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WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 67°-70° TOMORROW 93°-95°

Senior Center sets beginning computer class

A beginning computer class will be offered at the Senior Citizen's Center beginning June 24.

There are only six computers, so no more than six people will be allowed in each class.

The classes will be held Monday and Friday at 10 a.m. for a period of three weeks.

You must sign up to be accepted. Please call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 for more information.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Fratern Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

Gideons International, Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for people 55 and over.

Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Genealogical Society of Big Spring meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron.

ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron.

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Spring City Senior Citizens Country and Western Dance will be 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

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Time to re-evaluate city's master plan, those gathered agree

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring's Comprehensive Master Plan has served the community well in the past, but it's time to re-evaluate.

That was the sentiment expressed by many at a Town Hall meeting Tuesday evening at Dora Roberts Community Center.

About 70 people filled the center's main auditorium to hear a Power Point presentation about progress made so far on the decade-old Master Plan and discuss the question, "Where do we go from here?"

In her Power Point presentation, city Administrative Services Director Leigh Corson told those present that the Master Plan focused on six facets of the community: The economy, parks, water, public schools and college, finance and taxation and quality of life.

Corson said that 171 projects related to those six topics were planned. So far, 29 percent have been implemented and 24 percent are ongoing projects. Ten percent are still in progress, and five percent have been deemed not feasible. About

Next step? The majority agreed it would be best to hire an outside consultant.



a third, 32 percent, have not been implemented.

After the presentation, Mayor Russ McEwen, moderator for the meeting, opened the floor to discussion.

The discussion focused around the advisability of hiring a consultant to help revise the Master Plan.

Big Spring citizen Aubrey Weaver suggested speaking with area colleges and universities to see if a community planning professor might be willing to undertake consulting with Big Spring on a master plan as part of a class project.

Leo Welch, a Big Spring citizen and World War II veteran, said Big Spring doesn't need to spend the money to hire a consultant because city, county and school officials were elected



Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Board President Cheryl Sparks speaks at the Town Hall meeting Tuesday evening at the Dora Roberts Community Center. About 70 area citizens showed up at the meeting to hear a Power Point presentation about the Comprehensive Master Plan and to discuss how best to update the plan.

to do that job.

In a show of hands vote of those present, most were in favor of hiring a consultant, however.

Two consultant groups, Carter-Burgess Inc. and Carolyn Corbin, were mentioned at the meeting.

Carter-Burgess helped develop the original Comprehensive Master

Plan at a price tag of \$100,000, while Corbin, a consultant with family ties to Big Spring, has worked with the community in the past and offered to help work up a master plan for \$30,000, according to Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce President Cheryl Sparks.

"Carolyn Corbin spent

some time working with our community last spring," Sparks said. "She and her colleagues have already assessed our area. That's a head start. That's very valuable."

Sparks said Corbin's Big Spring ties also make her an attractive candidate.

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Sales tax rebates down for Howard County towns

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Most area cities this month rebounded from low sales tax rebates last month, but for cities in Howard County, the rebate totals were still down.

Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan all posted rebate deficits, although 10 of 18 area cities received rebates this month that were higher than they received in June of 2001.

Notable increases occurred in Andrews, where the rebate came close to doubling since June last year, and in Midland and Odessa, both large cities whose rebate increases were around 15 percent.

Big Spring received \$261,686.96, some 2.99 per-

cent less than the \$269,762.78 the Howard County seat received in June of 2001. For the year, Big Spring has received \$1,796,058.19, 4.78 percent less than it received in the same six-month period in 2001.

Coahoma had a 46.87 decrease in rebates for the month. The community received \$1,998.81, compared to \$3,762.60 for June 2001. Sales tax rebates for the year are down 3.65 percent, comparing \$20,849.88 this year to \$21,641.72 last year.

Forsan saw sales tax receipts go down 46.87 percent. The city received \$2,417.68 this month compared to \$4,726.96 in June of 2001. For the year sales tax rebates are at \$18,562.59, up 6.80 percent.

AREA REBATES COMPARISON

	June 2002	June 2001	+/-
Big Spring	\$261,686.96	\$269,762.78	-2.99
Coahoma	\$1,998.81	\$3,762.60	-46.87
Forsan	\$2,417.68	\$4,726.96	-46.87
Ablilene	\$1,957,907.10	\$1,798,767.84	+8.84
Lubbock	\$2,077,526.68	\$1,926,321.56	+7.84
Midland	\$1,455,147.17	\$1,264,113.57	+15.11
San Angelo	\$1,125,861.08	\$981,071.20	+14.75

Ablilene received \$1,957,907.10 this month, up 8.84 percent from the \$1,798,767.84 received in June of 2001. For the year, the Taylor County seat has

received \$12,803,670.78, up 1.67 percent. Sales tax rebates were up 93.64 percent for Andrews, which received \$104,189.16 this month compared to

\$53,804.72 in June of 2001. For the year, Andrews has received \$583,274.36, up 56.76 percent.

Colorado City suffered a 13.89 percent decrease in rebates, comparing the \$24,559.98 received this month to \$28,521.99 received in June 2001. Rebates are down 5.25 percent for the year as the Mitchell County seat has received \$200,801.27.

Fort Stockton was hit with a 2.81 percent decrease in rebates, comparing the \$77,672.10 received this month to the \$29,924.52 taken in during June 2001. For the year, Fort Stockton has received \$489,536.02, down 1.72 percent.

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Juneteenth message brought to library

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

"The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free."

That's the opening line from General Gordon Granger's General Order No. 3, which brought freedom to Texas slaves on June 19, 1865. The order was issued two years after Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, and started the annual tradition of Juneteenth.

Big Spring Vietnam War veteran Clarence Hartfield spoke to a group of Summer Reading Program children at the Howard County Library Tuesday about the holiday.

"Juneteenth started when General Granger came ashore in Galveston and told blacks they were free," Hartfield said. "That happened June 19, 1865. After that they started celebrating in 1866, and it's been going on ever since. They were letting them know that the slaves were free."

Hartfield said the Emancipation Proclamation couldn't be enforced until Union troops came to



Vietnam veteran Clarence Hartfield of Big Spring tells children about the origins of the Juneteenth celebration at the Howard County Library's Summer Reading Program Tuesday. Juneteenth began June 19, 1865, when Union General Gordon Granger occupied Texas and enforced the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing the slaves.

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Home school workshop is scheduled for Tuesday

By ANDREIA MEDLIN

Lifestyles Editor

Is home schooling for you? If you answered "yes" to this question, you're in luck.

A free workshop for anyone interested in home education as an alternative to public or private school will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the parish hall of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 900 Gregg Street.

The event will feature a panel of local home school parents who will be available to answer questions and address concerns about home schooling.

"Last year's event was so successful and well-received we want to make it available again this year," said Suzanne Haney former public school teacher who helped coordinate the event.

According to Haney home schooling continues to grow in popularity and can be stylized according to the needs of the family.

"There are classes that

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OBITUARIES

Lois Smith

A memorial service for Lois Smith, 99, of Cypress will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at the Chappell Hill Baptist Church in Chappell Hill with Pastor David Beckworth officiating.

Mrs. Smith died Monday, June 17, at Kruse Memorial Lutheran Village in Brenham.

She was born on Feb. 18, 1903, in Ledbetter and attended schools there. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughter, Evva Lowery of Brenham; and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Oaks Chapel in Brenham.

Mrs. Frank Arner

Funeral service for Mrs. Frank (Sue) Arner, 79, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Arner died today, June 19, 2002, at a local nursing home.

Robert M. Dean

Funeral service for Robert M. Dean, 81, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Dean died Tuesday, June 18, 2002, at a Midland hospital.

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can be taken by satellite and there are whole curriculums that can be taken on the Internet," she said. Catalogs with Web sites and phone numbers will be available free of charge at the event.

Home schooling is not regulated by the state of Texas and is considered private school by the Texas Supreme Court. Parents who teach home school are required to include reading, math, grammar, good citizenship and spelling.

For more information about the workshop contact Suzanne Haney by phone, 263-7147 or by e-mail at rshaney@ccom.net.

It's a code yellow summer, the color of danger and sunshine

WASHINGTON (AP) It could be a jittery summer for anyone who takes every single terrorist warning to heart.

The beach beckons but there's always the slender chance of a malevolent scuba diver bobbing in the surf, a shark without fins.

Theme parks rock. But terrorists have thought about making trouble there, at least if they have nothing better to do. An al-Qaida manual found abroad urges

"blasting and destroying the places of amusement, immorality, and sin," but adds, "Not a vital target."

The woods? Promising, but the Army Corps of Engineers has a list of dams in the middle of nowhere that terrorists might find tempting.

Ships, malls, bridges, trains, waterworks, landmarks, monuments and more the possibilities for terrorists, as identified in a series of warnings by the government in recent months, cover just about anywhere Americans live, work, travel and play.

All of it adds up to code yellow — the new alert system's color denoting a significant risk of attack. The color of summer and sunshine, too.

There's an odd exception in the catalog of recently conveyed threats.

Commercial airliners. The prospect of another terrorist plot using commercial airliners has not been the subject of a public warning, although it is the reason security has been stepped up since Sept. 11. In December, Richard C. Reid allegedly tried to blow up his flight with explosives in his shoes.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld says he would not be surprised if terrorists have decided to try something other than airplanes.

"That's what terrorists do," he said Monday. "They move across a spectrum looking for ways to achieve their goal. And their goal is to kill innocent men, women and children. And there are lots of ways to do that."

Almost every other mode of transportation has had a warning attached to it based on wisps of information authorities are gleaming from al-Qaida captives and from intelligence.

Alerts have come with a bewildering mix of specificity and vagueness. Some are precise as to targets — the Orlando, Fla., water supply, the Brooklyn Bridge, the Liberty Bell — but vague on method, timing and whether someone in a dank cell might have made it up out of thin air.

Some warnings are, as officials like to say these days, actionable.

There's the old standby — the State Department's running list of countries Americans should avoid. Currently, 27 countries are on the list. Acting on the warning is simple — don't go there.

Then there are 19 countries or parts of countries where Americans should take extra care.

Plus a worldwide alert citing reports that "extremist individuals are planning additional terrorist actions against U.S. interests. Such actions may be imminent and include suicide operations."

That alert expires Aug. 17.

So Aug. 18 will dawn safe for Americans abroad?

Probably not. State Department warnings typically come with a time limit and are replaced with fresh ones.

For all the harbingers of trouble, it seems Americans are finding something else actionable — their wish to make tracks to the beach, the mountains, big cities and amusement parks.

An AP poll found those to be the most popular desti-

nations, in that order. Three in four respondents said terrorism would not affect their summer plans.

Americans' wanderlust appears intact even if they don't wander quite so far.

New Yorkers expect more visitors than last summer. Washington is packed with tourists and hotel occupancy is back to normal, despite the capital's attraction to terrorist target-pickers on Sept. 11 and thereafter.

Officials think Washington is where terror suspect Jose Padilla wanted to blow up a radioactive dirty bomb if he managed to get his hands on the material.

Last summer, before the attacks, the government was getting clues about impending trouble. A nervous CIA Director George Tenet, for one, confessed he found it hard to sleep. Americans went about their leisure unaware.

This summer, everyone is the wiser, at a terrible cost. But hunkering down won't do much good if al-Qaida somehow pulls off certain plots despite America's relentless attempt to crush it.

Its interests are broad — "places of amusement, immorality, and sin" could mean anything from a concert in the park to the corner saloon — and not limited to public places.

For example, terrorists are said to have considered renting apartments and blowing them up. Nothing has come of that warning but it might persuade some queasy couch potatoes to get away after all.

New colors and 3-D spots may appear on next new currency

WASHINGTON (AP) — When you look at your greenbacks in the future, you might see red. Or blue, or any number of colors as the nation's money makers mull another makeover to thwart high-tech counterfeiters.

Perhaps a spot on the paper bills might even look 3-D.

Those are some of the ideas being floated as the government works on designing new bills that will be harder to knock off. It is a continuing challenge in a world where large quantities of counterfeit notes can be produced easily and quickly using increasingly sophisticated computer technology.

New bills are expected to begin debuting in mid-to-late 2003. A final design, which Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill must approve, is not expected to be publicly released until next year.

The last currency makeover started in 1996 and was the biggest change in the dollar's design in 67 years, with a number of high-tech features added.

The most noticeable change, however, was that portraits were made bigger and moved slightly off-center. As a result, a number of nicknames cropped up for the notes, including Monopoly Money.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

One change being considered now is the addition of "subtle color" to the bills, says the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which makes the nation's paper money. The goal would be to use color in such a way that would make it harder to make bogus bills.

Green and black ink is now used on neutral-colored paper. Experts say color could be added in the neutral areas, in other specific spots or be used to tint the entire note. Colors could vary by denomination.

The government is not offering details. But the bureau says that whatever changes are made, "the public can rest assured that notes will maintain their distinct American look and feel."

The size of the notes will not change and the same faces will appear on the same bills.

The United States has had colorful money before, but that was years ago.

