon, acknowledged that the burden of fame weighs heavier now than it did when he won his first Tour in 1999.  
If he wins, Armstrong will join Spanish legend Miguel Indurain as only the second rider to capture five consec-

utive Tours. Indurain won in 1991-95. Three other racers have won five Tours, but not consecutively.  
Armstrong acknowledged that his preparation for the Tour suffered after he crashed in the Dauphine Libere race in June, and that he was surprised by how long it took him to recover.  
Armstrong, who went on to win the race, fell during a mountain descent. He was not seriously injured, but finished the stage with torn cycling shorts and a bandage on his right arm.  
Armstrong made it clear that he is focused on the Tour as he spoke to reporters Thursday, two days before the start of the grueling 23-day, 12,125-mile clockwise slog around France.  
"I can't think of a better way to spend the month of July," he said. "The race has everything. I think it has difficulty, it has joy, it has excitement, and it even has death."  
Armstrong is still considered the one to beat by his competitors.  
"He is the master of the arena. For that, we owe him respect," said Giro d'Italia winner Gilberto Simoni. "He's

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## Lady Hawks coach signs sophomore to play point guard

HERALD Staff Report

Coach Lorin Miller announced the signing of his latest latest Lady Hawk basketball recruit Thursday afternoon.  
Jessica Shusteric, will join the Lady Hawks roster, transferring from Cloud County Community College in Kansas.  
The 5-foot-8 point guard from Riverview, Mich., will be firing it up from

the three point arch as a sophomore next season, Miller said, noting that she hit hitting 61.4 percent of her three-point attempts as a freshman.  
"Jessica is an outstanding three-point shooter," said Miller. "She has tremendous leadership qualities as a point guard."  
During her high school career, she averaged 15.4 points, 5 assists, 4 steals and 3 rebounds per game while earning all-state honors in both basketball and softball her junior and senior years.  
Shusteric is pursuing a career in sports broadcasting.



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## Righetti recalls no-hitter

NEW YORK (AP) — Twenty years after his no-hitter, Righetti is reminiscing about the accomplishment the time. Maybe because this was old no-hitter.  
Righetti had the good sense to pitch gem on the Fourth of July in Yankee Stadium against the Boston Sox on a sunny Sunday afternoon last day before the Star break.  
When they play it will be the first time the Red Sox and Yankees have been together at Yankee Stadium since Righetti's no-hitter in 1983.  
"Twenty years obviously I can't how fast the time has gone," said Righetti the pitching coach San Francisco Giants.  
In 1983, Righetti 24-year-old left-hander his way to a 14-8 in his third year v Yankees. He remembered tight game against Red Sox, pitching 14, protecting a 2-0 lead.  
And he remembered glancing at the board and seeing Boston's hits a n in progress.  
"You know when you got one," he said believe them who say you don't. You it looking at the board."  
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five outs for his save, keeping the tied with St. Louis first place in Central.  
Robertson hasn't 12 starts since against the New York Mets and leads the team in wins.  
"He throws strident his fastball and his delivery is tight," Milwaukee's Ned Yost said spots his fastball throws a nice slider changeup."  
Milwaukee star Kinney (6-7) pitched six innings, giving runs on five hits.  
Jeff Bagwell hit a run homer, his 11th season, to give Houston a 3-2 lead in the third.  
Richard Hidalgo RBI single in the fifth.  
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NEW YORK (AP) — Twenty years after pitching his no-hitter, Dave Righetti is reminded of the accomplishment all the time. Maybe that's because this wasn't any old no-hitter.

Righetti had the great good sense to pitch his gem on the Fourth of July in Yankee Stadium against the Boston Red Sox on a sunny, hot Sunday afternoon, the last day before the All-Star break.

When they play Friday, it will be the first time the Red Sox and Yankees have been together in Yankee Stadium on July 4 since Righetti's game in 1983.

"Twenty years later, obviously I can't believe how fast the time has gone," said Righetti, now the pitching coach for the San Francisco Giants.

