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Herald seeks stories for 'We the People'

The deadline to submit stories for "We the People," a special June 30 section planned by the Herald, is Wednesday.

"We the People" is just what it implies — stories written by and about folks in the Crossroads area. Your story can be about any person, living or deceased, that you admire or respect. You can even write it about yourself!

Your stories should be brought to the Herald office, 710 Scurry, or mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721, or sent by e-mail to johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com. Please include photographs if you have them.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

□ Senior Circle, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 years and older are invited to participate. Call 268-4721.

□ Disabled American Veteran's chapter 47, 6:30 p.m., 610 Abrams.
□ Christian Singles Fellowship, 7-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church youth hall. All singles in the community are welcome.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizen's Center, 267-1628.

□ Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Evenings Lions Club, noon, Senior Citizen's Center.

□ Big Spring Band Booster, 6 p.m., high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

□ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Howard County Library basement.

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

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Father's Day wishes center around family

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A "#1 Dad" mug. A "Kiss the Chef" apron. A bottle of Old Spice. Of course, don't forget, the loudest necktie in the store.

Fathers across America will be opening such treasured clichés this morning, but for most of them, the fondest gift will be the attention and love lauded upon them on Father's Day.

The Mother's Day edition of the Big Spring Herald fea-



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tured several local mothers' responses to "What would you like most to receive for Mother's Day?"

And now on Father's Day, the paternal members of the family unit get their chance. Several of the dads

focused on spending time with their children.

"The one thing I'd like most for Father's Day is probably for my daughter who lives in Denver, Colo., to give me a surprise visit and bring my grandson, who's 2 years old," said Big Spring School Superintendent Murray Murphy. "Of course I'm going to see him anyway in July, but I'd like to see a surprise visit. I know it can't happen, but if you

asked me what I would like, that would be it."

Coahoma Justice of the Peace and rodeo clown Quail Dobbs, agreed that time with children is the best Father's Day gift.

"Oh, just them, you know," Dobbs said. "Just being with them, my children, I guess. I've got two, a boy and a girl. The girl lives in Forsan, the boy lives right here (in Coahoma).

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Air Fair takes flight at Hangar 25

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Staring straight at the ground from thousands of feet in the air while being strapped into an open-cockpit Stearman didn't seem to phase Ron Maddox.

"That was great," Maddox, president of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club, said.

"We would be up so high and he (the pilot, Steve Berstein of Levelland) would bank so hard you would be looking straight down at the ground. I loved it."

Maddox was just one of the many thrill seekers taking advantage of the \$35 price for a 20-minute ride over Big Spring in the restored plane during the Hangar 25 Air Museum Air Fair Saturday.

Although strong winds chased away many arts and craft vendors early in the day, the gust didn't stop a

number of people from enjoying a ride in a helicopter, private airplanes or the Stearman.

"It was pretty smooth up there," Maddox said. "You could tell the wind was blowing when the plane took off and landed."

And the flight gave Maddox and opportunity to see a different view of the city.

"Everything looks so much different up in the air," he said.

A percentage of the fees from the Stearman and the helicopter flights went to help support the Hangar 25 Air Museum. All the money raised from the small private airplane flights piloted by Dr. Darryl Powell of the Veteran's Administration and Bob Brock of Bob Brock Ford was given to the air museum's fund.

A trip in the skies was just one of many activities offered during the day.

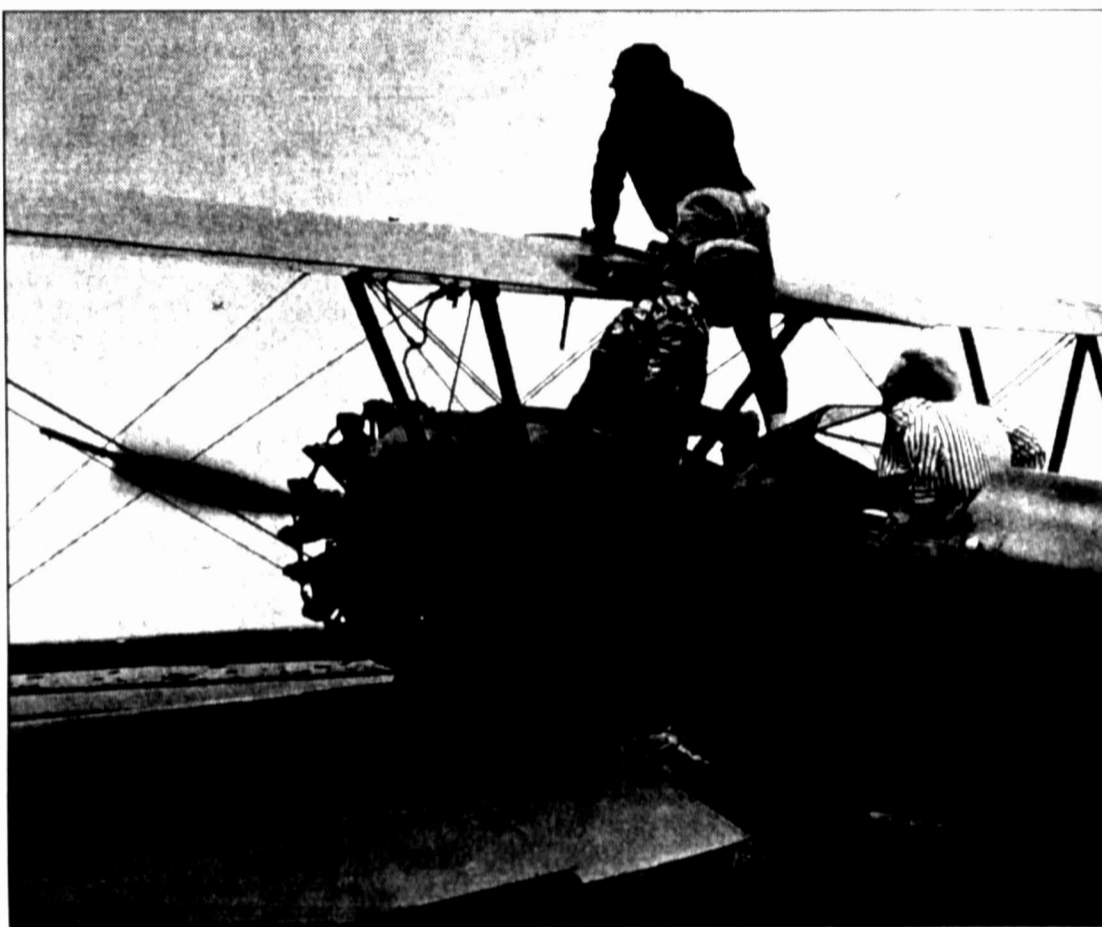
In the morning, local vocalist sung their hearts out in a contest.

"We had three entries but

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BOGARD



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Gloria McDonald slips into the back seat of the open-cockpit Stearman for a flight around Big Spring Saturday during the Hangar 25 Air Museum Air Fair while Phillip Welch assists. Steve Berstein, the pilot, takes a minute to stretch his legs.

Auction invokes culinary art

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Some were artworks, others mouth-watering temptations and all were snapped up by eager buyers during the Hangar 25 Air Fair annual Celebrity Cake Auction Saturday.

The delicious-looking confections raked in more than \$1,700, or about half of the amount raised last year,



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auction organizer Pat Simmons said.

"I am a little disappointed but not in the cakes themselves," Simmons said. "We had some tremendous cakes this year."

Among the creative desserts was a cake replica of the Settles Hotel, designed by Laurie Churchwell.

The miniature version of Big Spring's famous landmark sold for \$130, but the most activity occurred when a bidding war erupted, with a little prodding by auctioneer Robert Pruitt of Spring City Auction, for the Sonic Drive-In cake.

Mike Abusaab of Sonic Drive-In and another purchaser went head-to-head for the dessert, which was created by Abusaab. Persistence paid out as Abusaab retained the right to the confection for \$300.

Among the other crafty creations were a Texas-sized hamburger cake, a replica of the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl, a "Best of Betty Boop" confection highlighting the cartoon's most famous attribute and a chocolate pizza complete with pecans and coconut.

"It's a pizza cake," quipped Pruitt. "You put it all together and it makes a whole cake."

Portrait of a clown

Isley: A smile makes it all worthwhile

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Keith Isley has been from one end of the United States to another and countless points in between. Even so, the goal still remains the same for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association cowboy: Make 'em smile.

Isley has been doing plenty of that over the past few days. The North Carolina-born clown has been entertaining the fans at the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion & Rodeo as the featured comedy act.

"The people in the stands make this all worth while," said Isley, who earned the Comedy Act of the Year award from the PRC A last year. "When you see someone laughing you know you've helped them forget all their troubles for a little while and enable them to have a good time. To know I helped someone laugh makes me feel good."

The PRC A made Isley feel



extra good in December 1999 when it awarded him the first of his three Specialty Act of the Year awards.

