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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Entitles plan to celebrate holiday Monday

Because July 4 falls on Sunday, all federal, county, and city offices will be closed Monday.

The post office will be open Friday and Saturday, but there will be no postal service on Monday and the window will be closed.

The VA Medical Center will be closed Monday, but the emergency room will remain open.

All county offices will be closed, including the library and senior center. The senior center has also cancelled its dance this evening.

All city offices will be closed, as will the city swimming pool.

The Big Spring Independent School District summer lunch program will end today.

All offices are expected to be open Tuesday.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



As part of its Democracy in America series, American Profile asked teachers and students in four towns with star-spangled names "What does freedom mean to you?"

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Two killed in accidents along U.S. Highway 87

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Unrelated one-vehicle accidents on U.S. Highway 87 Thursday resulted in the death of two elderly Texas travelers heading for vacations before the July 4 weekend holiday.

Eighty-year-old William Peace of Austin was killed immediately after he was ejected from his Chevrolet Tahoe in a one-vehicle rollover in Glasscock County, according to Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Shon Parker.

Peace was pronounced dead at the scene by Glasscock County Justice of the Peace Judy Marilee Jost. The accident occurred around 11:30 a.m. about 16 miles south of Big Spring.

"The vehicle was traveling northbound on Highway 87 and ran off the road on the right side," Parker said. "It overturned several times, and in the process, Mr. Peace was ejected."

The driver of the vehicle, Barbara Peace, 76, the victim's wife, was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with non life-threatening injuries, Parker said.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers were called to the scene of two unrelated one-vehicle fatality accidents on U.S. Highway 87 Thursday. Above, this Chevrolet Tahoe overturned several times before coming to rest in an accident which occurred in Glasscock County. At right, Big Spring firefighters use equipment to free the body of an elderly woman who was killed in a one-vehicle accident which occurred north of Big Spring on Highway 87 near Ackerly.

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The Austin couple were traveling to Santa Fe, N.M., for an extended vacation, Parker said.

"I believe driver fatigue may have been a factor in the accident," Parker added.

About an hour later, DPS troopers were called to the scene of another one-vehicle fatality accident on Highway 87 near Ackerly.

According to DPS Sgt. Jason Hester, the vehicle, driven by 82-year-old Alyne Powell, was traveling north when it veered off the right side of the road.

The vehicle continued to travel

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Thousands expected for 'Pops'

Comanche Trail Park gates to open at 5 p.m.

JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Perhaps nothing in West Texas is quite as traditional as the way in which we celebrate our Fourth of July holidays.

That is especially true in Big Spring where the "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks display at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater is a mainstay of our community celebration. This year's show is set for Saturday evening and promises to be one of the most impressive ever held.

Crowds have packed the amphitheater and spilled into the park and along U.S. Highway 87 each year with between 10,000 and 15,000 attending the concert and fireworks program.



HERALD file photo
Patriotism is apparent everywhere during the annual Pops in the Park celebration which takes place Saturday in Comanche Trail Park.

Members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation spend much of the year making plans for the show, which requires more

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than \$25,000 to stage each summer.

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. What's more, they make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

"It is the entire community's celebration," noted Tim Blackshear, who serves as the Fourth of July Foundation's chairman for the event. "It's an evening to gather with friends and family at the park and join your neighbors in celebrating the fact that we live in the best nation on earth."

"And this year's show is going to be the biggest one we've ever had," he added.

Gates to the amphitheater will open at 5 p.m., and at the same time, numerous vendors' booths will open offering a wide array

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Freedom Parade to pass through downtown Coahoma

10 a.m., North First Street, Coahoma

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Wax up your vintage cars, tractors and lowriders — it's parade time in Coahoma!

The small community will once again serve as the backdrop for the annual Coahoma Freedom Parade Saturday, as area residents shine up just about anything with wheels to celebrate the Fourth of July.

The parade is expected to get under way Saturday at 10 a.m.,

starting at the Coahoma High School football stadium. Dobbs said the parade will proceed south down North First Street to the Interstate Highway 20 North Service Road, where it will make a left turn. The route will again turn left on Broadway and on to Sixth Street, where it will pro-

ceed to Coahoma City Park.

"We'll end the parade at the park," said Dobbs. "There will be a car show and a tractor show, and there will be food booths and games for the family — and it's all free."

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Buzz over to Colorado City Saturday for 42nd celebration of fly-in breakfast

7 a.m.-10 a.m., Colorado City Municipal Airport

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Pilots from around West Texas will be making a stop in Colorado City Saturday for the 42nd annual Free Fly-In breakfast.

"This is open to everybody," said Colorado City Fly In

Association chairman J.O. Dockrey. "This is the oldest free fly-in breakfast in the United States. So far, no one has disputed that."

The event will be held from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. at the municipal airport off Farm Road 1808. "We provide breakfast for free for those who fly in, for the pilot and their passengers as long as

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Highland folks getting excited over annual neighborhood event

10 a.m., Highland Drive, between Stonehaven and Goliad streets

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Preparations for the Highland neighborhood annual Fourth of July parade Saturday are progressing smoothly, according to event coordinator Shayla

Seymore.

"We are doing great," Seymore said. "Joe Whitten and his college kids are going to sing for us following the parade. (Highland resident) Tommy Churchwell is helping us out as the emcee this year."

"We're getting in cookies and donations and receiving phone calls," Seymore continued. "It

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Obituaries

Berta Valencia Yanez



Berta Valencia Yanez, 53, of Big Spring died at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at Midland Memorial Hospital following a short illness. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernardito Getian, pastor of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Sept. 19, 1950, in Big Spring to Jose Valencia and Rebecca Hernandez Valencia. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She worked at Walls for 27 years. After Walls closed, she continued her education, attending Howard College, receiving an associate degree in business. She was on the Dean's List and graduated magna cum laude.

She was currently an employee of Howard College. She was an active member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and had taught C. C. D. classes at St. Thomas for 12 years.

She is survived by one son, Joe Yanez of Big Spring; mother, Rebecca Valencia of Big Spring; two sisters, Linda Ramirez of Big Spring and Lupe Sabedra of Houston; and one nephew, Michael Ramirez of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jose Valencia on May 14, 1987.

Pallbearers will be Reymundo Valencia, Rey Valencia, Arturo Valencia, Michael Ramirez, Albert Jimenez and Benjamin Valencia.

The family wishes to say a special thanks to Rosie Claveran for all her help.

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

Paid obituary

Van E. Owens

Van E. Owens, 90, of Big Spring died on Thursday, July 1, 2004, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 5, 2004, in the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born on April 16, 1914, in Red Oak and married Edith Virginia Morrison in June 1948, in Big Spring.

Mr. Owens had lived in Big Spring since 1937. He was a Baptist and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Survivors include his wife, Edith Owens of Big Spring; a stepson, Don Simpson and wife, Judy, of Ruidoso, N.M.; a half brother, Dalton Wells of Lubbock; six grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Ocie Crow; one niece, Connie-Joyce Anderson and one stepbrother, Charles Wells.

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

Mary Ellen Davey Lee



Mary Ellen Davey Lee of Duncanville, 73, formerly of Big Spring, died June 3, 2004. Funeral services were Monday, June 7, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Duncanville. Interment was in Little Bethel Cemetery in Duncanville.

Mrs. Lee was born Sept. 18, 1930, in Chamberlain, S.D. Following graduation from high school in Plankton, S.D., in 1949, she moved to Texas and married

Audie R. Lee in Spearman on Aug. 15, 1949.

She is survived by her husband, Audie R. Lee of Duncanville; four children, Linda J. Robbins of DeSoto, Gene R. Lee and wife, Brenda, of Austin, Dale W. Lee of Hitchcock, and Mary Ann Lee of Rowlett; four grandchildren; one aunt; two brothers, Clifford Davey and wife, Liz, and Tom Davey and wife, LaRay, all of Rapid City, S.D.; a sister, Loretta Parker of Rapid City, S.D.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jess and Gladys Davey.

Services were under the direction of Jaynes Memorial Chapel, 811 S. Cockrell Hill Road, Duncanville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Support groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

Weather

Tonight - Mainly clear skies. Low 72. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday - Sunny skies. Very hot. High around 100. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night - A mostly clear sky. Low 73. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday - Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.

Monday - Sunny. Highs 99 to 103, and lows in the low 70s.

Tuesday - Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

Police blotter

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

- LISA CAWTHON, 43, of 3809 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested Thursday and held for the HCSO.

- KIMBERLY STILLMAN, 40, of 800 Marcy, was arrested Thursday and held for the HCSO.

- UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 500 block of Aylesford.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Grafa.

- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1300 block of Grafa.

- THEFT was reported:

- in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster.
- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- in the 1700 block of FM 700.

Sheriff's report

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

- FRED GRIEGO, 33, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

- OSCAR HERNANDEZ, 43, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of theft by check, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and a parole violation.

- LEO KITCHEN, 50, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of tampering with government records, license/seal to defraud or harm.

- DAVID ARGUELLO JR., was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.

- KIMBERLY MATTHEWS STILLMAN, 40, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on two counts of criminal mischief, disorderly conduct and fighting.

- JEFFREY HART, 44, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of resisting arrest, search or transport, two counts of criminal mischief and two counts of assaulting a public servant.

- THEFT OF A FIREARM was reported in the 3100 block of Sherman Road.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1900 block of Eubanks Road.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the area of Highway 350.

Take note

MANNA RELIEF, a non-profit ministry that provides glyconutritional supplements to critically ill children, is accepting donations for the program. Call Gene or Robbie Froman at 263-0385.

A MEMORIAL FUND FOR THE FAMILY OF TERRY STRICKLAND, who died June 15, 2004, has been established at the Big Spring Educational Employees Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 1110, Big Spring 79720.

MEMBERS OF THE EVENING LIONS CLUB are looking for area children with diabetes age 8-17 who would like to attend the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville this summer.

For information on the camps, contact Bob Noyes at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 267-5811, or visit the Lion's Web site at www.lionscamp.com Lions provide funding for the camp as well as transportation, if necessary.

A FUND FOR ALAN AND MITZI KNIGHT, whose house on Oasis Road burned, has been established at the First Big Spring banking center. The home and all the family's belongings were lost.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989 15-year reunion is set for Oct. 8-9. For information or to update your name or mailing address, contact Christy Alexander at 972-567-8037 or Shanette Johnson at 972-874-9308.

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

HERITAGE MUSEUM, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

CHRIST'S COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP is requesting donations of any household items, furniture, appliances, linens, cookware and dishes to be distributed to the needy in Big Spring. Items will be picked up. Please call 263-5683 and leave a message.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

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TODAY

- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's country and western dance is canceled.

SATURDAY

- Highland Fourth of July parade begins at 10 a.m. Those planning to participate should arrive by 9:30 a.m. at the corner of Stonehaven Drive and Highland Street.

- Coahoma Freedom Parade begins at 10 a.m. at the Coahoma High School football stadium.

- Pops in the Park in the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater opens with food vendors at 5 p.m. The pre-show is set for 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at dusk. Admission is free.

- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

SUNDAY

- Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between noon and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Bolles.

- Funtastic Fourth Festival is set for 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. in downtown Big Spring. Some activities will begin as early as 10 a.m. with gospel music.

MONDAY

- All city, county and federal offices are closed to observe July 4 holiday.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.

- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.

- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.

- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. with special guest singers from Midland and Colorado City. Everyone is welcome.

- Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

- Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

- Homeowner's Education workshop is set for 7 p.m. at the Crossroads Housing Training Center, 201 NE Seventh St. \$50 per family. Call 267-2208.

- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 18-29-30-34. Bonus Ball: 26.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$300,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-8-1

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Closing arguments

trial of men

DALLAS (AP) — Accused of murdering rules limiting clients didn't kill

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They face months in prison if convicted.

The defense moves Friday.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

Closing arguments scheduled in trial of men accused of Hamas ties

DALLAS (AP) — Defense lawyers for five men accused of money laundering, conspiracy and violating rules limiting exports to Libya and Syria say their clients didn't knowingly break any laws.

Ghassan, Bayan, Basman, Hazim and Ihsan Eljashi and their Richardson company, InfoCom Corp., are accused of lying about computer exports to countries that support terrorism and understating the value of the shipments to evade customs duties.

They face maximum punishment of five to 10 years in prison if convicted on any of the 23 counts against them.

The defense was expected to wrap up closing arguments Friday. Then, the jury will get the case.

Prosecutor Nathan Garrett said in his closing arguments the men knew that one of their customers was in Libya and that shipments to him required a special license they did not have.

Union touts tentative contract with Southwest Airlines

DALLAS (AP) — A tentative labor agreement would give flight attendants at Southwest Airlines an average 31 percent pay raise and make them the industry leaders in pay and work rules, according to the union that negotiated the deal.

