



Webb AFB Reunion gets into full swing today

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

More than a quarter-century after its closing, Webb Air Force Base still hold a prominent place in people's memories.

Reliving some of those memories will be the main order of business starting today, as the second Webb AFB Reunion kicks off at the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

Organizers are expecting up to 200 people to attend the

three-day event, the second of its kind.

"When we held the first one in 2002, we only planned to do it every five years. But we've had so many calls we've decided to do it again after only three years," reunion organizer Jan Foresyth said earlier this month.

This year's event starts today with registration and a noon luncheon at the Air Museum. Stunt pilot Jan Colmer, who is performing at Saturday's Commemorative Air Force

Airsho in Midland, will be on hand for an aerobatics demonstration.

Also today, former Big Spring resident Ron George will be at the museum from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. signing copies of his book, "Airspeed, Altitude and a Sense of Humor," which chronicles his days as a pilot trainee at Webb and as the pilot of a KC-135 jet tanker.

Foresyth said the remainder of Friday's activities will be "pretty casual," centering mainly on registering atten-

dees.

A Friday evening dinner at Dora Roberts Community Center, catered by La Posada Restaurant, will be followed by casino games, Foresyth said.

Much of Saturday will be devoted to attending the 2005 FINA CAF Airsho in Midland. Foresyth said reunion-goers will spend the day at the show, having both lunch and dinner there.

On Saturday evening, a dinner will be held at the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center,

formerly the Webb AFB Officer's Club.

The last scheduled reunion event will be a send-off breakfast at Hangar 25 at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Foresyth said.

The reunion is open to anyone who was employed, stationed or had anything to do with Webb Air Force Base, Foresyth said.

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HAVING HIS WISH COME TRUE

Tristin Rangel featured on 'Three Wishes'

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**

Features Editor

Today records another treasure in a series of grand adventures for 6-year-old Tristin Rangel, who was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia in October of 2004.

Tristin, an Elbow Elementary kindergartner, appears at 8 tonight on the NBS program "Three Wishes," hosted by contemporary Christian music recording artist and Grammy Award winner Amy Grant.

His first adventure this week occurred Monday, when he was allowed to return to school for the first time since the diagnosis.

"He was a little apprehensive about going, because we've told him for nearly a year that he couldn't be around other children because of germs. He asked before he went to school, but what about the 'gurms.' I told him Mr. Osborn (Elbow elementary principal) would let us know if anyone was sick and that it would be OK for him to go to school," said his mother, Ione Rangel.

And the week ends with seeing himself on national television in the program tonight. Rangel, explained she was contacted by NBC after a young girl in Clovis, N.M., Carly Luskumb made a wish for NBC to give back to



Elbow elementary kindergartner Tristin Rangel appears on the NBC program "Three Wishes," hosted by contemporary Christian music recording artist Amy Grant tonight at 8 p.m. on local Channel 9. Tristin was granted his wish, to meet Spiderman, at a surprise birthday party at Covenant Children's Hospital in Lubbock. He also attended a free concert of Grant's in Clovis N.M., all part of the "Three Wishes" program.

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Symphony's 'International Spectacular' is Saturday

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**

Features Editor

The Saturday performance of "An International Spectacular" featuring Van Cliburn Piano Competition finalist Davide Cabassi and guest maestro John Giordano, is the first of four outstanding concerts presented by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus entering its 26th season.

"We are very excited about the season we have planned for the symphony this year. We planned these performances with the Big Spring audience in mind. This will be one of our best seasons ever," said Dr. Keith Graumann, music director and conductor for the Big Spring symphony.

At Saturday's performance, Cabassi will perform Beethoven's "Concerto No. 3." Giordano will conduct the symphony in a performance of Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 4."

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for senior citizens and \$15 for adults. Hurricane survivors and their host families may receive free admission by stopping by the *Big Spring Herald* to receive tickets.

The Dec. 17 concert, "A Symphonic Christmas," will bring some familiar and favorite Christmas carols to Municipal auditorium featuring Alex Edgemon of Big Spring as guest soloist, a counter tenor currently attending Texas Tech University.

There will be a special appearance of the Coahoma Choir Kids directed by Sandy Wallace and sing-alongs with some of the songs, he said.

"Happy Birthday Mozart" Feb. 4 sees the return of 13-year-old Peng Peng, a Julliard student. He premiered his first

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Atmos employees, families slate car wash for United Way

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Area residents will be able to help out the local United Way by getting their vehicles washed and enjoying a hot dog lunch, as Atmos Energy gets set to hold a special fundraiser Saturday at the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Employees, family members

and basically anyone the group can talk into helping will be washing cars and serving hot dogs and sodas from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in an effort to support the local United Way, which recently set its 2005-2006 goal at \$300,000.

"We thought it would be a good way to help out the United Way," said Diane Newton, operations assistant for the Big

Spring Atmos office. "We usually do a garage sale, but so many people had already donated what they had to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort, we figured this would be a better way to raise money."

For a donation of just \$10, Atmos employees will wash vehicles while the motorists enjoy a hot dog and soda.

"It's supposed to be a nice day

Saturday, so we really hope a lot of people will come out and get their car washed," said Newton. "We'll also be selling the hot-dogs and sodas for \$1 for both, so if your car's already clean, please come down and have lunch with us. It's for a very important cause."

"We've been really fortunate with this fundraiser, as Wal-Mart has been a big help.

They're going to supply all of the hoses and sprayers for us to use for the car wash. So it's coming together nicely."

Agencies that receive funds from the United Way are the West Texas Chapter of the American Red Cross, Boys Club of Big Spring, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America,

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Free mental health screenings offered

By **VALERIE AVERY**

Special to the Herald

Hurricane Katrina's haunting images, the frenzied rush from the coast ahead of Hurricane Rita coupled with the financial fallout of higher gasoline prices are three recent events that may make people with depression exhibit more recognizable signs of the disease.

"People treated for depression may be doing well but when they see the human suffering up close, it makes it much more difficult to cope," said Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers for MHMR

CEO. "And, then there's another group of people who may not have been diagnosed with depression but are on the verge of showing classic symptoms. The recent events may trigger more severe symptoms that need to be addressed."

West Texas Centers for MHMR and Big Spring State Hospital provide a free, community service each year to people in Howard County and the surrounding area who may be exhibiting signs of depression or just want to be tested for depression.

"Some people who come in for testing do so for peace of mind," said Ed

Moughon, Big Spring State Hospital's superintendent.

The free depression screening will be Thursday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Big Spring Mall, next to the Beall's inside entrance. Licensed professionals from West Texas Centers for MHMR and Big Spring State Hospital will provide anonymous tests to children and adults. Spanish language versions of the test also will be available.

Attendees will be presented with a brief explanation of the screening and a

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Obituaries

Helen Ruth Louder

Helen Ruth Louder, 86, of Stanton died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005, in a local nursing home. Funeral services were 2 p.m. today, Sept. 30, 2005, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery Stanton.

She was born to Noah and Ruth Range Nov. 12, 1918, in Waco and married Tull Ray Louder Dec. 22, 1945, in Dallas. He preceded her in death May 21, 2001.

Mrs. Louder taught school at the Chapman Ranch, which included children from the King Ranch and Buckner Orphans Home in Dallas, which was her favorite teaching job. She also taught school in Stanton, Grady and Garden City, retiring in the early 1970s.

Her hobbies were her children and grandchildren; she enjoyed story telling and reading. She was a member of First Baptist Church, was active in church and Sunday school, was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi which she especially enjoyed, Stanton Music Club, worked with the American Cancer Society, was active in the American EX-POW, and worked with Cub Scouts.

Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ray and Judy Louder of Odessa, Jim Louder of Stanton and Gene and Becca Louder, also of Stanton; three grandsons, Darrell, Dewayne and Tullie Louder; two granddaughters, Carly and Sarah Louder; two great-grandsons, Cory and Nicholas Louder; one great-granddaughter, Brittany Robbins; and two sisters, Catherine Willhoite of Long Beach, Calif., and Joan Stark of Midland.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Haskel Range.

The family suggests memorials be made to Buckners Childrens Home, P.O. Box 16206, Lubbock 79490 or to the American Cancer Society, 2304 W. Wadley, Midland 79705.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

DeAlva Riherd

DeAlva Riherd, 79, passed away Sept. 28, 2005. Services were 10 a.m. today, Sept. 30, 2005, at Central United Methodist Church. Interment will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Riherd was born Dec. 9, 1925, in Fort Worth to Joe S. Watkins and Corrine Rogers Watkins. She was a member of Central United Methodist Church and served as president of United Methodist Women for several years. She was also on the Laura Edwards board of directors. She enjoyed crafts, sewing and decorating.

Mrs. Riherd always had a great sense of humor and lived with a song in her heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents and son, Joe Riherd.

Survivors include her loving husband, Carl Riherd; daughter, Peggy and husband, Richard; son John and wife, Jan; grandchildren, Matthew and wife, Stephanie, Jonathan, Dustin and wife, Debi, Nicole and Morgan; brothers, George Watkins, Ronald Watkins, Douglas Watkins, Novle Watkins; and sisters, Juanda Dean, Mozelle Sewell, Patricia Keefer and Margaret Nardone.

Donations may be made to the Central United Methodist Childcare Center 2301 W. Loop 340, Waco 76712.

Arrangements are under the direction of Connally/Compton Funeral Home in Waco.

Paid obituary

Terry Lynn Hagler

Terry Lynn Hagler, 55, of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 26, 2005, in Big Spring. No services are planned. He was born June 24, 1950, in Portland, Ore.

Survivors include two brothers, Gary Hagler of Big Spring and Ernest Paul Hagler of Reno, Nev.; four sisters, Lois Scott of Tulsa, Okla., Ruth Hagler of Vancouver, Wash., Martha Hagler of Reno, Nev., and Mary Lingar of Salem, Ore.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Milton Denton

Milton Denton, 64, of Big Spring died Friday morning, Sept. 30, 2005, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- **TYSHA PAUL**, 20, of Canyon, was arrested Thursday and held for the HCSO.
- **WELDON BRYAN DANIELS**, 41, of 507 S. Ayleford, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter center.
- **DEBRA JANE MOLINA**, 41, of 502 E. 11th Place, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.
- **CARL ROBERT CURIE**, 28, of 1104 Stanford, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ**, 41, of 1145 College Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RICKY AARON FIELDS**, 20, of 1106 Marijo, was arrested Thursday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 300 block of Ayleford.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan.

Sheriff's report

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

- **JOHN MICHAEL EDMONDSON**, 33, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of deadly conduct (four counts).
- **JENNIFER ANN REGALADO**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **BILLY JOE SALGADO**, 20, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court - disobedience of a court order.
- **DARREN HEFFINGTON**, 36, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of theft and failure to appear.
- **FERMIN GATICA BARRON III**, 28, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- **ELROY JOHNSON**, 21, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, possession of stolen property and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- **DIJUAN EDWARD AUSBIE**, 17, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a parole violation.
- **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 1000 block of North Birdwell Lane.
- **INDECENCY WITH A CHILD SEXUAL CONTACT** was reported in the 100 block of Rainer Road.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Benton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support groups

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.
- West Texas Gluten Free Support Group (Celiacs Helping celiacs) meet from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Jan. 15 in the Odessa Regional Hospital. For more information, contact Barbara at 432-694-9611 days, or 432-520-2119 evenings.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets at Furr's Cafeteria at 6 p.m. For more information, call 398-5522.

Take note

• **POTTED FALL MUMS TO BENEFIT THE BSHS CARNEGIE HALL BAND TRIP** are on sale now at Johansen's Nursery for \$15 while supplies last.

• **PAVING THE ROAD TO CARNEGIE HALL FALL FESTIVAL** is set for Oct. 15 at the high school. Proceeds from the concessions and rides will be used for the BSHS band trip in June of 2006. Band students have the \$10 tickets for the festival on sale Monday. Or call 267-1325 for more information or to buy a ticket.

• **TRISTIN RANGEL, ELBOW ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTNER**, appears on the NBC television program "Three Wishes" with host Amy Grant at 8 p.m. today on local Channel 9.

• **PARENTS OF BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2007** meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Trinity Baptist Church Craven Annex Building, junior high school department to discuss the junior-senior class prom 2006. Call Valarie Robertson at 267-7404, Patti Adams at 263-4491 or Janet Abner at 264-0023 for more information.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE CONTINUING EDUCATION** is offering country-western dance lessons from 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 22 beginning this week. Cost is \$30. Ballroom dance lessons, including the waltz, fox-trot, tango, rumba, cha-cha and meringue are set for noon until 1:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 22. Cost is \$40. For more information, call 264-5077.

• **THE 49TH ANNUAL ST. LAWRENCE FALL FESTIVAL** begins with Mass celebration at 9 a.m. Sunday on the church grounds. Lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A variety of activities are planned.

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TODAY

- Forsan homecoming.
- Webb Air Force Base Reunion 2005.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at Hangar 25 Air Museum. Members are cooking hamburgers for the Webb Air Force Base reunion.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

SATURDAY

- Big Spring Symphony at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Webb Air Force Base Reunion 2005.

SUNDAY

- The 49th annual St. Lawrence Fall Festival begins with Mass celebration at 9 a.m. on the church grounds. Lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A variety of activities are planned.
- Webb Air Force Base Reunion 2005.

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Spanish Inn Restaurant.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at 6:00 at 610 Scurry.
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- The Big Spring Symphony Association will meet 5:30 p.m. at the association office, 808 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Parents of students in the Big Spring High School class of 2007 meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Trinity Baptist Church Craven Annex Building, junior high school department.

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Warmer. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday - Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Monday - Partly cloudy. Highs around 90.

Monday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 13-14-18-22-34.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-23-27-35. Bonus Ball: 14.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$575,000.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night, in order: 6-4-8

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday afternoon, in order: 9-8-0

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TRISTIN

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her community.
"She and Tristin have the same doctor, so they chose my son. Tristin had a birthday, and his wish was to meet Spiderman, so they gave him a surprise birthday party at Covenant Children's Hospital in Lubbock and Spiderman came down on a zip line," Rangel said.

At the birthday party, Tristin received toys and clothes as well as meeting his hero, Spiderman, who was portrayed by a stunt man, she said. Toby McGuire, the actor who portrays Spiderman in the movies, sent Tristin an autographed, giant-sized poster.

"He was so excited; this was his dream. Spiderman scaled the walls of the hospital to wave at a little girl on the oncology ward who has not been outside for six weeks," she said.

Tristin and Carly then toured the children's oncology ward, presenting the patients with presents and toys provided by NBC, she said.

"One girl got a doll house bigger than a coke machine. This really made the kids' day; it was spectacular," she said.

Many individuals from Forsan traveled to Lubbock Aug. 5 to attend the birthday party. Rangel said the support her family has received



from the Forsan community since the diagnosed was made has strengthened their faith and determination.

Sunday after the birthday party, Tristin and his family, dad Tim and brother Michael Keith, 12, traveled to Clovis N.M., to complete filming of the episode of "Three Wishes" that airs tonight.

"Tristin had his own trailer with his name in big letters on the side, just like they do for the celebrities. The trailer

was stocked with Scooby Snacks and all other types of food and it had a TV and games and movies. Amy Grant gave a three-hour concert and one of her songs, "It Takes A Little Time," was dedicated to Tristin. Then their doctor was brought on stage and presented with a \$10,000 check for him to use for the children," she said.

She said the physician, Dr. John Iacuone has treated more than 2,000 children with cancer. He

is in practice with Dr. Melanie Oblender, both pediatric oncologists at the hospital in Lubbock.

"At one time (Tristin's disease) was terminal, but we have made such advances that his is the most common and most curable of the childhood leukemias," she said.

Rangel said she has traveled to Lubbock on countless trips for the past 11 months, once a week, for Tristin to receive the chemotherapy. Each treatment costs \$12,000 and the family is responsible for 20 percent of that amount.

"Through rain, snow, ice, all kinds of weather I have made that trip, because we have to get him there. Sometimes I go alone with Tristin. Sometimes with my 80-year-old mother, Mary Crane goes with us," she said.

The cost of the treatment, as well as the transportation to and from the hospital, has been eased by the generous donations and fundraisers made through the Forsan community.

"They will never know how much they have helped us. My co-workers at the VA Medical Center have donated countless hours of leave so that I could take my son for his treatment and still receive a regular paycheck. I still get letters from churches saying Tristin is on their prayer list. While this has been

hard work and tough for us, it has also been positive because of the love and support we have received," she said.

NBC sent a camera crew with Tristin and Rangel for one of their trips to Lubbock for chemotherapy. Rangel has to stop in Lamesa during each trip to administer a topical anesthetic to Tristin to numb the area where the chemicals will be administered.

"He is such a little trooper though, he's always very compliant and cooperative," she said.

Today his chemotherapy has decreased to once every three weeks. Rangel said remission will not be pronounced for another two years and he must continue to receive the chemotherapy during this time.

"This has been a life changing event and has drastically altered our lives. I always feel so lucky when we go for his chemotherapy treatment, because I carry my son into the hospital, but I

always carry him out. There are so many children there, from newborns to teens, whom will not get out and they are heartbreak for me. I feel so blessed because I get to take my son home," she said.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Roy Wyatt, 67, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Milton Denton, 64, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

CINEMA 4

***Into The Blue (PG-13)**
Daily 5:00 & 7:00 Fri: 5:00, 7:00, 9:20
Sat: 2:30, 5:00, 7:00, 9:20 & Sun: 5:00, 7:00, 9:20

***Corpse Bride (PG)**
Fri: 4:50, 7:30, 9:30 Sat: 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:30
Sun & Mon: 2:20, 4:50, 7:30
Tues-Thurs: 4:50, 7:30

***Just Like Heaven (PG-13)**
Fri: 4:40, 7:20, 9:50 Sat: 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
Sun: 2:10, 4:40, 7:20
Mon-Thurs: 4:40, 7:20

The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13)
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In the last 10 years, he has taught me and brought to light the following scriptures. I hope they will bless you as they have me.

**Sincerely,
Allan Johnson**

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding.
Proverbs 3:5

In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths.
Proverbs 3:6

My son despise not the chastening of the Lord. Neither be weary of His correction.
Proverbs 3:11

For whom the Lord loveth, He correcteth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.
Proverbs 3:12

And we know that all things work together for the good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.
Romans 8:28

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.
Matthew 7:20

But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control, against such there is no law.
Gal. 5:22, 23

For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not by works, lest any man should boast.
For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.
Eph.: 2: 8, 9, 10

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.
Matt. 5:16

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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:

- The members of Big Spring's Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3188 Lodge and Eagles Bingo, who held a benefit hamburger and hot dog supper to help raise funds for the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee's latest project, placement of an "All Veterans Monument" at the memorial.

- Park Ranger Ron Alton and his staff at the Big Spring State Park on hosting another enjoyable Harvest Saturday event that included old-fashioned hay rides around the park's scenic overlook.

- All the volunteers who made the first ever Big Spring Heritage Festival a success, as well as all those who took time to enjoy the downtown festivities last weekend.

- The hundreds who turned out Saturday at Comanche Trail Park to take part in the annual Alzheimer's Memory Walk.

- Coahoma Independent School District students and professional staff who took part in Thursday's trash collection and clean-up effort throughout the community.

- City of Big Spring water department employees who worked around the clock to repair a ruptured 20-inch water main near the Big Spring High School campus that forced BSHS officials to release students from the school early Tuesday

- Outgoing Moore Development for Big Spring board members Tommy Churchwell and Ben Bancroft for their commitment to help diversify our community's economy.

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 we must have it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we aim for what You want, Lord.

Amen

Has Katrina swept the president away?

It is inconceivable to me how a natural disaster could spark a virtual orgy in a political movement, but that seems to be precisely the effect of Hurricane Katrina on liberals.

Ever since President Bush took office, liberals have been rooting from one thing to another in a frenzied quest to find that one issue, one tragedy, one scandal that would bring him down. The list is too long to recite here.

Bush's critics treat each of these issues, in turn, as the final straw that will break the back of this abominable presidency. Everything is blown out of proportion, every possible ambiguity is resolved in President Bush's disfavor, and every possible malevolent motive is attributed to him. The most innocuous of events is treated as scandalous. Hyperbole rules. Panic prevails. Fantastic conspiracy theories triumph. Sober, balanced analysis is absent.

You would think the liberal cabal would have thoroughly discredited itself with its incessant crying of "wolf," but with mainstream media megaphones always at their back, they march on.

But is there no limit to their reservoir of indignation? Does everything have to be a 10-rated calamity (on a scale of 10)? Have they no ability to discriminate, to distinguish between the minor and the serious? The real and the contrived?

With the unfolding of any event that carries the remotest chance of damaging President Bush, they wail in unison, decrying this miserable, corrupt, "selected" president.



DAVID
LIMBAUGH

But with Katrina I smell an even greater blood lust in the air, even more so than with our failure to find WMD stockpiles in Iraq, and much more than Abu Ghraib or Gitmo. They seem to believe Katrina offers real promise for finally exacting justice on President Bush, the paragon of conservative insensitivity, the poster boy for anti-intellectualism and hero of the uncultured.

There has been a new spring in their step since the New Orleans levees broke and they realized they could blame any tardiness in the federal response on racism. As but one example, I refer you to "Meet the Press," Sunday, Sept. 25, where Tim Russert interviewed three New York Times columnists, Thomas Friedman, Maureen Dowd and David Brooks.

Listening to Friedman and Dowd you would assume Katrina had ushered in some profound revelation about President Bush that had caused a sea change in the way we should view him from this point forward.

Whatever you may have believed about him before — assuming you were among the credulous class who thought he might have redeeming qualities — you must now concede that he's a louse. Only the incorrigibly dense fail to realize his presidency is over.

He's the lamest of lame ducks who will only be allowed to serve out his remaining term because — unfortunately — we don't have a British-style parliamentary system under which we could dispatch him immediately with a vote of "No confidence."

It's as if they are saying, "Finally, the faux legitimacy President Bush has enjoyed since 9/11 has ended. The masquerade is over. The jig is up. Everyone can see now that he's the boob we've saying he is, not the mature, cri-

sis-managing executive he's been pretending to be."

Friedman said, "Well, I believe 9/11 truly distorted our politics, Tim, and it gave the president and his advisers an opening to take a far hard right agenda, I believe, on taxes and other social issues, from 9/10, that was not going anywhere from 9/10, and drove it into a 9/12 world. It put the wind at his back. And Katrina brought that to an end. It put the wind in his face." Friedman then suggested that President Bush's only salvation would be through a "fundamental recasting of his position and his administration." (Translation: He must act like a good liberal.)

I wouldn't cite Friedman if his position were not representative of that being expressed by many liberal commentators and Democrat politicians, who are behaving as if Democrats have just won a major election. Either they're deluding themselves or trying to fool the public into believing a national disaster has serendipitously vindicated their entire worldview. If anything, the opposite is true. While Katrina (and Rita) has put an additional financial strain on government, it hasn't laid a glove on the conservative blueprint for our nation's problems.

Despite their premature celebrating, President Bush is not likely to be buried or deterred by all the anticipatory obituaries from his leftist critics, who have grossly underestimated him before.

Katrina notwithstanding, he has a spate of unfinished, conservative agenda items to pursue (and, if we're lucky, a number of liberal ones to scrap). On the bright side for the Bush-haters, they still have more than three years to bask in their rage.

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Partisan tag doesn't fit Ronnie Earle

Jeez, that was quite a hissy fit Tom DeLay had, calling Ronnie Earle a rogue prosecutor, a partisan fanatic and an unabashed partisan zealot out for personal revenge.

Ronnie Earle? Our very own mild-mannered — well, let's be honest, bland as toast, eternally unexciting, Mr. Understatement, Old Vanilla — Ronnie Earle? If the rest of Tom DeLay's defense is as accurate as his description of Ronnie Earle, DeLay might as well have himself measured for a white jumpsuit right now.

For the one-zillionth time, of the 15 cases Ronnie Earle has brought against politicians over the years, 12 of them were against Democrats. Earle was so aggressive in going after corrupt Democrats, the Republicans never even put up a candidate against him all during the '80s. Partisan is not a word anyone can honestly use about Ronnie Earle, but that sure doesn't stop the TV blabbermouths. So many of them have bought the Republican spin that Earle is on a partisan witch-hunt, the watchdogs like Media Matters can hardly keep up.

On the other hand, I've never liked conspiracy charges. They are notoriously weak and often just an add-on when a prosecutor wants to make someone look bad going in: "... and he's been charged with six felonies!"

Conspiracy as a stand-alone charge is particularly hard to prove without evidence of other concrete acts. Was there a conspiracy to move corporate cash from DeLay's federal PAC to influence Texas legislative races? On the basis of what we have already known for months, that's a "Does a bear poop in the woods?" ques-

tion. But as all watchers of "Law and Order" know, what anyone with common sense would conclude can be a long way from what can prove in a courtroom.

On the other hand, Earle has already had one spectacular failure trying to prosecute a high-profile Republican. His 1993 case against Kay Bailey Hutchison was a flame-out: The judge indicated in pre-trial hearings he had doubts about the admissibility of Earle's evidence, so Earle withdrew the charges — no point if he couldn't present his evidence. The judge wasn't satisfied and directed the jury to acquit Hutchison. Hutchison had an unbeatable legal team — Dick DeGuerin and Mike Tigar. For Earle, this is a case of once-stung.

Speaking of the aforementioned Dick DeGuerin, he is now defending Tom DeLay. Want to know how good DeGuerin is? One of his recent clients was Robert Durst, heir to a New York real estate fortune, who admitted killing and dismembering an unfortunate vic in Galveston. Durst was a suspect in a California killing at the time and had moved to Galveston posing as a deaf-mute woman.

Durst jumped bail on the Galveston charge and was arrested in Pennsylvania for stealing a chicken sandwich while carrying two guns and \$38,000. DeGuerin got him acquitted on the murder charge on the grounds of self-defense, but they nailed him for the guns and tampering with evidence — that would be dismembering the corpse. They let him slide on the chicken sandwich charge. I swear, I'm not making up any of this. That's how good Dick DeGuerin is.

