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**WEATHER**

Today:



TODAY 82°-84° TONIGHT 55°-60°

**Graduates featured in today's paper**

Crossroads area high school graduates are featured in a special section in today's edition of the Herald.

Photos of students from Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City, Grady, Borden County and Sands high schools are included in the section.

**WHAT'S UP...**

**MONDAY**  
 □ Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association meets at the Howard College Cactus Room for 11:30 a.m. lunch.

□ Senior Circle, 4 p.m., SMMC. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over invited to participate. Call 268-4721.

□ DAV chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams.

□ Christian Singles Fellowship 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. FUMC youth hall. All singles in the community are welcome.

**TUESDAY**

□ Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

□ Evening Lion's Club meets at noon every Tuesday at the Senior Center in the Whipkey Room.

□ Big Spring Rotary meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 6 p.m. at the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

□ Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with meeting to follow at First and Goliad. All Masons are welcome to attend.

□ Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

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

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## No such thing as a free lunch? Don't bet on it!

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer  
 What's for lunch?  
 As summer vacation fast approaches, many parents will soon be faced with answering that question, but Big Spring Independent



SMOOT

School District food services has a solution.  
 Four Big Spring schools will be taking part in the district's summer food service program by offering youths free lunches on weekdays.  
 "There are no applications, no guidelines. Anyone 18 years of age or under can come eat for free," said Joann Smoot, Big Spring Independent School District food service director. "I know people don't believe it,

but there is just a thing as a free lunch."  
 The school district sponsors the program every summer.  
 "The purpose of this is to help make sure kids don't have a nutritional gap during the summer," Smoot said.  
 Hot meals will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 3-July 12, at Big Spring High School, 707 E. 11th Place; Bauer Magnet

Elementary, 108 NW Ninth St.; and Marcy Elementary, 2101 Wasson Drive.  
 Moss Elementary, 3200 Fordham, will offer both free breakfast from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from June 5-28, Monday through Friday.  
 "Adults can eat for \$2.30 for lunch and \$1 for breakfast if they are accompanying a child," Smoot said.  
 The program also gives the food service a chance to try out new menus.

"We feed the summer school kids and we also give out surveys," Smoot said. "This is also a learning time for us."  
 Because of the number of physical moves resulting from the redistricting and offices, changes in the district, the program is being shortened this year.  
 "We usually go to the end of July, but we thought that it may cause a problem with the beginning of the school year," she said.

## Up, up and away, on a wing

Kids of all ages enjoy taking to the airways

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

John W. Buzbee Field was buzzing with novice flyers Saturday for the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association Kid's Day.

The event was held to give children or "kids at heart" the opportunity at the controls of a model aircraft.

"It was a lot easier than I thought," said 11-year-old Ray Kuykendell. "I was a bit frightened because I thought I was going to crash."

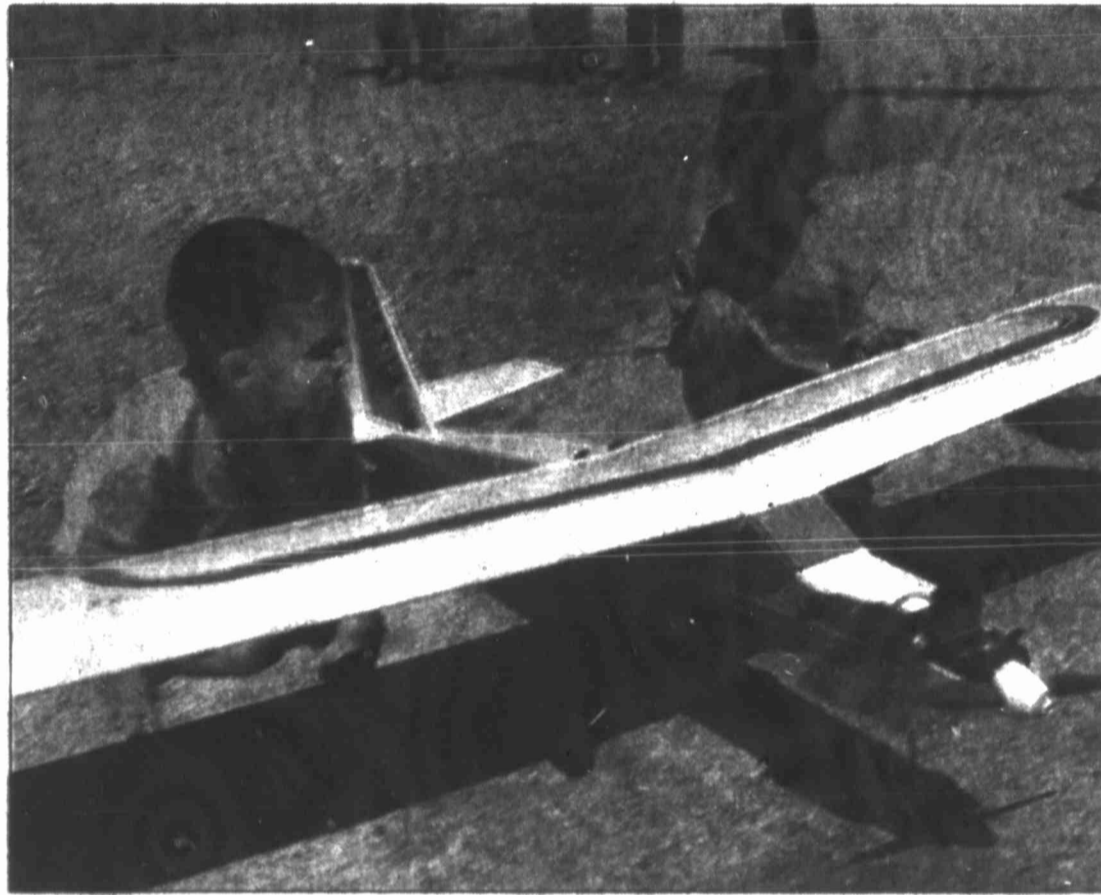
Under the guidance of instructor Don McKinney, an association member, Kuykendell got his first chance to pilot a large remote-controlled model aircraft.

"He did good," McKinney said.

Kurt Coor may not be a kid but he was certainly welcome to try his hand at the controls of a model aircraft Saturday.

"He flies real airplanes," said Jeanine Coor, his wife. "When he saw it on the news last night he said he wanted to go. He just loved it."

Coor's 4-year-old son



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Three-year-old Braxton Coor, left, and 11-year-old brother Mason, check out a model airplane during the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association Kid's Day Saturday. Several children and "kids at heart" came out for a free demonstration on flying the aircraft.

Mason is already hooked on the hobby.

"Mason wants an airplane. That's what he said he wanted for his birthday," Jeanine said.

"It's an enjoyable sport," said Bobby Sullivan, association president.

"It's a sport for all ages from 8 to 80. It brings good, clean fun."

Anyone interested in the hobby is always welcome to watch the members fly,

Sullivan said.  
 "Nearly every Sunday after church someone is flying if the we have good weather, even in the winter."

Children who didn't have an opportunity to come to Saturday's demonstration are welcome to come and try their hands at the controls during the association's annual Fly-In on June 8, Sullivan said.

The event brings model

aircraft enthusiasts from around the state. A collection of classic war-birds display is on the schedule, McKinney said.

Concessions will be offered during the event and money raised goes towards supporting the association.

"Billy Sullivan is our chief cook and bottle washer," Bobby Sullivan said. "He cooks the best hamburgers in West Texas."

## Jobless rate remains at 3.7 percent for county

HERALD Staff Report

Unemployment remained at 3.7 percent for Howard County for April — still well below the Permian Basin rate, the statewide rate and even the national rate.

According to statistics released Friday by the Texas workforce Commission, Howard County had a civilian labor force of 14,337, of which 13,805 were employed. The other 532 people represent an unemployment rate of 3.7 percent.

The statistics show the county had an unemployment rate of 3.6 percent in April 2001. The civilian labor force at that time was 13,827, indicating that the workforce has increased.

Unemployment in the Permian Basin for April stood at 5.2 percent and 5.6 percent statewide. The unemployment rate across the United States stood at 4.2 percent.

"Howard County's rate remained below the Permian Basin rate, which has maintained an average

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## Solitaire Homes will rebuild plant, manager says

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**

News Editor

It will be three to four months before fire-damaged Solitaire Homes is back to full production, but that's the good news — the manufacturer's 160 employees will be kept on, but others will be out of a job for a while.

"We're definitely going to rebuild and we're definitely going to stay in Big Spring," Garland Gandy, general manager, said Friday afternoon.

The fire broke out in the mill and cabinet area of the plant Thursday just before 7:30 p.m.

"It caused extensive damage," said Gandy. "The fire itself was contained within the mill and cabinet shop but smoke damage got the plant throughout. We're going to have to basically gut it and start over. We're going to have to rebuild the inside of the plant."

Gandy said damage has been estimated at \$1.5 million.

Work will begin almost immediately to rebuild the plant, and some of the manufacturer's 160 employees will be kept on, but others will be out of a job for a while.

"We're expecting it to take 90 to 120 days to rebuild and have the plant back in full production," said Gandy.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Solitaire Homes employees Jamie Hernandez, left, Manuel Saenz and production manager Charlie Morris clean up after a fire Thursday night that caused severe damage to the plant. The manufactured homes plant officials plan to rebuild but expect it will be three to four months before the business will be back to full production.

"We'll be working a few people right away, but certainly we cannot employ everyone until we are in full production."

He estimated that the plant will be able to employ as many as 40 to 45 people currently.

"We will make arrange-

ments at the unemployment office (Workforce Network Center) for temporary unemployment benefits for those we will be unable to

call back to work right away. Then we'll begin calling people back as they are

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## Memos: Airlines warned of terrorist threats but given no specifics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five months before Sept. 11, the government warned airlines that Middle Eastern terrorists could try to hijack or blow up a U.S. plane and that carriers should "demonstrate a high degree of alertness."

The warning, obtained Saturday by The Associated Press, came out after the April 6, 2001, conviction of Ahmed Ressaam in connection with a failed plot to blow up Los Angeles International Airport during the millennium celebrations.

The memo from the Federal Aviation Administration, dated April 18, 2001, also noted that four

al-Qaida members were on trial in New York, accused of being involved in the U.S. embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998.

The warning, set to expire July 31, was one of 15 information circulars sent last year that warned of potential terrorist threats before Sept. 11.

Bush administration officials have said the threats were so vague that they did not require tighter security. Nor did they envision a scenario similar to Sept. 11, when suicide terrorists turned four commercial airliners into missiles.

Also Saturday, Republicans defended President Bush against criticism that his administration ignored warning signs about the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Americans know that President Bush, when faced with credible information about a threat, would act swiftly and strongly," Republican Party Chairman Marc Racicot wrote in an e-mail to GOP supporters.

Any statements that suggest "anything to the contrary" are "irresponsible and politically motivated," Racicot wrote. Democrats are suggesting an expansion of inquiries into what the White House and federal law enforcement knew about possible terror attacks.