In 1983, Righetti was a 24-year-old left-hander, on his way to a 14-8 season in his third year with the Yankees. He remembers a tight game against the Red Sox, pitching carefully, protecting a 2-0 lead.

And he remembers glancing at the scoreboard and seeing "0" for Boston's hits — a no-hitter in progress.

"You know when you've got one," he said. "Don't believe them when they say you don't. You realize it looking at the scoreboard."

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five outs for his third save, keeping the Astros tied with St. Louis for first place in the NL Central.

Robertson hasn't lost in 12 starts since April 25 against the New York Mets and leads the team in wins.

"He throws strikes with his fastball and his curve, and his delivery is deceptive," Milwaukee manager Ned Yost said. "He spots his fastball and he throws a nice slider and changeup."

Milwaukee starter Matt Kinney (6-7) pitched six innings, giving up six runs on five hits.

Jeff Bagwell hit a three-run homer, his 15th of the season, to give Houston a 3-2 lead in the third, and Richard Hidalgo added an RBI single in the eighth.

Milwaukee took a 1-0 lead in the second inning on Eddie Perez's sacrifice fly by, and it 2-0 in the third when Sexson drove in Eric Young with a sacrifice fly.

Notes: Kent is on the disabled list because of tendinitis in his left wrist.

Eric Young extended his hitting streak to 12 games, the longest by a Milwaukee player this season. Milwaukee is 6-14 against left-handed starters this season.

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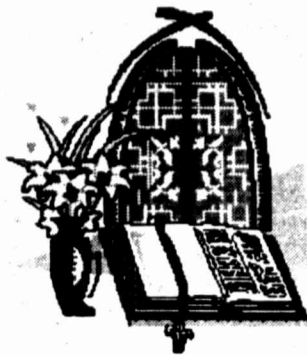
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won four times, to win a fifth is harder."

Australian rider Robbie McEwen said, "Among the riders, nobody sees anybody else who can beat Armstrong at the moment. But anything can happen."

Armstrong agreed.

"When everybody talks about victory and what's going to happen, and what are you going to do, it gives me a mad feeling," he said. "Nothing is given in this sport, and anybody can win."



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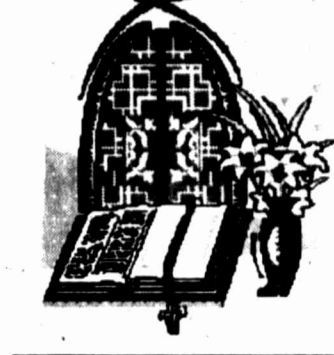
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BY JOYCE JILLSON  
Happy Fourth of July!  
Many celebrations happen

close to home, as that's where the heart is under the Cancer influences at present. As Venus enters Cancer, there's more intuition about what will be fun and what will be costly. Therefore, we can expect less injury related to the fireworks of our celebration — and those between loved ones.



Joyce Jillson

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). With friends, a broader view of your role will help you be the pal everyone thinks is wonderful. Travel if you can. You'll benefit from finding patterns in everything you experience. Spend time with your soul mate tonight.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You could find yourself driving all day — long distances are favored. The best getaway is one that takes you somewhere new. In love, being afraid to make mistakes will only keep you from doing what's fun and original.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Unfamiliar territory is featured. You may not realize it, but you are totally disarming when you make silly mistakes. Use it to your advantage by making someone laugh. Also, you're the hit of the party all day.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Wrinkle out of the seriousness of rigid rules. Allow yourself the freedom to play. There's much you can accomplish on your own. In a relationship, be prepared to make a few course cor-