If I were fool enough to give DeGuerin advice, it would be, "Don't let DeLay on the stand." The man just can't help himself — he's just too mean, he always pushes it that step too far, like the cheap shot about Earle not coming

to work unless there's a press conference on. (Ronnie Earle comes to work every day — you can ask anyone at the county courthouse.)

That DeLay always takes things a step too far is apparent from his record. This is the man who pushed Bill Clinton's impeachment when everyone knew it would end with acquittal. He fixed his repeated troubles with the House ethics committee in typical fashion by going after the committee itself. His bludgeoning style earned him his nickname, "The Hammer."

Sometimes, but not that many, it is hard to tell the difference between playing political hardball and operating with no moral compass whatever. But in DeLay's case, we have a very long record, and what it shows is that this is a man who has repeatedly crossed ethical and legal lines, and then claimed he was just playing hardball politics — and that anyone who complained about it was just a partisan whiner. Whenever he is really threatened, DeLay plays the Jesus card and claims he is standing up "for a biblical worldview in everything I do and everywhere I am."

Back in 2003, when DeLay was involved in a sleazy legislative payoff to a big donor, his press secretary offered this defense, "It is wrong and unethical to link legislative activities to campaign contributions." It is precisely that upside-down quality about DeLay's bulletproof sense of moral rectitude that makes it so bizarre. Suddenly, it is not wrong or unethical to try to slip an unrelated amendment to help a campaign donor into the defense appropriations bill, it's wrong and unethical to raise questions about it.

To tell the truth, I don't think Tom DeLay is smart enough to keep getting away with this stuff.

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Judge orders DeLay to appear

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas judge on Thursday ordered Republican Rep. Tom DeLay to appear in court next month to face the charge that he conspired to funnel corporate money to state political campaigns.

The summons calls for DeLay to appear in court in Austin on Oct. 21, court officials said.

A grand jury indicted DeLay and re-indicted two of his associates Wednesday in an investigation of a political fundraising group DeLay founded, Texans for a Republican Majority.

Prosecutors allege the group was used to channel corporate contributions to 2002 GOP legislative candidates. Texas law bans corporate contributions in political campaigns, except for administrative expenses.

DeLay was forced to surrender his job as House majority leader, the second ranking post in the House, for now.

Man rides out storm in pass

SABINE PASS (AP) — Amos Dondoe thanked God for sparing his life and searched for his Social Security card Thursday among the sopping wet debris in his bedroom.

He lives in a back room of the Boot Scoot Bar, housed in a wood-frame structure within walking distance of the numerous dry docks in this Gulf Coast community of several hundred residents at the southeast tip of Texas.

A veteran skipper of shrimp boats, the 81-year-old ignored police warnings to evacuate the area for Hurricane Rita and waited out the storm in the bar where he worked as its live-in security guard.

"It was something I had to do," he said in his characteristic raspy voice. "Everything's flying by and hitting things. God let me live."

Hurricane Rita and its 120-plus mph winds first went ashore on this community known for its historic Civil War battlefield. Handfuls of residents and businessowners have begun this week to

return to assess the considerable damage here.

Lay, Skilling preparing for jury

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp. founder Kenneth Lay, former CEO Jeffrey Skilling and former Enron top accountant Richard Causey appeared in court Thursday to begin forming the lengthy questionnaire for potential jurors in their January fraud and conspiracy trial.

Potential jurors will fill out a detailed questionnaire aimed at ferreting out possible bias through about 70 questions.

The three men are scheduled to be tried on charges of trying to fool investors into believing a wobbly Enron was financially healthy when they knew otherwise. Skilling and Causey each face more than 30 counts of fraud, conspiracy, insider trading, lying to auditors and others for alleged schemes dating back several years before the once-mighty energy company crumbled into bankruptcy in December 2001.

All three, indicted last year, have pleaded innocent.

Arlington soldier killed in Iraq

DALLAS (AP) — From the time he finished high school, Sgt. Steve Morin Jr. made serving in the military his career, his family said.

"He always stood up for what he thought was right," Gwendolyn Michelle Morin, his wife, said Thursday. "He was a fighter. He would never give up."

On Wednesday, the Arlington soldier was killed west of Umm Qasr, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device went off, overturning the military vehicle in which he was riding, the Defense Department announced Thursday.

Gwendolyn Morin said she had talked to him about four hours before he died.

"He had called me to let me know what he was going to do that day," she said. He expected to be able to call her more often because of the missions he was being assigned. Sometimes they would go 11 or 12 days between calls.

Morin told his wife how much he loved her and their family.

"We had our whole lives ahead of us," she said. "He had so much potential. He was intelligent and determined."

Morin enlisted in the Navy after graduating high school in his hometown of Brownfield at 17. By 34, Morin had devoted 14 years to the Navy, served in the National Guard for two and planned to attend Officers Candidate School.

Gas prices rise following Rita

HOUSTON (AP) — Gasoline prices are on the upswing in Texas in the wake of Hurricane Rita, according to the weekly AAA Texas gas price survey released Friday.

The survey showed the average price of self-serve regular gas at the pump increased 10 cents to more than \$2.77 per gallon, nearly \$1 higher than last year's record high average of \$1.82 cents.

Storm-ravaged Beaumont was the only city to show a decrease in the pump price, which the auto club attributes to lack of demand in the devastated area. The survey found self-serve regular gasoline averaging \$2.60 in that area, down almost 4 cents from last week — where it was available.

Fort Worth showed the highest price average of \$2.83 per gallon, up almost 15 cents from the week before.

Unless new storms threaten the Gulf Coast oil refining complex, the upward price trend could reverse once storm-ridden refineries resume operations, said AAA Texas spokeswoman Rose Rougeau.

The national average price for regular self-serve gasoline is about \$2.81 per gallon, up almost 7 cents from last week.

Harris County damages costly

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County has sustained an estimated \$111 million in damage from Hurricane Rita including more than \$75 million in food thrown out by supermarkets and convenience

stores, local officials said.

The county did not suffer much wind damage because Rita made landfall at Beaumont, about 80 miles to the east, Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Paul Bettencourt said Thursday at a news conference to discuss storm damage and recovery.

Some large retail stores had backup generators and didn't lose food supplies, but most stores didn't have backup power, Bettencourt said.

Penguins to have Rita babies

GALVESTON (AP) — Two staffers at the Aquarium at Moody Gardens were busy making hurricane preparations the Friday afternoon before Hurricane Rita hit when the sight of mating penguins captured their attention and evoked a quick laugh.

The Gentoo penguin couple is now expecting — Rita if it's a girl, Cane if it's a boy.

Their pre-hurricane encounter resulted in a single white egg, the first Gentoo egg produced at Moody Gardens. The expected hatch date is Oct. 31.

"It's a happy event that something good can come from something sad," said Diane Olsen, assistant curator of penguins and seals.

Olsen and Greg Whittaker, animal-husbandry manager, witnessed the coupling while stashing crated animals in restrooms and checking critical air- and water-filtration systems for the storm.

Officials say sometimes moving animals to shelter can stress them. And about 13 fish, including a 3-foot shark, a female guan (a bird) and a juvenile viper died. Necropsies will be performed.

Meanwhile the soon-to-be new parents have accepted their prenatal responsibilities. The mother is nesting and rotating the egg. And the father has been standing watch and keeping other penguins away from the nest.

SCREENINGS

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questionnaire asking a variety of questions regarding many of their thoughts and feelings. Upon completion of the questionnaire, the attendee will meet in a one-on-one setting with a

licensed mental health professional.

After meeting with the professional, he or she will recommend options for each individual. Literature on depression and a variety of mental health issues will be available, Smith said.

"We want to reiterate that we are not diagnosing people with depres-

sion," she said. "This is a screening, but it will be up to each individual to pursue treatment as a follow-up to the results of their screening."

Individuals and agencies providing mental health care will be available at the screening.

For more information, call (432) 816-9257.

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and the YMCA of Big Spring.

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SYMPHONY

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orchestra performance in Big Spring in 2004 and has since been booked and appeared with several other symphonies and orchestras. This performance also includes the all-City Choir directed by

Linda Lindell.

"Peng is still the premier student at Julliard," Graumann said.

"Spring Gala" April 8 bring Giordano's arrangement of George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" to Municipal Auditorium. The Big Spring Orchestra and Chorus will be joined by several area college

chorale ensembles for this evening's entertainment.

For more information, contact the symphony office at 264-7223.

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Club News

TOPS TX 21

Thirteen members of Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX 21 met Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third. Leader Hughetta Roberts presided at the meeting and voiced the opening prayer.

All members recited the TOPS pledge and then the Keep Off Pounds Sensibly (KOPS) members recited their pledge followed by the fellowship song.

Wanda Lee read a piece titled, "Everything So Grand" and Duffy Yancey read an article titled, "One Lone Texan."

Of the six KOPS present, Cherry Sechelski was the weekly best loser and Duffy Yancey was the best loser of the TOPS. Each one received the weekly best loser award

and a certificate.

Carol Smith presented an informative program, "Pre-Diabetic Epidemic." To learn more about TOPS, call 1-800-302-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758.

Sand Springs Lions Club

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Sept. 19, with President Johnny Moore convening the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phillip Reid and the opening prayer was worded by Fred Franklin. Before calling the meeting to order, members worked preparing the building and yard for the Sunday membership dinner meeting.

Moore assigned duties for the membership dinner. He is taking care of the outside lighting for

the signs; Betty Franklin and Madeline Boadle are in charge of the meal; Boadle is also responsible for decorations.

Reid is reading the Pledge of Allegiance and Fred Franklin is saying the opening prayer. Moore is offering the welcome, introductions and closing prayer.

The speaker for the evening is Marshall Cooper, a former International Lions Club director.

The meal at this meeting was furnished and served by Fred and Betty Franklin and Bob Madigan.

The Sand Springs Lions Club meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center, 131 Scout Hut Road, in Sand Springs. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

A Pastor's Message

How can we change our world?

From the beginning of man's existence on this earth he has needed change.

It began when the couple (Adam and Eve) fell to the temptation of sin. Since that time, mankind has bought into most every lie that Satan has told.

As a direct result we have been killing ourselves with our personal desires to give into our flesh, whether it be our dietary habits or maybe our materialistic desires to keep up with the "Jones," or something else.

Whatever the case may be, it seems that we have been on a collision course and can not seem to put the brakes on or stop the erosion of our lives and our society.

The truth of the matter is that we cannot change our lives, nor can we change our society or world with our own strength.

We need something or someone who is greater than ourselves to bring about the change that needs to occur in our lives as well as in our society and world.

That is where the good news of the Gospel comes into play.

God sent his son, Jesus Christ, to bring about change in our lives, our society and our world.

In fact, the only way we will ever see a lasting change in these situations is to allow Jesus Christ to bring about that change.

It begins in the life of an individual when they or we are willing to turn from the things we know are wrong (our sins) and turn to the One (God) who is greater than us and ask him to forgive us and change us.

The agent we must call to bring about that change is none other than the Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Bible says it very plainly in Romans 10:9-

13, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth, the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. "For with the heart man believeth unto

things become new. That is certainly true when we open up our lives to Jesus and in essence say I can not go on as I have been going. I want you to change me and give to me a brand new start.

That is exactly what Jesus did for the man who is described for us in Mark 5.

He was a man that was possessed by demons. He had been bound with chains and the demons gave him such supernatural power that he broke the chains.

People were terrified of him and in fact he went around crying out and cutting himself with stones.

But, Jesus came and cast the demons out of him and brought about change in his life.

Such a change that later this man is seen clothed and in his right mind. His desire is to go with Christ as he prepares to leave the area where the man lived.

Jesus tells him go home and tell his friends what has happened to him.

That is the way we change our world.

If we want to see our lives change and our world change, then it begins when we permit Jesus Christ to change us and then we share that change with others.

Let's let Him change us and our world!

Don Snipes is the pastor of Baptist Temple Church.

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Founded in 1892, the American Rose Society is our nation's largest individual plant society. From its headquarters in Shreveport, La., the ARS works to assist rose lovers at all levels of experience grow and enjoy better roses.

For more information, call the number above or visit the ARS Web site at www.ars.org.

New inductees named to rose hall of fame

In an effort to recognize miniature roses that have stood the test of time in commerce for at least 20 years, the American Rose Society, in 1998, instituted the ARS Miniature Rose Hall of Fame. The designation was created to recognize not only the initial excellence of a miniature rose, but its longevity as well.

Each year a "Call for

Nominations" is printed in American Rose, the official publication of the American Rose Society. The ARS Miniature/Mini-Flora Rose Committee determines the honorees from the nominations submitted. Since 1998, 14 miniature roses inducted into the Hall of Fame.

In 2005, more than 400 nominations were received. Two new members of the Miniature Rose Hall of Fame were announced at the ARS National Miniature Conference in Indianapolis. They are:

- 'Jean Kenneally' — an apricot blend miniature hybridized by Dee Bennett and introduced by Tiny Petals Nursery in 1986. 'Jean Kenneally' has about 22 petals and excellent exhibition form which explains why, for many years, it was the number one exhibition miniature rose. Parentage is 'Futura' X 'Party Girl'.

- 'Rainbow's End' — a yellow blend miniature hybridized by Harm Saville and introduced by Nor'East Miniature Roses in 1986. 'Rainbow's End' has deep yellow flowers with red petal edges, aging to red all over. The blooms have about 35 petals, exhibition form and are borne in small clusters. Because of its color and its form, it has been a favorite of arrangers as well as horticulture exhibitors. Parentage is 'Rise' n 'Shine' X "Watercolor".

Previous Inductees are: 'Starina,' 1964, Meiland; 'Beauty Secret,' 1972, Moore; 'Magic Carousel,' 1972, Moore; 'Rise' n 'Shine,' 1977, Moore;

'Party Girl,' 1979, Saville; 'Cinderella,' 1953, deVink; 'Mary Marshall,' 1970, Moore; 'Green Ice,' 1971, Moore; 'Jeanne Lajoie,' 1976, Sima; 'Cupcake,' 1981, Spies; 'Snow Bride,' 1982, Jolly; 'Little Jackie,' 1982, Saville; 'Minnie Pearl,' 1982, Saville; 'Red Cascade,' 1976, Moore.

For more information on the Miniature Hall of Fame or the American Rose Society, call 1-877-ROSE911 or e-mail ars@ars-hq.org.

Booklet helps select the right roses

Does the choice of roses at the local nursery or garden center baffle you? If so, the American Rose Society has just the booklet to help you pick the right roses to make your garden shine.

With ratings for more than 3,000 commercially available roses, the American Rose Society's "2006 Handbook for Selecting Roses" offers rose growers — both novices and experts — the information they need to choose the rose varieties that can make their gardens overwhelming successes.

Compiled from an annual survey of ratings by thousands of ARS members from across the country, the Handbook is the source rosarians turn to time and again. The 2006 edition is available now, for only \$5 (U.S.), including shipping and handling.

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Pastor's Column

righteousness: and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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Church News

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

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. Choir practice begins Sunday night at 5. Wednesday is a prayer and bible study service for the adults and a youth discipleship class at 7 p.m.

October 29 the church is sponsoring Trunk or Treat, a safe way to trick or treat for Halloween. The event is set in the East Fourth parking Lot. All the car trunks will be filled with goodies for the children. Call Amy at 267-2291 for more information.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church is located at 401 E. Fourth.

First United Methodist Church

The Rev. Dr. Dave Ring will offer a communion meditation titled "That the World May Live," Sunday. The scripture is John 6:47-51. Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday morning during the Sunday school time is a Youth parent meeting. Parents, adults sponsors and anyone interested in being involved with the youth ministry should come to the meeting in the Partee Building at 9:30 a.m.

The monthly prayer meeting is at 5 p.m. Sunday in the sanctuary. Sunday evening the youth snack supper is at 6:30 p.m. Junior high youth meet at 5:30 and senior high youth meet at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the steak dinner to be served at Lord's Acre Oct. 2 are \$6 for adults and \$4 for

children if bought ahead of time. Tickets at the door will be \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. Tickets will be on sale in the foyer after the worship service.

The pastor plans to lead a Volunteers in Mission to Leon, Nicaragua in Central America, March 3-11, 2006. For more information contact him or go to www.nicamissions.com.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of these programs, call the church office at 267-6394.

New Covenant Christian Worship Center

Super-Sunday worship service begins at 4 p.m. The Rev. Leo McCarty Jr., of San Angelo is the special guest speaker. Doors open at 3:30 p.m.

New Covenant also offers an exciting mid-week service, featuring a Young Ambassador's program every Wednesday evening at 6. Game nights, study-hall session, Bible drills and more activities are planned. Sunday Morning worship services are at 11 a.m. Doors open at 10:45 a.m.

The center is located in 1607 E. Third street. For more information, call 264-0015 or e-mail nccwcl@yahoo.com.

College Baptist Church

College Baptist plans an experience of "outdoor" worship Sunday morning beginning at 11 a.m. The church is located at the corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The fall schedule continues this Sunday with Holy Communion celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30

a.m. The Rev. James Liggett will be preaching on "Christian Marriage."

The Permian Basin Deanery meeting is at St. James' in Monahans Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit the Web site at www.stmarysbt.org.

St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matt Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from Matthew 21:33-46 at the 11 a.m. Sunday service. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 starts at 10:35 a.m.

Saturday, the Yates Concert Series of First Presbyterian Church presents organist Flint Dollar in concert. Dollar is completing his bachelor of music degree this winter at Howard Payne University. The concert begins at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Other activities for the week include Bible study Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. followed by choir practice at 6 p.m.

Sunday is Communion Sunday and is also Stewardship Kick Off Sunday.

The church is located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

The 62nd anniversary meeting of the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St., is scheduled for Oct. 7-9.

Elder Bryce Lowrance of Florida will be the guest speaker for this series of worship services.

Opening services for this meeting are 7 p.m. Oct. 7. Services for Oct. 8, are set for 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The closing service is 10 a.m. Oct. 9.

Regular worship service

times are 10:30 a.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

For further information, call John Wayne Metcalf at 394-4067 or Dennis Walker at 264-1363.

Friends of Unity

The Rev. and Mrs. Jim Sims (Carol) will lead a celebration service at 1 p.m. Sunday. All services and study groups at the Center, located in the Railroad Plaza, are open and guests are welcome.

Salem Baptist Church

Sunday school is 10 a.m. and morning worship service is at 11 a.m.

Evening service is 6 p.m. Sunday. The Wednesday evening service is at 6 p.m. at Parkplace, 501 W. 17th St.

Life Church

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 Noah's Ark for children age 0-3, Zoe Land for children age 4-9, and God's Squad for preteens 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.

YoungLife

YoungLife is a non-profit Christian organization for high school students. 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.

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First Baptist Church, Big Spring

The live simulcast of Beth Moore's "Living Proof" broadcast from New York City is Oct. 7-8. Tickets are \$25. Call the church at 267-8223 to reserve a ticket.

Sunday services begin with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., morning worship at 10:50 a.m., Sunday Night Live at 4:30 p.m. with activities for all ages and evening worship at 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700.

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church is located at 1200 W. Fourth St. Service times are 9:45 a.m. for Sunday school, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays for worship and 5 p.m. Wednesday for Bible study.

Ministerial Alliance of Colorado City

Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames, a live, compelling drama performed by local actors is set for 6:30 p.m. Oct. 16-17 at the Colorado City High School.

The drama is based on the Biblical reality of life after death and is designed to motivate individuals to consider eternity.

Admission is free and child care will be provided at First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church in Colorado City.

Roses

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ed exclusively to the cultivation of roses in the United States for more than 100 years.

With more than 18,000 members nationwide, the ARS supports 350 local societies offering rose-related activities and information at the community level.

To order the "2006 Handbook for Selecting Roses" or to receive information about growing roses, write to American Rose Society, P.O. Box 30,000, Shreveport, La., 71130-0030 or call 1-800-637-6534. Bulk prices are available. You can also visit our Web site at www.ars.org or e-mail the society at ars@ars-hq.org.

Three roses named 2006 Award of Excellence winner

Three roses — 'Caliente,' 'Baby Bloomer' and 'Ice Raspberry' — have been named to the 2006 Award of Excellence winners by the American Rose Society.

Also known as the "Royal E," the Award of Excellence is a designation of merit given to new miniature and mini-flora rose varieties of superior quality and marked distinction as determined by their performance in official test gardens. Since the inception of the award 31 years ago, 92 roses have received the designation.

To evaluate new varieties, three plants of each entry are sent to the eight AOE public test gardens and two to five private gardens of members of the ARS Miniature/Mini-Flora Rose Committee.

Each public garden has an AOE supervisor and five evaluators. Thus,

more than 40 evaluators judge the entries in the AOE trails.

The gardens, public and private, are spaced geographically across the United States so as to include most growing zones.

Each evaluator judges each entry four times during the growing season for two years.

Every year the Miniature/Mini-Flora Committee decides, by vote, the number of awards to be made, with a maximum of five per year.

All commercial and amateur hybridizers are eligible and invited to enter unnamed seedlings or sports of miniature or mini-flora varieties in the AOE trails. A fee of \$10 per entry is collected with a limit of five entries per hybridizer per year.

Thirty-four healthy plants of a variety are necessary to enter the trails, and entries may

not be registered or introduced commercially during the testing period. For more information on entering the trials, contact the American Rose Society at 1-877-ROSE911 or ars@ars-hq.org.

• 'Caliente'

This dark red miniature with medium red reverse has long lasting, exhibition-form blooms borne singly on long stems. With an upright habit, 'Caliente' reaches 24 inches in height. It has dark green semi-glossy foliage and benefits from removing spent blooms.

This variety has about 31 petals and moderate raspberry fragrance. Its parentage is 'Ruby' X 'Timeless.' 'Caliente' was hybridized by Frank Benardella and will be introduced by Nor'East Miniature Roses.

• 'Baby Bloomer'

This medium pink miniature has single blooms borne in clusters on a low-growing, com-

act plant. The blooms are bright pink with a light, spicy fragrance and hold their petals very well.


It is very floriferous and tends to be blackspot resistant. Its parentage is unnamed white seedling X 'Boy Crazy.'

'Baby Bloomer' was hybridized by Keith Zary and will be introduced by Jackson & Perkins.

• 'Iced Raspberry'

A red blend miniature with raspberry red petals and white reverse, 'Iced Raspberry' has a petal count of 44 to 54. Blooms are borne singly, unfurl slowly, have slight fragrance and have both decorative and exhibition potential.

Parentage is 'Jilly Jewel' X unnamed seedling. 'Iced Raspberry' was hybridized by Wendy White and will be introduced by Nor'East Miniature Roses. This is White's second AOE in two years.



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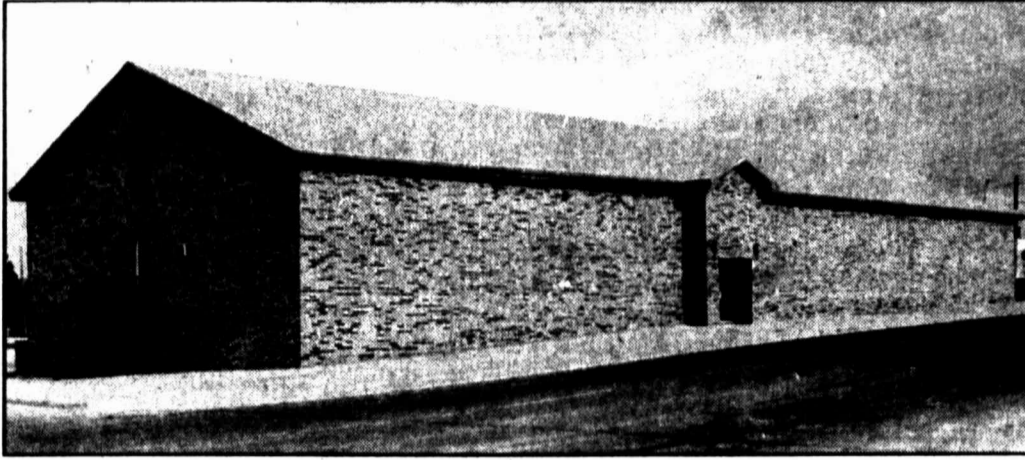
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Coahoma sets booster club dates

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

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

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.

Big Spring starts junior tennis league

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen has announced the start of a junior tennis league.

League play will take place every Monday for the next six weeks at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park and will last from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The league is for children in grades 6-12.

Participants should bring a racket. Provided rackets will be limited.

For more information, contact Olesen at 806-236-8901 or visit bigspringtennis.com.

YMCA sets final skateboard contest

The Big Spring YMCA has announced the final skateboard contest of 2005 will take place Saturday at the YMCA Skate Park.

The contest is scheduled to begin at noon. Participants can enter one of two age groups — 15 and under or 16 and over.

The registration fee is \$15 and awards will be presented to the top two finishers in each age group.

Interested skaters can register at the YMCA. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Midland Rotary Club sets golf tourney

The Midland Daybreak Rotary Club has announced its second annual golf tournament.

The tournament will take place Monday and will start at 1 p.m. at the Green Tree Country Club. The entry deadline is Wednesday. The tourney is limited to 32 teams with four people to a team.

The proceeds will benefit local youth scholarships to college, Rotary Diabetes Camp and Rotary Youth Leadership Camp.

Gift certificates to the Green Tree Country Club will also be awarded to the top three teams.

Forsan hopes homecoming brings first 10-A win



Forsan senior Tye Baker looks for an open receiver against Hawley earlier this season. Butler and the Buffaloes will try to get their second win of the season and first win in the district tonight in Forsan against rival Sterling City.

• Buffaloes look to limit mental mistakes against Sterling City

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

The Forsan Buffaloes celebrate homecoming tonight as they play host to the Sterling City Eagles at Buffalo Field.

The Buffs (1-4) look to draw even in District 10-A after a hard fought loss last week to Winters, 49-39.

The Eagles (1-4) come into tonight's matchup looking to go 2-0 in district play, having defeated Roby last week, 14-0.