"Some of the bills of the late 1860s are so colorful because of the combination of the inks and special hued paper that collectors refer to them as Rainbow Notes," said Lyn Knight, whose business auctions rare U.S. and foreign bills to collectors.

From 1929 until 1963, five different colors of ink appeared on the Treasury Department seals printed on the fronts of circulating bills, Knight said.

"I think our currency right now is the most boring in the world," he said. "Adding color would make it more interesting."

Besides color, another change may include using more distinct color-shifting ink. In the last redesign, color-shifting ink that looks green when viewed straight on but black at an angle was used in a spot on some notes.

Another idea: adding what can look like a sophisticated 3-D hologram to new notes, a notion promoted by Leonhard Kurz and Co., a major supplier of technology for optically variable devices. They are state-of-the-art foils, which incorporate metallic reflection and diffraction.

Some of the anti-counterfeiting features included in the last redesign are likely to be retained, the bureau says. They include watermark marks that are visible when held up to a light; embedded security threads that glow a color when exposed to an ultraviolet light; and very tiny images, visible with a magnifying glass, known as microprinting.

Benjamin Franklin, whose face is on the \$100 bill, got a makeover in 1996. He was followed by Ulysses S. Grant on the \$50 bill in 1997 and Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill the following year. New \$5s and \$10s came out in 2000.

As with the last makeover, there are no plans to give George Washington, whose visage is on the most common bill — the dollar — a high-tech facelift because the note is not attractive to counterfeiters, experts say. The same goes for the obscure \$2 bill.

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When new bills are issued, the old bills continue to be accepted and recirculated until they wear out. The government also plans to work closely again with industry to make sure new bills can be read by ATMs and vending machines, including those used for public transportation.

Over the years, counterfeiters have graduated from offset printing to sophisticated color copiers, computer scanners, color ink jet printers and publishing-grade software — technologies readily available.

BRIEFS

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HILLCREST BAPTIST CHURCH WILL have Vacation Bible School June 24 - 28 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The church is located at 2000 West FM Road. Call the church if you need a ride, 267-1639.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY of Howard County are requesting donations of books in good condition for their book sale in September. Donations can be taken to the Howard County Library Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for the Howard County Library, outside of the budget furnished by Howard County.

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

FORSAN EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION IS attempting to get 911 addresses on former Forsan students.

Please call Boyce Hale at 2267-6957 to receive a newsletter.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy

from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of EMS and Fire Department activity:

TUESDAY

5:19 a.m. — 300 block of East Third, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:45 a.m. — 800 block of North McKinney, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:20 a.m. — 100 block of East 15th, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

12:12 p.m. — 1800 block of North Hwy 87, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

12:28 p.m. — 1600 block of Kentucky, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:11 p.m. — 1900 block of West 16th, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC, one patient refused service.

8:44 p.m. — 1800 block of North Hwy 87, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

2:47 p.m. — 300 block of Owens, traffic accident, service refused.

POLICE

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

KELLY DAWN BRADBERRY, 34, of 1519 Kentucky Way was arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

VERA RENEE TREADWAY, 22, of 1720 Purdue Avenue was arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

ALBERT F. CAR-RASCO, 43, of 1616 Mesquite St. was arrested on three local warrants.

ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 400 block of Ryon Street.

MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1400 block of Stadium Avenue and the 300 block of South Owens Street.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported twice in the 400 block of Ryon Street and in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road and the 200 block of North-east Second Street.

LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1000 block of East 13th Street.

THEFT was reported in the 100 block of East Third Street. Items worth \$386 were reported stolen.

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"She also has an interest in our community," she said. "She's an individual who has family ties and has kept up with those family ties through the years. When you're able to have someone who loves your community and has gone out into the world working with other communities, and who has a special place in your heart, that's a good thing."

McEwen said the next step in the process will involve a meeting of representatives from various local entities to agree on hiring a consultant and to choose which one should be hired.

"I'll call a meeting with members from each one of the entities that will have some kind of involvement with that, and I don't want to mention them because I'll leave someone out," he said. "But we're going to bring them together and say 'Ok, now let's take the next step and hire a consultant.'"

McEwen said he was pleased with the enthusiasm of those at the meeting. "It's obviously a great turnout and a lot of enthusiasm for our community," he said. "That was the first thing that struck me as I walked in not knowing how many people would show up. The wonderful thing that I saw and was encouraged by was that there was nobody that said, 'We don't need to do that,' but rather people were saying 'You bet, let's go into the future.'"

He hopes the development of the plan will move quickly.

"I don't think this is going to be something where we're going to see somebody coming in in January, but rather I want to see something happen this summer as far as getting that consultant in place and moving forward," he said. "I'd like to see by the end of the year something in place and saying 'This is where we need to go.'"

Sparks also said she was pleased with the response of people at the meeting.

"I thought it was a productive meeting," she said. "I think we can take this information from our citizenry and our different entities and take the next step."

That next step probably does involve hiring a consultant, she said.

"I think we need to seriously discuss the idea of working with a consultant or an outside entity to help us regroup," she said. "As it was mentioned, having an outside individual involved will help us stay accountable not only as a community but also these different entities. There is value to someone from the outside

helping us look at ourselves. There is that old saying, 'You can't see the forest for the trees,' sometimes, when you're in the middle of it."

The area needs to accept the fact that it will probably be necessary to revise the plan every few years.

"Absolutely I think several years ago, a 10-year plan was an OK thing," she said. "But as we all know, our world is moving so fast, and I know if anyone else has read about planning issues, they are suggesting that you look at a three-year plan as opposed to a 10 year plan."

FREE

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Texas. "That was the proclamation that Lincoln had issued was that they would be freed," he said. "That was in the states that were controlled by the Union at that time. It couldn't be enforced in Texas. There weren't enough Union troops in Texas to enforce that."

Hartfield said that barbecue, red soda and religious observance are all parts of the Juneteenth tradition.

"The reason for the barbecue is that pork is what they fed the slaves. The red soda represents the blood. It is a tradition," he said. "They're taking the lower portion of the meat that would normally be given the slaves and making something out of it. The churches and religion is a part of the celebration. Churches and the pastors usually lead it."

The full text of Granger's General Order No. 3 reads: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property, between former masters and slaves and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The Freedmen are advised to remain at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts, and they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere."

For more information about Juneteenth, check the Web site www.juneteenth.com.

Rebates were down in Monahans this month. Monahans received \$49,070.56, down 18.54 percent compared to the \$60,245.51 taken in for June of 2001. For the year, the Ward County seat has taken in \$402,170.84, down 2.84 percent from a year ago.

June's rebates for Odessa amounted to \$958,600.34, down 4.34 percent when compared to \$1,002,096.28 taken in a year ago. To date this year, Odessa has received \$6,614,546.63, down

9.17 percent in sales tax rebates. The Dawson County community received \$64,006.99 for the month, compared to \$58,627.74 in June of 2001. Lamesa is still lagging behind on year-to-date totals as the \$426,411.70 in rebates is 4.18 percent below last year's total.

Sales tax rebates were up 7.84 percent for Lubbock, which received \$2,077,526.68 this month, compared to \$1,926,321.56 last June. For the year, Lubbock has received \$14,394,522.71, up 2.14 percent since last year.

Midland's sales tax rebates were up 15.11 percent, comparing the \$1,455,147.17 received this month to the \$1,264,113.57 received in June 2001. For the year, the Tall City has received \$8,900,727.67, up 3.55 percent.

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Four BSHS students to attend national councils conference

Special to the Herald

Four Big Spring High School students will be attending the National Association of Student Councils (NASC) national conference in Virginia Beach, Va. beginning Monday.

Amanda Lasater, Brandon Hughes, Zack Watkins and Chris Wigington are among 1,800 student council leaders and student activity advisors attending the 66th conference, which will be conducted at Ocean Lakes High School through June 30.

NASC, administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, offers leadership training at its conferences, focusing on turning students leaders into lifelong leaders.

"It is wonderful to see young people from across the country taking leadership roles in their schools as well as their communities," said Dr. Gerald Tirozzi, NASSP executive director. "These individuals

are well-trained through their NASC experiences and we have no doubt they will be the leaders of tomorrow."

The students will be trained in communication skills, dealing with diversity, as well as basic and advanced leadership. They will participate in discussions on issues relevant to today's youth, and will hear motivational speakers such as Mark Scharenbroich, Harvey Alston, Kevin Wanzer and Professor William Purkey.

Amanda is the daughter of Jim and Geri Lasater. She is serving as the president of the Big Spring High School student council. Zack is the son of Rick and Susan Watkins and serves as first vice president of the council.

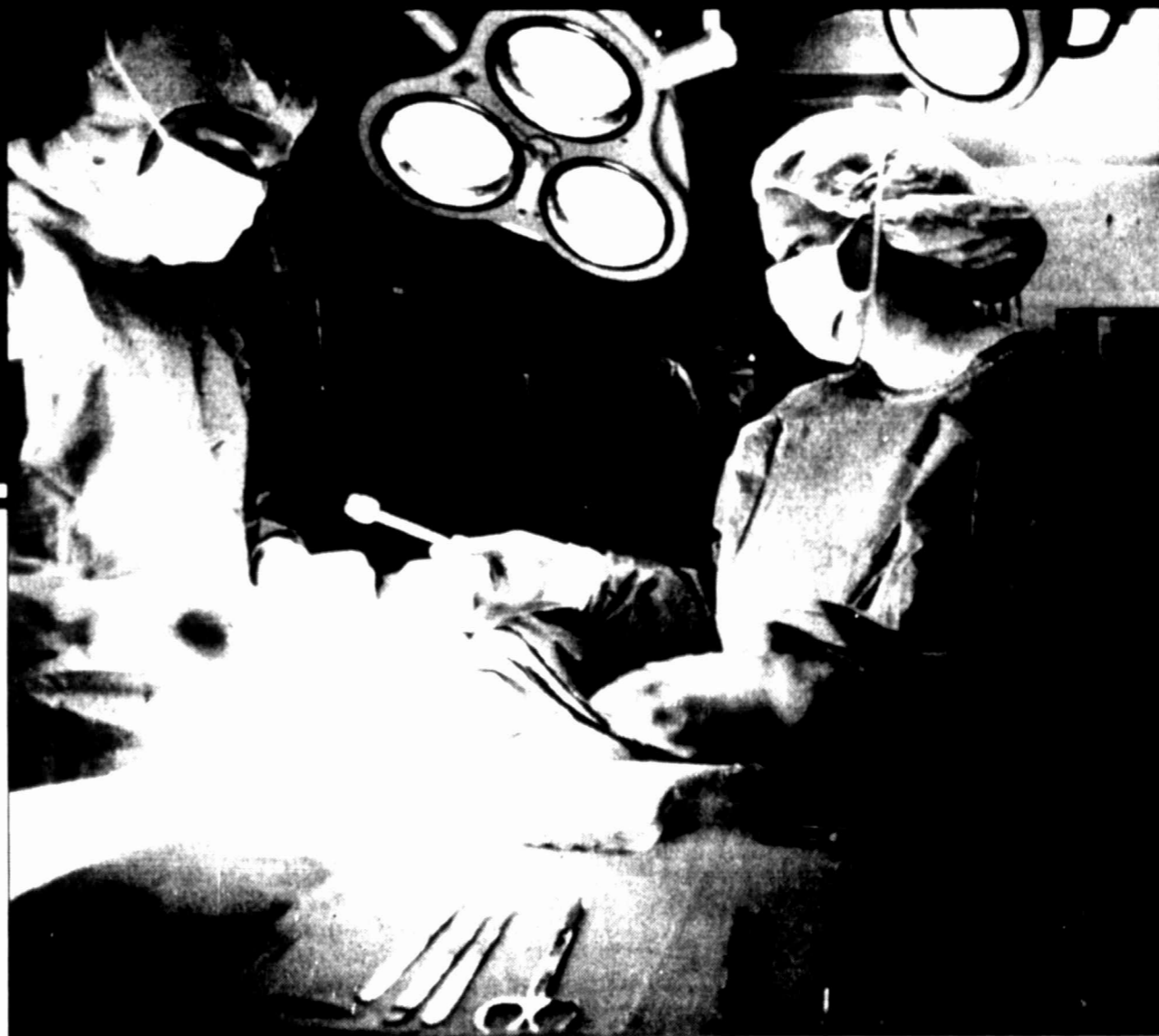
Brandon is the son of Mike and Cindy Hughes and is the second vice president of the council. Chris is the son of Lynn and Heddy Wigington and is student council historian.

The Big Spring students will be accompanied by advisor Sharton Richardson.



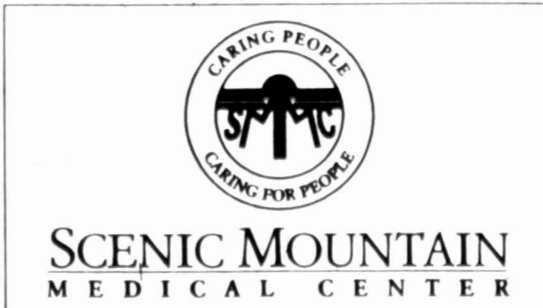
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OUR VIEWS

Once again we're under a burn ban

It was no great shock for most Howard Countians earlier this month when commissioners ordered a burn ban for the county — it's something we've become accustomed to at this time of year. In fact just about 12 months ago, we were informing our readers about this exact issue.