"That was the highlight of my career," he said. "Nothing will ever beat the feeling I had when I was given that award. It was special for me because it was the first time a rodeo clown had ever been recognized as the specialty act."

Being a rodeo clown wasn't a career goal for the Goldston, N.C. legend. Prior to beginning a 22-year career as a clown, Isley had intended to become a seri-

ous PRC A competitor. He spent two years riding bulls and bareback horses.

"I got started in the junior rodeo back home on North Carolina," he said. "There are a lot of rodeos back there. They're not as big as they are here but they are there."

"I rode bulls and bareback for two years competitively. I guess you could say I had a short career," said Isley, who grew up as the son of a tobacco farmer.

After giving up the bulls and bareback riding, Isley ventured into the bullfighting area of the industry, helping protect riders by distracting bulls.

"I had two brothers (Jim and Randy) who rode bulls and I wanted to help protect them and have a good time. I really didn't have any idea what I was doing back then. I think I was in the way more than I really helped."

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Keith Isley clowns around during the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. Isley began his career as a rough-stock competitor, but after two years decided his talents were better suited to protecting the cowboys.

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Bishops promise to give parishioners bigger role, restore trust

DALLAS (AP) — American bishops left their landmark meeting for home Saturday with a clerical sex abuse policy that gives rank-and-file Roman Catholics an unprecedented role in policing the church.

The plan has its critics, including those who had called for the automatic ouster of abusive priests and wanted lay people to have an even greater say in church decisions.

But as the bishops wrapped up their tumultuous summit with private prayers, they could point to a 3,500-word document that creates a national board to monitor their compliance with the policy, plus advisory panels dominated by lay people in each diocese to assess

abuse claims. The policy, approved overwhelmingly Friday, was forced by the worst moral scandal in the history of the U.S. church. Scores of victims have come forward with accusations of abuse at the hands of priests and striking indifference from church leaders. At least 250 priests have resigned or been suspended, and the scandal prompted an extraordinary summit between U.S. cardinals and the pope.

The sex abuse policy, titled "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," is unprecedented in scope and ambition.

The attention-getter was the plan for dealing with priests who

molest youths, past or future. Proven miscreants will not be formally removed from the priesthood — though some could be — but they will never again be active in church work.

"No free pass. No second chances," said the prelates president, Bishop Wilton D. Gregory. "If you abuse a child, you will be stripped of your ministry, forever."

The prelates also are obliged to reach out to their faithful.

Bishops must work within their communities to establish "safe environment" programs that protect children and they will be advised by review boards comprised primarily of lay parishioners. Confidentiality agreements

are mostly barred; the policy says each diocese must "deal as openly as possible" with parishioners.

According to critics, that's not enough.

The review boards "must have more power than just administrative services," said Michael Emerton of Voice of the Faithful, a Catholic lay group that claims 14,000 members nationwide.

He also said abusers will "continue to be taken care of by Sunday collection plate collections" and complained the policy doesn't hold bishops accountable for "moving known sexual abusers from parish to parish."

Catholics will find out in coming years whether that is true. Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, a

Catholic and a former federal prosecutor, was chosen by Gregory to chair a new National Review Board that will monitor bishops' compliance with the policy and oversee a broad investigation on how the church got to this sorry state.

Keating called the scandal despicable. He also said he would consider calling for the resignation of church leaders who fail to comply with the new policy.

"I am quite confident that the people on the commission will consider and possibly will adopt a very hard view of bishops who move errant clergymen from child to child," Keating said.

"It is disgraceful that it happened."

Federal deficit may exceed \$100 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal deficit probably will soar beyond \$100 billion this year, Congress' top budget analyst says, escalating a problem that both parties hope to capitalize on in this November's elections.

In its latest monthly review of Treasury Department data, the Congressional Budget Office said Friday that this year's shortfall should "end up well above \$100 billion." The red ink for the fiscal year running through Sept. 30 would be the first since 1997.

Dan Crippen, director of the nonpartisan office, said the shortfall could near \$150 billion. That is similar to expectations of Republican and Democratic analysts and of private forecasters.

Crippen blamed the worsening budget picture on an equal mix of rising spending, declining revenue and the added interest the government would have to pay

to cover the resulting extra borrowing.

"Things are not getting a lot worse, but things are not recovering relative to what would be a more normal level for economic activity," he said at a briefing for reporters.

With elections for control of the House and Senate less than five months away, Democrats are using the returning deficits to blast President Bush's tax cut of last year. Republicans are citing it as proof of the need to control spending.

The fiscal year that ended Sept. 30 saw a \$127 billion surplus, the second largest ever.

As recently as March, the budget office foresaw a surplus this year of \$5 billion, but that was before a tax-cutting economic stimulus package and a farm bill became law.

Also not factored in was a roughly \$30 billion anti-terrorism package Congress is

debating. In its report, the budget office said the deficit for the first eight months of fiscal 2002 was \$149 billion. A year earlier, there was a \$137 billion surplus for the same period.

In May alone, revenues were \$24 billion lower and spending was \$30 billion higher than they were in May 2001, the budget office said. Most of the revenue decline came from lower collections of individual income taxes.

In March, the budget office projected the cumulative surplus from 2003 through 2012 would total \$2.38 trillion. With rising spending and reduced revenue, however, that figure now looks likelier to fall between \$1 trillion and \$2 trillion, Crippen said.

He said annual surpluses could return by 2005 or 2006, which is later than Bush administration officials are hoping.

Court term heads to finish with cases on school vouchers, capital punishment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Around 20 cases remain in a Supreme Court term dominated by legal fights centered on separation of church and state and the rights of disabled people and death row inmates.

One major issue involves taxpayer-paid vouchers for parents who want to send their children to private schools. The nine justices are expected to rule, by month's end, on whether such a voucher program in Cleveland violates the Constitution's church-state doctrine.

The Cleveland program, financed by the state, helps pay tuition for about 4,500 students, and all but a few attend church-affiliated schools.

In the term that began on the first Monday of October, the justices have

heard arguments in 79 cases, about average for recent years. The court is expected to finish the term the last week of this month.

In the voucher case, a ruling that the Ohio program does not violate the Constitution could open the door to many more state aid programs nationally.

At Our Lady of Peace school, which participates in the Cleveland program, principal Sheila Bolek said students who come from public schools enter at least a year behind academically and often have parents who do not know how to help with homework.

"We have turned several kids around academically and behaviorally," Bolek said. "We've shown them a better way."

The court heard arguments in the case in

February, amid dueling demonstrations by voucher supporters and opponents. Both sides have waged major public relations battles, including television ads featuring black parents who support the voucher concept as a ticket away from failing inner-city schools.

The nine-member court is expected to be sharply divided over vouchers. Lawyers predict the deciding vote will be cast by center-right swing voter Sandra Day O'Connor.

O'Connor may also cast the deciding vote in another keenly awaited ruling. The court is expected to say this month whether it still is constitutionally acceptable to execute mentally retarded prisoners.

The court looked at the same question in 1989.

Research suggests smallpox used in old Soviet weapons test caused a fatal outbreak

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials weighing whether to dispense smallpox vaccine to the nation were presented with the possibility Saturday that the virus might be a more effective terrorist weapon than they thought.

U.S. researcher Alan Zelicoff, drawing on long-secret Soviet documents, reported on an isolated 1971 outbreak that he said appeared to have been caused by smallpox that was tested as a weapon and carried miles through the air.

If that was in fact the cause of the outbreak that killed three people, it suggests that a disease known to spread mainly in close quarters also has the potential to be used as a weapon of mass infection from farther away, perhaps from one end of a city to the other.

While Zelicoff's analysis created something of a sensation at a conference of scientists and health officials, not all were buying the theory and some were openly skeptical.

"I see nothing whatsoever that's new," said D.A.

Henderson, who advises the government on bioterrorism and led the campaign that eradicated smallpox worldwide more than 20 years ago. He called the report alarmist.

Public health officials are stockpiling more than 300 million smallpox doses, enough to protect everyone in the country in the event that terrorists somehow get hold of the virus and use it to attack.

Authorities expect to have enough on hand by the end of the year.

Meantime, they are deciding whether to offer the vaccine to the public in the absence of any smallpox cases. Saturday's conference was part of a series on that subject.

The vaccine has serious side effects for many people and would be expected to kill several hundred if it were given to all Americans.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, chief of infectious diseases at the National Institutes of Health, told the meeting it is one of the least safe vaccines around, although clearly a lifesaver if smallpox makes a comeback.



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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We're excited about Moore's ag committee

Moore Development of Big Spring has made a commitment that we hope will pay major dividends, not only for Big Spring, but the entire Crossroads area. What its board of directors decided to do, was to form an agriculture committee.

Moore Development has always attempted to assist agriculture in Howard County as well as shared in recognizing the contributions of our farmers and ranchers. Its help with the boll weevil eradication effort and with ag-related businesses are clear examples.

But the formation of this committee represents a pledge to do even more. And that's important. Agriculture directly impacts each of us. It's not just the clothes on our backs and the food on our tables; agriculture makes up a very significant part of our local economy.