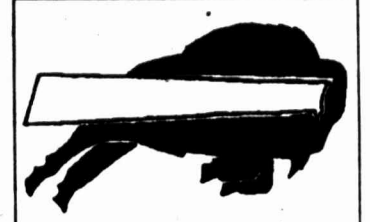
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Offensively, Forsan will face a 5-2 defensive scheme which features strong play by the Eagles defensive ends.

"Their run defense is solid," said Forsan head coach Tommy Thompson.

"Their best defenders are on the ends and they bring the pressure quick. They also rely on solid play from the linebackers."

Thompson adds that he expects the Buffs' offen-



sive line to do a great job up front opening holes for the running game. He also notes that the passing attack will have to consist of quick, sharp passes to offset the speed of the Eagles ends.

The Sterling City offense features two backs which have a lot of speed and are strong enough to break through tackles.

"We are going to have to make solid tackles," Thompson said. "We will have to force some turnovers to be successful."

Previously, the Buffs have fallen victim to their own mistakes and Thompson emphasizes the need to limit turnovers and to sustain drives.

"If we can limit our mental mistakes and penalties," said Thompson, "we will put ourselves in great shape to win the ball game."

Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m.

Baseball gets ready for wild weekend to settle playoff issue

By NANCY ARMOUR
AP National Writer

Grab the remote and settle in, America. The last weekend of the baseball season should be a sizzler, with a pennant race far from over and two wild-card berths up for grabs.

Three teams are fighting for the last two spots in the American League playoffs, the tightest finale in a decade. And it's going to take a backyard brawl to knock out the loser. Yankees vs. Red Sox, White Sox vs. Indians.

"We all know what the situation is," New York Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "To think that it's come down to a handful of games to decide what 157 couldn't decide, that's great for baseball — but not too good for my stomach."

Things aren't nearly so exciting over in the National League, where Atlanta, St. Louis and San Diego have wrapped up the division titles. But the Philadelphia Phillies are still hanging around the wild-card race, trailing Houston by two games.

"It's fun, man," Philadelphia's Michael Tucker said. "All you can do at this point is play hard. This is one of those things that not a lot of people experience. You have to go out there and have fun and see what happens."

One or two races usually go down to the final weekend. But this weekend's matchups are particularly juicy. The Yankees and Red Sox are playing at Fenway Park for the AL East title, and that series could affect Cleveland's postseason chances. The Indians host the White Sox.

"It just doesn't get any better this," the Yankees' Alex Rodriguez said. "This is the best time of

my life, the most fun time in my baseball career. I don't remember a race like this since I've been around."

The Yankees, Red Sox and Indians were within one game of each other with three to play, and it takes a calculator and some graph paper to figure out the different scenarios.

Chicago clinched the AL Central by beating Detroit 4-2 Thursday. But Cleveland was still alive in the wild-card race, tied with Boston. The Red Sox were a game behind the Yankees in the AL East, with a three-game series at Fenway Park beginning Friday.

"Got all that?" "I'm not good in math," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said. "That's why I just say, 'Come back tomorrow and win the game.'"

While some fans don't like a schedule that loads up on games against division rivals, especially at the end of the season — "We're sick of seeing (fill in the blank)" — this weekend is the perfect argument for it.

Yankees-Red Sox is one of the best rivalries in all of sports no matter if it's April or October. They've finished 1-2 in the East the last seven years, and their feisty fan base reaches far beyond the East Coast.

The Yankees are baseball's glamour boys, loved and loathed in equal amounts for their big names and even bigger payroll. Boston remains America's lovable underdog even with their World Series title last year, a scrappy bunch that still plays with Little League enthusiasm.

If the Red Sox can't repeat last year's ALCS drama, when Boston rallied to win four straight



The White Sox's Aaron Rowand gets doused with champagne by teammate A.J. Pierzynski, right, after the Sox beat Detroit, 4-2, to clinch the American League Central Division at Comerica Park in Detroit, Mich., Thursday.

Despite loss, Houston feels good about chances to clinch wild card

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The confident Houston Astros entered the final weekend of the regular season with a two-game lead in the NL wild-card race and their top three starting pitchers headed to the mound.

"We're still in a good spot ... in a great spot," outfielder Jason Lane said after the Astros lost 3-2 to the Chicago Cubs on Thursday night.

When Charles Gipson was cut down at home plate for the final out against Chicago, the Astros (87-72) missed a chance to clinch no worse than a tie for the wild card. But they still have a

commanding position over Philadelphia (85-72) with three games to play.

The Phillies, who were off Thursday, were to begin a three-game series Friday night at Washington.

Houston finishes the regular season against the Cubs, with Andy Pettitte (17-9) trying to win his eighth straight decision Friday night. Roger Clemens, who's 12-8 with a major league-leading 1.89 ERA, and Roy Oswalt (19-12) are the other scheduled starters this weekend.

"It's special," said Pettitte, who missed the Astros' postseason run last year because of a torn tendon in his left elbow.

"You work all year to make it reality and get to the playoffs."

The Astros, who were 15-30 in May, are trying to win the NL wild card for the second straight season. They won the division series last year against Atlanta, their opponent again if they advance, and then lost in Game 7 of the NLCS against St. Louis, the NL Central champion again.

Houston, which won 11 of its previous 14 games, was still being aggressive against the Cubs. And it cost them a chance to extend their wild-card lead to three games with three left.

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FRIDAY NIGHT FORECASTERS

This Week's Games

1. Big Spring @ San Angelo Central
2. Sterling City @ Forsan
3. Midland Trinity @ Garden City
4. Monahans @ Colorado City
5. Lake View @ Merkel
6. Bronte @ Roby
7. Texas @ Missouri
8. Michigan @ Michigan State
9. Baylor @ Texas A&M
10. Colorado @ Oklahoma State
11. Florida @ Alabama
12. USC @ Arizona State
13. Iowa State @ Nebraska
14. Kansas @ Texas Tech
15. Notre Dame @ Purdue
16. Cowboys @ Raiders
17. Eagles @ Chiefs
18. Texans @ Bengals
19. Rams @ N.Y. Giants
20. Broncos @ Jaguars

Last Week:
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Dallas hopes find secret to stopping Oakland WR Moss

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Three games into Randy Moss' career in Oakland, Raiders fans are still waiting to see No. 18 at his highlight-film best.

Dallas Cowboys fans have seen more than their share.

Moss is 5-0 against the Cowboys, seemingly still making the club pay for not having drafted him in 1998. He's been a big reason for those wins, too, catching 25 passes for 552 yards and 10 touchdowns.

That comes out to averages of 22.1 yards per catch, 110.4 yards per game and two touchdowns per game. To put that in perspective, consider that his career averages in all other games are 15.17 yards per catch, 83.49 yards per game and

0.77 TDs per game.

The only team he's scored against more is Green Bay and he's played them nine more times. The only teams he averages more yards per catch against he's played only once or twice.

"You have to be aware of where he is every play," Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said. "Use proper technique. Be cognizant of his jams. Know where your help is if there is going to be help. It's fundamental stuff."

Moss had his way against Dallas when he was with Minnesota. So maybe his cross-country move will make a difference.

Then again, maybe not. Parcells said the Raiders use Moss "pretty much the same" as the Vikings did.

Parcells said he's seen teams try to cover Moss all sorts of ways: Single coverage, double coverage, zones with an extra defender trailing him. He even recalls the Packers once putting two defenders on Moss at the line of scrimmage, the kind of thing usually seen against the "gunner" on punt teams.

Nothing has worked very well.

"If you're determined to take one guy out of a game, you can do it," Parcells said. "But you may be paying a price to do that, in other areas."

Like what happened to Dallas in last season's opener against Minnesota.

With the defense focused on Moss, other receivers caught TD passes of 63 and 43 yards. Moss even completed a pass — for the first time in his career — that went 37 yards.

The Cowboys were able to limit Moss to four catches for 27 yards. But he still scored two touchdowns.

So what will Dallas try this time? Stick 6-foot-1 Anthony Henry on Moss? Keep 5-foot-9 Aaron Glenn away from him? Blitz, blitz and blitz some more to keep quarterback Kerry Collins from having time to throw deep?

"You'll have to come to the game" to find out, Parcells said.



Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson gets into the end zone past San Francisco 49ers defensive back Ahmed Plummer in the fourth quarter. The Cowboys defeated the 49ers, 34-31, at Monster Park in San Francisco, Calif., Sunday. The Cowboys face the Raiders in Oakland at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Oklahoma still has chance at Big 12 title

DALLAS (AP) — Oklahoma is the only Big 12 team with a losing record. Baylor and Kansas, so often at or near the bottom of their respective divisions, are among the eight league teams at 3-0.

But everybody is even in the league standings going into the first Saturday of October, which marks the start of conference play.

Oklahoma (1-2) can still reach two of its primary goals, even though the Sooners have already taken themselves out of the national title chase.

"I never look at the Big 12 schedule as a clean slate for us," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said. "But our goals first are Big 12 South Division and then Big 12 championship. It's a great opportunity for us to do well if we keep improving the way I think we have."

Oklahoma opens Big 12 play at home against Kansas State (3-0), which set a school record with 658 total yards in its 54-7 victory over North Texas last weekend.

There are two Big 12 games Saturday matching undefeated teams: No. 16

Texas Tech hosts Kansas, and No. 23 Iowa State is at Nebraska.

Second-ranked Texas (3-0), which has a 10-game winning streak, plays at Missouri (2-1) in a game putting quarterbacks Vince Young and Brad Smith head-to-head.

In the other conference openers, Baylor goes to Texas A&M (2-1), and Oklahoma State (3-0) is home against Colorado (2-1).

Baylor has played just one game at home, where last year the Bears ended

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Sunday's NFL Lineup

Noon start times

- Buffalo @ New Orleans
- Detroit @ Tampa Bay
- Indianapolis @ Tennessee
- San Diego @ New England
- Denver @ Jacksonville
- Houston @ Cincinnati
- Seattle @ Washington
- St. Louis @ New York Giants

3:05 p.m./3:15 p.m. start times

- New York Jets @ Baltimore
- Philadelphia @ Kansas City
- Dallas @ Oakland
- Minnesota @ Atlanta

Sunday Night Game — 7:30 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Arizona in Mexico City

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Gipson was waved home by coach Doug Malsol after Luke Scott doubled into the right-center gap. The speedy pinch-runner saw the relay throw when he headed toward the plate, and his only chance was to knock over Henry Blanco. But the catcher applied the tag and held on.

"No question about it, he's got to send him," Astros manager Phil Garner said. "I'd been upset if he hadn't sent him. If the throw's off at all, he's got a chance to be safe."

Instead, the Cubs made two perfect throws to end the game.

Ryan Dempster walked Orlando Palmeiro with one out, Gipson pinch ran and pinch-hitter Mike

Lamb struck out before Scott pinch hit. Center fielder Corey Patterson cut off Scott's drive and threw to second baseman Jose Macias, who made the relay to Blanco, well ahead of Gipson.

"We executed that cutoff play perfectly. That was a very athletic play," manager Dusty Baker said. "That ball went into the gap, and it was obvious that they were going to send him. It was a perfect hop, a perfect throw and a perfect tag."

Derrek Lee broke a sixth-inning tie with his 46th homer, and the Cubs — who have to sweep the four-game series to avoid a losing record — led by one run entering the ninth.

The Astros earlier had another runner thrown out at the plate when they led.

After Lance Berkman led off the second with his

23rd homer to make it 1-0, Chris Burke and Adam Everett had consecutive one-out singles. But a squeeze play failed when Raul Chavez didn't get a pitch he could bunt, and Burke was tagged out in the baseline.

Matt Murton's homer in the fourth tied it, and Lee put the Cubs ahead 2-1 in the sixth with a 401-foot drive off the facade behind the seats in left field.

Glendon Rusch (9-8) pitched seven innings, retiring 12 batters in a row during one stretch, to win his fourth straight decision over five September starts for the Cubs. Dempster struck out two in the ninth for his 32nd save.

Rookie left-hander Wandy Rodriguez (10-10) gave up three runs and five hits over seven innings, falling to 1-4 in September.

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after being three outs from being swept by the Yankees, this is the next best thing.

"It's the master plan," Boston's Johnny Damon said. "God's way."

The Red Sox were up by four games on Sept. 10, but the Yankees climbed back atop the division last week and they've been trading spots ever since. With a one-game lead, the Yankees will have to win at Fenway Park twice, at most, to clinch the East title.

According to Elias, the only time New York had a lead with four games to go and failed to win was 1904, back when the Yankees were called the Highlanders.

"Three teams in it, two make it and one will miss

Key playoff deciding games

- Yankees @ Red Sox
3 games starting tonight
- White Sox @ Indians
3 games starting tonight
- Cubs @ Astros
4 games starting last night
- Phillies @ Nationals
3 games starting tonight

it. Every game is like a playoff game," said Yankees right-hander Mike Mussina, who is scheduled to start Sunday's game. "It's going to be as big as if it were a seven-game series."

The White Sox-Indians matchup doesn't quite have the drama it did last week when Chicago was on the verge of a historic collapse. The White Sox had blown all but 1 1/2 games of what had been a 15-game cushion on Aug. 1, and Cleveland looked unstoppable.

But the Indians chilled at the most inopportune time, losing three straight for the first time since the middle of August.

In the NL, Houston still needs one win to clinch a tie in the wild-card race with Philadelphia. The Astros' lead is down to two games after they lost to the Chicago Cubs Thursday, 3-2. The Phillies had the night off before going to Washington for three games.

Oh, and if playoff races weren't exciting enough, there's a subplot to Yankees-Red Sox: Rodriguez and Boston's David Ortiz are the leading candidates for AL MVP.

"The focus is on the team. A nice side note behind that is, obviously, the MVP race," Rodriguez said. "Front and center right now is the Yankees vs. Boston."

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a 13-game losing streak against the Aggies with a 35-34 overtime victory. That was a year after losing 73-10 in College Station, where Saturday's game will be played.

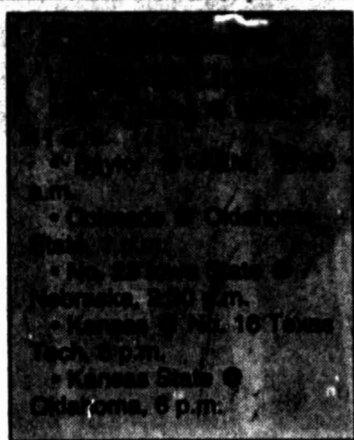
Baylor, which last was 3-0 in 1996, had lost 24 straight road games before wins at SMU and Army this season.

Texas A&M last week had a 300-yard passer, 200-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in the same game for the first time in school history in a 44-31 win over N C A A Division I-AA Texas State, a game that was moved up two days in advance of Hurricane Rita.

While Reggie McNeal became the first Aggie quarterback with consecutive 300-yard passing games, the defensive effort was a concern for coach Dennis Franchione.

With mobile, play-making quarterbacks, Texas ranks second nationally with 297 yards rushing per game and Missouri is third at 287 a game.

Smith had 3,327 career



rushing yards at Missouri, ninth on the NCAA list for quarterbacks and just 568 short of Antwaan Randel-El's record. But Smith is also third in the Big 12 — behind Texas Tech's Cody Hodges and McNeal — with 249 yards passing a game.

Texas held on to win 28-20 last season even after Young had to leave with a bruised sternum.

"I don't like to compare Brad Smith and Young, but they both have a lot of talent," Missouri coach Gary Pinkel said.

Texas Tech has the nation's most productive offense (66 points, 488 passing yards and 654 total yards a game), while allowing just 10 points a game. The Red Raiders' victories have been against Florida

International (0-3) and I-AA teams Sam Houston and Indiana State, who have a combined 1-6 record.

Kansas had a 30-5 lead in the first half last season before losing to the Red Raiders 31-30.

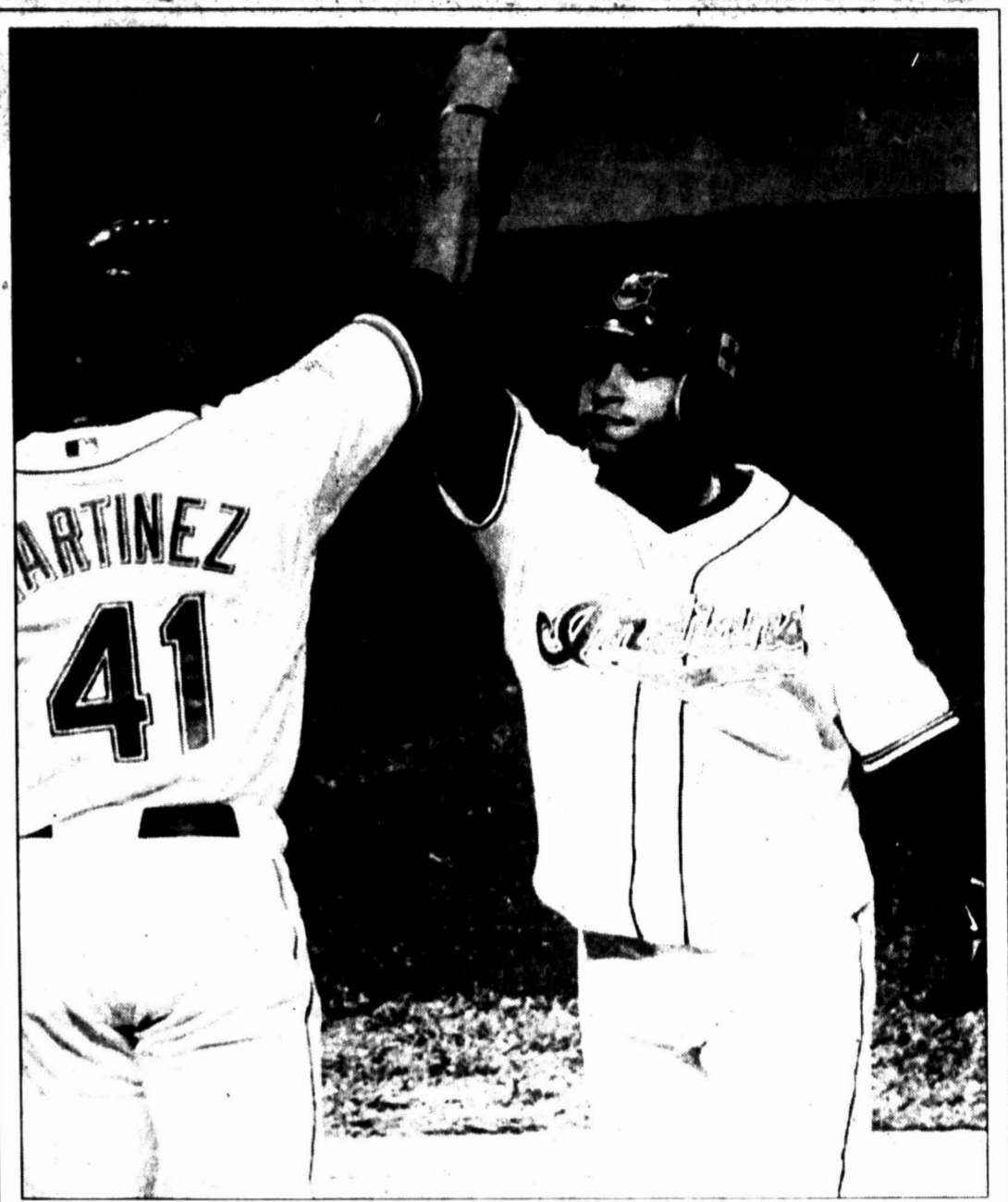
Iowa State has won eight of its last nine games, and will try to win its fourth straight road game for the first time since 1971. To do that, the Cyclones will have to pick up a rare victory over Nebraska, which has allowed just 16 points and has 20 quarterback sacks. The Cornhuskers have dominated the series 81-16-2.

Colorado looks to bounce back from a disappointing 23-3 loss at Miami and avenge a 42-14 loss to the Cowboys last season. Oklahoma State has allowed just 23 points so far.

As for Oklahoma, Stoops put his team through practices Monday through Saturday last week, a first for him on a bye week.

"The work last week wasn't anything about punishment," Stoops said, "but we just had a lot to do before we started conference play."

It's all the Sooners have left to play for this season after playing in the national championship game the last two years.



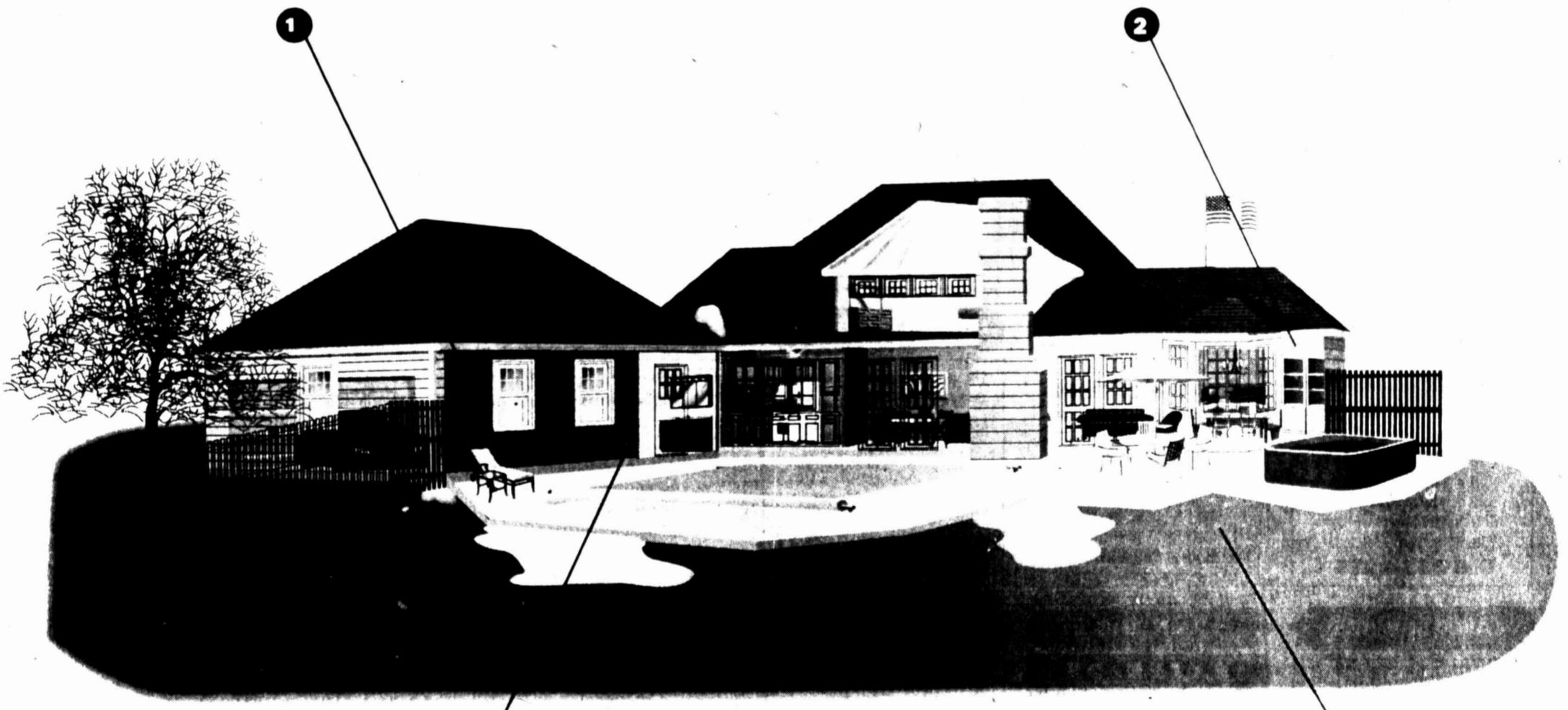
KRT photo/Ed Suba Jr., Akron Beacon Journal
Cleveland Indians catcher Victor Martinez (left) congratulates second baseman Ronnie Belliard after his 2-run home run during the first inning against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. The Indians defeated the Devil Rays, 6-0, at Jacobs Field in Cleveland, Ohio Thursday. The Indians are currently tied with Boston for the AL wild card lead.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Lee's Rental & Storage, which is located at 1606 FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be on October 15, 2005. Crossroads Auction, 6607 N. Service Rd. Big Spring, TX 79720. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space may be sold item-by-item, in batches, or by the space. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants:
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The moon is in the sign of saying "no," and that's Virgo. You've accumulated enough resources. It's now time to organize, edit and polish. Saying "no" allows you to concentrate without distractions and whittle things down to their essence. Saying "no" brings so many rewards, you'll wonder why you don't say it more often!



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The surest way to hold onto a problem is to keep assigning the blame to someone else. Today, you take responsibility, even where you're clearly not to blame, and obliterate a persistent problem.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Loved ones may be totally selfish, rattling on about themselves and not asking a single question about your well-being. This is not a purposeful slight. It's just that you seem so capable and content!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): To "deserve" a care-free weekend, you feel you must play the worker bee and get through a massive to-do list. Maybe what you really need to do is stop believing you must be useful in order to be loved. You're enough as is.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): To do is human. To imagine is divine. This is no day for seriousness. Take a more playful

approach to being the person you want to be, even if it feels unnatural or crazy. Pretend. Dress up if you have to.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Long ago, you accidentally created the current dynamic between you and a loved one, and now, you can intentionally uncreate it. There are only two kinds of problems in the world: yours and someone else's. Make the distinction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You curve and curl around your obstacles like a clinging vine. You're powerful enough to knock down the "walls." Instead, you incorporate them into your plan. This saves energy and is the most interesting choice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): You don't need to repay every kindness immediately and directly. The universe doesn't work that way. Stellar invitations are extended to you. You're a good date! (Occasionally you slip up, but who doesn't?)