As always seems to be the case here in West Texas, summer's "dog days" arrived long before the season's official start. And that, coupled with a lack of any appreciable rain, made the commissioners' order a matter of good sense.

Despite last Thursday's showers, much of the county is still extremely dry. There's no real immediate relief in sight, either. While the forecast continues to for a "20 percent chance of rain," that means there's an 80 percent chance it won't happen. Meanwhile, the dry conditions make the threat of wildfires a real possibility.

And with the July 4 holiday just around the corner, blazes caused by irresponsible use of fireworks are also a concern.

As a result, commissioners also issued an immediate ban on the use of some fireworks — skyrockets that have sticks and missiles with fins — which pose an inordinate risk of creating fires.

Therefore, we need to all take the ban seriously.

Those violating the ban on open burning or caught using banned fireworks could face a Class C misdemeanor charge punishable by a fine of as much as \$500 plus court costs.

To some such punishment may seem excessive, but irresponsibly endangering the lives and property of others — always a possibility when wildfires are ignited — deserves the stiffest penalties allowable by law.

We support the court's ban and encourage our readers to observe the restriction.

You'll be doing yourselves and all of us a favor.

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Another Flag Day in Michigan City

MICHIGAN CITY, Miss. — It was a June day so fine I felt sorry for everyone else, anywhere else.

The weather was mild, with enough of a breeze to flutter a flag. Two grand old oaks, Martha and George, provided deep shade. They flank the door at a beautiful home named Washington Oaks in their honor, a home that this day wore red, white and blue bunting with a big "WELCOME."

The banner was a redundancy. Anyone would feel welcome here, what with giant tree limbs laced with fire-hose swings for the children, who darted everywhere. Neighbors ambled up with dogs or with baby strollers. It was come as you are, or as you want to be. Young women wore cut-off jeans, and old women their Sunday School finery. A mixer in the best sense.

Chairs were set up in the middle of the road facing Washington Oaks, once a one-room schoolhouse.

There's not a lot of traffic in Michigan City.

Except on Flag Day, every June 14, when a retired schoolteacher named Blanche Aldrich produces a simple outdoor pageant to honor the flag. She renovated the schoolhouse a couple of decades ago, and now lives where she began her teaching career.

Blanche Aldrich started her Michigan City celebration of the oft-forgotten Flag Day in 1984. Blanche has missed only one year since — 1986, when she was in Honduras in the Peace Corps. She was 79 years old.

Blanche is now 94, her lovely face a calm and intelligent reminder that some wear their years extremely well. On Flag Day she greeted her guests, directed her hesitant young actors and served refreshments on the patio, all with such grace and energy she might have been 24. She radiated charm.

I first saw Michigan City in 1982. To see Michigan City — it's half a dozen old houses, a post office and an Episcopal church — is to meet Blanche. She is historian, preservationist, docent and queen mum.

Someone had told me about her house and sug-

gested it might make a story. I was not prepared for the unpretentious but artistic vision, the heart of Michigan City. In the two decades since, I've seen only one other cottage I like as well, in France. And it didn't have Blanche Aldrich.

Her late husband's relatives, the Aldriches, came South, to Mississippi, from Parma, Mich., before the Civil War. In all, 20 Michigan families made the trek, though most eventually returned North — except for Ransom Aldrich. He ran a gristmill off the Wolf River, opened a store, raised cattle and farmed.

The Aldriches also founded Calvary Episcopal Church, which explains why the only church in this tiny town is Episcopal. On Flag Day 2002, its red brick shone in afternoon sunshine.

The children, erect and single-file, marched toward that little church during a solemn Parade of Colors. The sight made me long for a sketch pad and some Blanche-like talent. It was picture-perfect.

After her husband's death, Blanche for years taught school at American military bases in Europe. And I suppose that helps explain her artistic sensi-

bilities, everywhere in evidence.

I watched as she tapped her toe while the "Marseillaise" blared and an emcee explained about the Louisiana Territory. The little girl with the French flag marched front and center. Blanche stayed in the background, prompting her cast.

There was no mention of the Sept. 11 bombings, no maudlin gush or sentimental references. Patriotism, for some, is heartfelt, constant and quiet, not just a response to crisis.

The Rev. R. Milton Winter, a Presbyterian from Holly Springs, blessed the new flag and raised it on the schoolhouse's old flagpole.

The small crowd said the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the national anthem.

"A thoughtful mind," the emcee said, "when it sees the nation's flag sees not the flag only, but the nation itself. And whatever may be its symbols, its insignias, he reads clearly in the flag, the government, the principles, the truths, the history which belongs to the nation that sets it forth."

And in a Mississippi burg with the unlikely name Michigan City, another Flag Day was history.



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Bob Batton was a rich man

Bob Batton of Jacksonville started training young boxers in 1964. Bob boxed in Golden Gloves



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while he was in the Air Force.

"But he's always been interested in young people," says Bob's wife Elsie. "He tried to get a Boys and Girls Club started in Jacksonville, but it did not go over. He decided to do something on his own. It all came out of our pocket. We didn't have any backing at all. But he started the Jacksonville Boxing Club."

Jacksonville had no boxing ring, so Bob, who worked at Piggly Wiggly, rented one for his young boxers.

"We would have as many as 49 to 60 boxers. All of them didn't end up going to the Golden Gloves, though.

Especially after they had their first fight and got hit in the nose. That caused a lot of them to drop out."

Elsie says when she and Bob moved into another house in 1995, the garage became a training room Still, no boxing ring.

"It's not big enough for a ring. They had to get outside to do their exercises and jump roping."

Bob passed away last year, but the boxing program continues.

"I want to be an example like he was," says Roel Ramirez, one of Bob's protégés. "I want to keep on encouraging other kids that are coming up."

Roel is a bilingual instructor who teaches in elementary school. He got into the Jacksonville Boxing Club because two of his uncles were in it and they said it had a big influence on their lives. Roel is now the coach and teaches boxing basics.

"How to keep your hands up, how to stand. Good form is something that many people don't see. Boxing is a skill."

Last year, even though he was ill, Bob went to a boxing event. He didn't know it was a tribute to him until he heard the PA announcer call for all the present and former members of the Jacksonville Boxing Club to come into the ring. Elsie says the ring was full.

"Robert still didn't know what was going on. He was dumbfounded. Then they asked him to come up into the ring. They gave Bob a plaque with names all over it. The announcer said the recognition was long overdue. Bob couldn't believe he had influenced so many lives."

At Bob's funeral, young boxers were pall bearers. They wore jackets they had won boxing.

Members of the Jacksonville Boxing Club won several honors and trophies. Several went to the state Golden Gloves finals. Bob paid their expenses.

Bob's daughter told me "My dad didn't have much money but he was the richest man I've known."



Mallard Fillmore
by
BRUCE TINSLEY

Each day, the more I hear, and see...
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...Upon God to look out for me...
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Subject of 'Free Lee Otis' rallying cries laid to rest

HOUSTON (AP) — Lee Otis Johnson, a black student leader in the 1960s who was sentenced to 30 years in prison for passing a marijuana cigarette to an undercover officer, has died. He was 62.

His 1968 sentence sparked the rallying cry "Free Lee Otis!" It became the chant of students and liberals across Texas.

The saying, also featured on bumper stickers, was shorthand for their arguments that state drug laws were overly harsh, that civil rights needed a boost and that Johnson was framed because of his activities that displeased the city's conservative powers.

Johnson was buried

Tuesday at Houston Memorial Gardens cemetery, six days after his death.

Johnson was freed four years into his prison term, and the Texas marijuana laws eventually were relaxed.

But not before then-Gov. Preston Smith got the chant wrong.

Protesters disrupted Smith's 1970 speech at the University of Houston with "Free Lee Otis!" and other cries.

A week later in Austin, the governor explained he thought the protesters had shouted about "frijoles." He said he wondered what the protesters had against beans.

"Times have changed so much that the sentence he received would not make sense in accordance with today."

Carol Vance, prosecutor

Johnson's prison terms — the four years for marijuana and another stint in the late 1970s for burglary — changed his priorities. He devoted the last 20 years or so to Christianity and his family, said his sister, Gethsemane Campbell of Lafayette, La.

"He was still interested in mankind," she said. "Civil rights, it was moving along (without him), so I think he

decided to go to God and his church."

In his last years, Johnson managed an apartment complex owned by his family. In 1989, he was sentenced to 60 days in jail for shoplifting razor blades.

Johnson suffered from heart disease, relatives said, and he rejected doctors' advice to have his legs amputated because of circulatory problems.

As district attorney in 1968, Carol Vance took the unusual step of serving as courtroom prosecutor of Johnson's marijuana case. It was because Johnson was viewed as one of several student leaders who had brought turmoil to Texas Southern University, Vance recalled.

Johnson claimed innocence and said in the trial that he had never used marijuana. Vance said Tuesday that he urged the jury to sentence Johnson to 15 or 20 years in prison in light of a previous criminal record. The jury went beyond that with its 30-year sentence.

"Times have changed so much that the sentence he received would not make

sense in accordance with today," Vance said.

A U.S. district judge ruled in 1972 that Johnson's trial should have been conducted away from Houston or delayed because of publicity and public attitudes about the social upheaval of the times. Johnson was granted a new trial and released. Prosecutors declined to retry the case.

Before the 1968 trial, Johnson had led marches for student rights at Texas Southern University. The university eventually expelled him for being disruptive. He was an officer in the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, a nationwide civil rights group.

Archbishop says he'll make tough national policy tougher

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Archbishop Patrick Flores says he will ask the Vatican to defrock all priests in his archdiocese who have sexually abused minors.

And, he said Monday, most U.S. Catholic bishops probably will do the same with priests they supervise.

The nation's Catholic bishops adopted a policy by a 239-13 vote Friday in Dallas that allows them to

keep sexually abusive clergy in the priesthood but bar them from face-to-face contact with parishioners.

The policy, which prohibits abusive priests from any work connected to the church, was sharply criticized by victims who wanted a zero-tolerance policy.

In the Valley, Bishop Raymundo Pena announced Tuesday that a review board has been created to revise

the Brownsville diocese's sexual abuse policy in accordance with the national policy, which applies to priests who molest youths, past or future.

In San Antonio, Flores said most bishops rejected leaving a loophole open for priests who had abused minors only once many years ago and who were not pedophiles.

"Some bishops were argu-

ing that we take (abusive priests) away from exercising ministry, but if they live in some monastery they could say Mass there. But if the pope approves of what the majority of us want, they'd simply be reduced to the lay state," Flores was quoted in a story in Tuesday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News.

On their own, bishops can only suspend priests, and

few have sought to defrock them in the past because the Vatican's procedures are time-consuming and cumbersome.

Flores said he plans to ask that two priests — Xavier Ortiz-Dietz and Michael Kenny — be defrocked.

Later, Flores said he anticipates reviewing all other sexual abuse cases in the archdiocese and probably will request defrocking for

all of them.

Six other San Antonio-area priests have been suspended in the past 15 years.

Ortiz-Dietz's sexual abuse of seven boys in two parishes in Macdonia and Von Ormy led to the \$4 million settlement of a lawsuit against the Archdiocese of San Antonio in 1998. He is serving three concurrent 20-year prison sentences for aggravated sexual assault.

State briefs

Ex-Anson official gets probation

ANSON (AP) — A former Anson city manager must serve probation for stealing thousands of dollars from the West Texas town.

Prosecutor Glen Lawrence said Tex Middlebrook pleaded guilty to theft Monday, after a Texas Rangers investigation lasted nearly a year.

Investigators say Middlebrook took more than \$7,500 over a two-year period when he worked for Anson.

As part of the plea bargain, Middlebrook agreed to pay back all the money, plus a \$500 fine and court costs.

He also must serve six months probation and complete 40 hours of community service. Middlebrook could have been sentenced to as much as two years in prison.

Case against NAACP leader dismissed

ODESSA (AP) — A judge has dismissed a civil lawsuit in which the president of a local civil rights group accused another civil rights leader of injuring him during an altercation.

Judge Mark Owens dismissed the lawsuit Monday, citing lack of a viable case.

Joe Armesto, president of the local chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens, was suing Gene Collins, past and acting president of the Odessa chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Armesto was seeking a \$100,000 judgment against Collins for an alleged altercation in 2000 at Ector Junior High School.

A criminal investigation by the Odessa Police Department failed to find evidence to support Armesto's claims.

Spears concert won't be rescheduled

LUBBOCK (AP) — Britney Spears won't be able to reschedule her concert in Lubbock, officials at United Spirit Arena said Tuesday.

Her Friday night concert was canceled after two songs because of electrical problems.

Many young fans in a crowd of 13,351 left the arena in tears Friday after a power transformer failed.

Spears' promoter said she was disappointed that her schedule wouldn't allow her to return.