Sen. Richard Shelby, vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, charged that the FBI "was either asleep or theft, or both," for failing to act on a July 2001 memo from the agency's Phoenix office about Arabs seeking U.S. flight training.

Democratic criticism of the president is "a bogus charge" and "he didn't know more than we basically knew," Shelby, R-Ala., told CNN.

But a committee Democrat, Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, said he thought it was a misuse of the trust that Congress and the public put in the administration after Sept. 11 "to call anybody irresponsible who asks tough questions about what

sure looks like an intelligence failure."

The airline memos obtained by the AP do not provide specific details about the threats, nor do they instruct the airlines to follow new security procedures.

The April memo, for example, cited "reports that prompt concern about the safety and security of U.S. citizens traveling through the Middle East."

The FAA said the potential for a terrorist attack was high, but there were no credible threats against U.S. airlines.

"Nevertheless, some of the currently active groups are known to plan and train for

hijackings and have the capability to construct sophisticated (bombs) concealed inside luggage and consumer products," the memo said. "The FAA encourages all U.S. carriers to demonstrate a high degree of alertness."

On June 22, citing "unconfirmed reports that American interests may be the target of terrorist threat from extremist groups," the FAA again alerted airlines.

The security warning, scheduled to expire Aug. 22, talked about a potential hijacking as a way to secure the release of Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, imprisoned for plotting to blow up New York landmarks in 1993.

## Bush urges Congress to deliver prescription drugs for Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Saturday that Congress must deliver on prescription drugs for Medicare, a promise made by Bush and congressional candidates across the country.

"Medicare is an essential program, but it has not kept pace with the advances in medicine," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "We need to do more to fulfill Medicare's promise."

It was the second day running that Bush pressed for changes in Medicare, the health insurance program serving 40 million elderly

and disabled Americans.

Democrats and Republicans in Congress are working to shape a prescription drug plan. There are significant disagreements over how much to spend, how generous the benefit should be and how to structure the coverage.

At the same time, lobbyists for hospitals, doctors, health maintenance organizations and other health care providers are fighting over limited dollars available for Medicare payments.

Unlike most private health plans, Medicare does not cover prescription drugs

administered outside the hospital — which dates back to 1965, when Medicare was created.

Some seniors buy private drug coverage and others sign up for health maintenance organizations and other managed care plans offered through Medicare, which generally offer prescription drugs. Still, nearly one in three Medicare beneficiaries has no drug coverage at all.

That has to change, Bush said Saturday.

"Seniors often pay the highest prices for drugs out of their own pockets, fore-

ing too many of our seniors to choose between paying for pills or paying their bills," he said.

Bush made the same point during his run for president, as did scores of congressional candidates. Medicare drug coverage was the most popular topic in TV ads in 2000, and everyone was for it.

Democrats hold a solid advantage on the issue, but GOP strategists believe that passing a drug bill this year would blunt their arguments in fall campaigns.

Making it happen isn't easy.

Lawmakers are proposing more spending for Medicare than the \$190 billion over 10 years that Bush put into his budget. In the House, Republicans have a \$350 billion, 10-year plan. In the Senate, a pair of Democrats have a plan estimated at

\$450 billion to \$500 billion, though it doesn't include 10 full years.

Whatever the final number, it will have to pay for the costly new drug benefit as well as any payment increases to health care providers.

## Work requirement encouraged for people who would receive federal help to pay for housing

WASHINGTON (AP) — People who get federal help to pay for housing should be required to work, and rules that discourage them from marrying and pursuing higher-paying jobs should be changed, a commission created by Congress will recommend.

The proposals, which would extend the basic philosophy behind the 1996 welfare overhaul to housing, are among the ideas laid out in the bipartisan Millennium Housing Commission's final report that soon will go to Capitol Hill. The executive summary of the 150-page report was obtained by The Associated Press.

The report urges lawmakers to devote significant new federal money and more attention to the worsening housing shortage.

"The nation faces a widening gap between the demand for affordable housing and the supply of it," the report says. "It is time for America to put ... quality-of-life issues on a par with cost considerations and make housing programs work to improve communities and individual lives."

Lawmakers created the 21-member commission in 1999 to guide them on changes in housing policy. Led by former Republican Rep. Susan Molinari and New York developer Richard Ravitch, the panel includes representatives from a broad range of ideological viewpoints.

There has been renewed interest in housing in the past year. That is in part due to growing evidence that housing problems affect not just the poorest

families, but many middle-income Americans as well.

At a meeting this week in Washington, the National Conference of Mayors plans to develop recommendations for Congress on housing policy.

While some in Congress are pushing housing-related measures, none of the plans is as comprehensive as many in the housing industry and advocacy community — and now the commission — insist is needed.

"Hopefully there will be a housing bill next year that will be based in large part on what the commission is saying," said Cheryl Malloy, a senior vice president of the Mortgage Bankers' Association. Without commenting in detail, Malloy said she was pleased the commission was suggesting

many changes her group has promoted.

Federal housing officials and others declined to comment on the report until its official release.

The commission gives no estimate of costs, but many of its proposals would be expensive for taxpayers.

### 1963 church bombing

## Woman claims FBI made up statement

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A former FBI informant testified Saturday that she never told the agency she saw Bobby Frank Cherry plant the bomb that blew up a church at the height of the civil rights era and killed four black girls, contradicting a 1964 agency report.

The FBI report quoted Mary Frances Cunningham, who worked for the bureau after the 1963 Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing, as saying she saw Cherry place the bomb at the church. The report also said she witnessed Cherry and three other Ku Klux Klan suspects sitting in a car near the church the morning of the bombing.

As the defense began calling witnesses Saturday, Cunningham said she never gave the FBI that information.

"I did not make that claim. I did not make that statement to anyone," she said.

Cunningham is the sister-in-law of Robert Chambliss, a Klan member charged in the bombing and convicted in 1977. He died in prison. While an informant, Cunningham said she told the FBI information she learned from Chambliss' wife.

Cherry, 71, a retired trucker from Mabank, Texas, is charged with murder in the deaths of four girls on a Sunday morning before church. He faces life in prison if convicted.

Defense attorney Mickey Johnson is expected to rest his case Monday, and jurors could get the case by

Tuesday.

An investigator for the Alabama attorney general's office in the 1970s testified Saturday that Cunningham told him another story. In an interview with Cunningham, investigator Bob Eddy said she told him she made up the information she gave the FBI.

"She stated she just over-

heard things from the FBI and made up the story," Eddy said.

Cherry is the third former Klansman to go to trial for the bombing. Thomas Blanton was convicted of murder last year and is serving life in prison. A fourth suspect, Herman Cash, died in 1994 without being charged.



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NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)

Saturday, May 18

L.A. Lakers 106, Sacramento 99. L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0.

Sunday, May 19

Boston at New Jersey, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, May 20

L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21

Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 24

Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 25

New Jersey at Boston, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 26

Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, May 27

New Jersey at Boston, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 28

L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 8 p.m., if necessary.

Wednesday, May 29

Boston at New Jersey, 8 p.m., if necessary.

Friday, May 31

New Jersey at Boston, TBA, if necessary.

Saturday, June 2

Boston at New Jersey, TBA, if necessary.

Monday, June 4

L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary.

NBA FINALS (Best-of-7)

Wednesday, June 5

Eastern Conference winner at Western Conference winner, 8 p.m.

Friday, June 7

Eastern Conference winner at Western Conference winner, 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 9

Western Conference winner at Eastern Conference winner, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12

Western Conference winner at Eastern Conference winner, 8 p.m.

Friday, June 14

Western Conference winner at Eastern Conference winner, 8 p.m., if necessary.

Monday, June 17

Eastern Conference winner at Western Conference winner, 8 p.m., if necessary.

Wednesday, June 19

Eastern Conference winner at Western Conference winner, 8 p.m., if necessary.

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

Thursday, May 16

Toronto 2, Carolina 1. Toronto leads series 1-0.

Saturday, May 18

Detroit 5, Colorado 3. Detroit leads series 1-0.

Sunday, May 19

Toronto at Carolina, 3 p.m.

Monday, May 20

Colorado at Detroit, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21

Carolina at Toronto, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22

Detroit at Colorado, TBO.

Thursday, May 23

Carolina at Toronto, 6 p.m.

Tigers trip Rangers 8-7 in wild one

DETROIT (AP) — Juan Acevedo was about the only reliever not to blow a lead Saturday — just barely.

Robert Fick hit a tiebreaking RBI single with two outs in the eighth inning and Acevedo ended the game by getting Rafael Palmeiro to fly to the warning track as the Detroit Tigers beat the Texas Rangers 8-7 Saturday.

"That certainly wasn't boring," Tigers manager Luis Pujols said. "It is great to see us keep coming back like that."

Palmeiro, who hadn't played since Sunday because of a strained calf, pinch hit with two outs in the ninth and the tying run on first. He drove the ball deep into the gap in right-center gap, but Wendell Magee caught it at the track.

"I hit that ball as well as I can hit one," Palmeiro said. "It's just too big out there. Now I know why Juan (Gonzalez) had such trouble playing here — and he's twice as strong as I am."

Both teams blew late-

inning leads as the Tigers picked up their second win in a row after a seven-game losing streak.

Detroit trailed 7-6 heading into the eighth, but rookie Ramon Santiago drove in the tying run with his third hit of the game, then stole second and scored on Fick's single to right-center.

Santiago only played nine games in Triple-A before his promotion on Friday, but has four hits in his first two games.

"It's a big jump, but this is what I have been working for all along," he said.

Pujols was amazed by his 22-year-old shortstop, who added a double and triple.

"They told me that he would give us a lot of energy, and he has," he said. "He can really run — he stole that base easily in the eighth."

Rudy Seanez (0-3) took the loss for Texas, while Julio Santana (2-0) got the win. Acevedo pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

Texas starter Chan Ho Park allowed five runs and

seven hits in 6 1-3 innings. Detroit's Steve Sparks allowed five runs — two earned — in seven innings, a week after giving up seven runs in 1 1-3 innings in Texas.

Texas jumped on Sparks for four in the first. With one out, Mike Young singled and Alex Rodriguez walked. Young moved to third on a flyout and scored when Sparks balked.

After Simon's error, Herbert Perry followed with a two-run double and Todd Greene made it 4-0 with a RBI single.

"I think I let the balk get to me a little," Sparks said. "After that, I tried to relax and throw the knuckler a little slower. That seemed to help."

The Tigers came back with two in their half of the inning on Dmitri Young's two-run double, and made it 4-3 on Simon's RBI single in the third.

Texas moved the lead back to two runs in the fourth on Rodriguez's looping RBI single to center.

Oklahoma, Texas A&M in regional final

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Selena Collins hit a two-run homer as Texas A&M beat top-seeded Texas 2-1 on Saturday at the NCAA softball regional.

The third-seeded Aggies (40-17) advanced to Sunday's regional final and will play No. 2 seed Oklahoma at 1 p.m.

Texas (50-13) was eliminated from the tournament.

Collins' 16th homer was all the offense Jessica Slataper needed. Slataper threw a complete game and allowed one run on four hits.

Earlier, Oklahoma (48-14) beat Texas 4-1 to put the Longhorns in the loser's bracket.