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Despite the periodic dip in your confidence, you have an optimistic sense that you are in control of your life. Today, such dips could happen to provide a contrast so that you can appreciate how powerful you actually are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The work you face requires endurance. Believe that you will succeed eventually. You could run with a glamorous crowd tonight. You have a blast with someone wild, infamous and stunningly gorgeous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Disorder and general muddle could be a good thing. With a little professional help, you'll not only clean up a mess, but be better off than if you never had the mess to begin with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You're always moving ahead because you don't ask, "Why me?" Instead, you ask, "What now?" A fellow air sign (Aquarius, Gemini or Libra) gets swept up in your winning attitude.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Being caught up in a fad is a lot of fun, so long as you don't lose yourself in it. You can still be appropriate and acceptable and put your own spin on things. In fact, you earn extra points now for originality.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: The Venus-Mars opposition polarizes some couples, but as romantic comedies prove, the tension of disagreement can be hotter than getting along perfectly. **ARIES:** You can't wait to be alone with your object of desire and will manipulate the circumstances in order to create one-on-one time. **TAURUS:** The on-again-off-again relationship is now - again. **GEMINI:** E-mails lie or at least tell only a small part of the story. **CANCER:** You're attracted to the "bad" in a potential partner. **LEO:** Certain people will say anything to get you where they want you. **VIRGO:** Partners are receptive and sensitive to your needs, so feel free to be very needy. **LIBRA:** You're incredibly popular

right now. **SCORPIO:** Knowing that someone is flustered or even irritated around you makes that person more attractive to you. **SAGITTARIUS:** A loved one who has wanted more of your attention might do something surprising to get more of it! **CAPRICORN:** Be bold. Crash parties. Sing outside of windows. Your every romantic gesture is wildly received. **AQUARIUS:** You'll be tempted to play games and test the love of a sweetheart, but you don't need to - you are cherished. **PISCES:** See beyond appearances and into the heart of your romantic prospect.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Scorpio and Taurus are most affected by the Venus-Mars opposition. They can't stand each other one minute, and the next, they're over the moon in love. Impulsive action accelerates the romance but might seem quite foolish in retrospect. Oh well, love makes you stupid sometimes, and there are worse things to be than a fool for love.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My parents were married 54 years and then divorced three years ago. Shortly after they divorced, my husband quit his job so we could move back home to help Dad, take him to doctor visits, cook for him, etc., and do the same for my mother when she later required surgery. My husband found work, and I was available to both of my parents any time they needed me. We have been here two years.

I loved them both and never took sides, even though I had to listen to their negative comments about each other.

My father passed away last month and left me everything, except for a small life insurance policy for my only sister. Dad and Sis did not get along well. He felt she took Mom's side during the divorce. Also, when Sis left her first husband, she did not want custody of her children, and to this day, her kids are still estranged from her. Dad did not approve of this.

My mother has now told me that she has changed her will and I have been left out completely. My sister gets everything. She says this is "justice." I say she is punishing me for helping my dad when he needed me.

Is it right for Mom to take me out of her will, even though I helped care for her the same as I did Dad? Mom isn't talking to me, and I am hurt. - Tallahassee, Fla.
Dear Florida: It's possible your mother is under pressure from your sister to make things "even." Think how it must have hurt Sis that Dad favored you so much, justified or not. You've been a caring and loving daughter. Please don't turn this into a fight over money. Call Mom, and tell her you love her and that she can do whatever she likes with her estate. Ask if she will select one personal item for you, as a keepsake that you will cher-



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

ish.

Dear Annie: I am in my mid-40s, and my husband and I are finally the parents of a healthy, beautiful baby boy. When I am out with my son, women invariably assume that I am the baby's grandmother and tailor their conversation accordingly.

Depending on my mood and level of sleep deprivation, my responses run from a gracious smile to an icy stare. Sometimes I am so frustrated by their well-meaning but misguided and ignorant remarks that I want to scream.

Please offer me a tactful alternative to let them know that I am my son's mother, not his grandmother. - Not a Grandma Yet

Dear Not Grandma: You'd think, in this day and age, people would know better. Respond to their oohs and aahs by saying, "Thank you. I'm so blessed to have my son. The sleepless nights are absolutely worth it."

Dear Annie: I love where I work and would like to be hired here when I complete my schooling. Unfortunately, I have a problem with our middle-aged, married boss. He makes the younger women here very uncomfortable. He always stares at our chests, and even when we give him a sharp look, he will continue. This even happens at company outings when his wife is present. Occasionally he will jok-

ingly make offensive, inappropriate comments of a sexual nature, but they are subtle enough that others might pass it off as nothing.

He has never crossed the line enough to file a complaint. We don't want to report him to his superiors because we can't afford to have any black marks. How can we stifle this behavior without suffering the consequences? - Tired of It

Dear Tired: This behavior is unacceptable. Start keeping a written record of the comments, jokes, etc. Then you need to talk to his superiors, not to file a complaint, but to warn them that this man is making the company vulnerable to a sexual harassment lawsuit. They'll want to know.

Dear Annie: My daughter has two kids, ages 9 and 5. My husband and I saw the 5-year-old's report card, and we gave her a dollar. We also saw our 9-year-old grandson's report card, which was excellent, so we gave him \$5. He was so excited.

The following week, our daughter returned \$4 of the money we had given her son. She told me that both children should receive the same amount. I was devastated that she took a gift away from our grandson. I told her that since he is going into fourth grade, he should be given more than his younger sister.

My husband feels that our daughter's generation is changing things by giving each child the same gift, regardless of the occasion. I know our granddaughter complained when she saw that her brother received more money. She whines about it a lot, although we aren't certain this is why her mother returned the money.

If our grandson stays with us and we take him somewhere, we have to buy something for our granddaughter, even though she is not with us.

The same thing holds when the situation is reversed.

Can you give us your take on this? I would feel better knowing your opinion. - New York Grandma

Dear N.Y. Grandma: Parents do not want their children to feel left out or be given the impression that there is favoritism. And you are right, some also cannot deal with a child who whines and cries.

You do not have to give the children the same amount of money if one is older than the other. But we do think it is a good idea to bring home a small souvenir for the sibling who did not get to go on a trip with Grandma and Grandpa. It shows you are thinking of her, and that always is a loving gesture.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Concerned Daughter," who worried because her parents bicker all the time. My husband is 87, and I am 76. We do the same thing. It hasn't hurt our relationship at all.

When women my age were younger, many of us never stood up for ourselves or disagreed with our husbands. However, as we got older, we learned we didn't have to agree. Hence the bickering.

I would like to ask "Concerned" if she has a husband, and if so, does she argue with him? Well then, she is bickering, too, but she probably doesn't realize it. And when the two of them retire, she will have a lot more time to do it. Wait and see. - Married 52 Years and Still Bickering in Sayreville, N.J.

Dear Married: For many long-married couples, "bickering" is simply another form of communication and doesn't require fixing.

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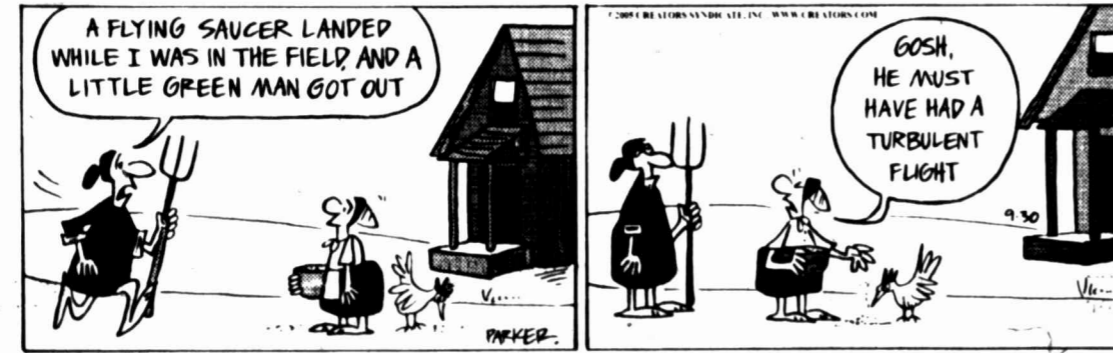
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 30, the 273rd day of 2005. There are 92 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Sept. 30, 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, Calif. On this date: In 1777, the Congress of the United States - forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces - moved to York, Pa. In 1791, Mozart's opera 'The Magic Flute' premiered in Vienna, Austria. In 1846, dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time on a patient in his Boston office. In 1905, 100 years ago, British director Michael Powell ('The Red Shoes') was born in Bekebourne, Kent, England. In 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders decided to appease Adolf Hitler by allowing Nazi

annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland. In 1946, an international military tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany, found 22 top Nazi leaders guilty of war crimes. In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end. In 1954, the first atomic-powered vessel, the submarine Nautilus, was commissioned by the Navy. In 1962, black student James Meredith succeeded on his fourth try in registering for classes at the University of Mississippi. In 1993, an estimated 10,000 people were killed when an earthquake measuring a magnitude of 6.4 struck southern India. Today's Birthdays: Actress Deborah Kerr is 84. Actress Angie Dickinson is 74. Singer Cissy Houston is 72. Singer Johnny Mathis is 70. Actor Len Cariou is 66. Rock singer-musician Dewey Martin (Buffalo Springfield) is 63. Singer Marilyn McCoo is 62. Pop singer Sylvia Peterson (The Chiffons) is 59. Rock musician John Lombardo is 53. Singer Deborah Allen is 52. Actor Calvin Levels is 51. Actor

Barry Williams is 51. Actress Fran Drescher is 48. Country singer Marty Stuart is 47. Rapper-producer Marley Marl is 43. Country singer Eddie Montgomery (Montgomery-Gentry) is 42. Rock singer Trey Anastasio is 41. Rock musician Robby Takac (Goo Goo Dolls) is 41. Actress Lisa Thornhill is 39. Actress Monica Bellucci is 37. Actor Mike Damus is 26. Tennis player Martina Hingis is 25. Olympic gold medal gymnast Dominique Moceanu is 24. Actress Lacey Chabert is 23. Actor Kieran Culkin is 23. Thought for Today: "Where apathy is master, all men are slaves." Anonymous. © 2005 The Associated Press.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like SLAW, CRUZ, TROUT, LISA, MOSE, OOMPH, ALPS, ABED, QUITE, BACHELORSUTTON, SCARLET, LEE, OFT, TCU, DROP, IDIOM, OHARA, UNI, MISMASTERSVOICE, AOL, NATTY, ABNER, DRAB, BOA, ETS, LEO, PRAIRIE, ONDOCTORSORDERS, SEOUL, JOAD, ITAT, LOTS, ABLE, ARNE, ONSET, ISMS, NOIR.

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AROUND THE BEND by Merte Baker Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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Golf Insider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

TOUR PURE: Chipping

By T.J. TOMASI
Universal Press Syndicate

(This series examines the characteristics that separate the tour player from the average amateur golfer. If you add these characteristics to your game, each in its turn, you'll be "Tour Pure" too. This week's concept is chipping.)

John Maginnes is one of the best chippers on the PGA Tour. He ranks in the top 40 in the scrambling category, which tracks how many times the player makes par or better from around the green.

In the photos below, Maginnes has a slight uphill chip with the ball above his feet, an adjustment he must take into consideration. On an uphill chip like this, he must take care to keep his arms moving all the way through the shot because any slowing down in arm speed will leave the ball well short of target. Too many amateurs take a long backswing then decelerate into the ball, so make sure you keep those arms moving all the way to the finish.

Maginnes creates symmetry between the lengths of his backswing and follow-through, keyed by a soft rotation of his chest. It's the arc of his swing that provides the force applied to the ball with no excess hand action.

There is very little wrist break and no weight transfer. The chip is primarily an upper-body motion, with the lower body providing a stable platform for the arm swing. This is a very accurate way to chip because it satisfies two basic requirements. First, it produces an accelerating stroke and second, this method keeps the face of the club looking at the hole throughout the entire swing.

Because Maginnes keeps his left arm and chest parallel to the stroke delivered by his arm swing, he does not collapse his left wrist, a move that would cause the club face to flip past his hands. This rotation allows him to leave the club head behind the ball all the way through impact.

The last thing you want in a chip shot like this is to allow any kind of forearm rotation that causes the loft of your club face and misalignment of the club face at impact.

With special note:

Maginnes' hands look on the club as if they were "glued" together. The weight starts, stays and finishes on the club face. There is no upper-body rotation but no weight transfer.

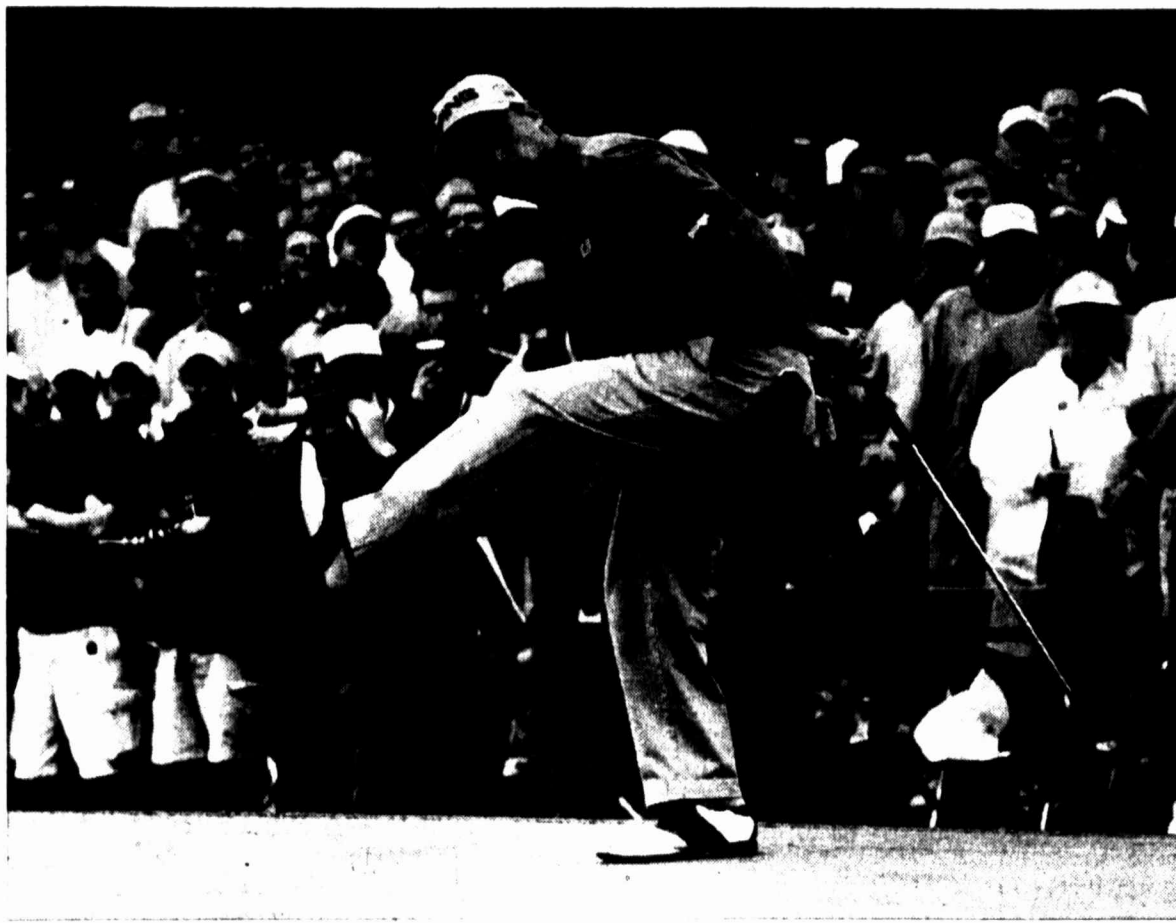
Quick tip: Always keep the face square. His straight right arm is in line with the club pointing in the direction the ball is headed.

The gentle flex of his legs.
The rotation of the chest and shoulders.



Ace PGA Tour chipper John Maginnes faces an uphill slope that adds loft to the club face. Because he's using a 60-degree lofted wedge, the effective loft increases to at least 61 degrees, so he has to hit the ball harder than he would otherwise.

COMMENTARY



CURTIS COMPTON / Cox News Service

Chris DiMarco is 6-1-2 in his matches in the past two international competitions.

Passion play

DiMarco an unbeatable teammate for U.S.

By ALAN TAYS
Cox News Service

Gainesville, Va. It's probably too early to start calling Chris DiMarco the new Payne Stewart or the new Hal Sutton or the new Paul Azinger, but it's not too soon to start mentioning him in the same breath with the finest American examples of fiery, inspirational team players.

In the conventional wisdom about U.S. golfers being selfish millionaires who don't care about team play, we often forget that there are Americans who thrive in international team play.

Stewart was that way, until he died. Azinger and Sutton were that way, too, until they got too old.

Now we have DiMarco, the leading scorer, star and closer of Sunday's 18-15 American victory in the Presidents Cup at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club.

DiMarco went 4-0-1 in five matches, making him the leading U.S. scorer. His 154-foot putt on the 18th hole clinched the Cup. And throughout the competition, he was a grinding, fist-pumping dervish.

Oh, yes, and he also made a hole-in-one Saturday.

DiMarco doesn't buy the line that says if American golfers lose, it must be because they don't care.

"I think we're the only ones that know that we care more about this than anything, and unfortunately everybody thinks the Americans don't care," DiMarco said Sunday night. "Well, I can promise you that's not true at all. We care a lot, and this is big. We wanted this bad. We wanted this for Mr. Nicklaus, and it's nice to give him that. He's been a great captain for the two U.S. residents Cup teams) that I've been on, and it was a lot of fun."

DiMarco, 37, got his Presidents Cup feet wet in 2003 in South Africa, when he went 2-3 (but with a singles victory) in the 17-all tie. Jack Nicklaus captained that team,



DAVID TULIS / Cox News Service

Chris DiMarco sinks to his knees after missing a chip shot on the 18th hole during the final round of the Masters this year. He then lost to Tiger Woods on the first hole of a playoff.

too, and he liked what he saw of the Orlando resident.

"He found out in South Africa that he could get to the next level," Nicklaus said. "He keeps chipping away at that next level, and, you know, I would be very, very surprised if he doesn't go right to that next level the next time he's out."

DiMarco also played on the 2004 U.S. Ryder Cup team. The Americans were routed by Europe 18-9, but through no fault of DiMarco's. He went 2-1-1, the only American with a winning record.

DiMarco has shown signs of breaking through as a major winner on the PGA Tour but came up short in his two best chances. He was part of the playoff won by Vijay Singh at the 2004 PGA Championship at Whistling Straits, but he could have won in regulation if he hadn't been short with a 12-foot putt on the 72nd hole. He reached a playoff against Tiger Woods in this year's Masters, but lost when Woods birdied the first extra hole.

On Sunday, he said something that gave a clue as to why he's such a good team player.

"I thought about two people out there," he said. "I thought about Fred Couples, how big of a putt he made on 18 to win against Vijay. I watched it, actually, when I was on the 13th tee. I could see the JumboTron, and I was underneath watching the putt."

"And (I thought about) Captain Nicklaus. That's what our whole goal was as a team this week — to win for him."

DiMarco is probably right when he says it's wrong to think the U.S. players are selfish. But in his case, that's a charge that's not likely to be made.

DiMarco's putter officially ended it. His 9-iron from the rough at 18, while all-square with Stuart Appleby after a wayward drive, put him into position. The day before, DiMarco had watched Phil Mickelson from a similar spot near the bunker, finding the green from 180 yards to about 6 feet. With a 9-iron in his hands from 156 yards, even with his feet placed awkwardly in the bunker, DiMarco was surprisingly optimistic.

"I tried to stay real still and hit a good, solid shot," DiMarco said, "and get right of the hole and give me a putt at it, to at least have a chance, and it came out perfect."

When the putt dropped, DiMarco almost felt as though a major had been won. He even walked away from the Presidents Cup hoping that more than the score is different at the next Ryder Cup.

"I like that there's a genuine respect for both teams, and it's more about the game of golf and not necessarily somebody being ugly and somebody not being ugly," he said. "I think the media makes [the Ryder Cup], unfortunately, hateful, and that's the difference between the two."

Asked what the win was worth right now, DiMarco said, "It's worth probably my first six-pack of beer, I can tell you that."

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- Course: Trump National Golf Club Los Angeles (6,394 yards, par 72).
- Purse: \$1.3 million. Winner's share: \$195,000.
- TV: The Golf Channel (Friday, 4:30-7 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 1-2:30 a.m., 4:30-7 p.m.; Monday, 1-2:30 a.m.).

PGA TOUR
Chrysler Classic
of Greensboro

- Site: Greensboro, N.C.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
- Course: Forest Oaks Country Club (6,881 yards, par 72).
- Purse: \$5 million. Winner's share: \$900,000.
- TV: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.; Saturday 3-6 p.m.) and ABC (Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

CHAMPIONS TOUR
SAS Championship

- Site: Cary, N.C.
- Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
- Course: Prestonwood Country Club (7,177 yards, par 72).
- Purse: \$1.9 million. Winner's share: \$285,000.
- TV: The Golf Channel (Friday-Sunday, 1:30-4 p.m., 9-11:30 p.m.).

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR
Dunhill Links
Championship

- Site: St. Andrews and Carnoustie, Scotland.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
- Courses: St. Andrews, Old Course (7,279 yards, par 72), Carnoustie, Championship Course (7,112 yards, par 72) and Kingsbarns Golf Links (7,099 yards, par 72).
- Purse: \$4.78 million. Winner's share: \$797,000.
- TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.).

NATIONWIDE TOUR
Oregon Classic

- Site: Junction City, Ore.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
- Course: Shadow Hills C.C. (7,007 yards, par 72).
- Purse: \$450,000. Winner's share: \$81,000.
- TV: None.

LEADERS

WORLD RANKINGS

1. Tiger Woods, USA	17.28
2. Vijay Singh, Fiji	12.02
3. Phil Mickelson, USA	9.83
4. Ernie Els, S.Af	9.20
5. Retief Goosen, S.Af	8.97
6. Sergio Garcia, Spn	7.20
7. Adam Scott, Aus	5.65
8. Chris DiMarco, USA	5.48
9. Jim Furyk, USA	5.15
10. Angel Cabrera, Arg	5.14
11. Kenny Perry, USA	4.98
12. David Toms, USA	4.93
13. P. Harrington, Ire	4.79
14. Luke Donald, Eng	4.72
15. M. Campbell, NZI	4.72

MONEY LEADERS

PGA TOUR

Player	Money
1. Tiger Woods	\$8,613,024
2. Vijay Singh	\$7,546,003
3. Phil Mickelson	\$5,639,605
4. David Toms	\$3,656,213
5. Jim Furyk	\$3,577,435
6. Kenny Perry	\$3,426,655
7. Chris DiMarco	\$3,397,798
8. Retief Goosen	\$3,185,275
9. Sergio Garcia	\$2,642,458
10. Fred Funk	\$2,608,874

LPGA TOUR

Player	Money
1. A. Sorenstam	\$1,957,200
2. Paula Creamer	\$1,332,042
3. Cristie Kerr	\$1,297,864
4. Lorena Ochoa	\$1,156,542
5. Jeong Jaeng	\$950,647

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Winning wedges

If you master just three clubs — the putter, the driver and the wedge — you'll be a match for anyone. Let's take a closer look at the wedges: pitching, sand and lob.

Each wedge has its advantages. A pitching wedge, with 50 degrees of loft and about 4 degrees of bounce, works pretty well from tight lies as well as from the fairway.

The average sand wedge has around 56 degrees loft with 11 degrees bounce to prevent the leading edge from digging into the sand. It works well in soft sand and around the greens in normal greenside rough.

The lob wedge has 60 or more degrees of loft with less bounce than the sand wedge. It works well from wet, hard sand or hardpan, and with its loft, it can get the ball up in a hurry so that it

lands softly from a tight lie.

The lob's maximum range is usually about 70 yards, but it can be a fooler because it has so much loft. Too many golfers ease up on it and leave it short. The key to great lob wedge play is to accelerate into the ball with a stroke that's firmer than you think for the distance involved.

I think the lob wedge should be in every golfer's bag because it's designed to conquer those treacherous greenside shots over bunkers. But you should hone your skill with a sand wedge before you add a lob. This will develop your touch by forcing you to learn to hit a variety of shots around the green with one club.

Since more than 60 percent of your shots are taken from 100 yards or less, it really pays to perfect your wedges.

—T.J. Tomasi

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: TJinsider@aol.com.

I've received a number of e-mails asking about "X-out" golf balls, so here are my thoughts.

With the current price of balls, I don't blame a golfer for going with the X-outs. But keep in mind there is a reason for the X. Quality control has come a long way in the golf ball industry, and the X-outs don't meet the manufacturers' high standards.

The imperfections that get a ball tossed from the mainstream three-pack vary. It might be a nick or scratch in the paint, which won't affect the playability. But it can also be balls that are too big, lopsided or have a distorted dimple pattern. These problems will seriously affect your ball's performance.

For tournament golf, the USGA publishes a list of golf ball brands approved for play, and you won't find X-outs on the list. If you play in a tournament governed by USGA rules, and a list isn't posted, the USGA guideline is that you can use any ball you choose, provided it is "not a ball which obviously is nonconforming ... or a brand of ball which the USGA has found to be nonconforming and the player is aware, or should be aware, of that fact."

Now that's so confusing that your only safe bet, come tournament time, is to spring for a three-pack of non-X's. Just hit 'em straight and you'll protect your investment and prevent disqualification.