Tickets will be refunded beginning Wednesday.

Arena officials have a replacement for the malfunctioning transformer. Repairs need to be complete before a scheduled Eagles concert on June 28.

Spears' tour ends in Dallas on July 22.

Vehicle check leads to cocaine find

DALLAS (AP) — A check of an abandoned van at a gas station in South Dallas led to the discovery of about \$8 million worth of cocaine on Tuesday, authorities said.

Sgt. Don Peritz Jr., spokesman for the Dallas County Sheriff's Department, said a narcotics officer spotted the vehicle. The vehicle was registered in Val Verde County in South Texas.

A drug-sniffing dog drew attention to the gas tank area of the van. The van was impounded. A search of the vehicle turned up what appeared to be 20 kilos of cocaine.

No arrests have been made.

San Angelo teachers win award

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Two San Angelo kindergarten teachers have won an international award for a space project they did with their students as part of World Space Week last fall.

Mindy Goodnight and Cindy Key, teachers at Austin Elementary, recently were honored in Washington, D.C. They won for the kindergarten through second grade division and received a \$1,000 grant from NASA that they plan to use for science materials in their classrooms.

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New Amtrak president says fast action
by Congress needed to avert shutdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amtrak's new president says the railroad needs financial assistance very soon to prevent a possible shutdown of all service next month.

"We are running out of time," said David Gunn, who joined Amtrak just a month ago. He said the nation's passenger railroad needs "a loan guarantee, a grant, an appropriation" to help it fill a \$200 million budget gap.

In an interview Tuesday with The Associated Press, Gunn said Amtrak officials are planning how to shut down service in an orderly manner. Planning for such a contingency "is the responsible thing to do," he said.

A transit turnaround expert known for his blunt talk and back-to-basics approach, Gunn gets a chance to make his case Thursday when he testifies before the Senate Appropriations subcommittee that oversees Amtrak.

With its future being debated in Congress, Amtrak has struggled to satisfy its auditors that it will operate for at least another year. That in turn has hurt its ability to gain access to a line of credit essential for its survival until the new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

Financial crises are old news for Amtrak. But supporters of the nation's passenger railroad say they hope the new warning carries more weight because it comes from Gunn. Already, Gunn has ordered a company reorgani-

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David Gunn, Amtrak president

nization that will consolidate decision-making at Amtrak headquarters in Washington and slash the number of employees with the title "vice president."

He abruptly jettisoned a corporate consultant hired by his predecessor. He repealed orders that passengers be called "guests." He plans to de-emphasize Amtrak's "satisfaction guarantee," which rewards any unhappy passenger, for any reason, with a coupon good for future travel.

"If you look at our on-time performance and the condition of our equipment, 'satisfaction guaranteed' is not a particularly good slogan for us at this point in our history," he said.

Amtrak lured Gunn, who turns 65 this week, out of retirement on his family's farm on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. Amtrak is paying him an annual salary of \$275,000.

Gunn, a dual citizen of the United States and Canada, succeeded George Warrington, who left Amtrak to head New Jersey's bus and

rail agency. Amtrak's governing board had expressed full support for Warrington during his four years there.

Yet in Gunn, they chose a straight-talking successor who has made no secret that he disagrees with many moves Warrington made.

"George has a different management style from David, and David has a different management style from other people," said Amtrak Vice Chairman Michael Dukakis. "I like them both."

A Harvard Business School graduate, Gunn describes himself as "a focused, no-nonsense manager."

"When I get called, it's generally because there's an operational or financial problem and people have decided it's time to cease talking about it and do something," he said.

Gunn said the troubled transit agencies he has taken over, including Amtrak, share several characteristics: physical deterioration, a serious decline in management control, an exodus by technically skilled employees and a need for money.

He said money is key to solving Amtrak's problems, but so is better management. "We have an enormous credibility problem on (Capitol) Hill," he said. "I've got to demonstrate by actions, in the way we do our budgets and the information we make public and by the results, that we aren't a bottomless pit, that we can manage effectively."

National briefs

Father, son plead guilty for stealing gear from WTC

LEWISTON, Maine (AP) — A father and son have pleaded guilty to taking a firefighter's jacket and a police officer's hat as souvenirs from the World Trade Center. The suspects said they traveled from their home in Maine to New York on the night of Sept. 11 to help search for survivors, and they accidentally came home with the jacket and hat.

Police say they took the items as souvenirs and had bragged that they were heroes for assisting rescuers. But their community reacted with outrage after learning that they allegedly stole the gear.

The son, Louie Senecal III, 19, was given a suspended 30-day jail term, placed on probation for one year and ordered to complete 40 hours of community service.

His father, Louis Senecal Jr., 49, will remain in Cumberland County Jail until Nov. 12, but not as a direct result of his guilty plea. He has been locked up since Sept. 23 for violating probation from an assault conviction.

Man pleads guilty in threat to fly plane into office

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A former WorldCom engineer has admitted threatening to fly an airplane into a company office after he was laid off this year. In an instant e-mail conversation with a co-worker, John Craig Hook wrote that he would "fly through the building at mach 8 ... full of fuel."

Prosecutors say Hook, who has a pilot's license and owns a 1960 single-engine Cessna, also told co-workers that he had part ownership or access to fly a Russian MiG fighter jet.

Hook, who pleaded guilty Tuesday, also has a conviction for interstate transportation of a stolen airplane in 1977, when authorities say he lied to get access to a plane without the owner's permission.

Airport security manager hired felons as screeners

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An airport security manager whose failure to conduct criminal background checks helped a drug trafficker, a convicted murderer and other felons land jobs as screeners pleaded guilty to lying to aviation officials.

Rochelle Miles, a former training manager for the Huntleigh USA Corp., admitted that from 1997 to 1999, she routinely helped people get hired as screeners at Philadelphia International Airport by doctoring their job applications and skipping criminal history checks.

Miles, 44, faces up to five years in jail when she is sentenced on one count of making false statements to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Worker's story about accidentally starting wildfire coming under fire

DENVER (AP) — A U.S. Forest Service worker's claim that she accidentally started a 120,000-acre wildfire while burning a letter from her estranged husband has drawn a skeptical response from prosecutors.

Terry Barton initially said she discovered the fire after smelling smoke and was unable to put it out. A week later, however, she told investigators she was burning a letter in a campfire ring and it ignited the blaze.

Jeff Dorschner, a spokesman for U.S. Attorney John Suthers, expressed doubts about Barton's revised story. "She's charged with making false statements," he said Tuesday. "We don't

necessarily believe everything she told investigators. She said it was an accident. The complaint said it's willful."

Barton, 38, faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on charges that she started a fire, which has destroyed 25 homes. She is being held without bail on federal charges of setting fire to timber in a national forest, damaging federal property and lying to investigators.

According to court documents, investigators concluded that the fire was deliberately set and had been staged to look like an escaped campfire.

The fire broke out June 8 in forest about 40 miles southwest of Denver.

Fast food survey: Add a few pennies, pile on the calories

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Super-sized fast food meals may cost just a few cents more, but they are no bargain when it comes to calories, a study shows.

The report released Tuesday found that the so-called extra-value meals present a significant obstacle to overcoming America's growing obesity problem.

"Bigger is rarely better when it comes to food. The true price of larger portions is larger calorie and saturated fat numbers — and larger waistlines," said the report by the National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity, a coalition of groups that promote health and fitness.

Classic Cinnabon cinnamon roll costs 48 cents more than the \$2.01 Minibon but packs 370 more calories — double the Minibon — and has three times the fat.

"People need to be more aware of what they are eating," said Doris Montgomery, a dietitian for the Iowa Department of Public Health who helped conduct the survey.

The survey was conducted in Des Moines, Washington; Little Rock, Ark.; Oakland, Calif.; and Sacramento, Calif.

Nationwide, 60 percent of adults are overweight, and an estimated 300,000 people a year die from illnesses caused or worsened by excessive weight. Diabetes is linked to obesity, and overweight people are at greater risk for heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke, kidney failure and several forms of cancer.

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Forget the stereotypes of sugar and spice. Girls are mean, and their subtle, insidious style of bullying is rapidly garnering attention and concern.

In "Odd Girl Out" Rachel Simmons conducts face to face interviews with teens that exposes the social minefields of female adolescence and the deep scarring that can result.

"Odd Girl Out" does an excellent job of articulating to adults exactly the pain and subtle warfare that many teen girls experience, and Simmons offers thoughtful motivations for both bullies and the par-

ents who are reluctant to rein them in.

She also offers admirable, groundbreaking insight into an all-too-common issue and will be invaluable to any adult struggling to help a girl get through her teens. Don't toss this book to your daughter and say 'Read this.'

It is a book that should be read by a parent and shared with your daughter. Read this book if this is happening to your daughter.

It may also heal yourself if you were the victim of harassment and teasing as a young girl.

Author Jeff M. Shaara rounds out the Civil War Trilogy started by his late father Michael Shaara, whose book "The Killer Angels" described the Battle of Gettysburg.

While "Gods and Generals" covered the action prior to Gettysburg, "The Last Full Measure" picks up with Confederate General Robert E. Lee's retreat from Pennsylvania and continues through the

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end of the war. The younger Shaara focuses on the characters of Lee and Union commander Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, both of whom play prominent roles in the earlier books.

He also introduces a new one: Ulysses S. Grant, the Union general who would finally defeat the South—something no soldier before him could manage.

"The Last Full Measure" is often exciting and poignant, and fans of "The Killer Angels" and "Gods and Generals" won't be disappointed.

These volumes may be found on the General

Fiction shelves in the S's. They are numbered in sequence, so if you are a person who likes to read 'in order' this will be of help.

An unprecedented historical and literary event, this tale written in the 1850s is the only known novel by a female African American slave.

A work recently uncovered by renowned scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., it is a stirring, page-turning story of 'passing' and the adventures of a young slave as she makes her way to freedom.

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Her compelling story provides a fascinating view of American life in the mid-1800s and the literary conventions of the time.

Written in the 1850s by a runaway slave, "The Bondwoman's Narrative" is a provocative literary landmark.

I don't know why it is, but new books just keep on coming!

These can be found on the New Book Shelf. Dan Brown writes excellent thrillers and "Deception Point" is no exception.

"Lying, Crying, Dying" by Dominic Martell is sort of a modern day Robert Ludlum book.

We have a new Carolyn Hart book, "April Fool Dead" and "First Light" by Phillip R. Craig and William G. Tapply.

This is a J.W. Jackson mystery.

Some new religious books have also arrived; "The Psalms" by James L. Crenshaw; "The Private Prayers of Pope John Paul II" and "What Makes Us Catholic" by Thomas H.

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DAV Chapter 47 selects officers for 2002-2003

HERALD Staff Report

The Disabled American Veterans local Chapter 47 has elected officers for 2002-2003.

Elected were Ed Meiser, commander; Rick James, senior vice commander; Mike Mathie, first junior vice; Patrick Carnahan adjutant; Leo Engele, treasurer; Jimmy Batie, chaplain; Stewart Anderson, officer of the day; Thomas Carroll, sergeant at arms; and Charles Lusk, judge advocate.

The DAV Auxiliary officers for 2002-2003 are Heidrun Meiser, commander; Marge Salhus, senior vice commander; Margie Myers, junior vice commander; Clara Lewis, adjutant/treasurer; and Shelby Capps, chaplain.

DAV Chapter 47 and aux-

iliary hold business meetings on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the chapter home on the corner of Seventh and Abrams.

Newly elected and appointed officers will be installed at the July business session by District I Commander Jessie Alba of Abilene.

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News woman follows up history of 'message in a bottle'

HOUSTON (AP) — Five weeks ago, on Mother's Day, Houston Chronicle news woman Melissa Bech Galloway was walking along the Bolivar Peninsula, east of Galveston, in the fishing village of Gilchrist, when she saw a green wine bottle dotted with barnacles.

First, she gave the bottle only a fleeting glance. Then, she did a doubletake after seeing the words, "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN" on paper inside the bottle.

Almost three years before, she learned later, on May 30, 1999, John Cotter stood on the deck of the Queen Elizabeth 2 and flung a wine bottle — this same wine bottle — into the glittering sea, four days out of South Hampton, 160 miles south of Cape Race, Newfoundland, at the location where the Titanic went down at 2:20

a.m. on April 15, 1912.

Cotter and his wife, Valerie, had drunk the wine and he had composed a note on QE2 stationery, rolled it into a tight cylinder, slipped it into the bottle and pounded the cork back in.

As he let the bottle go, he told Valerie, "As Grandad would have said, 'I hope the bottle into the sea.'"

After trying with "every long thing I could find, from a pencil to a shish kebob skewer," to fish the note out of the bottle, Galloway's impatience prevailed and she used a wrench to break the bottle. Then she read the note, which read:

"Lat 42 degrees 9 minutes N, Long 55 degrees 23 minutes W, 30th May 1999. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. This bottle was thrown overboard from the Cunard RMC RMS Queen Elizabeth 2" and gave the date. At the

bottom was the name of John and Valerie Cotter, and how to contact them on the Irish coast, north of Dublin.