The Transport Workers Union local 556 said Thursday that the agreement would increase pay scales and shorten the time it takes a Southwest flight attendant to reach top pay from 17 years to 14 years.

The six-year agreement also includes stock options — a first for the flight attendants but recently given to other union workers at Southwest. The contract would be retroactive to June 1, 2002, if it is ratified by Southwest's 7,400 flight attendants.

Voting by phone and computer will occur from July 16 to July 30 with results expected on the final day of voting, according to the union.

Thom McDaniel, president of Local 556, said the agreement wouldn't jeopardize Southwest's ability to compete against other airlines that have higher costs. The Transport Workers Union and the Dallas-based

airline announced the tentative agreement last week but did not disclose its terms until Thursday. The highlights of the deal were posted on the union's Web site.

The deal appeared to end a two-year stalemate at the negotiating table.

Coast Guard tightening up security at port as homeland rules begin to kick in

HOUSTON (AP) — Security is tightening at the Port of Houston as new homeland security rules kick in.

Thursday was the first day of stepped-up inspections at U.S. ports, including Houston, which for the past eight years has led the nation in the amount of foreign tonnage.

Under the new guidelines mandated by the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, officials may verify security of ships before the vessels enter ports and deny access to those that are not in compliance.

"Our plans are designed to be comprehensive and continually tested, revised and updated," said Tom Kornegay, the port's executive director.

Indictment against child welfare agency sparks confusion

HARLINGEN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry called for an investigation of the state's Child Protective Services agency Thursday, the day after a Hidalgo County grand jury indicted CPS' parent agency for not intervening in a sexual abuse case involving three young girls.

"We will not tolerate children being victimized by an abusive parent or a system that fails to protect them," Perry said in a statement released Thursday afternoon. "We have many dedicated caseworkers who are making a positive difference, but we also have too many instances where abused children are left in harm's way."

Perry said he had ordered Health and

Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins to assemble a team to conduct investigations across the state. It is the second time since April that Perry has ordered Hawkins to investigate a state agency.

The governor ordered an investigation of Adult Protective Services in April after a probate judge in El Paso sent him case files of elderly people who had been left in squalid and dangerous living situations despite repeated requests for APS intervention. A preliminary report released in mid-May concluded that the problems were statewide and included a lack of staff training and little or no followup on the cases.

Lt. Gov. David

Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick praised the move.

"The investigation must be rapid and thorough," Craddick said. "As with recent findings with Adult Protective Services, beyond issues of personnel there are likely substantial structural, process and policy changes that can be identified."

State and local officials said Wednesday's three-count indictment against the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services was unprecedented and caught them off guard.

The grand jury accused the agency of three felony counts of causing bodily injury to a child "by failing to protect the child."

The indictment follows the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department's complaint that CPS workers sat on a case involving three sisters allegedly sexually abused by a stepfather.

The now 13-year-old said her stepfather impregnated her. The grand jury last week indicted the stepfather on 15 counts, including rape of a child under 14. The girls are now ages 12, 13 and 14.

Wednesday, the girls' mother was charged on 10 counts, including allegations she hit the girls with extension cords and fan belts and allowed her husband to rape the 13-year-old.

"The defendant had the legal duty to act ... promote the enforcement of all laws for the protection of abused and neglected children," the indictment reads.

It did not name any individual case workers.

Patrick Palmieri, one of the grand jurors, said in a story in Friday's editions of The (McAllen) Monitor that the grand jurors were able to "see a pattern of

failure. We felt like we had to do something."

Palmieri said the grand jurors investigated how the local CPS office handles its caseload.

"There's not just one case that we viewed that was a basis for what we did," Palmieri said. "This is the epitome of a broken system."

Typically in Texas, the district attorney would begin prosecuting a case after grand jurors determine there is enough evidence for trial.

Hidalgo County District Attorney Rene Guerra said he has never heard of an agency being indicted and did not believe he could pursue a case.

"At the present time, without further information, I'm not in a position to prosecute a state agency," he said. "For one thing, we work with them, with protective orders ... I would be in a conflict of interest situation."

Angela Hale, a spokeswoman for the Texas Attorney General's Office, which acts as the lawyer for the state, said the office isn't sure the agency has immunity.

"We have to get in touch with lawyers in our agency to get an answer and we have no comment until we get an answer," Hale said. "We're working on it."

Department of Family and Protective Services spokesman Geoff Wool said the agency also is

confused. "We've got attorneys who are trying to figure that out right now," Wool said. "We're trying to determine our legal standing."

Of the case, Guerra said, "The sheriff's office investigated and substantiated enough evidence to arrest. The jury just widened the scope and looked at the conduct of the department, and they were not pleased with it."

Guerra said he plans to focus on prosecuting the parents.

Child advocacy groups on Thursday said the case brought light to systemic problems with the state's care of abused and neglected children.

"Texas does not fund children's services in this state at a level to prevent incidents like this," said Susan Craven, executive director of Texans Care for Children.

Craven blamed low pay and high caseload for an agency that each year loses more than a quarter of its case workers to burnout.

An interim state committee headed by Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp, R-Lampasas, is examining the state's safety nets for children following cases in which children died of abuse while under the watch of CPS.

"I don't know the specifics of the case, but we're always looking at ways we can improve the agencies. There's been a

lot of different stories lately," Hupp spokeswoman Katherine Yoder said. "But I'm not sure if indicting the entire agency is the answer."

Jerry Boswell of the Citizens Commission on Human Rights said he thought it was.

"CPS sat on the report for two months, golly," he said. "They're overloading the system with all these crap investigations and in the meantime children are being killed, they're being sexually abused."

CPS has disbanded a unit of caseworkers that specialized in child-parent reunifications following the beating death of a 2-year-old girl six weeks after her mother regained custody of her in San Antonio. In March 2003, a Brownsville couple confessed to strangling and beheading their children after CPS had cleared their case.

Police investigate death as a possible suicide

BY THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
An unattended death reported in the 500 block of Aylesford is being investigated as a possible suicide by the Big Spring Police Department.

According to police reports, Jeffery Cox, 22, of Big Spring was found dead after apparently hanging himself from a tree. Police Public Information Officer Sgt. Roger Sweatt said the investigation into the young man's death is ongoing.

"We're still waiting for the autopsy report from Lubbock," said Sweatt. "We're also talking to potential witnesses that saw him before his death. Right now there is no foul play suspected."

Sweatt said Cox had left a nearby barbecue after acting disheartened.

"The investigation showed that Mr. Cox had

been talking with at least one person at the barbecue and had seemed despondent about recent events," said Sweatt. "He left that location, and shortly after, a friend that was concerned about him went looking for him."

"The police received a call at approximately 11:10 p.m. concerning an unattended death. When officers arrived on the scene they found two witnesses with the body, which was lying on the ground under a tree. They had found the body and cut him down."

Sweatt said the autopsy was ordered by Justice of the Peace Bennie Green, and is being performed today in Lubbock.

Cox's last known address was in the 400 block of Douglas.

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time why she went off the road," Hester said. "Green has ordered an autopsy to determine the actual cause of death."

The Sweetwater resident was traveling to Ackerly to meet with relatives before the group headed to Ruidosa, N.M., for a vacation.

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off the road until it hit a viaduct and flipped several times before coming to rest partially underwater.

A Howard County maintenance crew came upon the accident and pulled the car out of the water. Big Spring firefighters used equipment to help free the Mrs. Powell's body from the vehicle.

She was pronounced dead at the scene by Howard County Justice of the Peace Bennie Green.

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time why she went off the road," Hester said. "Green has ordered an autopsy to determine the actual cause of death."

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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:

- Big Spring High School graduate Ryan Beall, who left this week for the United States Naval Academy.
- Karen Saunders, new principal at Kentwood Elementary.
- The many area and local trustees, directors, council persons, commissioners and other representatives of the public who are diligently working out budgets for the coming year. For most, it is a difficult job with only a "thank you" for compensation.

- Big Spring High School graduate Jessica Ray, who has been named to the University Interscholastic League 2003-2004 All-State Journalism Staff.

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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Republicans headed for civil war

Before Congress left town for its Fourth of July recess, Rep. Bill Thomas of California pulled off one of his patented legislative assassinations. Washington's most cunning parliamentarian, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Thomas eradicated the Freedom of Speech in Churches Act without openly opposing it. In the process, he fired an early shot in a destructive civil war looming for Republicans.



ROBERT NOVAK

The bill would stop the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) from using existing statutes to muzzle clergymen who talk politics in their churches. That stoppage is pressed by Christian conservatives, who say they have been discriminated against by federal enforcers. While the free speech initiative is supported by Republican leaders, Thomas made short work of it. He transformed the proposal into a hybrid that neither friend nor foe could support.

Thomas has brought into the open internecine warfare posing grave dangers for the Republican Party. A 13-term congressman who is the party boss of Bakersfield, Calif., he represents old-line Republicans who resent Christian conservatives entering their party in 1980 (and giving the GOP parity with Democrats). Efforts to expel these intruders will reach fever pitch next year if George W. Bush is defeated for re-election.

This specific fight's origins date back to 1954 when Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson, unduly concerned about

the threat to his re-election from right-wing political groups, passed a bill barring political activity by tax-exempt organizations. In time, this was broadened to keep churches out of politics.

That aspiration sounds comical to me after years of following Democratic candidates into inner city churches on Sunday mornings to hear them endorsed by black clergymen. This activity never incurs the wrath of Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Instead, Lynn pesters the IRS about conservatives in church as he did in a May 27 letter to the IRS. It claimed Bishop Michael J. Sheridan's pastoral letter of May 1 "jeopardized the tax-exempt status" of the Roman Catholic diocese of Colorado Springs, Colo., by praising politicians opposed to abortion.

Such censorship alarmed Walter Jones, a Republican businessman and a devout Catholic from Farmville, N.C., when he was elected to Congress in 1994. Correcting unintended consequences of LBJ's 1954 legislation became Jones's top priority. He introduced his bill in 2001, the year Thomas took over Ways and Means.

Thomas as chairman blocked an easy path to the floor for Jones's bill. It reached the floor Oct. 1, 2002, under the procedure requiring two-thirds approval. Despite support for it from their party's leadership, 46 Republicans — Thomas included — voted no and prevented even a simple majority. They represent a bloc of Republicans, from the corporate boardroom to the country club, who despise the religious right.

This year, the indefatigable Jones managed to get his religious free speech proposal imbedded in

tax legislation that has to be passed to stop trade retaliation by the European Union. Everybody was on board: Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, Majority Leader Tom DeLay, Majority Whip Roy Blunt, Republican National Chairman Ed Gillespie — everybody, that is, except Bill Thomas.

The Ways and Means chairman practiced his customary sorcery. The straightforward Jones language was transmuted into a maze of words that lawyers for conservative organizations say would keep the muzzle on preachers. Jones, with the backing of Hastert, added 28 words to the Thomas language to restore his original meaning. Thomas pulled the 28 words out of the final version. Thomas explained it this way to me: "It seems that neither side liked what I had done." That killed the whole issue. Thomas did not seem unhappy about it, but the speaker was furious.

Thomas is a secularist who in the past jostled with a fellow senior Republican Congressman Henry Hyde of Illinois, a prominent Catholic layman, over federal aid to Catholic hospitals. A former college professor, Bill Thomas is entitled to his own views, but today's Republican Party relies on support not from secular Americans but from church-goers. Walter Jones, not intimidated by Thomas, told me: "Discretionary enforcement, primarily against conservative churches, of an unenforceable law is wrong and should not stand." That is a battle cry for the coming Republican civil war.

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Hussein siphoned millions of dollars

As front pages report every bit of bad news on the Iraqi war front in bold type, newspapers are giving precious little ink to what could be the biggest kickback scheme in world history. Call it: How Saddam Hussein siphoned \$10.1 billion for his regime — thanks to the United Nations



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Last month, the U.S. General Accounting Office estimated that Saddam Hussein's regime siphoned that amount — through kickbacks and smuggling — from 1997 to 2002 thanks to the U.N. Food for Oil program. Lucky for Hussein, the United Nations chose to ignore critics who at the time warned that Hussein's regime was profiting from the Oil for Food program, designed to provide food and medicine for Iraqi civilians. So the United Nations helped Hussein amass more money to lavish on himself, more money to use to suppress his people, and more money to battle American and British forces upholding the U.N. peace treaty.

No wonder former Gen. Tommy Franks called Oil for Food the "Oil for Palaces" program.

All this was possible because there was no outrage that Hussein flouted U.N. rules. To the contrary, as Hussein robbed his people of money that was suppose to feed them, the American left and Our Betters in Europe called for an end to U.N.'s economic sanctions, on the grounds that the sanctions — not Saddam — hurt innocent children. In 1998,

Hussein essentially expelled U.N. weapons inspectors from Iraq. No worries. In 1999, the U.N. Security Council lifted the \$1 billion-per-90-day ceiling it had set on Iraqi oil exports, so that Hussein could sell more crude — and pocket more kickbacks.

