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## WEATHER

Tonight:



**PARTLY CLOUDY**  
TONIGHT 74°-76° TOMORROW 94°-97°

## Dinner theater Tung and Cheek to open Friday

Tickets are still available for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce dinner theater Tung and Cheek.

Performances will be held on Friday and Saturday. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive in the Comanche Trail Park.

Seating is limited to 130 spaces each night and tickets are on sale at the chamber of commerce, 215 West Third. Admission is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Parade, 5:30 p.m. Begins at 10th Street and Main, travels north to the city square and south on Scurry Street back to 10th.

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

□ Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, 8 p.m., Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

### THURSDAY

□ Gideon International Big Spring camp U42060, Herman's, 7 a.m.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center art classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m., for 55 years of age and older.

□ Coffee Club, 10 a.m.,

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## Rodeo begins 69th run tonight

All tickets  
are just \$1  
this evening

HERALD Staff Report

The 69th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo bucks out of the chute at the Rodeo Bowl tonight but not until after some "yahooing" downtown today.

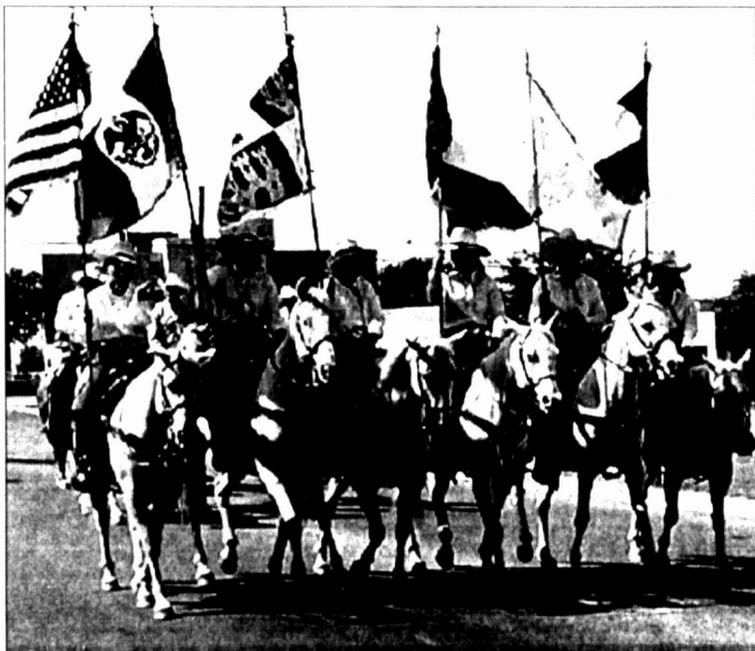
Spectators are expected to line Main and Scurry streets for the annual rodeo parade, set to get under way at 5:30 p.m.

Texas Tech University's Masked Rider, renowned rodeo clown and barrelman Quail Dobbs, the grand marshal, and Miss Rodeo Texas Teen Cassie Lynn Graham are just a few of the celebrities who will participate in the parade.

Lineup will be at 10th and Main and the route will be north on Main Street to the courthouse, west a block to Scurry, then south back to 10th Street.

From there, it's on to the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl, where the oldest continuous Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) rodeo in the state kicks off with a grand entry at 8 p.m. It's Dollar Night, and rodeo fans can get in for just one buck.

The rodeo continues at 8 nightly through Saturday, and promises to be compet-



Horses aplenty. The annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Parade begins at 5:30 p.m. today from the corner of 10th Street and Main. The rodeo grand entry begins at 8 each evening through Saturday at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

itive and entertaining.

Keith Isley, the 2002 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Comedy Act of the Year, is scheduled to appear at the rodeo. Isley is known for his trick riding act and has performed at rodeos throughout the nation. He will also act as this year's barrel man.

Other notables include Doug Forzani, who was in the bullfighting competition at the National Finals Rodeo, and newcomer bull-fighter Quirt Hunt.

Among the headlining contestants will be National Finals Rodeo bareback rider Will Pickman and saddle bronc standouts Chad Cline and Scott

Johnson.

Terry Walls is this year's rodeo producer. Walls is also producing the Pecos and Lovington, N.M., rodeos. Mike Mathis will once again serve as announcer.

Returning popular activities on the schedule include

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## Goopy stuff: Chefs get creative for Air Fair '02

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Just because they're sold at the airport doesn't mean they'll all be light and airy.

Some are bound to be moist and ooey-goey too.

In fact, you'll find all varieties of baker's confections at the third annual Hangar 25 Air Fair Cake Auction on Saturday and chances are you'll find one to delight your eyes as well as your taste buds.

"We've just had a tremendous turnout this year and it's really exciting about the different cakes that we're going to have," said auction organizer Pat Simmons. "They're getting creative again. I've got one even doing the Settles Hotel."

Simmons said Laurie Churchwell is the crafty designer of the Settles Hotel cake.

Thirty-one cakes in all will go up for bids on the auction block at noon, she said.

"Of course Robert Pruitt of Spring City Auction is going to be our auctioneer," she said. "This is real exciting because he hasn't been there before. There's always been a conflict. Miss Junior Rodeo Texas is supposed to show the cakes."

Past bakers have included rodeo clown and Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs and local country and western singer Jody Nix.

Other than the Settles Hotel cake, this year's creations include a "Best of Betty Boop" confection and a chocolate pizza complete with pecans and coconut.

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## Commissioners approve burn ban for county

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Dry weather conditions have prompted Howard County Commissioners Court to approve a ban on outdoor burning and restrict the use of cer-



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tain types of aerial fireworks.

The burn ban and fireworks restriction of sky-rockets with sticks and missiles with fins was approved by commissioners on Monday.

Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart said the ban is set for 90 days but county commissioners gave him the power to lift it if the situation changes.

Howard County Sheriff

Dale Walker said verbal warnings will first be given to those violating the burn ban order and the offender will be asked to extinguish the fire before stronger action is taken.

Walker said Sheriff's deputies will be providing fireworks vendors information about the restriction of sale and use of certain fireworks.

Last year, sheriff's deputies seized large quan-

ties of fireworks from vendors that did not comply with the restriction, Walker said.

"We seized several cases after undercover agents purchased banned fireworks," Walker said.

The offense is a Class C misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

It is illegal to set off any type of fireworks in the city limits.

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George Roberts, Cub Scout leader from Snyder, instructs area scouts in archery at last year's Cub Scout Day Camp. Registration is currently under way for this year's camp, set for Wednesday, June 19 through Friday, June 21. Activities include fishing, swimming, archery and learning to shoot BB guns. For more information or to register call Warren Wallace, district executive for the Buffalo Trail Council, at 263-3407 or 394-4310.

## Summer fun

### Plenty of activities planned at Scout Camp

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Archery, swimming, fishing and learning to shoot a BB gun are some of the activities planned for the annual Boy Scouts of America Cub Scout Day Camp.

"They're grouped according to ages with den leaders," said Sandy Wallace, camp business manager. "We have a rotating schedule. One group may go to BB practice, then go to the waterfront. There is a person at each program area.

"We provide snacks but the kids bring their own lunch," Wallace continued. "We mainly have outdoor activities but we try to get them inside during the heat of the day for some activities like arts and crafts."

Many of the scouts take time to work on their next

### CUB SCOUT CAMP

When: June 19-21.

Where: BSA Hughes Aquatic Camp, Lake Colorado City.

Type of camp: Day camp. Boys are car pooled to camp each day from Big Spring.

Who's eligible: Cub Scouts from second through the fifth grade.

To register or for more information: Contact Warren Wallace at 263-3407 or 394-4310.

merit badge.

"We try to help them earn their next step in Cub Scouts," she said.

The camp will be held from Wednesday, June 19

through Friday, June 21 at the Boy Scouts of America's Hughes Aquatic Camp at Lake Colorado City. The cost for the three-day event is \$35. Monday is the deadline to register.

Boys from second through fifth grade are eligible to participate. Day campers must be a member of a Club Scout troop, Wallace said, but for anyone interested joining a troop is easy.

"They have to be a Cub Scout to be on our insurance," she said. "We can register them with a Cub Scout pack. The fee is \$5."

Wallace added that the camp is an opportunity for boys to learn about the organization.

"This is a good opportunity to join before the fall activities," she said. "We can help them find the right

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OBITUARIES

Alberto Olivas Sr.

A rosary service for Alberto Olivas Sr., 87, of Stanton, will be held tonight at 7:30 at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service has been set for 10 a.m. Thursday, June 13, 2002, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father George Thirumangalam and Deacon Ernie Sanchez assisting. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Mr. Olivas died on Monday, June 10, in a local care center. He married Guadalupe Garcia in Marfa. She preceded him in death on March 30, 1996. He was a farmer and a Catholic. He was a U.S. Army veteran from World War II.

Survivors include his sons, Jose Olivas of Big Spring, Ernesto Olivas and Alberto Olivas Jr., both of Stanton; one step-son, Jimmy Nunez of Long Beach, Calif.; one daughter, Mary Martinez of Big Spring; one sister, Ester Tarango of Stanton; one brother, Juan Olivas of Hobbs, N.M.; 17 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Longview police question suspect about East Texas sexual assaults

LONGVIEW (AP) — A rape suspect who has drawn the attention of police in Weatherford, Fort Worth, Arlington and Longview has not confessed to the assaults in Longview but has told detectives things only the rapist would know, Longview Police Sgt. Don Jeter said.

"There were specific details of the crime scene and victims that only he knew," Jeter told the Longview News-Journal in Wednesday editions. "He's cooperating with police. We've got more than enough evidence to make the case prosecutable."

Albert Arredondo Jr., 31, of Hallsville, was arrested Sunday in Weatherford following an attempted sexual assault.

Longview police Tuesday interviewed Arredondo at the Parker County Jail. Longview police brought five charges against Arredondo: two counts of sexual assault and three counts of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit sexual assault.

Arredondo, who is being held on \$425,000 bond, was arrested after a woman's boyfriend heard a commotion at her apartment near Weatherford College while he was on the phone with

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her. The boyfriend called police, who arrested Arredondo at the scene.

Arredondo also is being held on a sexual assault charge from Tarrant County. Charges from Longview were expected to increase his bond Wednesday by \$200,000.

Police from Arlington also are interested in Arredondo. Investigators say there are similarities between him and a man who they believe is responsible for raping women near other college campuses.

DNA evidence has confirmed that the same man raped a TCU student on Feb. 18, a University of Texas-Arlington student on May 13 and a young woman in far south Fort Worth on May 20, authorities have said.

In Gregg and Harrison counties, Arredondo has misdemeanor convictions for stalking, assault/family violence and criminal trespass, all involving his ex-wife. A felony charge of stalking involving his ex-wife was dismissed in Harrison County after Arredondo pleaded guilty to assaulting her, court records show.

Arredondo also has a misdemeanor conviction for deadly conduct after drunkenly trying to run over a law officer with his car. Other convictions include failure to stop and give information, evading arrest and giving a false report to police officers.

Appeals Court upholds old schoolmate's civil counts against Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — An appeals court on Tuesday reinstated two counts in a civil suit brought against former President Clinton by one-time schoolmate Dolly Kyle Browning, who accused him of trying to stop her from publishing a book about the mistress of a Southern governor.

In the decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia sent conspiracy and interference charges back to U.S. District Court for further consideration.

But it threw out a half-dozen other charges by Browning against Clinton's associates. The New Yorker magazine and a journalist, Jane Meyer.

Browning's lawyer, Larry Klayman of the conservative group Judicial Watch, said he planned to call Clinton for a deposition. "Dolly Kyle Browning is very gratified that the court is allowing her case to proceed and she's confident of success," he said.

Clinton attorney David Kendall saw the ruling as mostly a positive one. "Six out of eight claims were held to be legally frivolous on our motion to dismiss," he said. "We're confident that the other two will meet a similar and deserved fate when we file for summary judgment."