Years of drought have taken their toll on the farmer and the rancher, and it's important to our region's welfare that agriculture not only eventually recover from that, but prosper and grow. And that's where this committee comes in.

A properly selected group, consisting of farmers, producers, financial experts, researchers and the like, can pool their talents and resources to move in the same positive direction.

It's too early yet, of course, to see how this committee will work and what can be accomplished. But we're excited about the possibilities, and anxious for the group to roll up its sleeves and get down to work.

Good job, Moore Development.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
Last week my mother became very ill, requiring my father to call an ambulance. I wanted to thank the 911 service, paramedics and the firefighting personnel for the quick response, professionalism and compassion they showed my mother.

We are fortunate to have such an outstanding emergency response system in our area. Thank you for being there when help was needed.

RICK STOVALL
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 47 held a very successful fundraiser with a barbecue in the park June 1. I sincerely

thank my fellow comrades in the chapter who worked hard with me in getting it all together, and all of those who made donations to the cause.

I especially thank members of the DAV Auxiliary — Heidrun Meiser, Fran Mathie, Lilo Cummings, Ursula Gomez, and Arlene Blakeney. Thank you so much for your sincere dedication. And a special thank you goes to Dean Lasater for his donation.

We thank the Herald for help in advertising; and thank you, once again, citizens of the Big Spring area for your support of our organization in helping the veterans of our wonderful community.

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It's the elite ones who are corrupt

Most Americans are so steeped in egalitarian thinking that they like to delude themselves that they share in running the country. We ordinary folks, in fact, don't run the country and have a slim-to-none chance of even influencing its direction.

Thomas R. Dye, a professor at Florida State University, has made a study of power. Since power in our country resides in institutions, he defines individuals with power as those who occupy the top positions in the government and in corporate, legal, educational, civic and cultural institutions.

He found that there are only about 7,000 of these positions in the entire United States, and some individuals occupy more than one of them. It might

sound unbelievable at first, but if you think about it, you will see that it is true.

In a newspaper, for example, there is one position of power: the publisher. Now, he delegates some of his power to other people, but everyone knows that all decisions are ultimately his and his alone.

In the federal government there are only 546 positions of power. These include the president, the vice president, members of the House and Senate and the nine members of the Supreme Court. One hundred percent of the power of the federal government resides in these individuals who occupy the 546 positions. Everybody below them operates with delegated power. That is so because all power of the federal government comes from the Constitution, and these are the only constitutional offices. I don't include federal-, district- and appellate-court judges because any decision they make can be overturned by the Supreme Court.

So the individuals who

occupy these 7,000 positions of power are the elite who run the country. Therefore, it is the character of these members of the elite that will determine the character of the country. What you see in government policies, in cultural products and in education policies are the direct result of the decisions made by this relatively small elite.

History affirms this. The reason America did not follow the usual path of revolution to dictatorship was solely the result of the character of one man, George Washington. Washington could have easily made himself dictator, and many of the officers in his army wanted him to do just that. But Washington's character would not allow it.

When the elite who run a country have good morals and high standards, then you have a good country. If the elite become corrupt, you have a corrupt country. The vulgarity, profanity and violence you see in entertainment are there only because those individ-

uals occupying the positions of power in the entertainment industry said "Yes." If they said "No," those things would disappear from the screens and the magazine racks.

Our problem is that most of our elite have become corrupted. Many are nihilistic and hedonistic. The leadership of a country always leads the masses, and they can lead them to high ground or into the swamps. And there's not much I can see that ordinary people can do about it.

I have to confess that I have lost my Jeffersonian faith in the people. All I have ever seen them do, save for a few individuals, is follow like dogs whoever happened to be in leadership positions at the time.

Given the moral and intellectual climate at most of the elite universities our future leaders will attend, I don't have an optimistic outlook for the future of the country.

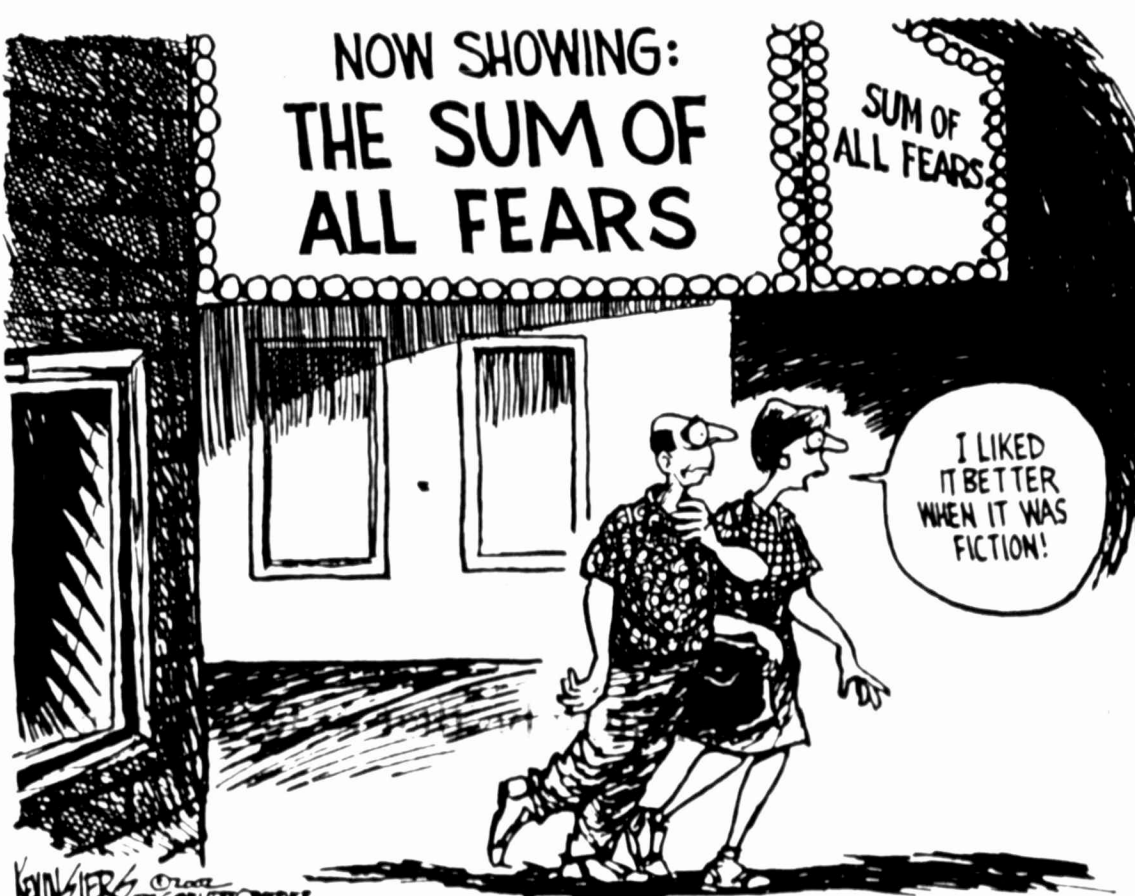
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Jack Anderson and Douglas Cohn

Andy Card has played a losing hand

The extent to which President Bush relies on the people around him is underscored by the comments of White House Chief of Staff Andy Card in the July issue of Esquire magazine. Card says the departure of top counselor Karen Hughes, who returns to Texas this summer, leaves Bush vulnerable to being overly influenced by Karl Rove and his brickbat style of politics. Hughes is portrayed by Card as the pragmatic balance to the conservative Rove, and without her Card fears that Bush will lose his grip on the political center and plummet in popularity.

The White House has disavowed Card's comments, telling reporters that the author of the Esquire piece has an overly active imagination and that the quota-

tions in the piece are totally out of character for the loyal and selfless Card. Yet Card, when questioned on one of the Sunday morning talk shows, did not say he had been misquoted. He changed the subject, a wise approach given the damage he had done. This is the first chink in the post-Sept. 11 armor of a president who wants to be seen as his own man. The image of a self-reliant leader who is not unduly dependent on any member of his administration, much less a mere staffer, is essential for Bush to convincingly wage a global war on terrorism and convey his status as a world leader.

Anything that reminds voters of the pre-Sept. 11 Bush, a man widely regarded as not up to the job and reliant to perhaps a dangerous degree on his advisors, is treated as though it were radioactive by the president's image-makers. Card was rumored ready to resign well before the story broke, a victim of burnout, but now he is taking a lead role in promoting Bush's new Department of Homeland Security. It's his

way of doing penance for having spoken out of turn.

Only in Washington when somebody in politics speaks the truth is it received like a major gaffe. Card is a moderate northeastern Republican whose home is Massachusetts, alien territory for most party conservatives. He served in the first Bush administration as Secretary of Transportation and knows how government works, and how the Bushes operate. Soft-spoken and measured, he provides a valuable bridge between the geographical and ideological divisions in the GOP.

