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June 15, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



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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 the Community Relations office.

Game Day has not been rescheduled at this point.

For more information, contact Big Spring State Hospital Assistant Community Relations Director Maria Brito at (432) 268-7536.

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

The Big Spring Kennel Club's fund-raising cookbook, "Treats from the Country," is available for \$8 by calling 394-4233.

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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 Nettie Creighton, whose husband was the second rodeo board president," said Mike Mathis, announcer for the 71st annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

Mathis introduced several rodeo celebrities during the dinner,

FIRST-DAY RODEO EVENTS

Wednesday

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

including Jerry Diaz, charro performer, Lacy Billingsley, Miss Rodeo Texas from Aubrey, Rick Young, the "Agin' Cajun, and Coahoma's own Quail Dobbs.

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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.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
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.

Crimestoppers, Herald offer reward for conviction of paper rack thieves

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Local Crimestoppers is seeking information on a rash of newspaper rack thefts in the Big Spring area, including several taken from the Big Spring Herald office and area businesses.

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.

"In the past two weeks we've had five of our newspaper racks stolen," said Worley. "Two weeks ago the rack out-

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. The Herald has added an extra \$200 to the reward.



WORLEY

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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Budget woes could strike county again

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

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 Toomire, chief appraiser for the Howard County Appraisal District, taxable value for 2004 is \$1.09 billion, down a little more than \$22 million from the 2003

taxable value of \$1.11 billion. Number 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," County Attorney Mike Thomas requested commissioners look at the possibility of funding the salary for Collections Warrant Officer Mike Welling through a different source.

"He's primarily concerned 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 the commissioners court by Collections Officer Bobby Roever, delinquent fines have brought in \$62,587 for the county since the depart

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Politics and the Internet: More strange bedfellows

In 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 endless "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.

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 X-voters.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 thought '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 it?"

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.

"Mr. Jenkins, thanks for your comments on X-voter.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 low-income families don't purchase Starbucks coffee because they

simply don't have the funds. It 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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THOMAS JENKINS

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 industri-

al; \$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."

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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NO, WE DIDN'T LOSE

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 do?

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 team."

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 this game!

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 fourth 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 one!

Good Night!

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Shopping has gone sour Clothing designs not user friendly

Ladies, it's time to do something serious.

The shopping in this part of the world has gone sour. There is hardly any place you can walk in to that isn't displaying some form of outfit closely resembling a rectangle.



CHRISTY ALTON

I ask you, who wants to buy a top that makes you look like a refrigerator? Or 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, calf-length, 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.

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

comeback, posing as wingback chairs.

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

So, what to do? Well, there is the tried and true remedy of do-it-yourself clothing. 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 of the 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 your daughter's 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 Herald.

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 dog, Timmy.

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



KIMBERLY ARTOUNIAN

Unbelievable! They are always trying to come up with a plan to get past Tippy Lemmy

but nothing works, as it turns out Tippy is smarter than the children themselves.

It's an extraordinary, amazing story and also very entertaining, and by the time you're through with it you'll go around thinking, "Why and how did Tippy do it?"

Did what? 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

me because of what Tippy does and how he does it. Will Tippy ever change? Will he become something else or will he stay a pest?

It's an out of this world book and I think that everyone should read it. Though I would have liked it to be longer lasting.

It's one of the best and most exiting books I've ever read and I hope it's the same for you!

Kimberly Artounian is a student at Kentwood.

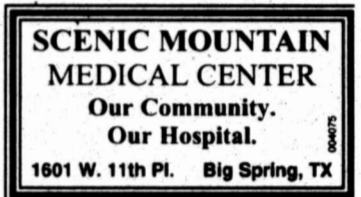
Editor's note:

Bluebonnet Books is a special feature of book reviews written by Big Spring elementary students for the Herald.

This series will continue through the summer, featuring reviews on the 20 Bluebonnet Books.

The nominated Texas Bluebonnet Books may be checked out from the Howard County Library.