rections as you go along.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Creative fun is in store if you can carve out the time and space. Hint: This is essential to keep you satisfied, so make it a priority. A happy business relationship might include paying close attention to the family of the client.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 4). This is an exceptionally lucky three months. Once others know your wishes, they are magically granted. Conduct a mass marketing blitz in now, telling everyone what you need in order to make bank! You could come into a windfall or inheritance by the end of September. Seek a sensitive Pisces or a fun-loving Gemini for long-term love. Your lucky numbers this year are: 5, 39, 21, 24 and 9.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When it comes to love, chemistry is unbelievably critical. However, clicking with a friend could boil down to the same kind of elemental compatibility. Some people are just easier for you to understand.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Loved ones are looking for signals. If you wanted to, you could play games, but be merciful with a tender heart. Spin your self-image upside down. When you shake it up, your winning qualities come through.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Exciting and unpredictable, you are tapping into your own eccentricity. When looking for something to do, you find the most unusual and challenging tasks. Don't be afraid to listen to people who disagree.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Get to the point in all interactions — otherwise, you'll be drained by life and think it's futile to

try and have fun. Avoid people who talk in circles. High-spirited fun centers around delicious food.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your strategic course of action is only as effective as your ability to communicate it. Just because you understand the requirements doesn't mean everyone else does, too. Make new friends with your gift of gab tonight.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Look beyond the immediate. Greater things await you if you keep your eye on the goal. Someone who has you on a pedestal may finally get a dose of reality — which is ultimately better for you both.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Socially, you may be the new one on the block, and many may want your attention. While it's pleasant to swap stories, you're better off holding back so that you have longevity in this crowd. Children want to learn from you.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** Cancer vibes are turned way up, so many dates happen right at home, Cancer's favorite place. Cook up some delicious comfort food — you'll find that new people are impressed with anything you can do to make them feel more relaxed.

**ARIES:** Actions are more revealing than words, so just do it.

**TAURUS:** Loved ones test your patience, but you're unshakable.

**GEMINI:** Those who love you will wait for you.

**CANCER:** Friction in your romantic life produces great passion, but is it worth it?

**LEO:** Friends introduce you to your next big love.

**VIRGO:** You have finally reached a decision regard-

ing a romantic interest; now, stay firm, and carry it out.

**LIBRA:** Sweethearts are on your side every step of the way, except when it comes to money.

**SCORPIO:** Reconsider a serious romantic proposition.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Platonic friends of the opposite sex are your luckiest companions.

**CAPRICORN:** Boost the confidence of a romantic partner, and your relationship improves.

**AQUARIUS:** Stop second-guessing a current love, as your romance is doing just fine.

**PISCES:** Recreational activities improve every aspect of your life.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Scorpio and Sagittarius are an ultra-passionate pair. Sagittarius couldn't hope for a more honest partner, but honesty sometimes stings! Though they trust one another to be truthful, they may not trust one another to be faithful. This weekend, Scorpio and Sagittarius may never let one another out of sight, but they should. Apart time will bring closeness; you'll see! Personal powers are soaring high.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Readers: Did you know the first fireworks appeared in China in the 6th century? By the 14th century, Europeans used gunpowder for pyrotechnic displays to entertain the people. Fireworks are associated with celebrations around the world.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

In honor of Independence Day, we would like to print the poem that appears on the base of the Statue of Liberty. Those of you who are familiar with only the last few lines may enjoy reading the poem in its entirety. In these troubled times, it seems fitting to remember the sentiment behind the words:

The New Colossus  
by Emma Lazarus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glowes world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
"Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Dear Annie: Please tell your readers about the Veterans History Project. It honors our nation's war veterans by creating a lasting legacy of recorded interviews and other documents chronicling wartime experiences.

In 2000, the U.S. Congress voted unanimously for legislation to create the Veterans History Project. Congress recognized the urgency of collecting wartime memories, which become more precious as the number of veterans dwindles by 1,500 every day. Congress also saw the value of engaging the American public in its own history.

Today's generation and future Americans have much to learn from those who served. A national collection of personal histories on audio and videotape as well as letters, diaries, maps, photographs and home movies will be of immeasurable value to historians, educators, students, authors, filmmakers and family members.

The Veterans History Project encompasses veterans of World War I, World War II, and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars. "Veterans" means all men and women who served in war and in support of combat operations, all ranks in all branches of service — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. Also included are the Merchant Marines, those involved in homefront activities and civilians who supported the armed services.

