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# **BSHS** laptop plan to cost \$1.4 million

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Some potential problem areas still need to be smoothed over, but it appears that each student and teacher at Big Spring High School will be given a laptop computer starting next school year.

Big Spring school trustees heard an update of district plans to provide the laptops to BSHS students and faculty during their regular meeting Thursday evening at the high school board room.

Corey Wood, technology director for the school district, said it will cost about \$1.4 million to provide the laptop and related accessories, software, service plan and insurance.

Students and faculty would be provided the laptops with the start of the 2007-2008 school year and would be serviced and eventually replaced in staggered See LAPTOPS, Page 2A

"We'll have a parts store on site, we'll have a technician on site and we'll have spare units on site.'

four-year cycles, Wood said.

While several other school districts in Texas provide laptops to their students. BSISD would be the first school district in the West Texas area to do so.

Students have been overwhelmingly in favor of the proposal, Wood said. "Almost to a person, they've said, 'Hey, give me a laptop," he noted.

Parents and teachers, on the other



**HERALD photo/Steve Reagan** 

Corey Wood, right, director of the Big Spring Independent School District technology department, discusses plans to provide laptop computers to Big Spring High School students and teachers during the BSISD school board meeting Thursday night.

# Track, parking lot repairs higher than projected

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

A few renovation projects on Big Spring Independent School District's "wish list" will probably have to remain wishes, at least for the time being.

Higher than anticipated the high school parking lots. repair costs and other factors may cause the delay of some year's budget, they earmarked what materials the district district's needs, officials said.

meeting Thursday night.

Two projects in particular were discussed – planned resurfacing of the track at Blankenship Field and repair of

long-anticipated repair projects \$95,000 for track resurfacing at BSISD campuses, trustees and \$237,000 for parking lot learned during their monthly repair. Both amounts will be inadequate, Assistant Business Manager Tommy Gibson said.

Architectural engineers who surveyed the Blankenship track said it could cost between \$110,000 and \$240,000 for resur-When trustees approved this facing alone, depending on

Also, the track has problems that preclude simple resurfacing. Gibson told trustees that newly discovered problems with the track base mean additional repairs are needed, driving estimated repair costs up to the \$300,000 range.

Even that may not meet the

Superintendent Downes said the district wants to host district and regional level track and field meets here in Big Spring, something that is not feasible at the existing

For starters, the Blankenship track only has seven lanes,

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Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce President Virginia Belew, left, gathers with Leadership Big Spring graduates Patsy Edmonds, Debbie Wegman, Ken McIntosh, Lauri Phillips, Rebecca Pritchet, Darren Byrd, Donna Gannaway, Kara Smith, Sylvia Miramontes, Ralph Rollins, Patsy Rodriguez and janie Rodriguez. Not pictured are Pete Busky, Katherine McGee and Justin Myers.

# Leadership Big Spring graduates find course interesting, resourceful

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce wrapped up another year of its Leadership Big Spring course Thursday night, as more than a dozen local residents

pletion at a special graduation ceremony at Dora Roberts Community Center.

The program, which teaches leadership skills through a series of courses and tasks, is older than See LEADERS, Page 3A

received their certificates of com- many people might realize, according to Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde.

> "I've been with the chamber fo 16 years, and this program was

# Stepping up to a challenge

# 'Nutcracker' to come alive on stage here Saturday

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

It's called stepping up to a challenge.

The Spring Symphony will do just that when it renews a holiday tradition Saturday with its presentation of "The Nutcracker" - a ballet featuring the music of Russian composer

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky. For several years, the symphony joined with the Lub! ock Ballet in presenting the traditional holiday production, but had opted for providing other programs for the last few seasons.

This year, however, "The Nutcracker" is returning to Big Spring when the orchestra and the Midland Festival Ballet combine to present a performance set for 8 p.m. Saturday in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

Returning

Nutcracker" to the symphony's holiday schedule something that Music Director and Conductor Dr. Keith Graumann has

considered for some time. "I'd been thinking of a 'Nutcracker' performance for a while," Graumann said. "We've presented a variety of Christmas season concerts in the past and all were wellreceived. Our variety show called Symphony is Christmas that we presented several times, as well as our performance of Handel's 'Messiah' two years ago were huge successes. The time just seemed right to explore the possibility of presenting Nutcracker.'

"In the last few years,

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# Final push on for Salvation **Army's Angel Tree project**

☐ Gifts will be picked up Monday and handed out Wednesday.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents hoping to participate in the annual Salvation Army Angel Tree program will have one last chance this weekend, as the local charity prepares to wrap up the holiday effort next week.

'We're hoping to finish collecting all See ANGELS, Page 3A

the gifts by the end of the day Monday," said Capt. Russ Keeney. "We still have a lot of gifts for angels that have already been adopted floating around out there. so we're really concentrating on getting those in before distribution, which is set for Wednesday.

Keeney said the annual program, which collects gifts for area low-income children, has been moving at a medium

#### 10 Shopping Days Til Christmas



#### Lillian Tamsitt (Lill) Condra



Lillian Tamsitt (Lill) Condra, age 75, of Boerne, and formerly of Austin, passed away Dec. 8, 2006, following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Lill was born July 9, 1931, in Big. Spring to Guy James and Steva Mae (Kavanaugh) Tamsitt. She is survived by her brother, Jim Tamsitt of Austin; her son and daughter-in-law, Guy and Lisa Condra of Boerne, their children, Christi Condra of Atlanta, Ga., Marsha

Pendleton and her husband Nat, their son Keith and daughter Addison, of Boerne, Shelly Condra and her daughter Marissa of San Antonio, Kimberly Condra of Austin, and Katelyn Condra of Boerne; and her son and daughter-in-law, Phil and Sally Condra, and their children, Philip, Mary Kate and Patrick of Austin. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, William M. (Bill) Condra in April of this year.

Lill grew up in Big Spring among close friends, many of whom she recently visited at their high school reunion. She truly loved West Texas and staying in touch with all of her dear friends. She attended grade school and high school in both Big Spring and Austin. After moving back to Big Spring, she met Bill and became a teller at State National Bank in Big Spring before owning and operating a card and party shop for several years. The family would return to Austin in 1969 where she held numerous administrative positions with healthcare professionals and ultimately as an administrative assistant for over a decade to several state representatives. Lill retired from the state capital in 2000 and then she and Bill decided to move to Kerrville. Shortly thereafter, she was presented an opportunity to continue to work part-time for State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran.

Lill spent the last two years under the care and attention of many fantastic medical professionals who quickly became friends. In particular, the family wishes to thank Dr. Rebecca Barrington for her professional care and her comforting personality along with her caring and dedicated staff. We also wish to thank Dr. John Barnett and his staff for their care and expertise, the many doctors and nurses at Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital, the hospice caregivers of Peterson Hospice and the caregivers of Caring Senior Service whose compassion and personal touch are unequaled.

Services were held at Harrell Funeral Home, 4435 Frontier Trail, Austin 78745. A visitation with the family was held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 2006. A memorial service followed on Dec. 12, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations be made to Peterson Hospice, 1121 Broadway, Kerrville 78028, or the charity of your choice.

The family invites you to leave a message or memory at www.kerrvillefuneralhome.com by selecting Obituaries. Select "Sign Guestbook" at the bottom of the individual Memorial.

Arrangements are under the direction and personal care of Kerrville Funeral Home.

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# **REPAIRS**

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instead of the required eight. Also, seating, concession and restroom facilities at the site are quite limited.

Removal and reconstruction of the track to meet those guidelines would also mean a complete regrading of the football field, driving costs even higher.