Writing for the three-judge panel, Judge David S. Tatel said, "Whether Browning can then survive summary judgment or ultimately prevail depends on whether she is able to produce evidence to support her allegation that Mr. Clinton intentionally interfered with her 'commercially reasonable expectation' of publishing her book."

Browning, Clinton's high school classmate, said the two had a longtime sexual relationship. She contends

in her lawsuit that the former president and his associates took action to prevent her from publishing a novel she called "semi-autobiographical."

Browning's suit maintains she is entitled to civil damages because Clinton allegedly defamed her by denying that the two had a sexual relationship. She had been trying unsuccessfully to sell a manuscript telling the story in which the protagonist has an affair with a southern governor.

She said Clinton and others — including lawyer Robert S. Bennett and aides Bruce Lindsey and Marsha Scott — managed to persuade publishers to stay away from the book.

Her lawsuit alleged that Clinton "acting personally and through various agents, sought to prevent Mrs. Browning's book from being published in ways which included ... defaming and disparaging Mrs. Browning and her book" and "threatening Mrs. Browning and potential publishers of the book."

The lawsuit said Browning's own brother, then an aide to the 1992 Clinton campaign, telephoned to warn her against publicizing the book.

Three years later, when Clinton and Browning met at their 30th high school reunion, Clinton apologized for the threat, Browning said in the suit.

The matter arose at the height of Clinton's battle in a lawsuit by Paula Jones, who had accused him of sexual harassment. Clinton maintained in a memo that Browning had said she needed the money and that "she didn't care if it hurt me or the presidency."

In court papers, Scott backed up her boss, stating that she overheard the conversation and that Browning repeatedly stated "her story wasn't true."

Three other witnesses said they saw no one monitoring the whole conversation, according to court papers.

Browning, a lawyer in Texas, alleges that publishers continued to shun her, and Klayman said she had the book published with her own money.

DPS trooper fatally shoots driver after vehicle pursuit

DALLAS (AP) — A state trooper has shot and killed a man following a pursuit that began in northwest Dallas and ended in Denton.

The chase began late Tuesday when police patrol officers tried to stop the man, whose identity has not been released.

"The guy ended up ramming three Dallas patrol cars," Dallas police Senior Cpl. David Nevitt said.

He said the shooting occurred about 11:10 p.m. Tuesday.

The chase continued north on Interstate 35E into Denton County, where Department of Public Safety troopers joined the pursuit, Nevitt said.

"They got him boxed in," he told The Dallas Morning News in Wednesday's editions. "They thought he was going to stop. The officers were approaching the car, and he tried to run over them."

The trooper then shot the man, Denton County dispatchers said. The reason the man was being pursued and the name of the trooper who shot him had not been released.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY  
•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.  
•Alcoholics Anonymous, Open Discussion Meeting 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study Meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
•Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.  
THURSDAY  
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Noon women's Meeting 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discuss meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
•Al-Anon support group, 7 p.m. 615 Settles.

FRIDAY  
•Turning Point AA, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.  
•AA Open discussion Meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
•Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.  
•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY  
•Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night  
•No Smoking Meeting Celebrating AA Sobriety Yearly Birthdays, 615 Settles the last Saturday of every month covered dish supper at 7 p.m. Birthday meeting at 8 p.m.  
•NA 10 p.m., St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager).

SUNDAY  
•Closed discussion meeting, 615 Settles 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
•NA 7 p.m., St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager).

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of EMS and Fire Department activity

TUESDAY  
9:55 a.m. — 1100 block of 13th St., medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.  
10:20 a.m. — 6100 block of Walter Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.  
11:05 a.m. — 4400 block of Elder, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.  
1:33 p.m. — 2300 block of Wasson, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.  
4:43 p.m. — 300 block of Main, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: Day: 5,3,9 Night: 7-8-3  
CASH 5: 13,26,27,29,34

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 97  
Tuesday's low 76  
Record high 106 in 2001  
Record low 54 in 1979  
Average high 92  
Average low 66  
Precip. Tuesday 0.00  
Month to date 0.25  
Year to date 4.55  
Sunrise Thursday 6:39 a.m.  
Sunset Thursday 8:54 p.m.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 7 a.m. today:

•SHELIA WOODRUFF, 38, of 1202 Lamar was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief \$50 to \$500/family violence.  
•JESSIE WOODRUFF, 37, of 1202 Lamar was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief less than \$50/family violence.  
•LULICO MONTE-MAYOR VASQUEZ, 31, of 2111 S. Runnels was arrested on a Howard County warrant.

•PRAXEDIS ROGO GONZALES, 40, of 1400 N. Birdwell Lane was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•JUAN MANUEL GARCIA, 36, of 205 Becker Road was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and for a Nolan County warrant.

•TRICA DIAZ CASTILLO, 26, of 4201 Dixon was arrested on four local warrants.

•RAYMOND CHAVARRIA, 46, of 1004 E. Sixth St. was arrested on a charge of theft less than \$50.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1200 block of Lamar Avenue and the 1300 block of Mobile Street.

•ASSAULT ON A PUBLIC SERVANT was reported in the 300 block of South Johnson Street.

•ASSAULT CLASS C was reported in the 800 block of East 12th Street and the 1900 block of North Highway 87.

•MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 800 block of Settles Street, the 400 block of East Fourth Street and the 2000 block of South Gregg Street.

•DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 4200 block of Dixon.

•THEFT was reported in the 300 block of South Owens. Items worth \$20.98 were reported stolen and recovered from the convenience store.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at Wal-Mart in the 200 block of West FM 700. A green 2001 Kia Sephia reportedly sustained \$100 damage to its stereo console and 28 compact discs worth \$450 were reported stolen from the car.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:  
- In the 1200 block of La-

mar Avenue. A green 2000 Chevrolet reportedly sustained \$200 damage and other items sustained \$50 damage during the incident.

- In the 1000 block of North Main. A green 1993 Pontiac reportedly sustained \$300 damage in the incident.

- In the 200 block of South Goliad. A window was reportedly damaged in the incident.

- At Big Spring High School in the 700 block of East 11th Place. Damage estimated at \$200 was reported at the school.

- In the 3300 block of West Highway 80. Damage estimated at \$170 was reported at the location.

- In the 2400 block of South Johnson. A brown 1997 Chevy Silverado reportedly sustained \$1,000 damage in the incident.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity over the weekend:

•SEXUAL ASSAULT — On Sunday at 6:43 p.m. the Big Spring Police received a report of a sexual assault of a child. The complainant advised that an adult male had sexual contact with a female who was 14 years old. The assault allegedly occurred at a home on the west side of Big Spring. Detective Jim Rider is investigating the allegations.

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•ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE — 3  
•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION — 4  
•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING — 1  
•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF — 4  
•CRIMINAL TRESPASSING — 1  
•DISORDERLY CONDUCT — 1  
•EVADING ARREST — 1  
•INTERFERING WITH EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS — 1  
•FAILURE TO IDENTIFY — 1  
•LEAVING A CHILD IN A VEHICLE — 1  
•PURCHASING ALCOHOL FOR A MINOR — 1  
•RESISTING ARREST — 1  
•SEXUAL ASSAULT — 1  
•THEFT — 16  
- Convenience Store  
Thefts — 13  
- Beer — 4  
- Gasoline drive-offs — 9  
•THEFT OF A FIRE ARM — 1  
•INCIDENTS — 19  
•ACCIDENTS — 6  
- Major — 1  
- Minor — 5  
•ARRESTS — 19

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City Council

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer  
Big Spring City members approved a \$6.5 million in new bonds to fund the Planning and Commission at Tuesday.

In a meeting that ran 30 minutes over time, council unanimously approved the two bond issues as others awarded lease purchasing year 2001-2002 and for seal coat.

The council also approved two McMahoe Airpark lease agreements.

The bond referendum was similar to referendum held last year, said Director Peggy W.

"It is as similar to any other possible you could come up with," she said. "When you have the same bonds going to have bonds outstanding just going to have payments on a different because we're going to escrow funds since the current bond issue."

The refunding of a new bond issue funds raised are escrow to pay off the old bonds, she said, then pays off the issue at a lower rate, while the escrow pay off the original bond.

CAMP

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group." To register, parents have a list of the medication. Doctors are asked to bring suits and tennis shoes and an old pair of towels for swimming.

"We provide the T-shirt and a cap. Day campers at College Park Center and car pool Colorado City are invited."

The camp begins each day and ends except on Friday and parents are to enjoy a hamburger and evening campfire.

"It's sort of a ceremony," Wallace said. "The kids perform songs. This is a family affair. This gives the opportunity to see kids have accomplished."

The camp uses Cub Scouts from area including Glasscock and St. Louis. Wallace said medical personnel are on premises during the camp.

For more information to register call Wallace, district director for the Buffalo Council, at 263-4310.

AIR FAIR

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## City council OKs bond measure

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members approved a measure to refund more than \$6.5 million in bonds and appointed a new member to the Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting Tuesday.

In a meeting just more than 30 minutes long, the council unanimously supported the two items as well as others awarding bids for lease purchasing in fiscal year 2001-2002 equipment and for seal coat aggregate. The council also approved two McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark lease agreements.

The bond refunding is similar to refinancing a house, said Finance Director Peggy Walker.

"It is as similar to that as any other possibility that you could come up with," she said. "When you refinance your house, you still have the same house. We're still going to have the same bonds outstanding. We're just going to make payments on a different issue because we're going to have escrow funds set aside for the current bonds."

The refunding is actually a new bond issue where the funds raised are placed in escrow to pay off the original bonds, she said. The city then pays off the new bond issue at a lower interest rate, while the escrow funds pay off the original bonds.

The two bond issues being refunded were issued in

1992 and 1993. The 1992 issue, with \$5,065,000 principal outstanding, was used to build a new wastewater treatment plant. The 1993 issue, with \$1,575,000 principal outstanding, was used for the Beals Creek drainage project and for street improvements.

The refund, while costing no extra tax dollars, should save the city about \$449,000, or about \$40,000 per year over the life of the bonds.

The council also appointed Charles Yates by acclamation to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Yates will replace resigning commissioner Joel Michaelis, who is moving to the Waco area.

Yates, an engineering technician for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Big Spring since 1974, earned his associate's degree in applied science from Howard College.

In his resume, Yates said he wants to serve on the commission because he wants to focus on "improving the aesthetics of our city," and "bring order and logic to the growth of our city. I have always believed our city can be more than it is now. Our city should be the jewel of West Texas, not just the crossroad of West Texas."

The council awarded the contract for lease purchase financing of fiscal year 2001-2002 equipment to Suntrust Leasing Company of Baltimore.

The city is financing \$740,381 for the lease of the equipment. Suntrust was the low bidder for the financing, with a bid interest rate of 3.19 percent. Total financing costs over five years at that rate will be \$59,588.

The city received 11 bids for the financing ranging from Suntrust's 3.19 percent to a high bid of 4.99 percent.

The city also awarded the contract for aggregate material for its double seal coat project to low bidder Don Wise Transportation Services of Midland.

The city received two bids on the aggregate. Wise's bid of \$24.25 per cubic yard of material will cost the city \$138,249.25 for the 5,701 cubic yards it set out in the bid specifications, but terms of the bid allow the city to purchase up to an additional 25 percent of material at the same price.

The other bidder, Laredo Paving of Big Spring, offered the aggregate for \$27.25 per cubic yard.

In other business, the council approved:

- Airpark contracts with the Vietnam Memorial Committee and with carpenter and cabinet maker Lawrence Martinez.

- Resolutions authorizing an interlocal agreement with Howard College in which the college will give the city a used bus in return for inmate labor and authorizing a stop sign northbound on Donley Street.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Robbie Froman holds 7-month-old Samantha Raney while viewing two saddles in the Big Spring Cowboy Rodeo and Reunion exhibition at the Heritage Museum. The exhibit consists of rodeo memorabilia from local residents and will be on display until the end of the month. The museum, 510 Scurry, is open Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## RODEO

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mutton bustin'. Youngsters dressed in their finest cowboy and cowgirl regalia attempt to stay atop of some very ornery sheep.