Texas took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Tamara Poppe doubled to right field.

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**LADY STEERS**

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base hit which ended in a out on an attempted steal by Brewer's Asia Anders, there were no more hits until inning four.

The deadly inning began innocently enough with a pop fly by McClure caught by Cain.

Nelson, up next, got a base hit, but was thrown out at second on the following batter, Jennifer Martin's single.

Castaneda made it to first and Martin to second when catcher Stewart dropped a pitch.

Brewer batter Brooke McNabb claimed a single on a long hit between the right and center fielders, but Martin scored on the hit and Castaneda made it all the way to third base.

Annie Bewley's double scored Castaneda and put McNabb on third, and a single from Shannon Greer sent McNabb home.

Brewer's final run of the inning and the game came on Shawna Sapp's base hit, which allowed Bewley to score.

With Asia Anders at the plate, Greer tried to steal third, but was thrown out on a Stewart to third baseman Trista Casey play, ending the top of the inning.

When the Lady Steers came up to bat in the bottom of the fourth, Laina Braxton got on base after Lady Bear first baseman McNabb dropped a throw.

Braxton seemed determined to take advantage of the error, stealing second base. When she attempted to steal third, however, a quick McClure to Sapp throw caught her in the act.

The Lady Steers' next two batters were quickly put out as well, on a third-to-first throw and a line drive snagged out of the air by shortstop Nelson.

The Lady Steers buckled down for the last half of the game, holding Brewer to three-up, three-down each inning, including a beautiful diving catch by right fielder Shannon Greer to put out Brewer's last batter.

But the cows were already out of the barn, and Big Spring's batters couldn't find a way, try as they might, to even the score.

All of Big Spring's five hits for the game came after Brewer's fourth inning shooting gallery, but four strikeouts by Castaneda and some heads-up fielding by Nelson proved too much for any of the Lady Steers to find their way across the plate.

Arista gave the team credit for not giving up.

"That's one thing that

I've said all along," he said. "This group right here, they're a competitive group. That's the thing about them. They hung in there and never gave up. They did what they had to do to at least give themselves a chance to win."

**COAHOMA**

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mind. I felt very relaxed coming into the game and wasn't nervous at all. I knew we would win."

Eula's Lady Pirates made a desperate attempt to rally but fell short only scoring one run in the bottom of the seventh.

"I'm very happy about the win. We played great, hung in there, and made things happen," said Dickenson.

Unofficially, Coahoma managed seven hits and one walk. Stovall allowed just four hits and one base on balls. She struck out three batters.

Dickenson's had some thoughts on Comanche's Maidens.

"They are very similiar to Eula with good pitching and a solid defense. We just have to hit the pitching."

**DETROIT**

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route to its first of two straight Stanley Cups.

These teams have combined to win four of the last six Stanley Cups — Colorado last year and in 1996 and Detroit in 1997 and '98.

McCarty beat Roy's glove with his second goal on a slap shot from the right circle, and then lifted a shot over the sprawling goalie off a rebound for the third goal.

The game ended much different than it began.

The Avalanche scored the first goal with their first power-play goal since Game 3 of their series with San Jose.

Sakie skated right through Detroit defense-men Nicklas Lidstrom and Chris Chelios — both finalists for the Norris Trophy — and beat Hasek with a wrist shot from between the circles just 2:48 into the game.

Detroit tied the game with 1:12 left in the first on Holmstrom's power-play goal, which came on a rebound.

The Avalanche went back ahead at 13:36 of the second on when Alex Tanguay corralled a rebound and made a cross-crease pass to Hejduk. Hull scored on a rebound of Pavel Datsyuk's shot.

**Swoopes recovering from knee injury**

HOUSTON (AP) — Sheryl Swoopes took the pass at the left of the key, faked one way and drove the other through the lane for a layup, just an ordinary-looking play during a dreary two-day preseason workout.

Vanilla as it was, the move would not have happened until recently as the Houston Comets star grappled with the physical and mental aspects of recovering from major knee surgery.

"Two months ago, I was just running down and shooting it and that's not my game," Swoopes said. "I was hesitant to do anything going to my left or using my left leg. I didn't jump for rebounds or go in the paint. I refused to do it."

Swoopes, a driving force in three of the Comets' four straight WNBA championships, spent all of the 2001 season recovering from surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee after she was sent sprawling in agony at an April practice session.

The injury robbed her of a chance to repeat her MVP performance as a pro in 2000, when she pushed the Comets to the WNBA title and led the league in scoring and steals.

The Comets tumbled in 2001 from the dominant team in the league to a third-place finish in the Western Conference, then were swept from the playoffs by the Los Angeles Sparks, who succeeded them as WNBA champs.

Still, Swoopes wasn't so certain she wanted to come back after the doctor cleared her to return.

"It's a lot of hard work," she said. "I still have days when I think, 'Can I do everything and is my knee going to give out on me?' That's going to take time to get over mentally."

Swoopes already has come a long way in the healing process.

"Probably the biggest thing she learned was that completely recovering from this kind of injury involves a complete change in

lifestyle," Comets trainer Michelle Leget said. "From this point on she's always going to be post-ACL."

"She will always have to work harder now on certain exercises to keep her strength in that area."

Most days Swoopes is pleased with her progress.

"What's surprised me is the way I'm playing now," she said. "Going through rehab, I didn't know what to expect. To come out here now and do what I'm doing on offense and defense, I've been impressed."

"So I'm not doubting that I'll come back and be the same old Sheryl."

New teammate Rebecca Lobo, a former rival with the New York Liberty, marvels at Swoopes' recovery.

"She doesn't look like she's ever had an injury," says Lobo, who has had two ACL surgeries. "Especially with an ACL, players come back and they are a little more tentative."

"But there's no difference to her game before and now. If anything her range is

improved. ... She looks terrific to me."

Swoopes played only nine games her rookie season in 1997 following the birth of her son and then didn't miss a game the next three seasons.

She started 92 games in a row, culminating in 2000 when she was named the WNBA Player of the Year and the Defensive Player of the Year.

Swoopes led the league with a 20.7 point-per-game scoring average and 2.81 average in steals.

With Swoopes, top draft pick Michelle Snow — the first female collegian to dunk — and Lobo, obtained for a draft pick, the Comets are angling to return to the playoffs.

Coach Van Chancellor said he's so dedicated to reclaiming a championship he's revamping the Comets' offense.

"I probably put more into basketball this off-season than I have in 25 years," Chancellor said. "I've been just kind of redoing."

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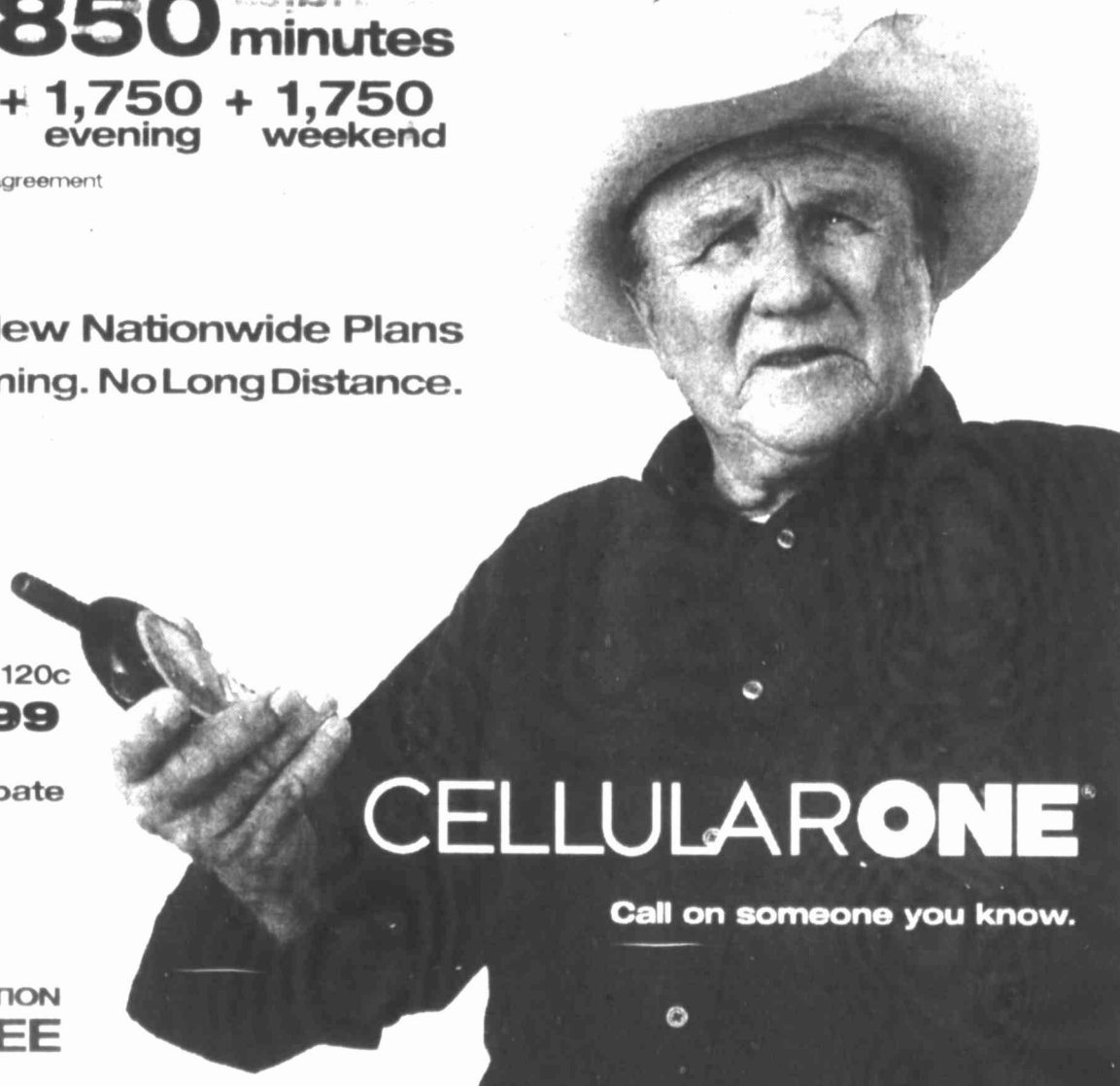
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**CLASSIFIED**

Deadline for Sunday, May 26th is 12 noon Friday, May 24th. There will be no "Too Lates".

Monday, May 27th Classified Deadline is Friday, May 24th at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 29th, Deadline is Friday, May 24th at 4:15 p.m.