Engineers said it could cost the district as much as a half-million dollars to meet all criteria. That cost would soak up all the money set aside for the track and the parking lots combined.

A possible cheaper alternative would be for officials to build a new Memorial ' track at Stadium, but since that is technically owned by Howard College, such action may not be allowed under state regulations, Downes said.

Whatever district officials eventually decide, it is apparent they will have to take an "either-or" approach the track/parking lot problem, said trustee Mike Dawson. "One thing we could do

is take the money set aside for the parking lots and roll it over to the track — or vice versa.' Dawson said. "Regardless of what we do, we need to do it in a first-class man-

Trustees reached a consensus that repairs at the track should take priority. Downes said the district will explore repair options and report back to the board in the near future.

other business In Thursday, trustees:

 Nominated Lee George to the Howard County Appraisal Distinct board. · Approved a shared-ser-

vice agreement with Ector County ISD for a regional day school program for deaf students.

 Approved the resignations of junior high teacher Vicki Broadrick and special education teacher Paula Brookmole.

 Approved the hiring of junior high teachers **Billings** Karin Jennifer Frescaz, kindergarten teacher Nicole Chesworth, special education teacher Richard Cypert, bilingual instructor Suzanne Delarosa and Goliad assistant principal Todd Patterson.

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#### William Charles 'Bill' Forshee



William Charles "Bill" Forshee, 71, of Big Spring died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at Select Specialty Hospital in Midland. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Teeters officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born April 7, 1935, at Peru, Ind., to Lenora and Ernest Forshee. He graduated from high school in Peru. Bill married Carolyn Potter on June 6, 1954, in Peru, Ind. They moved to Big Spring in 1971 from Nashville, Tenn. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Bill retired from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in 2000, as District Senior Safety Officer. He was a professional photographer, starting in high school and then in the Army. Bill did photography in Nashville, Tenn., for Sun Records for stars like Charlie Pride, Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash, having done the photography for their wedding. He also did photography for the Grand Ole Opry and Hee-Haw. In Big Spring, he had worked for the Big Spring Herald, the Chamber of Commerce and had also done crime scene photography for the Big Spring Police Department.

Bill is survived by his wife, Carolyn Forshee of Big Spring; two sons, Craig Forshee and Jeff Forshee, both of Big Spring; three sisters, Mary Howard of Venus, Becky Amos and her husband John Paul of Big Spring, and Judi Atkins of Belton; one brother, Don Forshee and his wife Dorothy of St. George, Utah; six grandchildren, Gene Forshee-Wienert of Big Spring, Jon Forshee and his wife Stacie of Muenster, Clay Forshee of Seagoville, Travis Forshee of Arlington, Jeffrey Forshee Jr., of Big Spring, and Shelby Forshee of Kempner; seven great-grandchildren, Alexis Wienert, Madison Wienert, Trenton Wienert, Isiah Wienert, Morgan Forshee, Makenna Forshee, and Parker Forshee; one brother-in-law, David Carlock and his wife Wanda of Toccoa, Ga.; and mother-in-law, Hazel Julian of McMinnville, Tenn.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by one brother, Stephen Forshee; and step-father, Harold Dietrich.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

#### **LAPTOPS**

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hand, have expressed more reservations about the plan. Foremost among those concerns is how the district will deal with expected wear-and-tear on the laptops during their. four-year lifespan.

"Abuse has been, absolutely, the number one issue in about 40 school districts that I have talked to," he said.

As part of the "Complete Care" service plan included with the laptop purchases, much repair and maintenance can be done on-site, reducing down time," he said.

"We'll have a parts store on site, we'll have a technician on site and we'll have spare units on site," Wood said. "In addition, the protection plan covers the occasional dropped laptop, it covers the spilled Coke on the keyboard ... it covers all those things."

In addition, security software will be installed to help prevent occurrences such as students downloading objectionable material or deleting needed programs, Wood

said. Intentional or malicious damage to the computers would be dealt with the same way as destruction of any other school property, he added.

Under the plan, students would be issued the

laptops at the beginning of the school year, then turn them back in at the start of summer break. The computers would then be refurbished and reissued to the students at the start of the next school year.

Cost estimates were higher than originally estimated, but officials said there was more than enough available money to offset the difference. manager Business

Sandra Waggoner said part of the money will come from the technology department's existing budget. In addition, the district received about \$900,000 more in state financial aid than anticipated last school year, and that windfall will help offset the increase in computer prices.

Superintendent Michael Downes sees the laptop plan as a way to recruit staff and attract new stud dents to the district.

More importantly, however, he believes having a laptop will help improve students' grades, especially for teenagers from lowincome families.

"This will have a bigger impact on students from low-income families because you are giving them a tool they don't have," Downes said.

"The impact may not be as great for students in higher economic brackets because they already have access to this kind of equipment."

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#### Police, sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m.

- RUDY MORENO, 45, of 706 S. Góliad, was arrested Thursday on a charge of no driver's license.
- THEFT was reported:
- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street. - in the 900 block of Willia.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported:
- in the 1600 block of Oasage.
- in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was
- in the 2600 block of Langley.
- in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity: LAURA LEUNA YANEZ, 27, was transferred to

- the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid. RITA FAYE WILKERSON, 44, was arrested
- Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of services. • ERNEST CHARLES MURPHY, 50, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a
- charge of felony theft. · RICHARD JAMES WHITE, 30, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a parole violation. ALBERT CARRILLO, 24, was arrested Thursday

#### Legals

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Notice of Application for Fluid Injection Well Permit

Energy Company, Noel Road, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75240 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres/Clearfork, Snyder B.S. -E- Lease, Well Number 72 and 73. The proposed injection well is located 15 miles east of Big Spring in the Snyder Field, in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2500 to 3700 LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27

of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #5191 December 15, 2006

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Tony W. Romero. This is to notify you that this department has taken into custody the following described Abandoned Motor Vehicle

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Howard County Sheriff's Office #5193 December 15, 2006

#### Legals

AMERICAN SELF STORAGE Pursuant to Chapter 59. Texas Property Code, American Self Storage which is located at 3314 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien Sale will be at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Saturday, December 23, 2006. at American Self Storage. 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 may be sold item by item or in batches, or by the space. All sales are subject to Texas State Sales Tax. Sale is on the contents of: Tenant: Bobby Brumley

Consisting of: Furniture, household Tenant: Charlotte James Consisting of: Misc. items #5197 December 15 & 22, 2006



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I'd received inquiries from several ballet companies asking if we were interested," Graumann continued. "After correspondence with these companies, I took the idea to the Symphony Board's Artistic Advisory Committee. I actually received a mixture of responses. While most were favorable, their question for me was, 'Did I really want to take on such a challenging artistic and logistical

endeavor?'

"When I said I did, the Symphony's board gave preliminary approval to go ahead," he added. "After considering several companies and trying to find dates for a performance, Susanne Reed, our board's vice president, and I met and negotiated with the Midland Festival Ballet. Although I hope to involve some of our community's dancers in any future 'Nutcracker' performance, we negotiated for them to bring everything — dancers, stage sets, costumes and all their technical people. Last spring,

both our board and the ballet company approved the endeavor. So, as you can see, it was quite an undertaking before we even began preparing for the actual performance."

In 1892, Tchaikovsky composed "The Nutcracker" and it was first performed at Russia's famous Maryinsky Theatre, today's home of both the Kirov Ballet and the Kirov Opera. The ballet has been trilling audiences during the Christmas season ever since.

