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## Extra credit

### Board OKs incentives for students who 'beef up' on academics

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials are giving students extra incentive to take honors courses.

Starting immediately, the district will add an extra point to the local grade average of students enrolled in gifted and talented, pre-advanced placement and concurrent courses, while giving two extra points to students in advanced placement courses.

This extra credit will be for local purposes in determining class ranking only, Superintendent Michael Downes said.

**"With that additional ranking point, this should encourage more students to take the more rigorous courses."**



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GPA for college transcripts will be tallied in standard fashion.

Class ranking is important because all graduating students shall be

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## BSISD officials sign off on new budget, tax rate

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer



Waggoner

Big Spring Independent School District trustees formally adopted the budget and tax rate for the coming school year during a special meeting Thursday night at the high school.

BSISD's budget for 2005-06 totals \$24.4 million and will be fueled by a property tax rate of \$1.5763 per \$100 valuation.

Expenditures in the new budget will increase about \$200,000 from the previous year. That increase is mostly

accounted for in teacher salaries and increased fuel costs, Business Manager Sandra

Waggoner said. The budget, which Waggoner described as "lean," features few big-ticket items.

The district will purchase two new school buses this year, the first such purchase since 2002.

Also, teachers will receive a "step" increase in pay, while administrators and other full-time personnel will get an annual raise of \$600; part-time employees will see their pay go up by \$300 a year.

Exploding fuel costs are a major concern to the

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## HOWARD COUNTY FAIR



In the photo above, Shelly Warren, left, director for YoungLife in Big Spring, talks with Big Spring High School senior Denielle Burns at the Howard County Fair. An informational meeting about YoungLife a non-profit, Christian organization and WyldLife, the junior high school program, is set for 6:30 p.m. Monday at the YoungLife building, 12th and Owens streets. See article, Page 5A.



At left, Valerie McCutchan belts out a tune during the Colgate Country Countdown competition at the Howard County Fair Thursday evening. McCutchan was one of several singers who entertained the crowd under the main tent at the fair. Lindsey Rodgers took first place, McCutchan and Shayna Pipes ended up tied for second place, and Bianca Mancha was third.

Herald photos/Marsha Sturdivant and Steve Reagan

## Base closings

### State adds jobs despite closures in San Antonio, Wichita Falls

By **SUZANNE GAMBOA**  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal commission considering base closings has rejected a Pentagon plan to move B-1 bombers now stationed in South Dakota to Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

The vote to keep the bombers at Ellsworth Air Force Base came amid fears that consolidating the bombers at a single base might pose a national security risk. Ellsworth has 29 B1-Bs. The commission also rejected an accompanying proposal to move 30 C-130 transport aircraft from Dyess to other bases.

The Base Closure and Realignment Commission has been meeting since Wednesday to vote on sweeping Pentagon proposals to streamline the military. President Bush has said he will accept the commission's recommendations. Congress also will have a chance to veto the plan, but it has not taken that step in four previous rounds of closures.

The Pentagon originally estimated savings of \$1.85 billion, but that included savings from military personnel who would be eliminated at Ellsworth. The commission did not consider that savings because the personnel would move to another base. Instead, commission officials said it would cost about \$19.4 million.

Commission officials said both bases were outstanding and Ellsworth outranked Dyess on three of four criteria used to

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## Group wants to get casino gambling on ballot in Texas

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The effort to legalize casino gambling in Texas is certainly nothing new, but the way proponents of the industry are trying to get it on the lips and minds of lawmakers in Austin has definitely taken a turn.

Robert Cox, principal for Cox Consulting of Round Rock and managing partner for the Permian Basin Enhancement Group, said the group has shift-



Cox

ed its focus to the people of Texas.

"We just want the legislature to pass a joint resolution to send the issue to the voters and let the people of Texas decide whether they want casino gaming or not," said Cox. "We're committed to this, no matter how long it takes to get the referendum in place. We're hoping that will happen at the 2007 leg-

islative session, at the latest. We're hoping to get a special session in the spring of 2006 to bring it up."

Cox said the group has shifted its approach from lobbying in the capital to taking the question straight to the people in the form of a petition.

"We're using a local-level type approach," said Cox. "We're going statewide with a petition for voting-age Texans and we want to see if we can bring six figures worth of names to the

legislature to tell them we're interested in having the chance to vote on this kind of issue. My personal goal is to bring 250,000 signatures to the legislature by the time it reconvenes. We have just started kind of a test market on the petition in Lubbock, Martin County and here in Big Spring."

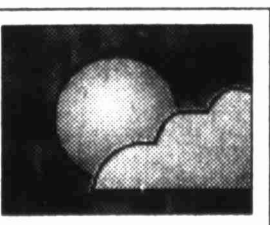
Cox said area residents should be able to download a copy of the petition directly from the group's Web site in the next few days.

"We're in the process of making the petition downloadable at our Web site, which is located at [www.letthetvotersdecide.com](http://www.letthetvotersdecide.com)," said Cox. "The way the petitions are set up, they can print the petition and get their friends and neighbors to sign it. When they fill up the page, they just mail it in to us at the address, which is located at the bottom of the petition."

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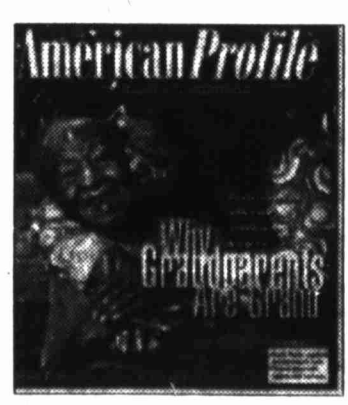


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### COMING THIS WEEKEND

Cover Story: When American Profile asked readers to tell us about their grandparents, we received a mailbox full of endearing letters describing how special these people are in the lives and memories of their grandchildren.



### LOVE OUR LAKE

Volunteers are needed for Keep Big Spring Beautiful's "Love Our Lake Cleanup," set for 9 a.m. Saturday at the tennis building, north of the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Bring your own gear if possible. Disposable gloves will be available.

The group could use two or three paddle boats or boats with small motors (10 hp) to assist cleaning on the lake while other volunteers work the shoreline.

For more information, call Pat Simmons at 263-4607 or 213-5444.

### UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Dell's Cafe at 1608 E. Fourth is the Dine Out Day for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County today. A portion of the restaurant's proceeds will be donated to United Way.

Next Friday's Dine Out Day restaurant will be Carlos. United Way will hold its kickoff luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

Tickets, \$10 each, are available at the United Way office, 808 Scurry, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the two First Bank of West Texas locations.



## Obituaries

## Sage Gibson



Sage Gibson, 13, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005, at the First Baptist Church, Big Spring with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. today at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born Aug. 9, 1992, in San Angelo.

Sage was a vibrant young man who loved the Lord and his family. He enjoyed sports, especially baseball and attending church. He loved school, his teachers and classmates and would have been a seventh grader at Big Spring Junior High School.

After a diagnosis of cancer in September 2004, he fought a courageous battle. He was graceful and inspirational to many during this journey.

Survivors include his parents, Tommy and Robbie Gibson of Big Spring; his sister, Madison Gibson and brother, Austin Gibson both of Big Spring; his grandparents, Don and JoAnn Ritchey of Big Spring, James and Carolyn Gibson of Polson, Mont., and Phil and Susan Guinn of Meridian; his great-grandmothers, Geneva Howard of Lamesa and Edith Guinn of Stephenville; his uncles, aunts and cousins, Mike and Robin Ritchey and children, Raegan and Matt, all of Big Spring, Phillip and Carmen Ritchey and children, Ian, Bradan and Cerbi Ritchey, all of Boyd, Bruce and Tana Setliff and children, Trent and Mikala Setliff, all of Fritch; cousins, Tim, Cheryl, Ryan, Tyler and Tobyn Tannehill, all of Big Spring; and uncle, James E. Gibson of Commerce.

The family suggests memorials be made to Relay for Life, in care of Diane Woods, P.O. Box 254, Coahoma 79511.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12.

*Paid obituary*

## Rose Medlin



Rose Medlin, 82, of Big Spring died Thursday morning, Aug. 25, 2005, at Hospice House in Odessa. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Tim Dunn, associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born June 1, 1923, in Granbury, Hood County, to Dennis and Lila Hayworth. The family moved to Howard County when Rose was beginning high school.

They lived in the Knott Community and she graduated from Garner High School in Knott in 1941. Rose married Albert "Tubby" Medlin April 27, 1946, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Feb. 13, 1990.

Rose had been church secretary at Grace Baptist for a number of years. She was an active member of Trinity Baptist Church and had taught Sunday school for more than 50 years at Grace Baptist Church and later Trinity Baptist Church. She was a volunteer for RSVP and at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, with more than 2,000 hours.

She is survived by four sons, Albert Wade Medlin of Abilene, Marlin Medlin and his wife, Kathy of Jackson, Tenn., Phillip Medlin and his wife, Susan of Frisco and John Medlin and his wife, Andrea of Big Spring; one grandson, John Medlin of Big Spring; two sisters, Ima Dell Williams and Patsy Grigg, both of Big Spring; and one brother, Bob Hayworth of Lubbock.

In addition to her husband and parents she was preceded in death by four brothers, L.D. Hayworth, Marlin Hayworth, Dennis Hayworth and Bill Hayworth.

Pallbearers will be Thomas Yeats, Kenneth Reed, James Dumas, Farley Hayworth, Mike Perry, Allen Eubank and Landon Adkins.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Richard Craven, Jason Grigg and Gene Piercefield.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Paid obituary*

## Teodora Rodriguez



Teodora Rodriguez, 90, of Big Spring died Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005, in a local nursing home. Funeral services are 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005, at Baptist Temple Church with the Rev. Dave Kimberly officiating and the Rev. Don Snipes assisting. Interment will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Prayer service is today, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m. at Baptist Temple Church.

She was born Aug. 8, 1915, in San Marcos and married the Rev. Andres Rodriguez in 1939 in San Marcos and they moved to West Texas in 1968. They had recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. She was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Andres F. Rodriguez of Big Spring; one daughter, Carmen R. Rios of Lubbock; one son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Barbara Montemayor of Big Spring; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three nieces.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Dwayne Eddy Garces.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

## LaVonna Marie 'Bonnie' Tidwell



LaVonna Marie "Bonnie" Tidwell, 83, of Big Spring died Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005, in a local nursing home. Funeral services are 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

She was born June 4, 1922, in Holdrege, Neb., and married Alfred Tidwell April 15, 1944, in Millington, Tenn. He preceded her in death May 28, 2005.

Mrs. Tidwell had lived in Big Spring since 1946 and was a homemaker. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Coahoma. She had served in the United States Navy during World War II.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles A. and Dorothy Tidwell and Johnny L. and Darlene Tidwell, all of Big Spring; two daughters and one son-in-law, Tanya Jayne Price of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Sheila Ann and Albert LaRoche of Townsend, Vt.; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Sherry Nadine Tidwell and by one brother and one sister.

The family suggests memorials be made to Odyssey Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720 or to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-32, Midland 79705.

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## Dolores McCuistion Carpenter



Dolores McCuistion Carpenter, 67, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005, in an Abilene hospital. Funeral services will be held at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends tonight at the home.

She was born Oct. 1, 1937, in Callahan County and married Ronnie A. McCuistion in 1955. He preceded her in death in 1966. In 1967, she married Joe Sharpnack and they divorced in 1976. She then married Lynrae Carpenter in 1979 and they lived together until her death.

Dolores was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1955. She was El Rodeo Queen for 1954-1955. She had been a hairdresser for 30 years and had instructed at Howard College Cosmetology School. She enjoyed bowling, fishing, dancing and taking pictures.

Dolores loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Church of Christ and a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Rockie and Anita Sharpnack, Russ McCuistion and Ronnie and Sharla McCuistion, all of Abilene; her mother, Ida Mae Ward of Abilene; her sister, Jayne Jones of Eastland; her grandchildren, Jeremy McCuistion of Abilene, Jessica McCuistion of Sweetwater, Jason Wilson of Big Spring, Preston Sharpnack of Abilene, Joshua McCuistion of Abilene, Shawna McElyea of Abilene and Matt and Troy Harper, both of Hamlin; and one great-grandchild, Kaleb Wilson of Big Spring.

She was also preceded in death by her brother, Billy B. Cooke and a daughter-in-law, Cheryl McCuistion.

The family suggests memorials to the John Wayne Cancer Institute, 2200 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, Calif., 90404, Attention Public Affairs and Development Department.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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## Weather

Tonight—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Light and variable winds.

Saturday—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Light and variable winds becoming east around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday night—Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds around 10 mph.

Sunday—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Monday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Monday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Tuesday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Tuesday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Wednesday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. today:

- GONZALES VICTORIA, 49, of 3312 Drexel, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.
- CLINT ELLIOTT, 42, of 202 Circle, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- HEATH LANE MORTON, 22, of Snyder, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported:
  - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
  - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of Gregg Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of Westover Road.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- ANDREW ALCANTAR AGUIRE, 34, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- PATRICK DEWAYNE SAVELL, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- CHARLES JOSEPH WILSON III, 55, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
- CHARLIE JAKE TURNER, 25, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Northwest Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of East 13th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Morrison. Service was refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Larry. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Around towns

• RAILROAD MUSEUM at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.