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# Relay replay



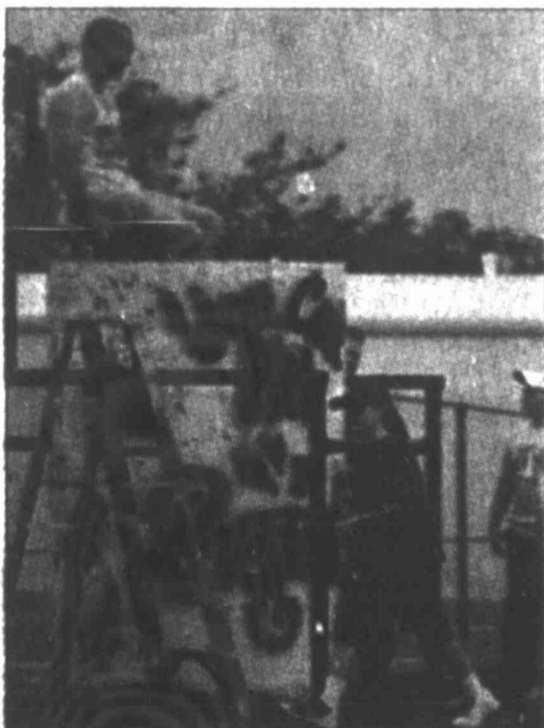
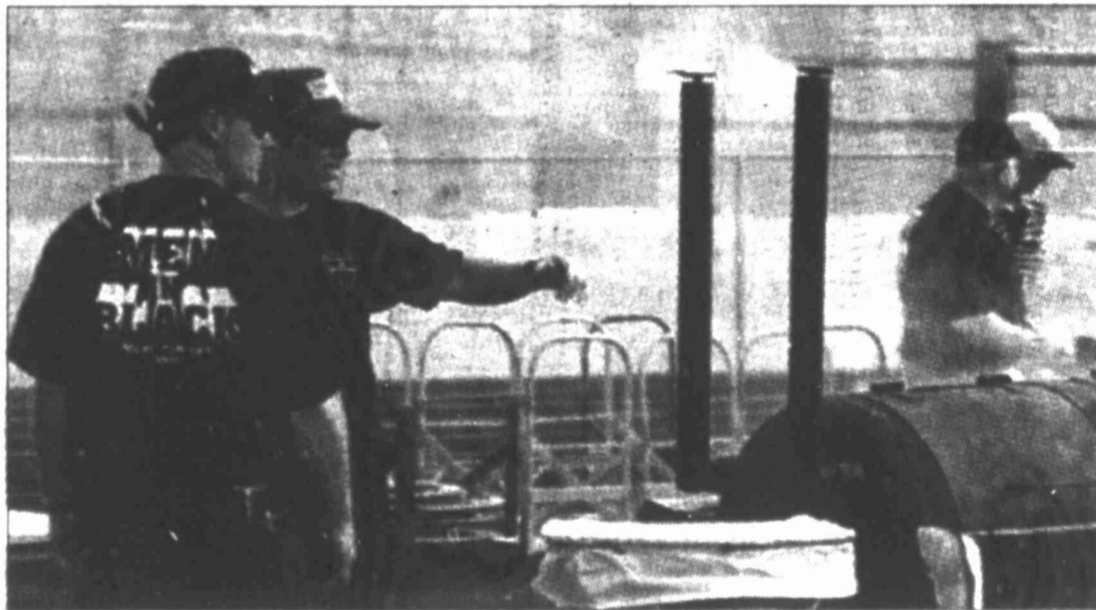
Were you part of the action on May 10-11?

Did you walk that first lap, proclaiming yourself a cancer survivor? Did you honor friends, family and loved ones with a luminaria? Did you pitch a tent and brave gale-force winds to make it into the home stretch? Did you enjoy entertainment that ranged from the Blues Brothers to karaoke to cowboy poetry? Did you eat a hamburger, fajita, burrito, pizza, cobbler with ice cream, donut, popsicle etc. etc. etc?

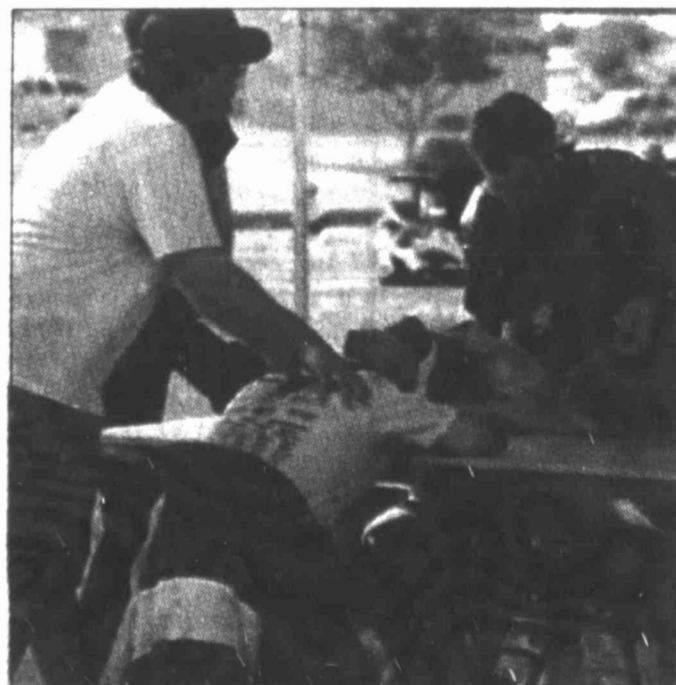
Were you there when the organizers of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life announced it had taken in more than \$174,000 -- the most ever? Did you add your voice to the mighty cheer?

If you were at Relay for Life 2002, here's a look back at this life-changing, community-transforming event. If you weren't, here's a look at what you missed. And by the way, see you next year.

--The ACS Relay Planning Committee



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# Denim and Diamonds Gala makes a profit of \$12,000

The 16th annual Denim and Diamonds Gala raised more than \$17,000 through the generous contributions of our many patrons, leading to a profit of more than \$12,000.

This could not be pulled off without the dedication of our contributors and members of our steering committee. Committee Chairman Carol Scott, and committee members Doris Huibregtse, Robin Hallman, and Ruth Stephenson performed a yeoman's job.

A special thanks goes out to decorating co-chairmen Cynthia Scott and Kim Howell.

Volunteers Jay and Judy Jarmes assisted with many details.

Everyone's efforts will provide for the daily patient requests and volunteer projects, such as

Summer Fun Day and completing the walking track and courtyard areas.

The Volunteer Services Council's board meeting May 14 finalized plans for July's annual training. Holly Doggett, Director of the American Red Cross of Central Texas, will be the featured speaker and assist the council in planning for the future.

A facelift for The Chalet Resale Shop is in the planning stages, as well as summer workdays and completion of the major renova-



BILLIE RUSSWORM

tions to the courtyards on the Geriatric and Rehabilitation Services units. Volunteers also are funding the reconstruction of the walking track.

Volunteer Shirley Bodin is requesting volunteer help as she finalizes plans for the annual Patient Summer Fun Day. New caps, visors, T-shirts and sunglasses will be available May 30 for patients as they gather for this great outdoor party.

Volunteers will visit and serve ice cream floats to the hospital patients.

Big Spring State Hospital is excited to partner with the Texas Workforce Center of Big Spring providing volunteer worksites to qualify participants needing job training.

These volunteers will fill the many volunteer jobs,

and they'll receive essential job training. Youth, ages 14 and older also are welcome to be a part of Big Spring State Hospital's Summer Youth Volunteer Program.

The Fashion Shop and our patients still need summer washable clothing and comfortable shoes for men and women.

Items can be left at the Community Relations Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A huge thanks goes out to Martha Long for leading Big Spring State Hospital's record-breaking Relay for Life Team fund-raising effort for the American Cancer Society. Martha and her many team members worked the entire year collecting \$9,400 through monthly luncheons, and bake, craft and garage sales.

The team effort was overwhelming.

The Volunteer Services Council was happy to sponsor the team, and volunteers Jay and Judy Jarmes and Cyneather Woodruff did their part by participating in the Relay Event.

The May 3 Employee Health Fair was well attended, and we appreciate the community support. Thanks to all our community volunteers who hosted booths.

Just a reminder that Big Spring State Hospital hosts a speaker's bureau with numerous speakers available to speak on various topics. I enjoyed being the guest speaker at this month's Kiwana's Club meeting.

I am always amazed at the eagerness of the community's willingness to

help with the hospital's volunteer efforts.

It's rewarding when you look at groups ranging in age from St. Mary's 4-year-old program to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and all of the individuals and groups that fall in between to make up this wonderful group of volunteers.

There is something for everyone. If you have a few hours to spare give the Community Relations Office a call to see what's available.

For more information call Community Relations, 268-7535 or 268-7536.

*Billie Russworm writes a regular column for the Herald on current events at the Big Spring State Hospital.*

## WH WH

Summer North, a sophomore at Hobbs High School in Hobbs, N.M., was named Ms. Jr. N., Hobbs, Young Teen, in the Miss Junior Achievement contest. She will represent State and National Achievement. She is also a scholar, and named an inductee in the 2002-2003 National Roll.

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Taylor Price Johnson gradu ated magna cum laude from Abilene Christian University with a BBA in finance and accounting on May 11.

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## ENGAGEMENTS

Victoria Ann Bennett and James Patrick Archer III, both of Big Spring will exchange wedding vows July 12, 2002, at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. A Fort Worth justice of the peace will officiate.

She is the daughter of Maurice and Evelyn Bennett of Big Spring and the granddaughter of the late Joe and Evelyn Paul and the late T.R. and Ocie Bennett. The groom is the son of James and Denise Archer of Big Spring and the grandson of James and Jinny Archer of Sand Springs.



Lora McMurtrey and Martin Foster, both of Lawton, Okla., will exchange wedding vows Aug. 24, 2002, at First Baptist West Lawton, Okla., with Bro. Billy Ward officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johany McMurtrey of Lawton, Okla., and the granddaughter of Mrs. Jane McMurtrey of Big Spring and the late C.G. McMurtrey.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Glasscock of Lawton, Okla., and the late Wesley Foster.



Ashley Alexander and Justin White, both of Forsan, will exchange wedding vows July 20, 2002, at First Presbyterian Church with Leo Free and Sam Soleyn officiating.

She is the daughter of Susan and Jim Alexander of Forsan and the granddaughter of LaVera Alexander and the late Hamlin Elrod.

He is the son of Rita and Jeff Powell of Forsan and David and Elena White of Canon City, Colo.

He is the grandson of Odessa Smith and the late Frank Smith, the late Martha Thistlewood and Coahoma



Wayne White, formerly of Coahoma

## ANNIVERSARY

Wilbur and Doris Pope of Big Spring will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren at the Airport Baptist Church, 1208 Fraizer St., on May 25 from 3 to 5 p.m.

He was born in Novice, Coleman County.

She was born Doris J. Newton in Big Spring.

The couple met when Wilbur was home on leave from the Navy.

His brother was the school bus driver for Doris' school bus. Wilbur rode the bus to visit with his brother.

The couple met while on the bus.

They were married May 22, 1952, in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Rhodes in Big Spring.

The Rev. Rhodes was the pastor of Westside Baptist Church.

Their children are Randall D. Pope, deceased on Oct. 25, 1969, Nancy and Joe Culppepper of Glen Rose, Roger Pope of Novice, Allen and Amanda Pope of Big



Spring.

They have four grandchildren.