"We are excited that we're once again going to present what may be the world's most

well-known ballet." Graumann owe a debt of gratitude to the said. "Much of the music is very difficult, but our orchestra is very capable and anxious to perform it for the community. And exposing the wonderful plot onstage through dance will definitely make for a memorable evening. It is a show that's nothing short of magical."

Corporate sponsors Citizens Federal Credit Union, Alon USA and an anonymous private donor — have helped make the show financially feasible, Graumann added. "And as always," he continued, "we

Dora Roberts Foundation for its help in making our entire symphony season possible."

Tickets for the show — priced at \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Faye's Flowers, the Heritage Museum, Blum's Jewelers, the First Bank of West Texas and the Big Spring Herald.

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going long before I became a part of it," said ValVerde. "The program itself has been a part of the Big Spring Chamber for at least 25 years, maybe even

more. "The class has evolved over the years. We've started asking our participants to be a part of the community by going to local



government and school board meetings, and we get their input from what they see and what they have gotten out of the meeting. They go on police rides and through the Boy Scouts COPES Course, and it really bonds the

group. They get to know that to go up around the each other better and become a team.'

ValVerde said the program, which began its 2006 course in January with only two months off for the summer, not only teaches its class members how to lead, but how to have a positive impact on the community.

"That's what this is all about. It takes teamwork to be a leader," said ValVerde. "You can't have a room full of chiefs and no Indians. You have to be able to work together toward a common goal, and that takes a great deal of teamwork.

"Each year we ask them to do a community project, and this year the class is putting a bench in the Heart of the City Park, similar to the ones Keep Big Spring Beautiful provided for the courthouse square. We expect

first of the new year. The class has to fund it, whether they get sponsorships or pay for it themselves. It teaches them how to get out there and get other people and businesses to help support worthwhile projects.

ValVerde said the program will start a new schedule in 2007, starting in September and continuing through May of 2008.

Donna Gannaway, who sponsored was Culligan

Conditioning and one of 14 p graduates who completed the program, said there was no lack of excitement during the year-long course.

"Each month

was different because we focused on a

different part of the community, so it was always very interesting," said Gannaway. "You never knew what you were going to see. I highly recommend it. I was raised here and still learned things I didn't know about, even though I've lived here most of my life.

"The most surprising part of the course for me was the police ride. I've always had respect for police officers, but when you're with one at night and you come to a stop and you don't know what's waiting for you under the cover of darkness, it gave me an even deeper respect for them and what they do to protect us. I think I learned more from that than any other thing."

Janie Rodriguez, an employee with the Big Spring **Federal** Corrections Institute, said she recommends the class, as well.

"It was very, very interesting. I was born and raised in Big Spring, but I got to learn more about the community and what's

available

here," Rodriguez Rodriguez. "It

really made me appreciate Big Spring more.

"I really enjoyed the COPES course. We did things we didn't think we could do. The zip line was probably the most challenging thing we did. We also had to fall off a brick wall and let our teammates catch us, which was also pretty tough. It



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was all very challenging." Also graduating were Busky, Patsy Katherine Edmonds, McGee, Sylvia

Lauri Miramontes, Phillips, Rebecca Pritchet, Patsy Rodriguez. Kara Smith, Darren Byrd, Ken McIntosh, Justin Myers, Ralph Rollins and Debbie Wegman.

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#### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

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Freyda Griffin, 70, died Tuesday. **Funeral** Services were at 11:00 AM Friday at First Baptist Church in Coahoma. Graveside services will be at 4:00 PM Friday at Silver Valley Cemetery in Coleman.

William Charles "Bill" Forshee, 71, died Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:30 until 8:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## **ANGELS**

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pace this season, with plenty of chances to help out still available.

"Things are moving along well. This is kind of

a crazy time right now because we're spending so much time at the distribution center getthings ting ready for Wednesday,'



said Keeney. "There are still quite a few angels on the trees, so we're really hoping shoppers will pick them up this weekend and help with the program."

With Angel Trees located at the Big Spring Mall, the Big Spring Herald, Maurice's, Gayle's Sweet Shoppe, Travelcenters of America truck stop, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Wal-Mart, Keeney said adopting an angel is easy.

"They just take the Angel card from the tree and purchase Christmas gifts for that child or senior," said Keeney. "It doesn't necessarily have to be what's listed on the angel card. Once they purchase the items, they

will attach the card to the gifts and bring them to our office, or drop them off where they got the card from. It's very important that they tape or tie the card to the gift, however, so we can make sure it goes to the correct

Keeney said the demographics for this year's program are slightly different than last year's effort.

"We have more teen and senior angels this year," said Keeney. "Luckily, we have the tree for the seniors at the *Herald*, and the Community Angels program is taking care of our teens once again this

applications for assis-

tance through the local charity's Angel Tree program - some applications including several children - Keeney said he and his staff are doing everything they can to keep distribution of the gifts in order.

"We've asked the parents of the children to leave them at home when they come pick up the gifts Wednesday," said Keeney. "It's usually total chaos in the distribution center — which will once again be the I.O.U.E. Union Hall near Alon USA - so that will help. It also diminishes the experience of receiving the gift for the children.'

Keeney With more than 135 Distribution will take place between 9 a.m. and

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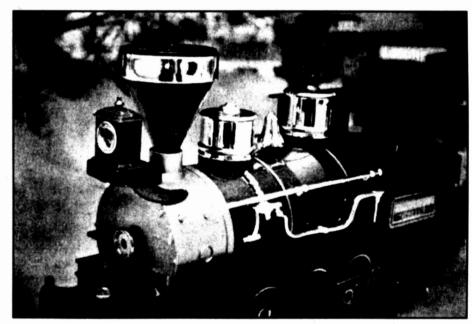
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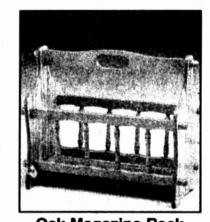
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OUR VIEWS

# 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:

- Brittany Camden for her gift of life a kidney - to her father, Terry Camden. We wish you both the very best.
- Everyone who has taken the time to select an "angel" from one of the Salvation Army Angel Trees, and those who have brought toys to the Herald for our annual Toy Drive. The toys are given to the Salvation Army for Christmas distribution. If you'd like to help there is still time but the Angel Tree drive ends Monday so time is running short. Trees are located at the Big Spring Mall, the Big Spring Herald, Maurice's, Gayle's Sweet Shoppe, Travelcenters of America truck stop and Wal-Mart. The Herald Toy Drive also concludes at the close of business Monday.
- Speaking of gifts, hat's off to the Big Spring Rotary Club, which presented third graders at all five Big Spring elementary schools with a personalized dictionary this week. What a great idea!
- Big Spring Independent School District on its announcement that it may have to add teachers because of an increase in enrollment. That's a problem we absolutely will not complain about!
- Alon USA employees from the Big Spring Refinery who helped wrap presents for the 200 patients at Big Spring State Hospital. Its an annual "gift" to the hospital by the employees.

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

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#### A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we thank You every morning for the beautiful day.

Amen

# Something new from California?

he latest trend from California could be nonmarriage marriage thanks to a new bill sponsored by state Sen. Carole Migden to expand civil unions to heterosexual couples.

You've heard straight supporters of same-sex marriage quip before: How can same-sex marriage affect their heterosexual unions? Unwittingly, Migden has given ammunition to those who argue that same-sex unions will change the institution of marriage for everyone, as she works to offer all heterosexuals Marriage

Migden is the author of the 1999 civil union bill that allowed samesex couples to register with the state as domestic partners Unfortunately, no state bill can offer same-sex couples all the protections of marriage, such as Social Security survivor benefits and that should change.