AARP is the project's founding sponsor. Please encourage your readers to learn more by going to the Veterans History Project Web site at [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets) or by calling toll-free: 1-888-371-5848, to join in this national effort. These memories deserve to be saved. We owe it to our veterans. Thank you. — Washington, D.C., Vet

Dear Vet: Thank you for bringing this worthwhile project to our attention. Readers, if you or anyone you know is a veteran or supported the armed services during any of our wars, please contact the Veterans History Project today and add your memories to our nation's history. COPYRIGHT 2003 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

Pre-nuptial agreement takes the romance out of marriage

Dear Prudie: I am a 25-year-old woman who is eight weeks away from getting married for the first time. My intended is more than 10 years my senior and financially more established than me. However, I have established my own career and have been quite successful on my own, so I do not need anyone to support me.



Dear Prudence

He has previously been married, and I guess one could say it was bitter. She put him through the ringer financially after only a year and a half of marriage. I have always said I understand why men or women feel it necessary to have a prenup, but now that I am faced with it, I feel quite differently. I feel like the magic of our marriage has been taken away. What do vows really mean? Nothing if in lieu of them there is a contract. I feel as though this is a reflection on me and a remark that he does not trust me.

Not only that, I feel like I am giving this man the best years of my life and there are no guarantees for me, either. He is planning for our divorce, and I am planning on our future. I am about to give up on the dream of true love, and maybe I should realize marriage is a business deal. Any thoughts would be greatly appreciated. — Shellshocked

Dear Shell: Prudie is sympathetic to your feelings. It is not hard to see why this would feel like "Sign on the dotted line, or forget the whole thing." Perhaps it's small comfort, but that's the way things are going these days, especially with people who are big earners or who have inherited money. It would be nice for you, as well as romantic, if your betrothed didn't feel so burned by his failed marriage, but he does, and that's the way things are.

Whether there's a prenup or not, marriage IS a contract, and maybe it's "progress" to plan ahead for

a failure (since 50 percent of marriages, now, do fail) rather than deal with it when emotions are raw. The prenuptial agreement, by the way, in no way takes the place of the vows. It is a contingency financial arrangement, not unlike a preplanned funeral. And because these agreements are two-way streets, you might feel better if you asked for a "best years of my life" clause. Prudie knows of a case where custody of the dog was written in. Do try to put this aspect in the background and program yourself to concentrate on the romance part. — Prudie, acceptingly

Dear Prudence: I have been married for six years, and for the most part, my husband and I get along great. We do have one recurring argument, however, and that's about giving money to his parents. For a variety of reasons (low-paying jobs, a lifestyle they can't afford, poor judgment, etc.), his family is always broke (to the point where they have no money in their pockets and none coming in for a couple of weeks), and they are constantly asking my husband for money. He is the only one out of five kids who makes a decent living.

He informs me of their request, I get irritated, and he winds up giving them the money anyway. We're not wealthy, and we have things that we need to save for (home remodeling, vacations, having kids), and I resent giving my hard-earned money to people who never seem to be able to improve their situation. I understand my husband feeling this need to take care of them, especially when they made sacrifices for him when he was growing up, but isn't that the job of parents? — Not a Bank

Dear Not: This is always a sticky wicket and an understandable source of irritation. Perhaps the only workable solution is a) for you to accept that your husband cannot NOT help his parents, but b) for him to agree on a certain amount of money each month that will not be exceeded. Sometimes this just goes with the territory. — Prudie, charitably