"My heart pounded and my voice trembled slightly when I left a message on his answering machine, saying who I was and where I had found the bottle," Galloway wrote in Sunday's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

Cotter was out shopping when he called home on his mobile phone.

"When my wife told me there was this message on my house phone, I was very excited. I couldn't believe it," he said later. "I didn't expect anyone to find the bottle. I was absolutely thrilled and delighted."

Cotter, 58, directs a car-importing company, and his wife, Valerie, 48, works part time as a restaurant accountant.

The decision to toss the bottle into the sea was carefully planned, Cotter said.

Cotter said his grandfather, William, was a telegraph operator on the RMS Virginian, one of the ships that attempted to rescue passengers from the Titanic.

"He got the absolutely last signal from the Titanic," said Cotter, a British citizen born in Brazil.

The last signal was a spark, "like they were testing the equipment when the ship was going down," he said.

"The whole family knew he had received an SOS signal from the Titanic, and when I started doing research on it, I realized about 10 ships had received signals, including his," Cotter said. "But he actually got the last signal. No one else did."

Cotter is trying to go

around the world by sea in stages, taking a three- or four-week vacation each year to cruise to a different place. He has dropped bottles off other ships, but none had the sentimental value of the one that Galloway found, which he launched in honor of his grandfather.

"One is in the Pacific and one is in the Indian Ocean," he said. "I wonder how they are getting on."

He said he was amazed that the bottle ended up on the Texas Gulf Coast.

"I always thought the Gulf Stream drift went the other way," he said. "I thought it would wind up in Europe somewhere."

Cotter sent Galloway a videotape of his trip on the QE2 and the actual flinging of the bottle overboard, along with a photo of himself and his wife, smiling as they boarded the ship.

LAY REUNION

The Grandchildren of Della Lay held their 7th family reunion called Grannies Kids

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Reunion participants enjoyed kite flying, swimming, horse shoe pitching and picking and grinning.

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Please, Please, Please? Nagging has become the norm for many youth

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alex Negelein admits that when there's something he really, really wants, he's willing to ask his dad for it "150 times."

The 9-year-old's pestering may be on the extreme side, but he's hardly alone. A new survey has found that, even when their parents say "no," nearly six of 10 young people keep nagging — an average of nine times.

The survey, released Monday, also found that 10 percent of 12- and 13-year-olds said they ask their parents more than 50 times for products they've seen advertised.

Officials at the Center for a New American Dream, who commissioned the survey, call it the "nag factor." They say it shows that kids — while annoying their parents — are feeling pressure from peers to buy the latest products.

"They are being made to feel that if they don't have the right low-cut designer jeans, the right video game or the right designer watch, they aren't going to have a

friend — that they're going to be rejected by other kids," says Betsy Taylor, executive director of the Takoma Park, Md.-based center, which promotes responsible consumption of resources and goods.

Of those polled, about a third said they feel pressure to buy certain products, and more than half said that buying those products makes them feel better about themselves.

When it comes to nagging, 55 percent said they can usually get their parents to give in.

The poll, which has a margin of error of 3.5 percentage points, included the answers of 750 American youth, ages 12 to 17, who were contacted by phone last month. But experts say nagging is a habit learned much earlier.

Marian Salzman, chief strategic officer for the ad agency Euro RSCG, says about 60 percent of the young people the agency has interviewed for research said they knew how to manipulate their parents on "small things"

before they started first grade.

And, increasingly, even the youngest children have spending power — an estimated \$52 billion for ages 4 to 12 by 2006, compared with a projected \$40 billion this year and \$17.1 billion in 1994.

All of that has made nagging an "art form," says Salzman, who believes parents have only encouraged it by giving kids much more say in family decisions.

"Kids sit at the center of today's households," Salzman says.

Alex's dad, Chris Negelein, has instituted a rule: "Ask once, and only once." He says, with the help of counseling, Alex is learning to follow it.

And if he doesn't, he knows what happens.

"We have to leave the toy section," Alex says with a sigh.

As a reward for good behavior, Negelein takes his son to a Pokemon tournament near their home in Pompano Beach, Fla., on Saturdays. That way, Alex can actually play with the

cards he has from the Japanese game, rather than just collect them and continually ask for more.

"You try to set the ground rules to teach your kids that materialism is a means to an end, but it's not a means to life," says Negelein, who is divorced and took custody of Alex a year ago to try to rein in his behavior.

But he admits it's sometimes difficult not to weaken, especially with the waves of licensed products that accompany every blockbuster movie.

In the long run, Taylor says she hopes the Center for a New American Dream can help persuade Congress to pass laws further limiting advertising to young people. But ultimately, she says, it's a parent's responsibility to set better limits and stick to them.

Marvin Berkowitz, a developmental psychologist at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and an expert in character education, agrees.

He says giving in to a child who "asks and asks and asks" only rewards the

behavior. "The child essentially learns to be a nagger," he says.

Melissa Cooney, a 15-year-old from Indianapolis, believes that's true.

"If we are spoiled," she says, "it's kind of the parents' fault, too, for giving in to us."

But she says sometimes teens just want to be heard — and to have more control over their lives. That's why she bugged her parents until they agreed to let her visit her older sister in Florida this summer.

"They got sick of me asking," says Cooney, who saved money from her birthday and baby-sitting for the trip. "And I proved that I could get the money to do it."

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Big Spring Softball Camp set for July

The 2002 Big All-Skills Softball will be held from 24-26 at the Big Spring High School Complex.

The camp, which is divided into grade levels from 7-8 to 14, is an all-skill mental camp with the basic fundamentals of catching, fielding and pitching.

Campers in grades 7-8 will workout from 9-11 a.m. and three-day event, and eighth graders go from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The cost for the camp is \$50 per player which includes a t-shirt. It is due on the first day of camp.

Campers should be dressed in short-sleeved shirt, tennis shoes and bring a glove.

For more information contact Big Spring softball coach David D. at 267-1714 or 26

Local seniors for all-star game

The promote 2002 All Amera softball game are to add a few Central area athletes to the team.

Any high school seniors that graduate in May from Big Spring or Westbrook should like to participate. Contact Tommy (915) 816-3663.

The All Amera is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, in Gordon, Texas.

CTGC to host of the Rest'

Comanche I Course will host "The Best of Golf" Tournament 22-23.

Entry fee is \$100 per person, exclusive of a cart. Prizes, cash and trophies.

The tournament is a 72-hole stroke play except for the onship flight. Flight will be a man low ball format. The tournament will also offer a prize for a hole in one.

For more information contact the Comanche Golf Course at 267-1714.

Ragball tour for R.A. Cooney

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

The cost for registration is \$10 with a minimum of 10 players per square.

Registration for the tournament will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on June 21 at the Cooneyplex. Registration can also be done at BSUGSA, P.O. Box 1000, Big Spring, Texas.

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

Ragball tournament set for July

Booths are available for the 10th Ragball Tournament sponsored by Coahoma University Softball Association.

For more information about reservations for the event contact Martin at 267-1714 or Candy Parri at 4034, or Nea at 839-4443.

IN BRIEF

Big Spring Softball Camp set for June 24

The 2002 Big Spring All-Skills Softball Camp will be held from June 24-26 at the Big Spring High School Softball Complex.

The camp, which is divided into groups for players in grades 3-6 and 7-8, is an all-skills fundamental camp dealing with the basics in hitting, fielding and pitching.

Campers in grades 3-6 will workout from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. during the three-day event. Seventh and Eighth graders will go from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. daily.

The cost for the camp is \$50 per player. The fee, which includes a camp T-shirt, is due on the first day of camp.

Campers should come dressed in shorts, a t-shirt, tennis shoes, socks and bring a glove.

For more information, contact Big Spring head softball coach Dan Arista at 267-1714 or 264-3662.

Local seniors sought for all-star game

The promoters of the 2002 All Americas basketball game are looking to add a few Crossroads area athletes to the roster. Any high school seniors that graduated in May from Big Spring, Klondike Sands, Grady or Westbrook that would like to participate should contact Tommy Wells at (915) 816-3663.

The All Americas game is scheduled to be played Saturday, July 27, in Gordon, Texas.

CTGC to host 'Best of the Rest' June 22

Comanche Trail Golf Course will be hosting "The Best of the Rest" Golf Tournament on July 22-23.

Entry fee is set at \$80 per person, excluding the cost of a cart. Food will be furnished, as will prizes, cash and gift certificates.

The tournament will be flighted by handicap, except for the championship flight. The final flight will be ran as a 2-man low ball "declare" format. The tournament will also offer a \$15,000 prize for a hole-in-one on No. 4.

For more details contact the Comanche Trail Golf Course at 264-2366.

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.

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 is set 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 event call Laura Martin at 267-8660, or Candy Parrish at 394-4034, or Neasa Iden at 899-4443.

Stovall named new Bulldogette hoops coach

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Coahoma Independent School District found a new keeper for "The Pound" Monday night.

And new hope for a state playoff berth.

School board officials hired former Floydada High School head boys basketball coach Ty Stovall to take the reins of the Bulldogette bas-

ketball program this coming year. Stovall replaces former Coahoma head coach Terry Hopkins, who resigned at the end of last year to take a position with the Big Spring Independent School District. "We're very excited about having him come here," said Coahoma Superintendent Bill Kingston. "He seems to be a very fine young man who has a lot of

good experience. We feel like he is the person who can come in here and take our girls program to new heights."

A 9-year veteran of the Texas coaching ranks, Stovall inherits a young Coahoma squad that made a strong push for the Class 2A playoffs a year ago. The Bulldogettes missed a post-season berth by just a single game.

Turning programs around has been a trademark of the Texas Tech University graduate. Last year, he helped Floydada — his alma mater — snap a three-year district losing streak and earn a spot in the state high school boys playoffs for the first time in years.

"He did an excellent job last year at Floydada. We think he's the one who can help get our program where

we would like it to be," said Kingston.

Stovall and his wife, Debra, who also was hired at the Monday night meeting to serve as an elementary counselor, are the parents of two children.

The Coahoma board also filled one additional position at their June regular meeting, naming Linda Best as the school's new business teacher.



Courtesy photo

Big Spring's Rachel Gee, shown above in a recent photo, and Neal Read turned in good outings at the NTJPGA Wescott Tournament Monday at the Big Spring Country Club. Gee was second in the women's 16-16 group. Read won the men's 16-18 division.

Read takes 1-stroke victory at Westcott; Gee finishes second

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The beat goes on for Big Spring's Rachel Gee.

Gee fired an 81 Monday morning and nailed down her fifth impressive outing this summer by taking second in the North Texas Junior Professional Golf Association's Wescott Tournament held on the Big Spring County Club course. She missed her fifth win of the year by just a single stroke.

"Overall, the tournament went real well," said BSCC pro Larry Bryan. "There was really strong competition, especially in the 16-18 age group."

Jennie Canon of Pecos won the girls' 15-18 division, shooting an a final score of 80. Kerri Self was third overall with an 81.

With her effort at the Wescott Tournament, Gee — who will be entering her sophomore year at Big Spring High School this fall — has posted four victories, two second-place finishes and one fifth mark in her first seven meets.

Shelly Martinez, also of Pecos, won the girls' 12-14 division with a score of 95, while Brooke

Bailey captured top honors in the 10-11 bracket.

Big Spring's other golfing phenom, Nick Read held off a strong push from Odessa's Johnny Kidd to win the Big Spring 16-18-year-old NTJPGA title. Read hammered out a final score of 72 and edged out Kidd by one.

Tyler Riley was third overall in the group, finishing with a 76.

Chad Carroll of Abilene claimed a 3-stroke victory in the 14-15 division. He shot a 79 and beat out Ryan Dagenhart by four swings. Craig Fever was third with an 85.

Tyler Sheppard and Blaine Nevans earned the 12-13 and 10-11 championships, respectively. Sheppard edged out Evan Sauer by a single stroke for the win.

Nevans beat back a strong challenge from Chase Newkumet to win the 10-11 title. He carded a final score of 40. Newkumet finished at 41.

Robert Lee's Logan Phillely earned the Co-Ed Division honors. He pushed in a score of 34. Trey Bearden was second with a 37, while Robbie Rinehart took third at 48.

Smith's triple helps Dream Team sweep both ends of BSUS twinbill

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Paige Smith belted a triple and then stole home in the bottom of the fifth inning Friday night and helped the Dream Team sweep both ends of a doubleheader in Big Spring United Girls Softball Division II action. Smith's run broke open a tight game and gave the Dream Team a thrilling 7-6 win over the American Girls.

The Dream Team offense was hitting on all cylinders against the American Girls. They had seven hits in the contest and a total of 13 baserunners.

Esther Tobar started the game in the circle for the Dream Team. She pitched into the third inning before being relieved by Smith.

Offensively, Tobar and Smith taxed the

American Girls, combining for four hits. Alex Ortega, Kara Fraley and Emily Hicks also reached base twice in the matchup.