When Secretary of State Colin Powell urged the United Nations to "re-energize" its sanctions in January 2001, the very people who berate President Bush for having ignored Powell's advice on Iraq — well, they ignored Powell's advice on Iraq. They were happy to heap the blame America, even as Hussein grew richer.

Finally, there is a serious investigation into Oil for Food. In January, the Iraqi newspaper Al-Mada printed the names of 270 individuals whom it charged were given oil vouchers from Hussein. The list included Benon Sevan, who headed the Oil for Food program for the United Nations. New York Times columnist William Safire made the scandal even more of a story when he reported that the son of U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan worked for a Swiss company that held an Oil for Food contract.

In April, Annan authorized an investigation headed by the well-regarded Paul Volcker, former head of the U.S. Federal Reserve, which expects to release a preliminary report this summer. Congress also is looking into investigating the allegations.

Meanwhile, The New York Times reported, Sevan sent out an email that criticized pundits "who have never even set foot in Iraq and have never understood Iraq or the Iraqi people." Sevan denies that he received oil vouchers from Hussein. Annan compared said brouhaha to a "lynching, actually."

In May, a former Oil for Food coordinator wrote in The New Republic that he considered it "unlikely" Sevan accepted kickbacks. Michael Soussan's piece nonetheless reports how outrageously ineffective the U.N. program was at stopping the Iraqi regime from skimming money that was supposed to benefit the Iraqi people. "If the system failed to stop the kickbacks, why was the world spending close to \$1 billion to fund it?" Soussan asked.

Excellent question. Annan doesn't seem to have an answer. He's more angry at the bad press than the criminal waste of U.N. funds. He complained to PBS, "We had no mandate to stop smuggling." For his part, Sevan blames the Security Council for preventing him from administering the program as billed.

Andrew Apostolou, of the Washington-based Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, said of Sevan's lament: "It's an absolute pathetic excuse. We all knew about abuses in the oil for food program." Apostolou says, "I am not one of those knee-jerk U.N.-ophobes. ... We need the United Nations and we need the United Nations to work." Still, he added, "In the long run, if we don't reform the United Nations, it is going to wither on the vine."

Reform is a kind word. It says something rotten about the value system at the United Nations that it took this long for Annan to act.

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of food, drinks and novelty items. Three local performers will entertain the crowd beginning at 6:30 p.m. The symphony will begin its performance at 8:30 p.m.

The symphony and chorale's patriotic music program has now been finalized, according to Symphony Conductor Keith Graumann, and will include "Fanfare to the Common Man," "To the Colors," "The Pledge of Allegiance," "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Armed Forces Salute," "Light Cavalry Overture," "West Side Story Suite," "A Choral Portrait," "A Cohan Salute," "Colonel Bogey March," "A Broadway Celebration," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "America the Beautiful" and "Hoe Down."

Selections for the fireworks display will be "Radetzky March," "Washington Post March," "National Emblem March," "America the Beautiful," "God Bless America," "The Star-Spangled Banner," "You're a Grand Old Flag," "1812 Overture" and "Stars and Stripes Forever."

"We really feel like this celebration has always offered something for virtually everyone," Blackshear noted. "We

want to invite everyone in the community to again be a part of the event this year and help us celebrate our nation's birthday."

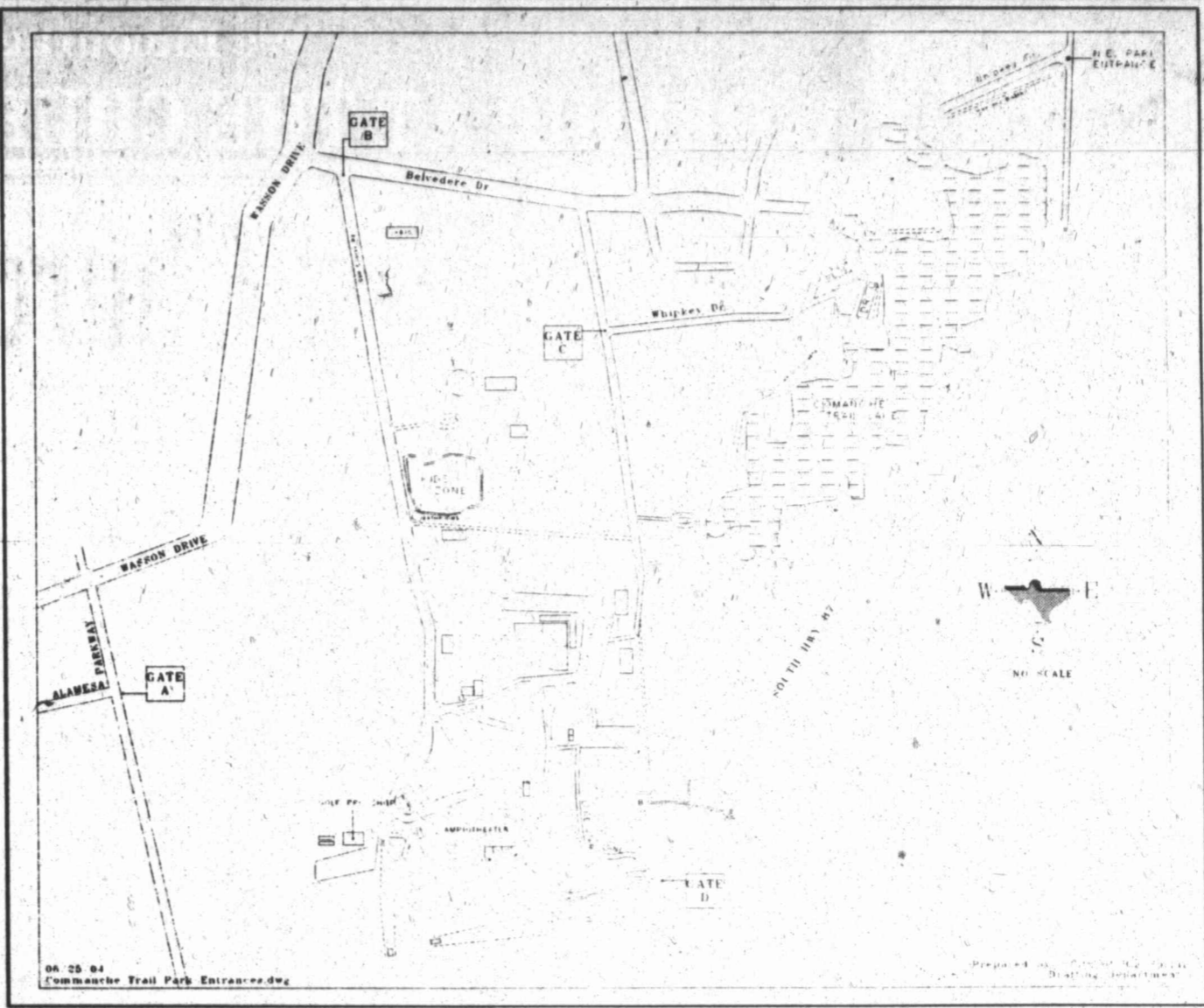
In an effort to facilitate orderly traffic flow before and after the show, one gate to the park will not be open prior to the show and two others will be for specific groups of concertgoers. In addition, organizers plan to offer satellite parking at the Dora Roberts Community Center and provide a "hay ride" trailer shuttle to the amphitheater.

"Gate A," at Parkway and Alamesa will only be opened after the show for exiting the park. The main entrance for most people attending the concert will be "Gate B" at Wasson Road and Belvedere. Those with handicapped parking needs and those with VIP permits will use "Gate D" at Highway 87 and Starlight Drive.

Those wishing to take advantage of the shuttle service to the amphitheater will enter "Gate C" at Belvedere and Whipkey Road and park between the community center and tennis courts.

When vendors' booths open, they'll offer a wide range of foods and novelty items.

Food booths will offer hamburgers and hot dogs, turkey legs, barbecue, sausage on a



stick, popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy, burritos, roasted corn on the cob, corn dogs, cheese fries, fajitas, french fries, nachos, Frito pie, pizza,

cookies, candy, soft drinks and bottled water.

Other booths will offer gift items and glow-in-the-dark necklaces.

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HIGHLAND

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looks like people are starting to get real excited about Saturday morning."

The annual parade will begin at 10 a.m. at the corner of Stonehaven and Highland streets and then head down Highland, ending at Goliad.

Although the neighborhood annually sponsors the event, children from all over the community are welcome to participate by dressing up in patriotic clothes and strolling down the neighborhood.

"This is a time where everyone can get together and visit with their neighbors and show their patriotism," Seymore said.

Following the parade, Churchwell will announce the winners in each category — pets, bicycles, walkers and home decorations. All the participants will receive ribbons.

Those planning to participate should arrive by 9:30 a.m. at the corner of Stonehaven Drive and Highland.

Spectators can park their vehicles along Goliad Street or on the side streets off Highland, Seymore said.

(1998) and the youngest has been 15 (1994). The oldest aircraft to participate is Connie Edwards' 1937 Grumman Goose from Big Spring.

For more information, call Dockrey at (325) 728-2542. Other activities in Colorado City Saturday include Fun Day in the Park at Ruddick Park, featuring various booths and contests, wrapped up with an annual fireworks show. Fun Day begins at 3 p.m.

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they don't fly in with a loaded DC-3," Dockrey said with a laugh. "Then we may have rethink that."

For those not making the trip by aircraft, the cost for breakfast will be \$4. The money raised helps to fund future events, Dockrey said. Breakfast includes bacon, eggs, Texas toast, cantaloupe, coffee and orange juice.

According to McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Director Jim Little, the annual event is quite popular with pilots in the area.

"A number of pilots fly in or drive over there," said Little, who is planning to make the trip east for the event.

Last year's fly-in drew hundreds of people and 107 aircraft. Volunteers served 657 breakfasts in a three-hour period.

Although most of the pilots come from around a 200-mile radius of Colorado City, Dockrey said in past years visitors from places like Phoenix, Ariz., and Anchorage, Alaska, have made the trip.

"Pilots look for an excuse to fly and this is just a fun event to visit with friends," Little said.

"City National Bank employees come out and not only cook but serve the breakfast," Dockrey said. "That's a lot of work and they volunteer their time."

The event will feature a sky-diving exhibition. Aviation author Nancy Masters of Abilene will serve as the mistress of ceremonies for the awards ceremony at 9 a.m.

The oldest pilot to fly in for the event has been 88

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"People are going to see a great parade. Every year we try to have a bigger and better parade, and I think this will be something that everyone will want to see. The Six White Horses from Hardin-Simmons University will be here and we're going to have a lot of fun."

While the number of years the annual event has been in existence is something of a mystery, parade organizer Quail Dobbs said the reason for it certainly isn't hard to figure out.

"We have no idea how many years the Coahoma Freedom Parade has been going on," said Dobbs with a laugh. "We want to invite everyone out, but this is something special for our veterans. We like to honor all of our vets in Howard County. Jack Cathey is going to be furnishing a big truck and we're going to load it down with vets. So if you're a vet, whether you've been through a war or not, this is all dedicated to you."

According to Dobbs, one of the most coveted positions in the parade is that of marshal, and this year's honoree is a highly distinguished veteran.

"There's a parade committee of about 10 or 11 of us," said Dobbs. "It was unanimous among us that Vic (Vickers) be the parade marshal."

Vickers, a veteran of the U.S. Army's 96th Infantry Division, was born in Texas, but grew up in Ada and Prairie, Okla. He retired from Coastal Oil and Gas after 40 years

with the company, but only after surviving the last battle for Okinawa during World War II.

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Church News

Family Faith Victory Center

Sunday the Family Faith Victory Center is celebrating four years of ministry and operation to the community with a special picnic from 2-9 p.m. at the church, 3401 E. 11th Place. Free hotdogs and hamburgers will be served, and outdoor activities are available. The public is invited.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The members of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church invites you to join them for worship services each Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 5 p.m. Putting God first brings rewards and blessings.

The youth will meet next Wednesday for fun, fellowship, and coke floats from 7-9 p.m. They are planning a trip to a water park. Midweek services 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Today begins the July 4 holiday weekend. We pray everyone has a safe and happy holiday. God bless America, the land of the free and the home of the brave.

The Senior Saints will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday for a potluck supper, games, dominoes and 42. Come join in on the fun.

To celebrate the 4th, Sunday night from 5-7 p.m. we will have a pizza fellowship. If you do not have a church home we encourage you to stop by and visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane or for information call 267-8214 or 267-7157.

First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church would like to thank our community for the wonderful response to our 11th annual "God and Country Concert." We especially thank the veterans for participating in the Salute to the Armed Forces. See you next year!!