Bush took office advocating the conservative principles of free trade, smaller government and a balanced budget. It's hard to remember, given all that's happened since, but Bush's main rationale for the tax cut he signed into law last year was that projected budget surpluses should be returned to the people. Now that those surpluses have vanished, he hasn't come up with a new plan other than to return to deficit spending. Rove is more political than he is conserv-

ative, which explains Bush's support for steel tariffs, a farm bill that busts the budget, and a ban on drilling for oil off the coast of Florida. Each measure goes against the conservative grain but appeals to important blocs of voters in key states.

President Reagan was successful because he was an ideologue; the first President Bush failed to win reelection because he didn't tend to his conservative base. Bush straddles the two in the person of Rove, whose job it is to both keep the base happy and expand Bush's electoral reach. It is said that Hughes "channels Bush" in the sense that she can finish his sentences before he can. Rove has that kind of influence over policies. Card frets that Bush may be pushed too far to the right, but judging by events so far, Rove cares less about ideology than he does about the Electoral College count in 2004.

Prediction: Andrew Card will lose his position in an upcoming round of White House musical chairs.

Mallard Fillmore
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Bush promotes plan to help some families afford houses

CRAWFORD (AP) — President Bush pitched a plan to make it easier for black people and Hispanics to become homeowners through government incentives and grants to help on down payments.

In his weekly radio address Saturday, the president said he wants to remove obstacles "that prevent minorities from owning a piece of the American dream."

Bush noted that while three-quarters of white Americans own their own homes, fewer than half of all black and Hispanic Americans are homeowners.

"We must begin to close this homeownership gap by dismantling the barriers that prevent minorities from owning a piece of the American dream," said Bush, spending Father's Day weekend at his own home on his Texas ranch.

Bush has proposed giving developers almost \$2.4 billion in tax credits over five years for building affordable single-family homes in low-income areas. The White House estimates the tax incentive could translate into construction of 200,000 lower-cost homes in the period.

Addressing his radio audience, Bush proposed a \$200-million expansion to the American Dream Down Payment Fund, first outlined in January and awaiting action by Congress.

It would provide grants to help about 40,000 families a year pay down payments or closing costs on houses. Most grants would

be less than \$5,000. The money would be distributed by state and local housing programs.

The radio address was a preview of a speech Bush is to make Monday in Atlanta to promote his broad housing agenda, which he summarized as "empowering people to help themselves and to help one another."

Bush plans a stop at south Atlanta's Pryor Road area, where housing development is replacing dilapidated and crime-ridden strip malls.

The program currently has a budget of \$50 million and is to begin offering grants in July.

"The single greatest hurdle to first-time homeownership is a high down payment requirement that can put a home out of reach," Bush said Saturday. "When a low-income family is qualified to buy a home but comes up short on the down payment, the American Dream Down Payment Fund will help provide the funds."

Bush also urged better consumer education to help would-be buyers avoid pitfalls that often arise to obtaining affordable mortgages.

"Education is the best protection for families against abusive and unscrupulous lenders," Bush said.

"Financial education and housing counseling can help protect home buyers against abuses, greatly improve the loan terms they are offered and help families get through tough times with their homes intact."

Crews dig in to fight fire

LAKE GEORGE, Colo. (AP) — Firefighters dug trenches and searched through burned-out areas for hot spots Saturday along the southern edge of a 102,000-acre forest fire southwest of Denver.

Cool, calm weather early in the day had helped the fire crews, but there was a possibility of thunderstorms with gusty wind.

Bulldozers headed down a road into the fire area north of Lake George as some 30 residents were allowed in briefly to check on their homes.

Quentin Good, 29, said he jumped up and down after seeing his log cabin and neighboring gem mine still intact.

"It is still there, though many of the properties near us have had much fire damage. The firefighters are really doing a good job," said Good, who mines smoky quartz and crystals at the Dreamtime Mine.

Some 5,300 people remain out of their homes because of the fire, which has blackened nearly 160 square miles since it started June 8 in the Pike National Forest, apparently originating with an illegal campfire. It had burned to within 40 miles of the Denver city limits.

About 1,800 firefighters helped by slurry bombers and helicopters were working on the fire Saturday.

Spears fans upset after power outage ends concert

LUBBOCK (AP) — A power failure ended a Britney Spears concert after two songs Friday night.

Many of the 14,300 people attending the event at United Spirit Arena on the Texas Tech campus expressed anger and disappointment as they filed out of the arena.

Spears used pyrotechnic effects and explosions while performing "Oops...I Did It Again" and "(You Drive Me) Crazy."

The arena stayed dark for several minutes afterward.

The arena lights then came on for a moment, went back out — and, when they came on again, a member of

Spears' management walked on stage with the headliner at 9:10 p.m. and said there had been a power failure and, in the interest of not staging an unsafe show, the concert was canceled.

Arena power and lighting still was operational. However, additional power is used to bring Spears' high-energy stage shows to life.

"I'm just so sorry," Spears told the crowd, before being met with boos. "Please don't boo," she said, then turned and walked off the stage.

Some of the visuals used in Spears' show this year are a barge that "flies" above the stage with Spears and her dancers aboard, a bungee gimmick and a sheer water curtain near the finale.

These were not seen Friday.

Cindy Harper, assistant to arena general manager Kent Meredith, said, "Maybe a transformer blew."

"We just don't much know right now," she added.

Spears is scheduled to perform tonight at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

Her current tour began May 24 in Las Vegas, Nev., and ends July 22 in Dallas.

Harper indicated that either the show would be rescheduled or a refund pol-

icy would be settled upon.

News of one or the other is expected by Monday, Harper said.

Shortly after 10 p.m., John Walker, director of the computerized ticketing firm Select-a-Seat, walked into a crowded office where a meeting already was in progress, attended by arena officials and technicians, the concert's promoter and management.

No announcement was forthcoming Friday, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported in its Saturday editions.

Tickets sold for as high as \$71 each for the concert.

Volunteers shut down command center in Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Volunteers shut down a makeshift command center Saturday and appealed to neighborhood groups to search for a 14-year-old Utah girl apparently abducted from her bedroom at gunpoint 11 days ago.

The family of Elizabeth Smart said a decentralized search would make it more efficient for groups to cover their own ground without first having to appear at a

central command.

The command center set up at a Mormon meeting house was dismantled and a nearby park used as a helicopter pad was turned back to a soccer field.

Police had no new leads into the June 5 disappearance and called off regular daily news briefings. Sgt. Fred Louis said police will brief media only when breaking developments occur.

The focus turned back to Utah after a frantic police chase Friday in Texas and New Mexico turned up the wrong man wanted as a possible witness to the kidnapping.

The man Texas authorities arrested Friday in a string of car thefts was not Bret Michael Edmunds, whom Utah authorities want for questioning.

Authorities have said Edmunds, 26, is not a sus-

pect in the Smart case. The girl's 9-year-old sister, Mary Katherine, described the kidnapper as a 5-foot-8 man; Edmunds is 6-foot-2 and 235 pounds.

Edmunds was being sought for outstanding warrants on charges of fraud and assault on a police officer. He had served 60 days and was put on probation in 2000 for stealing and forging checks.

Judge: Paramedics may collect back overtime for 13 years

HOUSTON (AP) — The potential price tag has gone up for the city of Houston on back overtime pay owed to emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

A federal judge ruled Friday that overtime wages can be collected over a 13-year period instead of the two years the city suggested.

The city now stands to be out about \$75 million, not \$20 million, should its appeal fail.

City officials have said they would continue to fight

the matter, but mayoral spokesman Jim Young said the city's legal staff needs to study the matter further in light of Friday's ruling.

The city won at the federal district court level, but in December the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the decision.

"It's another nail in their coffin," said Troy Blakeney Jr., who represents the EMTs and paramedics.

John E. Fisher, a senior assistant city attorney, said it is too soon to determine the next legal step. He said

the city now has no leverage in the case should settlement talks ensue.

The city had argued that the time period paramedics could recover overtime pay should be limited, per statute of limitation, to the two years prior to the filing of their 1999 lawsuit.

U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes ruled Friday that paramedics may recover wages beginning April 15, 1986, the date the Fair Labor Standards Act — including provisions for overtime pay applied to municipal gov-

Police say body found in trash bin may be that of missing boy

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — A body found in an apartment trash bin Saturday may be that of an 8-year-old boy reported missing the day before, police said.

Grand Prairie Police Sgt. John Brimmer said authorities had not positively identified the body. But he said it may be that of Cordell Wade Johnson, whom police had been searching for since Friday.