The Dream Team didn't need any last-minute comeback in the opener of the twinbill. Ortega, Tobar, Smith and Chelsea Chavarria all cranked out three hits and keyed a 15-6 victory over the Slammers.

Ortega provided the bulk of the Dream Team's punch, driving in three runs.

Casey Fraley, Shaina Dunnam and Briana Rodriguez also reached base in the victory. In all, the Dream Team had 18 batters reach base in the twinbill opener.

Smith and Tobar each pitched two innings in the contest against the Slammers. The game was halted after the fourth inning.

Mexico fans riot on international bridge

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Thirteen people were taken into custody after about 200 angry Juarez soccer fans vandalized cars on an international bridge after Mexico's World Cup loss to the United States.

A few people suffered minor injuries caused by flying glass, said U.S. Customs Service spokesman Roger Maier.

Six of the people detained were juveniles, and police are still trying to determine the amount of damage, Juarez police spokesman Ramon Chaparro said.

On the Bridge of the Americas, which connects El Paso and Juarez, angry fans broke windows and dented vehicles just after 3 a.m. Monday as

people waited to cross into the United States.

The U.S. beat Mexico 2-0 Monday in South Korea, knocking Mexico out of the World Cup. Chaparro said angry fans also pelted a Juarez city patrol car with rocks then stomped on the vehicle.

Angry fans attacked cars with Texas and New Mexico license plates as well as others.

"I can't believe this," said Genaro Davila, whose windshield and two side windows were shattered. "These are my own people, here. I was going for Mexico, too."

About 20 El Paso police also responded and escorted several people back to the United States who had suffered cuts.

Bufs', Ettes' stars to lead West at '02 All Americas

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Forsan's Zack Johnson and Candace Gamble and Coahoma's tandem of Crystal Atkinson and Lauren Nichols probably know little about Gordon, Texas, or the 7-year history of the All Americas Bowl. Odds are, the residents of the small community west of Mineral Wells and the international all-star series they will participate in will know plenty about them soon.

Johnson, Gamble and the Bulldogettes' Atkinson and Nichols became the first Crossroads area standouts added to the West roster of the inaugural All Americas basketball game, set for July 27 in the Gordon High School gym. The boys' and girls' all-star games will be played prior to the 2002 All Americas Bowl, an international six-man all-star game featuring players from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, the Canadian province of Saskatchewan, Australia and Norway.

"We're happy to have them on the West roster," said All Americas director Joe Nash. "They're all quality athletes that deserve a chance to showcase their talents. We think they will contribute greatly to their teams."

Johnson, a 6-foot-2 standout for the Buffaloes last fall, will give the West a bonafide sharpshooter. The University of Texas-Permian Basin signee averaged more than 20 points a game last year en route to helping Forsan finish at 17-11.

The West squad will compete against a team of Fort Worth-area standouts from programs such as Mineral Wells, Lipan, Brock, Gordon, Strawn and Stephenville.

Gamble, Atkinson, a 5-7 guard, and Nichols, a 5-7 wing, will join a West roster that also includes Whitharral's Jamie Hoskins, a strong post player that helped the Lady Panthers post a 25-3 record last season.

The West squad will be coached by Whitharral head coach Mickey Baker. Under Baker, the Lady Panthers posted a 25-3 mark last year and climbed as high as No. 2 in the Class A rankings.

Nash said the game was still seeking a few players from the area, including from Big Spring, Klondike Sands, Grady or Westbrook. For more info about the All Americas games, call (915) 816-3663.



Johnson



Gamble



Atkinson



Nichols

Coahoma Little League announces all-star roster

Donnie Garcia and Casey Kilpatrick helped land the Coahoma Reds in the Big Spring City Championship game this past season. On Tuesday, the Reds' standouts landed on the 2002 Coahoma Little League all-star squad.

Garcia and Kilpatrick were two of 25 players named to the league's 9-10 year-old and 11-12 year-old all-star teams.

Garcia and Kilpatrick, along with teammate Rusty Hart, were key to the Reds' bid for the Big Spring Major League title. The three joined nine other Coahoma players on the 11-12 year-old team, which will be coached by Marty Brooks. Wes Hart will serve as the team's assistant.

Adrian Amaro highlights the 12-man roster chosen in the 9-10 group. Shawn Hill will serve as the team's coach. He will be assisted by Philip Ringener and Raul Castillo.

Coahoma Little League All-Stars
See complete list on Page 2B

SPORTS EXTRA

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes East Division, Central Division, and West Division.

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Table with columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes East Division, Central Division, and West Division.

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Bustamante helps Cobras extend win streak to four

By TOMMY WELLS

Roxanne Bustamante struck out three of the 16 batters she faced last week and helped lead the Cobras to a 9-7 win over the Lady Bugs in Big Spring Units Softball Division I action.

With the win, the Cobras earned their fourth straight win and improved their season record to 7-4.

The Cobras, sparked by a pair of run-scoring singles from Lani Robles, broke open a tight affair with a big second inning.

Emily Hicks, who turned in a spectacular effort in the Cobras' previous outing,

and Stevie Wilson also collected RBIs in the game.

En route to helping the Cobras notch their third straight win, Hicks dominated the Rookies. She fanned 13 of the 19 players she faced in the 1-0 win.

The 13-strikeout performance against the Rookies gave Hicks 20 in her last two outings (she fanned seven in a 9-6 win over the Wild Thangz a week earlier).

Rookies' ace Amanda Longoria also starred in the contest. She struck out nine and allowed just one run in three innings of work.

The Cobras, who had lost four of their first eight

On a roll ...

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games prior to beating the Wild Thangz, claimed win No. 2 in their recent streak by taking an 11-6 win from the Stingers.

Stars acquire Tugnutt from Blue Jackets

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The Columbus Blue Jackets traded goalie Ron Tugnutt to the Dallas Stars on Tuesday for the 20th pick in this weekend's draft.

The Stars have been looking for a goalie since late May when general manager Doug Armstrong said veteran Ed Belfour wouldn't be re-signed.

Belfour will become an unrestricted free agent on July 1. Tugnutt signed a four-year, \$10 million contract with the Blue Jackets before the 2000-01 season.

Tugnutt, 34, went 12-27-3 last season with a 2.85 goals-against average. He was 22-25-5 in 2000-01, getting the most wins ever by a goalie on an expansion team.

Dallas also acquired Columbus' second-round pick, the 32nd overall choice.

He is 168-222-57 in 14 NHL seasons.

ALL-STARS

Coahoma Little League All-Star Selection 9-10 Division Chance Hart, Jared Ringner, Adrian Amaro...

11-12 Division Donnie Garcia, Rusty Hart, Karley Green, Casey Kipatrick...

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All five big confederations arrive at Cup quarterfinals

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — For the first time, the World Cup will have a quarterfinal round worthy of the tournament's name.

All five major soccer confederations will be represented in the final eight — including the United States from CONCACAF and co-host South Korea from Asia — following eight scintillating second-round matches.

"There is no longer an established world in soccer," said U.S. coach Bruce Arena, whose team plays Germany on Friday. "It is truly a global game now. At the end of the day, the Brazils and Germans and Englands and Italys will be there, but the gap is closing."

He was right about three of those soccer giants. But Italy was dispatched by an overtime goal off the head of South Korean midfielder Ahn Jung-hwan in a 2-1 victory that sent millions of Koreans into the streets in celebration.

"We made it to the last eight because of the big support from the fans," defender Kim Tae-young said. "We will catch Spain in the quarterfinals (Saturday). Please trust us."

The other upcoming games have Brazil against England on Friday and Senegal against Turkey on Saturday. The Turks knocked out the other co-host, beating Japan 1-0 on Tuesday.

Will the litany of upsets continue? The most recent last-place finishers, the Americans, are still alive, while the defending champion French are long gone. A newcomer and a team making its first appearance in five decades have survived.

North America will be represented by the United States, whose 2-0 victory

over Mexico made many American fans forget the 0-3 debacle of 1998 and the complete absence from the World Cup between 1950 and 1990.

"It's like it's not happening," said midfielder Landon Donovan, who scored the second goal against Mexico. "It's like a dream."

The dream continued for South Korea — barely. Trailing 1-0 at Daejeon, Seol Ki-Hyeon scored just two minutes from the end of regulation. Then, three minutes before a penalty-kick shootout, Ahn Jung-hwan eliminated the three-time champions with his header.

"We are going on and we are enjoying it very much," said Guus Hiddink, South Korea's Dutch coach.

South Korea became the first Asian team in the quarterfinals since North Korea in 1966 — when the North Koreans shocked the Italians to reach the final eight.

The African confederation is represented by fearless Senegal, which set the tone for a World Cup full of upsets when it defeated France in the Dakar Lions' first-ever tournament game.

The Senegalese dispatched Sweden with a golden goal from Henri Camara off a back-heeled pass from Pape Thiaw. Camara sank the same Swedes who in the first round eliminated Argentina, seemingly everyone's pretournament favorite to win.

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Official says Congress should regulate Andro usage in sports

WASHINGTON (AP) — A major league baseball official urged Congress on Tuesday to regulate substances such as androstenedione, the over-the-counter supplement Mark McGwire used the year he broke the single-season home run mark.

Rob Manfred, baseball's executive vice president for labor relations, made the suggestion at a Senate hearing examining the use of steroids in baseball.

Donald M. Fehr, executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association, agreed it might be time for Congress to look again at andro, which, like illegal steroids, helps the body create testosterone.

While the players association and baseball seemed close to agreeing on andro, they diverged sharply on whether players should be tested for steroids.

Baseball is under scrutiny after former National League MVP Ken Caminiti admitted using steroids and estimated that half of the sport's players do as well. Former American League MVP Jose Canseco said up to 85 percent took steroids. Both players declined invitations to testify Tuesday.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said it was too soon to say whether Congress would follow up with legislation.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., noted that sales of andro skyrocketed after the revelation that McGwire was using the substance. The retired Cardinals' slugger stopped taking the drug the following season, saying he was worried that kids would follow his lead.

"Like it or not, professional athletes serve as role models," McCain said.



File photo
Coahoma's Casey Kilpatrick stretches for a ball during recent Coahoma Little League action. Kilpatrick was one of more than two dozen Coahoma players named to the 2002 all-star rosters. For a complete list, see Page 2B.

Down and Dirty Tournament to start June 28 in Stanton

The Down and Dirty Softball Tournament is scheduled to take place June 28-30 at Tommy Walker Field in Stanton.

The top three teams in the event will receive awards. The top three individuals will be awarded t-shirts. In addition, an MVP and Gold Glove will be named as will a 10-players all-tournament squad.

The tournament will be played under USSSA rules using 47 core softballs. A three home run rule will be in effect.

The entry fee for the event is set at \$115 per team. Deadline to enter is 7 p.m. June 27.

For more information, call Michael Paul Martinez at 756-2603 or Raul Ochoa at 889-6994.

Mariners still doing fine without Junior

It was a classic Ken Griffey Jr. play. He ran full-tilt into an outfield wall, bounced off and popped to his feet, hatless, with the ball in his glove.

Griffey, making his first start in 10 games, turned his spectacular play in the sixth inning Tuesday night and the Seattle Mariners won.

Just like old times.

The Mariners are still doing just fine without Griffey, whom they traded to Cincinnati in 2000. In their first game against their ex-superstar, they rolled to an 8-1 victory that knocked the Reds out of first place for the first time in 52 days.

It was also the first time that Bob Boone managed a game in which both his sons played. And it was the first time Lou Piniella returned to manage in Cincinnati, where he led the Reds to the World Series title in 1990.

Hours before the game, it was not clear if Griffey would play because of a strained hamstring. But he started and got his 2,000th hit in his first at-bat.

In other games, it was: Florida 4, Cleveland 0; Minnesota 6, New York Mets 1; Montreal 5, Kansas City 4; Detroit 6, Atlanta 0; Oakland 4, Pittsburgh 2; Yankees 10, Colorado 5; Toronto 2, L.A. 1; Chicago White Sox 6, Philadelphia 3; Boston 4, San Diego 2; Arizona 6, Baltimore 3; Chicago Cubs 4, Texas 3; and St. Louis 7, Anaheim 2. In the National League, it was Brewers 7, Astros 1.

Marlins 4, Indians 0
Luis Castillo went 3-for-4 to extend his hitting streak

Cubs take 4-3 win over Rangers

CHICAGO (AP) — The shortstop showing power was A-Gon, not A-Rod.

Leading off the bottom of the ninth, Cubs shortstop Alex Gonzalez drove a 2-0 pitch from John Rocker (1-3) to left-center to give the Cubs a 4-3 victory over the Texas Rangers after they blew a late 3-1 lead.

The game was historic for baseball fans. It was the first major league game featuring four players with 400 career homers: Rafael Palmeiro (460) and Juan Gonzalez (401) for the Rangers, and

Sammy Sosa (475) and Fred McGriff (459) for the Cubs.

Texas' loss marked the second straight game Roker had given up the game-winning hit in the bottom of the ninth.

Jason Bere, trying to pick up his first win since April 12, allowed just one hit in the first seven innings.