• POTTON HOUSE, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

• HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-7-19-30-31.

Number matching five of five: none.

Matching four of five: 125. Prize: \$364.

Matching three of five: 3,196. Prize: \$10.

Matching two of five: 33,562. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-28-29-34. Bonus Ball: 8.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.

Number matching four of four: 3. Prize: \$3,219.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 12. Prize: \$98.

Number matching three of four: 606. Prize: \$26.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 425. Prize: \$24.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 3,208. Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 5,906. Prize: \$5.

Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$225,000.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-3-5

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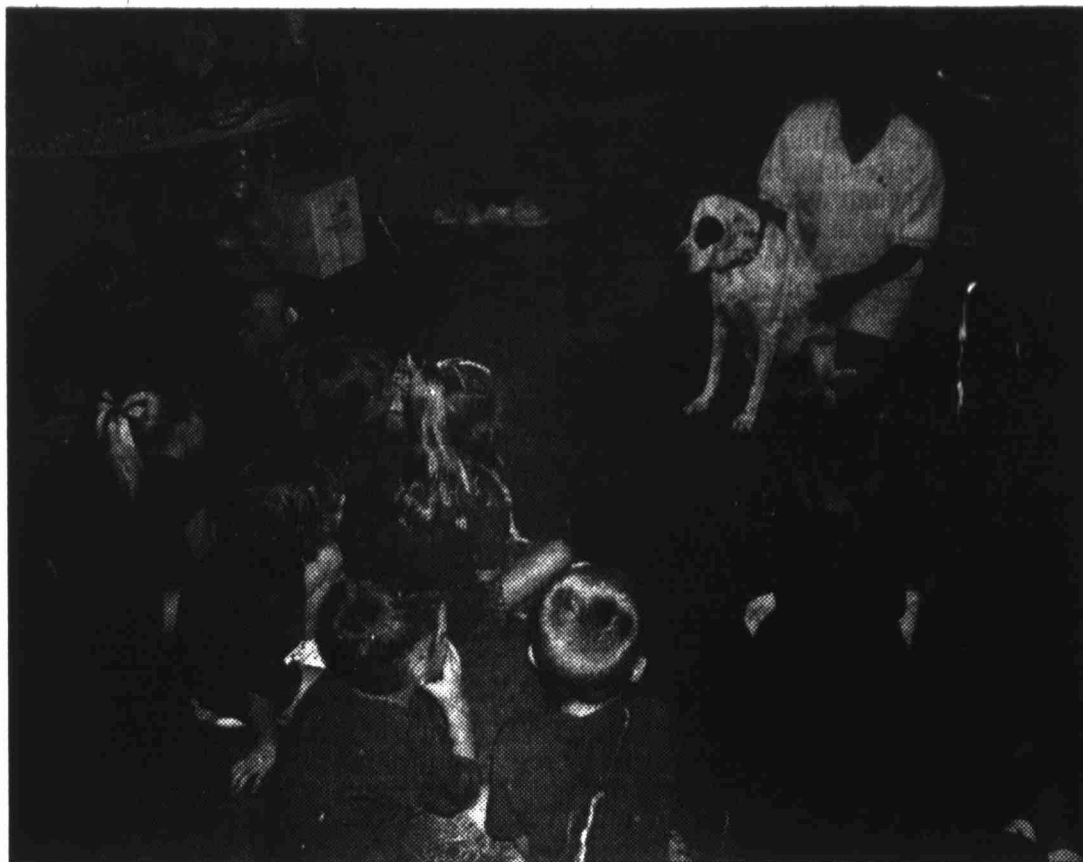
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"Remember...you deserve the best!"





Melanie Gambrell shows off her canine friend, Lucky, to children from First Baptist Church's Mother's Day Out program at the Howard County Fair Thursday morning.

## Gambrell loves teaching others about animals and proper pet care

One of the favorite demonstrations school children see on their Thursday and Friday morning tours of the Howard County Fair is the dog bite safety show by Melanie Gambrell and her canine friends.

The former owner of The Pet Connection facility has what she feels is a mission — "to protect the animals, as well as the public."

The Iowan, who admits, "I can't make any obscene or anonymous phone calls because my accent gives me away," was asked to judge a dog beauty contest several years ago. Then she was requested "to do something with dogs" at the fair and has been conducting her dog bite safety classes ever since.

She enjoys working at the fair so much that, when she was undergoing radiation for breast cancer three years ago, she did double treatments one week so that she could be at the fair.

"Most people's reaction to a dog is either, 'Oh, how cute!' or absolute fright," the animal advocate says.

She tries to teach them to use their eyes and common sense to avoid provoking an animal attack. Points Gambrell presents to children and adults alike are that not all dogs are friendly, how to approach a dog, and what to do is attacked.

"I teach kids to be trees and rocks," chuckles the certified wildlife rehabilitator.

When approached by an unfamiliar dog, they should look at the sky, stand to the side, keep hands at their side and be calm and quiet — like a tree. If a dog jumps on them, she counsels them to "act like a rock" by covering their ears, rolling into a ball and being quiet. Another point she stresses is for the person attacked to be able to identify the dog and notice which way he went so that he can be caught. Finding the dog can prevent the person attacked from having to take painful rabies prevention treatment.



NANCY KOGER

"Some of the teachers who have brought kids to the fair are using these techniques at school, but any age can benefit from this," says the energetic keeper of the non-profit All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue Dogs facility.

Howard College has asked her to teach a Monday evening class on dog bite safety and proper pet care. On her Saturday morning "Pet Talk" radio show on KBYG, she gives similar information, as well as her plea, "Please don't litter; spay and neuter."

Presently, her facility houses seven of her own dogs, 10 rescued dogs (available for adoption), two deer, a Nubian milk goat, a fainting goat, two horses, seven cats, three rabbits, a ring-tailed cat, a big potbellied pig, four hens, three roosters, an Amazon parrot and one husband.

When asked if her husband shares her love of animals, she responds, "No, but he loves me and understands my passion for them."

Nancy Koger writes a daily article for the Herald during the Howard County Fair.

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"We've been doing this for 2-1/2 weeks and we already have more than 1,000 signatures. So we think by the time we hit the major metro areas, we'll be able to get in excess of 100,000 signatures before the spring session, and 250,000 signatures by January 2007."

Cox said his group has its eye on several West Texas counties, including Howard, Martin, Midland and Ector, as possible sites for casino style resorts.

"Martin County was approached about three years ago by a developer that was looking for a West Texas location to develop a casino project," said Cox. "Oddly enough, the demographics for Martin County fit and the geographic location fit. Land is available and plentiful there."

"We're looking at some properties in addition to Martin County. Basically anything along Interstate Highway 20 will work, so we're looking at Midland, Howard and Ector coun-

ties as well."

Cox said previous attempts to get the issue in front of the legislature have failed because other issues, including school finance reform, have taken up all of the legislators' time.

"The legislature bogged down this time and didn't seriously consider any gaming legislation because its too busy trying to figure out who else to tax," said Cox with a grin. "Obviously, that flamed in the second special session as bad as it has any other time. We're still pushing to get a statewide referendum for a constitutional amendment for casino gambling."

"We see a tremendous amount of money leaving Texas and going to New Mexico, Oklahoma and Louisiana just because of their proximity to our population centers. We think if we can bring in between 14 and 25 casino resorts — that amounts to a nice hotel, a little bit of recreation with the casino and some entertainment — and don't saturate any area, we have the ability to bring between \$3 billion and \$5

billion a year back into the state's budget from taxes on casino revenues."

Cox said the economic impact of the casinos could represent much more than the subjects the legislature is currently struggling with.

"They were making agonizing decisions in the legislature during this last session on million-dollar issues, and we're talking about \$3 billion to \$5 billion annually," said Cox. "And that's money that's leaving Texas right now anyway. Louisiana is taking advantage and its school system is reaping the benefits of Texas gamblers."

"New Mexico is reaping the benefits as well. Since the casino in Hobbs opened, which is basically just slot machines on, they have announced a multi-year, \$20 million downtown renovation for the city of Hobbs. It's all being paid for on Texas money. Probably 75 percent to 90 percent of the money they're drawing in is coming from West Texas."

As for the fear casinos could attract a bad ele-

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assigned a class rank for college and scholarship application purposes.

The policy change will also help decide how ties are broken when determining honor graduates. If students end the school year tied in grade point average, total points earned in honors courses will be the first tie-breaker, Downes said.

Big Spring High School Principal Mike Ritchey said 377 students are currently enrolled in 46 pre-advanced or advanced classes this year, a dramatic improvement over the past few years.

And students taking a more rigorous academic schedule should be rewarded for their efforts, he added.

"We want to encourage students to push to that next level," Ritchey said. "We need to support that push by awarding that extra point of credit."

Predominantly, Ritchey sees his students taking three course tracks at school — in athletics, fine arts and career and technology. Giving extra credit to students in honors course could lead more to give an "academic" track a try, he said.

"I think by offering that track, we can start drawing more students back to Big Spring," he said. "With that additional

ranking point, this should encourage more students to take the more rigorous courses."

Ritchey also wants to reward teachers of advanced placement courses by offering them an additional stipend to their salary, an idea school board trustees Tony Kennedy and Mike Dawson support.

"We give a stipend to coaches for the extra time they spend in athletics," Kennedy said. "I don't know why we can't do the same thing for academics."

Ritchey said BSHS students will be able to change their schedules immediately to take advantage of the policy change.

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district. "(Fuel costs) caught us a little off guard last year ... and we went over-budget in those areas," Waggoner said. "Hopefully, we've budgeted enough for them this year."

Unlike last year's package, which featured about \$400,000 in red ink, this year's budget is balanced, Waggoner said.

The tax rate, essentially unchanged from last year, consists of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation to finance maintenance and operating costs, and \$.0763 to finance debt service related to bond payments.

Waggoner said \$892,741 will go toward paying down debt incurred from the 1996 bond election, which resulted in construction of Big Spring Junior High School. Those bonds are scheduled to be retired in 2021.

Uncertainty about fuel prices, combined with confusion coming out of the Texas Legislature this year, made the budget process more difficult, Waggoner conceded.

"It was really difficult preparing the budget," she said. "Fuel costs played a big part in that, and what was going on in Austin also played a big part ... Finally, in the middle of June, we decided we had to move forward, and decided to just

prepare the budget based on existing law, and make any adjustments we had to along the way."

Also Thursday, trustees accepted the resignation of elementary teacher Joy Armstrong and approved the employment of Goliad Intermediate School nurse Sharlene Black and junior high teacher/coach John Jenkins.

## BASES

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evaluate them. However, they said Dyess scored better on future missions criteria, which carried more weight.

Thursday, the commission voted to close Brooks City-Base in San Antonio, where the Air Force leases building space. The decision was not as bad as it sounds, however. After ending up on previous base closure lists, the city took over ownership of the 1,300-acre facility and began soliciting private tenants, anticipating that the military might someday leave. Many jobs originally slated to leave Texas from Brooks also will stay in the state.

The commission also

voted to move nearly 500 jobs connected to the still-in-development F-35 Joint Strike Fighter from Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls to Florida and 2,200 of its medical training jobs to Fort Sam in San Antonio. The commission also upheld a Pentagon proposal to establish the San Antonio Regional Military Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, which will take over inpatient care from Wilford Hall at Lackland Air Force Base.

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## OUR VIEWS

## We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

• Hannah Lester, a senior at Sands High School, on being selected queen of the Howard County Fair; Megan McCormick, Big Spring High School, selected first runner-up; Syndie Robertson, Big Spring, chosen second runner-up; Tisha McCartney, Coahoma High School, named third runner-up; and Jessica New, Big Spring, picked fourth runner-up. Congratulations too to Lester and New, who shared the title of Miss Congeniality.

• Mark and Veronda Vassar, owners of The Master's Touch and Jay and Kim Phinney, Karat Patch owners, for receiving the business person's Doing Your Part Award from the city code enforcement department, and to Sharon Treadway, who received the award for a home.

• Government Employee Federal Credit Union on being in business for 55 years; Harris Ace Hardware and Lumber for 40 years and Proffitt Day Care for 25 years. Happy birthday!

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Our perspective changes, Lord, when we discuss our life with You in Prayer.

Amen

## Your land is their land — part 3

When he first ran for Oakland, Calif., mayor in 1997, Jerry Brown painted a picture of the city he would like Oakland to become. Brown's We the People website posted "Oakland Ecopolis: a Plan for a Green Plan" — and presented a new vision for Oakland. Under Brown, Oakland would not clamor for "mere economic growth," which causes environmental degradation. If elected, Brown would promote green jobs — for artisans, gardeners, sailboat craftsmen.

"A baby smiles, and a flower grows," read the plan. Scratch that. Make it: A baby smiles, a flower grows, and city officials try to evict local artisans. I visited the Fifth Avenue artisans' enclave on the city's waterfront. Amid the funky homes and workspaces, where antique boats are restored and the giant baseball glove at SBC Park was made, resident and vintage-car restorer Terry Sanders pointed out an 1890 oyster dredge perched next to a one-story building. "Rumor has it Jack London worked on it," said Sanders. "J.W. rescued it."