Ten night on Thursday will feature area high school students competing in calf dressing. A DJ dance for teens in the fair

barn follows that performance of the rodeo. A ticket to the rodeo is also a ticket to the dance. Only youth ages 13 to 19 are permitted at the dance.

Area residents are encouraged to welcome in the rodeo by attending the rodeo parade scheduled 5:30 today.

Dancing for is included in the last two nights of

rodeo festivities. On Friday, Guy Will Zant will be providing the music and on Saturday local professional musician Jody Nix and his Texas Cowboys will perform.

Tickets at the gate are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children. Advance tickets are \$6 and \$4 at various locations throughout Big Spring.

## CAMP

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group."

To register, parents must have a list of their child's medication. Day campers are asked to bring bathing suits and tennis shoes and an old pair of tennis shoes for swimming, Wallace said.

"We provide them with a T-shirt and a cap," she said. Day campers meet at the College Park Shopping Center and car pool to Lake Colorado City each morning.

The camp begins at 9 a.m. each day and ends at 4 p.m. except on Friday as scouts and parents are invited to enjoy a hamburger supper and evening campfire.

"It's sort of our closing ceremony," Wallace said. "The kids perform skits and sing songs. Things like that. It's a family atmosphere. This gives the parents an opportunity to see what the kids have accomplished."

The camp usually brings Cub Scouts from around the area including Howard, Glasscock and Scurry counties, Wallace said. A trained medical person is on the premises during the camp.

For more information or to register call Warren Wallace, district executive for the Buffalo Trail Council, at 263-3407 or 394-4310.

## AIR FAIR

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Rum cake, German chocolate cake, flourless cake and a Texas-sized hamburger cake will also be among the treats on sale.

"Jay and Judy Jarmes, they're going to make a big old burger with peanut butter icing," she said.

Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Murray Murphy will contribute an Italian creme cake, 118th District Court Judge Robert Moore III will make a chocolate cake and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debbye Valverde will offer a cheesecake with fruit topping.

Proceeds from the auction support Hangar 25.

"Last year we made \$3,470, I think, for the maintenance

of Hangar 25," she said. "This is a fund-raiser just like the Air Fair itself, to help maintain the hangar."

While the noon cake auction is a highlight, there's a whole lot more to the Air Fair.

Airplane and helicopter rides as well as barrel train rides for the youngsters get under way at 9 a.m. There will be a singing contest and exhibits of low riders, motorcycles and tractors.

Members of various organizations will be giving

demonstrations, including the local model airplane club and ham radio club.

Another highlight will be an arts and crafts show.

There will also be plenty of concession items, from drinks to snacks and full meals.

The entire event will end about 5 p.m.

## WHAT'S UP

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Gales Sweet Shoppe.

- Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 267-6479.

- Big Spring Main Street, noon, Rail Road Museum, Second and Main.

- Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club.

- Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

- Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, 8 p.m., Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Wow! Tickets to the rodeo are \$1 tonight

Everyone loves a bargain. In fact, some of us go to extreme lengths in an effort to find the best price available on virtually everything we buy.

That won't be a problem when it comes to your entertainment dollar tonight, as the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau teams up with the Big Spring Rodeo Association to make tickets to the opening performance of the 69th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo available for \$1 each.

That's right, all tickets purchased at the gate tonight are priced at \$1, and that is most certainly a bargain.

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is the oldest continually running rodeo in the nation, and doesn't take a back seat to any when it comes to the talent that arrives each year to compete.

Many of the top competitors from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) will display their talents during tonight's performance set to start at 8 in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Every event staged during the rodeo — bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and barrel racing — features competitors who have appeared at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas and several have won world championships.

The rodeo also features the Mutton Bustin' competition with local youngsters displaying their rodeo skills, as well as specialty acts.

Simply put, the 69th Cowboys Reunion and Rodeo will once again provide something for virtually everyone.

So shine up those boots, dust off that hat, pull on your favorite jeans and join us at the Rodeo Bowl tonight. You'll be able to buy tickets that are normally priced at \$7 or \$5 for just a buck.

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# Confessions of a 300-pound Ya-Ya

The day that promising new Ya-Ya movie was released, I was in actual Louisiana — not to be confused with the Hollywood facsimile.

For those living in caves — not a bad idea in this stifling Southwest Louisiana heat — "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" is a story about female friendships, and is set in this fiction-worthy state.

The movie was showing in Lafayette at a theater near a fried po' boy restaurant called Fat Albert's, which is what I would be — fat, not Albert — if I lived here all year. Those skinny movie Ya-Yas are simply not realistic; you can't eat and drink like they did and stay slim as Ashley Judd.

To get to the theater, or for that matter Fat Albert's, I'd have to pass Café Tee George, Cajun Boilers, Cajun Cane, Cajun Pier, Cajun Potato Kitchen and

the Cameron Boudin and Cracklin' House — and those are just the good eating places starting with a "C."

I never made it to the movie. Too many culinary detours. I ended up spending the afternoon with a gargantuan plate lunch on Bayou Teche.

Anyhow, I'd made a Mississippi friend promise she wouldn't sit under the Ya-Ya tree with anyone else but me. It's the kind of movie a girl ought to see with a girlfriend.

But I had read the book. And I did treat myself to an early newspaper review, which wasn't particularly good.

An Associated Press writer, a clueless man, said the movie's characters "go on endlessly, often about nothing of interest to anyone outside their own circle..." Hasn't he ever heard a bunch of women talk? And whose circle should they have been talking about?

Certainly he never overheard my own mother and her friend Dorothy Francis, who could spend hours on the telephone discussing absentee husbands and the medicinal values of milkshakes and Jell-O. We children used to dread for the

phone to ring around supertime. It could delay a meal two hours.

There were other opinions about the movie, sure to be a blockbuster despite the AP review. A favorite local columnist of mine, Herman Fuselier, worried in print that the Ya-Ya craze might cheapen Cajun music, might reduce generations of tradition to mere fad.

"The positive side is many of our overworked and underpaid local musicians will finally have some riches and recognition thrown their way," Herman wrote.

That's some silver lining. If this movie's soundtrack does for Cajun what "Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?" did for bluegrass, D.L. Menard, to name one, soon will be a millionaire. He isn't in the movie, but Menard would have to be the Cajun equivalent to Ralph Stanley. The Real McCoy. Around for years, but mostly known in his home region.

The Ya-Ya movie is based on a book by Alexandria native Rebecca Wells. She wrote of what she knew, which is what you're supposed to do.

The story couldn't have been set anywhere else but

Louisiana, where flamboyance is a given. Food isn't the only thing that's spicy.

You couldn't, for instance, envision grown women tooling about in convertibles or paying for elephant rides in sensible Montgomery, Ala., where I grew up. My mother would have hopped in that space capsule with John Glenn before she risked riding an elephant around a shopping center parking lot.

Only in Louisiana is the Bible Belt loose enough to allow for the deep breaths of life the Ya-Yas took. They seemed totally unfettered by what the Women's Missionary Union might think of their insatiable appetites.

Even in steamy South Georgia, where my family's roots are, practicality would have trumped personality. You can't worry about looking exotic on your way to hoe the garden.

Nope, this is a Louisiana story through and through, and the rest of us can only look on and marvel. I know I'm amazed that anyone here has the energy for exuberance and exhibitionism in such heat. If I were a Ya-Ya, I'd be curled up under the AC trying not to melt, all 300 pounds of me.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



# It was one beautiful wedding

California sunshine. An ivy-covered winery in Sonoma. My guitar-playing,

record-producing son BZ married Margaret Schultz. My other son Kevin was best man. Kevin's son Jackson was a junior groomsman.

The activities started on Thursday when we flew to San Francisco. BZ and Margaret gave me a cap that said I was the father of the groom. Margaret's dad got one that said father of the bride. We wore them with pride.

Thursday and Friday nights we stayed at a motel in Daly City, near where the bride and groom will live when they return from their honeymoon in Hawaii. Saturday we made our way to Sonoma and camped out at a resort called The Lodge At Sonoma. It is fabulous!

Saturday night we held a rehearsal dinner at The Wild Thyme Cafe. About 75

people were there. Among the guests were Charlie, Zane, Jance, Kevin and Brian, all school buddies of BZ. They've been friends since kindergarten. They've traveled together, done a movie together and are all involved in creative endeavors. BZ is the fourth one of the group to get married.

Margaret is a trainer. She stimulates people to do better at their jobs. She's pretty interesting. She's done drama, helped open a hotel in Malaysia and travels a lot giving seminars. Her parents have a house in France.

Margaret grew up in Nyack, New York. BZ grew up in Big Spring. They met at a place in San Francisco where BZ was playing guitar. He was impressed with her right away, but Margaret didn't become serious about BZ until she found out he was dating someone else.

They took a trip to France and Spain last year and BZ proposed at a small cafe in Barcelona.

The wedding preparations took place mostly by e-mail. Margaret came here for a shower and made many new friends.

The wedding had humor

and beautiful words of commitment. It was a formal affair held in the winery's courtyard. Margaret's veil danced in the California breeze. One of BZ's music friends composed music especially for the occasion. Portions were played during the ceremony. The full vocal arrangement was performed by four singers.

The reception was a full dinner and dance, complete with meaningful toasts and delicious food and drink. For a couple of numbers, BZ played guitar. Nobody danced during those. They all gathered around the bandstand. That boy ought to wear a tuxedo more often!

Eleven-year-old Jackson sang to band accompaniment and got thunderous applause. He took off his tux coat and tie and danced nearly every dance. His white shirt and vest became a popular sight on the dance floor.

All the tables had names. The bride and groom sat at a table for two called the Pit Stop. My wife and I sat at "Lucky 13" with kinfolks and friends.

BZ has had 3 fiancées. I'm glad he chose Margaret as his bride.



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"They don't ha to us. Nobody them to," sa Hoffman, founde executive of Supportkids, v handled 10,000 c the largest of dozen private companies.

# Attorney says alleged terror suspect is being held illegally

NEW YORK (AP) — The man accused of plotting to attack the United States with a radioactive "dirty bomb" is being held illegally, his lawyer told a judge.

"My client is a citizen," attorney Donna R. Newman said outside court Tuesday. "He still has constitutional rights — the right to counsel, the right to be charged by a grand jury. ... And they have not charged him."

After Jose Padilla's arrest in Chicago on May 8, authorities secretly held him in New York City. He was flown Monday aboard a military plane to a Navy brig in Charleston, S.C.

Newman claimed the government has denied her access to Padilla since he was turned over

to the Defense Department, apparently on Sunday night. She said he had been held as a material witness in a high-security cell block in Manhattan.

U.S. District Judge Michael Mukasey said Newman's motion to dismiss the material witness case against Padilla might be moot because the government withdrew it. But he agreed to review the legal issues raised by the warrant.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric Bruce told Mukasey the government withdrew the warrant and a grand jury subpoena naming Padilla on Sunday before he was turned over to the federal government.

Padilla's mother, Estela Ortega, had testified before the grand jury

two weeks ago but did not expect her son to be detained, said her lawyer, Victor Olds.

Ortega "never heard anything from him or any place else for one moment to suggest that he was involved or ever was involved with a terrorist organization," Olds said.

Maria Rossello, Padilla's maternal grandmother, said her grandson had been in "Arabia" for the past five years but the family did not know what he was doing there.

Newman declined to describe her 31-year-old client other than to say he had been under extremely high security at the Manhattan Correctional Center and that he denied the government's allega-

tions. "His response is the allegations are not true because there are no allegations. He's not been charged, but he's being detained," Newman said.

Newman said she had filed court papers appealing the decision to place her client in military custody. The papers were not immediately made public.

Padilla's arrest was revealed Monday by Attorney General John Ashcroft, who described Padilla as an enemy combatant. He said the government has "very significant information" about Padilla's involvement "with al-Qaida in very serious terrorist plots."

The government described the

arrest as a significant blow against an al-Qaida plot to detonate a radioactive weapon — known as a "dirty bomb" — inside the United States, possibly targeting Washington.