Rangers' first baseman Rafael Palmeiro, in his first appearance at Wrigley Field since the Cubs traded him in 1988, hit his 460th in the second.

Sheets, Brewers bottle Astros

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ben Sheets threw a seven-hitter and knocked in two runs in Milwaukee's 7-1 victory over Houston. Sheets (4-7), whose start was pushed back one day

after a four-inning, 99-pitch performance at Oakland last week, walked three and struck out seven in his first complete game since May 29, 2001, at St. Louis.

to 32 games, longest in the major leagues in 15 years, and Florida beat Cleveland in their first meeting since the 1997 World Series.

Castillo's streak is the longest since Benito Santiago hit in 34 straight in 1987.

Twins 6, Mets 1

Johan Santana pitched three-hit ball for six innings — the longest outing of his career — and Torii Hunter homered for Minnesota at Shea Stadium.

Dustan Mohr and A.J. Pierzynski also went deep for the Twins, who hold a five-game lead in the AL Central.

Expos 5, Royals 4

Wil Cordero's pinch-hit RBI single with two outs in the seventh capped a decisive three-run rally for Montreal at home.

The Expos won their fifth straight.

Tigers 6, Braves 0

Jeff Weaver pitched a five-hitter for Detroit at Turner Field. He improved his interleague record to 8-1 by shutting down a team that had won 13 of its past 16. Weaver retired 17 of the last 18 hitters he faced. He struck out seven.

Detroit's Robert Fick went 0-for-2 to end his 18-game hitting streak.

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


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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) **** Work with each person individually. Others cannot help but feel pleased by all your attention. Listen well to another's sharing. Your vision of what needs to happen transforms as a result of the talk. Don't hold your feelings back. Tonight: Make nice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** You might not have certain matters as under control as you think you do. Another could launch into a wild diatribe

or do something far-out. Just enjoy the moment, giving up any uptightness. Tonight: Where the folks are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Others listen when you speak. You like that kind of responsiveness. Investigate other possibilities involving your work, especially if you don't feel as if your potential is being fulfilled. Fast changes seem more than possible. Tonight: Take a hard look in the mirror. Is it time for exercise?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** You're able to settle someone down, especially if he or she feels a bit uptight. Very carefully consider your options surrounding a child or loved one. Funds might be involved here. How you let another know that he or she is cared about is up to you. Tonight: Start kicking back and enjoying yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Your opinions count. Others seek you out. In some way, you might feel like everyone's counselor or adviser. Take time for yourself, even if it means going home for lunch or closing your door. Remember, you won't be good for anyone if you're not OK. Tonight: Let the phone go to the answering machine.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Speak your mind in a fashion that others can understand. You might

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want to keep a grievance to yourself, just for now. Work with a boss or older relative as if he or she is the most important person in your world. Later, in a few days or weeks, express a personal issue. Tonight: Pick up the phone and make weekend plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Be a quick study. Become a money wizard before you get into trouble. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Review a matter that involves a child or loved one. A friend gives an unusually caring perspective. Think through a decision. Tonight: Happy as a clam.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Seize the moment and help family members get past resistances. Consider options that surround a wonderfully special offer. This situation could involve work. Carefully check out this option. Tonight: Beam in whatever makes you happy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Take your time. Someone makes a request that you don't really need to think about; just do it. Someone else might tempt you with quite an offer. Remember, there is nothing wrong with sharing deeper feelings. Others respond to your openness. Tonight: Catch up on e-mail.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Don't make

anything more formal or difficult than need be. A meeting could be more meaningful than you considered. Use your imagination when choosing a gift for a partner or a new friend. You don't need to spend a lot to delight this person. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Your imagination takes you to another level. Others seek you out because of your strong imagination and your other creative qualities. You can be sure about another's affection or attraction. Just look at how he or she behaves around you! Tonight: Work as late as you need to.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** News puts a smile on your face. Recognize how deeply someone feels about you, be it because of the quality of your work or your positive attitude. Touch base with different friends in the afternoon. Do research, and you'll get important information. Tonight: Think vacation.

BORN TODAY

Musician Lionel Richie (1949), actress Nicole Kidman (1967), musician Anne Murray (1945)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www.jacquelinebigar.com

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Widow suspects beau still interested in ex-girlfriend

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 60-year-old widow and have been seeing "John" for two years. He also is 60 years old and has been divorced for over 30 years. John is kind, gentle, generous and loving. We both agreed not to date other people.



ANN LANDERS

The problem is, John has a lot of ex-girlfriends. I have met a few, and most don't bother me. The last girlfriend, however, is a nuisance. "Lucy" is 15 years younger than John and dated him for a long time. I suspect Lucy still loves him, but she insists they are just friends. She lives two doors away from John and often stops by his house to borrow things or to ask him to drive her somewhere. John is a good person and doesn't want to refuse her.

Here's the real problem: John often goes to the VFW hall and socializes without me. Unfortunately, Lucy goes there, too. I have asked John to bring me along, but he says it hurts Lucy's feelings to see us together. What about MY feelings? Am I wrong to be jealous? — Jennie in Maryland

Dear Jennie: Are you sure John is no longer interested in Lucy? It is mighty suspicious that he meets her at the VFW and refuses to let you come along.

As long as Lucy believes there is hope, she will be "hurt" to see him with you. She will not get over John until she admits he has moved on. Tell John to bring you next time so Lucy can see that your relationship is rock solid. Insist on it.

Dear Ann Landers: Two months ago, my young son was riding his bike and fell off. A neighbor caught him, which was fortunate, but the bike rolled forward and hit the back end of the neighbor's car. There was a dent and several scratches.

The car is fairly new, and my neighbor politely asked me to pay to repair the damages. Of course, I agreed to do so immediately. He went to several body shops and gave me the estimates. He told me he wanted to fix the car the next day and asked if I could pay him in cash to expedite the process. I went to my bank, withdrew the money and

gave it to him. It has been weeks, and this man has not yet taken the car to be fixed. Every time I see him, he says, "I'm taking it in next week." I handed him several hundred dollars in good faith, and now I feel he has taken advantage of me. Is there something I should do? — Out of Pocket in New York

Dear New York: The man obviously did not want to report the accident to his insurance company. Nonetheless, you owed him for the damages. He is, however, under no obligation to use the money to repair the car. The real problem is, you handed him cash, and there is no record of your payment.

Write up a statement explaining the damages, what the estimates were, how much you paid him, the date you gave him the money and an agreement that you owe him nothing more. Ask him to sign it in the presence of a notary. Give him a copy, and keep one in your files. This should set your mind at ease.

Dear Ann Landers: I recently received a note from the wife of an acquaintance. She said it was her husband's 50th birthday and she was giving a small party for his closest friends. She said I am not invited to the party, but she would like me to send a message wishing him a happy birthday so he can read it at the gathering. Is this normal procedure? It sounds rude to me. What do you think? — California Girl

Dear California: It is impolite to make people aware of a party to which they have not been invited. However, since the man is merely an acquaintance and not a close friend, I see no harm in wishing him well on his birthday.

Dear Ann Landers: My father is the best person I know. He has helped countless family members and never expects to be repaid. He took in my mother's sister so she could finish high school and walked her down the aisle at her wedding because her father refused.

The most amazing thing this man did, however, was treat me as his own child. My mother had an affair with my father's best friend, and I am the result. We never discussed it, but Dad knows I am not his biological daughter. He has

loved me without reservation, and he is the only father I know.

When I had appendicitis, he rushed me to the hospital and sat with me for hours while the doctors ran tests. He refused to leave my side. For the three weeks I was in the hospital, he drove an hour each way to see me, after working all day at his job. I always knew he had arrived by the jingle of change in his pockets.

When I got married, I asked Dad if he would give me away. He said, "Are you sure you want me to?" I replied, "Of course I want you to. You are my dad." His eyes welled up with tears. I hope my father realizes I could not love him more than I do now. He is the best father I could hope for. — Daddy's Girl in Hartford, Conn.

Dear Daddy's Girl: Your father sounds like a real gem. Please wish him a "Happy Father's Day" from me. Read on for another tribute.

Dear Ann: Please print this so I can give it to my father.

Dear Dad: There are so many things you have taught me. Every time my brothers were not around, I was recruited to "fetch this," "hold this," "climb up here" and "hand me that." Every time I held the window while you nailed it into place, every time I stepped on the gas pedal so you could balance the tires, every time I climbed on the roof and handed you a tool, I learned something valuable.

Every morning, I woke up to your whistle, telling me to get ready for school. You made me wash my face, brush my teeth and comb my hair. When you did your final inspection, I learned to show up clean and on time.

You taught me how to drive and cook "gourmet" mashed potatoes. You showed me how to dance, paint and appreciate good music. But most of all, you taught me that even though I was a girl, I could do anything I wanted to do. This meant the world to me. Through good times and bad, you have been the leader of the band. I love you. — Your Daughter, C.K.

Dear Ann Landers: My boss and his wife like to socialize with his employees. Yesterday, he suggested my husband and I meet the two of them for dinner at an upscale restaurant.

Ann, I don't want to socialize with my boss. My job is stressful, and I look forward to going home and relaxing. My boss is OK professionally, but I can only take him in small doses. If I had to see him evenings and weekends as well, I would lose my mind.

Several of my co-workers feel obligated to see the boss socially, but I don't agree. I don't want to hurt the man's feelings or put my job in jeopardy. Can you suggest a tactful way to deal with this problem? — New York Employee

Dear New York: It sounds as if your boss is trying to create a more friendly environment for his employees. Either grin and bear it for the sake of your job, or be upfront. Tell him you enjoy working for him, but you prefer to maintain a professional stance at the office and would like to keep your personal time separate.

Dear Ann Landers: I had to write when I saw the letter from "Out of Gas in Grand Rapids, Mich." He said his wife did not know how to drive and refused to leave the house early enough for him to get to work on time.

Five years ago, my husband could have written that letter. He finally got fed up being my personal chauffeur and handed me a bus schedule. It was the best thing he could have done. At first I was angry, but when I realized how selfish I was, I changed my attitude. After three years, I finally got my driver's license.

"Out of Gas" should understand that he is enabling his wife to take advantage of him. Until he puts his foot down, she will continue to do it. — Elmira, N.Y.

Dear Elmira: Thanks for backing me up. And congratulations on taking responsibility for your own transportation. Drive safely.

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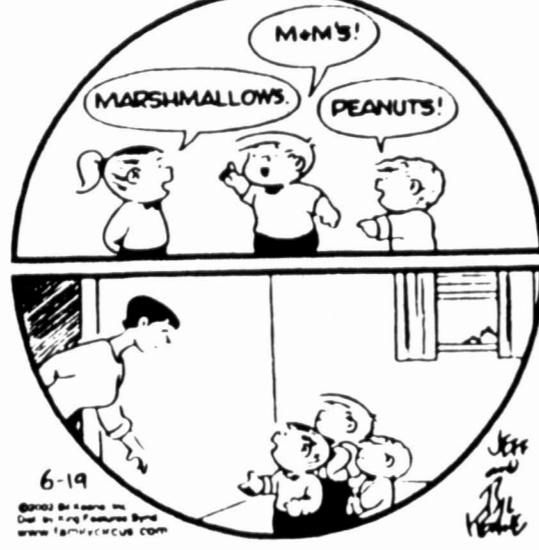
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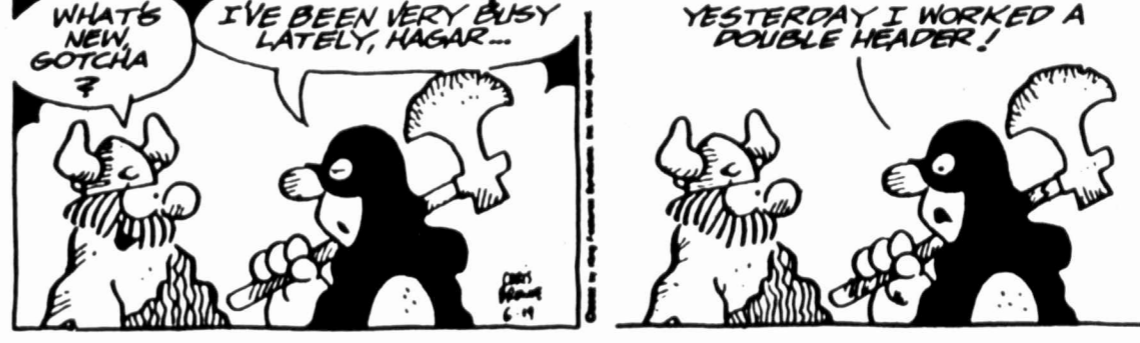
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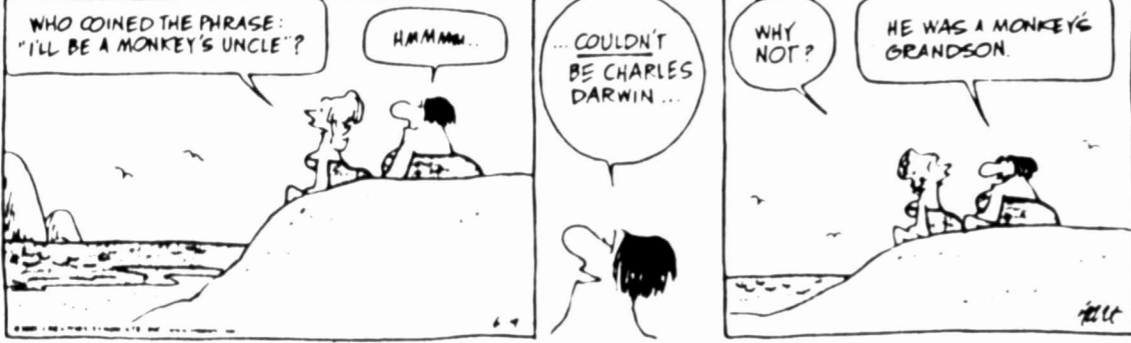
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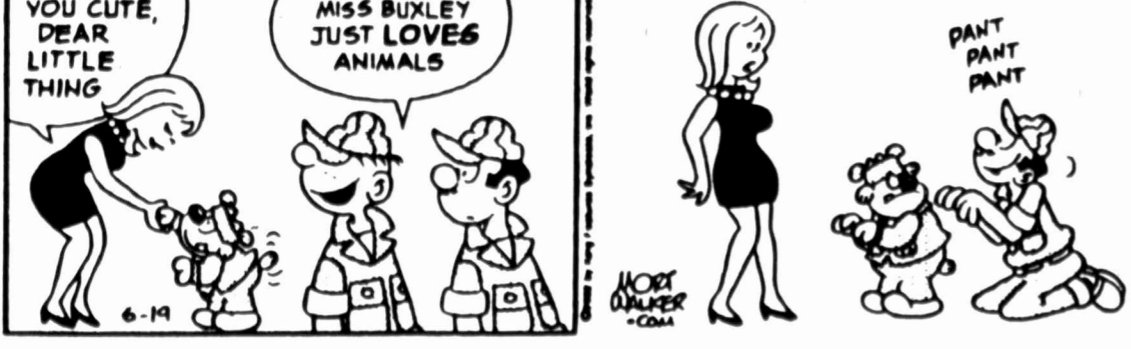
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Wednesday, June 19, the 170th day of 2002. There are 195 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 19, 1953, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, N.Y.