J.W. is J.W. Silveira, who owns the property. He must be some landlord to have inspired such tenant loyalty. When the Oakland City Council voted to exercise eminent domain on the Silveira property in order to clear the area for private housing development in 2001, 40-year tenant Charlie Weber fought back.

Said Weber: "We all spoke at the meetings. They (the city) had their mind made up. They knew what they wanted." So Weber paid out of his own pocket to hire a lawyer, John Thorpe. Weber's lawsuit yielded the rare victory against City Hall — not because of the

questionable principle of a city taking land from a private owner to accommodate a private developer, but largely because Oakland failed to notify Fifth Avenue tenants of its plans.

In short, Weber won on a technicality. He remains concerned that Oakland will go after his slice of heaven again. It doesn't help that, after the 2004 settlement (which took Fifth Avenue out of the redevelopment area) was reached, Councilman Ignacio De La Fuente told the Oakland Tribune he believes the city can go after the Fifth Avenue property again.

For Jerry Brown's part, the mayor is not enjoying the media spotlight on Oakland's eminent-domain abuses. He sent me a DVD of blighted property seized by the city under eminent domain. It looked filthy, neglected, foul-smelling and downright hazardous to human health — bully for Oakland for taking it.

On the phone yesterday, Brown noted that the residents at Fifth Avenue are tenants with no property rights and added that, as the housing project improves the area, Fifth Avenue's value will spike and "it would take a very monastic owner" to not sell and reap a fat profit.

That said, it is still wrong for a city to take one taxpayer's unblighted property in order to give it to a richer entity. Revelli Tires, about which I have written, wasn't blighted. Yet Oakland seized that property and the adjacent Autohouse to accommodate a housing project — and then seized a parking lot a block away to accommodate a bigger Sears auto center. City politicians have been treating properties that taxpayers have worked hard to attain as if they were Monopoly cards.

I asked John Shirey, executive director of the California Redevelopment Association, why it is OK for a city to take land from a taxpayer in order to hand it over to another private concern. He had read my columns on

Revelli Tires and answered, "I keep in mind that what is going there is 770 units of housing. I hate to see any small-business person have to relocate and move to another location, but by the same token, I'm very concerned about affordable housing in California."

Shirey noted the greater good in building denser homes closer to the city than "single-family homes on quarter acre lots in Tracy for people who work in the Bay Area." He added, "Doesn't it make more sense to have 770 units of housing in downtown Oakland, instead of those being units in the periphery?"

And, "Sometimes one good outweighs another good." Perhaps true, but that doesn't give Oakland politicians free rein to trample on the rights of law-abiding taxpayers whom they are supposed to represent. Especially when one "good" — tony condos that pay higher taxes — enrich city coffers more than funky artist digs ever will.

Weber's attorney Thorpe wondered: "Do the citizens benefit or do outsiders benefit? It's almost always outsiders. I've talked to redevelopment folks, and they are truly baffled at the public rage that erupted after the U.S. Supreme Court's Kelo decision in June that upheld the frequent practice of redevelopment projects using eminent domain, not for public projects, but to grab land for private development. It bothers them that critics portray them as "evil," I mention to Weber and Sanders.

To which Sanders replied, "They are evil." They, after all, went after his home.

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## Poor penmanship among doctors

Editor's note: Molly Ivins is on vacation. The following column was first published in June 1998.

At the mythical Fearmonger's Shoppe ("Serving all your phobias needs") in Lake Wobegon last week, there was a special on ways to prevent your early death from the frightful menace of bad handwriting by doctors. A puzzled pharmacist studies an impenetrable prescription and mutters:

"Hmm, hmm, looks like 50 milligrams arsenic ... odd ... Oh well") and you go home. In eight hours, you're lying in a huge refrigerator and your family is planning the memorial service.

Poor penmanship among doctors is estimated to cause as many as 199,000 deaths a year. I bring this up because my reaction to this wonderful whimsy was, "I bet it's happened." And that brings us to the most useful paranoia in our public life: growing concerns about privacy.

Paranoia has its uses, and the good news is that our well-justified paranoia about people collecting information about us is finally beginning to make the politicians stir. Unfortunately, it will have to get a lot worse before it moves the poles beyond their gratitude for big campaign contributions from the high-tech industry. The dirty little secret of the information age is

that what it sells is information, and information about us is where much of its profit will come.

In addition to the Internet, financial companies and health-insurance companies are big on snooping around and seeing what they can collect on us, with obvious and catastrophic consequences. Most companies use the information for commercial purposes — they can target our wine-buying habits, our clothes-buying habits, our book-buying habits, our music-buying habits. All the better to sell us more stuff. Buy on the Web, and watch three dozen catalogues arrive in your mail and 200 junk e-mail messages show up in just a few weeks.

This is not to mention outright criminal misuse of information — people who can steal your identity, access your credit cards and clean out your bank account. Information about your prescriptions or your travel plans can be sold. Stalker have used the Net. Big Brother is here. Pep up your paranoia now.

The political reaction to all this is quite interesting. The Federal Trade Commission came out with proposals for some fairly tough new privacy rules on the Internet. But lo and behold, industry groups and the Republicans in Congress (happy recipients of mucho dinero from high-tech groups) promptly announced that nothing needs to be done.

The industry's promises to self-regulate are a joke. The FTC found that only 20 percent of major companies on the Internet have adequate standards for pro-

tecting privacy.

The FTC wants to regulate the kinds of notices that consumers are given about the fact that information about them is being collected and sold, and to allow people to block the use of that information. The FTC proposes to establish rules for keeping information private from third parties, like private detectives who use the Net. And it wants to be able to penalize companies that violate privacy rules.

Fortunately, this is a political issue that R's and D's can join together on. Some of our conservative friends with that nice libertarian streak — New York Times columnist William Safire among them — are hot on the case.

The key words you want to remember are "opt in" and "opt out." What we want is a system where you have to opt in — that is, give your permission — before any information about you can be passed along. Giving people the opt-out option is useless.

How many people are going to call or write and say, "Don't use my information," when they don't even know that information about them is being collected and sold? We should also have the right to know what information about us is being passed around.

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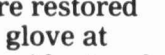
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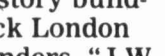
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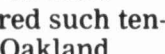
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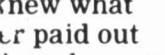
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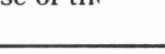
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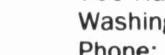
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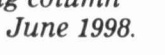
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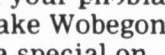
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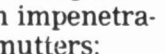
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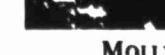
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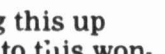
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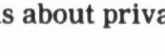
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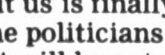
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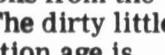
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# Chance to give opinion, support to Big Spring VA

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

As PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) presents its "options" concerning the fate of the Big Spring VA Medical Center, area residents and stakeholders will have the chance to voice their opinion on the matter Sept. 1.

The Local Advisory Panel (LAP) for the Big Spring VA Hospital Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) will hold a public hearing from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The hearing marks the second of four such meetings planned to help gather public comment on the

realignment effort, which could have a drastic effect on the long-time Big Spring facility.

"According to the process, the contractor, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), was asked to use their best technical judgment to develop the options after listening to stakeholder input from the LAP meeting, stakeholder mail, Web site comments and individual meetings," said John Fears, LAP Chairperson.

"This meeting is a very important one for gathering feedback from the public.

At this meeting, the options developed by the VA contractors will be presented to the general public and others for

their feedback."

Those options include everything from vacating the Big Spring facility in favor of building a hospital somewhere in the Midland/Odessa area, to inpatient services being purchased from local community providers with ambulatory and outpatient mental health services remaining in Big Spring.

Fears said the Sept. 1 meeting could be a pivotal part of the process, which will decide the fate of the local facility.

"This is perhaps one of the most important meetings in this whole process, since it will allow us to gather feedback from the community on what is being present-

ed," said Fears.

In December 2002, former VA Secretary Anthony Principi established the VA's Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission to provide a review of the national plan to realign the DAV's health care system.

In its massive report, the commission suggested that a feasibility study concerning the Big Spring facility be conducted.

Specifically, the commission suggested that a study be made to see if the Big Spring facility should be closed and services moved to a new care center that would be constructed near Midland or Odessa.

Not to be singled out, 17 other VA facilities nationwide were also chosen for study.

Principi later approved the award of a contract for PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to conduct business plan studies of the sites.

"We are looking to the public to tell us if these options will help move us in the direction of providing the best services we can for our veterans in the Big Spring and surrounding communities," said Fears.

Public comment is slated from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. during the hearing, with PwC expected to explain its proposed "options" for the facility during the morning

hours.

U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer is expected to be in attendance.

The public will have the opportunity to provide feedback via open testimony at the meeting, the Internet site located at [www.va.gov/cares](http://www.va.gov/cares) or via postal mail.

All non-electronic correspondence should be sent to: VA Cares Studies Big Spring, PO Box 1427, Washington Grove, Md. 20880-1427.

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## YoungLife set to move into junior high with WyldLife

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Features Editor

As the new school year begins, YoungLife, a non-profit Christian organization for high school students, expands into WyldLife for junior high school students.

"Junior high kids are now experiencing the same influences and pressures as high school students. By offering WyldLife to junior high students, we have an opportunity to make some real differences in the lives of our young people," said Shelly Warren, YoungLife director.

Warren said WyldLife will feature many of the events traditional to YoungLife — zany skits, outrageous games and high-energy club nights — but will meet every other Tuesday during the school year.

"When we get to know these kids from junior high and transition with them into high school, this gives us six years to build stronger friendships and develop deeper levels

### YoungLife - WyldLife

- Information Meeting
- Monday 6:30 p.m.
- YoungLife building Owens and 12th streets
- Call 213-4819

of trust to help these kids make the right choices for their lives," she said.

Warren said building a strong volunteer team of adult leaders is crucial to making WyldLife and YoungLife successful. An informational meeting for volunteers to discuss WyldLife and YoungLife is set for 6:30 p.m. Monday at the YoungLife building, 12th and Owens streets.

"We're looking for those adults who are interested in giving of themselves, who understand the youth are our future and who are willing to contribute to making that future better for us all,"



Big Spring High School seniors Amy Grant, left, Becky Murphree and Denille Burns register to win a free T-shirt at the YoungLife booth at the Howard County Fair. YoungLife is set to offer WyldLife, a junior high school program with the help of adult volunteers. A volunteer information meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Monday.

Warren said.

All adults interested in learning about WyldLife and YoungLife are invited to attend the meeting, which should last about an hour, she said.

"We need adults who want to share their blessings with teen-agers who

may not have been so blessed. This is not a hit and run activity — we need adults who are committed, those who look around and see the need and want to help our kids make the right choices," she said.

Volunteers submit an

application for service and agree to a background check performed by YoungLife. Applications will be available at the meeting.

A YoungLife booth at the Howard County Fair also has information about the organization

and volunteering. Or call Warren at 213-4819 for more information.

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### Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library needs good condition books for its annual sale.

Paperbacks and large print items are especially needed. Donated books can be delivered to the library weekdays during regular operating hours. If you are unable to bring the books to the library, call 263-4980 and request a pick up.

All money from the sale goes to purchase items not included in the library's regular budget.

### Miss Texas comes home to Lamesa

Lamesa native Morgan Matlock was recently crowned Miss Texas 2005.

To celebrate Miss Matlock's selection as Miss Texas, a homecoming reception will be held in her honor at 3 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church 801 S. First St. in Lamesa. Texas Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock will be on hand to present Miss Matlock with a flag that flew over the State Capitol on the

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### Martin County Library

The Friends of the Martin County Library have announced a special sale on fiction paperback books at the library's new location.

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Hours of operation each Thursday are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The future home of the Martin County Library is located in downtown Stanton.

## Crimestoppers seeking information about motor vehicle burglary

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring Area Crimestoppers is seeking information regarding a burglary of a motor vehicle that occurred Aug. 2 in the 1500 block of Austin.

According to Big Spring Police Department officials, the burglary occurred at approximately 3 p.m. after the victim reportedly parked in front of her home and went inside to retrieve some bills, leaving her son in the car.

Upon return, the woman's son told her a male subject had stolen her purse.

The witness told police a white male entered the car through a door.

The thief is described as a white male with a buzz-

style haircut, wearing a white sleeveless shirt, blue Nike shorts and dark colored tennis shoes at the time of the burglary.

According to police reports, the suspect also have a very distinct tattoo of a serpent or dragon on his face.

After stealing the purse, the suspect left the scene on foot, headed in a southerly direction.

Crimestoppers is authorized to pay up to \$1,000 cash for information leading to the arrest and indictment of any person or persons involved in

criminal activity.

Anyone with information on this or any other crime is asked to call 263-TIPS (8477).

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# Church News

## East Fourth Street Baptist Church

East Fourth Street Baptist Church at 401 E. Fourth invites the Big Spring community to join us for Sunday services. Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. for all age groups and the morning worship service begins at 11 a.m.