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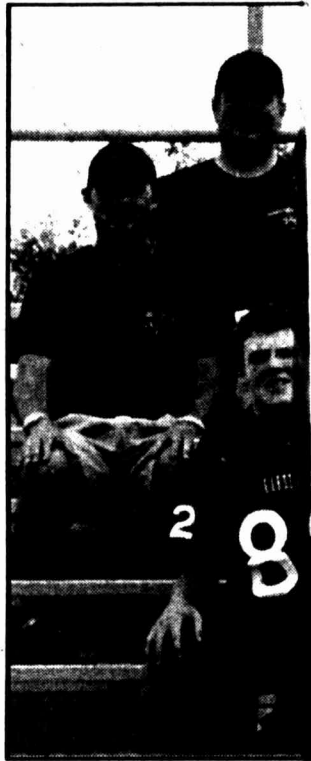
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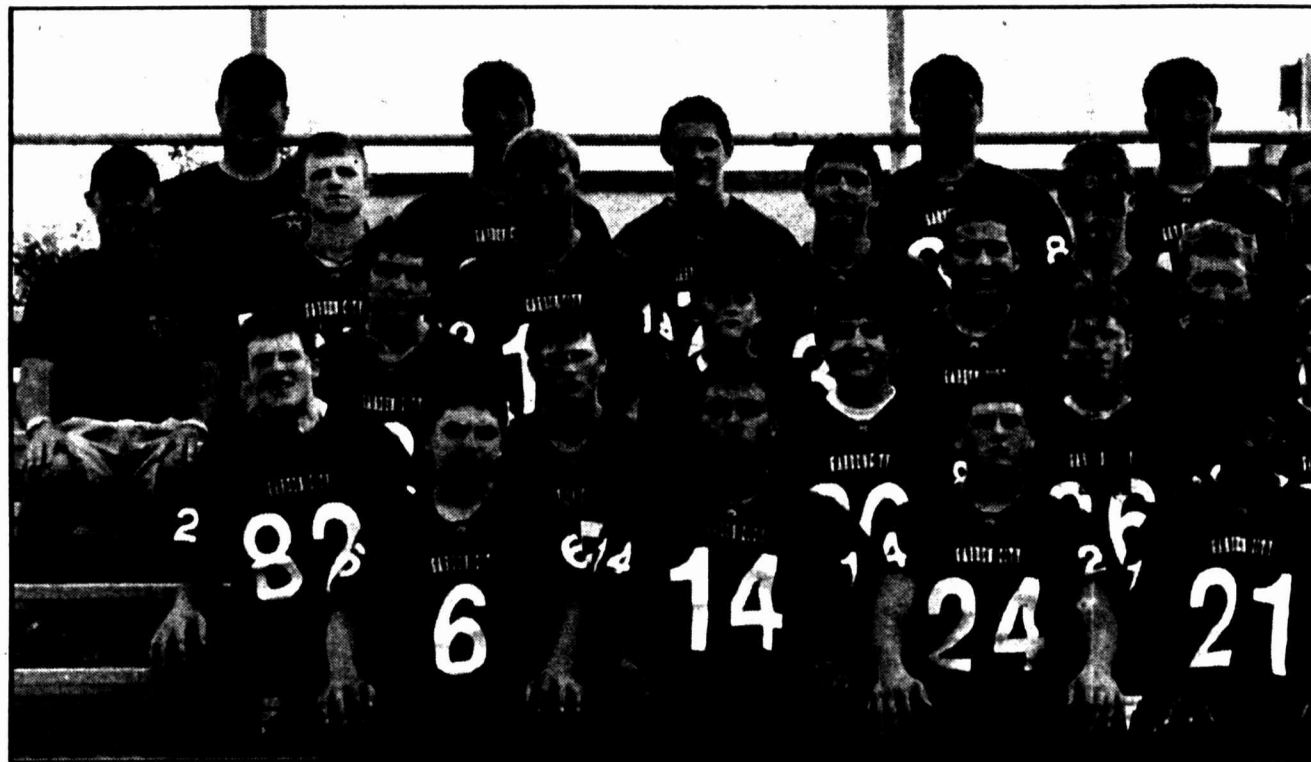
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Webb AFB Reunion gets into full swing today

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

More than a quarter-century after its closing, Webb Air Force Base still hold a prominent place in people's memories.

Reliving some of those memories will be the main order of business starting today, as the second Webb AFB Reunion kicks off at the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

Organizers are expecting up to 200 people to attend the

three-day event, the second of its kind.

"When we held the first one in 2002, we only planned to do it every five years. But we've had so many calls we've decided to do it again after only three years," reunion organizer Jan Foresyth said earlier this month.

This year's event starts today with registration and a noon luncheon at the Air Museum. Stunt pilot Jan Colmer, who is performing at Saturday's Commemorative Air Force

Airsho in Midland, will be on hand for an aerobatics demonstration.

Also today, former Big Spring resident Ron George will be at the museum from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. signing copies of his book, "Airspeed, Altitude and a Sense of Humor," which chronicles his days as a pilot trainee at Webb and as the pilot of a KC-135 jet tanker.

Foresyth said the remainder of Friday's activities will be "pretty casual," centering mainly on registering atten-

dees.

A Friday evening dinner at Dora Roberts Community Center, catered by La Posada Restaurant, will be followed by casino games, Foresyth said.

Much of Saturday will be devoted to attending the 2005 FINA CAF Airsho in Midland. Foresyth said reunion-goers will spend the day at the show, having both lunch and dinner there.

On Saturday evening, a dinner will be held at the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center,

formerly the Webb AFB Officer's Club.

The last scheduled reunion event will be a send-off breakfast at Hangar 25 at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Foresyth said.

The reunion is open to anyone who was employed, stationed or had anything to do with Webb Air Force Base, Foresyth said.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

HAVING HIS WISH COME TRUE

Tristin Rangel featured on 'Three Wishes'

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**

Features Editor

Today records another treasure in a series of grand adventures for 6-year-old Tristin Rangel, who was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia in October of 2004.

Tristin, an Elbow Elementary kindergartner, appears at 8 tonight on the NBS program "Three Wishes," hosted by contemporary Christian music recording artist and Grammy Award winner Amy Grant.

His first adventure this week occurred Monday, when he was allowed to return to school for the first time since the diagnosis.

"He was a little apprehensive about going, because we've told him for nearly a year that he couldn't be around other children because of germs. He asked before he went to school, but what about the 'gurms.' I told him Mr. Osborn (Elbow elementary principal) would let us know if anyone was sick and that it would be OK for him to go to school," said his mother, Ione Rangel.

And the week ends with seeing himself on national television in the program tonight. Rangel, explained she was contacted by NBC after a young girl in Clovis, N.M., Carly Luskumb made a wish for NBC to give back to



Courtesy photos

Elbow elementary kindergartner Tristin Rangel appears on the NBC program "Three Wishes," hosted by contemporary Christian music recording artist Amy Grant tonight at 8 p.m. on local Channel 9. Tristin was granted his wish, to meet Spiderman, at a surprise birthday party at Covenant Children's Hospital in Lubbock. He also attended a free concert of Grant's in Clovis N.M., all part of the "Three Wishes" program.

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Symphony's 'International Spectacular' is Saturday

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**

Features Editor

The Saturday performance of "An International Spectacular" featuring Van Cliburn Piano Competition finalist Davide Cabassi and guest maestro John Giordano, is the first of four outstanding concerts presented by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus entering its 26th season.

"We are very excited about the season we have planned for the symphony this year. We planned these performances with the Big Spring audience in mind. This will be one of our best seasons ever," said Dr. Keith Graumann, music director and conductor for the Big Spring symphony.

At Saturday's performance, Cabassi will perform Beethoven's "Concerto No. 3." Giordano will conduct the symphony in a performance of Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 4."

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for senior citizens and \$15 for adults. Hurricane survivors and their host families may receive free admission by stopping by the *Big Spring Herald* to receive tickets.

The Dec. 17 concert, "A Symphonic Christmas," will bring some familiar and favorite Christmas carols to Municipal auditorium featuring Alex Bigemont of Big Spring as guest soloist, a counter tenor currently attending Texas Tech University.

There will be a special appearance of the Coahoma Choir Kids directed by Sandy Wallace and singalongs with some of the songs, he said.

"Happy Birthday Mozart" Feb. 4 sees the return of 13-year-old Peng Peng, a Julliard student. He premiered his first

See **SYMPHONY**, Page 5A

Atmos employees, families slate car wash for United Way

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Area residents will be able to help out the local United Way by getting their vehicles washed and enjoying a hot dog lunch, as Atmos Energy gets set to hold a special fundraiser Saturday at the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Employees, family members

and basically anyone the group can talk into helping will be washing cars and serving hot dogs and sodas from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in an effort to support the local United Way, which recently set its 2005-2006 goal at \$300,000.

"We thought it would be a good way to help out the United Way," said Diane Newton, operations assistant for the Big

Spring Atmos office. "We usually do a garage sale, but so many people had already donated what they had to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort, we figured this would be a better way to raise money."

For a donation of just \$10, Atmos employees will wash vehicles while the motorists enjoy a hot dog and soda. "It's supposed to be a nice day

Saturday, so we really hope a lot of people will come out and get their car washed," said Newton. "We'll also be selling the hot-dogs and sodas for \$1 for both, so if your car's already clean, please come down and have lunch with us. It's for a very important cause."

"We've been really fortunate with this fundraiser, as Wal-Mart has been a big help.

They're going to supply all of the hoses and sprayers for us to use for the car wash. So it's coming together nicely."

Agencies that receive funds from the United Way are the West Texas Chapter of the American Red Cross, Boys Club of Big Spring, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America,

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Free mental health screenings offered

By **VALERIE AVERY**

Special to the Herald

Hurricane Katrina's haunting images, the frenzied rush from the coast ahead of Hurricane Rita coupled with the financial fallout of higher gasoline prices are three recent events that may make people with depression exhibit more recognizable signs of the disease.

"People treated for depression may be doing well but when they see the human suffering up close, it makes it much more difficult to cope," said Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers for MHMR

CEO. "And, then there's another group of people who may not have been diagnosed with depression but are on the verge of showing classic symptoms. The recent events may trigger more severe symptoms that need to be addressed."

West Texas Centers for MHMR and Big Spring State Hospital provide a free, community service each year to people in Howard County and the surrounding area who may be exhibiting signs of depression or just want to be tested for depression.

"Some people who come in for testing do so for peace of mind," said Ed

Moughon, Big Spring State Hospital's superintendent.

The free depression screening will be Thursday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Big Spring Mall, next to the Beall's inside entrance. Licensed professionals from West Texas Centers for MHMR and Big Spring State Hospital will provide anonymous tests to children and adults. Spanish language versions of the test also will be available.

Attendees will be presented with a brief explanation of the screening and a

See **SCREENINGS**, Page 5A

Obituaries

Helen Ruth Louder

Helen Ruth Louder, 86, of Stanton died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005, in a local nursing home. Funeral services were 2 p.m. today, Sept. 30, 2005, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery Stanton.

She was born to Noah and Ruth Range Nov. 12, 1918, in Waco and married Tull Ray Louder Dec. 22, 1945, in Dallas. He preceded her in death May 21, 2001.

Mrs. Louder taught school at the Chapman Ranch, which included children from the King Ranch and Buckner Orphans Home in Dallas, which was her favorite teaching job. She also taught school in Stanton, Grady and Garden City, retiring in the early 1970s.

Her hobbies were her children and grandchildren; she enjoyed story telling and reading. She was a member of First Baptist Church, was active in church and Sunday school, was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi which she especially enjoyed, Stanton Music Club, worked with the American Cancer Society, was active in the American EX-POW, and worked with Cub Scouts.

Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ray and Judy Louder of Odessa, Jim Louder of Stanton and Gene and Becca Louder, also of Stanton; three grandsons, Darrell, Dewayne and Tullie Louder; two granddaughters, Carly and Sarah Louder; two great-grandsons, Cory and Nicholas Louder; one great-granddaughter, Brittny Robbins; and two sisters, Catherine Willhoite of Long Beach, Calif., and Joan Stark of Midland.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Haskel Range.

The family suggests memorials be made to Buckner's Childrens Home, P.O. Box 16206, Lubbock 79490 or to the American Cancer Society, 2304 W. Wadley, Midland 79705.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

DeAlva Riherd

DeAlva Riherd, 79, passed away Sept. 28, 2005. Services were 10 a.m. today, Sept. 30, 2005, at Central United Methodist Church. Interment will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Riherd was born Dec. 9, 1925, in Fort Worth to Joe S. Watkins and Corrine Rogers Watkins. She was a member of Central United Methodist Church and served as president of United Methodist Women for several years. She was also on the Laura Edwards board of directors. She enjoyed crafts, sewing and decorating.

Mrs. Riherd always had a great sense of humor and lived with a song in her heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents and son, Joe Riherd.

Survivors include her loving husband, Carl Riherd; daughter, Peggy and husband, Richard; son John and wife, Jan; grandchildren, Matthew and wife, Stephanie, Jonathan, Dustin and wife, Debi, Nicole and Morgan; brothers, George Watkins, Ronald Watkins, Douglas Watkins, Novle Watkins; and sisters, Juanda Dean, Mozelle Sewell, Patricia Keefer and Margaret Nardone.

Donations may be made to the Central United Methodist Childcare Center 2301 W. Loop 340, Waco 76712.

Arrangements are under the direction of Connally/Compton Funeral Home in Waco.

Paid obituary

Terry Lynn Hagler

Terry Lynn Hagler, 55, of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 26, 2005, in Big Spring. No services are planned.

He was born June 24, 1950, in Portland, Ore. Survivors include two brothers, Gary Hagler of Big Spring and Ernest Paul Hagler of Reno, Nev.; four sisters, Lois Scott of Tulsa, Okla., Ruth Hagler of Vancouver, Wash., Martha Hagler of Reno, Nev., and Mary Lingar of Salem, Ore.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Milton Denton

Milton Denton, 64, of Big Spring died Friday morning, Sept. 30, 2005, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- **TYSHA PAUL**, 20, of Canyon, was arrested Thursday and held for the HCSO.
- **WELDON BRYAN DANIELS**, 41, of 507 S. Ayleford, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter center.
- **DEBRA JANE MOLINA**, 41, of 502 E. 11th Place, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.
- **CARL ROBERT CURIE**, 28, of 1104 Stanford, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ**, 41, of 1145 College Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RICKY AARON FIELDS**, 20, of 1106 Marijo, was arrested Thursday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 300 block of Ayleford.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan.

Sheriff's report

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

- **JOHN MICHAEL EDMONDSON**, 33, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of deadly conduct (four counts).
- **JENNIFER ANN REGALADO**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **BILLY JOE SALGADO**, 20, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court - disobedience of a court order.
- **DARREN HEFFINGTON**, 36, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of theft and failure to appear.
- **FERMIN GATICA BARRON III**, 28, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- **ELROY JOHNSON**, 21, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, possession of stolen property and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- **DIJUAN EDWARD AUSBIE**, 17, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a parole violation.
- **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 1000 block of North Birdwell Lane.
- **INDECENCY WITH A CHILD SEXUAL CONTACT** was reported in the 100 block of Rainer Road.

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Benton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support groups

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

- West Texas Gluten Free Support Group (Celiacs Helping Celiacs) meet 6 p.m. until 5 p.m. Jan. 15 in the Odessa Regional Hospital. For more information, contact Barbara at 432-673-9111 days, or 432-520-2119 evenings.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets at Furr's Cafeteria at 6 p.m. For more information, call 398-5722.

Take note

• **POTTED FALL MUMS TO BENEFIT THE BSHS CARNEGIE HALL BAND TRIP** are on sale now at Johansen's Nursery for \$15 while supplies last.

• **PAVING THE ROAD TO CARNEGIE HALL FALL FESTIVAL** is set for Oct. 15 at the high school. Proceeds from the concessions and rides will be used for the BSHS band trip in June of 2006. Band students have the \$10 tickets for the festival on sale Monday. Or call 267-1325 for more information or to buy a ticket.

• **TRISTIN RANGEL, ELBOW ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTNER**, appears on the NBC television program "Three Wishes" with host Amy Grant at 8 p.m. today on local Channel 9.

• **PARENTS OF BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2007** meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Trinity Baptist Church Craven Annex Building, junior high school department to discuss the junior-senior class prom 2006. Call Valarie Robertson at 267-7404, Patti Adams at 263-4491 or Janet Abner at 264-0023 for more information.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE CONTINUING EDUCATION** is offering country western dance lessons from 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 22 beginning this week. Cost is \$30. Ballroom dance lessons, including the waltz, fox trot, tango, rumba, cha-cha and meringue are set for noon until 1:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 22. Cost is \$40. For more information, call 264-5077.

• **THE 49TH ANNUAL ST. LAWRENCE FALL FESTIVAL** begins with Mass celebration at 9 a.m. Sunday on the church grounds. Lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A variety of activities are planned.

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TODAY

- Forsan homecoming.
- Webb Air Force Base Reunion 2005.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at Hangar 25 Air Museum. Members are cooking hamburgers for the Webb Air Force Base reunion.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

SATURDAY

- Big Spring Symphony at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Webb Air Force Base Reunion 2005.

SUNDAY

- The 49th annual St. Lawrence Fall Festival begins with Mass celebration at 9 a.m. on the church grounds. Lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A variety of activities are planned.
- Webb Air Force Base Reunion 2005.

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Spanish Inn Restaurant.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- The Big Spring Symphony Association will meet 5:30 p.m. at the association office, 808 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Parents of students in the Big Spring High School class of 2007 meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Trinity Baptist Church Craven Annex Building, junior high school department.

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Warmer. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday - Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Monday - Partly cloudy. Highs around 90.

Monday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 13-14-18-22-34.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night

Winning numbers drawn: 8-23-27-35. Bonus Ball: 14.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$575,000.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night, in order: 6-4-8

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday afternoon, in order: 9-8-0

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TRISTIN

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her community.
"She and Tristin have the same doctor, so they chose my son. Tristin had a birthday, and his wish was to meet Spiderman, so they gave him a surprise birthday party at Covenant Children's Hospital in Lubbock and Spiderman came down on a zip line," Rangel said.

At the birthday party, Tristin received toys and clothes as well as meeting his hero, Spiderman, who was portrayed by a stunt man, she said. Toby McGuire, the actor who portrays Spiderman in the movies, sent Tristin an autographed, giant-sized poster.

"He was so excited; this was his dream. Spiderman scaled the walls of the hospital to wave at a little girl on the oncology ward who has not been outside for six weeks," she said.

Tristin and Carly then toured the children's oncology ward, presenting the patients with presents and toys provided by NBC, she said.

"One girl got a doll house bigger than a coke machine. This really made the kids' day; it was spectacular," she said.

Many individuals from Forsan traveled to Lubbock Aug. 5 to attend the birthday party. Rangel said the support her family has received



from the Forsan community since the diagnosed was made has strengthened their faith and determination.

Sunday after the birthday party, Tristin and his family, dad Tim and brother Michael Keith, 12, traveled to Clovis N.M., to complete filming of the episode of "Three Wishes" that airs tonight.

"Tristin had his own trailer with his name in big letters on the side, just like they do for the celebrities. The trailer

was stocked with Scooby Snacks and all other types of food and it had a TV and games and movies. Amy Grant gave a three-hour concert and one of her songs, "It Takes A Little Time," was dedicated to Tristin. Then their doctor was brought on stage and presented with a \$10,000 check for him to use for the children," she said.

She said the physician, Dr. John Iacune has treated more than 2,000 children with cancer. He

is in practice with Dr. Melanie Oblender, both pediatric oncologists at the hospital in Lubbock.

"At one time (Tristin's disease) was terminal, but we have made such advances that his is the most common and most curable of the childhood leukemias," she said.

Rangel said she has traveled to Lubbock on countless trips for the past 11 months, once a week, for Tristin to receive the chemotherapy. Each treatment costs \$12,000 and the family is responsible for 20 percent of that amount.

"Through rain, snow, ice, all kinds of weather I have made that trip, because we have to get him there. Sometimes I go alone with Tristin. Sometimes with my 80-year-old mother, Mary Crane goes with us," she said.

The cost of the treatment, as well as the transportation to and from the hospital, has been eased by the generous donations and fundraisers made through the Forsan community.

"They will never know how much they have helped us. My co-workers at the VA Medical Center have donated countless hours of leave so that I could take my son for his treatment and still receive a regular paycheck. I still get letters from churches saying Tristin is on their prayer list. While this has been

hard work and tough for us, it has also been positive because of the love and support we have received," she said.

NBC sent a camera crew with Tristin and Rangel for one of their trips to Lubbock for chemotherapy. Rangel has to stop in Lamesa during each trip to administer a topical anesthetic to Tristin to numb the area where the chemicals will be administered.

"He is such a little trooper though, he's always very compliant and cooperative," she said.

Today his chemotherapy has decreased to once every three weeks. Rangel said remission will not be pronounced for another two years and he must continue to receive the chemotherapy during this time.

"This has been a life changing event and has drastically altered our lives. I always feel so lucky when we go for his chemotherapy treatment, because I carry my son into the hospital, but I

always carry him out. There are so many children there, from newborns to teens, whom will not get out and they are heartbreak for me. I feel so blessed because I get to take my son home," she said.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Roy Wyatt, 67, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
Milton Denton, 64, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

CINEMA 4

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I thank the Lord for all that he has done for me. I praise Him and honor Him, for it is by his grace that I am here.

In the last 10 years, he has taught me and brought to light the following scriptures. I hope they will bless you as they have me.

**Sincerely,
Allan Johnson**

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding.
Proverbs 3:5

In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths.
Proverbs 3:6

My son despise not the chastening of the Lord. Neither be weary of His correction.
Proverbs 3:11

For whom the Lord loveth, He correcteth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.
Proverbs 3:12

And we know that all things work together for the good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.
Romans 8:28

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.
Matthew 7:20

But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control, against such there is no law.
Gal. 5:22, 23

For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not by works, lest any man should boast.
For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.
Eph.: 2: 8, 9, 10

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.
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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:

- The members of Big Spring's Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3188 Lodge and Eagles Bingo, who held a benefit hamburger and hot dog supper to help raise funds for the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee's latest project, placement of an "All Veterans Monument" at the memorial.
- Park Ranger Ron Alton and his staff at the Big Spring State Park on hosting another enjoyable Harvest Saturday event that included old-fashioned hay rides around the park's scenic overlook.

All the volunteers who made the first ever Big Spring Heritage Festival a success, as well as all those who took time to enjoy the downtown festivities last weekend.

The hundreds who turned out Saturday at Comanche Trail Park to take part in the annual Alzheimer's Memory Walk.

Coahoma Independent School District students and professional staff who took part in Thursday's trash collection and clean-up effort throughout the community.

City of Big Spring water department employees who worked around the clock to repair a ruptured 20-inch water main near the Big Spring High School campus that forced BSHS officials to release students from the school early Tuesday

Outgoing Moore Development for Big Spring board members Tommy Churchwell and Ben Bancroft for their commitment to help diversify our community's economy.

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 we must have it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we aim for what You want, Lord.

Amen

Has Katrina swept the president away?

It is inconceivable to me how a natural disaster could spark a virtual orgy in a political movement, but that seems to be precisely the effect of Hurricane Katrina on liberals.

Ever since President Bush took office, liberals have been rooting from one thing to another in a frenzied quest to find that one issue, one tragedy, one scandal that would bring him down. The list is too long to recite here.

Bush's critics treat each of these issues, in turn, as the final straw that will break the back of this abominable presidency. Everything is blown out of proportion, every possible ambiguity is resolved in President Bush's disfavor, and every possible malevolent motive is attributed to him. The most innocuous of events is treated as scandalous. Hyperbole rules. Panic prevails. Fantastic conspiracy theories triumph. Sober, balanced analysis is absent.

You would think the liberal cabal would have thoroughly discredited itself with its incessant crying of "wolf," but with mainstream media megaphones always at their back, they march on.

But is there no limit to their reservoir of indignation? Does everything have to be a 10-rated calamity (on a scale of 10)? Have they no ability to discriminate, to distinguish between the minor and the serious? The real and the contrived?

With the unfolding of any event that carries the remotest chance of damaging President Bush, they wail in unison, decrying this miserable, corrupt, "selected" president.



DAVID LIMBAUGH

But with Katrina I smell an even greater blood lust in the air, even more so than with our failure to find WMD stockpiles in Iraq, and much more than Abu Ghraib or Gitmo. They seem to believe Katrina offers real promise for finally exacting justice on President Bush, the paragon of conservative insensitivity, the poster boy for anti-intellectualism and hero of the uncultured.

There has been a new spring in their step since the New Orleans levees broke and they realized they could blame any tardiness in the federal response on racism. As but one example, I refer you to "Meet the Press," Sunday, Sept. 25, where Tim Russert interviewed three New York Times columnists, Thomas Friedman, Maureen Dowd and David Brooks.

Listening to Friedman and Dowd you would assume Katrina had ushered in some profound revelation about President Bush that had caused a sea change in the way we should view him from this point forward.

Whatever you may have believed about him before — assuming you were among the credulous class who thought he might have redeeming qualities — you must now concede that he's a louse. Only the incorrigibly dense fail to realize his presidency is over.

He's the lamest of lame ducks who will only be allowed to serve out his remaining term because — unfortunately — we don't have a British-style parliamentary system under which we could dispatch him immediately with a vote of "No confidence."

It's as if they are saying, "Finally, the faux legitimacy President Bush has enjoyed since 9/11 has ended. The masquerade is over. The jig is up. Everyone can see now that he's the boob we've saying he is, not the mature, cri-

sis-managing executive he's been pretending to be."

Friedman said, "Well, I believe 9/11 truly distorted our politics, Tim, and it gave the president and his advisers an opening to take a far hard right agenda, I believe, on taxes and other social issues, from 9/10, that was not going anywhere from 9/10, and drove it into a 9/12 world. It put the wind at his back. And Katrina brought that to an end. It put the wind in his face." Friedman then suggested that President Bush's only salvation would be through a "fundamental recasting of his position and his administration." (Translation: He must act like a good liberal.)

I wouldn't cite Friedman if his position were not representative of that being expressed by many liberal commentators and Democrat politicians, who are behaving as if Democrats have just won a major election. Either they're deluding themselves or trying to fool the public into believing a national disaster has serendipitously vindicated their entire worldview. If anything, the opposite is true. While Katrina (and Rita) has put an additional financial strain on government, it hasn't laid a glove on the conservative blueprint for our nation's problems.

Despite their premature celebrating, President Bush is not likely to be buried or deterred by all the anticipatory obituaries from his leftist critics, who have grossly underestimated him before. Katrina notwithstanding, he has a spate of unfinished, conservative agenda items to pursue (and, if we're lucky, a number of liberal ones to scrap). On the bright side for the Bush-haters, they still have more than three years to bask in their rage.

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Partisan tag doesn't fit Ronnie Earle

Jeez, that was quite a hissy fit Tom DeLay had, calling Ronnie Earle a rogue prosecutor, a partisan fanatic and an unabashed partisan zealot out for personal revenge.