Our Sunday schedule begins with the Holy Grounds Café downstairs in the Family Life Center at 9:15 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m., and our morning worship is at 10:50 a.m. The Rev. Dennis Teeter, pastor of First Baptist Church, begins a new series of sermons with "Call Waiting." This week's emphasis is Samuel. There are no evening activities Sunday.

Berea Baptist Church

This Sunday Berea will focus on a patriotic theme in the morning service. This service will also include the observance of the ordinance of baptism. After the morning service, there will be a picnic lunch in the fellowship hall and a brief worship time. We will then dismiss for the day.

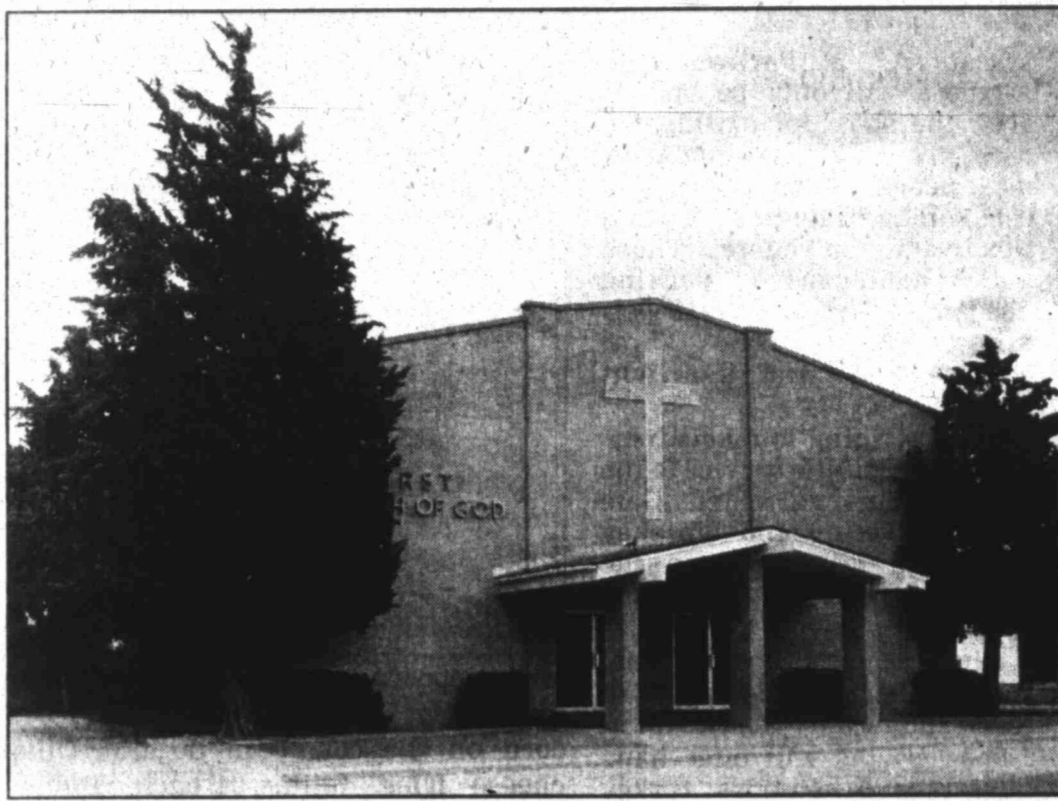
Last week we had a great week of VBS with the help of teams from Calvary Baptist Church of Oak Cliff/Dallas. At the same time, work crews from Calvary were installing new central heating and cooling systems in two of our buildings. Calvary also had VBS teams at East Fourth Street Baptist Church and Iglesia Bautista Central. These three churches worked together to provide meals and coordinated with the Baptist Hospitality House to provide housing for the teams.

If your child attended VBS at Berea last week, or if you would like more information about our VBS program, about our Children's Bible Study, or about the worship time for children, please e-mail us at pdwheat@crcom.net. We can also be reached at 267-8438 or 270-4328. If no one is in the office, please leave a message, and your call will be returned.

Berea Baptist Church is at 4204 Wasson Road. Our service times are: Sunday, Bible study 9:45 a.m.; worship and children's worship, 11 a.m.; evening worship, 6 p.m. Our youth meet for a midweek

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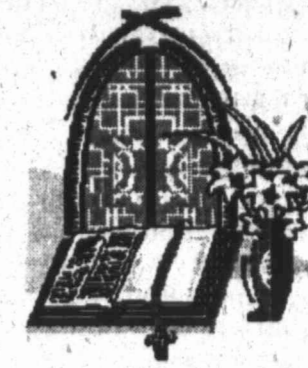
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Church News

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Bible study at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Adults also meet on Wednesday evening at 7:30 for prayer.

Baptist Temple Church

We would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to the community to come and join us for Bible study and worship this Sunday. We have just begun a verse-by-verse study on the book of Revelation in our morning worship service. Come see and hear what God has to say about end-time events and the soon coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. We hope if you do not have a place of worship and are looking for some friendly people with whom to worship that you'll come and join us. Our morning Bible study begins at 9:30 and worship is at 10:45 a.m.

Next Sunday evening, July 11, we will be hosting Joe Whitten and "His Children." We at Baptist Temple would like to invite all the community to come and worship with us as "His Children" lead us in worship through song and testimony. A love offering for "His Children" will be received.

On Sunday, July 18, come slide into Vacation Bible School with us. There will be a 26-foot slide set up in our parking lot as we kick off our Rickshaw Rally of VBS. We will be sliding from 3:50-5:30 p.m. We will serve a meal at 5:30 p.m. and begin our VBS study at 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy this time of fun.

We at Baptist Temple just want you to know that you'll find something for everyone and you will always be wel-

come. We are in the heart of Big Spring with Big Spring on our hearts. For more information call 267-8287, or visit our web site at www.baptisttemplechurch.org or come and meet with us at the corner of 11th and Goliad, where you will find a warm and friendly welcome.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's summer time change continues this Sunday, with Holy Eucharist celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school will resume in the fall. Evening prayer is said Monday through Friday at 5:30 in St. Mary's Chapel. For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www.stmarysbt.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

Catholic Churches of Big Spring

Our Baptism program begins Monday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall. We will meet every Monday at the same time and location for eight weeks.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on scripture from John 16:12-15 on Sunday. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and "Take Ten" is held at 10:35 a.m.

Plans are being made for five youth from the church to represent our congregation at the Triennium in Indiana, July 20-25. Another opportuni-

ty for the week is choir practice at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Please join us for any or all activities at the church. Everyone is always welcome at First Presbyterian Church, located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

We at East Fourth Street Baptist Church invite you to worship with us this Sunday as we welcome our new pastor, Bro. Rex Clayton and his wife, Karen. This is their first Sunday and we are pleased and excited to introduce them to you.

They come from Everman and have two grown children, Kendra and Kyle. Rex has his masters of divinity with Biblical languages from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and a bachelor of business administration in accounting from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He entered the pastorate in 1990 and has served four churches in the Panhandle, Central and West Texas. He has served on the board and been executive director of Hannah House Maternity Home, board of directors of Sherwood Christian Academy, director and organizer of "Mission Overman," as well as being police Chaplain in both Odessa and Everman.

Bro. Rex's objective is to serve our Lord Jesus in a Baptist church as pastor in order to grow the Kingdom of God.

Friends of Unity

Our activity Sunday will be a field trip to the country. Those who want to travel together may meet at 1:45 p.m. at the Center. We need to come in on First Street because of the Funtastic Fourth Celebration. We will return in time for those who want to participate in the Funtastic Fourth evening festivities to do so.

First United Methodist Church

Sunday is "Independence Sunday" at first United Methodist Church. Holy Communion will be observed at both morning worship services, starting at 8:30 and 10:50, respectively. The Rev. Sandy Sandlin will be our guest preacher.

At 3 p.m. both the junior and senior high youth will gather in the church parking lot to leave for the Midland Rockhounds baseball game. For more information talk to Youth Minister, Courtney Johnson.

A prayer meeting will be held in the sanctuary starting at 5 p.m. Prayer is offered, by name, for all those precious persons on the church's prayer list.

The church office will be closed on Monday. Children's Day Out will be held as usual from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday. Community Bible study and lunch will convene at noon on Wednesday in Garrett Hall.

At 1 p.m. on Wednesday, youth will leave on their annual Mystery Trip.

For more information on any of the programs or ministries of First United Methodist Church, call the church office at 267-6394 during normal business hours.

Coahoma Church of Christ

Coahoma Church of Christ is hosting a Homecoming on Sunday. Everyone who has ever attended church here is invited to come home for a day of worship, Bible study and fellowship. Two former ministers will be featured during the day's activities.

Don Parker will teach the Sunday morning Bible class at 9:30 and preach during the morning worship assembly at 10:20.

Following a pot luck dinner at noon, John Snider will preach during an early afternoon worship assembly at 2 p.m.

We are looking forward to seeing many past members of the Coahoma Church of Christ. It will be an opportunity to catch up on what has been going on in one another's lives and to renew old friendships.

If you are a former member, we hope to see you then. If you have family members who are former members, we hope to see you. If you are just friends of any present members or former members, we hope to see you.

Because of the early afternoon worship assembly there will be no evening service at 6 p.m.

For more information you may call 294-4277.

Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone Church, a Morning Star International Church, invites children entering kindergarten through fourth grade to a new summer program, "Metamorphosis," in the "Insect-Inside Theater" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

This week's performance is "Four Infested Fairy Tales." The program is based on Proverbs. Each week will feature skits, dramas, and fun games with a different bug theme.

Cornerstone, located at the corner of 12th and Owens streets, offers a family atmosphere of praise and worship. Morning worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday worship is at 7 p.m. Childcare is available for newborns through preschool.

Call Pastor Craig or Cherise Felty at 263-3072 with any questions.

Life Church

Life Church, located at 600 E. FM 700, offers an exciting morning worship service Sunday at 10:30 along with Noah's Ark Nursery, ages 0-3, Zoe Land children's church, ages 4-10 and pre-teen classes for ages 11 and 12.

Life Church has various small groups meeting in homes throughout the week where new friendships can be made in a casual home environment while studying relevant Bible messages. Also available are small groups for college students and teenagers. Wednesday evening classes begin at 7. Childcare is provided.

Club News

Optimist Club

Richard Wright, member of the Optimist Club since 1980, was awarded the Optimist of the Year Award at the Wednesday morning weekly club meeting. Mr. Wright was cited for service above and beyond, which included extra time and resources freely given to benefit the club during service activities and fund-raisers.

"Richard Wright was the first to arrive, and the last to leave at almost every Optimist sponsored event last year. I'm proud to present him with this plaque commemorating his selection as 2004 Optimist of the Year," said current club President, Kathryn Wiseman. Optimist club will host an afternoon of bingo and hot dogs for patients at Big Spring State Hospital during the month of July.

West Texas

Pachyderm Club

West Texas Pachyderm Club, formerly West Texas Republican Club, met at noon June 24 in the Big Spring Country Club, with Alleen Bohannon presiding, in the absence of President Scott McLaughlin. Twenty-two members and guests were present.

Edwin Ware, republican candidate for Howard County Commissioner Precinct 1, presented an interesting behind-the-scenes look at the Republican State Convention, which he attended in San Antonio June 3-5. Ed has been attending state conventions since the 1960s and was able to explain the work going on at many levels. He said that the Texas State Convention is the largest in the U.S. and in the world, with more than 17,000 delegates and alternates eligible to attend.

Also speaking to the group was Ron Allen, republican candidate for Howard County Sheriff. Ron outlined his vision of strong law enforcement in Howard County, stating that he is a steadfast advocate of victims rights. He said he would leave the decision

about building a new jail to the people elected to do that and focus on operating the present jail and department in the most efficient manner possible.

Pachyderm Club presently has more than 40 members and gaining new ones each month. The meetings of the club are open to any persons interested in working for effective government at all levels. The club meets at noon on the last Thursday of each month in the Big Spring Country Club.

Sand Springs Lions Club

The Sand Spring Lions Club met June 21 with Fred Franklin, president, presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tex Irvin and the opening prayer was worded by Ben Boadle.

Tex Irvin made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Motions was seconded and approved.

President Franklin appointed Tex Irvin and Betty Franklin to audit the books. The committee found all books to be in order.

President Franklin read letters from District Governor Felch in regard to donations to the Lions Camp in honor of Paul Palmer and a letter from Joyce Downie asking for advertisement to be placed in the District Newsletter. Betty Franklin made a motion that we not participate in either activity since we already give to the Camp and have no business to advertise at this time. The motion was seconded.

It was announced there is to be a cabinet meeting July 23 and 24 at La Posada in Big Spring. All officers are urged to attend and all members are welcome. Madeline Boadle reported she cooked 288 cookies for the Evening Lions club to be taken to the Lions Camp in Kerrville. Tex Irvin, membership chairman, discussed ways we could encourage membership in our club.