Officials said the plot got only as far as the planning stage and they said there was no indication Padilla had access to nuclear materials. Undersecretary of State John Bolton indicated Padilla was carrying plans for the attack when he was picked up in Chicago.

Authorities described Padilla as a former gang member from Chicago who was raised Catholic but converted to Islam and changed his name to Abdullah al Muhajir.

## White House pushes homeland security agency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking to maintain momentum and quiet skeptics, the White House is raising the pressure on Congress to pass President Bush's proposal for a new Homeland Security Department in a matter of months.

Tom Ridge, the White House director of homeland security, was to brief the entire House membership Wednesday on the proposal and follow up with senators on Thursday. The closed-door sessions are intended to answer a growing number of questions about issues such as sharing of intelligence and the projected costs of transition.

In Kansas City, Mo., on Tuesday to promote the plan, Bush urged the public to demand action from Congress despite expected bureaucratic and congressional battles over turf and jurisdiction.

"I need the help of the American people to remind the turf-fighters not to be nervous because we're talking about doing what's right for America," Bush said.

On the surface, most lawmakers were lining up to back Bush's call for swift action. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., even suggested the Senate may be able to pass its version of the plan before the August congressional recess.

"We have a lot of questions to ask about how it works and whether or not the proposal from the White House, when it comes, is the right approach," Daschle said.

"But we'll work with them to see if we can find the right approach and reach a consensus on it."

Yet even some prominent members of Bush's own party were raising questions about the plan. House

Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said many lawmakers are concerned that the president's plan does not envision the "full participation" of the FBI and CIA, which have been the subjects of heavy criticism for their pre-Sept. 11 intelligence performance.

Under Bush's plan, intelligence would be analyzed by the new department, which would have no authority over what the agencies produced.

"Many of us feel we can maybe, perhaps, more completely do that job than what was outlined" by the president, Armey said. "We may have to pull these agencies more fully into the structure than was recommended."

Appearing Tuesday on CNN, Ridge said he was confident lawmakers' concerns about intelligence sharing with the new department could be worked

out. "We would see this new department as a customer of the CIA, a customer of the FBI," Ridge said.

At a House subcommittee hearing Tuesday, the enormity of the task awaiting Congress became more clear.

Lawmakers raised questions about large-scale issues such as the potential costs of transferring 100 federal entities into a single department and smaller issues affecting their own districts.

In a sign of the parochial battles to come, Rep. Ellen Tauscher, D-Calif., took pains to express support for Bush's initiative while pointing out that her own homeland security bill would not transfer the entire Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, located in California, from the Energy Department to the new agency.

## Search for 14-year-old focuses on people who knew the area

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A week after the disappearance of 14-year-old Elizabeth Smart from her bedroom, police say they are focusing their investigation on people who live in or have visited her upscale neighborhood.

After days of saying they knew no more than they did on June 5, when the girl was taken at gunpoint from her million-dollar home, police spoke more optimistically Tuesday.

"While we have not located Elizabeth or identified a clear suspect, we have made progress," police Chief Rick Dinse said. He said investigators "have some analysis of what this suspect is like."

"My caution to this suspect, if he is listening: We are going to get you. And if you've got Elizabeth, you better release her now," he

said, adding that they believe the kidnapper is still in the area and may have already been questioned by investigators.

Police have interviewed hundreds of people and received 6,000 leads, of which 600 were deemed worthy of following up. Half of the 600 leads have been cleared, authorities said.

Ed Smart, Elizabeth's father, submitted to a polygraph test on Sunday.

The test, characterized by police as routine, is being evaluated by the FBI.

As to whether Elizabeth knew her abductor, Dinse said, "That is a possibility, and I'm not going to comment beyond that." Police had said earlier that the suspect had not addressed the girl by name and there was no indication he knew her.

## A growing field, private child support collection agencies under attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — Patricia Zipperer saw the TV commercials promising to wring money out of deadbeat dads. With more than \$7,000 coming, she figured this private collection firm might be her answer. She signed up.

A year later, she's suing the company, joining a growing number of people who say these for-profit firms mislead vulnerable clients and often get paid for doing virtually nothing.

The companies are becoming increasingly popular, with more frustrated parents agreeing to forgo some 30 percent of collections in hopes that a private agency will succeed where government, which does the same thing for free or very little, has failed.

"Here you have people who are already down, in need of the payments to support their kids, and these predators come along and rip them off," said Geraldine Jensen, president of the Association for Children for Enforcement of Support.

Private firms say their contracts are clear and, while their services aren't for everyone, they collect millions of dollars that many families would have never seen.

"They don't have to come to us. Nobody's forcing them to," said Casey Hoffman, founder and chief executive officer of Supportkids, which has handled 10,000 cases and is the largest of about three dozen private collection companies.

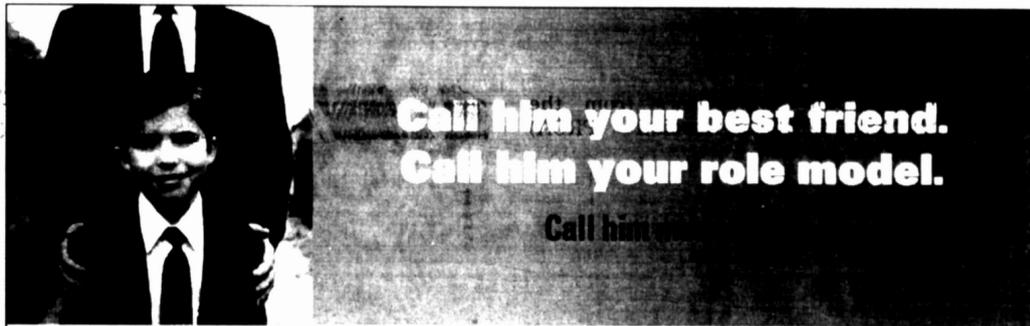
The lawsuit against Supportkids, filed Tuesday in state court in Manitowoc, Wis., comes as the private companies push for greater access to confidential financial data to help them track down parents who don't pay. Advocates, meanwhile, are pushing for greater consumer protections in this fast-growing field.

Clients like Zipperer typically sign contracts directing all child support payments to the company, which passes the money along after taking a cut — 29 percent, on average, according to government auditors.

Zipperer agreed to give Supportkids 34 percent. But she assumed — wrongly — that the commission only applied to any back support the company collected, since that was the focus of the company's ads. Instead, the company took 34 percent of the monthly payments being made, and never collected any back child support, she said.

"They just basically told me the same thing the county did — that they're working diligently on the case and this is the best they can do right now," Zipperer said in an interview Tuesday.

She said the father of her son was never contacted by Supportkids, and she soon tried to get out of the program. But she learned that she could not cancel her enrollment as long as the father had paid something in the past year. After six months of complaining, she finally was released from the contract.



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# Work hard on that vacation, but come back refreshed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some people work very hard during their vacation time, but they come back to the office refreshed.

They're the people who take volunteer service trips, perhaps to help build houses for the poor, help out at a school in Latin America, or dig a trench or two.

"They have the chance to travel at minimal cost, plus they have an opportunity to experience the rewards of helping others," says Therese Bermpohl, community service minister for the Catholic University of America. "They may be

working on their time off, but they come away feeling really good about it."

Service trips — offered by church youth groups and organizations such as Habitat for Humanity — are becoming more popular among students and adults alike, says Andrew Thompson, director of the St. Vincent Pallotti Center in Washington. A driving force is their exposure to images of want or tragedy, such as the Sept. 11 attacks, he says. That makes them determined to help.

Jason Willis may be typical of this type of traveler.

Willis, student leader for the university's Habitat chapter, started using his time off to help build houses for the organization six years ago in his hometown of Bear, Del.

"Volunteering gives people an opportunity to see the other side of America, the side that doesn't have the luxuries we do, nor the ability to spend their money as they please," he says.

Many volunteers find their work an opportunity to see other parts of the world. CUA students have gone to San Lucas, Guatemala, to work at a

mission in the company of the Rev. Robert Schlageter, director of the campus ministry. When they return this year, they'll spend three weeks working in a local school, digging trenches or sorting coffee beans. After six days of work, the seventh is spent seeing local sights. The trip offers opportunities to meet new people, bond with co-workers, and come away with a "feel-good" high.

"Anytime you have contact with God's poor, it's rewarding," Schlageter says. "It makes you re-examine your own life and prior-

ities." Prospective volunteers can look at such opportunities by searching the Web under "service organizations." Well-known groups such as Habitat for Humanity, the Sierra Club and AmeriCorps list projects around the world, for example.

The Pallotti Center has a Web site listing opportunities as well, as does the Catholic Network of Volunteer Service, which helps match fulltime volunteers with Christian service projects.

After the Sept. 11 attacks,

thousands of volunteers were moved to help out at the disaster sites — shoveling debris at the Pentagon or handing out sandwiches and bottled water to rescuers at the World Trade Center.

"Now more than ever, I think people feel a need to give back, to help," Bermpohl says.

On the Web:  
AmeriCorps - <http://www.americorps.org>  
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# Gardening: Houseplant vacations

AP Special Edition

As you make plans for your summer vacation, don't forget your houseplants. They will be happy with a vacation a few feet away, outside the back door.

Houseplants thrive outdoors in the summer because of their tropical origins. Heat and humidity are very much to their liking. They respond by putting out new growth at a much faster rate than indoors. Some of this has to do with summer being a time of growth, compared to winter, but much of the rebound to robust growth is a result of better light, more humidity and warmer temperatures.

Brighter light is another consideration but with a few exceptions, blazing sun is not healthy for house-

plants because it dries out leaves. Hibiscus and bougainvillea are notable exceptions, as both like direct and hot sun and respond with lots of leaf and flower growth.

A summer outdoors usually means these things will happen to a houseplant:

— Robust growth, so much so that it will likely need re-potting at summer's end.

— Insects likely will find the plant and need to be monitored and dealt with throughout the summer and especially before bringing the plant indoors again.

— Because the plant is growing quickly and is exposed to a lot of air movement, the soil will dry quickly and water may be needed every third day or so. Houseplants are usually

situated outdoors in a sheltered place where rainfall does not reach. This means you become the principal source of water.

— Tall plants are susceptible to being blown over by even slight breezes; keeping them in a sheltered place helps but some anchoring is usually advisable. This is especially true for tall plants such as Schefflera, Norfolk Island pine, Dracaena and Ficus.

While you can be on vacation as soon as the destination is reached, a houseplant isn't quite that nimble. It's quite a transition from indoors to outdoors and most people err by pushing the plant out of the house too quickly. The better course is to first choose a good place for the plant and move it first for a week

or so to a spot that gets less light and air than the chosen spot. Watch for any browning or scorching of the leaves that would suggest the plant is getting too much direct sun.

Pay attention to how quickly the soil dries. Remember that the plant is exposed to much more air movement than when it was inside. Plants in clay pots will dry out much more quickly because moisture moves more freely and quickly through clay than plastic.

While these tips may sound daunting, the task of taking a plant outdoors where it can thrive all summer long is really easy. It is just that you have to be careful in not taking it out too soon and watching for signs of too much sun, too

# Try out these good 'reads' for travelers

The Associated Press

For your travel shelf:

— It's full of odd facts, essential information, and not a few silly jokes. It's the 25th anniversary edition of "The Alaska Almanac" (Alaska Northwest Books, \$12.95 paperback). You'll learn that Alaskans adore Spam because it doesn't freeze, how to avoid hypothermia, and information about scenic rivers, dogsledding, cruises and the like.

— You've heard how expensive it is to stay in New York City. Probably true, but there are exceptions. Consult "Sleep Cheap in New York" (The Penington Press, \$15.95 paperback), by Lisa Mullenneaux. The author lists hotels, B&Bs and hostels for less than \$150 a night. She includes rates, amenities, neighborhood maps, phone numbers and street and e-mail addresses.

— Railroad buffs can catch the trains with "Guide to Tourist Railroads and Museums - 2002" (Kalmbach Books, \$16.95 paperback), from the publishers of Trains and Classic Trains Magazine.