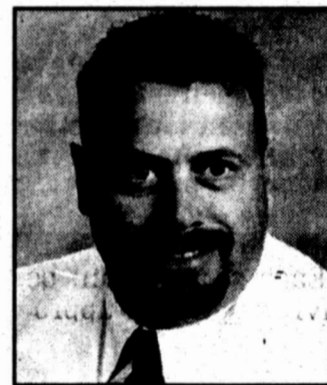
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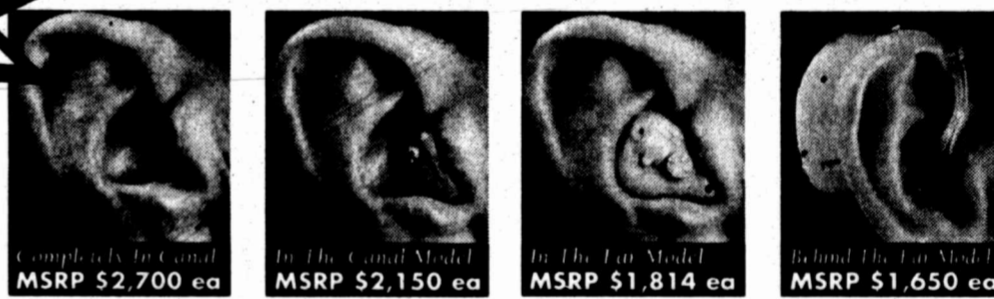
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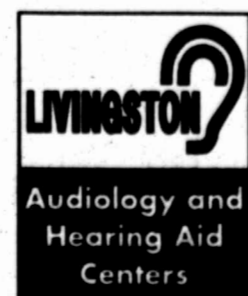


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Heritage Museum is sponsoring a clown costume contest Wednesday for children 2-10 years old.

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 the Fairbarns.

For more information contact th museum at 264-8255.

Kids College still enrolling students

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

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.

Call Continuing Education at Howard College, 264-5131.

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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.

The weightlifting 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 432-457-0099.

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 head coach Brad Harmon at 361-542-9039.

Big Spring co-ed ragball touney set

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

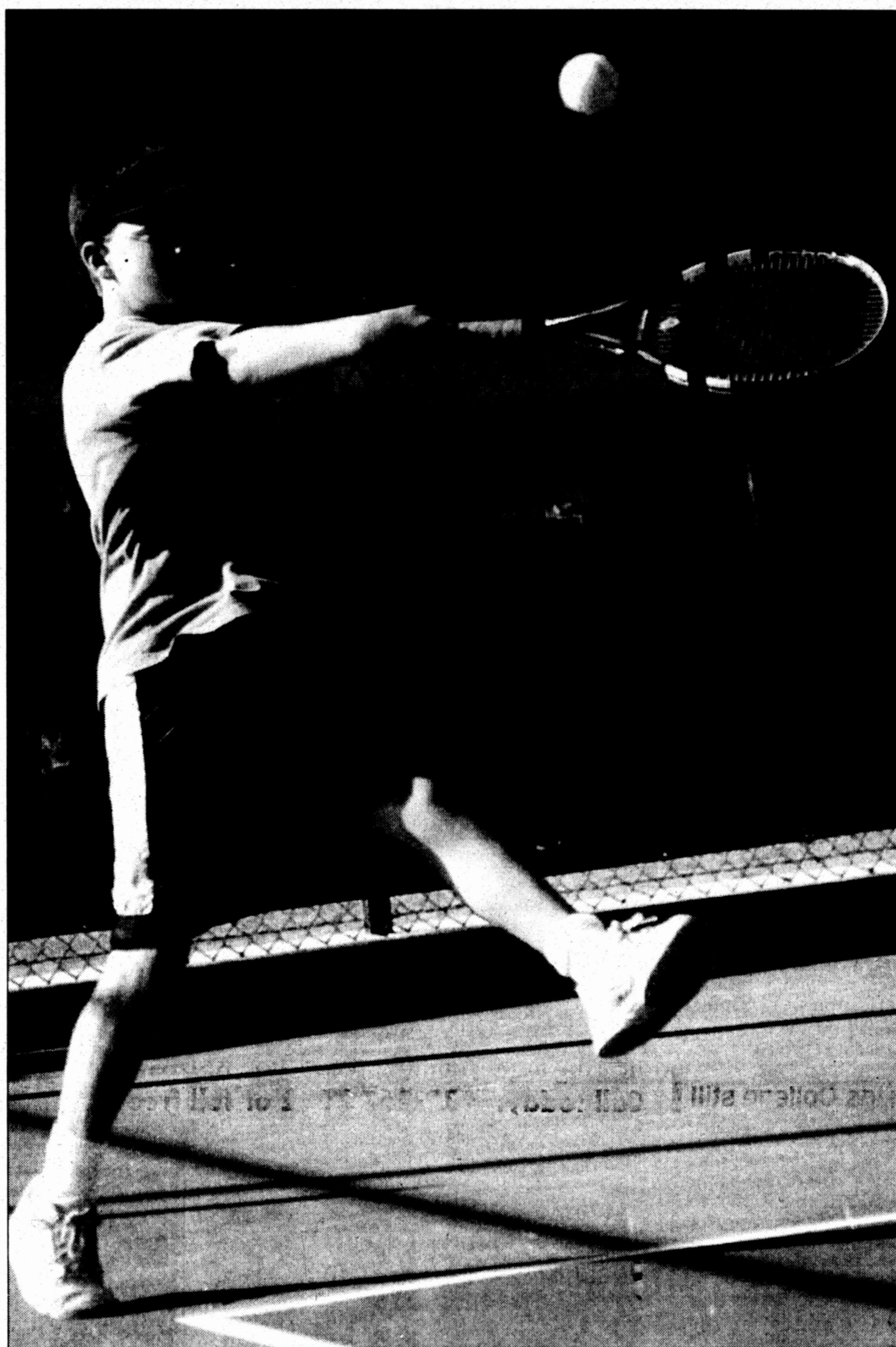
The tournament will be July 9, 10 and 11 and the team fee is \$125.