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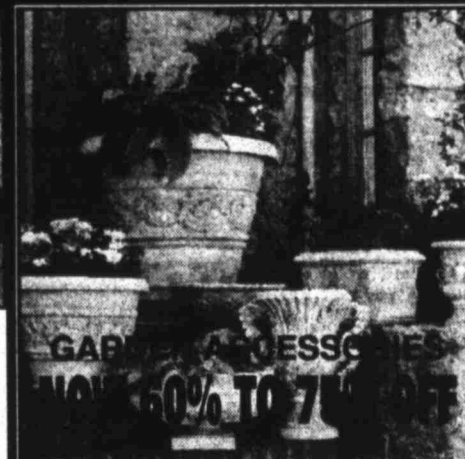
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In the Military

Air Force Airman 1st Class Cory J. Baker

Air Force Airman 1st Class Cory J. Baker has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Baker is the son of Jesse and Connie Baker of Big Spring.

He graduated in 2000 from Big Spring High School.

Army Pvt.

Amy L. O'Neal

Army Pvt. Amy L. O'Neal has graduated from the light-wheel vehicle mechanic advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

The student was trained to perform maintenance, troubleshoot, and repair wheeled vehicles and related mechanical components, including suspension systems, internal combustion engines and power trains.

She also received training in wheel-hub assemblies, hydraulic brake and steering systems, and operate a wheeled vehicle crane, hoist, and winch assemblies.

O'Neal is the daughter of Pam V. O'Neal of Stanton and a 2003 graduate of Stanton High School.

Army Pvt.

Samantha D. Castro

Army Pvt. Samantha D. Castro has graduated from the petroleum supply specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The course is designed to train students in receipt, storage, issue, shipping, and distribution of petroleum, oil and lubricant products used by the Army. Training included instruction in petroleum and water accounting, operating equipment associated with fuels and water distribution; and fueling and defueling operations and procedures on vehicles, aircraft and stationary equipment.

She graduated from Big Spring High School.

Navy Seaman Recruit Kristina M. Ames

Navy Seaman Recruit Kristina M. Ames, stepdaughter of Douglas A. and daughter of Ruth L. Alldredge of Big Spring, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Ames completed a variety of training which included instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

The capstone event of boot camp is Battle Stations. Battle Stations is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment.

A Pastor's Message

Bible provides ultimate freedom

Let freedom ring

On a bleak February day in 1832 a young theological student at Andover Theological Seminary pushed his books aside after long study and decided to do something different. He picked up a sheet of music from his desk that had been given to him by a composer friend of his named Lowell Mason.

He began to hum the music, and as he listened, he took a piece of paper and wrote these words, "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing...Land where my father's died, land of the pilgrims pride... from every mountain side, Let Freedom Ring."

There will be a lot of celebration during the next few days, fireworks, bells ringing, and "Let Freedom Ring." I think of our Liberty Bell, one of the great symbols of freedom in America.

The most significant thing about the Liberty Bell is not the crack, but to me it's the scripture on it, "...proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants..." Leviticus 25:10.

There is a document upon which our freedoms are based — it is the Declaration of Independence. Many quote

part of it, "We hold these Truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by the creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution are the documents upon which the freedom of our great country are based. Behind these is another document, "The Magna Carta." These bring us the basis for our freedoms today.

But I want to talk to you about the "Charter of our Freedom as Christians."

The Charter for our Freedom as Christians is the Word of God. John 8:32 says, "...ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 17:17 says, "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy WORD is truth." Think with me about three things in the Christian's Charter of

Freedom.

First, it is an inspired charter. The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution and the Magna Carta are great documents, but they are not inspired of God! 11 Timothy 3:16 says the word of God is "inspired," and "God breathed", meaning it's a product of the breath of God.

Second, it is an Infallible Charter, which means it is never misleading, and it means it's trustworthy, reliable.

Third, the Christian's Charter of Freedom is not only inspired and infallible, but it is inerrant, which means it's exempt from error.

It is well described in the following article, which I have copied, not knowing the author.

"THE WORD OF GOD," its author is God, its writers were men, its infallibility is inspired. It is given to us in life, it is opened at the judgment, and it will endure forever. It is a mine of wealth, it is a river of pleasure, it is a paradise of glory. It is a traveler's map, a pilot's compass, a pilgrim's staff, the soldier's sword and it is the believer's guide.

God's glory is its end, the

Lord Jesus Christ is its object and our good is its design. It contains light to direct us, comfort to counsel us, food to sustain us, wisdom to teach us and fire to warm us.

Herein heaven is opened, paradise is restored and the gates of hell are disclosed. Its history is true, its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding. Read it thoughtfully, read it frequently, and read it prayerfully.

Read it to be wise, read it to be saved and practice it to be holy. It involves the highest responsibility, its rewards are the greatest labor and it will condemn all who trifle with its sacred content. This word is life, it is fire, it is seed, it is bread, it is milk, it is honey, it is water, it is gold, it is a sword and it is a hammer that breaks the hardest rock of unbelief in pieces."

This is our Charter of Freedom and our Christian freedoms can never be removed, because the word of God abideth forever.

"LET FREEDOM RING"

The Rev. R.T. Havener is pastor of First Assembly of God Church in Big Spring.



THE REV. R.T. HAVENER

Who's Who

Texas Tech graduates

Spring 2004 commencement at Texas Tech University saw approximately 2,330 students awarded degrees. From Big Spring are: Julie Michelle Adams, bachelor of arts in journalism; Tiffany Michelle Birrell, bachelor of science in human development and family studies; Sandra Dee Gainey, bachelor of science in restaurant, hotel and institutional management; Jeremy Heath Hedges, bachelor of science in computer science and mathematics; Erin Renee Heinis, bachelor of arts in communication studies; Jill Ilene Johansen, bachelor of arts in social work; and John Wayne Massey, master of education in educational leadership.

Also Justin Ross Matthews, bachelor of arts in English; Brittany Roberson, bachelor of arts in psychology; Logan Hyatt Stanley, bachelor of science in zoology; Joseph Donald Yanez, bachelor of arts in English; Ross Wade Williams, bachelor of science in multidisciplinary science.

Also for the Spring 2004 semester, Texas Tech University had 2,126 students qualify for the Honors List, which is comprised of the President's List and Dean's

List. To be on the President's List or the Dean's List, a student must have taken 12 quality hours during the semester and maintained either a 4.0 or a 3.5-3.9 grade point average respectively.

From Big Spring are: Tiffany Michelle Birrell, Lance Aron Brock, Blake Edward Coates, Jamie Lynn Long, Tracy Dawn Long, Monique Olivia Love, Justin Ross Matthews, Brittney Dawn Prater and Gene Michael Roffers II.

Also Megan Gabrielle Roffers, Logan Hyatt Stanley, Elizabeth Anne Sutton, Whitney Lauren Valdes, Christopher David Wanner, Joseph Donald Yanez, Megan Michell Young, Trisha Lynette Nichols, Shanda Kay Hinkle, Calvin Lee Zant.

Howard Payne University

Lori Ellis and Trey Kuykendall, both of Big Spring, students at Howard Payne University, were named to the Honor Roll for the 2004 spring semester.

Students must achieve a 3.5 to 3.64 grade point average to be named to the Honor Roll.

Club News

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

TOPS TX 21

Thirteen Take Off Pounds Sensibly, TOPS, and two Keep Pounds Off Sensibly, KOPS weighed in when TOPS TX 21 met Monday evening at the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 W. Third.

Co-leader Carol Smith called the meeting to order and Shirley Jenkins voiced the opening prayer followed with the TOPS pledge and fellowship song.

Readings were presented by Aimee Wallace and Carol Smith, and Gladys Russell read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Assistant weight recorder Hughetta Roberts called the roll and the best loser of the TOPS was Aimee Wallace and the KOPS best loser was Gladys Russell. Both received the weekly best loser award and certificate.

Due to the closing of the building because of the holiday weekend, there will be no meeting next Monday night.

Following the program by Linda Schmidt the club was dismissed with the closing song.

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Crossroads sign-up date
The Youth Association announced upcoming sign-up dates for the 2004 season. Both football and cheerleading will take place through J. Fridays (5:30 p.m.) and Saturdays (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). The league kindergarten sixth grade. The flag league costs \$20. Football division 2 and cheer costs \$55 respectively. For more information, call Robert at 432-...

BSISD announces volleyball
Big Spring a volleyball on all Mon Thursdays summer from at the junior players in seven through invited to play. There will lifting and ing both Mon Thursdays gym from 8-4 makeup every W from 8:30-9:30. Two skills incoming e ninth grade, enth graders take place fi to noon in July at th high. The first take place July 2. Eil ninth grade from 8 a.m for \$75 and graders will 5 p.m. for second can 12 through. For more tion, cont Daggett a 8660.

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Crossroads football sign-up dates set

The Crossroads Youth Football Association has announced the sign-up dates for the upcoming season.

Both football and cheerleading sign-ups will take place at the Big Spring Mall June 18 through July 17 on Fridays (5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) only.

The league is for kindergarten through sixth grade.

The flag football league costs \$30, while football division 1 and 2 and cheerleading costs \$55 and \$65, respectively.

For more information, call Stacie or Robert at 432-268-9634.

BSISD announces volleyball events

Big Spring will hold a volleyball open gym on all Mondays and Thursdays for the summer from 6-8 p.m. at the junior high. All players in grades seven through 12 are invited to participate.

There will also be lifting and conditioning both Mondays and Thursdays after open gym from 8-9 p.m. The makeup days are every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Two skills camps for incoming eighth- and ninth-graders and seventh-graders will also take place from 8 a.m. to noon in June and July at the junior high.

The first camp will take place June 28-July 2. Eighth- and ninth-graders will go from 8 a.m. to noon for \$75 and seventh-graders will go from 1-5 p.m. for \$50. The second camp is July 12 through July 16.

For more information, contact Revis Daggett at 432-816-9560.

Steer football golf tournament set

The Big Spring Steer Football Booster Club has scheduled its third annual golf tournament for July 17 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament will be a four-man scramble and begin its shotgun start at 8 a.m.

There is a \$75 entry fee, which includes a cart.

And, prizes will be paid for first through fourth place.

Big Spring native Bubba Franks will make a special guest appearance.

Franks is a three-time NFL pro bowler, former-college all-American with the University of Miami and current tight end for the Green Bay Packers.

For more info., contact Randy Phillips at 432-264-6600 or Steve Jeter at 432-263-9670.

ON THE AIR

Station	Time	Location
WVIA-TV	7:00 p.m.	WVIA-TV, North Central (Channel 3), 1200 W. 14th St., Big Spring, TX 75612
WVIA-TV	8:00 p.m.	WVIA-TV, North Central (Channel 3), 1200 W. 14th St., Big Spring, TX 75612
WVIA-TV	9:00 p.m.	WVIA-TV, North Central (Channel 3), 1200 W. 14th St., Big Spring, TX 75612
WVIA-TV	10:00 p.m.	WVIA-TV, North Central (Channel 3), 1200 W. 14th St., Big Spring, TX 75612

Nash leaves Dallas for Phoenix's desert

By BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Point guard Steve Nash agreed to a five-year, \$65 million deal with the Phoenix Suns on Thursday, leaving the Dallas Mavericks to return to the team that drafted him eight years ago.

The deal includes a "partial guarantee" for a sixth year, Nash's agent Bill Duffy said.

Nash shook hands on the deal with new owner Robert Sarver and Suns chairman Jerry Colangelo at a meeting in Dallas, Duffy said.

NBA rules prohibit Nash from signing the contract until July 14. Teams were allowed to begin talks with free agents late Wednesday.

Nash averaged 14.5 points, 8.8 assists and three rebounds per game last season, when he also recorded his first career triple-double.

He will give Phoenix an experienced playmaker ahead of young Leandro Barbosa. The move almost certainly removes the Suns from the competition for Los Angeles Lakers free agent Kobe Bryant.

Phoenix is \$16.3 million under the NBA salary cap, not counting the Nash deal.

Dallas officials said repeatedly since the season ended that they expected no problem keeping Nash, the spark plug behind their rise from one of the league's worst teams to one of the best. Along the way, the energetic, floppy haired guard became an All-Star and a fan favorite.

"I think it was his intention to stay with the Mavericks," Duffy said of the 30-year-old Nash. "Everything just turned around so quickly."

"I never dreamed we'd lose Nash, or any other player of his magnitude," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said Thursday night in Fort Worth.

"It's not like a trade where you get something back. There is no adjustment here. We lost a big

part of our team and we don't have anything to fill it. It's a setback."

The Suns sent a 12-person contingent to Dallas on Thursday morning, a group that included team president Bryan Colangelo, the Suns' Amare Stoudemire, Suns part-owner Steve Kerr and former player Rex Chapman.