It's a simple, state-by-state breakdown of where to find period trains, stations and routes.

— "301 Ways to Make RV Travel Safer, Easier and More Fun" (Arbor House

Publishing, \$16.95 paperback) is a compilation by author Bernice Beard from her personal experiences. She covers maintenance, cooking, campgrounds, kids and pets, food, communications and other concerns that crop up when you're on the road.

— You may be the classic traveler, yearning to see what's up the road or on the other side of the planet. "The Practical Nomad: How to Travel Around the World" (Avalon Travel, \$19.95 paperback), by Edward Hasbrouck, is a guide for the independent wanderer, with advice about how to get there, what you need or want to take with you, and dealing with problems and challenges in less developed parts of the world.

— For many of you, the first taste of travel came when you climbed into the car with your folks and your siblings and took to the open roads. "Road Trip USA" (Moon Travel Handbooks, \$24 paperback), by Jamie Jensen, helps you recapture a time when you explored the country not at breakneck speed on the Interstates but at a leisurely pace along the friendly two-lane roads that connected one town, or attraction, to the next.

— Wealthy travelers have no problem; they can just

call up a travel agency to work out trip details. The rest of the traveling public is usually on the lookout for fare bargains and other ways to make the dollar literally go farther. "The Encyclopedia of Cheap Travel" (Infinity Publishing, \$19.95 paperback), by Terrance Zepke, lists hundreds of resources for cheap travel, including consolidators, agencies and other outfits that specialize in bargain travel and accommodation.

— "Oddball Indiana: A Guide to Some Really Strange Places" (Chicago Review Press, \$13.95 paperback), by Jerome Pohlen, takes a wry look at some of those little discoveries that can make your travel day. See where James Dean grew up in Fairmount.

Or the Root Glass Works in Terre Haute, where the prototype for the curvy Coke bottle is said to have been made. Or pay tribute to Elwood Haynes, builder

of the world's first successful commercial automobile, at the museum with his name in Kokomo.



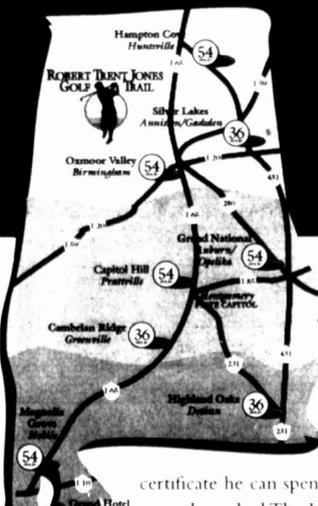
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fans of a new generation. Mary Jane and Herm Auch have put a new twist to an old favorite. "The Princess and the Pizza" shows us that sometimes what we think we want is not always the best thing for us. Princess Paulina is sure that she is the perfect candidate to be Prince Drupert's wife, but when she finds out she must make a feast, she's out of there. Or is she? Sometimes our biggest mistakes can be our best work. The kids will love this funny look at the invention of the finest feast of all — PIZZA! Daisy the hen is asleep in her basket when she wakes up to find she is floating down the river. Jan Brett's latest "Daisy Come Home" is set in China and like all her books has some of the most charming pictures ever seen in children's literature. Follow Daisy as she makes her way down the river and into the mar-

ketplace. Will she ever find her beloved Mei Mei again? Our middle readers will laugh out loud as they read "Birdbrain Amos" by Michael Delaney. Poor Amos, all he wants is a tickbird to help him with his bug problem. The bird that answers his ad brings a whole new set of problems. How can Amos possibly face his friends with a nest on his head? But how can he get rid of it when the baby birds think he's Daddy? A funny and touching look at unlikely friendships. "Birdbrain Amos" is a real winner. Looking for a series, middle readers? Why not try the "Series of Unfortunate Events" books? Lemony Snicket's first five have arrived at the library. These books warn you that it will not be a pleasant experience, but they could be wrong. One book hooks you on finding out how the Baudelaire orphans will solve all

their problems and just when you think they are finally going to be fine something else happens. The big question however is: who is Lemony Snicket? Did you ever hear of Leonardo's horse? Seems Mr. da Vinci always wanted to make a huge horse sculpture. Jean Fritz's book aptly titled "Leonardo's Horse" gives us the whole story. Although Leonardo didn't finish it we do see the horse as it is today. This is a fascinating look at one of the greatest artists of all time. Our teen readers have lots of new books to choose from and a terrific one is "Hanging on to Max" by Margaret Bechard. Sam is a teen father who is determined to keep his son Max all by himself. This is a sobering look at the problems facing teen parents, but a great uplifting story. Sam's struggle pulls you in and holds you to the surprise ending.

A truly touching story. A quirky teen book "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" by Ann Brashares, tells the story of a pair of jeans, which travel. As four friends spend their first summer apart the jeans go with each one. Each one has an adventure — is it the jeans or are they just growing up? Don't miss these and other new books (some great old favorites, too) at the library this summer. Now that school is out we can all read — for the fun of it! Library hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Call for details 264-2260. Last day to register for program is Friday, June 14. Children's Librarian Karen McIntyre, AKA "The Book Pusher," is this week's guest columnist.

## Survey: People like the idea of exercise, but only in principle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Getting Americans who are middle-aged and older to use their bodies more requires advocates of physical activity to understand their minds better.

A new survey indicates many people like the idea of exercise, but only in principle.

The RoperASW survey for AARP said 63 percent of Americans ages 50-79 consider exercise the best thing they could do for their health. Eighty-nine percent believed people their age should exercise at least three times a week for 20-30 minutes each time, and 71 percent thought moderate activity is very important.

That's almost literally what the doctor ordered. The U.S. Surgeon General says people should be at least moderately active for 30 minutes on most, if not all, days of the week.

But it's apparently not what many seniors are doing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says one third of Americans over 50 do no physical activity.

Other CDC data show that 65 percent of people ages 45 to 64 are somewhat active but do too little to meet the Surgeon General's recommendations.

Encouraging these people to be more active is a challenge for people who run exercise programs. The experts are responding with new attempts to understand older peoples' minds. The Roper study, done for AARP, is one example.

"One of the things we have been doing is to find out what it is about exercise that really stands in the way," said Teresa Keenan, project manager for research in the advocacy group for Americans ages 50 and older.

The survey AARP commissioned found older people could be divided into six groups based on their attitudes toward exercise. Three of the groups normally exercise. But the rest don't exercise, feeling they are too busy, are not up to the challenge, or just don't care. The survey had two samples of 1,000 respondents each, and each sample had a

margin of error of three percent.

Those in the busy group, labeled the "hectics," were 12 percent of the total. Hectics know they should exercise, but say they can't find the time. "The trick is to integrate physical activity into their time," Keenan said.

CDC researchers and other experts have looked into this. They suggest people at least make minor changes in their living habits, such as taking the stairs instead of riding the elevator, or parking at the edge of the shopping mall lot and walking to the stores, instead of parking in the closest space.

Those who the Roper researchers termed "unmotivated" were 12 percent of the total. Unmotivateds have various excuses, including the cost of gym membership or the lack of people with whom to work out.

Federal agencies and other organizations are looking at expanding community activities such as group walks. One of the goals is to find ways to make exercise more fun.

"Making fitness fun is the key to success for everyone in our business," said Sandy Coffman, who has a health club consultancy, Programming for Profit, in Bradenton, Fla.

Fun for participants requires work from activity organizers, Coffman wrote in The Journal on Active Aging, a professional publication for seniors exercise programs. Staff members must be outgoing people who look like they enjoy their jobs, she said. And programs must have play and variety — "a pool class could hold a parade in the water."

Some people simply may think they are incapable of exercise. The survey termed this 13 percent "the infirm." However, although some were ill, others simply felt they were too out of shape to even start an exercise program.

Other researchers say people can test themselves to see what shape they are in. The separate article in the journal on aging listed ways

in which people can do it. The standards used in the assessment, developed by researchers at California

State University, Fullerton, were based on health data from more than 7,000 people in 21 states.

One measure is the number of times a person can stand up and sit down in a chair within 30 seconds.

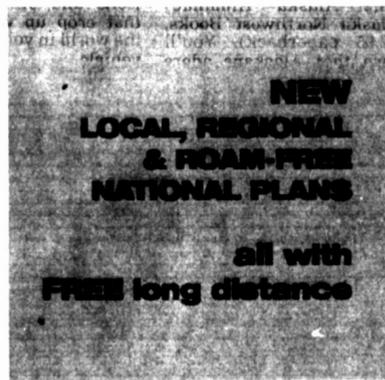
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### IN BRIEF

#### Flores throws 3-hit gem at Pirates

Ryan Flores held the Pirates to just three hits Monday night and helped spark the Astros to a 13-3 win over the Coahoma Pirates in City Tournament play.

Matthew Carrillo paced a hot Astros offense that cranked out 11 hits. Carrillo had two triples and a double. Payton Parker went 3-for-3 with three singles while Jacob Acosta went 2-for-2 with a pair of doubles. Wayland Leach also had a double and a single in two trips to the plate.

Dakota Griffith led the Pirates, collecting two of their hits on a two-run home run and a double. Isaac Arugello had the Bucs' only other hit.

#### Ragball tourney set for R.A. Complex

A Ragball Tournament is scheduled for June 21-23 at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex in Big Spring.

The cost for the tournament is \$10 per player, with a minimum of 10 players per squad. Teams may have a maximum of 15 players. All players must be 13 or older.

Registration for the tournament will be held from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. on June 21 at the complex. Registration forms can also be mailed to BSUGSA, P.O. Box 608, Big Spring, Tx., 79720.

For more information, contact Jason Canales at (905) 268-1193.

#### Ragball tourney scheduled for July 5-6

Booths are available for the 10th Annual Ragball Tournament, sponsored by the Coahoma United Girls Softball Association.

For more information about reserving a booth for the tournament call Laura Martin at 267-8660, Candy Parrish at 394-4034, or Neasa Iden at 399-4443.

#### Crisis Fund tourney slated for Thursday

The Cowboy Golf Tournament, benefiting the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund and held in conjunction with the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, has been scheduled for Thursday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fees for the 4-man scramble event are \$40 per player.

For more information, call Eddie Blasingame at 263-8421.

#### Country club slates junior golf clinic

The Big Spring Country Club Summer Junior Clinic has been scheduled for June 13-Aug. 1 with lessons at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

A tournament set for Aug. 6-8 will close out the clinic.

Fees are \$150 per youngster and includes range club membership.

For more information, call 267-5354.

#### Coahoma schedules Bulldog Tennis Camp

The 2002 Coahoma Bulldog Tennis Camp has been scheduled for Monday through Friday, June 24-28.

The camp is for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 16.

Fees for the camp are \$40 per player.

For more information, call 394-4355 or 395-4535.

## DeGeer, Armes in hunt for college NFR titles

By Tommy Wells  
Sports Editor

Jake DeGeer and Bray Armes left their mark on the National Finals Rodeo competition Monday afternoon in Casper, Wyo. and put themselves in position as early favorites for a national title. Both turned in stellar performances on the first day of the College National Finals Rodeo and found themselves ranked

among the top three in their respective divisions.

DeGeer immediately etched his name into the books as a contender for the NFR calf roping crown. The Howard College standout posted the highest mark in the first round by recording a run of 7.6 seconds — .01 seconds faster than Weber State University's Jake Hannum. With the ride, DeGeer collected 80 points and held a 10-point cushion

over Hannum heading into Tuesday's second round.

Armes was among the top performers in the steer wrestling competition. In his initial run, the Howard cowboy posted a time of 4.7 seconds and stood third overall. Armes' time was just .06 seconds slower than Eastern Wyoming's Levi Wisness, who chalked up a run of 4.1 seconds. Walla Walla Community College's Samuel McKenzie was sec-

ond at 4.4.

DeGeer also made his presence felt in the steer wrestling event. He placed sixth in first round, riding his way to a three-way tie for sixth in the standings with a mark of 4.9 seconds.