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

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule

Today		
Event, Time	Station	
Rangers @ Red, 6:30 p.m.	1490	
Wednesday		
Event, Time	Station	
Astros vs. Cubs, 6:40 p.m.	1490	
Thursday		
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Astros vs. Cubs, 6:40 p.m.	1490	



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.

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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
3. 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 Mirmoths

14 mixed doubles

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

Adult mixed doubles

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 doing it.



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

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Bray Armes, who has

been a regular to the

CNFR, turned in a 4.6 sec-

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39 participants. There are

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"The Southwest Region is

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Howard College com-

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Ty Glover also partici-

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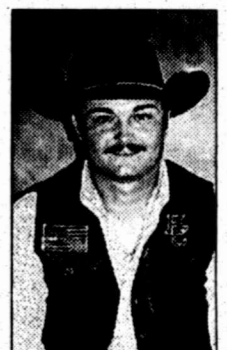
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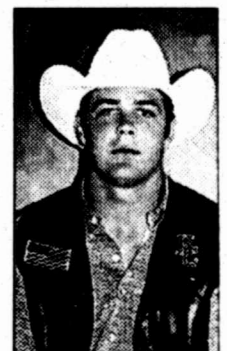
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Cornelius and Tarlenton State's York Gill. This team turned in a first round time of 6.4 which places them fourth thus far.



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



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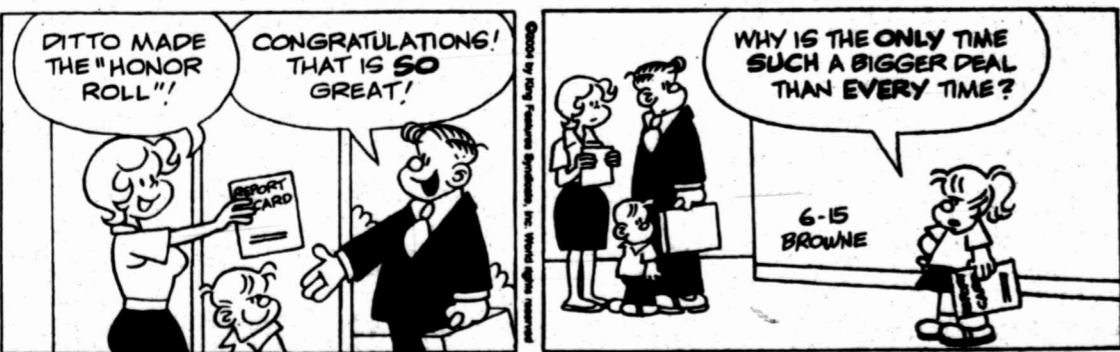
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 15, the 167th day of 2004. There are 199 days left in the year.