"Phoenix came up to the plate and put together a very significant offer and we accepted it," Duffy said. "The numbers were significant, but it was also the years. It was a five-year deal and that is very significant for someone Steve's age."

Donnie Nelson, president of the basketball operations for the Mavericks, wouldn't discuss what Dallas offered, but he said the team's counter to Nash wasn't good enough.

"He was either going to retire a Maverick or get a heck of an opportunity to move on and the latter happened, he was never a (trade) chip."

Nash was drafted by Phoenix in 1996 and spent two seasons backing up Kevin Johnson and Jason Kidd. He was traded to Dallas on draft day in 1998, the same night the Mavs acquired Dirk Nowitzki. Those two plus holdover Michael Finley formed the heart of Dallas' turnaround.

Nash spoke to Finley and Nowitzki by telephone during Thursday's eight-hour negotiations.

"I think it was very difficult for him," Duffy said, but he added that the Suns' proposal was "a very aggressive offer for this marketplace."

Finley and Nowitzki were given maximum contracts two summers ago. Nash, who was never offered an extension, opted out of his contract to become a free agent for the first time but maintained that he wanted to remain in Dallas.

"I think everyone is optimistic that I can be a part of our building process," he said the day after the Mavericks were

knocked out of the playoffs in the first round. "I certainly want to be part of that process. I don't think of this as the end of my time here."

But the Suns lured Nash with money and a long-term deal. Nash will be teamed with Stoudemire, the NBA rookie of the year two seasons ago who also is a client of Duffy. The Suns also have two young high scorers in Joe Johnson and Shawn Marion.

The length of the contract was one of the attractions for Nash. The familiarity Nash had with the Suns franchise as well as Phoenix's aggressiveness in pursuing him also were factors, Duffy said.

After the meeting, the Suns' contingent returned to Phoenix by private jet. Nash went back to his home in Victoria, British Columbia.

Jerry Colangelo, also chairman of baseball's Arizona Diamondbacks, arrived late for Thursday night's game against San Diego. He said NBA rules prohibited him from talking about the Nash situation until signings are allowed on July 14.

Mavs owner Mark Cuban and Donnie Nelson had discussed Nash's return as if it was inevitable — even after they traded Antawn Jamison to Washington for No. 5 pick Devin Harris, a point guard from Wisconsin.

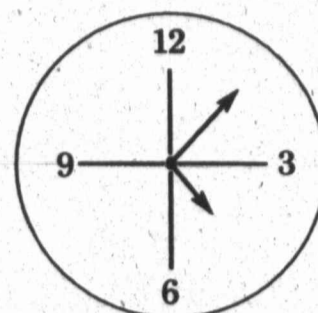
Harris was immediately tabbed as Nash's backup and long-term replacement.

The biggest knock on Nash is durability.

Coach Nelson always talked about limiting his minutes during the regular season to keep him fresher for the playoffs, but rarely did. Concerns that Nash's all-out style may wear him out by the end of a long-term deal may have been a factor in this move. Dallas likely wasn't willing to offer as many years as the Suns.

Dallas sports writer Jamie Aron contributed to this story.

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ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; 6-foot low; Black bass are good on albino soft jerkbaits and white spinnerbaits worked along timber with some topwater action. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water clearing; 78 degrees; 11-foot low; Black bass are fair on crankbaits and spinnerbaits near rocky areas. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows near flooded timber and derrick. White bass are excellent on shallow flats chasing shad. Blue and channel catfish are good on shad and prepared baits near rocky areas in the upper lake. Due to low water conditions, the only usable boat ramp is West Arrowhead Park.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 85 degrees; 4-foot low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 83 degrees; 16-foot low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; Black bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are good on small crankbaits and live bait. Catfish are good on live baits and prepared baits.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 27-foot low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair. No boat ramps open.

Blackley earns first career win against Rangers

By TIM KORTE

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — When the phone rang late Wednesday night, Travis Blackley wasn't sure who could be on the other end.

Turned out it was Seattle Mariners manager Bob Melvin, with a proposition that was too good to pass up. How would Blackley like to drive up from Tacoma and pitch the next day against the Texas Rangers?

"I said as calmly as I could, 'Sure, why not?'" Blackley recalled.

The Australian left-hander showed the same kind of composure on the mound to win his major league debut, and Randy Winn drove in three runs to help Seattle beat Texas 8-4 Thursday.

The 21-year-old Blackley (1-0), who had won his last seven decisions at Triple-A Tacoma, allowed four runs and six hits in 5 2-3 innings against the Rangers. He walked three and struck out one.

"Not too bad," Blackley said. "I didn't have any

filthy pitches that were just awesome today. I went as good as I could with what I had, and it worked."

He got into a jam in the fourth, loading the bases with no outs. But Blackley limited the damage to one run with a double-play groundout by Mark Teixeira and a fly ball by Hank Blalock.

"Composure is one of his biggest attributes, not letting things bother him," Melvin said. "He's not a high velocity guy, but he's a command guy who pitches to both sides and he's not afraid to come inside."

Ichiro Suzuki and Bret Boone each had two doubles among their three hits. Seattle finished with six doubles and 12 hits, gaining a split of the four-game series with the AL West-leading Rangers.

Ron Villone and Shigetoshi Hasegawa finished with 3 1-3 innings of hitless relief.

It was Blackley's day, although he confessed to feeling a little weary after a rough night.

After the call from Melvin, it took Blackley five hours on the phone to reach his parents in Australia.

His barking dog seemed to sense the excitement and kept him awake. Still, he was eager to go when he reported to Safeco Field.

"It was an adrenaline rush," Blackley said. "I didn't feel tired at all. I could go again."

Blackley got plenty of offense, too, because the Mariners had their bats going early. They jumped on Texas starter John Wasdin (1-1) for three runs in a 30-pitch first inning. Seattle had four hits in the first, highlighted by Winn's RBI double.

After trading All-Star right-hander Freddy Garcia last weekend, Seattle general manager Bill Bavasi promised fans they'd get to see the pitching talent that has been stockpiled in the minor leagues.

Blackley didn't disappoint, using his curveball and off-speed pitches to set up an 86 mph fastball.

"The changeup was real good. He changed speeds on his fastball exceptionally well," catcher Pat Borders said. "He threw strong and his composure was strong. To be able to throw like that in your first start is a big asset, something you can't teach."

Texas hitters hadn't seen him before, and it showed when Blackley breezed through the early

innings. "You can see why they like him so much," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "He's got good stuff. He's impressive."

Blackley's first walk wasn't issued until Ken Huckaby got on base in the third, and he didn't give up a hit until Michael Young's double in the fourth.

Howard College Hawk Basketball Camp

When: July 26-30
Who: Third grade through high school
Where: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
Cost: Day camper, \$120
Overnight campers, \$220
Registration: Campers will register at 9 a.m. Monday, July 26 at Dorothy Garrett
Objectives: Teach fundamentals, discipline, sportsmanship, shooting, rebounding, passing, defense, ball handling and more
Food: Lunch is provided for day campers, but overnight campers will be provided breakfast, lunch and dinner
Staff: Howard head coach Mark Adams and assistant coach Jason Sautter

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Serena, 17-year-old Sharapova advance to final at Wimbledon

By STEPHEN WILSON

AP Sports Writer
WIMBLEDON, England - Serena Williams rallied from a set and 3-1 down - winning three key points with a cracked racket - to defeat Amelie Mauresmo and advance to the Wimbledon final for the third straight year.

Williams, trying to become the third woman in 35 years to win three consecutive titles, won 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-4 in a topsy-turvy match full of drama, momentum swings, spectacular shots and animated displays of emotion by both players.

Williams will face 17-year-old Maria Sharapova in Saturday's final. Sharapova, who also came back from a set and 3-1 down, beat former champion Lindsay Davenport, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-1 to confirm her reputation as the biggest new star in the game.

It took nearly 2 1/2 hours for Williams to overcome Mauresmo, who received treatment several times on her lower back but pushed the champion to the limit.

When the Frenchwoman hit a forehand wide on match point, Williams jumped high into the air with her arms extended. She curtseyed and blew kisses to the Centre Crowd, which gave the players a standing ovation.

"This is definitely the most special moment in my career, right now," Williams said.

It's the first trip back to

a Grand Slam final for Williams since she beat her sister Venus for last year's Wimbledon title. She underwent surgery on her left knee last August and was sidelined for eight months.

"It was really tough out there today," Williams said. "I was more excited than anything because it's been a really tough year for me. I'm here and I really feel like I'm playing good again."

For a while, it looked like Williams was on her way to losing to Mauresmo for only the second time in eight matches. After blowing two set points while serving for the first set and losing the tiebreaker, she found herself down 3-1 in the second.

Then came a bizarre turning point. Williams slammed her racket to the ground, cracking the frame, after making a backhand error to go down 0-30 on her serve. She kept playing with the racket and won three straight points before it buckled completely. She changed rackets and won the next point to hold.

Williams broke in the next game and went on to win the set.

Mauresmo, who had been clutching her lower back, first called for a trainer while trailing 4-3 in the second set. She took an injury timeout and left the court for several minutes.

The third set swung back and forth, with both players shouting and

pumping their fists after big points. When Williams hit a backhand passing shot down the line serving at 3-3, she arched her back and clutched her fists in a long pose. The only service break came in the last game when Williams smacked a backhand return winner to set up match point.

"I think her courage pulled her through the match, her guts," said Williams' father, Richard.

Earlier, playing in her first Grand Slam semifinal, Sharapova hit a stunning 46 winners - 20 more than Davenport - to overcome the 1999 champion. She's the first Russian woman to reach the Wimbledon final since Olga Morozova, who lost to Chris Evert in 1974.

Sharapova is the youngest Wimbledon finalist since Martina Hingis, who won the title in 1997 at 16, and the third youngest ever to reach the women's title match.

"It's unbelievable," Sharapova said. "I'm in the final. It's absolutely crazy. It's my favorite Grand Slam. I never in the world expected to do so well here, so early. I'm amazed."

The men's semifinals are set for today, with defending champion Roger Federer facing Sebastian Grosjean, and Andy Roddick playing 20-year-old Mario Ancic. All but Ancic were also in last year's semis.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

current standings

American League

East	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
New York Yankees	50	26	—	28-10	22-16	Won 5
Boston	42	35	8.5	25-14	17-21	Lost 3
Tampa Bay	38	38	12	23-19	15-20	Lost 1
Toronto	35	44	15.5	20-20	15-24	Won 1
Baltimore	33	42	15.5	17-22	16-20	Won 2

Central

Chicago White Sox	42	33	—	24-15	18-18	Won 5
Minnesota	41	36	2	22-18	19-17	Lost 5
Cleveland	38	39	5	23-16	15-23	Won 1
Detroit	37	40	6	21-19	16-21	Lost 1
Kansas City	29	47	13.5	19-24	10-23	Lost 2

West

TEXAS	44	32	—	25-12	19-20	Lost 1
Oakland	44	33	5	27-12	17-21	Won 3
Anaheim	41	37	4	22-16	19-21	Lost 4
Seattle	32	45	12.5	19-22	15-23	Won 1

National League

East	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
Philadelphia	41	36	—	21-17	20-19	Won 1
Florida	41	36	1	20-17	21-21	Lost 2
New York Mets	38	39	3	21-16	16-24	Won 1
Atlanta	38	40	3.5	20-18	18-22	Won 2
Montreal	26	51	15	13-22	13-29	Lost 1

Central

St. Louis	46	32	—	20-17	26-15	Lost 3
Chicago Cubs	43	35	3	22-16	21-19	Won 1
Milwaukee	41	34	3.5	21-17	20-17	Won 5
Cincinnati	42	36	4	23-14	19-22	Lost 1
HOUSTON	40	38	5	20-19	20-19	Lost 1
Pittsburgh	32	43	12.5	14-22	18-21	Won 5

West

San Francisco	44	35	—	24-15	20-20	Lost 1
San Diego	41	37	2.5	20-17	21-20	Lost 2
Los Angeles	40	36	2.5	23-16	17-20	Won 1
Colorado	28	49	15	17-21	11-28	Lost 5
Arizona	29	50	15	15-24	14-26	Won 2

Glossary:

W: Wins L: Losses
GB: Games Back
Home: Home record
Road: Road record
Streak: consecutive games won or lost

Thursday's American League scores

Toronto 14, Tampa Bay 0
Baltimore 3, Kansas City 2
Detroit 7, Cleveland 6 (10)
New York Yankees 5, Boston 4 (13)
Seattle 8, Texas 4
Chicago White Sox 2, Minnesota 1
Oakland 7, Anaheim 3

Friday's interleague game:

Texas (Dress, 4-5) at
Houston (Oswalt, 6-6), 7:05 p.m.