"We do believe it is possible that it could be the body

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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)*** Slow your pace, as there will be a tomorrow. Still, you might get yourself into another project. The best idea would be to take a lazy nap later on. Much could happen quickly, and you will need all the energy you can muster. Tonight: Think work. Think tomorrow. Go to bed!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**** Your imagination comes forward when dealing with a pressured matter involving funds or something you believe is important for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)*** Deal with basics involving your home and family. Don't push too hard, but do stay focused on your priorities. Not everything happens as you deem it should. Loosen up with others. Give up being uptight by developing a new hobby or sport. Tonight: A stress-buster works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)**** Speak your mind when dealing with a child or loved one. Evaluate what is happening with another, but be careful with your

words. Someone might flare up out of the blue. Deal with issues head-on; don't back off. Remember, though, sugar goes further than vinegar. Tonight: Nibble and visit at a favorite spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)*** Structure a budget that works, not one that you hope will work. Be realistic, even if it means cutting back on a social activity or two. A partner could fly off the handle about this issue. Tonight: Mellow out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**** You communicate your intentions, and everything will fall into place. Trouble happens when you project a mixed message. Try not to assume as much hard work, even if you like things done in a certain way. Flow with opportunities. Tonight: Go with a friend's idea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**** Carefully realize your limits, especially as they might involve another who is quite close to you. Change plans and adapt in the face of upset. You also might want to get a head start on the workweek. A parent might need extra attention. Tonight: No wonder you feel as if you have your hands full!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** Friends reach out for you, even at a distance. You might find it hard to get going as the phones ring. Enjoy what's happening. Swap news. Don't hang out alone. Accept an invita-

tion, even if it means some traveling. Meet at a halfway point. Tonight: Happy as a clam.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** Others want you to take charge, but you simply might not want to. Another could frustrate you, as he or she has a different sense of what is appropriate. Don't be surprised if you have words! Tonight: Check in with a parent.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**** You might not be in synch with someone. You're certainly out of whack and tired. Take your time, right now, before committing to anything physical, other than going to the movies or curling up with a good book. Tonight: Check in with a favorite dad.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** An associate makes all the overtures. Now, that's more like it! In fact, all you need to do is ask. Do take advantage of the moment. After all, this doesn't happen every day. Tonight: Let another decide.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**** Others want different things from you. Decide to hold court and listen to the different possibilities. Confusion surrounds a parent or loved one. You might need to make plans for your or another's father. Use that Piscean sensitivity. Tonight: Enjoy a get-together.

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I learned without Dad telling me

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DeGeer fifth after 4th round at CNFR

Herald Staff Report

Howard College standout Jake DeGeer still had plenty of reason to smile Friday night when the fourth round of the College National Finals Rodeo came to an end in Casper, Wyo.

DeGeer, one of several HC rodeo athletes competing at the event, was ranked fifth in the All-Around standings with 100 points. Southern Idaho cowboy Cody Demers leads the All-Around race with a mark of 240.

Howard College teammate Colby Schneeman also had reason to be happy. He and partner Christopher Irwin of Tarleton State University were atop the leader boards through the third round of the Team Roping Competition. Schneeman and Irwin recorded a run of 5.7 seconds Friday afternoon, earning 40 points.

In other CNFR action, Casey Arnold of Walla Walla Community College pinned his steer in 4.7 seconds and held first place in steer wrestling. Arnold held a 0.2-second lead over teammate Samuel MacKenzie heading into the finals.

The top 12 contestants in each event qualified for the championship round, which began Saturday evening.

In another lead change, Colt Braden and Wendall Stanley of Northeastern Oklahoma State took over the top spot in team roping with a cumulative 26.5 seconds.

Cody DeMoss of Northeast Texas spurred his way to 69.5 points in saddle broncs to take the lead with 210.5 points on three rides.

Will Farrell of Nebraska's Chadron State racked up 74.5 points in bull riding and led Jason Hunsaker of South Dakota's National American by 26.5 points for the title.

Other individual leaders included Paul Magdeburg of Oklahoma State in calf roping; Will Lowe of Vernon Regional in barebacks; Jessi Houston of Northwestern Oklahoma State in breakaway roping; Kelsey Cox of Texas A&M

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CITY CHAMPIONS!!!



The Cardinals' Hadden Phillips sprints toward first base in the first inning of Friday's Major League City Championship game against Coahoma. The Cardinals scored three times in the fifth to claim a wild 5-4 win.

3-run fifth lifts Cade, Cards to 5-4 victory

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Matt Ritchey may not hit home runs like Barry Bonds or Sammy Sosa, but he certainly carried the big stick for the Cardinals Friday night when it counted.

Ritchey, who had struck out in his first two trips to the plate, hammered out an RBI run single to center in the top of the fifth inning evening and helped the Cardinals rally from an early deficit and claim a thrilling 5-4 win over the Coahoma Reds in the final game of the 2002 Big Spring Major League Division City Championship. In all, the Cardinals, who finished the season at 21-4, scored three times in the inning, erasing a 4-2 deficit.

Cade Hollingsworth highlighted a spectacular pitching matchup in the Big Spring American League park. He and Reds' standout Donnie Garcia combined to strike out 22 batters in the affair.

"I did all right," said Hollingsworth, who struck out two of the three batters he faced in the bottom of the sixth to seal the victory. "The only thing that was going through my head was that I hoped wouldn't mess up. I just wanted to help us win."

Winning was something that didn't appear too likely for the Cardinals early in the affair.

The Reds, powered by a pair of doubles from Garcia and Adrian Amaro, put the Cards in a hole quickly. Coahoma scored four times in their first at-bat.

Karly Green ignited the Reds' first-inning efforts by leading off with an infield single. Coahoma catcher Rusty Hart fol-

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No bull Young's late heroics carry Astros to title

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

It wouldn't surprise any of Dayvion Young's teammates if he had a big red 'S' on his chest and wore a cape. They're used to being saved by the Astros' Superman.

Young, who last week had the game-winning hit in the Astros' regular season finale against the Rangers, came to their rescue again Friday. This time, he hit a two-run double to left in the bottom of the sixth inning that helped the Astros claim a wild 5-4 come-from-behind win over the Toros in the

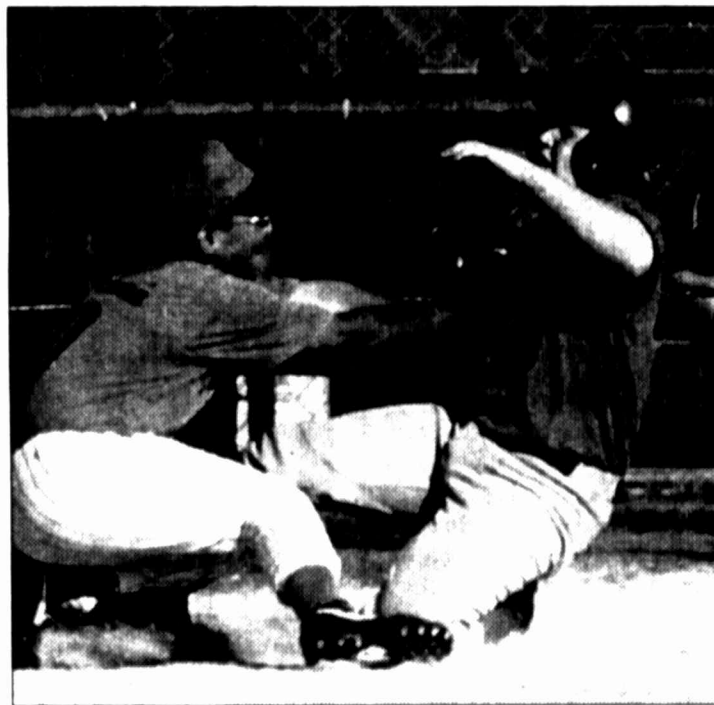
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Big Spring Minor League City Championship game at the National League park.

With the win, the Astros capped a remarkable 2002 season. They finished the year with a sparkling 21-0-1 record.

"This is incredible," said Astros coach Robert Smith, who saw his team battle back from an early deficit. "He always seems to come

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Toros' Jackson Watkins is tagged out at home by Astros' pitcher Ryan Flores during the fifth inning.

Herald photo/ Bruce Schooler

Bulls stun Pokes

Only one of 11 manage full ride

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Even Michael Jordan wasn't as dominating as the bulls Friday night at the third day of the 69th Annual Big Spring Rodeo.

Mark it down: Bulls 10, Cowboys 1.

Beau Lindley highlighted an unusually tough night for the cowboys by becoming the only competitor to spend eight seconds atop his mount. In all, the stock bounced 10 of the 11 riders in the round.

Lindley, who hails from Apache Junction, AZ, managed to collect the top prize money for the round when he held on and scored a 66 aboard a bull named "Code Red."

The ride wasn't good enough to put Lindley near the top of the overall list, however. His score was 20 points less than the mark

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Scott Johnston spurs his mount during Friday's action at the Big Spring Rodeo. The 69th annual event ended its 4-day run Saturday night.

Herald photo/ Bruce Schooler

Big Spring golfer hoping to continue title run at home

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Forget Tiger Woods, the hottest golfer on the planet right now could be Big Spring's Rachel Gee.

The Lady Steers' standout has set the West Texas Junior Professional Golf Association and the North Texas Junior PGA circuit ablaze this summer. Gee has won four of her first six outings and finished second in another.

That isn't good news for those planning to tee it up against her Monday in the 15-18 Division at the Big Spring Country Club golf course for the NTJPGA

event. The event is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start.