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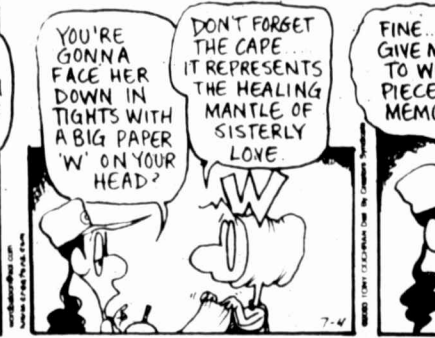
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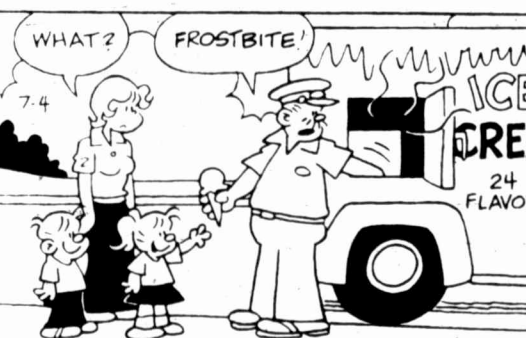
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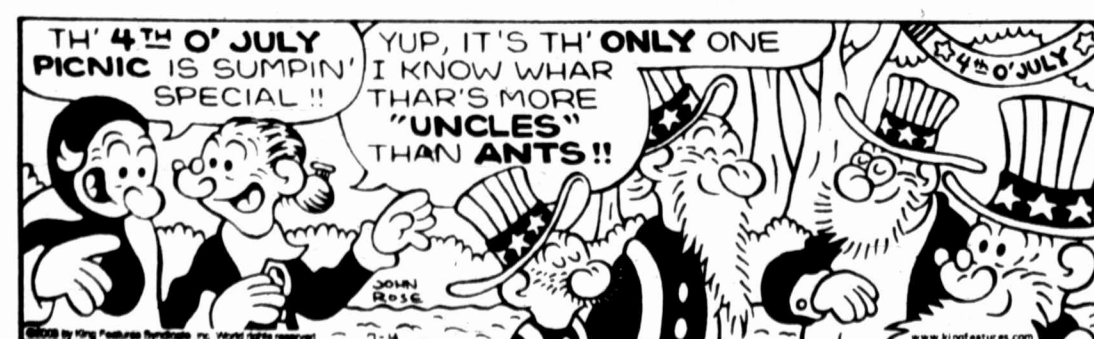
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This Date In History

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Today is Friday, July 4, the 185th day of 2003. There are 180 days left in the year. This is Independence Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.

On this date: In 1802, the United States Military Academy officially opened at West Point, N.Y. In 1826, 50 years to the day after the Declaration of Independence was adopted, former presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died.

In 1831, the fifth president of the United States, James Monroe, died in New York City. In 1845, Henry David Thoreau began his two-year

experiment in simpler living at Walden Pond, near Concord, Mass.

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

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

In 1942, Irving Berlin's musical review "This Is the Army" opened at the Broadway Theater in New York.

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

In 1982, the space shuttle Columbia concluded its fourth and final test flight with a smooth landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1997, NASA's "Pathfinder" spacecraft landed on Mars, inaugurating a new era in the search for life on the Red Planet.

Ten years ago: South African leaders F.W. de

Klerk and Nelson Mandela received the Liberty Medal in a ceremony outside Philadelphia's Independence Hall. Pete Sampras won the men's title at Wimbledon, defeating fellow American Jim Courier.

Today's Birthdays: Conductor Mitch Miller is 92. Advice columnist Pauline Phillips (the original "Dear Abby") is 85. Actress Eva Marie Saint is 79. Playwright Neil Simon is 76. Actress-photographer Gina Lollobrigida is 75. Baseball team owner George Steinbrenner is 73. Country singer Ray Pillow is 66.

Answer to previous puzzle: A I R E S L A M B S C A Z E S T O W S A R E A T A L E H O W A R D S E N D A N I N E N S W A R E D E R I V E S P A R D I N A N E P R I V E T E M B O S S E A S E S S C O O T B A G S T A G P R I V Y P A N E T E A P R O B E D I C T A C R O S S E M E E K E R M E S A S L O O P A R T I E S T T R E S T L E M I E N C O T T O N T A I L A C R E A B I E D A R N S S A N S B E E R S T A T E

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