Ronnie Earle? Our very own mild-mannered — well, let's be honest, bland as toast, eternally unexciting, Mr. Understatement, Old Vanilla — Ronnie Earle? If the rest of Tom DeLay's defense is as accurate as his description of Ronnie Earle, DeLay might as well have himself measured for a white jumpsuit right now.

For the one-zillionth time, of the 15 cases Ronnie Earle has brought against politicians over the years, 12 of them were against Democrats. Earle was so aggressive in going after corrupt Democrats, the Republicans never even put up a candidate against him all during the '80s. Partisan is not a word anyone can honestly use about Ronnie Earle, but that sure doesn't stop the TV blabbermouths. So many of them have bought the Republican spin that Earle is on a partisan witch-hunt, the watchdogs like Media Matters can hardly keep up.

On the other hand, I've never liked conspiracy charges. They are notoriously weak and often just an add-on when a prosecutor wants to make someone look bad going in: "... and he's been charged with six felonies!"

Conspiracy as a stand-alone charge is particularly hard to prove without evidence of other concrete acts. Was there a conspiracy to move corporate cash from DeLay's federal PAC to influence Texas legislative races? On the basis of what we have already known for months, that's a "Does a bear poop in the woods?" ques-

tion. But as all watchers of "Law and Order" know, what anyone with common sense would conclude can be a long way from what can prove in a courtroom.

On the other hand, Earle has already had one spectacular failure trying to prosecute a high-profile Republican. His 1993 case against Kay Bailey Hutchison was a flame-out: The judge indicated in pre-trial hearings he had doubts about the admissibility of Earle's evidence, so Earle withdrew the charges — no point if he couldn't present his evidence. The judge wasn't satisfied and directed the jury to acquit Hutchison. Hutchison had an unbeatable legal team — Dick DeGuerin and Mike Tigar. For Earle, this is a case of once-stung.

Speaking of the aforementioned Dick DeGuerin, he is now defending Tom DeLay. Want to know how good DeGuerin is? One of his recent clients was Robert Durst, heir to a New York real estate fortune, who admitted killing and dismembering an unfortunate vic in Galveston. Durst was a suspect in a California killing at the time and had moved to Galveston posing as a deaf-mute woman.

Durst jumped bail on the Galveston charge and was arrested in Pennsylvania for stealing a chicken sandwich while carrying two guns and \$38,000. DeGuerin got him acquitted on the murder charge on the grounds of self-defense, but they nailed him for the guns and tampering with evidence — that would be dismembering the corpse. They let him slide on the chicken sandwich charge. I swear, I'm not making up any of this. That's how good Dick DeGuerin is.

If I were fool enough to give DeGuerin advice, it would be, "Don't let DeLay on the stand." The man just can't help himself — he's just too mean, he always pushes it that step too far, like the cheap shot about Earle not coming

to work unless there's a press conference on. (Ronnie Earle comes to work every day — you can ask anyone at the county courthouse.)

That DeLay always takes things a step too far is apparent from his record. This is the man who pushed Bill Clinton's impeachment when everyone knew it would end with acquittal. He fixed his repeated troubles with the House ethics committee in typical fashion by going after the committee itself. His bludgeoning style earned him his nickname, "The Hammer."

Sometimes, but not that many, it is hard to tell the difference between playing political hardball and operating with no moral compass whatever. But in DeLay's case, we have a very long record, and what it is shows is that this is a man who has repeatedly crossed ethical and legal lines, and then claimed he was just playing hardball politics — and that anyone who complained about it was just a partisan whiner. Whenever he is really threatened, DeLay plays the Jesus card and claims he is standing up "for a biblical worldview in everything I do and everywhere I am."

Back in 2003, when DeLay was involved in a sleazy legislative payoff to a big donor, his press secretary offered this defense, "It is wrong and unethical to link legislative activities to campaign contributions." It is precisely that upside-down quality about DeLay's bulletproof sense of moral rectitude that makes it so bizarre. Suddenly, it is not wrong or unethical to try to slip an unrelated amendment to help a campaign donor into the defense appropriations bill, it's wrong and unethical to raise questions about it.

To tell the truth, I don't think Tom DeLay is smart enough to keep getting away with this stuff.

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► Club News

TOPS TX 21

Thirteen members of Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX 21 met Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third. Leader Hughetta Roberts presided at the meeting and voiced the opening prayer.

All members recited the TOPS pledge and then the Keep Off Pounds Sensibly (KOPS) members recited their pledge followed by the fellowship song.

Wanda Lee read a piece titled, "Everything So Grand" and Duffy Yancey read an article titled, "One Lone Texan."

Of the six KOPS present, Cherry Sechelski was the weekly best loser and Duffy Yancey was the best loser of the TOPS. Each one received the weekly best loser award

and a certificate.

Carol Smith presented an informative program, "Pre-Diabetic Epidemic." To learn more about TOPS, call 1-800-302-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758.

Sand Springs Lions Club

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Sept. 19, with President Johnny Moore convening the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phillip Reid and the opening prayer was worded by Fred Franklin.

Before calling the meeting to order, members worked preparing the building and yard for the Sunday membership dinner meeting.

Moore assigned duties for the membership dinner. He is taking care of the outside lighting for

the signs; Betty Franklin and Madeline Boadle are in charge of the meal; Boadle is also responsible for decorations.

Reid is reading the Pledge of Allegiance and Fred Franklin is saying the opening prayer. Moore is offering the welcome, introductions and closing prayer.

The speaker for the evening is Marshall Cooper, a former International Lions Club director.

The meal at this meeting was furnished and served by Fred and Betty Franklin and Bob Madigan.

The Sand Springs Lions Club meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center, 131 Scout Hut Road, in Sand Springs. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

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For more information, call the number above or visit the ARS Web site at www.ars.org.

New inductees named to rose hall of fame

In an effort to recognize miniature roses that have stood the test of time in commerce for at least 20 years, the American Rose Society, in 1998, instituted the ARS Miniature Rose Hall of Fame. The designation was created to recognize not only the initial excellence of a miniature rose, but its longevity as well.

Each year a "Call for

Nominations" is printed in American Rose, the official publication of the American Rose Society. The ARS Miniature/Mini-Flora Rose Committee determines the honorees from the nominations submitted. Since 1998, 14 miniature roses inducted into the Hall of Fame.

In 2005, more than 400 nominations were received. Two new members of the Miniature Rose Hall of Fame were announced at the ARS National Miniature Conference in Indianapolis. They are:

- 'Jean Kenneally' — an apricot blend miniature hybridized by Dee Bennett and introduced by Tiny Petals Nursery in 1986. 'Jean Kenneally' has about 22 petals and excellent exhibition form which explains why, for many years, it was the number one exhibition miniature rose. Parentage is 'Futura' X 'Party Girl'.

- 'Rainbow's End' — a yellow blend miniature hybridized by Harm Saville and introduced by Nor'East Miniature Roses in 1986. 'Rainbow's End' has deep yellow flowers with red petal edges, aging to red all over. The blooms have about 35 petals, exhibition form and are borne in small clusters. Because of its color and its form, it has been a favorite of arrangers as well as horticulture exhibitors. Parentage is 'Rise' n 'Shine' X 'Watercolor'.

Previous Inductees are: 'Starina,' 1964, Meiland; 'Beauty Secret,' 1972, Moore; 'Magic Carrousel,' 1972, Moore; 'Rise' n 'Shine,' 1977, Moore;

'Party Girl,' 1979, Saville; 'Cinderella,' 1953, deVink; 'Mary Marshall,' 1970, Moore; 'Green Ice,' 1971, Moore; 'Jeanne Lajoie,' 1976, Sima; 'Cupcake,' 1981, Spies; 'Snow Bride,' 1982, Jolly; 'Little Jackie,' 1982, Saville; 'Minnie Pearl,' 1982, Saville; 'Red Cascade,' 1976, Moore.

For more information on the Miniature Hall of Fame or the American Rose Society, call 1-877-ROSE911 or e-mail ars@ars-hq.org.

Booklet helps select the right roses

Does the choice of roses at the local nursery or garden center baffle you? If so, the American Rose Society has just the booklet to help you pick the right roses to make your garden shine.

With ratings for more than 3,000 commercially available roses, the American Rose Society's "2006 Handbook for Selecting Roses" offers rose growers — both novices and experts — the information they need to choose the rose varieties that can make their gardens overwhelming successes.

Compiled from an annual survey of ratings by thousands of ARS members from across the country, the Handbook is the source rosarians turn to time and again. The 2006 edition is available now, for only \$5 (U.S.), including shipping and handling.

The American Rose Society has been the premier organization devoted

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► A Pastor's Message

How can we change our world?

From the beginning of man's existence on this earth he has needed change.

It began when the couple (Adam and Eve) fell to the temptation of sin. Since that time, mankind has bought into most every lie that Satan has told.

As a direct result we have been killing ourselves with our personal desires to give into our flesh, whether it be our dietary habits or maybe our materialistic desires to keep up with the "Jones," or something else.

Whatever the case may be, it seems that we have been on a collision course and can not seem to put the brakes on or stop the erosion of our lives and our society.

The truth of the matter is that we cannot change our lives, nor can we change our society or world with our own strength.

We need something or someone who is greater than ourselves to bring about the change that needs to occur in our lives as well as in our society and world.

That is where the good news of the Gospel comes into play.

God sent his son, Jesus Christ, to bring about change in our lives, our society and our world.

In fact, the only way we will ever see a lasting change in these situations is to allow Jesus Christ to bring about that change.

It begins in the life of an individual when they or we are willing to turn from the things we know are wrong (our sins) and turn to the One (God) who is greater than us and ask him to forgive us and change us.

The agent we must call to bring about that change is none other than the Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Bible says it very plainly in Romans 10:9-

13, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth, the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

"For with the heart man believeth unto

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righteousness: and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

If we will only allow Him into our lives and situations, He will change us and then He makes us change agents for our world.

And my, what a difference that could make.

Another verse of scripture that seems to drive home the point is 2 Corinthians 5:17 which says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: Old things are passed always: Behold all things are become new."

Did we see that and grasp what He is saying? He said old things are part of the past and all

things become new. That is certainly true when we open up our lives to Jesus and in essence say I can not go on as I have been going. I want You to change me and give to me a brand new start.

That is exactly what Jesus did for the man who is described for us in Mark 5.

He was a man that was possessed by demons. He had been bound with chains and the demons gave him such supernatural power that he broke the chains.

People were terrified of him and in fact he went around crying out and cutting himself with stones.

But, Jesus came and cast the demons out of him and brought about change in his life.

Such a change that later this man is seen clothed and in his right mind. His desire is to go with Christ as he prepares to leave the area where the man lived.

Jesus tells him go home and tell his friends what has happened to him.

That is the way we change our world.

If we want to see our lives change and our world change, then it begins when we permit Jesus Christ to change us and then we share that change with others.

Let's let Him change us and our world!

Don Snipes is the pastor of Baptist Temple Church.

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Church News

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

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. Choir practice begins Sunday night at 5. Wednesday is a prayer and bible study service for the adults and a youth discipleship class at 7 p.m.

October 29 the church is sponsoring Trunk or Treat, a safe way to trick or treat for Halloween. The event is set in the East Fourth parking Lot. All the car trunks will be filled with goodies for the children. Call Amy at 267-2291 for more information.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church is located at 401 E. Fourth.

First United Methodist Church

The Rev. Dr. Dave Ring will offer a communion meditation titled "That the World May Live," Sunday. The scripture is John 6:47-51. Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday morning during the Sunday school time is a Youth parent meeting. Parents, adults sponsors and anyone interested in being involved with the youth ministry should come to the meeting in the Partee Building at 9:30 a.m.

The monthly prayer meeting is at 5 p.m. Sunday in the sanctuary. Sunday evening the youth snack supper is at 6:30 p.m. Junior high youth meet at 5:30 and senior high youth meet at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the steak dinner to be served at Lord's Acre Oct. 29 are \$6 for adults and \$4 for

children if bought ahead of time. Tickets at the door will be \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. Tickets will be on sale in the foyer after the worship service.

The pastor plans to lead a Volunteers in Mission to Leon, Nicaragua in Central America, March 3-11, 2006. For more information contact him or go to www.nicamissions.com.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of these programs, call the church office at 267-6394.

New Covenant Christian Worship Center

Super-Sunday worship service begins at 4 p.m. The Rev. Leo McCarty Jr., of San Angelo is the special guest speaker. Doors open at 3:30 p.m.

New Covenant also offers an exciting mid-week service, featuring a Young Ambassador's program every Wednesday evening at 6. Game nights, study-hall session, Bible drills and more activities are planned. Sunday Morning worship services are at 11 a.m. Doors open at 10:45 a.m.

The center is located in 1607 E. Third street. For more information, call 264-0015 or e-mail nccwcl@yahoo.com.

College Baptist Church

College Baptist plans an experience of "outdoor" worship Sunday morning beginning at 11 a.m. The church is located at the corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The fall schedule continues this Sunday with Holy Communion celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30

a.m. The Rev. James Liggett will be preaching on "Christian Marriage."

The Permian Basin Deanery meeting is at St. James' in Monahans Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit the Web site at www.stmarysbst.org.

St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matt Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from Matthew 21:33-46 at the 11 a.m. Sunday service. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 starts at 10:35 a.m.

Saturday, the Yates Concert Series of First Presbyterian Church presents organist Flint Dollar in concert. Dollar is completing his bachelor of music degree this winter at Howard Payne University. The concert begins at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Other activities for the week include Bible study Wednesday at 5:17 p.m. followed by choir practice at 6 p.m.

Sunday is Communion Sunday and is also Stewardship Kick Off Sunday.

The church is located on Rannels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

The 62nd anniversary meeting of the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St., is scheduled for Oct. 7-9.

Elder Bryce Lowrance of Florida will be the guest speaker for this series of worship services.

Opening services for this meeting are 7 p.m. Oct. 7. Services for Oct. 8, are set for 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The closing service is 10 a.m. Oct. 9.

Regular worship service

times are 10:30 a.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

For further information, call John Wayne Metcalf at 394-4067 or Dennis Walker at 264-1363.

Friends of Unity

The Rev. and Mrs. Jim Sims (Carol) will lead a celebration service at 1 p.m. Sunday. All services and study groups at the Center, located in the Railroad Plaza, are open and guests are welcome.

Salem Baptist Church

Sunday school is 10 a.m. and morning worship service is at 11 a.m.

Evening service is 6 p.m. Sunday. The Wednesday evening service is at 6 p.m. at Parkplace, 501 W. 17th St.

Life Church

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 Noah's Ark for children age 0-3, Zoe Land for children age 4-9, and God's Squad for preteens 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.

YoungLife

YoungLife is a non-profit Christian organization for high school students. 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.

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.

First Baptist Church, Big Spring

The live simulcast of Beth Moore's "Living Proof" broadcast from New York City is Oct. 7-8. Tickets are \$25. Call the church at 267-8223 to reserve a ticket.

Sunday services begin with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., morning worship at 10:50 a.m., Sunday Night Live at 4:30 p.m. with activities for all ages and evening worship at 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700.

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church is located at 1200 W. Fourth St. Service times are 9:45 a.m. for Sunday school, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays for worship and 5 p.m. Wednesday for Bible study.

Ministerial Alliance of Colorado City

Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames, a live, compelling drama performed by local actors is set for 6:30 p.m. Oct. 16-17 at the Colorado City High School.

The drama is based on the Biblical reality of life after death and is designed to motivate individuals to consider eternity.

Admission is free and child care will be provided at First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church in Colorado City.

Roses

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ed exclusively to the cultivation of roses in the United States for more than 100 years.

With more than 18,000 members nationwide, the ARS supports 350 local societies offering rose-related activities and information at the community level.

To order the "2006 Handbook for Selecting Roses" or to receive information about growing roses, write to American Rose Society, P.O. Box 30,000, Shreveport, La., 71130-0030 or call 1-800-637-6534. Bulk prices are available. You can also visit our Web site at www.ars.org or e-mail the society at ars@ars-hq.org.

Three roses named 2006 Award of Excellence winner

Three roses 'Caliente,' 'Baby Bloomer' and 'Ice Raspberry' — have been named to the 2006 Award of Excellence winners by the American Rose Society.

Also known as the "Royal E," the Award of Excellence is a designation of merit given to new miniature and mini-flora rose varieties of superior quality and marked distinction as determined by their performance in official test gardens. Since the inception of the award 31 years ago, 92 roses have received the designation.

To evaluate new varieties, three plants of each entry are sent to the eight AOE public test gardens and two to five private gardens of members of the ARS Miniature/Mini-Flora Rose Committee.

Each public garden has an AOE supervisor and five evaluators. Thus,

more than 40 evaluators judge the entries in the AOE trails.

The gardens, public and private, are spaced geographically across the United States so as to include most growing zones.

Each evaluator judges each entry four times during the growing season for two years.

Every year the Miniature/Mini-Flora Committee decides, by vote, the number of awards to be made, with a maximum of five per year.

All commercial and amateur hybridizers are eligible and invited to enter unnamed seedlings or sports of miniature or mini-flora varieties in the AOE trails. A fee of \$10 per entry is collected with a limit of five entries per hybridizer per year.

Thirty-four healthy plants of a variety are necessary to enter the trails, and entries may

not be registered or introduced commercially during the testing period. For more information on entering the trials, contact the American Rose Society at 1-877-ROSE911 or ars@ars-hq.org.

• 'Caliente'

This dark red miniature with medium red reverse has long lasting, exhibition-form blooms borne singly on long stems. With an upright habit, 'Caliente' reaches 24 inches in height. It has dark green semi-glossy foliage and benefits from removing spent blooms.

This variety has about 31 petals and moderate raspberry fragrance. Its parentage is 'Ruby' X "Timeless." 'Caliente' was hybridized by Frank Benardella and will be introduced by Nor'East Miniature Roses.

• 'Baby Bloomer'

This medium pink miniature has single blooms borne in clusters on a low-growing, com-

act plant. The blooms are bright pink with a light, spicy fragrance and hold their petals very well.

It is very floriferous and tends to be blackspot resistant. Its parentage is unnamed white seedling X 'Boy Crazy.'

'Baby Bloomer' was hybridized by Keith Zary and will be introduced by Jackson & Perkins.

• 'Iced Raspberry'

A red blend miniature with raspberry red petals and white reverse, 'Iced Raspberry' has a petal count of 44 to 54. Blooms are borne singly, unfurl slowly, have slight fragrance and have both decorative and exhibition potential.

Parentage is 'Jilly Jewel' X unnamed seedling. 'Iced Raspberry' was hybridized by Wendy White and will be introduced by Nor'East Miniature Roses. This is White's second AOE in two years.

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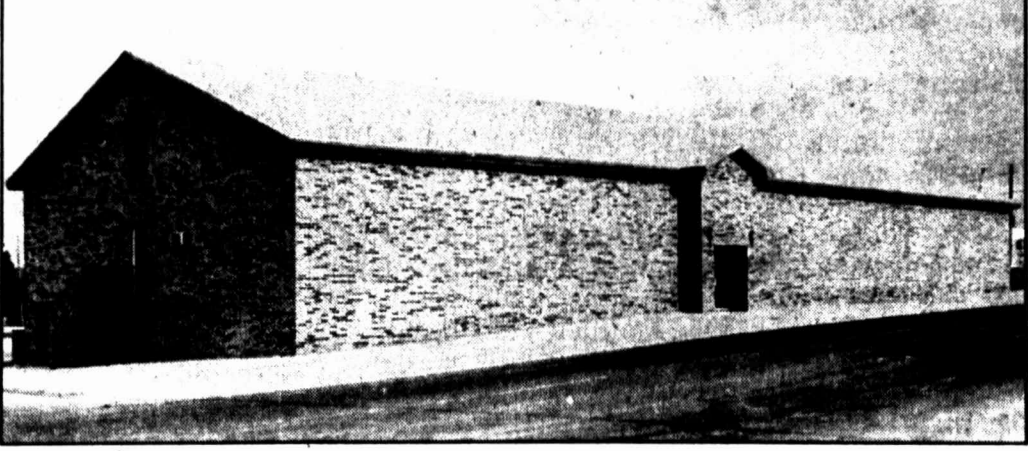
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Coahoma sets booster club dates

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

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

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.

Big Spring starts junior tennis league

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen has announced the start of a junior tennis league.

League play will take place every Monday for the next six weeks at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park and will last from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The league is for children in grades 4 through six (ages 8-12).

Participants should bring a racket. Provided rackets will be limited.

For more information, contact Olesen at 806-236-8901 or visit bigspringtennis.com.

YMCA sets final skateboard contest

The Big Spring YMCA has announced the final skateboard contest of 2005 will take place Saturday at the YMCA Skate Park.

The contest is scheduled to begin at noon. Participants can enter one of two age groups — 15 and under or 16 and over.

The registration fee is \$15 and awards will be presented to the top two finishers in each age group.

Interested skaters can register at the YMCA. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Midland Rotary Club sets golf tourney

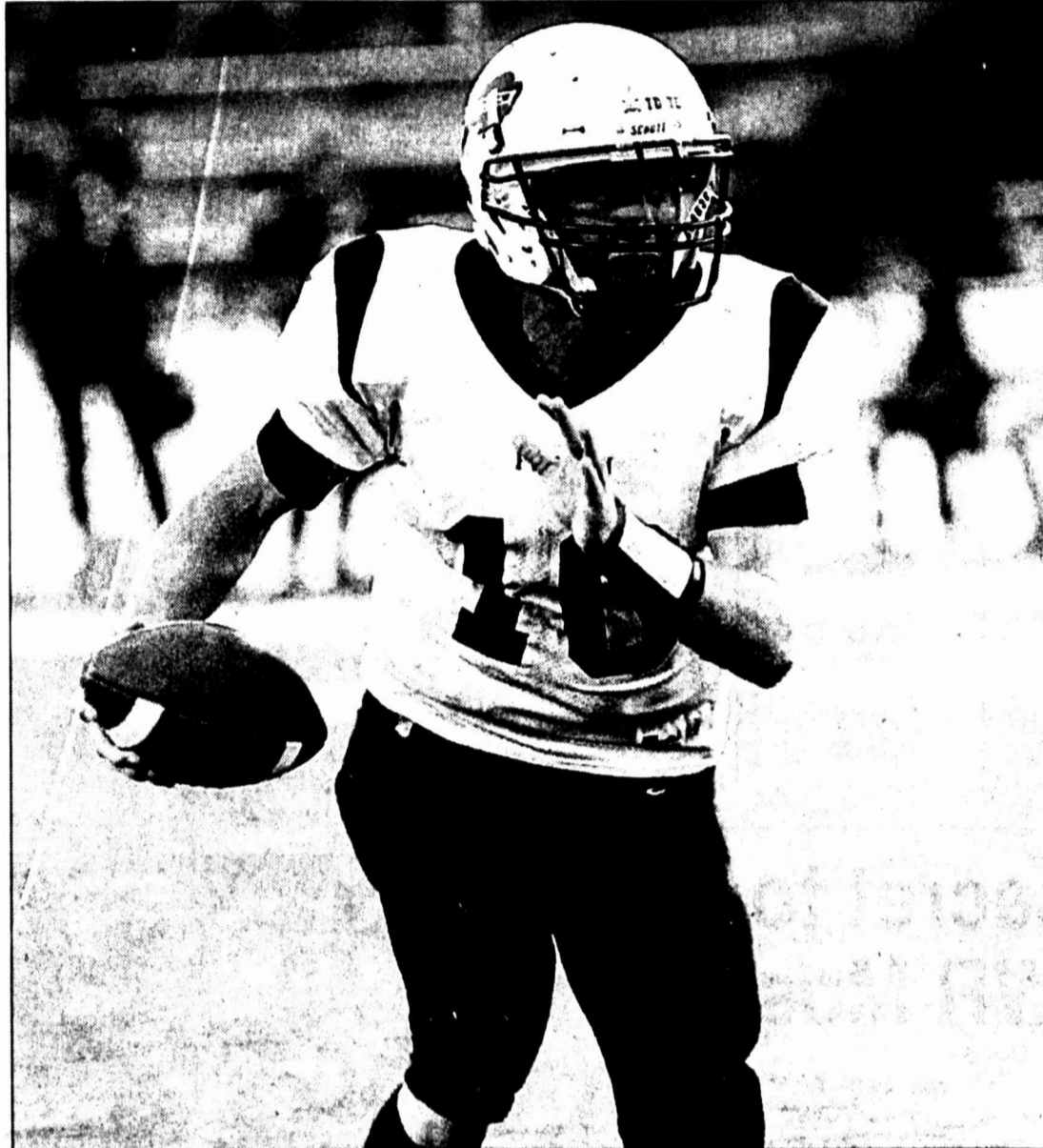
The Midland Daybreak Rotary Club has announced its second annual golf tournament.

The tournament will take place Monday and will start at 1 p.m. at the Green Tree Country Club. The entry deadline is Wednesday. The tournament is limited to 32 teams with four people to a team.

The proceeds will benefit local youth scholarships to college, Rotary Diabetes Camp and Rotary Youth Leadership Camp.

Gift certificates to the Green Tree Country Club will also be awarded to the top three teams.

Forsan hopes homecoming brings first 10-A win



Forsan senior Tye Baker looks for an open receiver against Hawley earlier this season. Butler and the Buffaloes will try to get their second win of the season and first win in the district tonight in Forsan against rival Sterling City.

Buffaloes look to limit mental mistakes against Sterling City

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

The Forsan Buffaloes celebrate homecoming tonight as they play host to the Sterling City Eagles at Buffalo Field.

The Buffs (1-4) look to draw even in District 10-A after a hard fought loss last week to Winters, 49-39.

The Eagles (1-4) come into tonight's matchup looking to go 2-0 in district play, having defeated Roby last week, 14-0.

Offensively, Forsan will face a 5-2 defensive scheme which features strong play by the Eagles defensive ends.

"Their run defense is solid," said Forsan head coach Tommy Thompson.

"Their best defenders are on the ends and they bring the pressure quick. They also rely on solid play from the linebackers."