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 threatened 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 rubber.

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, who was wounded in the 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.

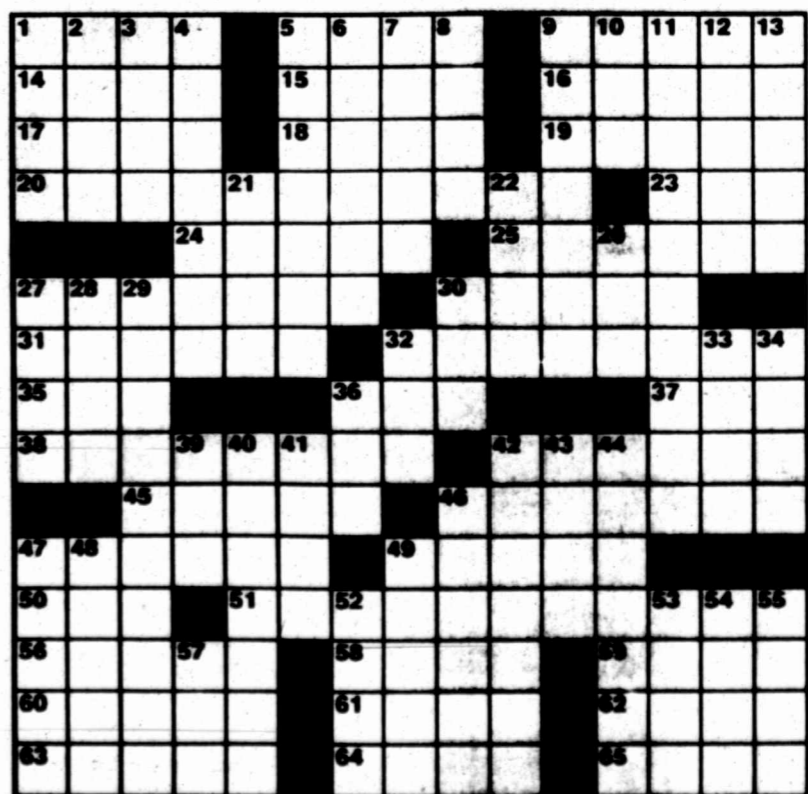
Today's Birthdays: Former New York Governor Mario Cuomo is 72. Singer Russell Hitchcock (Air Supply) is 55. Rock singer Steve Walsh (Kansas) is 53. Comedian-actor Jim Belushi is 50. Country singer Terri Gibbs is 50. Actress Julie Hagerty is 49. Actress Eileen Davidson is 45. Actress Helen Hunt is 41. Rock musician Scott Rockenfield (Queensryche) is 41. Actress Courteney Cox is 40. Country musician Tony Ardo is 40. Country musician Michael Britt (Lonestar) is 38.