Thursday's National League scores

Philadelphia 10, Montreal 5
Atlanta 9, Florida 1
Arizona 7, San Diego 5
New York Mets 7, Cincinnati 6
Chicago Cubs 5, Houston 4
Milwaukee 10, Colorado 9
Los Angeles 5, San Francisco 4

Friday's interleague game:

Houston (Oswalt, 6-6) vs
Texas (Dress, 4-5), 7:05 p.m.

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Saturday, July 3, 2004

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- 8:30 p.m. Parade of Flags grand entry, Symphony, Chorus begins performance
- 9:45 p.m. Fireworks display begins

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7:00	George Lopez
8:00	Hope & Faith
9:00	20/20 (CBS)
10:00	News (CBS)
11:00	Ent. Tonight
12:00	Live (CBS)

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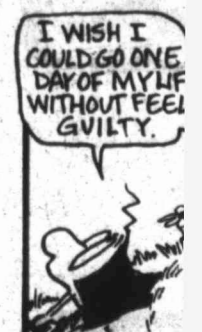
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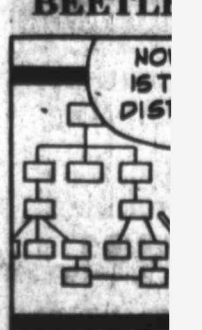
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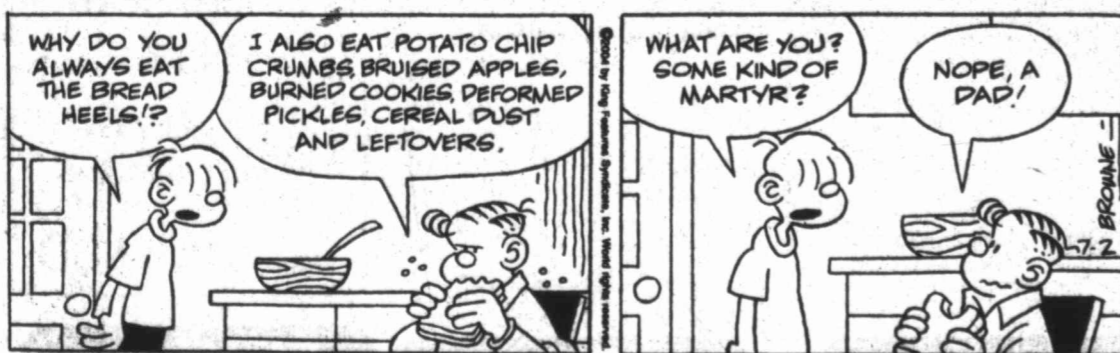
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This Date In History

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July 2, the 184th day of 2004. There are 182 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution saying that "these United Colonies are, and of right, ought to be, Free and Independent States."

On this date:

In 1881, President Garfield was shot by Charles J. Guiteau at the Washington railroad station; Garfield died the following September.

In 1890, Congress passed the Sherman Antitrust Act.

In 1926, the United States Army Air Corps was created.

In 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over

the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first round-the-world flight at the equator.

In 1961, author Ernest Hemingway shot himself to death at his home in Ketchum, Idaho.

In 1964, 40 years ago, President Johnson signed into law a sweeping civil rights bill passed by Congress.

In 1976, the Supreme Court ruled the death penalty was not inherently cruel or unusual.

In 1989, former Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko died in Moscow at age 79.

In 2001, Robert Tools received the world's first self-contained artificial heart in Louisville, Ky. (He lived 151 days with the device.)

In 2002, American adventurer Steve Fossett became the first person to fly a balloon solo around the world as he returned to western Australia.

Today's Birthdays:

Country singer Marvin Rainwater is 79. Actor

Brock Peters is 77. Former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos is 75. Jazz musician Ahmad Jamal is 74. Actor Robert Ito is 73. Actress Polly Holliday is 67. Former White House chief of staff John Sununu is 65. Actor Ron Silver is 58. Luci Baines Johnson, daughter of President Johnson, is 57. Actor Saul Rubinek is 56. Rock musician Roy Bittan (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 55. Rock musician Gene Taylor (The Blasters) is 52. Actress-model Jerry Hall is 48. Actor Jimmy McNichol is 43. Rock musician Dave Parsons (Bush) is 39. Actress Yancy Butler is 34.

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Newsday Crossword

SHIRT STUFF by Merle Baker
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| ACROSS | DOWN | DOWN | DOWN |
| 1 One of the Spice Girls | 1 Walt Kelly's possum | 9 Advocate | 39 Not proper |
| 5 La vita nuova poet | 2 Yemen neighbor | 10 Mil. rank | 40 Bishop topper |
| 10 Wharton degrees | 3 Nasty mood | 11 Like Joe Sixpack | 43 Track |
| 14 Former Atlanta arena | 4 Affected personally | 12 Guam capital's former name | 46 Arizona retirement center |
| 15 New York city | 5 Work horse | 13 Financial inst. | 48 Black Forest tree |
| 16 Lichen symbiote | 6 Not whispered | 21 One might be blessed | 49 Migrating salmon |
| 17 Manner of walking | 7 "Groovy!" | 22 Aberdeen negative | 50 Swiss city |
| 18 Game surface | 8 Fruity dessert | 26 -Foy, Quebec | 51 Dumbstruck |
| 19 San __ PR | | 27 River to the Yellow Sea | 52 Ordered pizza, perhaps |
| 20 Exact | | 28 Whiffenpoofs | 55 South Seas staple |
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| 24 Poet banished from Rome | | 30 Exercise | 57 Former cultural exchange org. |
| 25 Scamp | | 31 Romance lang. | 58 Flim- |
| 27 Agreeable sorts | | 33 Start for deep or high | 59 Admit all, with "up" |
| 30 Aware of | | 35 Samoa studier | 61 Sounds of hesitation |
| 32 Strange | | 36 Cabinet off. | |
| 33 Golfer Tom | | | |
| 34 Desire Under the | | | |
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| 38 Phonograph part | | | |
| 41 "Lighthouse Harry" | | | |
| 42 PC owner | | | |
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| 45 Author Asimov | | | |
| 47 Made cereal, maybe | | | |
| 49 Not fragile | | | |
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| 53 Mandela's org. | | | |
| 54 A pitcher might tear one | | | |
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To DOK, complete name unknown and to all whom it may concern, Respondent(s): You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Armando and Juanita Alaniz, Petitioners, was filed in the Court of Howard County, Texas, on November 10, 2003 against DOK, complete name unknown, Respondent, numbered 43273 and entitled "In the Interest of a Child." The suit requests to terminate the parent-child relationship to adopt the child. The date in place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit: April 4, 1995, in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Big Spring, Texas, on 11th day of May 2004. Clerk of the District Court of Howard County, Texas By Colleen Barton #4255 June 25 & July 2, 2004

LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Sealed Proposals/Bids will be accepted by the Midland Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department, Attn: Deputy Director- Administration, First Floor, Suite 101 of the Midland Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department, 200 N. Main, Midland, Texas 79701 until 12:00 noon CST, July 9, 2004. The proposals will be opened and acknowledged/ read aloud on July 9, 2004 for Sex Offender Treatment during a special meeting of the Midland CSCD Executive Management Team at the Midland CSCD Office, 200 N. Main, Midland, Texas.

04CSCD02 - Sex Offender Treatment The Midland CSCD, Executive Management Team will select a primary vendor for purposes of negotiation, or award the bid, following a review of the proposals by all interested Agency officials. The Midland CSCD's selection will be made within thirty (30) days. Interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgment and the Special Meeting of the Midland CSCD Executive Management Team.

Proposal information may be obtained from the Midland CSCD Administration Office, First Floor of the Midland CSCD Building, 200 N. Main, Midland, Texas.

Each proposal must conform, and be responsive, to the conditions and specification contained in the proposal packet. The CSCD reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or to waive any irregularities in any proposal and to be the sole judge of the merit and qualifications of products and services.

Antonio H. Molinar Agency Director Midland CSCD #4255 June 25 & July 2, 2004

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ANNIE LOIS MEEK, Deceased, were issued on June 21, 2004, in Cause No. P-13176, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: R.B. Hall, Jr.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: R.B. Hall, Jr., P.O. Box 595, Dripping Springs, Texas, 78620. DATED the 29 day of June, 2004. LANNY HAMBLY Attorney for Estate State Bar No.: 08816000 306 Scurry Street Big Spring, Texas 79720 #4264 July 2, 2004

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of PRISCILLA T. BROWN, Deceased, were issued on June 21, 2004, in Cause No. P-13171, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Carroll Kohl.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Representative, Estate of PRISCILLA T. BROWN CARROLL KOHL 615 Colgate, Big Spring, Texas 79720 DATED the 29 day of June, 2004. LANNY HAMBLY Attorney for Estate State Bar No.: 08816000 P.O. Drawer 2199 Big Spring, Texas 79721-2199 Telephone: (432)263-8395 Facsimile: (432)263-4798 #4265 July 2, 2004

Easley Roofing and Sheet Metal is soliciting prices from Minority & Woman Owned Businesses for electrical & mechanical work related to roofing and misc. roofing materials for the following project: Roof Replacement- BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL- Project #04-007-BSH Bids: July 8, 2004- 2:00 p.m. Interested parties may contact (361)575-0294. #4266 July 2 & 4, 2004

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

Many folks take off work now to start the Fourth of July weekend early — the full moon makes such arrangements seem irresistible. This full moon is in respectful Capricorn, which is as patriotic as it gets for this occasion! Plans that focus on honoring all that's right about the United States of America will be the most successful.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have an insatiable appetite for learning. You'll be surprised to discover that romance seems like a distraction, even a hindrance, to your quest. Paradoxically, this makes you all the sexier.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The stars will turbocharge you, so it's likely you will go for an extra round of exercise, catch one more errand than you planned or handle a couple more meetings than were scheduled. Avoid formalities, and get right to the point.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've chosen a colorful crowd, as usual. But what you'll learn about some of your friends will be most unusual and not at all what you expected. Enthusiastically support others for their differences as well as their similarities.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Social energy is whirling. It only takes a smile to start a conversation. But when it comes to making plans for the future, casual as they may be, you must decide very carefully whom you want in your life on a regular basis.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your intuitive channels are wide open. It's difficult to be around anyone with upsetting habits or a natural tendency to push the emergency buttons. Face the truth about a relationship, and handle a less-than-optimum situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Rushing about is one way

to get the job done but not the smart way. Accomplishing goals with the fewest moves is the name of the game. Take precautions. Call to confirm appointments, bring the map, and allow for traffic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are wise and full of workable solutions. Invite people to your way of thinking. A sense of emotional well-being makes it easier for you to communicate your concepts in a simple, accessible way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Optimism will conquer your fear of the unknown. Act for the good of all (or at least most). Although you feel a strong connection with a sweetie; it's not the time to ask for a commitment. Promises made now are easily broken.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You might be surprised at your own outrageousness! Something you want/need/covet is available, and you'll do just about anything to get it, including braving the traffic and crowds. Whew!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a mixed bag of cosmic energies affecting you. The cast of characters is a regular circus — talented people expressing themselves in ways you never would have dreamed. Laughter, music and poetry fill your world.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's some satisfaction when people around you point out how popular you are — it's almost embarrassing, but why should you be modest? Not only do you know everyone; you know the right people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You thoroughly enjoy your own company! And why shouldn't you? The more time you spend getting to know yourself, your tendencies and your talents, the more attractive you become. Banish self-imposed limitations.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a 49-year-old married man with three children, and I had an affair with my 34-year-old office assistant. We both are now separated from our original partners, although we are not living with each other. "Cora" lives with her three children from her two previous relationships. We are still seeing each other.

Here's the thing. After we started going out, Cora began e-mailing her first ex-husband in a sexually explicit way. There were some heavy phone conversations going on as well. When I confronted Cora, she said she only wanted revenge for some nasty things her ex had done, and she was trying to fool him into thinking she'd sleep with him. Cora promised to stop corresponding, but a few weeks later, she did it again. She begged my forgiveness, and naturally, I caved.

Cora also has exchanged some extremely flirtatious e-mails with an ex-boyfriend, but she insists she loves me and would never be unfaithful. I now have grave misgivings about our relationship. We have had counseling, mainly because I have broken up with her a number of times and she has trouble handling this (crying jags, screaming). She has a terrible temper, by the way. What should I do? — Fearful in Puerto Rico

Dear Fearful: It's time to listen to your brain instead of your libido. Cora cannot be trusted, and if she isn't cheating on you now, she probably will get around to it sooner or later. If counseling didn't help, the relationship is not likely to improve, although counseling may still be a good idea for you alone.

Would you consider reconciling with your wife? If that is not an option, at least stop letting Cora manipulate you. It's not going to work. Move on.

Dear Annie: I buy the newspaper every day just to read your column. I'm a 19-year-old female, and I have been seeing a 27-year-old guy who is respectful and kind. We like each other, spend time together and kiss a lot, but he tells me that even though I have all the qualities he wants in a girl, we are not "a couple."