Acteens, Challengers, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends and Mission Babies are offered for children and youth of all ages Sunday nights at 5 p.m. Choir practice begins Sunday night at 5.

There will be a Crazy Tie Fellowship in the parking lot Sunday night at 6. Wednesday, there will be a prayer and Bible study service for the adults and a youth discipleship class at 7 p.m.

Call Amy at 267-2291 for more information.

## First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matt Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from Matthew 16:21-28 at worship services Sunday at 11 a.m.

Activities for the week include a pot luck luncheon after church Sunday, Working Women's Bible Study meets for a light supper and Bible study Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Bible study is Wednesday at 5:17 p.m., followed by choir practice at 6 p.m.

Please join us for any of the previously mentioned activities. First Presbyterian Church is located on Rannels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

## Salem Baptist Church

Sunday school is 10 a.m., 11 a.m. is the morning service and 6 p.m. is the evening services. Wednesday evening services are at 6 p.m. at Parkplace.

As part of the Week of Prayer for Texas Missions, there is Cowboy Church at 11 a.m. Sept. 11 with a chuck wagon barbecue meal following the service. Western dress is encouraged for this special service.

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's Sunday. The summer time change continues Sunday with Holy Eucharist celebrated at

9:30 a.m. The Rev. James Liggett will be preaching on "The Nature of the Christian Life."

St. Mary's Patronal Feast Day is celebrated Sunday. Special music is a part of the celebration. Guest musicians Gloria Steelman of Midland and Joseph Dawes of Big Spring perform two movements from the beautiful "Sonata in E minor" by Jean-Baptiste Loeillet as the prelude to the service. Steelman will play flute and Dawes the alto recorder.

An All-Parish cookout follows the 9:30 a.m. service. This is an annual time of thanksgiving for the life and ministry of St. Mary's parish.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit the Web site at [www.stmarysbst.org](http://www.stmarysbst.org). St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

## Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

The Mt. Bethel Women's Missionary Society invites everyone to celebrate its 33rd annual day at 3 p.m. Sunday. The program's theme is "Women with Their Eye on the Prize," and motto "Motivated to Move." Special guest speaker is Paula Wilson of St. James Baptist Church in Odessa. Everyone is welcome to fellowship and worship at 6:30 St. Paredes St. for Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. each Sunday.

The sanctuary choir meets for rehearsal Thursday at 7 p.m.

## Catholic Churches of Big Spring

Meeting of the prison ministry ministers is Wednesday at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. More ministers are still needed. Spanish speaking individuals are still needed.

No training has yet begun, so consider joining now. For more information, contact the Rev. James Plagens.

Baptismal classes begin at 7 p.m. Sept. 17 at St. Thomas for all Catholics in Big Spring, those requesting infant Baptisms for a member of their family or those that are requesting permission to be godparents at any Catholic Parish. Classes are at the religious education center, 605 N. Main St.

## Life Church

At Life Church, members hope you will find real people just like you, a real worship experience with a intimate God and a message that relates to real life. There are two contemporary worship services Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Children's ministry is provided during both services, such as Noahs Ark for children age 0-3, Zoe Land for children age 4-9, and God's Squad for pre-teens age 10-12. Church meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. Small groups, including college, young adults and Senior High meet throughout the week.

Call Life Church for more information at 432-263-7714. Life Church is located at 600 E. FM 700.

## First Christian Church

Sunday evening, the second of a series of programs focused on the archaeology of the Holy Land is in the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church. This is preceded with a snack supper served at 5:30 p.m.

This presentation takes place in two parts, focusing on different aspects of the story. First, the Rev. Ernie Williams shows how the Holy Land was a "land bridge" between Africa and Asia. Thus two major highways plus connecting roads were vitally important.

Where they are located and why and the impact they had on the biblical story is examined.

The second half of the evening focuses on "An Introduction to Holy Land Archaeology." The two major principles of Middle Eastern archaeology with an emphasis upon how they help in determining the sequential occupational history of a site and aid in understanding the ancient cultures is presented.

These two principles were first introduced and utilized at Tell el-Hesi where Williams, First Christian's interim minister, spent six summers excavating.

He has spent four additional years as the expedition's administrative director, with personal study trips and leading some study groups. He has spent a total of 95 weeks in the land.

Featured also this evening will be a display of artifacts from different periods of Holy Land history from Stone Age to

the present. There is no charge for this program nor is an offering be taken.

## Templo Belen

October 15-16, Prison Fellowship Ministries, in conjunction with Operation Starting Line, will conduct a prison outreach into the four Cornell prisons in Big Spring.

Special training for this short-term missionary trip occurs from noon to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Templo Belen, 2205 Goliad St., in the main sanctuary.

For more information, contact Chaplain Duane and Darilyn Bemis at 816-1834 or Mike and Michelle Villareal at 816-1548 or 263-5833.

## Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The members invite you to worship at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are 7 p.m. Wednesday.

For information call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

## First United Methodist Church

Sunday is Youth Sunday. The youth will lead both worship services, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday at 6 p.m. is the Joint Area Methodist Worship at FUMC. The Rev. Joel Miller is the preacher for the evening. Snacks will be served following the close of worship.

Sunday evening is also Parents' Night Out from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. A combined youth meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

Disciple Bible Study begins Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The Senior Adult Ministry has a Labor Day Celebration planned for Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. in Garrett Hall. The evening will feature a snack supper and bingo.

Lord's Acre, scheduled for Oct. 29, is looking for donations for the auction. A list of possible items for donation is available in the church office along with forms to indicate your intention to donate. Please fill out a donation form as soon as possible.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of these programs, call the church

office at 267-6394.

## Calvary Baptist Church

Dwayne Clawson and his wife, Dee have become recent additions to the Calvary Baptist congregation. They will help lead the church in music and help in the church's ministry. Worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible study is at 5 p.m. Calvary Baptist is located at 1200 W. Fourth St.

## YoungLife

YoungLife is a non-profit Christian organization for high school students. MuckFest is set for Set. 12 and all area youth pastors are invited. Volunteer adult leaders are needed for the school year. For more information or to contribute to YoungLife, call 213-4819

## Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone Church, an Every Nation Ministries church, has worship service beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to Sunday children's activities.

The West Texas Conference for Every Nation churches is set for Sept. 15-17 at Mid-Cities Church in Midland.

Cornerstone, located at the corner of 12th and Owens streets, offers a family atmosphere of praise and worship. Childcare is available for newborns through preschool. Call Pastor Craig or Cherise Felty at 263-3072 with any questions.

## East Side Baptist Church

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. East Side Baptist is located at 1108 E. Sixth St.

## Midway Baptist Church

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m.; Sunday morning worship is at 11 a.m. Choir practice is at 5 p.m.; Team Kids, Royal Ambassadors and Girls in Action meet at 5 p.m.; Cross Training is at 5 p.m. and the evening service is at 6 p.m.

Wednesday activities include a fellowship meal at 5:30 p.m.; children's choir at 6 p.m.; adult Bible study at 7 p.m.;

Little Dribblers 7 p.m.;

and Solid Rock at 6 p.m. Midway Baptist Church is located at 6200 S. Service Road. For more information, call 263-6274 or e-mail [midway@crcom.net](mailto:midway@crcom.net).

## New Covenant Christian Worship Center

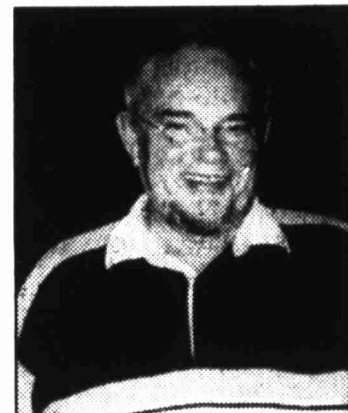
The Rev. Michael and First Lady Bella Willard, staff and members personally welcome everyone to any of the worship services offered at New Covenant.

Sunday morning worship services at 11 a.m., doors open at 10:45 a.m. Wednesdays at 6 p.m. is Young Ambassadors Youth Ministry.

The church is located at 1607 E. Third St. For more information, call 264-0015 or e-mail [nccwc1@yahoo.com](mailto:nccwc1@yahoo.com).

## First Church of the Nazarene

Family ministries night is Wednesday. Several activities are planned from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Choir rehearsal is in the sanctuary from 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Coffee, donuts and fellowship time is 9 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Sunday and Sunday Celebration is at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Children's Church and KinderChurch is in the Kid's Building. Sunday night Celebration of Praise is at 6 p.m.



The Rev. Terry Miller

## Spring Tabernacle

Join the Revs. Arnold and Mona Lou Tonn for three days of celebration for 20 years of ministry in Big Spring.

Three Canadian ministers serve as guest speakers.

Services are 7 p.m. today, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday.

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**Pastor's Message**

**The greatest threat to the Christian church**

Many things have been put forth as threats to the church, such as humanism, the new age movement, materialism, liberalism, homosexuality, cults and Muslim theology.

However, by close scrutiny, the greatest threat to the church can be found on church membership rolls.

On any given Sunday, only 10 to 25 percent of the membership attend worship. Out of those attending, 10 percent give 90 percent of the church offering, while 90 percent give 10 percent. Those not in attendance give nothing.

The average giving to the church by all Christians is only two percent of their income.

Logically, if all members attended regularly and contribute a tithe (10 percent) of their income, the church could maintain an adequate ministry, meet its responsibilities and other obligations in society. I doubt if those who chronically absent themselves from church and fail to contribute their part realize that their actions are a real threat to the church.

Due to a lack of interest in recent years, some churches have discontinued services on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

Once popular revival meetings and gospel meetings are about history. Once church members have gone out from the church, it is almost impossible to reclaim them.

The church struggles to overcome the negative witness of church members who, by their actions, say that the church has no real meaning in their lives.

Some non-Christians pick up on this and think if church has no meaning for some of its members, why should they be interested?

If the church was a business and could only raise two to 10 percent of its optimal operating expense and expect only 10 to 25 percent of its work force to show up, it would go out of business. However, the church will continue until Christ comes again because he is the head and divine sustainer of it. In face of all obstacles, both external and internal, the church stands.

One partial explanation for the phenomena of absentee church members is given by the Apostle John in I John 2:19.

He said "they went out from us, and if they have been of us, they would not doubt, have continued with us, but they went out that it might be obvious they were not of us."

This implies that those who have forsaken the church were never really a part of it and the fact they left proves it.

This bodes ill for those who think being on a church roll gives admission to heaven. Only repentance and faith in Christ permits entrance into heaven.

Church members are either a threat or a blessing to the church.

Think about it. Are you part of the problem or part of the solution?

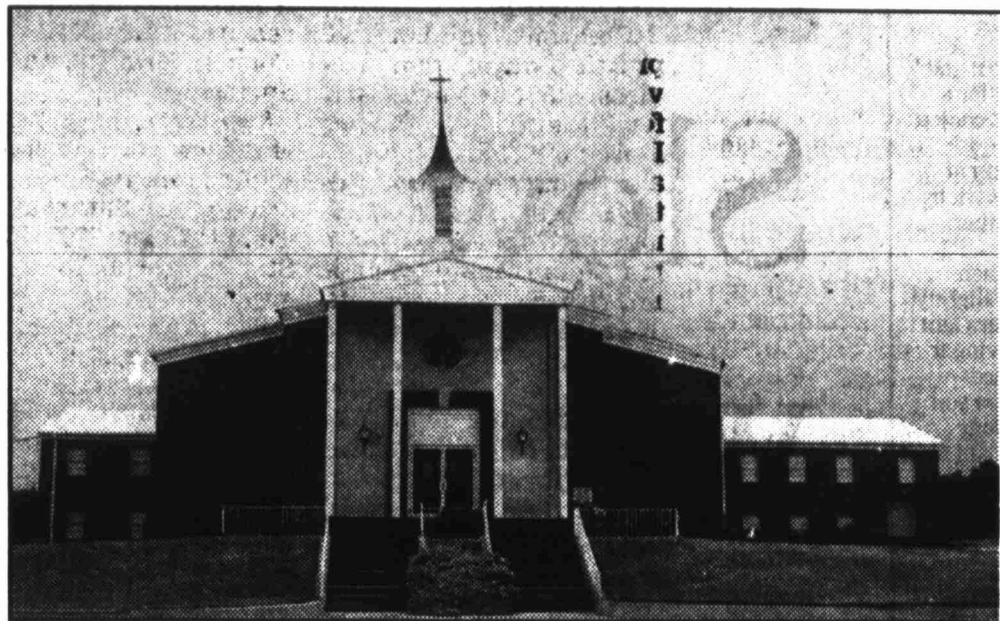
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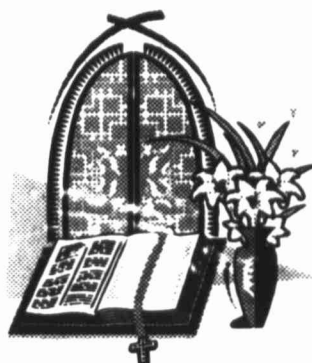
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# Golf Insider

## IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

### Hitting the draw

By T.J. TOMASI  
Universal Press Syndicate

There are several things you must do if the draw (a ball that curves right-to-left for a right-handed player) is your shot of choice, and it all begins with your setup.