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Newsday Crossword

CUPFULS by Lee Weaver
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- 1 Big fuss
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- 17 Shopper's memo
- 18 Functions
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- 45 Chris of tennis
- 46 Lost vitality
- 47 Breakfast bowlful
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- 59 Hawaiian seaport
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- 62 Author Stanley Gardner
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- 30 Pep-rally yell
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- 33 Smooth the way
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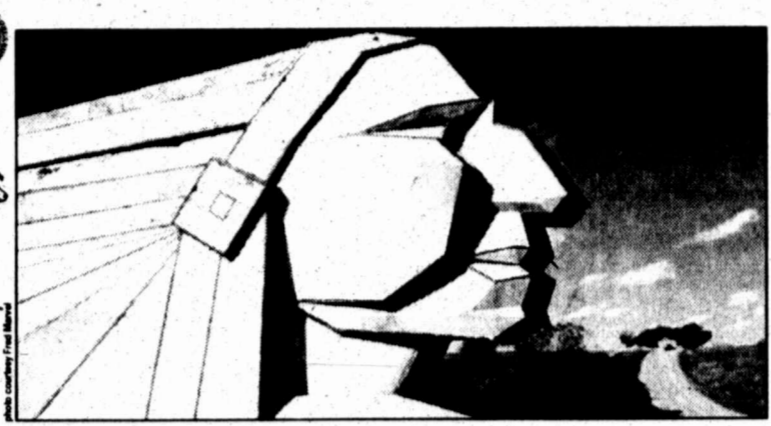
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Oklahoma From A to Z



Many visitors are attracted to an area where the **Cheyenne Indian** tribe once lived, **Roman Nose Resort Park** near **Watonga**. The statue is made of stone. It was built in the 1930s by the **Civilian Conservation Corps**, a group created to provide jobs for people out of work during the **Great Depression**.

Oklahoma is a southwestern state and home to more American Indian tribes than any other state. It has 39 tribal headquarters and as many as 67 tribes. Powwows, or modern Native American festivals, are held all over the state.

It is a land rich in natural resources with its many plains, forests, fertile farmlands and four mountain ranges.

Oklahoma is a leading producer of oil and gas. It has the only state capitol with an oil well on its grounds.

Farmlands cover three-fourths of the state. Beef cattle are important, and Oklahoma is a top producer of wheat.

The land was opened to homesteaders in the late 1880s. Some tried to claim the land before that date and came sooner than the others. Oklahoma was nicknamed the "Sooner State."

It joined the Union in 1907 as our 46th state. It ranks 18th in size. More than 3 million people live in Oklahoma.

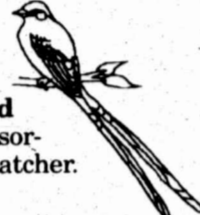
The **American buffalo**, or bison, is the state animal.



American Indians make up almost 8 percent of the population.



The state **Bird** is the scissor-tailed flycatcher.



The first **Boy Scout troop** in America was started in 1909 in **Pawhuska**.

The state **Capital** is **Oklahoma City**. It is one of the largest cities in land size in the country.



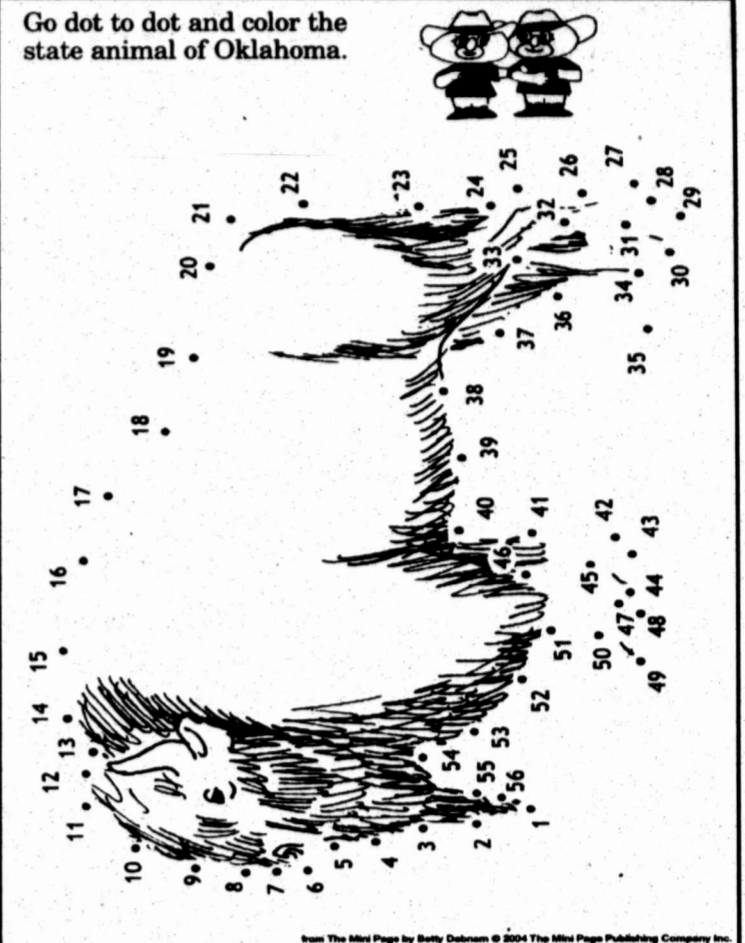
Oil Derricks are towers built over deep oil wells. Oklahoma has 35,000 miles of pipeline carrying oil and natural gas to other states.