Thompson adds that he expects the Buffs' offen-



sive line to do a great job up front opening holes for the running game. He also notes that the passing attack will have to consist of quick, sharp passes to offset the speed of the Eagles ends.

The Sterling City offense features two backs which have a lot of speed and are strong enough to break through tackles.

"We are going to have to make solid tackles," Thompson said. "We will have to force some turnovers to be successful."

Previously, the Buffs have fallen victim to their own mistakes and Thompson emphasizes the need to limit turnovers and to sustain drives.

"If we can limit our mental mistakes and penalties," said Thompson, "we will put ourselves in great shape to win the ball game."

Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m.

Baseball gets ready for wild weekend to settle playoff issue

By NANCY ARMOUR

AP National Writer

Grab the remote and settle in, America. The last weekend of the baseball season should be a sizzler, with a pennant race far from over and two wild-card berths up for grabs.

Three teams are fighting for the last two spots in the American League playoffs, the tightest finale in a decade. And it's going to take a backyard brawl to knock out the loser. Yankees vs. Red Sox, White Sox vs. Indians.

"We all know what the situation is," New York Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "To think that it's come down to a handful of games to decide what 157 couldn't decide, that's great for baseball — but not too good for my stomach."

Things aren't nearly so exciting over in the National League, where Atlanta, St. Louis and San Diego have wrapped up the division titles. But the Philadelphia Phillies are still hanging around the wild-card race, trailing Houston by two games.

"It's fun, man," Philadelphia's Michael Tucker said. "All you can do at this point is play hard. This is one of those things that not a lot of people experience. You have to go out there and have fun and see what happens."

One or two races usually go down to the final weekend. But this weekend's matchups are particularly juicy. The Yankees and Red Sox are playing at Fenway Park for the AL East title, and that series could affect Cleveland's postseason chances. The Indians host the White Sox.

"It just doesn't get any better this," the Yankees' Alex Rodriguez said. "This is the best time of

my life, the most fun time in my baseball career. I don't remember a race like this since I've been around."

The Yankees, Red Sox and Indians were within one game of each other with three to play, and it takes a calculator and some graph paper to figure out the different scenarios.

Chicago clinched the AL Central by beating Detroit 4-2 Thursday. But Cleveland was still alive in the wild-card race, tied with Boston. The Red Sox were a game behind the Yankees in the AL East, with a three-game series at Fenway Park beginning Friday.

Got all that? "I'm not good in math," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said. "That's why I just say, 'Come back tomorrow and win the game.'"

While some fans don't like a schedule that loads up on games against division rivals, especially at the end of the season — "We're sick of seeing (fill in the blank)" — this weekend is the perfect argument for it.

Yankees-Red Sox is one of the best rivalries in all of sports no matter if it's April or October. They've finished 1-2 in the East the last seven years, and their feisty fan base reaches far beyond the East Coast.

The Yankees are baseball's glamour boys, loved and loathed in equal amounts for their big names and even bigger payroll. Boston remains America's lovable underdog even with their World Series title last year, a scrappy bunch that still plays with Little League enthusiasm.

If the Red Sox can't repeat last year's ALCS drama, when Boston rallied to win four straight



The White Sox's Aaron Rowand gets doused with champagne by teammate A.J. Pierzynski, right, after the Sox beat Detroit, 4-2, to clinch the American League Central Division at Comerica Park in Detroit, Mich., Thursday.

Despite loss, Houston feels good about chances to clinch wild card

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The confident Houston Astros entered the final weekend of the regular season with a two-game lead in the NL wild-card race and their top three starting pitchers headed to the mound.

"We're still in a good spot ... in a great spot," outfielder Jason Lane said after the Astros lost 3-2 to the Chicago Cubs on Thursday night.

When Charles Gipson was cut down at home plate for the final out against Chicago, the Astros (87-72) missed a chance to clinch no worse than a tie for the wild card. But they still have a

commanding position over Philadelphia (85-72) with three games to play.

The Phillies, who were off Thursday, were to begin a three-game series Friday night at Washington.

Houston finishes the regular season against the Cubs, with Andy Pettitte (17-9) trying to win his eighth straight decision Friday night. Roger Clemens, who's 12-8 with a major league-leading 1.89 ERA, and Roy Oswalt (19-12) are the other scheduled starters this weekend.

"It's special," said Pettitte, who missed the Astros' postseason run last year because of a torn tendon in his left elbow.

"You work all year to make it reality and get to the playoffs."

The Astros, who were 15-30 in May, are trying to win the NL wild card for the second straight season. They won the division series last year against Atlanta, their opponent again if they advance, and then lost in Game 7 of the NLCS against St. Louis, the NL Central champion again.

Houston, which won 11 of its previous 14 games, was still being aggressive against the Cubs. And it cost them a chance to extend their wild-card lead to three games with three left.

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FRIDAY NIGHT FORECASTERS

This Week's Games

1. Big Spring @ San Angelo Central
2. Sterling City @ Forsan
3. Midland Trinity @ Garden City
4. Monahans @ Colorado City
5. Lake View @ Merkel
6. Bronte @ Roby
7. Texas @ Missouri
8. Michigan @ Michigan State
9. Baylor @ Texas A&M
10. Colorado @ Oklahoma State
11. Florida @ Alabama
12. USC @ Arizona State
13. Iowa State @ Nebraska
14. Kansas @ Texas Tech
15. Notre Dame @ Purdue
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17. Eagles @ Chiefs
18. Texans @ Bengals
19. Rams @ N.Y. Giants
20. Broncos @ Jaguars

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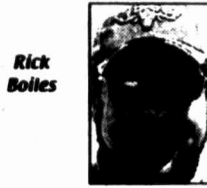
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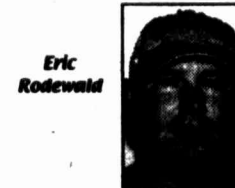
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Dallas hopes find secret to stopping Oakland WR Moss

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Three games into Randy Moss' career in Oakland, Raiders fans are still waiting to see No. 18 at his highlight-film best.

Dallas Cowboys fans have seen more than their share.

Moss is 5-0 against the Cowboys, seemingly still making the club pay for not having drafted him in 1998. He's been a big reason for those wins, too, catching 25 passes for 552 yards and 10 touchdowns.

That comes out to averages of 22.1 yards per catch, 110.4 yards per game and two touchdowns per game. To put that in perspective, consider that his career averages in all other games are 15.17 yards per catch, 83.49 yards per game and

0.77 TDs per game. The only team he's scored against more is Green Bay and he's played them nine more times. The only teams he averages more yards per catch against he's played only once or twice.

"You have to be aware of where he is every play," Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said. "Use proper technique. Be cognizant of his jams. Know where your help is if there is going to be help. It's fundamental stuff."

Moss had his way against Dallas when he was with Minnesota. So maybe his cross-country move will make a difference.

Then again, maybe not. Parcells said the Raiders use Moss "pretty much the same" as the Vikings did.

Parcells said he's seen teams try to cover Moss all sorts of ways: Single coverage, double coverage, zones, zones with an extra defender trailing him. He even recalls the Packers once putting two defenders on Moss at the line of scrimmage, the kind of thing usually seen against the "gunner" on punt teams.

Nothing has worked very well.

"If you're determined to take one guy out of a game, you can do it," Parcells said. "But you may be paying a price to do that, in other areas."

Like what happened to Dallas in last season's opener against Minnesota.

With the defense focused on Moss, other receivers caught TD passes of 63 and 43 yards. Moss even completed a pass — for the first time in his career — that went 37 yards.

The Cowboys were able to limit Moss to four catches for 27 yards. But he still scored two touchdowns.

So what will Dallas try this time? Stick 6-foot-1 Anthony Henry on Moss? Keep 5-foot-9 Aaron Glenn away from him? Blitz, blitz and blitz some more to keep quarterback Kerry Collins from having time to throw deep?

"You'll have to come to the game" to find out, Parcells said.



Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson gets into the end zone past San Francisco 49ers defensive back Ahmed Plummer in the fourth quarter. The Cowboys defeated the 49ers, 34-31, at Monster Park in San Francisco, Calif., Sunday. The Cowboys face the Raiders in Oakland at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Oklahoma still has chance at Big 12 title

DALLAS (AP) — Oklahoma is the only Big 12 team with a losing record. Baylor and Kansas, so often at or near the bottom of their respective divisions, are among the eight league teams at 3-0.

But everybody is even in the league's standings going into the first Saturday of October, which marks the start of conference play.

Oklahoma (1-2) can still reach two of its primary goals, even though the Sooners have already taken themselves out of the national title chase.

"I never look at the Big 12 schedule as a clean slate for us," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said. "But our goals first are Big 12 South Division and then Big 12 championship. It's a great opportunity for us to do well if we keep improving the way I think we have."

Oklahoma opens Big 12 play at home against Kansas State (3-0), which set a school record with 658 total yards in its 54-7 victory over North Texas last weekend.

There are two Big 12 games Saturday matching undefeated teams: No. 16

Texas Tech hosts Kansas, and No. 23 Iowa State is at Nebraska.

Second-ranked Texas (3-0), which has a 10-game winning streak, plays at Missouri (2-1) in a game putting quarterbacks Vince Young and Brad Smith head-to-head.

In the other conference openers, Baylor goes to Texas A&M (2-1), and Oklahoma State (3-0) is home against Colorado (2-1).

Baylor has played just one game at home, where last year the Bears ended

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Sunday's NFL Lineup

Noon start times

- Buffalo @ New Orleans
- Detroit @ Tampa Bay
- Indianapolis @ Tennessee
- San Diego @ New England
- Denver @ Jacksonville
- Houston @ Cincinnati
- Seattle @ Washington
- St. Louis @ New York Giants

3:05 p.m./3:15 p.m. start times

- New York Jets @ Baltimore
- Philadelphia @ Kansas City
- Dallas @ Oakland
- Minnesota @ Atlanta

Sunday Night Game — 7:30 p.m.

San Francisco vs. Arizona in Mexico City

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Gipson was waved home by coach Doug Malsol after Luke Scott doubled into the right-center gap. The speedy pinch-runner saw the relay throw when he headed toward the plate, and his only chance was to knock over Henry Blanco. But the catcher applied the tag and held on.

"No question about it, he's got to send him," Astros manager Phil Garner said. "I'd been upset if he hadn't sent him. If the throw's off at all, he's got a chance to be safe."

Instead, the Cubs made two perfect throws to end the game.

Ryan Dempster walked Orlando Palmeiro with one out. Gipson pinch ran and pinch-hitter Mike

Lamb struck out before Scott pinch hit. Center fielder Corey Patterson cut off Scott's drive and threw to second baseman Jose Macias, who made the relay to Blanco, well ahead of Gipson.

"We executed that cutoff play perfectly. That was a very athletic play," manager Dusty Baker said. "That ball went into the gap, and it was obvious that they were going to send him. It was a perfect hop, a perfect throw and a perfect tag."

Derrek Lee broke a sixth-inning tie with his 46th homer, and the Cubs — who have to sweep the four-game series to avoid a losing record — led by one run entering the ninth.

The Astros earlier had another runner thrown out at the plate when they led.

After Lance Berkman led off the second with his

23rd homer to make it 1-0, Chris Burke and Adam Everett had consecutive one-out singles. But a squeeze play failed when Raul Chavez didn't get a pitch he could bunt, and Burke was tagged out in the baseline.

Matt Murton's homer in the fourth tied it, and Lee put the Cubs ahead 2-1 in the sixth with a 401-foot drive off the facade behind the seats in left field.

Glendon Rusch (9-8) pitched seven innings, retiring 12 batters in a row during one stretch, to win his fourth straight decision over five September starts for the Cubs. Dempster struck out two in the ninth for his 32nd save.

Rookie left-hander Wandy Rodriguez (10-10) gave up three runs and five hits over seven innings, falling to 1-4 in September.

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after being three outs from being swept by the Yankees, this is the next best thing.

"It's the master plan," Boston's Johnny Damon said. "God's way."

The Red Sox were up by four games on Sept. 10, but the Yankees climbed back atop the division last week and they've been trading spots ever since. With a one-game lead, the Yankees will have to win at Fenway Park twice, at most, to clinch the East title.

According to Elias, the only time New York had a lead with four games to go and failed to win was 1904, back when the Yankees were called the Highlanders.

"Three teams in it, two make it and one will miss

Key playoff deciding games

- Yankees @ Red Sox
3 games starting tonight
- White Sox @ Indians
3 games starting tonight
- Cubs @ Astros
4 games starting last night
- Phillies @ Nationals
3 games starting tonight

it. Every game is like a playoff game," said Yankees right-hander Mike Mussina, who is scheduled to start Sunday's game. "It's going to be as big as if it were a seven-game series."

The White Sox-Indians matchup doesn't quite have the drama it did last week when Chicago was on the verge of a historic collapse. The White Sox had blown all but 1 1/2 games of what had been a 15-game cushion on Aug. 1, and Cleveland looked unstoppable.

But the Indians chilled at the most inopportune time, losing three straight for the first time since the middle of August.

In the NL, Houston still needs one win to clinch a tie in the wild-card race with Philadelphia. The Astros' lead is down to two games after they lost to the Chicago Cubs Thursday, 3-2. The Phillies had the night off before going to Washington for three games.

Oh, and if playoff races weren't exciting enough, there's a subplot to Yankees-Red Sox: Rodriguez and Boston's David Ortiz are the leading candidates for AL MVP.

"The focus is on the team. A nice side note behind that is, obviously, the MVP race," Rodriguez said. "Front and center right now is the Yankees vs. Boston."

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a 13-game losing streak against the Aggies with a 35-34 overtime victory. That was a year after losing 73-10 in College Station, where Saturday's game will be played.

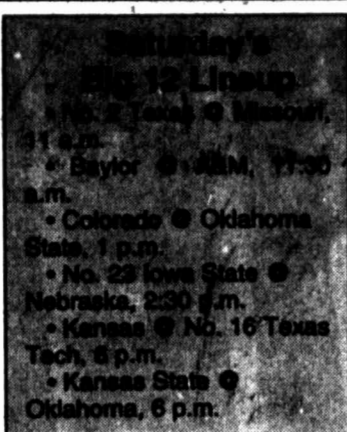
Baylor, which last was 3-0 in 1996, had lost 24 straight road games before wins at SMU and Army this season.

Texas A&M last week had a 300-yard passer, 200-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in the same game for the first time in school history in a 44-31 win over N C A A Division I-AA Texas State, a game that was moved up two days in advance of Hurricane Rita.

While Reggie McNeal became the first Aggie quarterback with consecutive 300-yard passing games, the defensive effort was a concern for coach Dennis Franchione.

With mobile, play-making quarterbacks, Texas ranks second nationally with 297 yards rushing per game and Missouri is third at 287 a game.

Smith had 3,327 career rushing yards at Missouri, ninth on the NCAA list for quarterbacks and just 568 short of Antwaan Randel-El's record. But Smith is also third in the Big 12 — behind Texas Tech's Cody Hodges and McNeal — with 249 yards passing a game.



Texas held on to win 28-20 last season even after Young had to leave with a bruised sternum. "I don't like to compare Brad Smith and Young, but they both have a lot of talent," Missouri coach Gary Pinkel said.

Texas Tech has the nation's most productive offense (66 points, 488 passing yards and 654 total yards a game), while allowing just 10 points a game. The Red Raiders' victories have been against Florida

International (0-3) and I-AA teams Sam Houston and Indiana State, who have a combined 1-6 record.

Kansas had a 30-5 lead in the first half last season before losing to the Red Raiders 31-30.

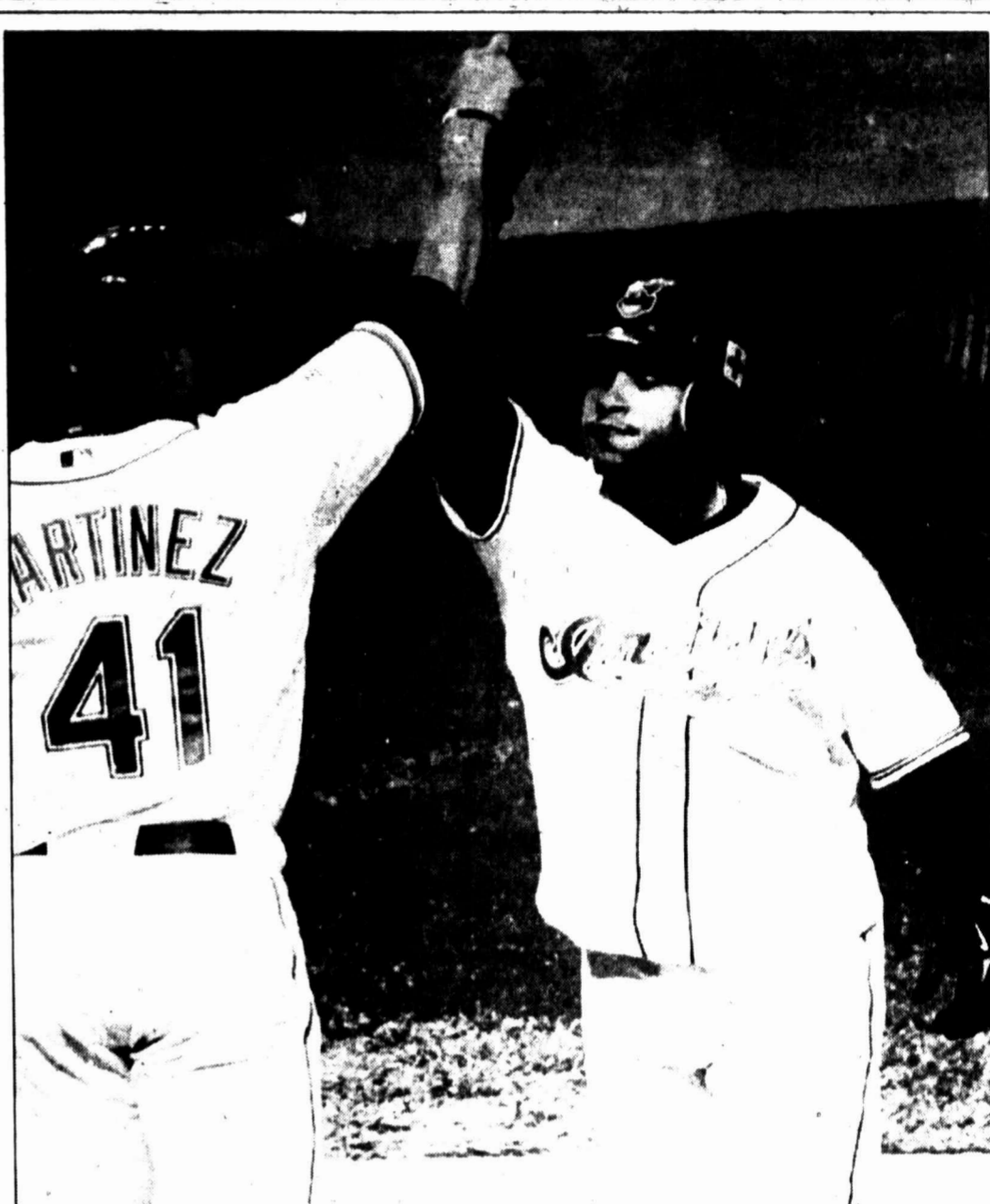
Iowa State has won eight of its last nine games, and will try to win its fourth straight road game for the first time since 1971. To do that, the Cyclones will have to pick up a rare victory over Nebraska, which has allowed just 16 points and has 20 quarterback sacks. The Cornhuskers have dominated the series 81-16-2.

Colorado looks to bounce back from a disappointing 23-3 loss at Miami and avenge a 42-14 loss to the Cowboys last season. Oklahoma State has allowed just 23 points so far.

As for Oklahoma, Stoops put his team through practices Monday through Saturday last week, a first for him on a bye week.

"The work last week wasn't anything about punishment," Stoops said, "but we just had a lot to do before we started conference play."

It's all the Sooners have left to play for this season after playing in the national championship game the last two years.



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Cleveland Indians catcher Victor Martinez (left) congratulates second baseman Ronnie Bellard after his 2-run home run during the first inning against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. The Indians defeated the Devil Rays, 6-0, at Jacobs Field in Cleveland, Ohio Thursday. The Indians are currently tied with Boston for the AL wild card lead.

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Specifications may be obtained in the County Auditor's Office, in the Courthouse, 300 S. Main St., Room 203, Big Spring, TX, or by calling 432-264-2210.
Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court at 10:00 A.M. on October 10, 2005 for their consideration.
The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
#4706 September 22 & 30, 2005.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals for the following areas:
Supplies & Equipment and Labor & Contracted Services for the **Maintenance, Transportation, & Food Service Departments**

These bids will form a multi-vendor list for the maintenance, transportation, and the food service departments for securing supplies, equipment, outside labor, outside skilled trades and contracted services. Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648, phone number (432)264-3620. The school district will begin opening bids on October 24, 2005, in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. The Business Office will continue to receive and open bids through 12:00 noon, November 8, 2005. All bids must be received by 12:00 noon, November 8, 2005. Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on November 10, 2005, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. Evaluation of all purchases from this multi-vendor bid shall take into account the following considerations before a purchase order will be issued: Purchase price, reputation of the vendor and the vendor's goods and services, quality of the vendor's goods or services, extent to which the goods or services meet the DISTRICT's needs, vendor's past relationship with the DISTRICT, impact on the ability of the DISTRICT to comply with laws relating to historically underutilized business, total long-term cost to the DISTRICT to acquire the goods services, any other relevant factor specially listed in the request for bid or quote documents. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. #4713 September 30 & October 7, 2005

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Pursuant to Chapter 59 Texas Property Code, Lee's Rental & Storage, which is located at 1606 FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be on October 15, 2005 Crossroads Auction, 6607 N. Service Rd Big Spring, TX 79720. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space may be sold item-by-item, in batches, or by the space. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants:
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The moon is in the sign of saying "no," and that's Virgo. You've accumulated enough resources. It's now time to organize, edit and polish. Saying "no" allows you to concentrate without distractions and whittle things down to their essence. Saying "no" brings so many rewards, you'll wonder why you don't say it more often!



HOLIDAY MATHIS

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My parents were married 54 years and then divorced three years ago. Shortly after they divorced, my husband quit his job so we could move back home to help Dad, take him to doctor visits, cook for him, etc., and do the same for my mother when she later required surgery. My husband found work, and I was available to both of my parents any time they needed me. We have been here two years.

I loved them both and never took sides, even though I had to listen to their negative comments about each other.

My father passed away last month and left me everything, except for a small life insurance policy for my only sister. Dad and Sis did not get along well. He felt she took Mom's side during the divorce. Also, when Sis left her first husband, she did not want custody of her children, and to this day, her kids are still estranged from her. Dad did not approve of this.

My mother has now told me that she has changed her will and I have been left out completely. My sister gets everything. She says this is "justice." I say she is punishing me for helping my dad when he needed me.

Is it right for Mom to take me out of her will, even though I helped care for her the same as I did Dad? Mom isn't talking to me, and I am hurt. - Tallahassee, Fla.

Dear Florida: It's possible your mother is under pressure from your sister to make things "even." Think how it must have hurt Sis that Dad favored you so much, justified or not. You've been a caring and loving daughter. Please don't turn this into a fight over money. Call Mom, and tell her you love her and that she can do whatever she likes with her estate. Ask if she will select one personal item for you, as a keepsake that you will cher-



KATHY MITCHELL
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ish.

Dear Annie: I am in my mid-40s, and my husband and I are finally the parents of a healthy, beautiful baby boy. When I am out with my son, women invariably assume that I am the baby's grandmother and tailor their conversation accordingly.

Depending on my mood and level of sleep deprivation, my responses run from a gracious smile to an icy stare. Sometimes I am so frustrated by their well-meaning but misguided and ignorant remarks that I want to scream.

Please offer me a tactful alternative to let them know that I am my son's mother, not his grandmother. - Not a Grandma Yet

Dear Not Grandma: You'd think, in this day and age, people would know better. Respond to their ooohs and aahs by saying, "Thank you. I'm so blessed to have my son. The sleepless nights are absolutely worth it."

Dear Annie: I love where I work and would like to be hired here when I complete my schooling. Unfortunately, I have a problem with our middle-aged, married boss. He makes the younger women here very uncomfortable. He always stares at our chests, and even when we give him a sharp look, he will continue. This even happens at company outings when his wife is present. Occasionally he will jok-

ingly make offensive, inappropriate comments of a sexual nature, but they are subtle enough that others might pass it off as nothing.

He has never crossed the line enough to file a complaint. We don't want to report him to his superiors because we can't afford to have any black marks. How can we stifle this behavior without suffering the consequences? - Tired of It

Dear Tired: This behavior is unacceptable. Start keeping a written record of the comments, jokes, etc. Then you need to talk to his superiors, not to file a complaint, but to warn them that this man is making the company vulnerable to a sexual harassment lawsuit. They'll want to know.

Dear Annie: My daughter has two kids, ages 9 and 5. My husband and I saw the 5-year-old's report card, and we gave her a dollar. We also saw our 9-year-old grandson's report card, which was excellent, so we gave him \$5. He was so excited.

The following week, our daughter returned \$4 of the money we had given her son. She told me that both children should receive the same amount. I was devastated that she took a gift away from our grandson. I told her that since he is going into fourth grade, he should be given more than his younger sister.

My husband feels that our daughter's generation is changing things by giving each child the same gift, regardless of the occasion. I know our granddaughter complained when she saw that her brother received more money. She whines about it a lot, although we aren't certain this is why her mother returned the money.

If our grandson stays with us and we take him somewhere, we have to buy something for our granddaughter, even though she is not with us.

The same thing holds when the situation is reversed.

Can you give us your take on this? I would feel better knowing your opinion. - New York Grandma

Dear N.Y. Grandma: Parents do not want their children to feel left out or be given the impression that there is favoritism. And you are right, some also cannot deal with a child who whines and cries.