Gee, who has been playing golf for just two years and served as the Lady Steers' No. 1 player last year as a freshman, is one of the favorites to win the local event. She is coming off one of her better outings this past week. On Thursday, she won the San Angelo event, firing a 75 on the Santa Fe Golf Course.

Following the Big Spring event, Gee will compete in 13 other meets before appearing in the West Texas Junior Golf Association Championships.

Young powers Rangers past Astros in intrastate opener

HOUSTON (AP) — Somebody had to pick up the offense for the Texas Rangers while Alex Rodriguez is slumping. Michael Young decided he'd do it.

Young went 5-for-5 with two homers for his second straight big game and the Texas Rangers had a four-run sixth inning to beat the Houston Astros 9-6 Friday.

Young has hits in his last seven at bats. His five hits tied a club record for a nine-

inning game. He hit solo homers in the second and the ninth and scored the go-ahead run in the sixth.

He matched a career high with four RBIs on Wednesday night but his performance against the Astros ranked higher to him.

Alex Rodriguez went 0-for-4, extending his hitless streak to 14 at-bats.

Former Astros reliever Jay Powell picked up the win for the Rangers.

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SPORTS EXTRA

Lakers tell fans 4th title is in the works

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Forget about the threepeat, Shaquille O'Neal told the crowd at a rally celebrating the Los Angeles Lakers' third consecutive NBA title that a fourth consecutive championship is already in the works.

There, veteran Lakers announcer Chick Hearn, who came back from heart surgery and a broken hip at age 85 to announce all of the playoff games, kicked off the rally.

Backup forward Mark Madsen, who is bilingual, sent his prediction for a fourth consecutive championship out to the crowd in Spanish, shouting: "Cuatro, cuatro, cuatro, cuatro."

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If the Lakers are to capture that fourth straight title, many believe they will have to get past the rival Sacramento Kings, who took them to the brink of elimination in the Western Conference finals this year, leading the seven-game series 3-2 at one point before losing Game 7 in overtime.

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Woodland athlete suspended for drugs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A track and field athlete was disqualified from his fourth-place finish in the Olympic Development 10,000-meter race at the Penn Relays for failing a drug test.

stance commonly found in over-the-counter cold medication, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency said Friday.

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lurked in third with 195. Ricks College of Idaho was fourth at 175.

IN BRIEF
Local seniors sought for all-star hoops game
The promoters of the 2002 All Americas basketball game are looking to add a few Crossroads area athletes to the roster.

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TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
MLB - Suspended Tampa Bay LHP Joe Kennedy for seven games and fined him an undisclosed amount for throwing at the head of Toronto's Ken Huckaby in a game on June 6.

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U.S.-Mexico soccer match an identity crisis for immigrant fans

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Whenever Mexico plays a World Cup match, it's like a national holiday for natives of that country.

But Mexico's upcoming game against the United States has created an identity crisis for Mexicans living in this country.

"This is like having two family members fighting," said Jose Resendiz, 50, who came to East Los Angeles in 1969 from the Mexican state of Aguas Calientes. "It's upsetting. I'd rather have Mexico eliminate somebody else."

The game, to be played Monday at Jeonju, South Korea, has the two teams competing to become one of the final eight in the tournament.

The fan conflict isn't isolated to California. In Arizona, the match pits family members against each other. And at an Immigration and Naturalization Service detention center in Texas, authorities plan to bend the rules and allow inmates — many from Mexico — to watch the game.

Storefronts, sidewalks and cars in East Los Angeles are decorated in green, white

and red — the colors of the Mexican flag.

At a parade Friday in downtown Los Angeles to celebrate the Lakers third consecutive NBA title, many people carried a flag in each hand — one for the Lakers, the other for Mexico.

"We're U.S. fans but we're Mexican fans first," said Jorge Magdaleno, a U.S. resident for 20 years. "We've got to stay true to the homeland. The U.S. pays the bills, but our true roots are still in Mexico."

Adrian Rodriguez, a shoe store manager in Phoenix, said he'll be in the minority when he watches the game.

"All of my friends support Mexico, and I'll be the only one for the U.S., so it won't be a pretty sight," Rodriguez said. "My loyalties lie with this country, even if my wife doesn't like it."

Divided loyalties are particularly strong in Texas' Rio Grande Valley.

"I hate this match," said 28-year-old Maria Maldonado in Brownsville. "My whole family's from Mexico, but then again, I live here."

Officials at an INS deten-

tion center near Brownsville plan to stretch television viewing hours so inmates can watch the game Monday.

Security guard David Valdez said 90 percent of the inmates are rooting for Mexico, even those from other Central and South American countries.

"It's a Latin thing," Valdez said. "Soccer is more of a Mexican sport, that's why I think they're going to win."

Both U.S. and Mexican flags hang outside the Los Angeles pet store owned by Julio Cesar.

"My roots are Mexican, but I was born in the United States," said Cesar. "I have feelings for both countries, and I won't be disappointed if the U.S. and Mexican teams tie."

Still, when the game begins, he'll be rooting for Mexico.

"When Mexico loses a game, it's like a death in the family," he said. "I don't want to mourn."

CHAMPS

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up with the hit when we need it. He did it for us again today."

Young had plenty of help in stopping the Toros' bid for a title from hard-throwing pitcher Ryan Flores. The Astros' standout struck out 10 batters and went 3-for-3 from the plate.

The Toros drew first blood in the showdown between the two finalists, scoring early in the first inning. Steven Johnson staked the Toros to a 1-0 lead when he raced home on a passed ball and slid in under the tag of Astros' catcher Matthew Carrillo.

The Astros didn't waste any time in cranking up their offense.

Carrillo led off the bottom of the first with an infield hit. Two batters later, Flores drew a walk and stole second. The catcher's throw to second went into center field, allowing Carrillo to race home with the tying run.

Flores later added another run by stealing home.

On the mound, Flores breezed through the next

two innings. He fanned five of the six batters he faced in the span and helped sent the Astros into the bottom of the third clinging to a 2-1 advantage.

Waylon Leach expanded the Astros' lead from there. After walking to open the third, Leach stole second and third and raced home on a hit by Jacob Acosta.

The Toros didn't go down easily, though. Zachary Hatfield pulled the Bulls to within 3-2 in the ensuing inning by singling to center and then racing home on an error.

The Bulls, who benefited from a stellar effort from Johnson on the mound, threatened to blow the game open in the sixth. They scored twice in the inning and moved to within three outs of claiming the county title.

Ty Grabbard led off the frame with a triple to right. Meagan Doe came up with a big hit from there, delivering a run-scoring single.

Two batters later, Paxton Dela Garza singled and raced home on a hit by Johnson, giving the Bulls a

4-3 cushion heading into the bottom half of the frame.

Acosta ignited the Astros' rally in the home half of the sixth. He led off the frame with a walk and then moving to second via a wild pitch. With Acosta on second, Payton Parker drew a walk — and racing to second on a passed ball — giving the Astros a pair of runners in scoring position with no outs.

Young made the point moot from there. He lifted the second pitch he saw to deep left field for a double, sending both Acosta and Parker scrambling home.

Following the game, Smith paid gave credit for the Astros' win to an unlikely source — an opponent.

"We owe this win to the National League Tigers," he said. "If they hadn't showed up and tied us in the next to last game of the year, we wouldn't have been here. They really woke us up and made us realize we just couldn't go out and expect to win every day."

"They made this possible," he added.

Big Spring Rodeo



Herald photo/ Bruce Schooler

Lipan's Schelli Creacy leads her horse around a barrel Friday night in the Rodeo Bowl. Creacy turned in a time of 17.27 seconds and moved into second place overall heading into Saturday's Big Spring Rodeo finale.

RODEO

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Schelli Creacy found riding much easier than a majority of the bull riders. The Lipan resident sprinted her way to second in the overall standings in the barrel racing competition by turning in a run of 17.27 seconds.

Ledbetter cowgirl Tammy Key held the top spot in the event with a time of 17.12. She set the mark on Wednesday during first round action.

Jim Bob Clayman put himself into good position to walk away from the rodeo with a pocketful of money with a strong effort in steer wrestling. He clocked in with a time of 4.3 seconds on his ride.

Clayman's time was good enough to move the Georgetown, Texas, resident into second place overall behind leader Daryl Wines.

Wines set the fastest time in the steer wrestling event

Wednesday in slack, posting a mark of 4.1.

Wichita Falls' Dennis Gee was second Friday night in the steer wrestling event, finishing with a time of 5.3 seconds.

Odessa's Todd Rangel and Lance Kelly, of Queensland, Australia, tied for the top honors in the saddle bronc division Friday. Both had scores of 76.

Gustine's Scott Johnston, who won the bareback riding event, placed third.

Cody Owens of Rankin took Friday's top honors in calf roping. He dropped his calf in 8.7 seconds. Shamrock cowboy Charley Russell was second.

Perhaps no one turned in a better ride than Loren Moore Friday night. The Big Spring star scored a 79 in the Mutton Busin' competition.