The idea is to create the correct geometry at address and then allow that geometry to work by simply swinging down the line of start rather than the target line.

First, aim your club face at the target, then align your body to the right of target in a slightly closed position. Because you've pulled your right foot back, adjust your ball position by moving it forward about one ball width in your stance.

At this point, your club face points where you want your ball to finish (the target), and your body points in the direction you want the ball to start (line of start).

Next, swing your left arm across your chest, allowing a bit of forearm rotation so that your left wrist and forearm form a straight line at the top of your swing with no bowing or bending of the hand.

Most golfers have trouble hitting a draw because the club face is open at the top of the swing. In the photos, you can see that a cupped left wrist opens the club face (first photo) while a flat left wrist provides a face position that's square (second photo), a condition necessary to curve the ball right-to-left.

With your face in the correct position at the top of your swing, you can make a downswing along your shoulder line that results in a soft draw. Your finish reflects a fully released club head with your club head pointing left of the target.

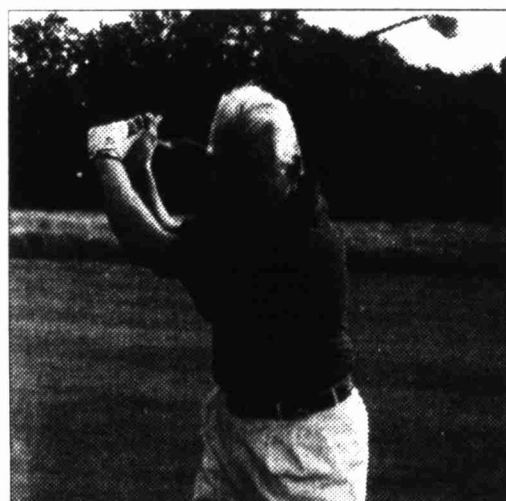
**Reminder:** Gripping the club too tightly at address will prevent the correct wrist set at the top of your swing and will also ruin the release of your forearms and wrists, so keep your pressure at about five on a scale of 10.

To produce the right-to-left curve of the draw shot, you'll have to deliver an aggressive blow where the toe is rotating over the heel of your club head. Note that this is not done by flipping your wrists at the ball, but by allowing the momentum of your club head to rotate your forearms, pulling the right over the left through impact.

The characteristic marking of the draw swing is in the finish, with the back of your right hand looking at the sky and the shaft of your club tilted to the left of the target.

#### Three keys to the draw

1. Set up correctly, then take the club away along your foot line and let geometry do its job.
2. At the top: The back of your left wrist is in line with the forearm.
3. At the finish: Your right forearm and hand are on top of your left with your right-hand knuckles to the sky, indicating a full release of the hands and arms through the hitting zone, with the toe of the club rotating over the heel. The club is tilted away from the target line with the club head pointing well left of the target.



A cupped left wrist opens the club face (top) while a flat left wrist provides a face position that's square (bottom), a condition necessary to hit a draw.



Cox News Service photo illustration

## Slow play just won't go away

By GLENN SHEELEY  
Cox News Service

Atlanta  
Mike Reid, a Champions Tour player at age 51, suggested a decade ago at a Players Championship meeting that a shot clock was the answer. Put one behind every green and force lagging players to pull the trigger in time or face a buzzer in their backswing.

"It was a joke," Billy Andrade said, "but he was kind of serious. He wanted to see guys get their act in gear."

"I guess it was just my puckish humor coming out, because we were near April and the NCAA basketball tournament," said Reid, who competed at Baltusrol recently as the Senior PGA champion.

But here's what's no joke. In 2005, scientists can make the golf ball fly out of sight by adding titanium, but they still can't make tour players get the lead out.

More evidence surfaced at the 18th tee at the PGA Championship, where more than a hole was open in front of the group that contained slow-play poster boy Ben Crane. When Crane, a two-time PGA Tour event winner, fidgeted and fussed over the ball, taking 52 seconds to launch his drive — compared to 19 seconds from John Daly hours before — hot, sweaty fans behind him were groaning. "Hey, while we're young," one said. "Hit the ball." "Geez, you're puttin' me to sleep," another said. "It's just getting ridiculous," said Andrade, who claims a lethargic playing partner in the 1996 U.S. Open was so irritating that Andrade made a few late bogeys that cost him a spot in the 1997 Masters.

"We had a little chat afterward," Andrade said.

The most recent ugliness came in June at the Booz Allen Classic, when South Africa's Rory Sabbatini played ahead of partner Crane, holing out before he even reached the green.

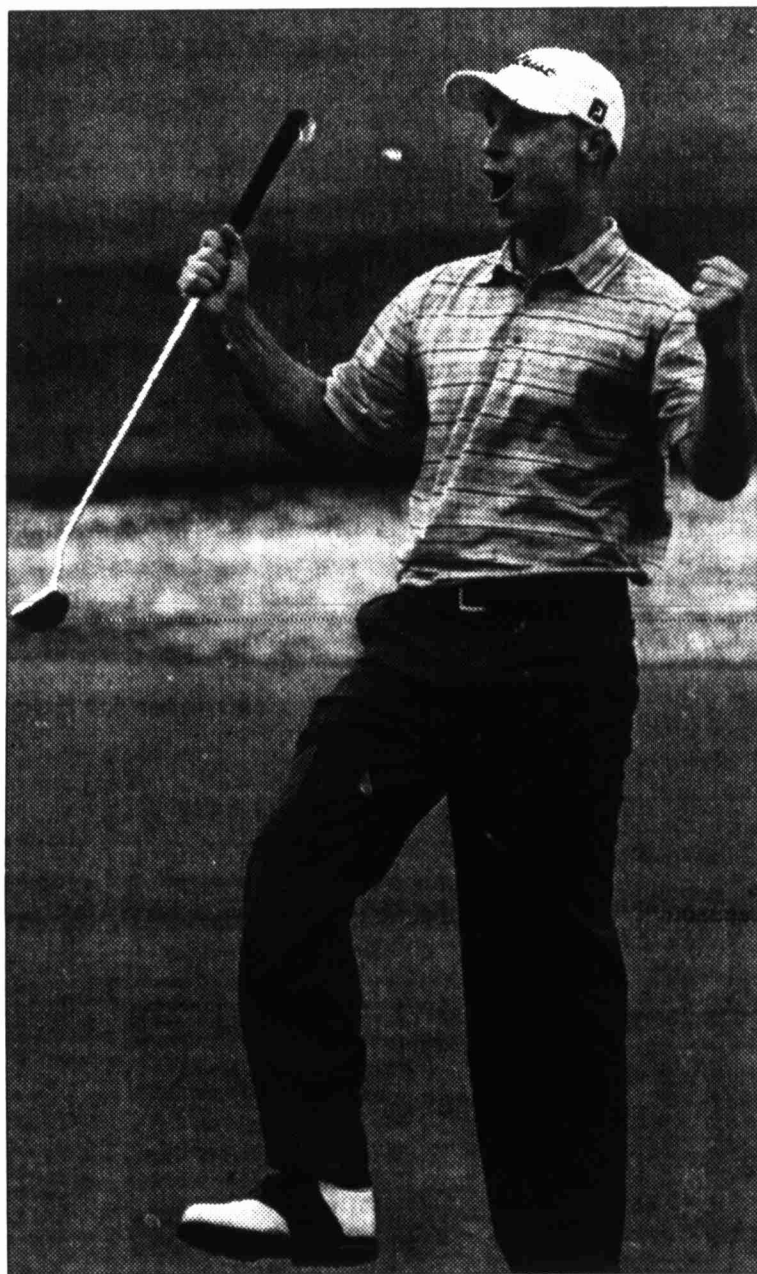
"He's one of my best friends on tour," Stewart Cink said, "but he needs to play faster, and he knows it."

While Crane says he's trying, the numbers don't lie. He even took 28 seconds Friday just to hack a ball out of rough. The good news? The Bible Scriptures stuffed into Crane's yardage book are read only at idle times, not before he hits, as one player had heard.

"That's absurd," Crane said. "What's the solution? What if a pace monitor were stationed on every hole, with the authority to add a stroke to a guilty player's score, possibly even without warning, using on-the-scene observations, not merely a time figure, which often hides the blame?"

"It would scare players," Paul Azinger said. "It would scare me, and I'm a fast player."

With so much money available on the PGA Tour these days, even the \$20,000 fine for 10 clock violations, as incurred last year by Brent Geiberger, is fairly meaning-



CURTIS COMPTON / Cox News Service

Ben Crane, celebrating his win at the 2003 BellSouth Classic in Atlanta, has developed a reputation as one of golf's slowest players.

*"(Ben Crane) is one of my best friends on tour, but he needs to play faster, and he knows it."*

STEWART CINK

less. Still, veteran Jay Haas adds: "That still would be a pretty tough check to write. It's not like it's 20 grand for a new TV or stereo."

Strokes are the only serious deterrent, the pros say, especially if dispensed on the spot by an independent observer. Getting the frugal PGA Tour to agree to such an expense is a separate issue.

"Nobody wants to get a penalty stroke; I know that," Cink said. "I can't say it would fix all the problems, but it's a lot easier to take a fine than a penalty stroke."

Although the PGA Tour on paper beefed up its official policy last year to supposedly apply a one-stroke penalty if a player does not speed up after a first warning, the plan obviously isn't working. Typically, a player speeds up

when on the clock, but many times the damage already has been done to the field.

As it stands, when a threesome is put on the clock — rather than the guilty player nabbed — it puts pressure on everyone.

"That's why a lot of the fast players get mad," Tim Herron said, "because now they're trying to speed up more when they're already fast, so they're playing out of their game. Then if you happen to need more time for a trouble shot, you might not feel you can take it."

Azinger would love to see someone drop the hammer on violators but fears it might create "an abuse of power."

"I could see that happening if the guy hits it off line and he's got a situation," Azinger said.

"There's times when it's OK for a guy to take longer than his time. You can have a justifiable bad time."

What can't be justified, they say, is for a few players to ruin the product.

"There's about a dozen or 15 players who are notorious," Cink said. "They know who to watch."

## SCHEDULE

### All Times EDT LPGA TOUR Wendy's Championship for Children

- Site: Dublin, Ohio.
- Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
- Course: Tartan Fields Golf Club (6,515 yards, par 72).
- Purse: \$1.1 million.
- Winner's share: \$165,000.
- TV: ESPN2 (Friday, 4-6 p.m.; Saturday, 2-4 p.m.; Sunday, 1-3 p.m.).

### PGA TOUR Buick Championship

- Site: Cromwell, Conn.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
- Course: River Highlands (6,820 yards, par 70).
- Purse: \$4.4 million.
- Winner's share: \$792,000.
- TV: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

### CHAMPIONS TOUR JELD-WEN Tradition

- Site: Aloha, Ore.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
- Course: The Reserve Vineyards, South Course (7,120 yards, par 72).
- Purse: \$1.6 million.
- Winner's share: \$240,500.
- TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Sunday, 6-9 p.m., 10:30 p.m.-1 a.m.).

### U.S. GOLF ASSOCIATION U.S. Amateur

- Site: Ardmore, Pa.
- Schedule: Continues through Sunday.
- Courses: Merion Golf Club (6,846 yards, par 70) and Philadelphia Country Club (6,967 yards, par 70).
- TV: The Golf Channel (Wednesday, 3-5 p.m.; Thursday, 3-5 a.m., 4-6 p.m.; Friday, 4-6 a.m., 3-5 p.m.; Saturday, 4-6 a.m.) and NBC (Saturday-Sunday, 4-6 p.m.).

### PGA EUROPEAN TOUR BMW International Open

- Site: Nord-Eichenried, Germany.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
- Course: Munich Nord-Eichenried Golf Club (6,963 yards, par 72).
- Purse: \$2.45 million.
- Winner's share: \$407,630.
- TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 8-11 a.m.).

### NATIONWIDE TOUR Cleveland Open

- Site: Highland Hts., Ohio.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
- Course: StoneWater Golf Club (7,045 yards, par 71).
- Purse: \$450,000. Winner's share: \$81,000.
- TV: None.