The 1999 bill also allowed heterosexual couples with one partner older than 62 to register as domestic partners — in order to allow seniors to protect their pensions while enjoying some benefits of marriage. Migden had wanted civil unions to apply to straight and same-sex couples of all ages, but agreed to the over-62 compromise. Now with Senate Bill 11, she is pushing to extend the benefit of having it both ways to all heterosexual couples.

Migden's rationale? More than half of couples in the United States are living together without getting married. Migden, in a telephone interview, cited a New York

Times article that reported on heterosexual couples who say they will not marry until homosexual couples can do the same. "It's not just Angelina Jolie and Brad,' Migden noted. Brad, being Brad Pitt, who wrote in Esquire, "Angie and I will consider tying the knot when everyone else in the country who wants to be married is legally able."

Note Pitt wrote "consider." And for such commitment, California should change the law? Migden lauded the freedom in America "to choose or not to choose" to marry. She's right, but that freedom already exists. SB11 is about

allowing heterosexuals who don't wed to enjoy some benefits of marriage, without the covenant of matrimony.

An SB11 fact sheet notes that some 40 percent of unwed mothers are "professional, older women who want to have babies" and some "may simply have chosen to live with their significant others first. If those unmarried couples prefer registering as domestic partners so their children can have access to health and other benefits, they should be provided that opportunity."

**Except: Whether parents marry** or not, they have an obligation to provide for their children and can list their children as dependents for health care. SB11 would not affect children — it would benefit unmarried parents.

And, I'll add, while saddling employers with cost of benefits for adults who choose not to wed. I asked Migden if she could name one child who has been denied benefits and would be helped by her bill.

She could not name one. The best she could do was mention that a TV cameraman told her he would like to see the bill pass

because his son had a child outside of wedlock.

Sorry, but when you want to change institutions that mold the American family, you should have in an arsenal that carries more punch than a weak anecdote and a couple of news articles on trendy couples.

Migden told me she sees in the Constitution a right "to determine your relationship." As a lawmaker, it is her job to accommodate people living in the relationships they choose.

Does that include polygamy? After all, some families in America practice polygamy. Migden answered that she is not focusing on "people that live in the frontiers with their animals." That poses a bit of a problem. You see, people in San Francisco may not care about the polygamous practices of Fundamentalist Church of Latter Day Saints or polygamous Muslims. But that won't stop polygamists from using Migden's arguments in impartial courts to change the law to accommodate their misogynist brand of marriage.

Last year, former Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin commissioned a study to prove that Canada's same-sex marriage law would not lead to polygamy only to see the legal panel call for a repeal of Canada's anti-polygamy law.

Now for the sake of uncommitted heterosexuals, Migden is ready to weaken the institution of marriage. I guess she thinks it's the government's job to help unwed parents stay uncommitted.

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# Keep government regs off menu

et the government outlaw the use of trans-fats in cooking, as New York City has done, and you open the door for a slew of arbitrary regulations. Under the guise of protecting the public, politicians will seek bans on fast food, ice cream, bacon and anything else that tastes good.

If we give elected officials the right to make decisions for us based on what's good for us, then those in power will soon be telling us when to go to bed. Politicians of both parties simply can't resist treating regular people like children and, if we let them, they will exercise those powers at every oppor-



tunity. First they taxed cigarettes at enormously high levels — ostensibly because the higher price would cause people to stop doing something that was bad for them. When people actually cheered that move, the government then targeted alcohol both raising taxes on liquor and passing odious laws designed to keep people from

drinking. Since the public accepts that smoking and drinking are bad not simply lifestyle choices that the an adult should be able to make - we never resist any attempt to limit them. Short of

actually banning cigarettes and returning to prohibition, any legislation or taxes on these products pass easily because voters operate under the absurd belief that the government has not only the right, but the responsibility, to protect people from their own stupidity.

Free choice includes the right to do things that harm yourself. Government exists to stop our actions from harming others, not to protect us from smoking, drinking too much, exercising too little

or eating fatty foods. New York's impending ban on trans-fats represents the first of many assaults on your ability to eat what you want. Used in a variety of foods! trans-fats definitely aren't good for you, but they are clearly delicious. A number of substitutes may be used for trans fats, but as anyone who has had the french fries at Wendy's or Burger King knows, they don't

taste as good. Being reasonably intelligent, I knew that McDonalds trans-fat laden fries probably weren't the healthiest eating choice without anyone in the government telling me. I was also pretty sure that eating Krispy Kreme donuts. Kentucky Fried Chicken and a host of other fast foods more than very occasionally would likely lead to an early grave.

Despite the obvious risks associated with these tasty treats, an adult has the right to eat them. Some people choose exercise and

vegan diet while some pick laying on the couch and eating takeout. Most of us draw the line somewhere in the middle.

It's simply impossible to protect an individual or a society from everything that might do people harm. You might choose to eat a lot of trans-fats and I might choose to drink or smoke excessively. Perhaps we both pick neither or those and instead take up rock climbing, race car driving or cliff diving.

It's human nature to want to feel safe and on the surface it feels nice when someone does some thing to protect you. Government regulation can't be allowed to replace personal judgment and each individual's sense of what risks are worth the reward.

Turning over our right to eat unhealthy foods to politicians makes them the parents and us the children. it's a small step from banning trans-fats to mandating people get eight hours of sleep, instituting a ten mile an hour speed limit or simply banning all unhealthy food.

A world with those rules would be a safer one where everyone would live longer. It would also be an awful place where caution replaces joy and it would certainly be no place I would want to live.

Daniel B. Kline is the author of "50 Things Every Guy Should Know How to Do." He can be reached at dan@notastep.com.

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The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from Luke 3:7-18 at worship service Sunday. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten starts at 10:35 a.m.

Opportunities week include: Mday afternoon at 5:30 the Christmas Children's Pageant will be held. Following the program there will be a chili supper in the fellowship hall. Monday at 6 p.m. the Encouragers will meet and there will also be a meeting. session Wednesday, Bible study is held at 5:17 p.m. and choir practice is at 6 p.m.

Plans are being made to the have annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come and bring all their family and guests. Communion will also be served.

Members are reminded to bring non-perishable Kentwood Activity Center

food to donate to less fortunate families during the holiday season. These the grocery basket in the Narthex.

First Church is located on **Runnels between Seventh** and Eighth.

#### **First United**

#### **Methodist Church**

This Sunday, First United Methodist Church's the Rev. Dr. Shane Brue will continue his series of advent messages titled: "Christmas Wishes." These sermon topics are based on special requests from members of the congregation.

The Senior Adult Ministry, SAM, will sponsor an auto tour of the Festival of Lights and highlights of residential areas Thursday, Dec. 21. Those interested in going are asked to sign up in the church office by the end of the day Tuesday.

First United Methodist offering Church is

for rent for meetings, family reunions and parties. There is a fully functionitems are to be placed in al, well-equipped kitchen as well as ample meeting room. For additional Presbyterian information, call the church office at 267-6394.

> Mark you calendar for two special holiday events scheduled at the church — the annual Christmas Candlelight Communion Service will begin at 6 p.m. Dec. 24. The SAM group will celebrate the New Year with a brunch in Garrett Hall at

Worship services are at 8:30 and 10:50 each Sunday morning with Sunday school classes in between. You are always

9 a.m. Jan. 1.

welcome to join us at First United Methodist Church at Fourth and Scurry. Open Doors, Open Minds, Open Hearts.

#### Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church meets at 10 a.m. for Sunday school, 11 a.m. for morning service and Young People's church, and again at 6 p.m. for evening service. Nursery service is available at all services. Our Wednesday evening service is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

Christmas Eve day service will be held at 10 a.m. There will be no evening service that day. Salem is pastored by

Bro. Monroe Teeters and is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway. Please contact the church at 394-4566 for fu#ther information.

#### First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church welcomes Dr. Thomas Brisco to our church this Sunday. He is currently the Dean and Professor of Biblical Backgrounds and Archaeology at Logsdon School of Theology at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene.

At 7 p.m., the music ministry will present "A Coming Home Christmas." You are invited to come and hear the harp, guitars, flute and voices honoring our Savior's birth.

Thank you for your prayers.

#### St. Paul **Lutheran Church**

A Christian Family Tradition celebration will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall at 810 Gregg Street. Meat and drinks will be provided. Everyone is invited to bring a "family tradition" food that goes with turkey or ham along with a note explaining your tradition. This should be interesting since we come from so many locations and ethnic groups.

After the meal, we will have a Chinese auction with Bruce Schooler as and auctioneer an unknown bellringer. Please bring your unwrapped new or regift item (make sure someone would want it). Don't forget to bring your nickels

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for bidding on items. Proceeds will go to Relay for Life.

Advent service will be Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The youth Sunday School class is sponsoring a food drive for Christmas giving. Please bring canned and other non-perishables by next Sunday and don't forget to give your checks made out to Lutheran Youth Fellowship to buy other perishable items. Call the church for other informa-

The flower chart is posted and so is the Eternal Light chart. Add your name on the dates you want to donate in someone's memory or honor. Flowers are \$20 per week and Eternal Light is \$10 per month.

Greetings were received from Chaplain Shawn D. Hunze of the 2nd Battalion of the 12th Cavalry Regiment thanks ing us for the small items we have been sending to help our military in Iraq.

The December suggestions are mole skin and blister packs, beef and turkey jerky, (no pork) and all types of chocolate candy.

You may also donate to the ATT phone card fund. Call 267-7163 for more information.

On Jan. 10, 2007, the Wednesday noon's ladies Bible study group will start with Beth Moore's study

Patriarchs." Workbooks for this study can be ordered through the church office at 267-7163 and you can sign up for the class. All ladies are invited and childcare will be provided. Please come!

St. Paul Lutheran Church is located at 810 Scurry.

Worship services and Holy Communion are at 9 a.m. Sunday. Sunday school and Bible studies begin at 10:15 a.m.

#### **Baptist Temple** Church

This Sunday the church present Christmas Day." This concert will be held during the Sunday morning worship service.

Bro. Don Snipes is pastor of the church. Sunday school is held at 9:30 a.m. and church service is at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Service is also held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

The church is located at 400 E. 11th Place and Goliad.

#### St. Mary's **Episcopal Church**

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

The All Parish Caroling Party is Sunday. Please meet at the church at 5

For more information Christmas treats. about St. Mary's call 267or www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

#### Friends of Unity

Sunday's talk at 1 p.m. at the Center will center around the relationship of physics and spirituality.

As scientists explore physical realities and learn more about how things work they find more evidences of the cohesive oneness of which mystics have spoken through the ages and Friends meet to discuss this current hot topic.

The presentation and discussion is open to all who are interested.

The Center is located in the Downtown Railroad Plaza at the beginning of South Main Street. For more information call 263-6311 or 267-8783.

#### First Christian Church

Herdman kids is this Sunday! In addition to a special service of lighting Advent candles this Sunday morning, the church's youth will bring the Herdman kids to life in a special production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.'

The service of candles will begin at 10:50 a.m. and the play will happen Sunday evening at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, directed by Eulaine McIntosh.

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Larry will be sharing stories about his time in the Vietnam War, the power of prayer and his life following the war. His message is sure to bring peace, gratitude and appreciation to your own

Free admittance. Please wear Sunday best.

#### North Birdwell Lane **United Methodist** Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church Angel Food Ministries delivery day is Saturday. Anyone who placed an order for December must pick it up between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Orders not picked up by 1 p.m. will be donated.

Orders for January will be available at that time and you may place your order then. All orders must be paid for with cash at the time they are placed.

A candlelight service of Holy Communion will be held at 5 p.m. Dec. 24. Everyone is invited to attend as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ.

The service will include Christmas carols and a

short devotional. This is a special time of reflection and renewal of the spirit of Christmas.

North Birdwell Lane UMC is located at 2702 North Birdwell Lane. Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday school classes for all ages are available at 10:30 a.m.

Other worship opportunities include Bible study classes on the first and third Wednesday and **United Methodist Women** on the second and fourth Thursday. Call 267-4082 for more information.

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#### **East Fourth Baptist** Church

East Fourth Baptist Church will be having Christmas music at 11 a.m. Sunday. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy.

Contract Bridge

#### **Bidding Quiz**

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been: South Dble Pass ?
What would you bid now with

each of the following four hands?
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4. ★ 10 ♥ KQJ4 ♦ KQJ853 ♣ A6 1. Pass. Your takeout double announced a hand of at least opening-bid values with implied support for the unbid suits. Partner's forced, non-jump response to the

Once the meaning of the double and the response are understood, the doubler can much more easily choose his next action. If he has basically minimum values (13 to 15 points) for his double, he should pass. If he has values beyond a mini-

double does not promise any strength

at all and is often made with a very

The hand shown here is highly unlikely to produce a game opposite a forced response. Indeed, it's not even certain that partner will make two hearts, let alone three or four. If points or more), he presumably

mum double, he bids again.

would have indicated this to you by jumping to three (or four) hearts. Since he failed to do so, your best action by far is to pass.

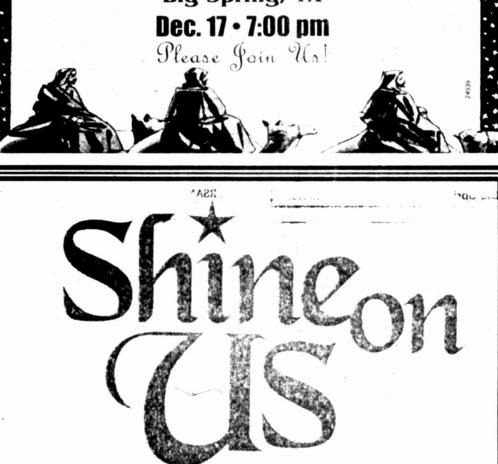
2. Three notrump. This is admittedly a risky bid, since partner may have no values at all. But you do have eight probable tricks, assuming a spade lead, and it's not overly optimistic to hope that partner has the queen of diamonds or some other useful card. Not every contract is underwritten by Lloyd's; occasionally you have to live dangerously.