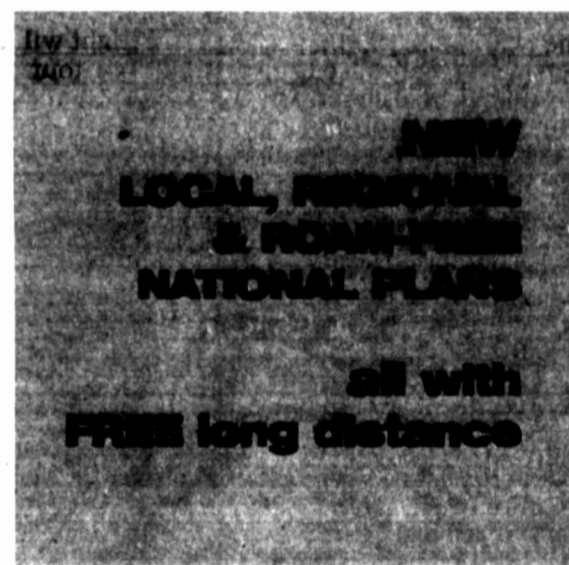
The Big Spring Rodeo concluded Saturday night. Final results will appear in Monday's edition of the *Big Spring Herald*.

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lowed seconds later with another infield hit, giving the Reds a pair of baserunners with no outs.

Garcia made the Cardinals pay dearly from there. The powerhitting pitcher turned on a 2-1 pitch from Hollingsworth and peppered a shot to center that bounded over the fence for a ground-rule double. Green raced home on the play, giving Coahoma a 1-0 cushion.

Two batters later, Amaro doubled down the third base line to drive in Garcia, increasing the Reds' advantage to 4-0.

Hart and Braden Griffin scored Coahoma's other runs on miscued by the Cardinal defense.

Cardinals' manager Randy Phillips said he wasn't overly worried about his team's early woes.

"When the inning was over I just told them to not get down," he said. "They were kind of starry-eyed and nervous when it started, but they settled down. I knew they would come around. They've battled their way back all year."

The Cardinals got one of the runs back in the top of the second. Ray Gutierrez, who had hurled a gem the previous day, opened the inning with a slow grounder that turned into an infield single. He advanced to second base moments later on an error and then took third on a passed ball. Blaze Carroll drove Gutierrez home with a hit.

Garcia regained control from there, however. He fanned the next three Cardinals batters — and five of the next six — to sent Coahoma into the fourth clinging to a 3-run lead.

The Cards' offense managed to inch closer in the top of the fourth.

Gutierrez, who went 2-for-3 in the contest, drew a one-out walk to open the inning. He then raced home on Carroll's ensuing double to left.

Again, Garcia worked his way out of the jam. The Coahoma standout struck out the final two batters in the frame.

As hot as Garcia was off the mound, the Reds' offense was just as cold. Coahoma was unable to muster much offense off Hollingsworth after the first. The Reds managed just a single hit — a fourth-inning single by Chance Hart — in the final five innings. Hart was later erased on a fielder's choice.

Just how tough was Hollingsworth? Consider this: In addition to striking out 11, he did not allow a

Win keeps Cards' coach perfect

Randy Phillips has had the championship knack down pat in 2002.

Phillips, the head coach of the Cardinals, nailed down his second city title this year Friday night by guiding his National

League squad to the Big Spring Major League crown with a 5-4 win over the Coahoma Reds.

Earlier this year, he guided the Packers to the 2002 Big Spring Pee Wee football championship.

Coahoma player to advance past second base in the final five innings. The last to reach second was Garcia, who stole second base after

earning a lead-off walk in the third.

The wheels came off the Coahoma wagon in the fifth. After the Cards' Lloyd

Morgan had been retired on a fielder's choice play off the bat of catcher Suraj Patel, the Reds' defense dozed. After the Reds had retired Morgan, Patel advanced to third on a passed ball and late scored, pulling the Cards to within 4-3.

Hollingsworth tied the game at 4-4 by scoring on a 2-run throwing error at third. Ritchey also scored on the play.



Cardinals' pitcher Cade Hollingsworth reacts after striking out a batter Friday in the Big Spring Major League championship game. The Cards staged a late rally to win 5-4.

Herald photo/ Bruce Schooler

On June 19th, we honor those who recognize and value freedom.



"Equality. Strength. Freedom. All words that come to mind when thinking about the holiday we celebrate on June 19th. As a native Texan, raised in Port Lavaca, I was exposed to the purpose and meaning of Juneteenth at an early age. As I've grown, I've learned a lot from so many different people and cultures. It's important on holidays such as Juneteenth to remember that as Americans, we're all different and it's those differences that make us strong."

Delfino Ornelas

Unit Director/Team Leader

has been with H-E-B for 23 years.

"I've always been aware of the true meaning behind the holiday, because Juneteenth falls on my birthday. A holiday in which we remember when the news of the Emancipation Proclamation finally reached Texas — unfortunately over two years after Abraham Lincoln signed it. Today, celebrating Juneteenth allows us to reflect on our past and the advances we are making towards the future. We should teach our children the values of freedom, equality and the significance of this important holiday."

Peggy Barnes

Senior Media Buyer, Houston Division

has been with H-E-B for 17 years.



"I'm empowered by my ancestors who left a legacy of strength, endurance, faith and hope. Juneteenth is a celebration with Texas roots, and although I'm not a native Texan, I can truly relate to the joy those African-American slaves must have felt at the news of freedom that came to Galveston the morning of June 19, 1865. I look at Juneteenth as a reminder to focus on education and self-improvement. Through prayer and personal commitment I have been able to achieve anything I work towards. In years to come, I hope my daughter can achieve even more."

Vianne McKinney

Construction Facilities Manager

has been with H-E-B for 4 1/2 years.

2002 National Major League All-Stars

The following are the members of the 2002 National Major League All-Star team.

- Hadden Phillips
- Zack Dawson
- Jeremy Landin
- Johnny Gonzales
- Ray Gutierrez
- Jacob Del Toro
- Cadry Gibbs
- Jordan Valle
- Coby Landis
- Suraj Patel
- Blaze Carroll
- Cameron Parker

Coach

Randy Phillips.

2002 National 9-10 All-Stars

The following are the members of the 2002 National Little League 9-10 All-Star team.

- Jacob Acosta
- Monte Anderson
- Blake Bromman
- Evan Burton
- Zack Dykes
- Ryan Flores
- Zane Herrin
- Steven Johnson
- Dylan Lowery
- Matt Ritchey
- Reagan Rotan
- Robert Strickland

Alternates

- Miranda Park
- Jeremy Langford
- Jackson Watkins

Coaches

- Marvin Boyd
- Joel De La Garza
- Mike Ritchey

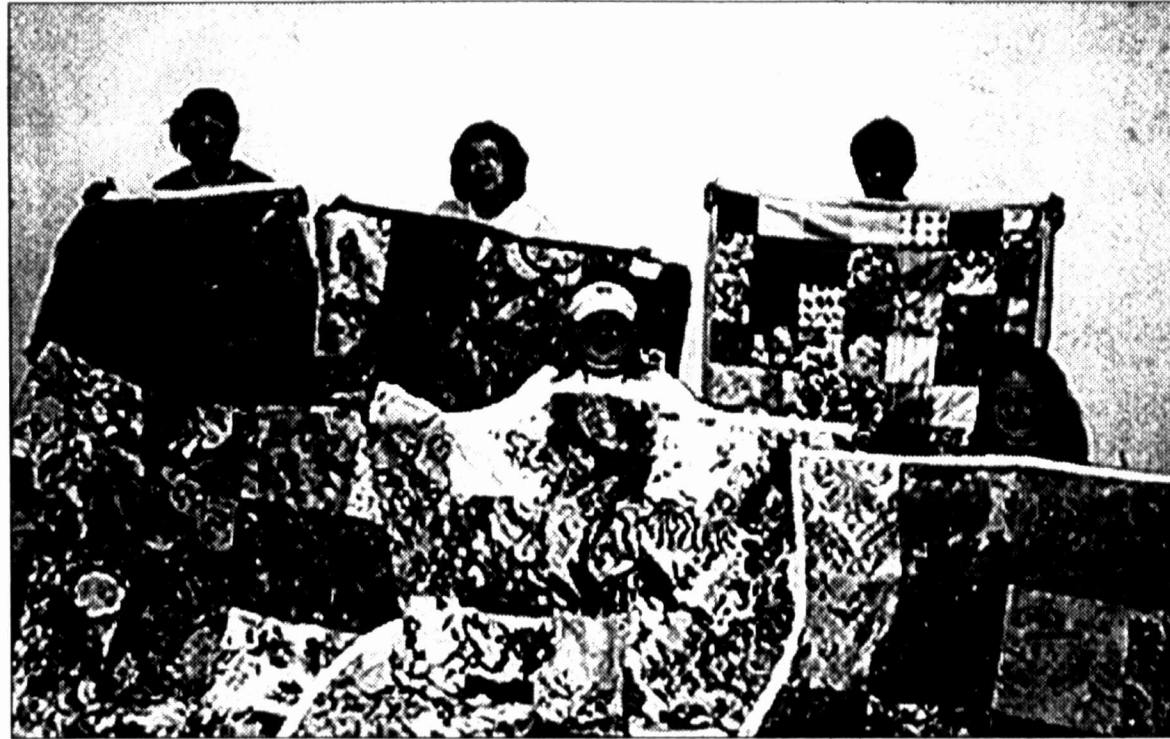
Juneteenth

Juneteenth celebrates African-American freedom, culture, and achievements. It's also a day for all of us to learn more about African-American history and what it means to our country. At H-E-B, we believe in equality and diversity — and that each and every person counts. We are committed to providing an environment where we respect and value the individuality of each and every person we come in contact with. We invite you to honor the meaning of Juneteenth with us.