The reason he can't be with me is because we are of different religions. I have been to his church, but I don't feel comfortable there. He says he would date me if I converted, and he wants this desperately. I like him a lot, but I don't want to convert. What should I do? — Desperate in Washington State

Dear Desperate: You should find someone for whom your religion is not an issue. You are still plenty young, and a 27-year-old may be too interested in a serious relationship to be suitable for you right now. Since you apparently are not "a couple," this would be a good time to break things off before it becomes too hurtful to do so. Wish him the best, but tell him his needs are different from yours and he deserves to find someone more compatible. (So do you.)

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. © 2004 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

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Golf Insider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Put club on direct flight to impact

By T.J. TOMASI
Universal Press Syndicate

A lot has been written about the so-called "plane" of the golf swing, an imaginary surface that describes the angle of the club during the swing. Some golfers relate well to explanations of this imaginary surface, but most players' eyes glass over.

I find it more productive to talk about a "direct route" to the ball where your club head stays on its arc throughout the swing.

Think of it this way: At the top of your backswing, your club head is approximately 7 feet from the ground (depending on your height) and 30 inches in from the ball. To build a consistent swing, you want to return to impact on an arc close to the one used on the backswing.

The downswing arc is not identical to the backswing arc because the action of the lower body causes the club head to loop, shallowing the arc. But if you can come close to matching up your arcs, you'll be on the most direct route to the ball.

The key to this direct route (for right-handed players) is the angle of the left arm. You can see what I mean in the two accompanying photos.

In the top photo (below), my student's left arm is pointing far to the right of his target, which is the farthest white sign in the distance. Take a look at the position of his hands tucked uncomfortably behind his chest as a result of his left arm folly and you'll see how hard it is for him to make a direct-route delivery.

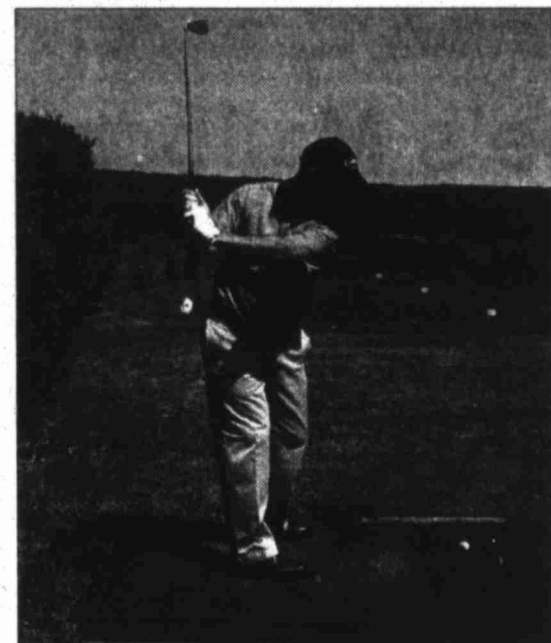
From here his left arm will have to move out toward the target line before it starts down, making it nearly impossible to square the club head by impact. Remember, it's called the "down" swing, not the "around" swing.

Contrast this to the student's arm position in the bottom photo. Here his left arm is angled just to the right of his target. This allows his hands to stay in the middle of his chest, a prerequisite for a direct-route swing. From here the pulling force of the lower body can deliver the club head on an uninterrupted arc to impact.

You can condition your left arm to take the most direct route by doing the following drill. Tee a ball and, using a 7-iron, swing your arms to the top of your swing without turning your body.

Check to make sure your left arm points at the target, then turn your body as you normally would so that your left arm points a bit to the right of the target. Hit the ball from this posed position.

Note that your left arm does point to the right of the target at the top of your swing, but not "way" right.



In photo two (bottom), the student's arm position is centered, allowing an uninterrupted arc to impact.



Phil Mickelson celebrates his winning putt with the gallery at Augusta National.

Feeling the love

Mickelson has become a favorite of fans everywhere

By CRAIG DOLCH
Cox News Service

West Palm Beach, Fla. Phil Mickelson had just finished his second round of the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills as the clubhouse leader when he spotted a couple of USGA officials standing behind the 18th hole.

Their conversation had nothing to do with the much-criticized course setup. Instead, it dealt with how Lefty was due in the media center.

"I don't mind going," he told them, "but you can't expect me to walk past all these people. I can't do it."

So Mickelson went to where the hundreds of fans were leaning over the metal barriers, and he signed programs, tickets, hats and anything else offered him for 30 minutes. When he finally left for the mass interview, that loopy smile of his still in place, the fans cheered him.

Again. The scene, along with hundreds of others at Shinnecock, shows how much Mickelson has become the people's champion of golf. Tiger Woods may have more major titles (eight to one), but nobody has more fans than Mickelson. From the moment he showed up for his first practice round on Monday to the time he walked off the 18th green on Sunday, his hopes for being halfway home to the Grand Slam coming up two shots short, Mickelson received the kind of overwhelming support seldom seen in golf.

At least for a guy who didn't win the championship.

While it's been much chronicled how Woods patterned his career after Jack Nicklaus, even putting Nicklaus' career achievements on his bedroom wall as a child, it's now just as obvious how Mickelson has modeled his career after Arnold Palmer. Not only are their playing styles simi-



Photos by CURTIS COMPTON / Cox News Service

Mickelson says he appreciates his fans and says it's important to take time to sign autographs and talk with them. It's an approach similar to that of Arnold Palmer.

lar — neither ever saw an improbable shot from the rough/trees they didn't feel they could pull off — but they also had this wonderful connection with the fans.

Arnold had his Army. Phil has his Phans.

Mickelson admitted before the start of the U.S. Open, for the first time, how much he idolized Palmer. "When I was growing up playing the game and when I first came out on Tour, the person that I tried to emulate the most was Arnold Palmer," he said.

Mickelson talked about a scene he'll always remember about Palmer. It was 1994, and Palmer had just played in his final U.S. Open on his stomping grounds (Oakmont Country Club near Pittsburgh), but after he missed the cut on Friday, Palmer went to the volunteer tent and spent 90 minutes signing autographs for the tournament's unsung heroes.

"His comment after people were thanking him profusely, he said, 'You guys spent hours on end helping out with this event, helping it run smoothly and yet you don't have a chance to go out and see any golf at all. I wanted to come here and let you know how much we appreciate it,'" Mickelson said. "I thought that was what professional golf should be, the way pro-

fessionals should handle themselves, the way he treated people with respect and was always thoughtful towards others.

"So I've used him as a role model. I do my best. I'm not able to do it always, but I do my best to show the same respect that he does and emulate what he has done."

Palmer, from his offices in Latrobe, Pa., recently said he saw a lot of himself in Mickelson. "I have always enjoyed the enthusiasm of my galleries and tried to return that to them," Palmer said. "Phil seems to have captured the fancy of the fans and seems to enjoy it, too, and responds nicely to it."

It will be interesting to see how the Scottish fans warm up to Mickelson in the British Open starting July 15 at Royal Troon. Mickelson has never played well in the British Open — his best finish in 11 tries is a tie for 11th — but that was when he also emulated Palmer's go-for-broke playing style.

The irony is that it wasn't until Mickelson abandoned some of his Phil the Thrill approach — by playing more conservatively in the big events — that he finally had his major breakthrough at the Masters. By becoming less like Palmer with a club in his hands, he's become even more like him to his ever-growing legion of fans.

Tour Championship finds permanent home in Atlanta

By GLENN SHEELEY
Cox News Service

Atlanta East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta is now the "permanent" home of the Tour Championship.

As expected, East Lake, which has hosted the Tour Championship three of the past six years, will indefinitely host the tournament, which annually brings together the PGA Tour's top 30 money-winners. Atlanta-based Coca-Cola, which

was presenting sponsor for the 2002 and 2003 Tour Championships, is under contract for 2004 and 2005, with an option through 2011.

East Lake hosted the Tour Championship in 1998 (won by Hal Sutton), 2000 (Phil Mickelson) and 2002 (Vijay Singh). Houston's Champions Golf Club hosted on odd years since 1997.

"We're going to call it, if you'll excuse my crossing of sports, the World Series Super Bowl of Golf here in Atlanta," said Gov. Sonny Perdue.

East Lake Golf Club is celebrating its 100th anniversary. It is best known as the home course of legendary golfer Bobby Jones.

PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem's words at last year's final Tour Championship in Houston were an accurate harbinger of what transpired at Wednesday's announcement.

"The focus," he said, "is on building it there in Atlanta for a number of years. There's a possibility we could be there for a long time."

WOMEN'S USGA

U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN PREVIEW

- **Site:** South Hadley, Mass.
- **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday.
- **Course:** Orchards Golf Club (6,473 yards, par 71).
- **Purse:** \$3.1 million. Winner's share: \$560,000.
- **Television:** ESPN (Thursday-Friday, 2-6 p.m.) and NBC (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).
- **Last year:** Hilary Lunke became the first qualifier to win, holing a 15-foot birdie putt on the final hole of an 18-hole playoff with Angela Stanford and Kelly Robbins at Pumpkin Ridge in Oregon.

• **The favorite:** Annika Sorenstam, the 1995 and 1996 winner of the U.S. Open, successfully defended her LPGA Championship title three weeks ago for her seventh career major victory. She has four major victories this season to push her career total to 52.

• **The buzz:** Michelle Wie, 14, is the youngest player to receive an exemption to a U.S. Open.

She failed to defend her U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links title Sunday, losing 1-up to Taiwan's Ya-Ni Tseng in the 36-hole final at Golden Horseshoe in Williamsburg, Va.

• **The future:** The 2005 tournament will be played at Cherry Hills in Englewood, Colo., and the 2006 event is set for the Newport Country Club in Rhode Island.

• **On the Web:** www.uswomensopen.com



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BY THE NUMBERS

\$1,125,000

Retief Goosen's share of the \$6.25 million purse in the men's U.S. Open

\$560,000

The winner's share of the \$3.1 million purse at this week's women's U.S. Open.

\$50

Amount of money Cristie Kerr will donate to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation for every birdie she makes in competition.

OTHER EVENTS

PGA TOUR

Western Open

- **Site:** Lemont, Ill.
- **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday.
- **Course:** Cog Hill Golf and Country Club, Dubsdread Course (7,073 yards, par 72).
- **Purse:** \$4.8 million. Winner's share: \$864,000.
- **Television:** USA (Thursday, 4-6 p.m.; Friday, 3-6 p.m.) and ABC (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

CHAMPIONS TOUR

Long Island Classic

- **Site:** East Meadow, N.Y.
- **Schedule:** Friday-Sunday
- **Course:** Eisenhower Park, Red Course (6,914 yards, par 70).
- **Purse:** \$1.5 million. Winner's share: \$225,000.
- **Television:** The Golf Channel (Friday-Sunday, 1:30-4 p.m., 9-11:30 p.m.).

EQUIPMENT

Shafts match swing tempo

If you are buying new golf clubs, be sure to take into consideration the tempo and length of your swing when choosing the shaft flex. Making the right match will optimize your length and accuracy.

Here is the rule of thumb: If you have a long swing it better be a slow swing, and if your swing is short it better be fast. And the faster the tempo, the stiffer the shaft should be.

This is because of the rate of recovery on a stressed shaft. The short, fast swing allows less time for the shaft to load and then

return to a square position.

For example, a player who swings the club at 100 mph with a short, fast swing (similar to Nick Price on the PGA Tour) would require a stiffer shaft than someone with a longer, smoother tempo (a la Ernie Els) even if the longer, smoother swing produces a swing speed of 120 mph. So the "conventional wisdom" that swings producing higher swing speeds require stiffer shafts does not always hold true.

As always, check with a PGA professional who is a certified club fitter to help you make such critical decisions about your club specifications.



Golfers with long, smooth swings, such as PGA Tour pro Ernie Els, should not be buying stiff-shafted clubs.

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.

Q: I'm relatively new to golf (second season), and I'm still having trouble finding the various distances I have to stand away from each iron. Can you please give me any help? — Mary M., from the Web

A: The key to standing the correct distance from the ball is your posture. If your posture is correct, then your distance from the ball is dictated by the length of each individual club.

The length of your irons changes in half-inch increments, and as the length increases, the loft decreases. So your 9-iron has more loft than your 8, and is a half-inch shorter. To establish good posture, stand

erect, holding a club with your target arm on top of, rather than beside, your chest. Your knees should be straight.

With your arms hanging comfortably from your shoulders and the club shaft horizontal to the ground, simply let the club head lower to the ground as you bend forward from your hip sockets. Now flex your knees for comfort and balance.

When you have done this correctly, your rear end sticks out and your knees, although they are flexed, are over your shoelaces, not your toes.

To read more detail about posture and to see photos of the above explanation, get my book "Play Better Golf for Women." Seeing illustrations of the perfect posture will help