Howard's Colby Schneeman wasn't as lucky in his steer wrestling endeavor. He failed to qualify in the event.

The Hawks also collected strong performances from

Trey Hale and Kyle Logsdon and bull rider Chris Herring.

Hale and Logsdon, despite being assessed a 5-second penalty, posted a Top 20 effort in the Team Roping event. The duo's final time was 14.3 seconds.

Herring finished the first day of competition in 13th, collecting a score of 66. Chadron (Neb.) State's William Farrell led the standings with a score of 78.

## Officials open to steroid testing

By Tommy Wells  
Sports Editor

Don't count area high school administrators and coaches as ones opposed to an University Interscholastic League's survey on whether to implement steroid testing of high school athletes. Most would support — and like to see — some sort of testing put in place.

UIL officials took the first step toward what could become a statewide steroid testing policy Tuesday by agreeing to survey Texas school districts on possible testing. According to the UIL, a proposal will be drafted in the coming weeks and distributed to the state's school districts in September. Results of the non-binding survey will be tabulated and reported to the UIL's Legislative Council's at their October meeting.

One proponent of a testing policy is Big Spring High School Athletic Director Dwight Butler, who also serves as the Steers' head football coach.

"I think it's a great idea," said Butler. "I'm 100 percent for it."

Butler said his support for a policy on testing was based on several factors, including the fact that the substances are illegal in the United States and due to their long-term effects on the human body.

"I don't think the kids should be on that crap," he said. "It's not something that is good for them. I know there are schools that do it, and that kind of makes the field unlevel for everyone. The only way to control it and protect the kids is to do some kind of testing."

Grady High School principal Richard Gibson agreed, saying a testing plan should be implemented statewide.

"I think it would be a good move," Gibson said. "I don't think they should do it randomly and just test those teams that make the playoffs or do well. They should do it across the board and test everyone."

Testing students for steroids would mean almost all school district employees and students would be screened at least once a year. Currently, the state mandates drug testing for school administrators, teachers and school bus drivers.

"We test teachers and bus drivers right now," he said. "There isn't anything wrong with testing them (students). If you don't have anything to hide, you shouldn't

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The Big Spring 10 & Under squad recently competed in the National Little Dribblers Basketball Tournament in Georgetown. Members of the team include ( front) Megan Doe, (bottom row) Linzee Yarbar, Stormi Smith, Berkile Pierce, Lindzey Roach, Kadi Larpenter, Emily Hicks (second row) Amanda Longoria, Paige Niehues, Tiffany Garcia, Jacobie Shellman, Shelby Jones and coach Robert Smith. Not pictured are Kala Long and coach Michelle Dykes.

## Local cagers hoop it up at national tournament

The Big Spring 10 & Under girls would have made Deion Sanders proud last week. They took the local Little Dribblers program to prime time.

The Big Spring squad turned in a solid effort at the recent National Little Dribblers Basketball Tournament in Georgetown, advancing to the third round of the event in their first-ever appearance. En route to qualifying for the third round, the Big Spring girls became the first local Little Dribblers squad to record a win at the National level.

"At the beginning of this year's local basketball league, the decision was made to try and get the kids in our area some experience in tournament play throughout the state," said Big Spring coach Robert Smith. "We believe we have done that. This was our first year to do this and the girls worked really hard."

"This experience, and the experience we will continue to

get in the years to come, will only make the Big Spring junior high and high school teams stronger," he added.

Big Spring, the only first-time team at the tournament, got off to a tough start at the National meet. Despite a strong performance from Lindzey Roach and Amanda Longoria, the team suffered a 33-14 setback to Whitehouse — which had qualified for the National semifinals last season.

Roach powered the Big Spring offense in the opener, scoring a team-high six points. Longoria added four while teammates Berkile Pierce and Kadi Larpenter chipped in two apiece.

Big Spring bounced back the following day, however, by roasting Georgetown, 26-19.

"We played well in all aspects of the game through three quarters," Smith said. "The excitement on the girls' faces after that win made it all worth while."

Just how impressive were the

Big Spring girls? Try this on for size: Big Spring held a commanding 22-9 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Longoria tortured the Georgetown defense throughout the affair, pushing home 12 points. Roach added four more, while Tiffany Garcia, Jacobie Shellman, Paige Niehues, Megan Doe and Larpenter all added shots.

Big Spring, one of the youngest teams at the tournament, didn't fare as well in the third round. The team, just two hours after downing Georgetown, was forced to return to the court for a third-round matchup against Levelland and fell, 48-9.

"It wasn't hard to tell we were tired, but the girls gave their all," said Smith, who guided a team consisting of two 10-year-old, nine 9-year-olds and one 8-year-old.

Longoria led all BS scorers. See HOOPS, Page B2

### Streaking Comets avenge loss earlier to Charlotte Sting

HOUSTON (AP) — Sheryl Swoopes scored 25 points and Grace Daley added a career-high 19 as the Houston Comets defeated the Charlotte Sting 78-66 Tuesday night.

Swoopes scored 22 second-half points as the Comets (5-2) used a 15-2 run early in the second half to pull away from a close game. Seven of Swoopes' points came during the 15-2 run.

"It was important for us to come out in the second half and build on our lead," Swoopes said. "I was relaxed, we were relaxed and it was nice to play like the old Comets

again. We're starting to play like we know we're capable of."

Tammy Sutton-Brown scored 18 points for the Sting (2-4). Charlotte has now lost four straight after opening the season with a pair of home wins over Los Angeles and Houston.

Andrea Stinson and Allison Feaster added 13 and 10 points respectively for the Sting, which is winless in six all-time games in Houston.

Houston won its third straight game and avenged a 15-point loss to the Sting last week at Charlotte.

### Rockets closer to drafting Yao Ming

HOUSTON (AP) — The Shanghai Sharks have told the Houston Rockets they will recommend the China Basketball Association

grant its approval for the nation's star player, Yao Ming, to participate in this month's NBA draft, the Houston Chronicle reported Tuesday.

Rockets general counsel Michael Goldberg told the newspaper from Shanghai that Sharks general manager Li Yaomin and owner Bai Li pledged their recommendation following two days of social meetings and negotiations.

Rockets officials in China did not immediately return phone messages left by The Associated Press.

Houston, which won the No. 1 draft selection in the

NBA's lottery last month, hopes to select Yao June 26 in New York.

"I believe based on our meetings that they don't have any objections," Goldberg told the paper. "In the very short time we've been here, we've developed very good relationships."

Goldberg, general manager Carroll Dawson, coach Rudy Tomjanovich and director of media relations Nelson Luis are in China to meet with Chinese representatives who will decide whether the 7-foot-5 center is allowed to play in the United States.

The group was to meet Wednesday in Beijing with representatives of the China Basketball Association.

Yao needs a letter of clearance from the FIBA, the

international basketball governing body. Approval from the China Basketball Association is considered the last hurdle for Yao to receive FIBA clearance.

Yao, 21, averaged 32.4 points, making 72.1 percent of his shots, along with averaging 19 rebounds in 34 China Basketball League games last season. He averaged 10.5 points per game on 63.9 percent shooting and six rebounds in the 2000 Olympics.

"They're concerned because they're losing their best player," Goldberg said of the Sharks.

He said the team would like to find ways to improve its roster without him, but didn't place any conditions on providing the recommendation.

SPORTS EXTRA

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Signed LHP Trevor Caughey, RHP Carl Makowsky, RHP Justin Nash and LHP James Cooney.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed INF Fernando Pacheco.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Designated LHP Brian Shouse for assignment. Purchased the contract of LHP Scott Mulien from Omaha of the PCL.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Traded 2B Warren Morris to Memphis of the International League for a player to be named later. Signed LHP Ricky Barrett and OF Javier Lopez.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Signed RHP Jason Hammel, RHP Adam Moreno, RHP Nicholas DeBarr, RHP Michael Sanders, LHP Mike Prochaska, C Ernest Woodruff, SS Steven Skover, OF Jason Pridie, OF Joseph Gomez and OF Adam Nacole.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Signed RHP Lance Cormier, INF Brian Darden, INF Nesabett Brown, LHP Darren Douglas, INF Adam Hale, RHP Dustin Nippert, INF Bryan Johnson, OF Donnie Saba, INF Matthew Morgan, INF Jeffrey Slaneck, RHP Jared Borner, RHP Matthew Inness, INF Jeron Gates, LHP Wesley Gilliam, RHP Joshua Kravatter, INF Sean Luellwitz, C Grady Symonds, RHP William Biggs and LHP Keith Whitley.

CINCINNATI REDS—Recalled RHP John Reedling from Louisville of the International League. Placed RHP Carlos Almanzar on the 15-day disabled list.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with 2B Cain Grobe, LHP Craig Breslow, LHP Justin Gabriel and LHP Jeff Housman.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Optioned RHP Jeremy Fikac and RHP Dennis Tankersley to Mobile of the Southern League. Purchased the contract of 1B Kevin Baker from Portland of the PCL and LHP Oliver Perez and RHP J.J. Trujillo from Mobile.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS—Named Tom Modrak assistant general manager.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed CB Dayton McCutcheon to a three-year contract.

DENVER BRONCOS—Signed S Chris Young.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Agreed to terms with FB Omar Elway on a three-year contract.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Waived WR Thabiti Davis.

WNBA STANDINGS

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O'Neal, Lakers on verge of first NBA Finals sweep in seven years

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal remembers the night Houston fans banged brooms against his team bus following the last sweep in the NBA Finals. Seven years later, O'Neal considers it one of the four lowest moments of his life.

O'Neal can bring his own broom to Game 4 and smack it all over New Jersey if the Los Angeles Lakers finish this series Wednesday night.

The Lakers have a 3-0 lead over the Nets in the best-of-seven series and a Los Angeles win on Wednesday would mark just the seventh sweep in Finals history.

O'Neal refused Tuesday to dwell on the looming opportunity of being on the winning side of a sweep.

"I don't like to use that word, because it's kind of bad luck," he said. "I'm not the one to count my chickens before they hatch."

But surely there's nothing O'Neal could want more than to reverse the worst night of his basketball career.

O'Neal was a member of the Orlando Magic when he made his first trip to the NBA Finals, which the

Rockets won in a four-game sweep. Until O'Neal won his first of consecutive titles two years ago, that 1995 disaster was a defining point of his career.

O'Neal remembers it took the Magic bus two hours to get from the Houston arena to the team hotel as overzealous fans attacked the vehicle with the brooms they'd been waving throughout the game in celebration of the sweep.

"They were hitting the buses with the brooms and throwing bricks and rioting," he said. "I was just sitting there crying, looking out. They were laughing at me."

It left a permanent mark on a man who knows for certain he's only cried four times in his life — the first time his father hit him, when both of his grandmothers died and the 1995 Finals.

"It was a hard feeling. I said to myself, 'If I ever have the opportunity to make it to the Finals again, I won't let my teammates down. I have to make my presence known. We just have to win,'" he said.

He's also told his Los Angeles teammates many

times what it felt like that night in Houston, urging them to never let it happen to them.

"He said it was one of his most hurtful experiences to have to go through," Kobe Bryant said. "He said it was a lot of pain to be swept in the NBA finals and be on the road and have to get on the bus and leave the arena with all the fans hitting the brooms up against the window of the bus. So, it would feel good to return a favor."

Brian Shaw and Robert Horry don't need O'Neal's recollection of the sweep — Shaw, then with Orlando, was on the bus with O'Neal, while Horry, then a member of the Rockets, was inside celebrating.

Like O'Neal, Shaw would like to make New Jersey the latest team swept out of the Finals.

"It would help redeem that situation a little bit — I know that it has helped motivate us to do better up to this point," Shaw said.

As much as the Lakers want to end the series, the Nets want desperately to extend it. Unfortunately for them, no team has ever overcome a 3-0 deficit to win the Finals.

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STERIODS

Continued from Page 1B have anything to be worried about."

The idea of steroid testing didn't upset former high school players either. Former Klondike High School standout Claud Christian said steroid testing would not have bothered him during his prep career.