"**Red Earth**" is the largest Native American festival in the world. It is held in **Oklahoma City** in **June** each year.

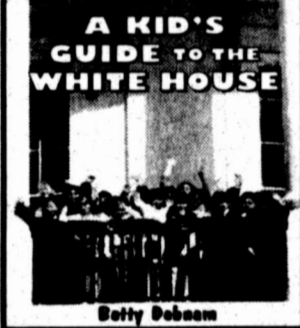


The **Fiddle** is the state musical instrument.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Summer Corn Casserole

Corn is a popular crop in Oklahoma. You'll need:
• 1 (12-ounce) can shoepeg (white) corn, drained
• 1 (15-ounce) can French-cut green beans, drained
• 1 (10 3/4-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:
1. In a large bowl, mix together the first five ingredients.
2. Grease a baking dish and pour in corn mixture.
3. Sprinkle crushed crackers on top and then pour on the melted butter.
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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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Russ Ortiz

Height: 6-1 **Birthdate:** 6-5-74
Weight: 210 **Hometown:** Encino, Calif.
The "A" on Russ Ortiz' baseball cap stands for Atlanta. It also could stand for "Ace." Ortiz, who helped lead Oklahoma University to the national championship in 1994, is one of the top pitchers in the big leagues now. Last season the Braves righthander won more games (21) than any pitcher in the majors. Before becoming Atlanta's No. 1 hurler, Ortiz was a successful starter for the San Francisco Giants. Ortiz, who is married and has two daughters, also shines off the diamond. In 2001, while with the Giants, he received the Roberto Clemente Award for excellence in the community. He has contributed to the YMCA, Food Bank, and helped raise money for sick children.
On and off the mound, the former Oklahoma star is grade "A" in the eyes of many.

Meet Reba McEntire

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 and touching others.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S 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!
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!

OKLAHOMA TRY 'N FIND

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.
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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is at a wildlife refuge in Oklahoma. See if you can find: • ice-cream cone • word MINI • pig's face
• mushroom
• jackknife
• alligator
• banana
• letter A
• bell
• ruler
• bucket
• safety pin
• letter T
• pencil

More About Oklahoma

Grasslands are huge areas where different types of grasses grow. Millions of cattle graze on prairie grasslands.
The National Cowboy 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 10 1/2 feet, is in the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman.
Mesquite and sagebrush are plants found on the prairie.
Barite Rose Rock is the state rock. Cherokee legend says it stands for the blood of the American Indian men, women and children who traveled the "Trail of Tears" in the 1830s.
Sequoyah, a Cherokee warrior, invented the Cherokee alphabet in 1809. It was adopted by the Cherokee Nation in 1821 and helped many learn to read and write.
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.
The University of Oklahoma is the largest university in the state. There are 25 other universities and 13 colleges.
Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, a Spanish explorer, carved his name and the date on a rock when he was searching for gold near the Cimarron River in 1541.
The Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge is one of the oldest national wildlife refuges.
Tulsa is known for its exceptional art deco style of architecture. Art deco buildings are geometric in form and were popular in the 1920s and '30s.
WaYnoka, once called Keystone, is a town in the northwest. Nearby is the Little Sahara State Park, with sand dunes from 25 to 75 feet high.
The Oklahoma City Zoo has the Noble Aquatic Center. Visitors can see more than 500 aquatic animals from all around the world.
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