## LEADERS

WORLD RANKINGS		
1. Tiger Woods, USA	18.19	
2. Vijay Singh, Fiji	12.21	
3. Phil Mickelson, USA	10.22	
4. Ernie Els, SAf	9.37	
5. Retief Goosen, SAf	8.28	
6. Sergio Garcia, Spn	7.12	
7. Chris DiMarco, USA	5.84	
8. Adam Scott, Aus	5.64	
9. David Toms, USA	5.46	
10. Kenny Perry, USA	5.39	
11. P. Harrington, Ire	5.39	
12. Jim Furyk, USA	5.38	
13. Angel Cabrera, Arg	5.13	
14. Davis Love III, USA	4.57	
15. Luke Donald, Eng	4.56	

MONEY LEADERS PGA TOUR		
Player	Money	
1. Tiger Woods	\$8,592,674	
2. Vijay Singh	\$7,307,669	
3. Phil Mickelson	\$5,609,025	
4. David Toms	\$3,656,213	
5. Jim Furyk	\$3,577,435	
6. Kenny Perry	\$3,282,605	
7. Chris DiMarco	\$3,210,712	
8. Retief Goosen	\$3,185,275	
9. Sergio Garcia	\$2,842,458	
10. Fred Funk	\$2,598,524	

LPGA TOUR		
Player	Money	
1. A. Sorenstam	\$1,719,458	
2. Paula Creamer	\$1,153,401	
3. Lorena Ochoa	\$1,138,023	
4. Cristie Kerr	\$1,015,491	
5. Jeong Jang	\$872,016	
6. Natalie Gulbis	\$786,367	
7. Meena Lee	\$734,419	
8. Candie Kung	\$679,362	
9. Gloria Park	\$671,731	
10. Birdie Kim	\$663,914	

CHAMPIONS TOUR		
Player	Money	
1. Dana Quigley	\$1,519,436	
2. D.A. Webber	\$1,292,585	
3. Hale Irwin	\$1,169,517	
4. Mark McNulty	\$1,169,352	
5. Tom Jenkins	\$1,122,775	

## EQUIPMENT

### Get fit for better balance

Balance is the organizing force that allows you to make a good, repeating golf swing, and there is no doubt that the fit of your clubs affects the motion of your swing. Creating a balanced swing is the essence of club fitting, and it's a goal every fitter/teacher should strive for.

The expert fitter/teacher's first step is to identify the player's swing compensations. He begins by having the golfer hit clubs with different specifications. By a process of elimination, it's determined which club specifications, such as lie, loft and club length, eliminate the swing compensations.

What comes first, fixing the swing or the fit? The best scenario is that they occur together on an ongoing basis. I believe that it's impossible to teach a student how to make a proper swing with a club that does not fit. When you have the right club, it rewards balance and encourages the player to make a balanced swing.

The opposite is also true, i.e., a poorly fit club will force the player to make compensations in an effort to get the ball to target. For example, if the shaft is too stiff, the golfer will hang back on his back foot to help the ball into the air, and no amount of instruction will improve his weight shift until he has the correct club.

## ASK THE PRO



Dr. T.J. Tomasi is director of instruction at Lyman Orchards Golf Club in Middlefield, Conn. To ask him a question about golf, e-mail him at T.Jinsider@aol.com.

**Q:** I'm experimenting with the interlock grip, but I'm having trouble getting used to it, and I'm losing distance. I know a lot of pros use it, but is it good for an 18 handicap like me? — Warren from Southern Pines, N.C.

**A:** If you're not careful, intertwining your left index finger and your right pinkie pushes the club into the palms of your hands. This makes it very hard to set (cock) the wrists correctly, thus reducing leverage.

Good golfers like Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods who use the interlock are strong, with a late set. It can be dangerous for golfers

who turn a late set into "no set" by lifting the arms instead of coiling. If your interlock grip is not working correctly, you'll develop weak hand action with a bent left arm.

**Solution:** Change your hold on the club to an overlap where your smallest finger on your right hand curls around the longest finger of your left; or use the 10-finger hold where there is no overlap or interlock of the fingers. Both secure the club more in the fingers than the palms, and so promote a better wrist cock.

**Drill:** Give both grip types an audition on the practice range; 20 balls in a row for each, then alternate every third ball for 20 more.



# Sports

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Friday, August 26, 2005

## IN BRIEF

### Coahoma sets booster club dates

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet each Monday at 7 p.m. in Coach Kim Nichols' classroom through football season. The meetings after football season will take place only when needed.

For more information, contact Donna Wright at 267-6723.

### Howard sets mini cheerleading camp

Howard College will hold a mini cheer camp Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for grades first through six.

Registration will take place at 8 a.m. and the cheer/dance class session will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Participants are supposed to bring a lunch to eat at noon and bring a water bottle and wear tennis shoes. They are also supposed to put their names on their belongings.

All registered participants will also compete at the Battle of the Cheerleaders at the Rodeo Bowl during the county fair.

The cost of the camp is \$25.

For more information, call 264-5024.

### Quarterback club sets remaining weekly meetings

The Big Spring football booster club (quarterback club) will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the ATC through the football season.

For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

### Last chance to sign up for Crossroads' football program

The Crossroads Youth Football Association signups will end Saturday so anyone wanting to play has a few more days to register. The registration will take place at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call Daphne Castilaw at 714-4688.

### B.S.G.S.A. will to hold "fall ball"

The Big Spring Girl's Softball Association will be having fall ball this year.

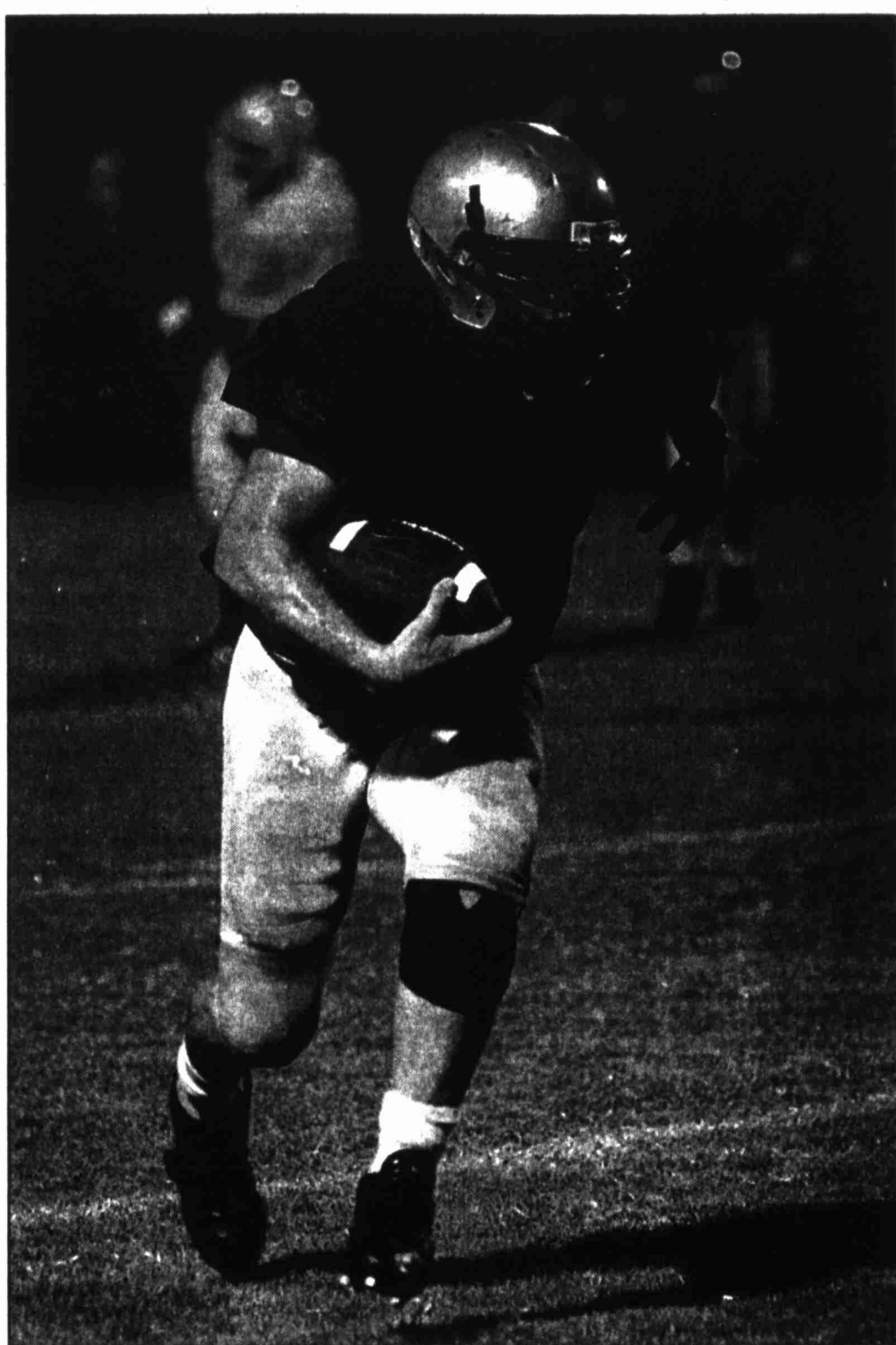
The games will be on Saturdays, beginning Sept. 10 and athletes can sign-up from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 13, 20 and 27 at the Big Spring Mall. The cost is \$35.

For more information, contact Ron Shafer at 432-213-3747.

### B.S. travel football team now forming

The Big Spring Youth Football Travel League is now being formed for anyone in grades three through six who would like to play.

If interested, contact Randy Phillips at 267-7141 or Denise Carillo at 816-1688 or 263-1945.



Big Spring senior Kyle Piercefield advances the ball upfield during last week's scrimmage against Lamesa. The Steers host Odessa High tonight at 7:30 p.m. to kick-off the season.

## Steers look to control clock at home against Bronchos

• Turnovers will be key to which team walks away with win

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Tim Holt era begins tonight in Big Spring as the Steers' football team takes on Class 5A Odessa High at Memorial Stadium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Steers have been decimated by injuries early this year as seniors Matt Rodriguez (center) and Andy Lasater (wide receiver) will not play tonight. Senior Johnny Williams had surgery on his hand Thursday and is also not expected to play.

A new offense will be implemented tonight for the Steers as Holt will use a more ball control offense that emphasizes yards on the ground as opposed to yards in the air.

"We want to be a ball control offense," said

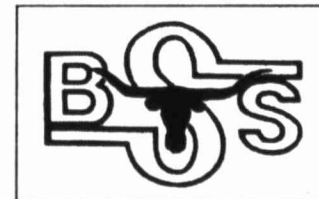
Holt. "We will pass when we want to, but we'd like to establish the run."

And playing key factors in the running game tonight will be halfback Kalin Whitehead, fullback Lance Tissue and tailbacks Matt Hilario and Alex Castillo, who moves to the backfield after playing wide receiver last year.

The passing game tonight should feature new quarterback Ryan Tannehill, a junior, and senior tight end Kyle Piercefield. The two hooked up several times for big plays in the Steers' only scrimmage last Thursday against Lamesa.

"Tannehill will be key to our season," said Holt. "And Kyle is a hidden gem I think. He wasn't utilized much last year in the wide open offense, but we are going to look to get him the ball more this year."

Odessa High's offense is expected to be similar to Big Spring's pass-oriented offenses of the past 15 years under former coach Dwight Butler. "Its a wide-open and high risk offense and



they could be on and off the field quickly if it doesn't work," said Holt. Like last year, the keys to winning the game will be turnovers.

"The team which makes the least amount of mistakes should win the game," said Holt.

The Steers led 18-14 after three quarters against the Bronchos last year, but ran into trouble in the fourth quarter with turnovers and Odessa's depth was too much to overcome. Odessa scored the final 13 points of the game (the only points scored in the fourth) and won the game 27-18. The Steers have not beaten the Bronchos since 1985.

The Steers will focus on stopping the run on defense with several different looks at an eight man front. Key players on the defensive side of the ball include senior Josh Hernandez, senior Zac Chesworth, Hilario, junior Caleb Choate, Tissue, Piercefield and junior Gus Waddy.

## Grandfalls upsets No. 5 Bearkats on final play of game

• Five turnovers cost Garden City victory in season opener

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

GRANDFALLS

Garden City's high expectations took a bit of a hit Thursday night as the No. 5 Bearkats took a loss on the final play of the game to start the six-man season.

Garden City turned the ball over five times — four of which were inside Grandfalls-Royalty's 20-yard line — and couldn't mount enough of a comeback to get the win as they lost to unranked Grandfalls-Royalty, 28-25.

"Things didn't go our way from the start and Grandfalls was a lot better team than last year," said Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins, whose team came away with a 45 point mercy rule victory against the Cowboys last season. "We couldn't get into sync on offense and that's partly due to Grandfalls."

Junior Alex Halfmann scored twice in the fourth quarter on runs of two and 58 yards and the final touchdown gave the Bearkats the lead with 1:13 to play. However, Grandfalls came right back and scored on a seven yard pass play with no time left on the clock.

The Bearkats did not lead until Halfmann's touchdown late in the fourth quarter, however.

"Our defense kept us in the game and met their goal points wise," said Hoskins. "We have good leadership on this team

and I am confident we will bounce back."

Grandfalls took the early lead with the only touchdown in the first quarter as they returned a fumble 40 yards for the score. A 34 yard pass play early in the second quarter put them up 14-0 before a three yard run by junior Jared Bradford cut the margin to 14-6.

Garden City suffered a safety late in the second quarter as intentional grounding was called on Halfmann in his own end zone. That put Grandfalls-Royalty up 16-6 at half-time.

The Bearkats ran for more than 300 yards on the ground, but three factors cost them the victory.

"We had five turnovers, had the ball inside the 15 four times and didn't score and missed three out of four extra points," said Hoskins. "We have never really been that inefficient on offense since I have been here."

Bradford finished with 127 yards and one touchdown on 18 carries, while Halfmann had 122 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries. He also went eight-for-12 through the air with 85 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.

Junior Taylor Njehues had four catches for 36 yards and Dusty Walker caught a 24 yard touchdown pass. Hoskins said the defense was led by senior Cory Multer, Cade Doss and Jason Flores.