3. Three hearts. Game is possible if partner has some modest values, but you must leave the final decision to him, since only he knows exactly how weak or strong he is. It would be too pessimistic to pass two hearts, and too optimistic to go to four hearts on your own. Three is just about

4. Four hearts. It would be cowardly to bid less than game, even though you have four potential los-ers. In the long run, it doesn't pay to assume that partner has absolutely nothing. A raise to only three hearts would be excessively cautious, since partner might pass with a weak hand that included, say, just the king of clubs. The visest thing to do in such a case is to close your eyes and bid

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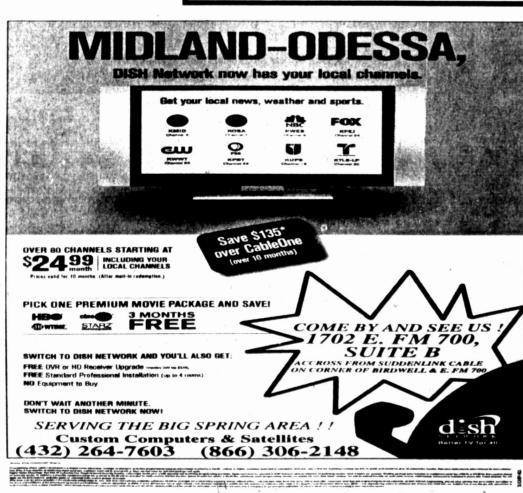


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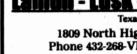
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# IN BRIEF NFC West championship put on hold

#### **Big Spring Steers** host Greenwood

The Big Spring Steers basketball team will be in action tonight at the

Steer Gym.
This will be the last home game before the semester break and all students, student parents and Big Spring Steer fans are encouraged to come out and support the teams.

The game is scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. tip off.

#### Red Raiders to play Arkansas Saturday

Patrick Beverley, the energetic freshman for Arkansas basketball team, on Bob Knight, coaching great:

"You don't really look at it as a Bobby Knight situation, you look at it as a Texas Tech situation," Beverley, Arkansas' sharp-shoot-ing guard. "They are just a team just like us."

The Razorbacks host Knight and Texas Tech on Saturday at North Little Rock's Alltel Arena, and Arkansas began looking ahead immediately after dispatching Oakland, Mich., 91-57 Thursday

**Knight arrives with 877** wins, two fewer than North Carolina's Dean Smith at the top of the Division I coaching list.

#### Class 5A high school football playoffs

By The Associated

DIVISION I STATE SEMIFINALS Southiake Carroll (14-0 vs. Allen (13-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Irving's **Texas Stadium** Pearland (12-2) vs. Austin Westlake (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Kyle

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#### Class 4A high school football playoffs

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Press **DIVISION I** Copperas Cove (12-2) vs.

SA Alamo Heights (13-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome **DIVISION II** 

STATE SEMIFINALS Wolfforth Frenship (12-2) vs. Waco (12-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Justin Northwest

La Marque (13-1) vs Schertz Clemens (13-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Berry.

#### Dallas Stars and NHL update

Oh brother, the New York Rangers are on a roll in the NHL.

Henrik Lundqvist matched up against his twin brother, made a career-high 43 saves for the Rangers and Matt Cullen and Karel Rachunek scored two goals each, in New York's 5-2 victory over Dallas Stars on

**Associated Press Writer** 

**SEATTLE** — No one wanted to talk in the Seattle Seahawks locker room. Those who did had anger and frustration in their voices.

The defending NFC champs aren't playing like a playoff

"I guess I just feel we're just OK at everything," quarterback Matt Hasselbeck said. "We're not real good and dominant at anything, like we use to be.'

That point was evident again Thursday night, when secondyear quarterback Alex Smith rallied San Francisco for a surprising 24-14 win over the Seahawks, keeping Seattle from clinching its third straight NFC West crown.

The 49ers (6-8) trailed 7-3 heading to the fourth quarter and rarely threatened on offense. That changed in the final 15 minutes, as Smith directed three long touchdown drives, throwing for a pair of scores and running untouched for another.

When Smith jogged untouched for an 18-yard TD with 1:42 left, cold, wet and shocked Seahawks' fans who showed up ready to watch the winning of another division crown, quickly made their way to the exits.

"The boy just became a grown man today, baby," said 49ers running back Frank Gore, who helped out his quarterback with 144 yards rushing and a touchdown catch. "There's a lot more to come."



MCT photo/Jim Genshe

San Francisco 49ers running back Frank Gore (21) tries to break the tackle of Seattle Seahawks' Jordan Babineaux (27) as he runs for a first down in the fourth quarter. The 49ers beat the Seahawks, 20-14. The loss prevented the NFC defending champs from winning their third straight NFC West title Thursday night.

game losing streak and swept both games with Seattle.

While Smith's impressive evo-

San Francisco snapped a three- lution played out in the fourth any hopes of a first-round bye in quarter, Seattle (8-6) was left to the playoffs flutter away. ponder a second straight loss to a division opponent, and watch See 49ERS, Page 2B

#### Ginobili and the Spurs show Hornets no mercy By BRETT MARTEL and seventh in eight today we did a good job."

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS - San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich is getting the consistency he expects

Playing against the undermanned Hornets team they easily could have overlooked, the Spurs started fast and never trailed in a dominal.t 103-77 victory over New Orleans Thursday night.

"We really brought some maturity and professionalism to be focused for all 48 minutes and not let them get into the game," Popovich said. 'We're pretty experienced. The guys don't need too many speeches. They know what's appropriate at what time."

Manu Ginobili scored 24 points and Tony Parker 19 to lead San Antonio to its third victory in a row

games. Tim Duncan added 11 points and nine Thursday, rebounds.

pad strapped to his back Houston 107. him out of four games. scored eight points in the first few minutes of the game on a pair of 3-pointers and a driving layup as the Spurs ran out to a 13-

He had 24 points before he had played 24 minutes and did not appear the slightest bit tentative about taking contact.

"Fast starts are always important. especially with teams that are going through some problems like they are," Ginobili said. "Sometimes it's not that easy because mentally you are not as ready because they are hurting ... so we are trying to take

In other NBA games

Charlotte 99, Orlando 89 Ginobili, playing with a and Golden State 109,

because of a contusion in Parker used pressure in late November that kept the back court to slow down Hornets guard Chris Paul, who finished with six points, 12.8 below his average coming

> The Hornets (10-11) dressed only 10 players -David West (elbow), Peja Stojakovic (back spasms) and Bobby Jackson (cracked rib) sat out and were no match for the Southwest Division leading Spurs (18-6), who led 75-55 in the third quarter after Brent Barry's driving floater went in off the glass as he was fouled.

The crowd for the Hornets' second game in

care of business and See SPURS, Page 2B



San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich gives instructions to Manu Ginobili early in his career. Thursday night Popovich said that he is getting what he expects from the veterans on the team.

# Kennedy flourishes on and off the court

**MIKE GRIMES** 

Sports Editor If you look up 'nice' girl in the dictionary, you might well find the likeness of Mallory Kennedy, the always smiling, always upbeat, two-sport all-state award winner for

Big Spring High School. Born and raised in Big Spring, Kennedy began cheerleading when she was just 8 years old and later found that she enjoyed volleyball upon entering Big Spring Junior High.

Now, as a senior waiting to graduate, Kennedy has become am all-state cheerleader and just two weeks ago she learned that she named to the academic all-state volleyball team.

One of those two sports will be paving the way for See ATHLETE, Page 2B

her college tuition.

"Up until a couple of weeks ago I had no idea about the volleyball award," said Kennedy, a student athlete at BSHS carrying a 4.0 GPA. "It was a nice surprise and feels good to be rewarded for all the hard work I have put in during the last couple of years.'

As a junior, Kennedy made the varsity cheerleading squad, but despite being brought up for varsity volleyball games late in the season, she was unable to letter in both sports until this season. However, that has not prevented the coaching staff at McMurray University from contacting her about playing vollevball in college.

"I really enjoy playing



Big Spring senior Mallory Kennedy takes time out of her schedule to laugh and discuss he final year of high school.

#### 49ERS

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The Seahawks need only one more win or a San Francisco loss to win the mediocre NFC West. But the sentiment in Seattle's locker room is that problems need to be corrected immediately.

"This is awful," Bryce Fisher said. "Teams that lose in December, if they're lucky to get into January, lose very early in January."