Throughout their marriage the couple have lived in San Diego, Calif., until Wilbur's discharge when they moved back to Big Spring.

He is retired from Fina Refinery.

She is retired from working in the school cafeteria.

They are members of Airport Baptist Church and enjoy camping, fishing and traveling.

The couples comments on marriage are, "Love each other more than yourself." Wilbur's comment was, "I like it and recommend it."



Randy and Kelly Overton

of Coahoma will celebrate their 25th anniversary with a small celebration and weekend getaway hosted by family and friends.

He was born in Big Spring. She was born Kelly Lyn Luttrell in Galesburg, Ill.

The couple met through friends and their first date was at a Coahoma football game. They were married on May 20, 1977, at Temple Baptist Church.

Their children are Randy



Overton Jr., and Sarah Lynn Overton, both of Big Spring.

The couple lived for three years in Big Spring and for 22 years in Coahoma.

Randy is a truck driver. Kelly is an EMS director/paramedic for Coahoma Fire and EMS.

The couple are members of Coahoma Church of Christ and the Lion's Club.

The couple's comment on marriage was, "We are best friends forever and look forward to 25 more."

## WEDDING



On April 20, 2002, Barbara Mitchell and Peter Weiler, both of Burleson exchanged wedding vows under a gazebo made by the groom.

The wedding was held outdoors at the Back to Back Ranch with Shane Gray,

minister of the Church of Burleson officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Ike and Glenda Low of Big Spring and Jeff and Renie Mitchell of Southlake.

The groom is the son of John Weiler of Burleson and Ron and Julie Scheele of Houston.

Vocalist/instrumentalist was the groom who wrote and recorded the song, "Take Your Time."

The bride was given in marriage by Ike Low and wore a white, full length bridal gown with long sleeves and stin bodice accented with lace appliques. The tulle skirt with chapel length train was accented with lace appliques, pearls and sequins. She wore a two tiered veil with a crown of pearls. She carried a bouquet of white roses and greenery.

Matron of honor was Becky Ellis.

Bridesmaids were Carylon Frerich, cousin of the bride, and Cherie Archer, niece of the groom.

Flower girls were Julia Chenoweth and Terah Chenoweth, cousins of the bride. Ring bearer was Tryston Archer, great-nephew of the groom.

Best man was James Brewer. Groomsman were Dave Carlisle and Matt Archer, nephew of the groom.

A reception and dance immediately followed the ceremony.

The bride's cake was three heart shaped tiers atop a flowing fountain.

The groom's cake was chocolate with German chocolate filling and was covered with chocolate dipped strawberries.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Forsan High School and a graduate of Howard College. She is the RPMI for Brierley and Partners.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Calvary Academy of Fort Worth and is employed by Harrison Jet Guns in quality control.

Following a seven day western Caribbean cruise to Labadee, Jamaica, Grand Caymen, and Cozumel the couple made their home in Burleson.

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## STORK CLUB

Anthony Jaydon Ledesma, boy, born May 2, 2002, at 11:58 p.m. Weighing 6 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

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### WHO'S WHO

Summer North, a sophomore at Hobbs High School in Hobbs, N.M., was named Ms. Jr. N., Hobbs, Young Teen, in the NORTH Miss Junior America Achievement Program. She will represent Hobbs in the State and National Finals in Anaheim, Calif. in August.



Roll six semesters. He will attend the University of Houston Law School in the fall. He is the son of Dan and Shirley Johnson of Big Spring.

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Chelsea Churchwell of Big Spring has been named a United States National Award Winner in USAA American Character and Citizenship Award.

Chelsea, who attends Big Spring High School, was nominated for this national award by Dwight Butler, an athletic director at the school.

She will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook which is published annually.

She is the daughter of Dennis and Debbie Churchwell of Big Spring. The grandparents are Vaughn and Helen Martin Tom and Eva Churchwell, all of Big Spring.

One student from Big Spring was among the 625 graduates who received their degrees during Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's 2002 Spring Commencement on May 10.

Michael David Galaviz received a BA, magna cum laude, from the College of Arts and Humanities.

Chad C. Winn of Coahoma received a BBA in marketing at the McMurry University commencement exercises on May 11.

William Charles Rutherford has graduated from seminary on May 4 from Dallas Theological Seminary with a Master of Theology (Th.M.) with highest honors.

He was also recipient of two awards, The Henry C. Thiessen Award in New Testament (outstanding New Testament scholar) and The Lewis Sperry Chaffer Award (outstanding male graduate student for scholarship, character, and leadership).

He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1991, University of Texas, Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering in 1995.

He is currently employed with Broadman-Holman Publishing, working on Bible translation.

Michelle Lee Freeze, daughter of Herb Miner Jr. and Glenn and Bobbie Pemberton, was awarded a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry at a special commencement ceremony held May 5, in Memorial Hall.

The 2002 Spring graduates from Angelo State University include the following from the Big Spring area: Stacy Lynn Beal, BS, cum laude, Crystal Dawn Cates, BS, magna cum laude, Rebecca Mae Choate, BS, Shana Rene Earnest BS, magna cum laude, Brad Michael Fielder, BSN, Tracy Moss Fielder, BSN, Ashley Allcorn Glass, M.Ed., Michelle Marbeiter, BS, Cory J. Maxwell, BA, and Glenda Faye Wallace, BS.



Taylor Price Johnson graduated magna cum laude from Abilene Christian University with a BBA in finance and accounting on May 11.

During his four years he achieved the Dean's Honor

## Out of husband's love for wife, a lifelike breast prosthesis is custom-made for cancer survivors

GEORGETOWN, Ky. (AP) — Terry Ferguson often wept as he watched his wife cope with the loss of a breast to cancer.

Frances Ferguson put on a brave face, as he knew she would, but inside she was changing. She was not the same happy-go-lucky woman he knew and loved before her left breast was removed to save her life in October 2000.

“I never even thought about marketing it,” he said. “All I wanted to do was create something that would bring my wife back to me and give her the confidence to start living her life again.”

“But it wasn't more than a few days before she told me that I had the ability to change the lives of women who had been feeling like she had and make them feel whole again.”

The custom prosthesis is an idea that is long overdue, said Dr. Patrick McGrath, director of the University of Kentucky's Comprehensive Breast Care Center.

“It's sort of been a neglected area for years,” said McGrath, who saw the prosthesis during a presentation on the product. “It's dramatically different. The concept is so simple and makes so much sense.”

The prosthesis is custom built — molded from an impression of a remaining breast if there is one — and fit to each woman's particular specifications, including size, shape and color of the remaining breast.

It is made of a unique patent-pending silicone foam core which Ferguson perfected after many years creating retainers and other oral appliances for his patients. It is light and cool yet waterproof and can be worn while exercising, swimming or sitting in a hot tub.

“The hardest part was

developing a core material that would literally simulate breast tissue weight-wise,” he said. “Once I was able to do that, the aesthetic part really just fell into place.”

It can be held firm against the chest with or without adhesive and worn with or without a bra. Frances Ferguson has worn it with everything from a bathing suit to a formal, strapless dress.

“There's really no situation where I'm not comfortable wearing it,” she said.

The prosthesis is available only through VDK Turning Point in Lexington but soon will be available in prosthetics shops in Kentucky and Tennessee and, eventually, nationwide.

“We've had about 30 women wear the prosthesis and have gotten hundreds of calls through word of mouth alone,” said Lois Ferguson, chief marketing officer for Radiant Impressions.

“A typical breast prosthesis costs between \$350 and \$500, while the other custom prosthesis on the market runs about \$3,800,” she said. “This one costs between \$950 and \$1,100 depending on the size.”

Elaine Greer says that's a small price to pay for the way it makes cancer survivors feel. As director of chaplains at Lexington's Central Baptist Hospital, Greer counsels women struggling with the ravaging effects of breast cancer.

“She's also a 4 1/2-year cancer survivor herself who lost both of her breasts to a bilateral mastectomy in 1997.”

“I've always been an extremely confident and positive person, so wearing the heavy old prosthesis was no big deal to me,” said Greer, who met the Fergusons while Frances

was undergoing her surgery. “I was just so happy to be alive.”

Terry Ferguson asked if she would allow him to make her a pair to wear for several days and then let him know what, if any, changes the design needed.

“Quite honestly, I thought to myself, ‘Is this guy crazy?’ But I figured I owed it to my patients to find out about any kind of new product they might be interested in,” she said.

“When I saw them for the first time, I was absolutely speechless. You just can't believe what you are seeing. And then seeing them on my body ... it's a joy you just can't explain.”

Greer said the prosthesis allows a woman to feel normal again.

“It sounds funny to say this out loud, but I never dreamed I'd ever have a nipple again,” she said with a laugh. “I mean, your arm brushes up against your chest and there it is — like it was never gone.”

“I never thought I'd ever feel comfortable going into Victoria's Secret or Dillard's again to look for and try on bras. After a mastectomy, you feel like a patient, not a woman. Now, bra shopping is something I look forward to more than just about anything.”

That, Terry Ferguson says, makes him feel almost as proud as seeing his wife thrive as she did before the cancer changed both of their lives.

“I just knew in my heart there had to be something better out there for Frances,” he said. “When I saw the dramatic change it made in her, it was only logical to try to make it available for the masses.”

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — Radiant Impressions can be reached via e-mail: info@radiantimpressions.com

### ENGAGEMENTS

Irene Cantu and Michael Richardson, both of Houston, formerly of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows June 1, 2002 in Makena Cove Beach at Maui, Hawaii with Rev. Genevieve DeRego officiating.

She is the daughter of Mayela Cantu of Midland and Jesus A. Cantu of Big Spring.

He is the son of Ray and Barbara Kennedy of Big Spring and Rob and Linda Richardson of Roscoe.



Amber Key and Armando Paredes of Big Spring will exchange wedding vows May 25, 2002 at First Baptist Church, Sand Springs with pastor Mark Winn officiating.

She is the daughter of Ernie and Cheryl Justice of Big Spring and Mark Key of Corpus Christi. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Delores Land and Barbara Key.

He is the son of Gilbert and Aurelia Paredes of Big Spring.

### NEWCOMERS

Alfredo Velasquez and wife Jana of Austin. He is employed by West Texas Energy.

Brad Willis, wife Sherri, sons Bryson and Cody, and daughter Alexis of Stanton. He is employed by Caprock Electric.

Nate Avey, wife Kessie

and son Jake of Hillsboro. He is employed by Porter Henderson Implement Co.

Rita Crawford and son Bryan of Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is employed by StarTek.

Tony Yates and wife Mary of Ashtabula, Ohio. He does landscaping.

Daniel Harding of Ashtabula, Ohio. He does landscaping.

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# Coolin' off from the heat

## Big A's serves up ice treats

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

"Summertime, and the livin' is easy." Except in West Texas, that "easy" livin' often includes triple digit temperatures.

A local business is offering a remedy for high temperatures - flavored, shaved-ice snow cones.

Big A's Shaved Ice is operated by the Avant family and located next door to their Kwik-Kash check cashing service in the 1800 block of South Gregg.