"I don't know that they (steroids) are that big of a problem at the smaller schools, but it wouldn't have affected me in the least," said Christian, who helped lead Klondike to the state playoffs in the early 1990s. "Drug testing is kind of a way of life now. At a lot of places, you have to take a test before being hired. If you don't do it, you don't have to be concerned about getting in trouble."

Garden City Superintendent Steve Long mirrored Christian's feeling. Though not opposed to a testing plan, he said steroid use wasn't a major concern at

many smaller schools. "In our class, which is 1A, I don't think there is a problem. I'm not saying they shouldn't be teaching about the dangers of using steroids, but to test everyone wouldn't be that beneficial. For us, our coaches do a great job of promoting a clean program and lifestyle."

The UIL's Medical Advisory Committee first suggested the steroid survey after the use of the muscle-enhancing drug became a national controversy after a recent Sports Illustrated article on its impact on professional baseball. Several members of the medical committee have raised concerns about steroid use in high schools as well, particularly in football and baseball.

The survey was approved unanimously by the Legislative Council Standing Committee on Athletics.

HOOPS

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Despite the loss, Smith said the experience the

team gained should serve them well in years to come. "The experience these girls received will last them a lifetime and will make them a tough seasoned team next year."

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Joe Smith  
*(Rides Red Alert, NFR Bull)*  
Philip Elkin - Weatherford, Tx  
Felipe Aragon - Tone, NM  
Cody Spells - Doucette, Tx  
*(Rides Copperhead)*  
Chad Klein - Clinton, La  
Joseph Branson - Burseson, Tx  
*(Rides Red Alert)*

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Trent Walls - Stephenville, Tx  
Carter Edmonson - McCauley, Tx  
Neal Felton - Mtn Home, Tx  
Charley Russell - Shamrock, Tx  
Rusty Seawalt - Del Rio, Tx

### Steer Wrestling

Chad Biesemeyer - Stephenville, Tx  
Bob Lumms - Folsom, La  
Sid Steiner - Bastrop, Tx  
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Jennifer Wilson - Perry, Miss.  
Marlene McRae - Rehab, Colo  
Lisa Ogden - Gail, Tx  
Kappy Allen - Austin  
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Kay Blandford - Southerland Springs, Tx  
Jimmy Kay Davis - Gonzales, Tx  
Cody Himes - Stanton, Tx  
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Scott Johnson - Gustine, Tx

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Rance Bray - Dumas, Tx  
Jeremy Diffie - Hatfield, Ark  
*(Rides Rid to Win, NFR Horse)*  
Johnny Polack - Dublin, Tx  
Brent Francis - Goodwill, OK  
*(Rides Ginger Snap, NFR Bronc)*  
Dan Ettbauer - Goodwill, Ok  
Scott Johnson - Gustine, Tx  
Coke Hopping\* - Memphis, Tx  
*(Rides Rid to Win)*  
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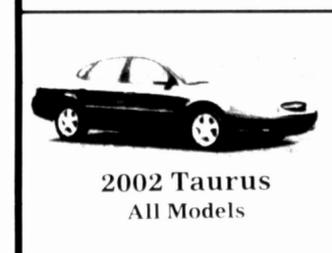
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY Thursday, June 13:

You will have an opportunity to make a major difference financially. Think in terms of what you can gain through an innate talent or skill. You have unusual abilities, which come out when dealing with others. If you mobilize your energy properly, you will gain. Networking and socializing score high as activities in the second half of the year. You will be happier than you have been in a while when you look back on your next birthday. If single, you will be meeting someone very important to your life. Though you mean well, you could be unusual possessive. If attached, the two of you interact much more. Indulge your sweetie. Why not? LEO understands you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* Your mood swings easily. If debating about a work-related matter, what seems OK in the a.m. might not be acceptable by night. Let your creativity kick in and come up with solutions. Brainstorm with those you respect. Tonight Consider an early beginning to the weekend.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* Clear your desk this morning, returning all your messages. Good news greets you as a result. You could easily be distracted. Keep in mind what you need and want to accomplish. Plan on working late or closing your door in the afternoon. Tonight Another lets you know how much he or she cares.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Sometimes you don't use all your assets. You have a lot going for your self. Take a strong action. Reach out for another. You might not believe that this person could do what he or she promises. Get ready to step back and observe. You could be pleasantly surprised. Tonight Speak your mind.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* Your natural style seems to part the waters in front of you. Nothing seems too hard in your present mood. Tackle work. Ask that special person a question you have been putting off. Good news follows in your wake. Tonight Treat yourself well.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) \*\*\* Play your cards close to your chest, especially those involving love and money. Let others express their views, giving you a better sense of direction. When you decide to reveal your thoughts later in the day, you slice through many issues. Tonight Beam in what you want.

**BORN TODAY**  
Writer Dorothy Sayers (1893), Artist Christo (1935), football player Rod Grange (1903).

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* If you can get a head start on your day. Your most successful time will be in the daylight hours. Move quickly through your must-do list in order to allow for some free time. Your feelings might be quite intense. Know that someone returns them. Tonight Add some mystery.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* All eyes turn in your direction. How you feel about someone could change substantially. Others will give you the benefit of the doubt right now. Do understand that even with all the smiles, others count on you coming through. Tonight Head down the winning path.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* Detachment allows you to express more affection for others. You will understand those you care about better and know what to say to help them. Good news results from a phone call or message. Another whispers some important news in your ear. Tonight Work as late as you can.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* Deal with others on a one-on-one level. You make waves and money, if you use your smarts! Others delight in the attention from you. A relationship also benefits from this type of time and attention. Focus on a loved one. Tonight Discuss weekend plans.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* Others go out of their way for you, making your life easier. Don't make it complicated, but enjoy what is happening. An associate has stronger feelings than you're aware of. Carefully consider options that surround a loved one. Tonight Dinner for two.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Much happens if you opt to be less abrupt and grease the wheels of change. Another won't be so touchy if you use an extra bit of diplomacy. Be sensitive to a co-worker or associate who might want more from you. Tonight Out.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Take the day off, if you can. Emphasize pleasure rather than work, if possible. Another has very strong feelings. Share more of yourself with this person. Playing hooky is OK sometimes, and it might increase your work performance. Tonight Settle in.

Beau's bad back has girlfriend in quandry

Dear Ann Landers: I am in my mid 20s and have been dating a wonderful man for two years. "Michael" is my guiding light and best friend, and we have been talking about getting married. While the idea thrills me, I have some concerns. Michael has a bad back. He is in constant pain and walks stooped over like a 70-year-old man. I have urged him to see a doctor, but he refuses. He insists the problem is a result of sitting at the computer all day and says if he exercises, his back will straighten out. Of course, he is in so much pain, he cannot exercise at all.

I am worried about marrying a man who is so disabled. Our physical activities are limited. He cannot take long walks with me or go bike riding. I hope to have children one day, and he will be unable to play with them the way a young father should. Some of my fondest childhood memories

are of playing baseball with my dad in the backyard. I don't want to deprive my children of those experiences.

If Michael won't seek medical treatment, he will never get better. Am I being selfish not to overlook his physical handicap? Michael is my true soul mate, and I want to be with him, but I am not certain I want to take on the burden of a husband who can barely move and whose physical condition will deteriorate over time. Please tell me what to do. Not So Sunny in California.

Dear California: Michael's pain may be caused by an injury that can be corrected through medical treatment or surgery. I understand that he may be afraid of seeing a doctor, but his condition will not improve on its own. Offer to go with him for help. If he wants to, long his injury could incapacitate him completely.

Show Michael this letter, and tell him you wrote it. If he realizes how seriously he is hurting his chances for a future with you, perhaps he will find the wherewithal to do something about it.



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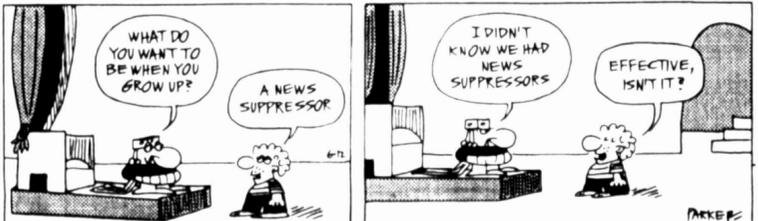
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THIS DATE  
IN HISTORY

**The ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Today is Wednesday, June 12, the 163rd day of 2002. There are 202 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:

On June 12, 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, N.Y.  
On this date:  
In 1776, Virginia's colonial legislature became the first to adopt a Bill of Rights.  
In 1838, the Iowa Territory was organized.  
In 1898, Philippine nationalists declared independence from Spain.  
In 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers was fatally shot in front of his home in Jackson, Miss.  
In 1967, the Supreme Court struck down state laws prohibiting interracial marriages.  
In 1971, Tricia Nixon and

Edward F. Cox were married in the White House Rose Garden.  
In 1979, 26-year-old cyclist Bryan Allen flew the man-powered Gossamer Albatross across the English Channel.  
In 1981, major league baseball players began a 49-day strike over the issue of free-agent compensation. (The season did not resume until Aug. 10.)  
In 1987, President Reagan, during a visit to the divided German city of Berlin, publicly challenged Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."  
In 1991, Russians went to the polls to elect Boris N. Yeltsin president of their republic.

Ten years ago: President George H.W. Bush, addressing the Earth Summit in Brazil, declared America's environmental record "second to none." In a letter to U.S. senators, Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin said the Soviet Union had shot down nine U.S. planes in the early 1950s and held 12 American survivors.

**Today's Birthdays:**  
Banker David Rockefeller is 87. Actress Uta Hagen is 83. Former President George Bush is 78. Singer Vic Damone is 74. Actor-singer Jim Nabors is 72. Jazz musician Chick Corea is 61. Sportscaster Marv Albert is 61. Singer Roy Harper is 61. Rock singer Reg Presley (The Troggs) is 59. Rock singer-musician Brad Delp (Boston) is 51. Rock musician Bun E. Carlos (Cheap Trick) is 51. Country singer-musician Junior Brown is 50. Singer-songwriter Rocky Burnette is 49. Actor Timothy Busfield is 45. Actress Jenilee Harrison is 43. Rock musician John Linnell (They Might Be Giants) is 43.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