"I don't like to lose, but if we learned that we have to show up for every game and play every week then it was a good thing for us," said Hoskins.

The Bearkats have little time to recover from this loss as they prepare to face No. 8 Ira at home next Friday. It will be parent's night, as well. Ira defeated Garden City twice last season, including a win in the first round of the playoffs.

## Forsan hopes to start season with road win

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

The Forsan Buffalos open the football season tonight at 7:30 p.m. as they travel to meet the Iraan Braves.

Head coach Tommy Thompson returns for another season as the Buffalos head coach and has high hopes for his squad this year.

"This week's practices have been solid," said Thompson. "The team has been practicing with excitement."

Thompson adds that offensively they are getting sharp and viewing Iraan as a great opportunity to fine tune and see the offense really come together.

"We are going to have to pass to soften up Iraan's defensive front," Thompson said. "That way we can run effectively."

The coach also said the Braves have good team speed defensively and the Buffalos will have to be very aggressive.

Senior Tye Baker returns as the Buffs'



starting quarterback and has been connecting with his key targets.

"Tye has been throwing well this week to tight end Adam Bailey and split end Justin Wilson," said Thompson. "And the offensive line has been picking up blitzes well."

Defensively there are some changes this year for the Buffalos.

"We are implementing a new defense," coach Thompson said. "It is exciting for the players and coaches."

Thompson also said Iraan will run multiple formations and use motion to try to dictate what the Buffs will do defensively.

"We are well prepared to stop its run game," says Thompson. "The key is to play with heart, enthusiasm and to take care of assignments."

### Other high school football openers

Coahoma @ Reagan County, 7:30 p.m.  
Grady vs. Woodson @ Jayton, 5 p.m.  
Sands @ Ropes, 7:30 p.m.  
Stanton @ No. 22 Roscoe, 7:30 p.m.

ALSO:

Levelland vs. No. 3 Snyder  
El Paso Montwood @ No. 19 Plainview  
Lake View @ Abilene Wylie  
Lubbock Cooper @ No. 14 Sweetwater  
Lubbock High @ Permian  
No. 1 Southlake Carroll @ No. 15 Midland Lee  
Lubbock Estacado @ Hereford

### Hole-in-One

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# FRIDAY NIGHT FORECASTERS

## This Week's Games

1. Odessa High @ Big Spring
2. Coahoma @ Reagan County
3. Stanton @ Roscoe
4. Forsan @ Iraan
5. Sands @ Ropes
6. Grady vs. Woodson @ Jayton
7. Boerne @ Frenship
8. Lubbock High @ Permian
9. Fort Stockton @ Colorado City
10. Hawley @ Haskell
11. Paducah @ Ira
12. Lubbock Estacado @ Hereford
13. El Paso Montwood @ Plainview
14. Lake View @ Abilene Wylie
15. Levelland @ Snyder
16. Munday @ Stamford
17. Eden @ Sterling City
18. Southlake Carroll @ Midland Lee
19. Lubbock Cooper @ Sweetwater
20. Westbrook @ Blackwell

Overall Records:



**Adam Dunlap**  
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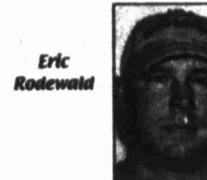
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## IN BRIEF

### Henson Memorial fund-raiser set

The Second Annual Pfc. Clayton W. Henson Memorial Scholarship Fund-raiser golf tournament has been set for Sept. 10.

The tournament will be a four person scramble and will cost \$80 per person.

It will take place at the Phoenix Golf Club in Stanton.

Tee times be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Wally Hazelwood at 756-2424 or the Phoenix Golf Club at 756-2556.

### Local bowling leagues now forming

Bowling leagues at Bowl-A-Rama Lanes are now being formed.

There will be several leagues throughout the week.

A senior league will take place Fridays at 6 p.m. for players 55 and over. The league meeting will take place Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. and the league will begin Sept. 9.

Also, a children's league will take place Saturday mornings at 10 for bowlers aged 4 through 17.

For more information, call 267-7484.

### Armstrong says he is victim of setup

(AP) — Lance Armstrong suggested that he's the victim of a "setup," saying he doesn't trust the French lab that released test results leading to blood doping allegations.

Armstrong's comments came after Dick Pound, head of the World Anti-Doping Agency, said officials had received the lab results and would review them.

Pound said he's unsure whether WADA would have jurisdiction to take any action against Armstrong if the allegations could be proved.

The French sports daily L'Equipe reported Tuesday that the urine sample Armstrong provided during his first tour win in 1999 tested positive for the red blood cell-booster EPO.

## Rangers fall to last place Mariners, 8-2

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer  
ARLINGTON (AP) — Jeff Harris pitched in minor and independent leagues from China to Mexico to Canada. He spent offseasons doing construction jobs, just bidding time until it was baseball season again.

Eleven years after being drafted, the 31-year-old Seattle Mariners right-hander finally has his first major league victory.

Harris, recalled from Triple-A Tacoma to make his second career start, limited the Texas Rangers to four singles and an unearned run over seven innings in the Mariners' 8-2 victory Thursday.

Ichiro Suzuki hit a grand slam in a five-run ninth inning, and Raul Ibanez also homered for the Mariners.

Seattle managed just three hits and three runs over the first seven innings against Joaquin Benoit (3-4), who retired 18 batters in a row at one point. He still lost his third straight start.

Harris was drafted by Minnesota in 1995, and stayed in the Twins organization until he was released after the 2000 season.

After two years in an independent league in Chico, Calif., and failing to make a team in Taiwan, Harris played in leagues in China and Mexico before going to Quebec, where he was last summer when signed by the Mariners organization.

Harris went seven innings and threw 94 pitches on a day when the temperature was 95 degrees at game time. He benefited from four double plays.

The Rangers, who before this series had a 1-12 trip that was the worst in team history, had 14 runs and 11 extra-base hits the first two games against the Mariners. Texas leads the majors with 206 home runs.

Benoit struck out the first two batters of the game, getting Ichiro on three pitches, before Ibanez hit his 17th homer.

## Forsan begins JV season with loss at home to Iraan

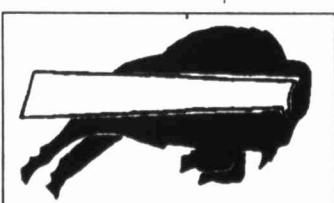
By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald  
The local football season opened Thursday night with the Forsan Buffaloes junior varsity team playing host to the Iraan Braves.

Although the Buffs gave a great effort they were defeated 20-6.

"The kids played very hard, but came up short," said head junior varsity coach Brad Batla. "The offensive line's blocking was great and the defense played very tough."

Vince Pennick and Jace Sandridge took advantage of the solid blocking by racking up 155 and 60 yards, respectively, in the

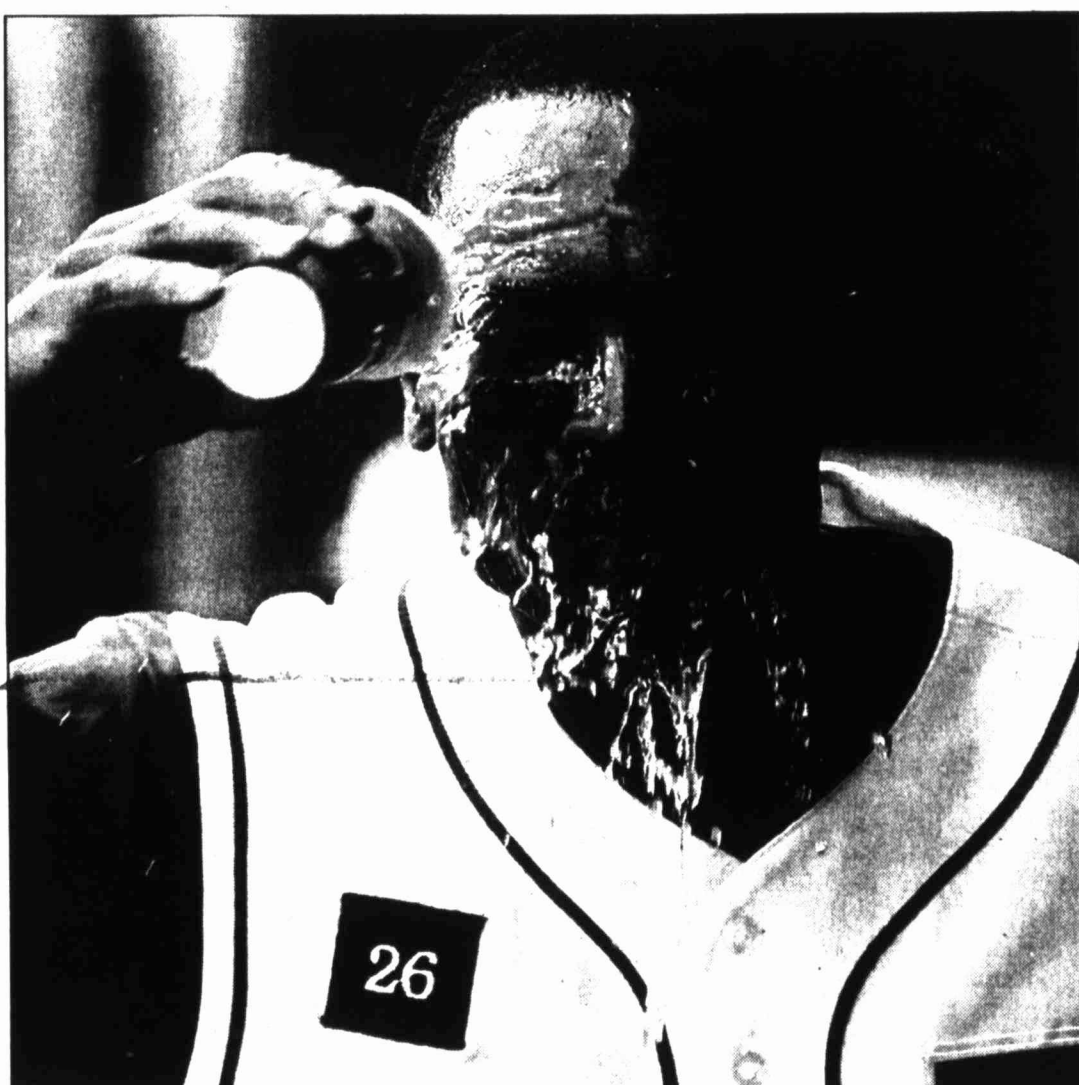


rushing game.

Sandridge, a two way player, also led the defense with nine tackles. Jeremy Frietag and Aaron Hughes each added five tackles.

Forsan was held scoreless until the final two seconds of the game when Jeremy Robbins found Frietag open for a touchdown.

The junior varsity squad will travel to El Dorado next week.



The Rangers' Alfonso Soriano cools off during his team's game against the Mariners Thursday at Amerquest Field in Arlington. The Rangers lost the game 8-2.

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**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
Venus and Jupiter join to bring a message about the nature of love. There's plenty of it and it's never wasted. We may not agree with the path it takes. Maybe we want more from someone who won't give it, or maybe we don't want to give it where it is needed. But there really is an endless supply if we stop putting so many particulars on the proposition.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). A burst of productivity makes you feel worthy to do something nice for yourself. You were already worthy though. Demanding things of yourself will get old at some point. Try giving to yourself for the heck of it.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your innate talents are so obvious to everyone around you but invisible to you. You have had them for so long that you take them for granted. It will be lucky to ask people what they think of you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Develop your built-in lie detector. It could save you from connecting with the wrong kind of people. Besides, it's just as easy to connect with truthful people. Tonight features a case of mistaken identity.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You are susceptible to picking up other people's emotions. Life improves immensely when you know your personal boundaries and enforce them. Get involved in planning this weekend — there are romantic perks for you.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). This is the perfect time to reinvent yourself in someone's eyes or even just in your own. The past is forgotten and forgiven. You are luckiest when you follow impulses to some-

Tomorrow's Horoscope

where that yesterday you wouldn't have dreamed of going to.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't have a particularly strong attachment to the outcome of business and financial arrangements. This is part of the reason why you're surprised and delighted. Tonight, intellectual pursuits lead to love.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Show respect for differences of opinion. If you let your people know it's safe to disagree with you, they'll feel free enough to give you their best ideas. Tonight, make sure youngsters are adequately supervised.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Loved ones make a small but significant move toward the behavior you want them to adopt. Recognize, reward and celebrate this as if it were a big deal. It is.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can soar to the top at work by maintaining your focus even when others around you are totally losing it. A to-do list will help. You're never too busy to make one! Fantastic friendships are started tonight.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Let music light up your life. As your favorite song comes on, you feel yourself beginning to relax and forget about the hard part of

your day. Keep your attitude as upbeat as possible, and you'll attract people with real insight!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Take your down time seriously. Guard it as you would other appointments. You'll be astounded by your own creative thinking once you've given yourself a chance to recharge.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Transform part of your home. On both the physical and spiritual plane, you are creating a haven that's fun to come back to at the end of every day. Loved ones appreciate your efforts to keep the environment low stress.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST**: Board games are highly underrated as a means of igniting romance. Get everyone together, singles and couples alike, for an evening of team-oriented fun.