You do not have to give the children the same amount of money if one is older than the other. But we do think it is a good idea to bring home a small souvenir for the sibling who did not get to go on a trip with Grandma and Grandpa. It shows you are thinking of her, and that always is a loving gesture.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Concerned Daughter," who worried because her parents bicker all the time. My husband is 87, and I am 76. We do the same thing. It hasn't hurt our relationship at all.

When women my age were younger, many of us never stood up for ourselves or disagreed with our husbands. However, as we got older, we learned we didn't have to agree. Hence the bickering.

I would like to ask "Concerned" if she has a husband, and if so, does she argue with him? Well then, she is bickering, too, but she probably doesn't realize it. And when the two of them retire, she will have a lot more time to do it. Wait and see. - Married 52 Years and Still Bickering in Sayreville, N.J.

Dear Married: For many long-married couples, "bickering" is simply another form of communication and doesn't require fixing.

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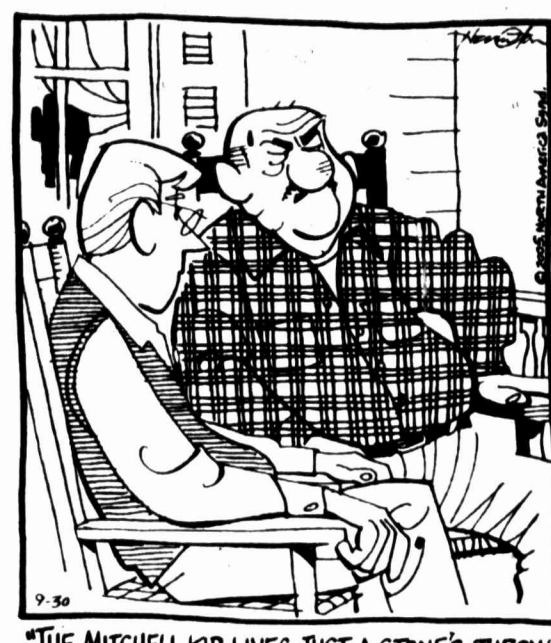
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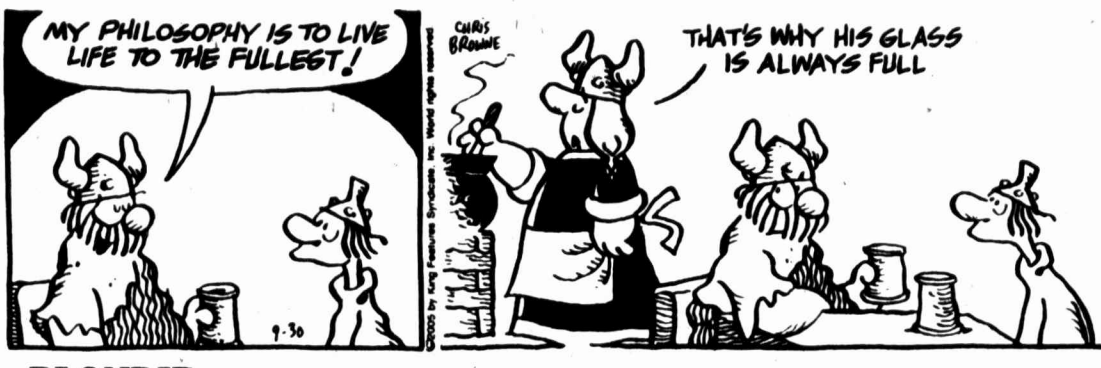
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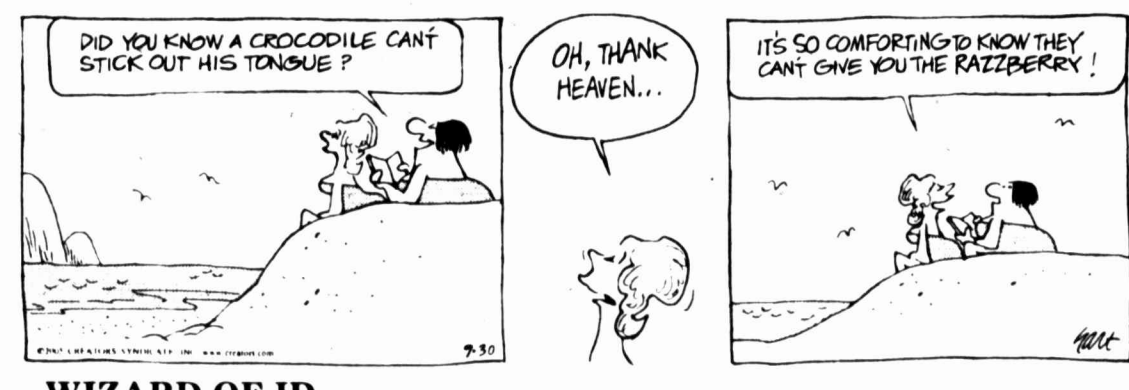
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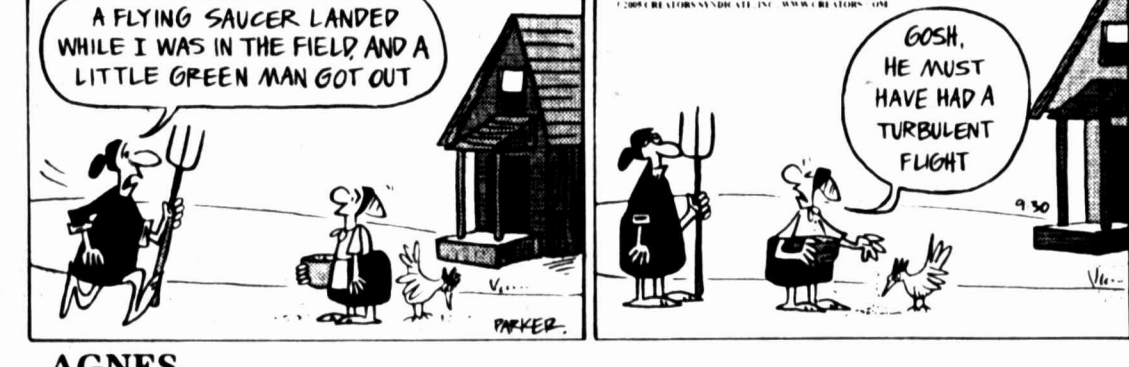
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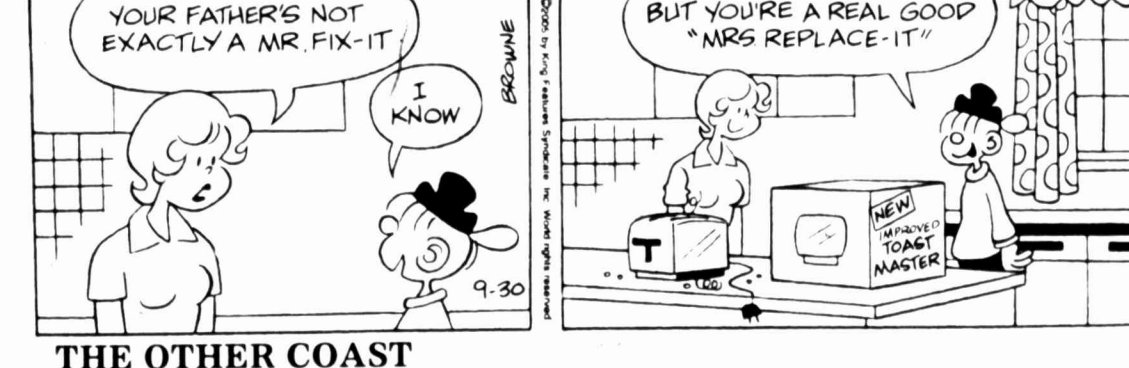
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 30, the 273rd day of 2005. There are 92 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Sept. 30, 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, Calif. On this date: In 1777, the Congress of the United States — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to York, Pa. In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria. In 1846, dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time on a patient in his Boston office. In 1905, 100 years ago, British director Michael Powell ("The Red Shoes") was born in Bekesbourne, Kent, England. In 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders decided to appease Adolf Hitler by allowing Nazi

annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland. In 1946, an international military tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany, found 22 top Nazi leaders guilty of war crimes. In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end. In 1954, the first atomic-powered vessel, the submarine Nautilus, was commissioned by the Navy. In 1962, black student James Meredith succeeded on his fourth try in registering for classes at the University of Mississippi. In 1993, an estimated 10,000 people were killed when an earthquake measuring a magnitude of 6.4 struck southern India. Today's Birthdays: Actress Deborah Kerr is 84. Actress Angie Dickinson is 74. Singer Cissy Houston is 72. Singer Johnny Mathis is 70. Actor Len Cariou is 66. Rock singer-musician Dewey Martin (Buffalo Springfield) is 63. Singer Marilyn McCoo is 62. Pop singer Sylvia Peterson (The Chiffons) is 59. Rock musician John Lombardo is 53. Singer Deborah Allen is 52. Actor Calvin Levels is 51. Actor

Barry Williams is 51. Actress Fran Drescher is 48. Country singer Marty Stuart is 47. Rapper-producer Marley Marl is 43. Country singer Eddie Montgomery (Montgomery-Gentry) is 42. Rock singer Trey Anastasio is 41. Rock musician Robby Takac (Goo Goo Dolls) is 41. Actress Lisa Thornhill is 39. Actress Monica Bellucci is 37. Actor Mike Damus is 26. Tennis player Martina Hingis is 25. Olympic gold medal gymnast Dominique Moceanu is 24. Actress Lacey Chabert is 23. Actor Kieran Culkin is 23. Thought for Today: "Where apathy is master, all men are slaves." Anonymous. © 2005 The Associated Press.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- Baseball Tonight channel
 - Airplane parts
 - Religious offshoot
 - King of nursery rhyme
 - The Balance
 - First name in scat
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 - Trucker, at times
 - Roadside warning
 - Sculler's need
 - God of war
 - Strapping
 - Scullers
 - Celebration
 - Brings in
 - Diplomatic skill
 - Canadian oil company
 - Key letter
 - Draft animal attachment
 - Debtor's letters
 - Remove from office
 - Carries laboriously
 - Attacked
 - Musical motifs
 - Apple tools
 - Interstellar cloud
 - Transmitted
 - Words on a menu
 - Apply oneself earnestly
- DOWN
- O.T. book
 - London neighborhood
 - Oxen's burden
 - Some talking heads
 - Mosaic handiwork
 - Peanuts kid
 - Genesis son
 - Egg on
 - Cinches
 - Jiffy
 - Usurp the place of
 - Unsoiled
 - Don't run off
 - Strident
 - Monopoly foursome: Abbr.
 - Took a meal
 - Seized vehicle
 - Molokai neighbor
 - Tennis accessories
 - Viper feature
 - Cools down
 - Authentic
 - Fly like an eagle
 - Expels
 - Fact books
 - Excelled
 - Cal. heading
 - Radio City Music Hall style
 - Lodge member
 - Viola
 - cousins
 - Influential person
 - Slur over
 - Hit the slopes
 - Russia's mountains
 - Presented oneself
 - Telltale sign
 - Help with the dishes
 - Costner role
 - It ends in Oct.

AROUND THE BEND by Merle Baker Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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Golf Insider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

TOUR PURE: Chipping

By T.J. TOMASI
Universal Press Syndicate

(This series examines the characteristics that separate the tour player from the average amateur golfer. If you add these characteristics to your game, each in its turn, you'll be "Tour Pure" too. This week's concept is chipping.)

John Maginnis is one of the best chippers on the PGA Tour. He ranks in the top 40 in the scrambling category, which tracks how many times the player makes par or better from around the green.

In the photos below, Maginnis has a slight uphill chip with the ball above his feet, an adjustment he must take into consideration. On an uphill chip like this, he must take care to keep his arms moving all the way through the shot because any slowing down in arm speed will leave the ball well short of target. Too many amateurs take a long, backswing then decelerate at the ball, so make sure you keep those arms moving all the way to the finish.

Maginnis creates symmetry between the lengths of his backswing and follow through by a soft rotation of his chest. It's the arc of his chest that provides the force applied to the ball, so there's no excess hand action.

There's very little wrist break and no weight transfer; the chip is primarily an upper-body motion with the lower body providing a stable platform for the arm swing. This is a very accurate way to chip because it satisfies two basic requirements. First, it produces an accelerating motion through the club face at impact. Second, this method keeps the face of the club square at the hole throughout the entire swing.

Second, Maginnis keeps his left arm and chest steady. The stroke is controlled by his arm swing, so he doesn't make a move that would cause the club to pull past his hands. This is why it was him to leave the club head behind the ball all the way through impact.

Just as when you want in a chip shot like this, you want a kind of fore-arm rotation that keeps the club face at the hole. The club face and misalignment at impact are the two most important factors in a chip shot.

Maginnis' hands look on the green. The club starts, stays and finishes on a level plane. There's no body rotation but no weight transfer.

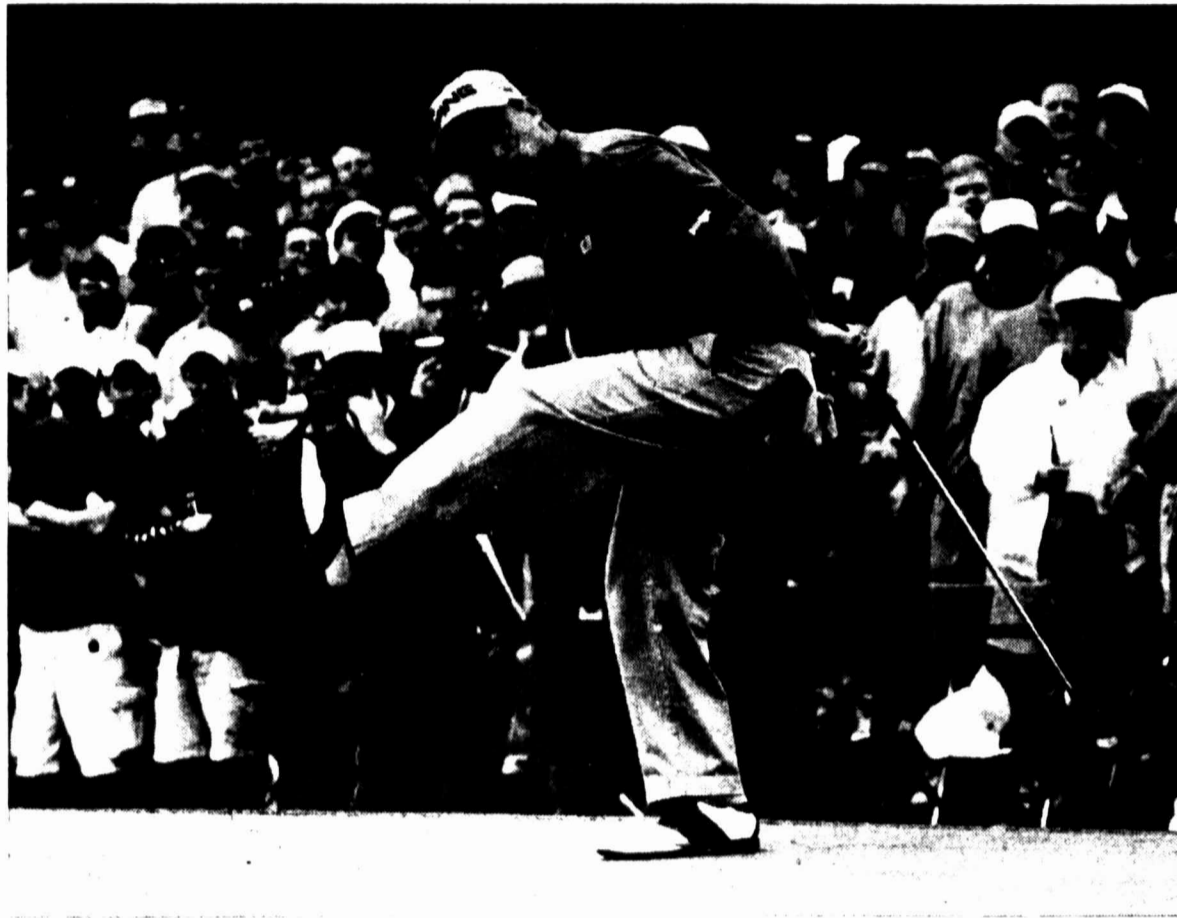
Maginnis keeps the club square. His strong right arm is in line with the direction the ball is headed.

Maginnis' hips are in line with the chest and shoulders.



Ace PGA Tour chipper John Maginnis faces an uphill slope that sends the ball to the club face. Because he's using a 60-degree lofted wedge, the effective loft increases to at least 61 degrees, so he has to hit the ball harder than he would otherwise.

COMMENTARY



CURTIS COMPTON / Cox News Service

Chris DiMarco is 6-1-2 in his matches in the past two international competitions.

Passion play

DiMarco an unbeatable teammate for U.S.

By ALAN TAYS
Cox News Service

Gainesville, Va. — It's probably too early to start calling Chris DiMarco the new Payne Stewart or the new Hal Sutton or the new Paul Azinger, but it's not too soon to start mentioning him in the same breath with the finest American examples of fiery, inspirational team players.

In the conventional wisdom about U.S. golfers being selfish millionaires who don't care about team play, we often forget that there are Americans who thrive in international team play.

Stewart was that way, until he died. Azinger and Sutton were that way, too, until they got too old.

Now we have DiMarco, the leading scorer, star and closer of Sunday's 18-15 American victory in the Presidents Cup at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club.

DiMarco went 4-0-1 in five matches, making him the leading U.S. scorer. His 154-foot putt on the 18th hole clinched the Cup. And throughout the competition, he was a grinding, fist-pumping dervish.

Oh, yes, and he also made a hole-in-one Saturday.

DiMarco doesn't buy the line that says if American golfers lose, it must be because they don't care.

"I think we're the only ones that know that we care more about this than anything, and unfortunately everybody thinks the Americans don't care," DiMarco said Sunday night. "Well, I can promise you that's not true at all. We care a lot, and this is big. We wanted this for Mr. Nicklaus, and it's nice to give him that. He's been a great captain for the two (Presidents Cup teams) that I've been on, and it was a lot of fun."

DiMarco, 37, got his Presidents Cup feet wet in 2003 in South Africa, when he went 2-3 (but with a singles victory) in the 17-all tie. Jack Nicklaus captained that team,



DAVID TULIS / Cox News Service

Chris DiMarco sinks to his knees after missing a chip shot on the 18th hole during the final round of the Masters this year. He then lost to Tiger Woods on the first hole of a playoff.

too, and he liked what he saw of the Orlando resident.

"He found out in South Africa that he could get to the next level," Nicklaus said. "He keeps chipping away at that next level, and, you know, I would be very, very surprised if he doesn't go right to that next level the next time he's out."

DiMarco also played on the 2004 U.S. Ryder Cup team. The Americans were routed by Europe 18-9, but through no fault of DiMarco's. He went 2-1-1, the only American with a winning record.

DiMarco has shown signs of breaking through as a major winner on the PGA Tour but came up short in his two best chances. He was part of the playoff won by Vijay Singh at the 2004 PGA Championship at Whistling Straits, but he could have won in regulation if he hadn't been short with a 12-foot putt on the 72nd hole. He reached a playoff against Tiger Woods in this year's Masters, but lost when Woods birdied the first extra hole.

On Sunday, he said something that gave a clue as to why he's such a good team player.

"I thought about two people out there," he said. "I thought about Fred Couples, how big of a putt he made on 18 to win against Vijay. I watched it, actually, when I was on the 13th tee. I could see the JumboTron, and I was underneath watching the putt."

"And (I thought about) Captain Nicklaus. That's what our whole goal was as a team this week to win for him."

DiMarco is probably right when he says it's wrong to think the U.S. players are selfish. But in his case, that's a charge that's not likely to be made.

DiMarco's putter officially ended it. His 9-iron from the rough at 18, while all square with Stuart Appleby after a wayward drive, put him into position. The day before, DiMarco had watched Phil Mickelson from a similar spot near the bunker, finding the green from 180 yards to about 6 feet. With a 9-iron in his hands from 156 yards, even with his feet placed awkwardly in the bunker, DiMarco was surprisingly optimistic.

"I tried to stay real still and hit a good, solid shot," DiMarco said, "and get right of the hole and give me a putt at it, to at least have a chance, and it came out perfect."

When the putt dropped, DiMarco almost felt as though a major had been won. He even walked away from the Presidents Cup hoping that more than the score is different at the next Ryder Cup.

"I like that there's a genuine respect for both teams, and it's more about the game of golf and not necessarily somebody being ugly and somebody not being ugly," he said. "I think the media makes [the Ryder Cup], unfortunately, hateful, and that's the difference between the two."

Asked what the win was worth right now, DiMarco said, "It's worth probably my first six-pack of beer. I can tell you that."

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Winning wedges

If you master just three clubs — the putter, the driver and the wedge — you'll be a match for anyone. Let's take a closer look at the wedges: pitching, sand and lob.

Each wedge has its advantages. A pitching wedge, with 50 degrees of loft and about 4 degrees of bounce, works pretty well from tight lies as well as from the fairway.

The average sand wedge has around 56 degrees of loft with 11 degrees of bounce to prevent the leading edge from digging into the sand. It works well in soft sand and around the greens in normal greenside rough.

The lob wedge has 60 or more degrees of loft with less bounce than the sand wedge. It works well from wet, hard sand or hardpan, and with its loft, it can get the ball up in a hurry so that it

lands softly from a tight lie.

The lob's maximum range is usually about 70 yards, but it can be a fooler because it has so much loft. Too many golfers ease up on it and leave it short. The key to great lob wedge play is to accelerate into the ball with a stroke that's firmer than you think for the distance involved.

I think the lob wedge should be in every golfer's bag because it's designed to conquer those treacherous greenside shots over bunkers. But you should hone your skill with a sand wedge before you add a lob. This will develop your touch by forcing you to learn to hit a variety of shots around the green with one club.

Since more than 60 percent of your shots are taken from 100 yards or less, it really pays to perfect your wedges.

—T.J. Tomasi

ASK THE PRO



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I've received a number of e-mails asking about "X-out" golf balls, so here are my thoughts.

With the current price of balls, I don't blame a golfer for going with the X-outs. But keep in mind there is a reason for the X. Quality control has come a long way in the golf ball industry, and the X-outs don't meet the manufacturers' high standards.

The imperfections that get a ball tossed from the mainstream three-pack vary. It might be a nick or scratch in the paint, which won't affect the playability. But it can also be balls that are too big, lopsided or have a distorted dimple pattern. These problems will seriously affect your ball's performance.

SCHEDULE

All Times EDT

LPGA TOUR

Office Depot Championship

- Site: Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.
- Schedule: Friday-Sunday
- Course: Trump National Golf Club Los Angeles (6,394 yards, par 72)
- Purse: \$1.3 million. Winner's share: \$195,000.
- TV: The Golf Channel (Friday, 4:30-7 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 1-2:30 a.m.; 4:30-7 p.m.; Monday, 1-2:30 a.m.)

PGA TOUR

Chrysler Classic of Greensboro

- Site: Greensboro, N.C.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
- Course: Forest Oaks Country Club (6,881 yards, par 72)
- Purse: \$5 million. Winner's share: \$900,000.
- TV: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.; Saturday 3-6 p.m.) and ABC (Sunday, 3-6 p.m.)

CHAMPIONS TOUR

SAS Championship

- Site: Cary, N.C.
- Schedule: Friday-Sunday
- Course: Prestonwood Country Club (7,177 yards, par 72)
- Purse: \$1.9 million. Winner's share: \$285,000.
- TV: The Golf Channel (Friday-Sunday, 1:30-4 p.m.; 9-11:30 p.m.)

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR

Dunhill Links Championship

- Site: St. Andrews and Carnoustie, Scotland.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
- Courses: St. Andrews, Old Course (7,279 yards, par 72); Carnoustie, Championship Course (7,112 yards, par 72) and Kingsbarns Golf Links (7,099 yards, par 72)
- Purse: \$4.78 million. Winner's share: \$797,000.
- TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

NATIONWIDE TOUR

Oregon Classic

- Site: Junction City, Ore.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
- Course: Shadow Hills C.C. (7,007 yards, par 72)
- Purse: \$450,000. Winner's share: \$81,000.
- TV: None

LEADERS

WORLD RANKINGS

Player	Money
1. Tiger Woods, USA	17.28
2. Vijay Singh, Fiji	12.02
3. Phil Mickelson, USA	9.83
4. Ernie Els, SAI	9.20
5. Retief Goosen, SAI	8.97
6. Sergio Garcia, Spn	7.20
7. Adam Scott, Aus	5.65
8. Chris DiMarco, USA	5.48
9. Jim Furyk, USA	5.15
10. Angel Cabrera, Arg	5.14
11. Kenny Perry, USA	4.98
12. David Toms, USA	4.93
13. P. Harrington, Ire	4.79
14. Luke Donald, Eng	4.72
15. M. Campbell, NZI	4.72

MONEY LEADERS

PGA TOUR

Player	Money
1. Tiger Woods	\$8,613,024
2. Vijay Singh	\$7,546,003
3. Phil Mickelson	\$5,639,605
4. David Toms	\$3,656,213
5. Jim Furyk	\$3,577,435
6. Kenny Perry	\$3,426,655
7. Chris DiMarco	\$3,397,798
8. Retief Goosen	\$3,185,275
9. Sergio Garcia	\$2,642,458
10. Fred Funk	\$2,608,874

LPGA TOUR

Player	Money
1. A. Sorenstam	\$1,957,200
2. Paula Creamer	\$1,332,042
3. Cristie Kerr	\$1,297,864
4. Lorena Ochoa	\$1,156,542
5. Jeong Jang	\$950,647

For tournament golf, the USGA publishes a list of golf ball brands approved for play, and you won't find X-outs on the list. If you play in a tournament governed by USGA rules, and a list isn't posted, the USGA guideline is that you can use any ball you choose, provided it is "not a ball which obviously is nonconforming ... or a brand of ball which the USGA has found to be nonconforming and the player is aware, or should be aware, of that fact."

Now that's so confusing that your only safe bet, come tournament time, is to spring for a three-pack of non-X's. Just hit 'em straight and you'll protect your investment and prevent disqualification.