MAKING CONTACT by Fred Piscop

- Edited by Stanley Newman
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| <b>ACROSS</b>                 | 62 Cupid alias             | 12 Mrs. Sprat's taboo           | 37 Cub slugger              |
| 1 Arcade flubs                | 63 Slow on the uptake      | 13 "K-K-K-"                     | 38 Equine of song           |
| 6 Tusked critter              |                            | 18 America's Uncle              | 40 Bismarck is its cap.     |
| 10 Add muscle, with "up"      | <b>DOWN</b>                | 21 Create, as a phrase          | 41 Thought the world of     |
| 14 WWII sub                   | 1 Paint thinner, for short | 23 Lat. and Lith., once         | 43 Close, as an escape      |
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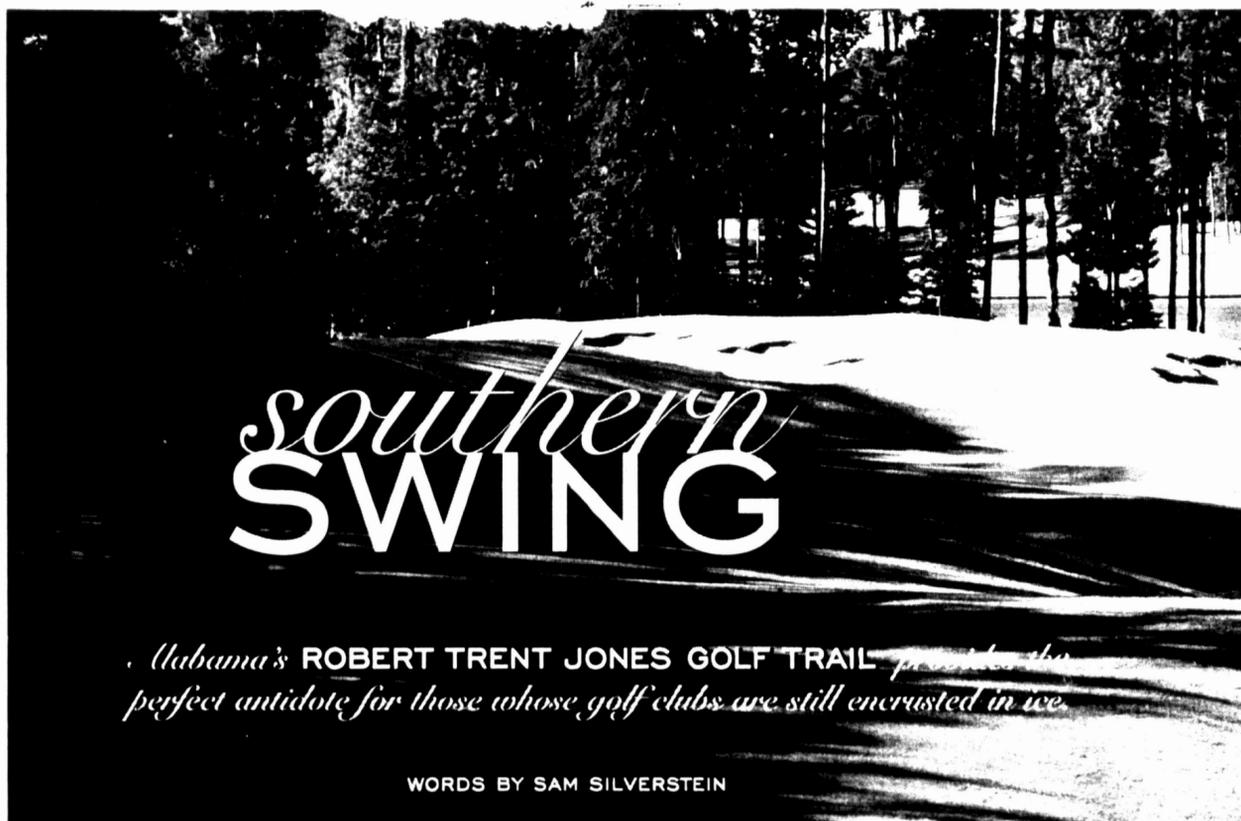
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Alabama's ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL provides the perfect antidote for those whose golf clubs are still encrusted in use.

WORDS BY SAM SILVERSTEIN

Since opening for business in the early '90s, the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Alabama has built a reputation as paradise on earth among a certain breed of person: those whose idea of light reading is *Golf Digest* instead of *Dave Pelz's Putting Bible*, who absorb their doses of national news via the Golf Channel, who view any reflective surface as an opportunity to examine their swings.

Of course, non-golfers and beginners are welcome along the Trail. A recently renovated Marriott Grand Hotel at Point Clear, on the Gulf of Mexico, has a tricked-up pool for the kiddos and a European-style spa for men and women not set on tackling the course. Every golf hole on the entire Trail was designed with forward tees to accommodate golfers of various abilities.

But at its essence, this is hardcore golf, featuring beefy, long layouts with lots of drama. Trail courses, 21 in all, are sited on sprawling tracts of land at eight facilities throughout the state. There's room enough at each facility for backless driving ranges, stately clubhouses and ambitious "short courses"—don't call them pitch and putts—ideal for settling wagers that run into overtime.

In Scotland, luxury motor coaches carrying CEOs from seaside links to luxury resorts are a common sight. Here it's four dudes in a SUV, clubs stacked to the ceiling. The competition flows thickest during the spring high season, when hardcore golfers whose home clubs still are encrusted in ice head South en masse for their first golf fix of the year. The crowd "is from out of town, and they're here to play golf," says an assistant pro at one Trail complex.

**IF YOU BUILD IT...**

Not surprisingly, the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail sprang from the imagination of a golfer, Dr. David Bronner, CEO of Retirement Systems of Alabama. Officially, Bronner is an appointed money manager for the state's teachers and other public employees. Unofficially, he's Alabama's self-appointed tourist minister, ambassador and one of the main players in the state's development scene.

The idea of building a network of world-class golf courses first occurred to Bronner in the late '80s. An inveterate Big Thinker, Bronner set his sights on enlisting a conspicuous architect, and letters were sent to several of the most prominent names in the business. Most couldn't comprehend what was being proposed.

"They'd try to correct us: 'Clearly you don't mean you're going to do seven sites at the same time, more than 18 holes at each site,'" Bronner recalls.

"We were trying to do something that had never been done in the world ... it was a matter

of finding someone who thought we were credible."

The most outrageous name on Bronner's wish list got his gist. He found a kindred spirit in legendary architect Robert Trent Jones, Sr., who emerged from semi-retirement to take on the challenge of developing the Trail. By then, Jones' legacy as one of the great golf course architects of all time was secure. But the opportunity to develop all seven original sites (an eighth, Capitol Hill, came online in 2000) proved irresistible to the octogenarian Englishman, who designed or renovated an estimated 500 courses during a seven-decade-long career.

Jones' zeal for the project was obvious in his hands-on approach as well as the quality of the final product. He once was quoted in *Business Week* as considering the Trail project a once-in-

lifetime chance "to paint my Sistine Chapel."

Jones, who died in 2000 at age 93, designed the Trail to capitalize on Alabama's diverse topography while keeping his foot relentlessly heavy on the gas. "He told me a couple times, 'We're making 'em too hard,'" Bronner recalls of the early give and take between the architect and owner. "I kept telling him, 'No, we're not.' ... Everybody in the country complained about Pete Dye's course at PGA West when it first came online, that it was so difficult. And every time I went there, all I saw were people standing in line with \$200 in their hands. They want punishment."



Above: Grand National  
Inset: Cambrian Ridge

All 18 original Trail courses were constructed in one frenzied push. The first, Oxmoor Valley in Birmingham, opened in the fall of '92, less than two years from when the idea for the Trail first had occurred to Bronner. The last of the original seven complexes came online within a year. Total price tag: approximately \$140 million.

Acclaim for Jones' handiwork began rolling in soon after the ceremonial first drives were struck. *Golf Digest* listed both regulation courses at the Grand National complex in Auburn/Opelika among the top four new public courses in the country in 1993. The Links course at Grand National regularly cracks the esteemed publication's annual public top-100 to this day.

**72 HOLES, 72 HOURS**

The professional golf tours have the Trail on their radar as well. The LPGA tour visits Magnolia Grove, in Mobile, each year. The Buy.com tour held its season-ending Tour Championship at Capitol Hill in September 2001. Plans are in the works for both to return this fall.

My own taste of the Trail comprised 72 holes in three days at three facilities within easy driving distance of Montgomery, Alabama's capital and roughly the state's midpoint. Typical of the entire Trail, each course had qualities in common, yet was distinct from one another, despite their proximity.

The Judge, our first course, is one of three at Capitol Hill in Prattville, on the outskirts of Montgomery. The Judge's elevated first tee box affords views of Montgomery and the Alabama River in the distance, a skinny band of fairway below, glimpses of pleasures to come beyond the steeply sloped first green. It was a grand, and appropriately daunting, way to christen the trip. "When you enter The Judge, you enter The Judge," our starter told us. "We'll bring sandwiches out to you, but you won't see much of anyone else for the rest of your round." Down we plunged.

A relentless lattice of difficult golf holes ensued. The Judge is the most recent Trail course to come online and was designed to expand on the most popular features of its predecessors. Namely: their difficulty. The Alabama River's opaque backwaters provide much of the trouble; the number of water carries reached double-digits early on the back nine. Dry corners of the course were guarded by colonies of fire ants. The round was punishing but enjoyable, and blew past in the blink of an eye.

Our resting spot, Legends Hotel, is conveniently close to the local Wal-Mart, which is handy when re-loading a supply of golf balls.

The following morning we drove an hour and 25 minutes due east, through cotton fields, beneath a promising sunrise, to the Grand National golf complex at Auburn/Opelika. Here we received another warm greeting at the bag drop, and mounted the stairs of another stately clubhouse. A trend clearly was developing.

Grand National features two regulation courses, Links and Lake, and a short course. Trent Jones, Sr. is reported to have characterized the property as the best for golf he ever saw.

We played the Links course which, true to its name, was Scottish in character. Six-hundred-acre Lake Saughahatche, in play on 24 of Grand National's 36 regulation holes, is glimpsed for the first time behind the Links course's second hole and reappears intermittently throughout the track. No. 6, a twisty par 5 that plays to a remote corner of the property, was a particular favorite. And the water carry to 18 was as hard, and good, as it gets. Everyone in our group hit the green in regulation,

each other noisily across the dry forest floor were the only company.

The third and last stop on our Trail mini-tour was Cambrian Ridge, in Greenville, an hour south of Montgomery. Cambrian Ridge is a complex of three regulation nines. The property again has water everywhere, and Grand National's serpentine nature, but introduces a new element: hills. The Canyon nine is a roller coaster ride of elevated tees and landing areas in the elbow of doglegs, with several carries over catfish-rolled water. The Loblolly nine smoothes out a bit, with generous fairways and rock-hard greens. Loblolly's polished air is said to be the closest most mortals will come to playing Augusta National.

Jones' masterly touch with the blueprint and the surveyor's map was felt all weekend long. With amoeba-like bunkers and raised, multi-tiered greens, only a true wizard with the flat stick will play much golf here without putting off one of the greens.

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Retirement Systems of Alabama CEO Dr. David Bronner was born in Minnesota, and moved to Alabama in his early 20s to attend law school and pursue a Ph.D. He has been in charge of the state's pension fund for nearly 30 years.

Framed press clippings on the wall of his downtown Montgomery office describe Bronner as "iconoclast," "pugnacious" and "hard-driving"; his style has made enemies along the way. But the beneficiaries of his skill as a money manager, the state's public employees, are devoted. And Bronner's love for his adopted home, in turn, runs deep. To him the Trail is an investment, but it's also a cause.

The image of Alabama as an intolerant state was born during the Civil Rights struggles of the 1960s and perpetuated in 1990, when that year's PGA Championship was moved from the Shoal Creek Country Club in Birmingham after it was revealed that the club's membership policy barred the door to African-Americans.

But golf also could be the engine of Alabama's renaissance. Or so Bronner believes. "The straw I was grasping for was some mechanism to change the [state's] attitude and perception," Bronner says. The Trail is "an experiment to try to reintroduce Alabamians to the rest of the world, and introduce the rest of the world to Alabama."

True to its mission, the Trail

accomplishes an unlikely parlay: championship-quality golf shot through with an egalitarian vibe. The target demo is "people who love the game of golf who don't have the connections or the money to play championship golf," Bronner says. "Here's an opportunity to play championship golf that won't bankrupt you ... [The Trail] is as good or better as any top-quality public golf courses in the world, but at a reasonable price."

Green fees vary slightly from course to course on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, but all are good deals. The steepest green fee in the circuit is \$65 to play The Judge at Capitol Hill during the spring peak season, and the general range is \$35-60 year-round. With steep discounts on same-day replays, a customer would be hard pressed to spend \$100 a day to play 36 holes of stellar golf plus rent a cart at any facility on the Trail.

Has the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, as intended, turned tourist heads toward Alabama? It's hard to calculate a change in something as ephemeral as reputation. Hard numbers are easier to understand, especially in Bronner's world.

"We've had a positive return," Bronner says. "But the big impact has been on the state of Alabama. When the Trail started, tourism was less than a \$2 billion a year industry. Now it's a \$6.1 billion industry."

—S.S.

one of those "maybe we can play this game after all" moments that keep the golf economy humming.

Overall, Grand National seemed more forgiving, less overwhelmingly huge, than The Judge. The back nine features several craggy par fours that were downright cozy. Not that my score reflected any improvement. In the afternoon we played the short course, which featured all the regulation course's quality, sans the option to lay up. A father and son twosome on the horizon and several etiquette-indifferent squirrels chasing

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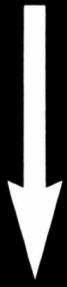
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