On this date: In 1586, English colonists sailed from Roanoke Island, N.C., after failing to establish England's first permanent settlement in America.

In 1862, slavery was outlawed in U.S. territories.

In 1910, Father's Day was celebrated for the first time, in Spokane, Wash.

In 1917, during World War I, King George V ordered the British royal family to a dispense with German titles and surnames. The family took the name "Windsor."

In 1934, the Federal Communications Commission was created.

In 1952, 50 years ago, the celebrity-panel game show "I've Got A Secret" made its debut on CBS-TV with Garry Moore as host.

In 1963, Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova returned to Earth after spending nearly three days as the first woman in space.

In 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved after surviving an 83-day Senate filibuster.

In 1977, Pope Paul VI proclaimed a 19th century Philadelphia bishop, John Neumann, the first male U.S. saint.

In 1982, in a case that galvanized the Asian-American community, Vincent Chin, a Chinese-American, was beaten to death outside a nightclub in Highland Park, Mich., by auto worker Ronald Ebens.

Ten years ago: Results in Ireland showed voters overwhelmingly approving the Maastricht Treaty on a European union. Russian President Boris Yeltsin addressed the Canadian

Parliament, saying his country had abandoned totalitarianism for democracy.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Gena Rowlands is 66. Singer Al Wilson is 63. Singer Spanky MacFarlane (Spanky and Our Gang) is 60. Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi is 57. Actress Phylcia Rashad is 54. Rock singer Ann Wilson (Heart) is 52. Musician Larry Dunn is 49. Actress Kathleen Turner is 48. Country singer Doug Stone is 46. Singer Mark DeBarge is 43. Singer-dancer Paula Abdul is 40. Rock singer-musician Brian Vander Ark (Verve Pipe) is 38. Actor Andy Lau is 37.

Answer to previous puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in.

Newsday Crossword

BY DEGREES by Daniel R. Stark Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS: 1 Fairy-tale opener, 5 Gambol, 9 Metamorphic rock, 14 Mountain top, 15 Downwind, for a ship, 16 British nobles, 17 Stanley Gardner, 18 Prong, 19 Lombardi of the gridiron, 20 Snub, 23 Drakes and bucks, 24 Marked down, 28 Tarzan's creator, 31 Lisa Simpson's brother, 33 Beatnik's exclamation, 34 Logical proposition, 35 Kindliness, 37 Guitarist Atkins, 38 2001 role for Will Smith, 39 Nastase of tennis, 40 Quick-tempered, 43 Tuck's title, 44 Before, in odes, 45 Hastened, 46 Frozen rain, 47 Handbag holders, 49 Dawn Chong, 50 Paul Newman film of '67, 57 Marshy place, 60 Form a stalactite, 61 Rainbow goddess, 62 Web habitués, 63 Bullfight cheers, 64 Bit of information, 65 Telejournalist Sawyer, 66 Entrance requirement, 67 Sommer of films, DOWN: 1 Oil cartel, 2 First-century emperor, 3 Get on the line, 4 Barely managed, 5 Anchorman Dan, 6 Hodgepodes, 7 Maître d' offering, 8 Marmalade ingredient, 9 Not quite an octave, 10 Hideouts, 11 Prince Valiant's son, 12 RN specialty, 13 Flight dir., 21 Pretense, 22 Campus quarters, 25 Charlotte, VI, 26 Cow catcher, 27 Sign up for, 28 Give a pep talk to, 29 Willing loser, 30 Ancient invader, 31 Packed cotton, 32 Parched, 34 Sore spots, 35 Walk through a pond, 36 Colleen's home, 41 Commit to, 42 Lhasa, 43 Was off and running, 46 Most levelheaded, 48 Squirrel food, 49 Uses a wrecking ball, 51 Ill-gotten gains, 52 Story inconsistency, 53 Look competitor, 54 River of Russia, 55 Fourth-down option, 56 This one, to Juan, 57 Bloom-to-be, 58 "live and breathe!", 59 Roll-call response

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting points for clues.

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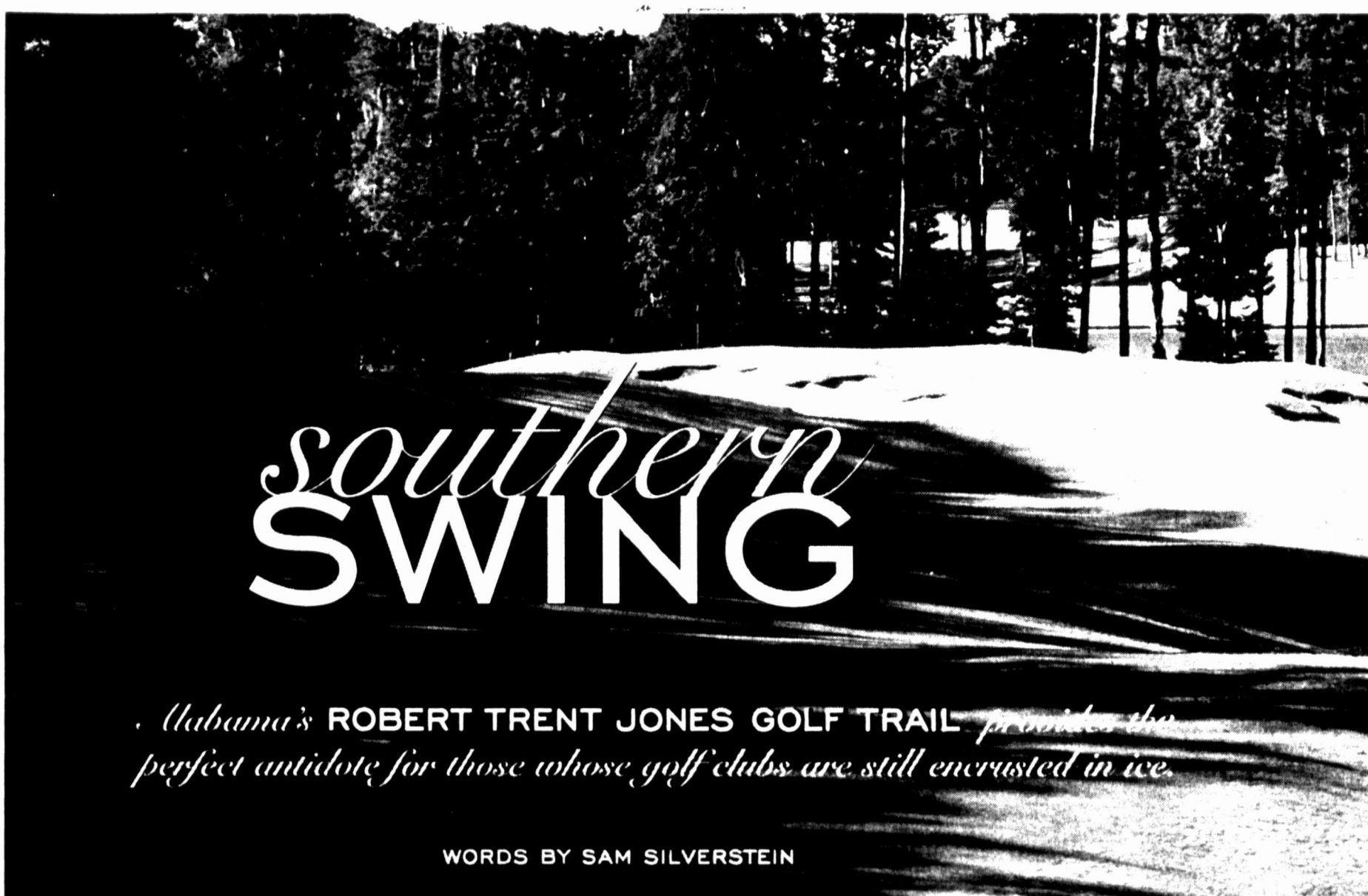
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WORDS BY SAM SILVERSTEIN

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-

es in the country in 1993. The Links course at Grand National regularly cracks the esteemed publication's annual public top-100 to this day.

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

72 HOLES, 72 HOURS

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 PhD. 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 intolcrant 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."

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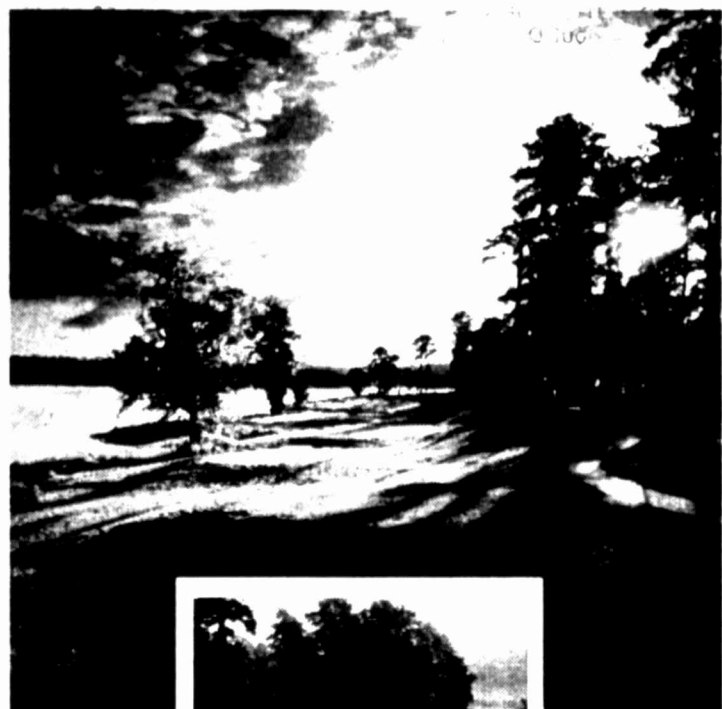
one of those "maybe we can play this game after all" moments that keep the golf economy humming.

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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Above: Grand National
Inset: Cambrian Ridge

a-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."

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.

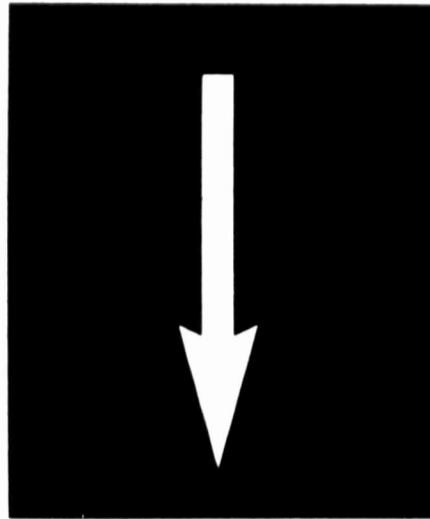
Acclaim for Jones' handiwork began rolling in soon after the ceremonial first drives were struck. *Golf Digest* listed both regulation courses at the Grand National complex in Auburn/Opelika among the top four new public courses

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