While Seattle's offense continued its inconsistency running the ball and protecting Hasselbeck, its defense frustrated Smith for most of the first three quarters.

Smith's 11-vard completion to Antonio Bryant with 48 seconds left in the

third quarter was San drive and caught a 20-Francisco's first firstdown of the half. On the next play, Arnaz Battle beat Seattle's Kelly Herndon off the line of scrimmage and Smith hit him in stride for a 54-yard completion.

Smith completed the drive by rolling right and finding tight end Vernon Davis in the end zone with a perfect 8-yard strike to give the 49ers a 10-7 lead.

Seattle drove to the San Francisco 27 yard line on the next series, but facing a third-and-1 Shaun Alexander was stopped for no gain. Seattle coach Mike Holmgren chose to go for it on fourth-down, but Mack Strong was stopped.

Gore then started to take over. He rushed for 34 yards on the ensuing

yard TD pass. Smith stepped out of Herndon's grasp, scrambled and behind found Gore defense near the goal line.

"It was most pleasing because we stayed the course in the things that it takes to win," San Francisco coach Mike Nolan said.

Smith finished 14-of-25 for 162 yards, after going 5-of-12 for 38 yards in the first half.

Gore, who rushed for a franchise record 212 yards in the first meeting with the Seahawks, ran for 104 yards in the fourth quarter. The 49ers rolled up 196 total yards in the final 15 minutes of the

Hasselbeck threw a 22touchdown to vard Jerramy Stevens with 9 seconds left, for the final Holmgren said.

margin, but was out-Smith. played by Hasselbeck finished 20-of-37 for 220 yards, and threw a pair of interceptions. The most damaging came on the first possession of the second half, when Hasselbeck tried to hit D.J. Hackett in the end zone, but 49ers' safety Mark Roman stepped in front of Hackett.

Other than the final touchdown to Stevens, Seattle never threatened again.

Alexander had a 3-yard touchdown in the first half, but was held to 73 yards on 22 carries, including just 16 yards in the second half.

"I expect to play to a certain level and when we don't, I'm disappointed,"

#### **SPURS**

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New Orleans season ticket holders and fans have had little to cheer about in the second half this season, other than when the scoreboard video screen showed Saints running back Deuce McAllister sitting in the audience. That drew howls of "Deuce" and a standing ovation for the rookie who has helped turn the Saints' franchise around this sea-

The Spurs outshot the Hornets 50 percent to 40.5 percent, dominating in the paint with 52 points to 38 for New Orleans.

Rasual Butler scored 17 points for the Hornets, while Desmond Mason

added 16 points and nine rebounds, just missing a double - double.

Paul had 12 assists and did so despite spending the fourth quarter on the

bench. New Orleans coach Byron Scott said his team gave a good effort in the game, but had little chance of winning this

"The San Antonio Spurs are one of the best teams in this league, if not the best," Scott said. "You've got to play nearly perfect basketball to beat them. They're not going to beat themselves.

"In the long run, this is going to help us. It will probably toughen us up a little bit more. ... It's good that this is happening

#### ATHLETE

Continued from 1B

and participating in Kennedy both,' explained. "If I had to choose one right now I don't think I could. There are days when I enjoy being on the volleyball court the most, but I have been cheerleading since I was in the third grade and I am not ready to give that up. At this point I am just thrilled to be in a position to possibly do either one in college. Especially if it will help pay my way."

Howard College has placed a full scholarship on the table for her to consider.

According to Kennedy, she is very interested in attending Howard to attain her nursing degree and then transfer to Texas Tech to attend the anesthesiology school.

In addition to being a student athlete at the local school, Kennedy is an active member of Trinity Baptist Church, the choir and Rhapsody. She is involved in the youth group at her church and is planning her first mission trip to Mexico in 2007.

"Not only is Mallory a leader on the court and in the class room," said Mike Ritchey, Big Spring

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"Mallory makes Big Spring a better place."

In addition to battling what Kennedy calls 'senioritis' this year, she has found the time to hold a part-time job in town.

So how does someone find the time to accomplish all of this?,

"I stay up really late at night doing homework,' answered, Kennedy moments after attending a college course and shuffling her way back to BSHS to attend Spanish

"You learn to do that when you have volleyball until 6:30 and then cheerleading from 8 to 10 each night. My parents have also given me unlimited support. They have never missed a single game home or away. Without their encouragement, I would not be where I am today.

"I just want to make them proud and thank them for everything."

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#### 'Fore' in Farsi

As previously reported, golf is now a required course at Xiamen University in China's southeastern Fujian province, leading you to wonder, "Where else around the world is golf spreading?" How about Iran?

For now, there is only one 12-hole golf course in Iran, the former Imperial Country Club, where nearly half of the 300-plus members are women. But a multibillion-dollar golf resort is in development.

The goal, of course, is to attract foreign tourism dollars. The \$2.2 billion resort, dubbed "The Flower of the East," is under construction on the Iranian island of Kish in the Persian Gulf, according to CNN. Its German and Swiss investors are planning to build the biggest golf course in the Middle

The resort will have everything but integrated bathing and liquor. So much for the hot-tub party at the 19th hole.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK



Cox News Service

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Annika Sorenstam (above) on the LPGA's new policy on drug testing.

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# Who was the first woman golfer to win \$1 million in a season

on the LPGA tour? Annika Sorenstam? That's a logical guess, but it's wrong. The answer is Karrie Webb. Many know that at 26 years of age, she became the

youngest and fastest to achieve a career grand slam in women's golf — only the third player to perform the feat in the modern era. The others are Pat Bradley and Juli Inkster. But few remember that in 1996 she earned \$1,002,000 to be-

come the first player in LPGA history to reach the \$1 million mark in single-season earnings. She also was the first rookie on either the LPGA or PGA Tour to reach the \$1 million mark in single-season earnings.

On the men's side, Curtis Strange won four tournaments in 1988, including the U.S. Open, and became the first PGA Tour player to crack the \$1 million mark for single-season earnings.



Karrie Webb surpassed \$1 million in earnings in a single season in 1996.



The golfer above is determined to hit a slice. In the photo at left, he begins his swing with the club away inside the body line. In the photo at right, the golfer attempts to square the clubface at impact by throwing his shoulder at the ball.

# Slice!

# part of the game of golf



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golf: A shepherd bored

Dr. T.J. Tomasi is a teaching professional at Nantucket Golf Club on Nantucket Island, Mass.To ask him a question about golf, -mail him at: TJInsider@aol.com

He stands aside the ball for more leverage, trying to figure out how to get the pouch airborne. Then he gives it a mighty whack you guessed it — hits a big slice.

So the first swing ever was a slice, and it's been with golfers ever since. There are millions of golfers who have never hit a hook, but there is no golfer who hasn't at one time or another

Why are so many golfers afflicted by the slice? Think of it this way: In terms of golf survival, the mother of all "musts" is getting the ball into the air — it's the first and by far the most important problem you must solve. That's why the new golfer chops down on the ball with an open clubface and a very steep shaft that's almost vertical to the ground.

And it works, but the joy of launching a ball off a tee is shortlived because while steepness is your friend during lift off, it's your enemy during the rest of the flight, imparting too much slice spin on the ball.

The great paradox in golf is that the slice is natural. Imbedded in the cure of the game's central problem (get the ball airborne) is the virus (an open clubface) that causes the slice. Accomplish the one and you're automatically infected by the

To rid yourself of the slice, simply do the opposite of what you normally do.