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These Girl Scouts from local Troop 226 show the completed quilts they made to gain service badges.

The quilts will be donated to the Big Spring Fire Department to be given to people who have lost their homes to fire.

The Scenic Mountain Quilting Guild, in conjunction with the Girl Scouts, will hold an exhibit of quilts in September.

Shown from left are back row, Jennifer Petersen, Megan Carrillo and Ariel Fuentes. Front row are Tori Bohanon, Kemberil Phillips and Lindsey Deel.

Local Girl Scouts provide comfort to those who need it most

The Girl Scout organization offers education on life skills conducive to assist young girls, not only in homemaking skills, but to also become productive, self-reliant and successful women in a chosen field.

The sale of cookies, as well as its other activities, helps teach organization and responsibility.

The girls work for badges by performing these activities that serve others in the community

and teach the girls homemaking skills such as cooking and sewing.

In keeping with the Girl Scout tradition of community involvement and making the world a better place, Troop 226 presented 12 small quilts to the Signal Mountain Quilting Guild during the troop's regular meeting on May 14.

Each girl in the troop made a quilt to earn a sewing badge to

add to her sash. "It was a service project that we've worked on all year long," said Petersen, who is a 22-year veteran of the Girl Scouts.

"I've got nine years as an adult and 12 years as a Girl Scout," she said.

The quilts will be featured in an exhibit at the Heritage Museum in September in conjunction with the Guild's exhibit.

Following the exhibit the quilts will be donated to the Big Spring Fire Department where they will be put to good use. "The fire department will give them to people who have lost their homes and belongings in a fire," she explained.

The quilting project is just one of the many in which Girl Scouts participate. The projects themselves are determined by troop leaders.

Adult leaders are needed to provide opportunities for the girls and are trained for the age group they have volunteered for. They are required to have CPR and First Aid training, according to Petersen.

There are five registered troops in Big Spring and three in Stanton.

For information about the Girl Scouts call Laurie Petersen at Seams Sew Nice, 267-9773.



These Girl Scouts from Troop 226 take a needed rest after completing their quilting project which took the girls a year to complete. Pictured from left are: Katie Tompkins, Megan Carrillo, Tori Bohanon, Jennifer Petersen, Troop Leader Laurie Petersen, Kemberil Phillips, Lindsey Deel and Ariel Fuentes. In the photos below, Megan Karwatsky (left) and Jennifer Petersen display their completed quilts.



Story by Andrea Medlin.
Photos courtesy of Laurie Petersen.

Big Spring State Hospital's annual patient summer fun day chock full of treats

Big Spring State Hospital's annual Patient Summer Fun Day was chock full of treats as delicious snacks and bright summer supplies were handed out to all our patients. Event chairman Shirley Bodin started early looking for ways to add something different to this year's event.



BILLIE RUSSWORM

She developed old-fashioned coke floats for refreshments and with the enlistment of some new recruits and veteran volunteers along with a few draftees, including Bill Bodin, the morning was a delight. Patients selected new caps, visors, T-shirts, and sunglasses under the outdoor canopy setting. The Activity Therapies Department put the icing on the cake by sponsoring a hot dog cookout for the patients and staff. The interaction between patients, staff and volun-

teers joining in karaoke, dancing, sidewalk art, basketball and jump rope brought laughter and smiles making everyone ready for a bright summer. Thank you volunteers for being a part of Summer Fun Day.

The Community Relations Office is gearing up for a busy summer with the first monthly workday on Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Relations Office. These workdays are wonderful opportunities for volunteers to get together for visiting and creating crafts for the Fall Craft Bazaar. This year's Craft Sale will feature items for all holidays thanks to the creativity of Craft Chairperson Suzanne Markwell. Be watching for workday dates. This is a perfect time for visitors to get acquainted and see what the volunteer program is all about. For those not interested in crafts, Santa's elves will be busy preparing more than 1,500 Christmas Appeal letters for mailing, and they could use your nimble fingers.

The Chalet Resale Shop volunteers will meet 11:30 a.m. Monday at the

Community Relations Office. Chalet volunteers are encouraged to join the craft group prior to the Chalet meeting. Ruth Stephenson's initiative to beautify the resale shop will become a reality this summer when Howard College student Marcus Deleon's 12' X 8' mural for the front of The Chalet will be completed. Be watching for this face-lift at 1007 East 11th Place.

Thanks to the overwhelming response and generosity of the community, Big Spring State Hospital's Fashion Shop is stocked with summer clothing for patients. We could still use hardback books for the Patient Library. It has been requested the books be no older than 1985 editions. Anyone wanting to donate new books or start a book club project for the Library may call 268-7535 for more information.

Volunteer Karen Brewer is continuing to spruce up the Family Lodge. The Council recently added new dining room furniture and is interested in adding a game table and chairs if anyone has run out of space and has one they

want to donate. There also is a "summer shower" for the Family Lodge. Donations of paper goods, sample sizes of toiletry items, table games, plastic ware and new kitchen and bath linens are requested. The Marilyn Keaton Newsom Lodge is a four-bedroom home located on campus available for families to stay overnight while visiting hospitalized family members.

Welcome and thank you Judy Jarmes for volunteering to help feed patients on medical services. This new volunteer is doing a great job filling this direct care need for volunteers. Others are challenged to see what this new volunteer feeding program is about and how you can help.

Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life Team could be renamed the Energizer Bunnies. This team is already building their 2003 team and making plans to be a part of the Heart of the City Festival.

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

NEWCOMERS

Allen F. Turner of Richardson. He is national sales director for CLA USA.

Don Wilson of Fort Worth. He is the manager of Pat Gray Body Shop.

Janet Drury, grandchildren, Eddie and Tanya, of Lyman, S.C. She retired from the medical field.

Steve and Judy Horbah of Odessa. He is the manager of Cutting Edge Beauty Shop.

WHO'S WHO

Whitney Lynn Ray is a May 2002 graduate of Memorial High School in Edmond, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of John and Jane Ray of Big Spring and the daughter of Robert and Alexa Ray of Edmond, Okla., formerly of Big Spring.

She was involved in the high school choir and was a member of the Oklahoma Choral Director Association. Whitney has been accepted and will attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock and major in elementary education.

Tarleton State University conducted spring commencement exercises for its largest number of graduates ever as 730 candidates filed for the May 11th ceremony.

Todd Wade Lancaster, of Big Spring bachelor of science in horticulture and landscape management was among the graduates.

Ashlie D. Simmons of Big Spring received an Associates in Arts degrees, with high honors from McLennan Community College.

She was part of the 2002 spring graduating class

Baylor University awarded 1,729 academic degrees to students at the 2002 spring graduation, according to figures from the university registrar. Commencement exercise was held May 18 at Ferrell Center.

Among the students awarded degrees was David Scott Brown of Big Spring.

ENGAGEMENTS

Strube-Dehlinger

Angela Beth Strube and Peter Clint Dehlinger, both of Midland, will exchange wedding vows on Aug. 3, 2002, at St. Lawrence with Father Bernard Getigan of St. Lawrence Catholic Church officiating.

She is the daughter of Jimmy and Carolyn Strube of St. Lawrence.

He is the son of Arthur and Elaine Dehlinger of Big Spring.



Copeland-Schlaupitz

Angelina Elizabeth Copeland of Abilene and Airman Andrew J. Schlaupitz of Andrew's Air Force Base, M.D., will be united in marriage on July 27, 2002, at Sacred Heart Church in Abilene with Father Robert Bush of Sacred Heart Church officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Copeland of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring.

He is the son of Mr. and



Mrs. Franklin Lee of Big Spring.

Fulgham-Dillard

Tisha Shawnta Fulgham and Tate Ash Dillard, both of Midland, will be united in marriage on June 29, 2002, in Fort Davis at the Fort Davis National Historic Site.

She is the daughter of Kenneth and Jarry Fulgham of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roe K. Fulgham, Nadine Long and the late Len Long, all of Big Spring.

He is the son of Bob and Christi Dillard of Fort Davis.



Boberg-Akin

Shelly Jo Boberg and David Lee Akin will exchange wedding vows on June 22, 2002, at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Copperas Cove.

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