**ARIES**: Others accept you at the level you value yourself, so work on your confidence. **TAURUS**: Set priorities straight, and don't disregard friendship for passion. **GEMINI**: You'll have the time of your life with a Pisces or a Scorpio. **CANCER**: You make new rules of dating, and these will work to your advantage. **LEO**: As someone who is used to getting lots of attention, you may feel suddenly ignored. Put that

sparkling personality to work anyway when hitting the social scene.

**VIRGO**: People flock to you like a caffeine addict to a Starbucks. **LIBRA**: A sense of humor is routinely cited as the most attractive feature in a potential mate. Embrace your inner clown. **SCORPIO**: You're not the only one interested in a sweetie. The more heated the competition, the more intense the sparks. **SAGITTARIUS**: Form a team to accomplish simple but time-consuming tasks. Love blossoms out of something menial. **CAPRICORN**: Music adds romance where it was lacking. **AQUARIUS**: If love feels out of step, a coordinated domestic effort brings you closer. **PISCES**: Making your intentions public unleashes passion.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND**: Virgo and Capricorn are a lovely pairing who are equipped to make their relationship last over the long haul. Shared goals are the obvious glue of the relationship. Both signs tend to be sensible and success-driven. But what the outside world doesn't see is the sensuality that these two signs exude when they are alone together. A romantic excursion will be the prescription for passion.

If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have a boyfriend of one year, and we are considering marriage, but we are not officially engaged.

My problem is his sister, who lives in Paris. I've never seen or talked to "Amelie," but have been told a lot about her. She has been in Paris for three years, but no one knows what she is doing there, since she has no job experience. All her expenses are paid by her parents, but sometimes she calls my boyfriend collect demanding money. He always gives it to her. He also sends her expensive gifts on holidays and birthdays.

My boyfriend doesn't make a decent income, nor has he saved a lot. I want him to stop sending money to Amelie, but I don't want to cause problems in their relationship. What should I do — Potential Sister-in-Law in Seoul

Dear Seoul: At the moment, you have no say on what your boyfriend does about Amelie. It's not your money. However, if you marry this man, it will become your problem. If he doesn't make a decent living, doesn't know how to save, likes to give generous gifts and is an easy mark for his freeloading sister, you are in for a lifetime of financial difficulty. Here's our advice: Do not marry him unless he learns to be more responsible.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "At Wits' End," whose almost-18-year-old daughter seems to have become a different person because of drug abuse. The description of this girl's behavior was familiar, as my husband and I experienced much the same thing with his daughter.

Thank you for recommending Families Anonymous. We regularly attend FA meetings and have found the fellowship in this group to be a lifesaver. It helps to be with people who understand the havoc that a loved one's drug addiction can wreak on a family, and who can offer a compassionate, nonjudgmental ear and solid coping



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strategies. FA has done wonders for us, allowing us to live a comfortable life despite the tragedy of addiction. Our thoughts and prayers are with this family and all families who walk this walk. Our daughter is not yet straight, but we are learning to let go with love and let her experience the consequences of her choices. There truly is a difference between turning your back on someone and lovingly letting them take responsibility for their choices instead of bailing them out. FA helps families understand this. — Anonymous in Roanoke, Va.

Dear Roanoke: Thank you for letting our readers share your experience. We hope your daughter recovers. Here's one more:

Dear Annie: My wife and I could have signed the letter from "At Wits' End." When we discovered our daughter was using cocaine, we decided we had no choice. We either could find and pay for residential treatment, or pay for a funeral. Our daughter has been at a private, all-girl treatment center several states away for six months, and she has six months to go, but I can say now that we have her "back."

I urge your reader to go online and search for this type of facility. It is imperative that their daughter be removed from her peer group and that the drugs be cleansed from her system. With loving, professional help, they will see her transform before their eyes. Their "little girl" is still in there, she is just totally incapacitated by the

drugs.

This is a life-or-death situation. Through a strong commitment, courage and love, their daughter can get the help she so desperately needs. This course of action is expensive (we mortgaged our house), but is a much easier sacrifice than attending her funeral. — Thanking God Every Day

Dear Annie: I'm writing about my elderly mother. It's gotten to the point where we (her daughters) don't want to spend time with her. Mom is an intelligent, active and independent 75-year-old. She also is critical, rude and insensitive, and always has been.

Mom makes unkind remarks in almost every conversation. After each encounter, we go away frustrated. When we tell her how we feel, she becomes sarcastic and defensive. She now is alienating her grandchildren because she makes insensitive comments when they stop by to visit her. We feel bad that we don't spend more time with her, but it's just too difficult. This behavior isn't new for her, but it has gotten worse over time.

Do we tolerate this carping out of respect? Is there any hope she will see how her behavior is affecting her relationships with her children and grandchildren? — Three Sisters

Dear Sisters: Maybe. Tell your mother politely, but in plain English, that her judgmental and rude behavior makes it unpleasant to visit her, and if she doesn't learn to be more considerate of her loved ones, you will see her less often, and the grandchildren will probably avoid her altogether.

She will become defensive, but it might penetrate. The next time she says something unkind, tell her nicely. "Please don't be so rude." If she continues, leave. Do this each time you visit. Either behavior modification will work or it won't, but at least you will have tried. You certainly don't have to sit there and take it.

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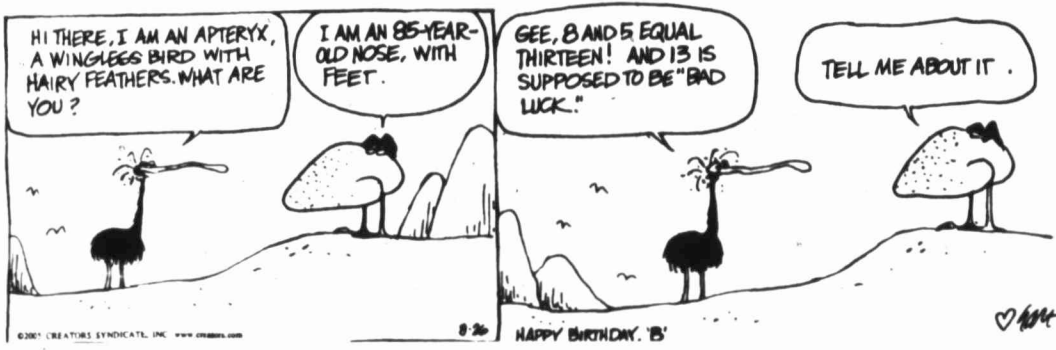
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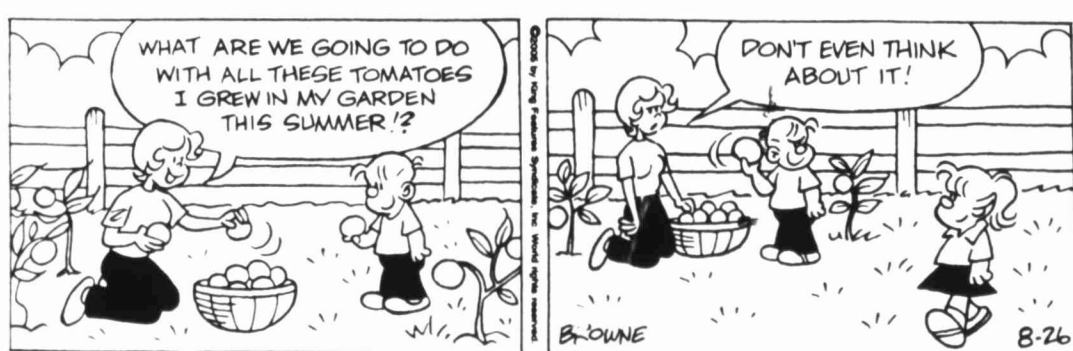
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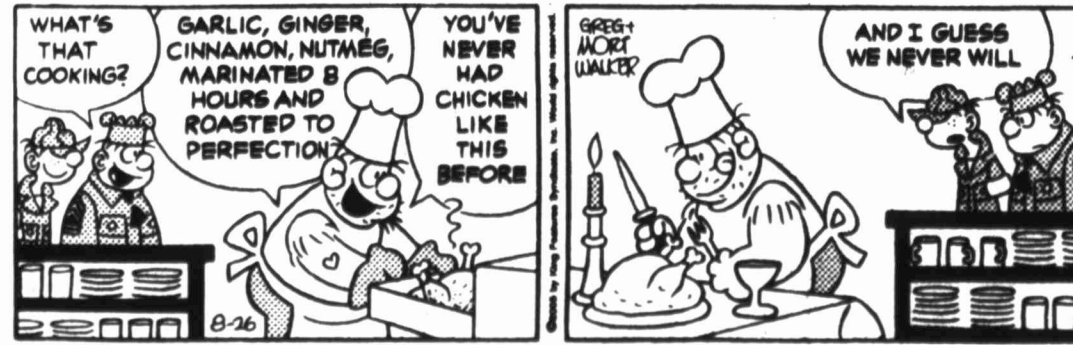
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Aug. 26, the 238th day of 2005. There are 127 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women the right to vote, was declared in effect.  
On this date:  
In 55 B.C., Roman forces under Julius Caesar invaded Britain.  
In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa began erupting with increasingly large explosions.  
In 1936, the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, calling for most British troops to leave Egypt (except those guarding the Suez Canal) was signed in Montreux, Switzerland (it was abrogated by Egypt in 1951).  
In 1957, the Soviet Union announced it had successfully tested an intercontinental ballistic missile.

In 1961, the official International Hockey Hall of Fame opened in Toronto.  
In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Democratic national convention in Atlantic City, N.J.  
In 1972, the summer Olympics games opened in Munich, West Germany.  
In 1978, Cardinal Albino Luciani of Venice was elected the 264th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church following the death of Paul VI. The new pontiff took the name Pope John Paul I.  
In 1985, 13-year-old AIDS patient Ryan White began "attending" classes at Western Middle School in Kokomo, Ind., via a telephone hook-up at his home - school officials had barred Ryan from attending classes in person.  
One year ago: At the Athens Olympics, the U.S. women's soccer team won the gold medal by beating Brazil, 2-1, in overtime; Shawn Crawford led a U.S. sweep of the 200 meters. Pop singer Laura Branigan died in East Quogue, N.Y., at age 47.

Washington Post Executive Editor Benjamin C. Bradlee is 84. Author Ben J. Wattenberg is 72. Former Democratic vice-presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro is 70. Pop singer Bob Cowsill is 56. Actor Brett Cullen is 49. Jazz musician Branford Marsalis is 45. Country musician Jimmy Olander (Diamond Rio) is 44. Actor Chris Burke is 40. Rock musician Dan Vickers (Counting Crows) is 39. Rock musician Adrian Young (No Doubt) is 36. Actress Melissa McCarthy is 35. Actor Macaulay Culkin is 25. Actress Keke Palmer is 12.  
Thought for Today: "Suffering belongs to no language." - Adelia Prado, Brazilian poet.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

THE YOGI OF PHYSICS by Merle Baker  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Jack and Jimmy
  - 6 Baker, at times
  - 10 Plains dwelling
  - 14 Sanction
  - 15 Creative inspiration
  - 16 Actor Arkin
  - 17 Brownish gray
  - 18 Ancient Egyptian objects of worship
  - 19 Ed Wood star
  - 20 Start of a Niels Bohr quote
  - 23 It should be earned
  - 24 Dynamic beginning
  - 25 Prefix with day or night
  - 26 Low in pitch
  - 27 Part 2 of quote
  - 30 Sundry
  - 31 Weather-report word
  - 32 Andrews and Carvey
  - 33 Sprinter's goal
  - 34 Sentry's order
  - 36 Some designer dresses
  - 39 Lot
  - 40 Croquet, in the 1870s
  - 43 Part 3 of quote
  - 46 Sound of relief
  - 47 Badge wearer
  - 48 In the old days
  - 49 Saturday-matinee fare of yore

- 51 End of the quote
- 54 Tweed nemes
- 55 Four on some faces
- 56 Skater, getting ready
- 58 Peach, for one
- 59 Set right
- 60 Rugged ridge
- 61 Some former UN members
- 62 Conclusion preceder
- 63 Barbershop band
- 5 Hammarskjöld, "Here's for one"
- 6 Apple product
- 7 Pie filling
- 8 Glimpsed
- 9 Court of last
- 11 Little ones
- 11 Creative guy
- 12 Goulash seasoning
- 13 Slows down
- 21 Cat's acknowledgment
- 22 Bean
- 23 Tokyo, formerly
- 28 Brewed drink
- 29 Floor covering
- 31 Nittany Lion, for one
- 33 Three, in Turin
- 34 2001 computer
- 35 "Here's looking \_\_\_"
- 36 Pours out
- 37 Weather-map lines
- 38 Anti
- 39 On the lam
- 40 More hard-fought
- 41 Don't dispute
- 42 Some AL batters
- 44 Eventually
- 45 More sore
- 46 James I's house
- 50 Brother of Prometheus
- 52 Beehive State Indians
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- 57 Weightlifting unit

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