Cause and effect

Looking for a good teacher? There are a

lot of characteristics to take into consid-

eration, but at the top is someone who us

to spot an error, but to track down the

effects rather than causes is in for a

cause of that error. A teacher who treats

short, frustrating career on the lesson tee.

For example, a grip that's too weak (error one) causes the hands to fan to the

inside during the takeaway (error two),

which in turn opens the clubface at the

the clubface, which produces a chicken-

wing left elbow through impact (error

five) to keep from pulling the ball. The

wing first is at the wrong end of the

teacher who works on curing the chicken

A good start on finding a good teacher

is to visit a PGA pro, then ask about his

or her specific experience in teaching.

top (error three), which forces the student to swing outside/in (error four) to square

A good teacher has the ability not only

#### Seven steps to the perfect slice

It's a natural

1. Aim the clubface to the right of target with the ball too far forward and the shoulders open.

2. Start the club away inside the body line, as the golfer shown in the upper left photo is doing. That which goes inside and up during the backswing must come over and around during the downswing.

3. Next come over the top to pull the ball back to target. From the top, the club comes around, then it comes down. This way it's nice and steep, with an open face. Try to square the clubface at impact by throwing your shoulder at the ball, as our golfer is doing in the above photo at right, so you can hit a pull — sometimes.

4. You don't have to hit too many pulls into the left bushes before you stop the ball from going left by chickenwinging your front elbow, ensuring a wide-open face at impact and a sweeping slice.

5. With your slice in the boomerang category, open your body and aim more left to give your slice more room especially if the wind is blowing. 6. Since your ball is starting so far left, increase the chicken wing to open the face even more and presto — your slice gets even bigger.

7. Repeat until your game is ruined.

The Damocleon driver

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control

Case in point: Aaron Barber came to the 16th hole 10

shots inside the cut line at the first stage of PGA Tour

ished triple, triple, triple and still qualified.

Dionysius would have loved golf.

Qualifying School in North Carolina. He could have fin-

But he drove into the trees on 16 and made a double

bogey, then he made quad (four over) on 17 and another

on 18 to miss by one — that's a double bogey, quad, quad

In Greek mythology, King

Dionysius drove home the poin

suspending a sword by a single

Damocles while he partied at a

times, the king could have used

As golfers, we all know that

an apt description of a round of golf. In this game, even if you

'hanging by a thread" can be

are a tour pro, you're always

one swing away from disaster.

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#### **TEEING OFF**

#### Learn from a professional's mistakes

Picture a relatively harmless par-5 with a green you can miss by 40 yards to the right and still be OK. Now picture a player who pulls his second shot way left into the jailhouse woods. Or how about a huge green big enough to hold a 747? From 80 yards away, this same player buries a ball in the lip of the

These aren't snapshots from a Saturday morning best ball or the local club championship. They're mistakes made by Greg Norman, at the time one of the world's best golfers. The first mistake occurred on the eighth hole of the 1996 Masters. the initial step en route to one of the most astonishing collapses in modern golf competition. He was hunting a pin he shouldn't have.

The second mistake took place several years earlier on his way to erasing another substantial lead on the back nine of the Tournament Players Championship. Again, he was shooting at a sucker pin.

When the pin is tucked to one side or another, creating a short side to the green, never aim your shot where you have a chance of missing the pin on the short side. That's called a "sucker pin," and it can turn a moderately good round into a disaster by simply getting too aggressive.

When the pin is on the left, train yourself to aim for the center of the green. When the pin is on the right, automatically aim for the center of the green. Hmmm, I sense a trend here. In fact, unless the green has levels that would make twoputting almost impossible, it's a good idea to always aim at the center of the green.

This makes sense when you read it, so why don't more golfers do it (and most don't, believe me)? From simple experience comes my hypothesis: There is something about this game that defies our natural instincts.

In the science of error management theory (EMT), the subject errs on the side of maximum gain — it's part of the human condition. For example EMT tells us that from the dawn of time females have underestimated a man's commitment to a relationship while men overestimate a woman's intention when presented with cues such as smiles and friendly gestures. The magnitude of the error is great (both sexes are wrong a lot), but things work out because the results, if you're right, far outweigh the cost of the error

Such is the logic of human evolution. The female wants a provider and the male a consenter, and so here we are

But in golf, our instinct, millions of years of evolution and just plain common sense go out the window as soon as a golfer sees a pin. It's better to be more like a caveman — err on the side of maximum reward (a low score). Aim for the center of every green and who knows? You might just make a mistake and hit it close to the pin. When you do, give a little nod to EMT.

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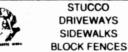
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#### Legals

Notice of Application for Fluid Injection Well Permit

Merit Energy Company, 13727 Noel Road, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75240 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres/Clearfork, Snyder B.S. -A- Lease, Well Number 70 and 71. The proposed injection well is located 15 miles east of Big Spring in the Snyder Field, in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2500 to 3700

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Cor mission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #5190 December 15, 2006

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MY FATHER IS PAYING ME NOT TO

GET MY DRIVER'S LICENSE



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### This Date In History

Today is Friday, Dec. 15, the 349th day of 2006. There are 16 days left in the year. The Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 15, 1791, the Bill of Rights went into effect following ratification Virginia.

On this date:

In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, S.D., during a fracas with Indian police.

In 1938, groundbreaking ceremonies for the Jefferson Memorial took place in Washington.

In 1939, the motion picture "Gone With the Wind" had its world premiere in Atlanta.

In 1944, a single-engine plane carrying bandleader Glenn Miller, who was a major in the U.S. Army Air Forces, disappeared over the

English Channel while en route to Paris.

In 1944, during World War II, American forces invaded Mindoro Island in the Philippines. In 1961, former Nazi offi-

cial Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to death by an Israeli court. In 1964, Canada's House of

Commons approved dropping the "Red Ensign" flag in favor of a new design. In 1965, two U.S. manned

spacecraft, Gemini 6-A and Gemini 7, maneuvered to within 10 feet of each other while in orbit. In 1966, movie producer

Walt Disney died in Los Angeles at age 65.

In 1979, the deposed Shah of Iran left the United States for Panama, the same day the International Court of Justice in The Hague ruled that Iran should release all its American hostages.

Birthdays: Today's Country singer Ernest Ashworth is 78. Actor-comedian Tim Conway is 73. Singer Cindy Birdsong (The Supremes) is 67. Rock musician Dave Clark (The Dave Clark Five) is 64. Rock musi-

Carmine **Appice** (Vanilla Fudge) is 60. Actor Don Johnson is 57. Rock musician Paul Simonon (The Clash) is 51. Country singer Doug Phelps (Brother Phelps; Kentucky Headhunters) is 46. Movie

director Reginald Hudlin is 45. Actress Helen Slater is 43. Actress Molly Price is 41. "Crowd-hyper" Trawick (Ghostown DJs) is 29. Actor Adam Brody is 27. Actor George O. Gore II is

Thought for Today: "Better by far you should forget and smile Than that you should remember and be sad." Christina Rosetti, British poet (1830-1874).

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#### Newsday Crossword

#### **ACROSS** 1 Pile up

- 6 Sow's mate
- **10** Throat intruder **68** Crunchy 14 Sealy
- competitor
- **15** Not in action 16 Tra trailer
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- seat?
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- blue pencil
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- projection
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- an asterisk
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- 40 Thick hair
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- follower
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- **VOWEL PLAY** by Richard Silvestri
- **5** Strauss opera
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- 10 Mock part of ingredient
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- 3 Calculus
- 36 Complete happiness
- wash
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- Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com
- 6 Took the hook
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- communities
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- round
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- state bird
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