The stand has been in operation for seven years, but Dean Avant said this is its busiest year yet. With flavors ranging from Amaretto to Blue Raspberry to Hawaiian Breeze to Red Passion, it's easy to see, and taste, why.

"I think it's the texture. It has a better texture, I think it has a better taste. The syrup we make ourselves, it has a lot better taste I think. We have 53 flavors, and that's not counting the ones that we mix. We mix a couple of different flavors and call it a 'Fuzzy Navel' or stuff like that. It gives a huge variety."

Each shaved ice cone comes with a little surprise, a candy Gummi Worm buried in the snow.

"There's a lot of different gimmicks," Avant said. "The man we bought it from, he used to put a piece of bubblegum at the bottom of his snow cones. (The Gummi Worms) are just a gimmick we had seen in the past."

Avant said the stand has just this year started offering fruit smoothies in addition to their regular fare of shaved ice cones.



**Big Spring High School junior Sean Peters and Howard College nursing student Jennifer Kelly manufacture tasty shaved ice concoctions at Big A's Shaved Ice, located in the 1800 block of South Gregg. Each snow cone comes complete with its own candy Gummi Worm.**

As well as offering cold summertime treats, Big A's gives high school students a chance to earn spending cash and get valuable training.

"It's a good training ground for the kids," Avant said. "Most of the kids that are working with us end up working over here (at Kwik Kash). They learn to handle

money. I'd say over half of our kids come from the high school or are school-age children."

Avant said the family got into the shaved ice business after his father bought the equipment in Lubbock.

"My father met a man in Lubbock and the guy was selling that snow cone equipment, shaved ice

equipment," he said. "He said, 'Well, I've done snow cones before, but I've never done the shaved ice.' So he bought the equipment."

The shaved ice equipment sat idle for a couple of years before the family got Big A's cranked up and running.

Big A's is open daily from noon to 10 p.m. during the summer months.

# Lack of trust

## Energy trading industry drawing black eyes anew by questionable practices

NEW YORK (AP) — The badly bruised energy trading industry drew more negative attention to itself this past week as companies released details about phony power swaps and announced the resignations of executives overseeing these questionable practices.

With the stock prices of industry leaders Dynegy Inc. and Reliant Resources Inc. at all-time lows, and their peers close behind, Wall Street analysts said Friday they are assigning minimal or no value to these companies' energy trading units until some semblance of trust can be restored.

The latest embarrassment — coming on the heels of Enron Corp.'s accounting gimmickry and accusations of market manipulation in California — surrounded the practice of "round-trip" trading, in which one company sells power to another and then simultaneously buys it back at the same price.

Dynegy, Reliant and CMS Energy Corp. have acknowledged that some of their employees engaged in these transactions to inflate trading volume and, presumably, their reputations. But analysts said the bogus transactions might have artificially raised wholesale electricity prices and, to some extent, their own expectations for industry growth.

It's not the biggest shoe to drop for an industry whose pioneer, Enron, imploded amid scandal and remains mired in bankruptcy proceedings. But the revelations about round-trip trading nonetheless further eroded energy traders' cred-

ibility. "It may have been less widespread than we think," Prudential Securities analyst Carol Coale said of the round-trip trading, "but there's no way of knowing."

As a result, investors have pummeled the shares of companies that trade power and natural gas, essentially calculating the value of their units devoted to energy production and sales, and little else.

Credit-rating agencies, meanwhile, have issued a slew of downgrades and warnings in recent weeks, making it more difficult for energy merchants to borrow money and conduct their day-to-day affairs.

Credit downgrades have plagued the industry in the past year by forcing energy merchants to promise cash or other assets as collateral for long-term supply contracts and, by extension, increasing the cost of doing business. In response, companies have issued stock, sold assets and cut back on expansion plans.

"Everybody's still bracing for more bad news," said William Maze, an analyst at Banc of America Securities. "It just seems that every time you shake this industry something falls out," he added.

On Monday, Reliant's chief executive said the round-trip trades conducted by "misguided employees" puffed up its electricity trading volumes by 20 percent and boosted annual revenues by 10 percent between 1999 and 2001.

Two days later, CMS Energy of Dearborn, Mich., which made round-trip trades with both Dynegy

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# Downgrade of tuberculosis status coming on Texas cattle

Texas livestock health officials are alerting cattle producers, veterinarians and livestock markets that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will strip Texas of its "Free" status for cattle tuberculosis (TB) eradication on or around June 1.



**DAVID KNIGHT**

The TB status downgrade will mean that the

150,000 or more breeding cattle hauled out of Texas each year must have a negative tuberculosis skin test prior to being moved.

The USDA has placed a moratorium on additional restriction until at least January 2003, when the state's feeder cattle must be identified with official ear tags before being transported out of state.

"Since late February, the USDA and cattle industry groups have prepared for the loss of Texas' TB-free status, which initially was thought would occur as early as April," explains Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian

and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). "This loss of status will have a great impact on the Texas livestock industry and, until producers are familiar with the process, it could slow the movement of breeding cattle out of the state."

"The downgrade in TB status comes as a result of the diagnosis and subsequent depopulation of two TB-infected cattle herds during 2001," she said. "Both infected herds were detected by slaughter plant inspectors, who found carcasses with internal lesions

indicative of TB. Lesion samples were submitted to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) for examination, and we began skin-testing the herds where the animals originated. We closely examined the carcasses of test-positive animals from the herds and submitted lesions to the NVSL for examination and confirmation of TB."

Federal regulations mandate a loss of TB-free status when a state has two or more infected herds disclosed within a 48-month period. Texas will move from the TB-free status it has held since

November 2000, to modified accredited advanced status, the second highest rung in an international five-tier ranking system for cattle TB eradication. It will take at least two years without an infected herd for Texas to regain its coveted TB-free status enjoyed by all other states except Michigan.

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent — Agriculture. His telephone number is 264-2236 and his office is located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse.)

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# Veneman establishes farm bill working group to cut red tape

In an address that was broadcast to USDA employees across the country, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman said USDA is committed to a timely and efficient farm bill implementation process.



**RICK LILES**

The Secretary announced the formation of a Farm Bill Working Group, consisting of USDA's chief economist, budget director and sub-cabinet officials that will be instrumental in ensuring appropriate planning, coordination and implementation.

"USDA employees have been working for many months in anticipation of the new farm bill," said Veneman. "Our farm bill implementation team will include key career and sub-cabinet officials with all

mission areas working together to ensure an efficient and timely process." Veneman noted that the farm bill contains new programs that are widespread and impact many sectors including farm services, natural resources, conservation, rural development, nutrition, food safety, research, pests and diseases, as well as international trade.

The measure establishes new authorities and additional rules, regulations and procedures.

"The President signed the farm bill almost immediately upon receiving it from the Congress so we here at USDA could begin with the important task of implementation," Veneman said. "Now the hard work begins and while it will be a difficult task, our goal is to cut red tape so we can get the job done."

Secretary Veneman assured farmers that the USDA team is working hard to implement the new programs and outlined several measures already

underway, including: the creation of a farm bill website (<http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>); implementing eGovernment, which will soon allow producers to complete and submit some forms on-line; developing and sending to county offices new software to aid in updating producer information; meeting with representatives of farm and commodity organizations; and developing informational materials about new programs.

Veneman highlighted to employees the many facets of the new farm bill which:

• Provides certainty and a strong safety net for farmers over the next six years;

• Provides record-level support for conservation programs to preserve wetlands and improve soil and water quality on working farms;

• Demonstrates compassion through new support for food stamp and nutrition programs;

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A ribbon cutting ceremony was hosted by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Big Spring Ambassadors Thursday to celebrate new chamber member Don Nan Pump & Supply Co., located at 2903 N. Birdwell Lane. The company was started in 1962 by Vernon Caruth and is the third largest manufacturer of oilfield supply in the U.S. Attending the ribbon cutting ceremony are, back row, Bill Wells, Marcus Sailler, D.J. "Duck" Robertson and Stubby Robertson, and front row, Rick Burden, the company's CFO and legal counsel, Bob Bilbo, manager, and Dorothy Caruth, owner.

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IN THE NEWS



STALLINGS

**LOUIS STALLINGS**, life insurance professional, recently attended the **TLRT Roundup**, an advanced sales and marketing seminar, at **Lakeway Inn & Resort** in Austin. Sponsored by the **Texas Leaders Round Table (TLRT)**, an honor organization affiliated with the **Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors**, the roundup is designed to provide advanced education, motivation, selling techniques and product information to top professionals in the industry throughout the state. **STALLINGS**, 1606 1/2 S. Gregg, has been a member of the **Texas Leaders Round Table** for 37 years. He is owner of the **Louis Stallings Agency** in Big Spring. He is also a member of the **Million Dollar Round**

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Grantor: Freddy D. Ward and Sue Ward  
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Property: Lot 29, Bk. 1, Capehart Addition  
Date filed: May 1, 2002

Grantor: Harold K. Larpenater and Angela Dawn Larpenater  
Grantee: Michael J. Frank  
Property: Lot 30, Bk. 16, Kentwood Addition (Unit 2)  
Date filed: May 1, 2002

Grantor: Gary Donelson  
Grantee: Ruben R. Hernandez and Priscilla Hernandez  
Property: S/43 feet of Lot 2 and the N/57 feet of Lot 3, Bk. 11, Kentwood Addition (Unit 1)  
Date filed: May 2, 2002

Grantor: A&M Investments LLC  
Grantee: Michelle Ferro  
Property: Lot 1, Bk. 3, Anderson Addition  
Date filed: May 3, 2002

Grantor: A&M Investments LLC  
Grantee: John D. Martinez and Manuella Hernandez  
Property: Lot 18, Bk. 4, Central Park Addition  
Date filed: May 3, 2002

Grantor: Ronald J. Howell and Patricia M. Howell  
Grantee: Gino Cervantez and Melinda Cervantez  
Property: Lot 17, Bk. 2, Monticello Addition  
Date filed: May 3, 2002

Grantor: Carol Eggeston  
Grantee: Kathryn Martin  
Property: S/90.2 feet of Lot 14, Bk. 3, Withr Freeer Subdivision, Sec. 4, Bk. 32, T. 1-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
Date filed: May 3, 2002

Grantor: A&M Heritage Holdings Ltd. d/b/a A&M Investment  
Grantee: Raymond and Maria E. Salgado  
Property: N/2 of Lot 25 and all of Lot 26, Bk. 3, Wrights First Addition  
Date filed: May 4, 2002

TRADING

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and Reliant, said \$4.4 billion of its business was derived this way.

Then on Thursday, both companies announced the resignations of executives in charge of their power

trading businesses. Even so, analysts say, the cloud hanging over the industry won't just blow away.

"It takes a long time for management to regain credibility and trust. Some can regain it in a couple of quarters and some never regain

it," Coale said. "Even the credibility of auditors is in question."

A lack of oversight is the heart of the matter for many other industry observers, including those recognized as helping to craft deregulated energy markets.

FARM BILL

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- Helps expand trade for U.S. food and agriculture products overseas;
- Contains an energy title to help examine new uses for agriculture as an energy source;
- Invests more in research, value-added programs, animal and plant disease protections, food safety and rural development.

