

# Astros start eight-game homestand Thursday night

The Houston Astros come right back to the Astrodome after the All-Star break to play the Los Angeles Dodgers, the San Diego Padres and the red-hot Cincinnati Reds for eight games in seven days.

## Survey seeks mentally retarded children's parents

Parents of mentally retarded children are being sought for a survey in the prevention of retardation caused by metabolic disorders such as PKU (Phenylketonuria).

The survey, consisting of a simple urine test of parents of retarded children, is being conducted by Dr. Holger Hansen, Epidemiology Research, Columbia University, New York.

Dr. Hansen reported there is some evidence that protein imbalances of the blood during pregnancy, without affecting the mother, may be harmful to the mental development of her child. This survey has to reach a large number of parents of retarded children, whether the retarded child has died or is still living, or if only one parent is available for the test.

During the past three years over 8,000 urine specimens have been tested. Parents are mailed pieces of filter paper that are returned after being dipped in urine samples. Most urine tests will show normal results. Any irregular findings will be forwarded to the participant. All information handled during the survey is confidential.

Interested persons may contact Mrs. James Robinette 845-1530; 846-9230 nights.

Volunteers should write to: Holger Hansen, M.D., c/o Catherine Ruisi, Neuropath., Institute for Basic Research in Mental Retardation, 1050 Forest Hill Road, Staten Island, New York 10314.

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The Astros then will play three games with the Padres — a doubleheader, beginning at 1:30 on Sunday, July 30, and a single game on Monday night July 31, at 7:30.

Then the Astros will have a big two-game series with the front-running Reds, at 7:30 Tuesday and Wednesday nights, Aug. 1 and 2.

To celebrate Louisiana Weekend, mayors from more than 50 Louisiana communities have been invited to the Astrodome as guests of the Astros. The famed Dukes of Dixieland will perform

at 6:30 p.m. on Friday prior to the Astros-Dodgers game, and then they'll perform again on Saturday night after the game which will begin at 5.

To complete the weekend, the Astros will play their only doubleheader of the season in the Astrodome, against Manager Don Zimmer's Padres.

Also on Friday, July 28, there will be a special baseball game at 5 p.m. between "Collegeville," winners of the Birmingham Police Athletic Teams championship, and the Bellaire High School freshmen, coached by Ray

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Last year the Birmingham PAT sponsored a trip to New York where the Collegeville team played in Yankee Stadium. In 1970, they played a good will game at Atlanta Stadium. Birmingham Police Sgt. Bobby Hayes

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coordinator of the PAT program, said that such community projects as the PAT trips helped Birmingham become an "All America City" last year.

Tickets to all these games are available at the Astrodome ticket windows from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, and at all five Foley's stores, Houston Citizens Bank and Trust, all Western Union offices in the Southwest, or by mailing check or money order plus 25 cents for handling to: Ticket Manager, Houston Astros, P. O. Box 1691, Houston, Texas 77001.

## Aggie grid guide now available

The 1971 Texas A&M Football Press Guide is available and can be purchased at the sports information office of the athletic department in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The book, which can give all fans a look at the Aggie football team and the upcoming season, can be purchased for \$1 at the athletic department or can be ordered by mail by sending \$1.25 to the Sports News Office, Texas A&M, College Station, Texas 77843.

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