"While it's not a perfect bill, the new measure provides certainty, a strong safety net for farmers and complies with our international trade obligations," said Veneman. "It also provides investments in important areas such as conservation, trade, nutri-

tion, research, rural development and energy."

On other farm bill issues, the secretary noted that USDA has been administering the last year of the FAIR Act while the new farm bill was being developed, which has provided nearly \$4 billion in direct payments to producers this year. The new law provides some additional direct payments for 2002, and these will be made in the fall using updated acreage bases. The new law also provides for a first installment of 2003 direct payments in December 2002. The first advance counter-cyclical payments for 2002 will be made in October with a second advance in February 2003. The final

payment will be made at the end of each marketing year for each commodity, once the final season average price is known.

The marketing loan program continues to operate largely as before, but with readjusted loan rates for most crops. The new loan rates are applicable immediately to the 2002 harvested crops, beginning with wheat now being harvested.

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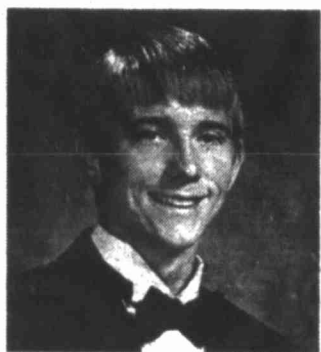
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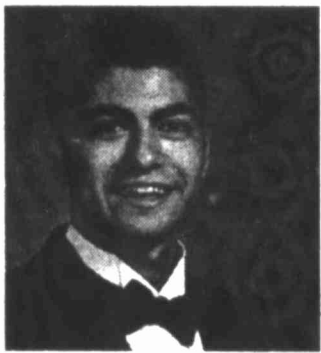


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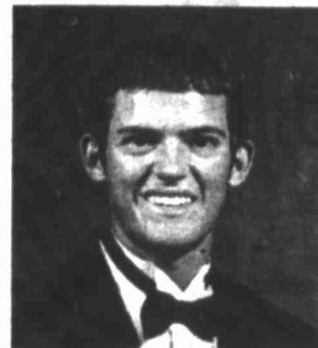
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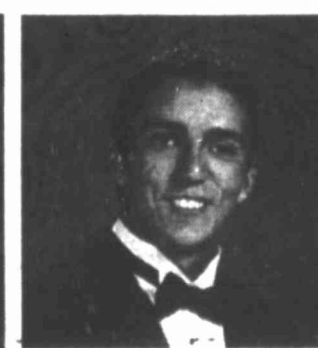
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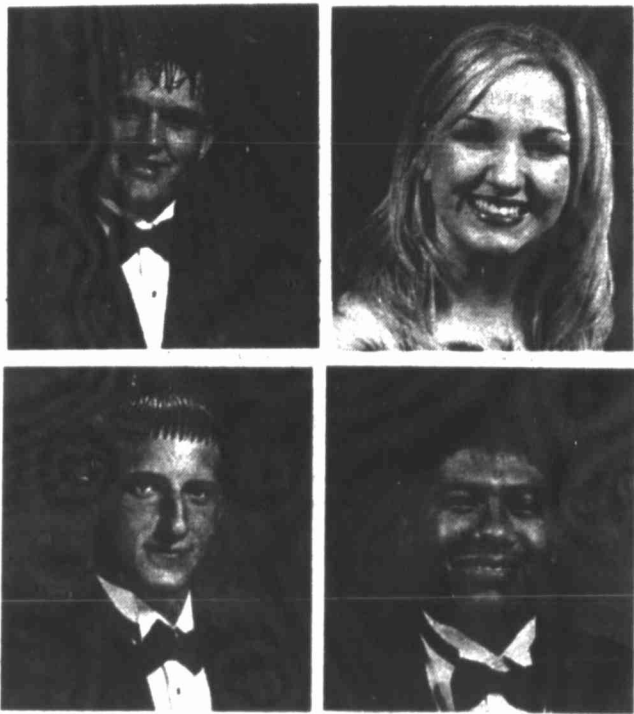
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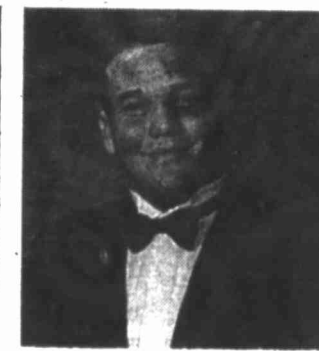
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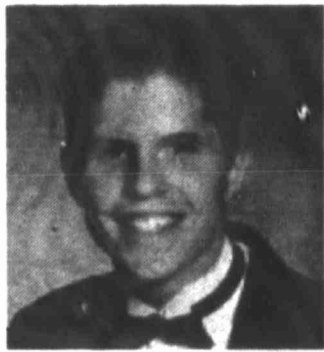
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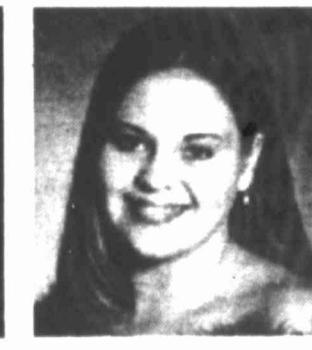
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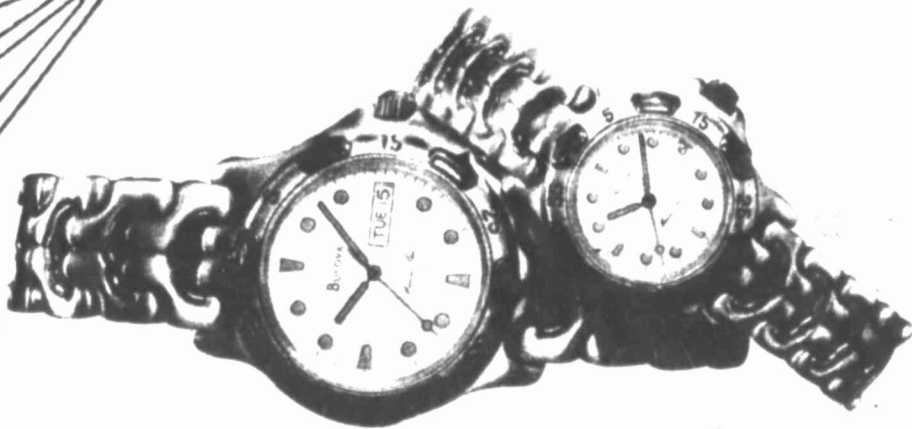
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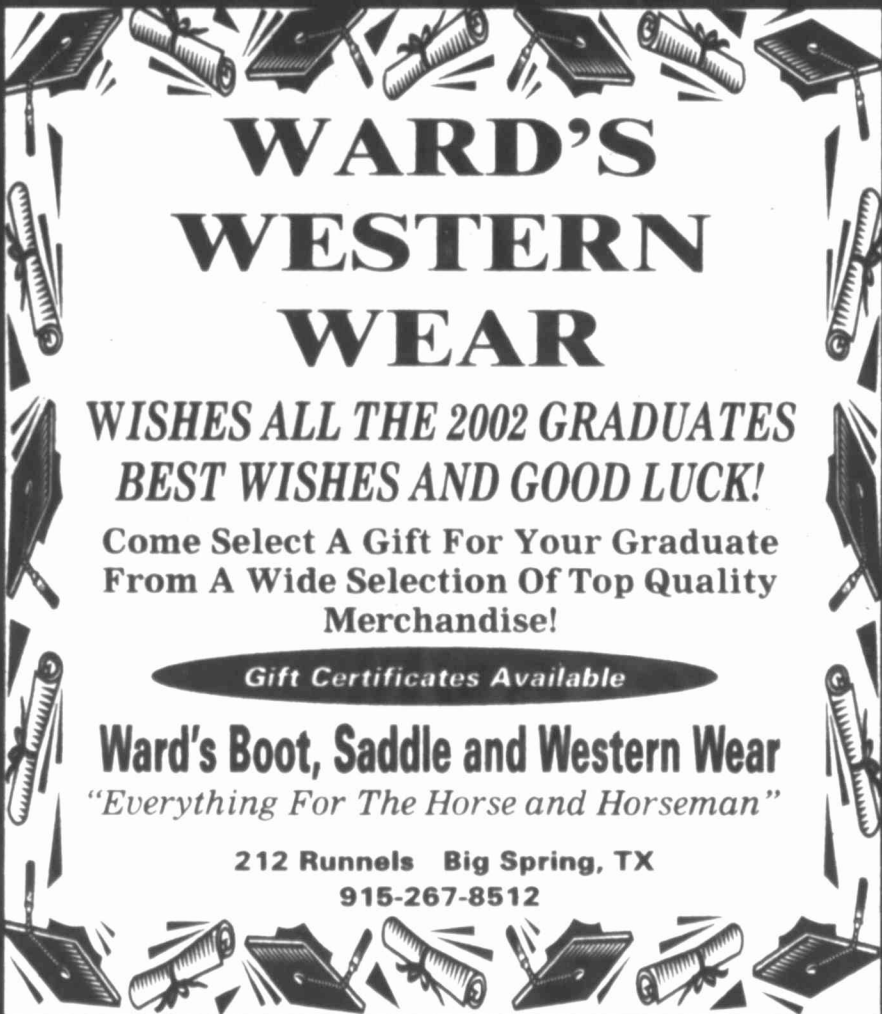
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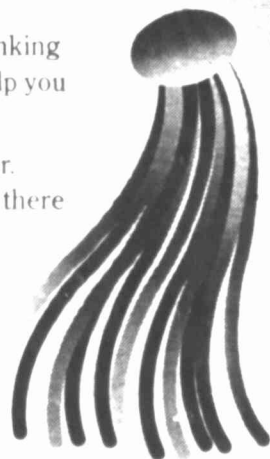
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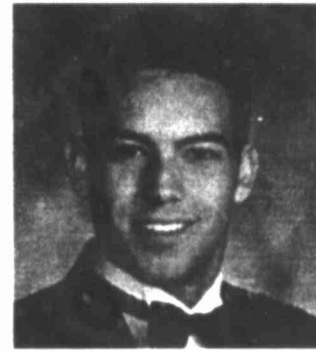
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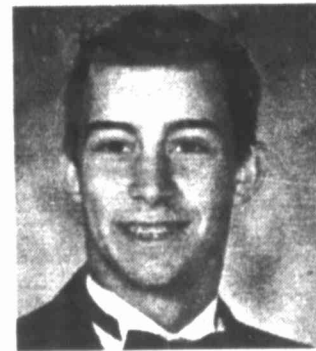
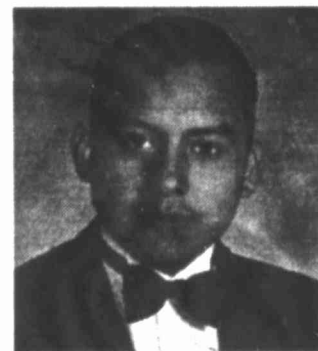
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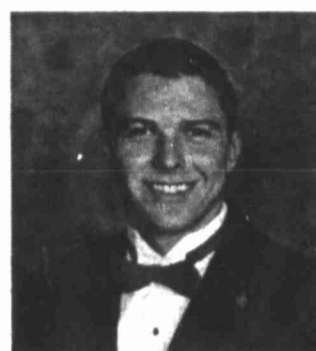
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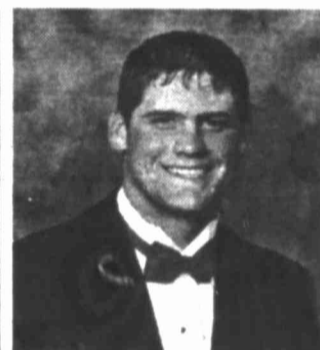
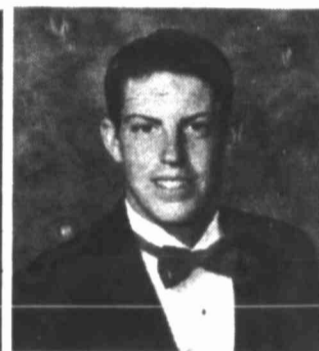
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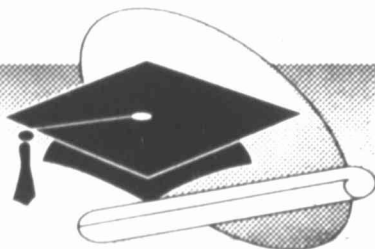


*Maria de Jesus Tenorio.*



*Commencement Exercise  
Stanton High School  
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Friday, May 24th  
8:00 P.M.*

After repeated attempts to  
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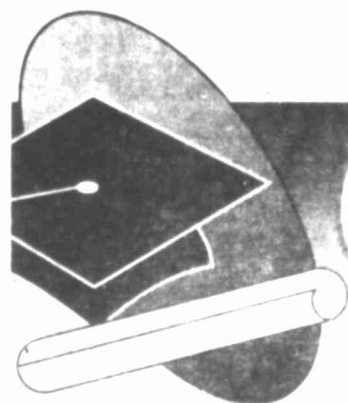
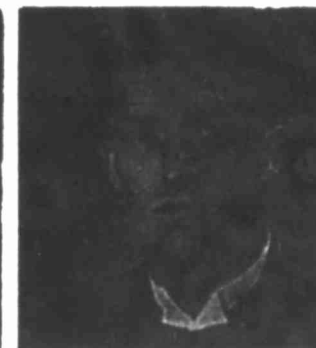
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*High School Auditorium*  
*Friday, May 31st*  
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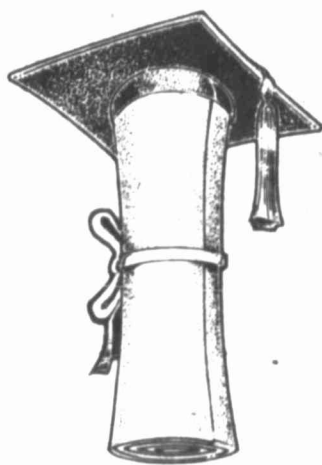
# GRADS ARE SPECIAL PEOPLE!

**Shasta,**  
Don't worry about the past...it's over...!  
Don't worry about the future...it will be here soon enough...!






*But live life in the present and to the fullest...!*  
**Love,  
Mom & Dad**

**Shasta Fuqua**



**Ashley,**  
**Congratulations**  
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*Love,  
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Dusty, Taylor,  
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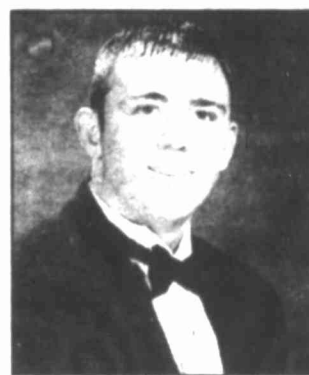


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**Felicia,**  
It seems like yesterday we walk hand in hand with you to your first day of class.



We are proud of you. May God be with you and may your dreams come true in the future.  
**Love Mom, Dad & Melissa**

**9 Felicia Guerra**



# CONGRATULATIONS are *In Order*

**Collin,**  
Congratulations on your accomplishments & on your character.

Here's to a bright future.  
We love you.  
Mom, Amber, Frits.

**9 Collin Neal Doring**

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**Good luck, grads!**

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**Brian,**  
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Kelly*

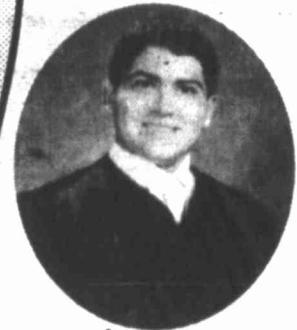


**Brian Jeffrey Wingert**

**Joseph,**  
We are so  
proud of you.  
Good luck in  
years to  
come.




*Love Always,  
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**Congratulations Seniors!**

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**Congratulations  
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**YOU MADE IT!**



**Kimberly,**  
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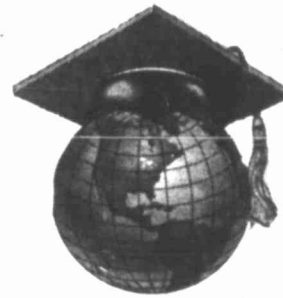
**Kimberly Jumper**

**We  
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 You,  
 Linds!**




Mom, Lisa,  
 Maw Maw,  
 MeMom &  
 Grandad

**Lindsay Shaffer**



*Great Expectations*

You've earned the respect and admiration of this entire community, and we are eagerly looking forward to even greater and grander things from you in the future.

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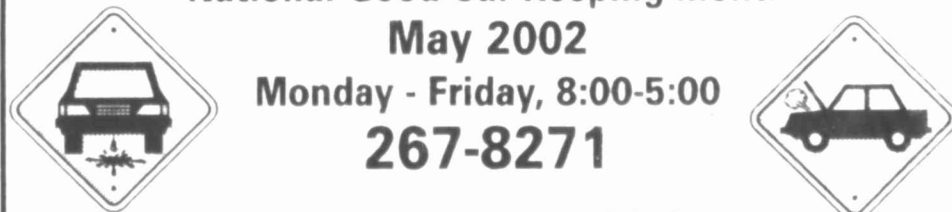


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**Brandon,**  
You have grown up so fast! We are proud of you and love you.






**Congratulations!**  
Mom, Dad, Jeremy, Tiff, Kristian, Matt, Stephanie and Aaron.

**Brandon Greathouse**



**Aimee',**  
Congratulations & Best Wishes in All Your Endeavors

**Love,**  
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**Aimee' Ryan Ham**

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Big Spring Independent School Graduates

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# Congratulations

Teresa Margarita Menchaca formerly of Big Spring, Tx., graduated from Seagoville High School May 18, 02. She is the daughter of Henry & Cindy Menchaca of Seagoville, Tx.





**Teri**  
*Are you reach the end of a journey, we congratulate you on your accomplishments.  
 As you begin a new chapter in your life we would like to say Reach for the Stars and may God Bless You Always.  
 Love You*

Grandma, Guelo, Uncle Mike & Uncle Bob,  
 Uncle Mike, Aunt Gracie & Cousin Briana.

**Teresa Margarita Menchaca**

**GO FOR  
 IT,  
 GRADS!**


**Cody,**  
 Congratulations  
 We Are Very  
 Proud Of  
 You.


Mom, Dustin,  
 Maranda,  
 Grandma  
 &  
 Grandpa

**Cody Clark**

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**Super Job,  
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We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Class of 2002. It's hard to believe the day is finally here. You've worked hard and made it through, and we couldn't be more proud of you. Congratulations and best of luck to all area graduates.

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You did it!  
We are very proud of you.  
Best of luck.  
*Love, Mom & Dad  
Jonathan & Eric Ochoa.*

9 **Vanessa Ochoa**



**Jacob,**  
Congratulations  
We Are So  
Proud Of  
You!



*Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Rudy, Jermaine  
& Nadia*



9 **Jacob Aguilar Garcia**

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**Klassic Kleaners**

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**Matt,**  
Thank you for being the kind of son & brother that anyone would be proud of no matter how old you are.






*We Love You,  
Dad, Mom  
& Morgan*

**Matt Barron**




**Wendy,**  
You will always be my little girl.

*I Love You  
From Mom*

**Wendy Madry**


**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**CLASS OF '02**



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**CLASS OF '02**

**May Your Dreams Hold The Key To Success!**

*Wishing You The Best Of Everything On Graduation!*

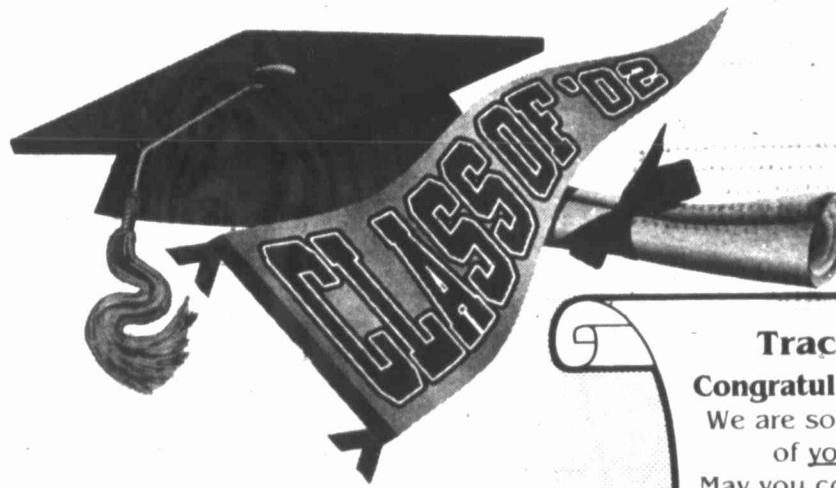
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**Congratulations!**  
**Andrea**

*We Love You.*  
*Mom, Dad & Sam*

**Andrea DeLeon**




**Tracy,**  
**Congratulations!**  
We are so proud of you!  
May you continue great success in your future.




*May God Bless You in everything you do.*  
*We Love You Mom, Dad & Misty*

**Tracy Lynn Padilla**

**Hooray, Hooray!**  
You're the greatest, Class of '02!  
You've shown great promise,  
and all signs point to continued success and accomplishment.  
**Best of Luck to you all.**

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*Warm Wishes To All Our Area Graduates!*  
Here's hoping all your future days are filled with success.  
**Bravo, Class of 2002!!**

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**YOU DID IT!**

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**To Our Graduates, With Pride**

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**Congratulations and Best Wishes.**  
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has paid off! You're graduating and  
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your journey toward success.

We know that you'll achieve  
many great things in your life  
and your career.

**Congratulations!**

**Big Spring Independent  
School District**

**Reach For The Stars!**

**Congratulations To All Area  
Graduates**



**A whole new world of opportunities await you as you  
venture into life as an adult. No dream is too big and no  
goal is too high when you give it your best shot.**

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