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July 30, 2004

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Citizens group for Fisd bond issue to convene

The Forsan Independent School District Citizens Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school library. Anyone interested in supporting the upcoming bond election is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Amy Burchett at 267-5626.

Forsan All-Class Reunion slated Saturday, Aug. 7

The Forsan School All-Class Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 7, in the Forsan High School cafeteria. All ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends of the school are invited. Dress is casual. Admission is \$15 per person, \$7.50 for students.

The reunion will begin at 9:30 a.m. with lunch to be served at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Boyce Hale at 432 267-6957 or e-mail txablo@yahoo.com

Salvation Army taking donations for school needs

The Big Spring Salvation Army is accepting donations for its annual "Back to School" program, which provides school supplies for area low-income students. Donations can be made at the Salvation Army office, 811 W. Fifth Street. Corps officials expect to help more than 400 students with their back to school items this year. For more information, call 267-8239.

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Kerry: 'America can do better, help is on the way'

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE

Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — Challenging President Bush by declaring that "strength is more than tough words," Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry plunged into the general election campaign aimed at convincing millions of undecided voters that his time in Vietnam makes him the right commander in a time of war.

The president, trailing slightly in polls, told battleground state voters that when it comes to choosing a president, "results matter."

Leaving the warm embrace of



KERRY

"In these dangerous days there is a right way and a wrong way to be strong. Strength is more than tough words."

his most fervent supporters Kerry is in stronger shape than any presidential challenger in a quarter-century.

After accepting his party's nomination in a boisterous Thursday night convention

finale, Kerry and his running mate John Edwards were embarking Friday on a 3,500-mile, coast-to-coast campaign swing through 21 states.

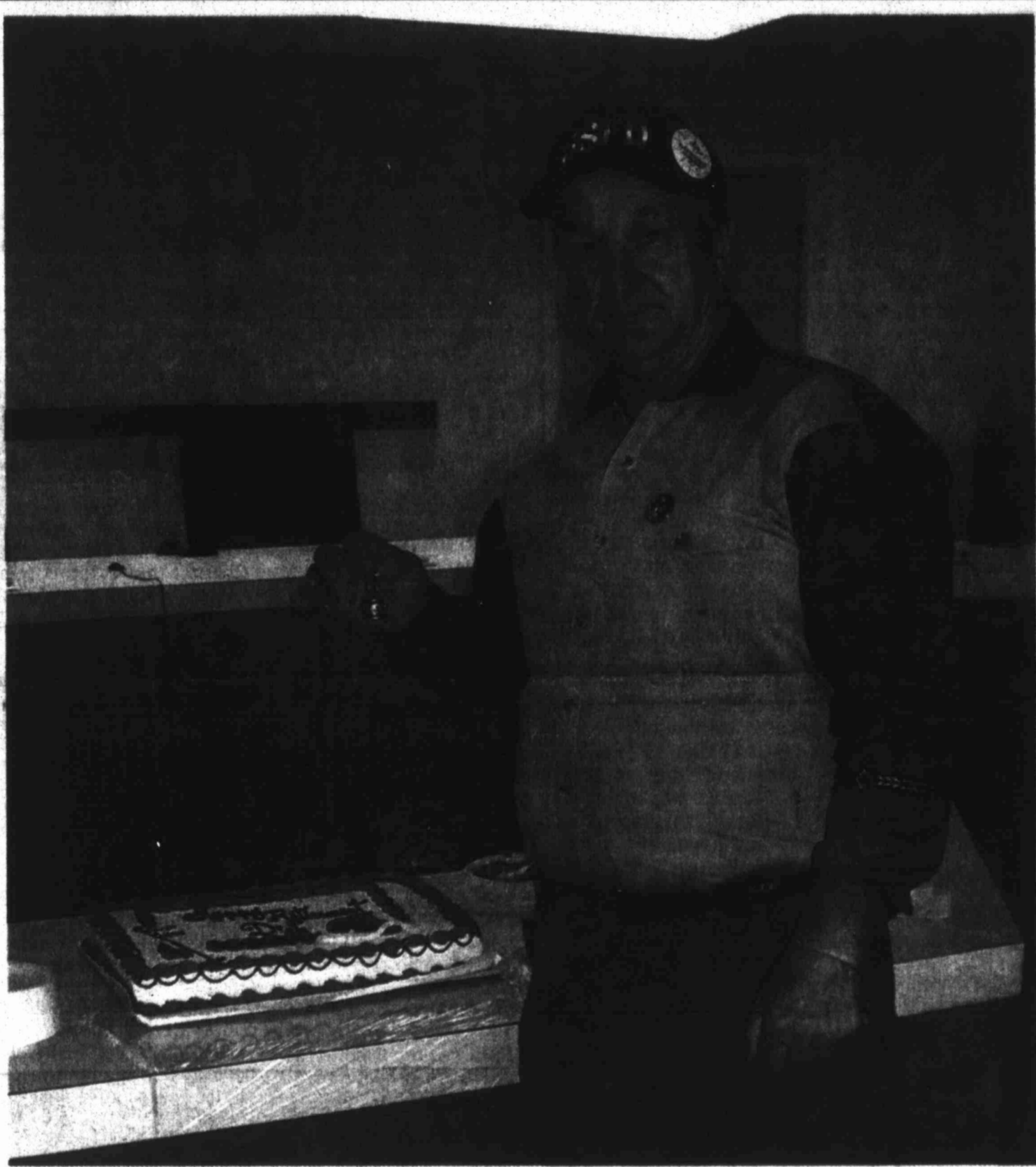
"Today, we set out on a journey across this great country to

share with Americans on Main Streets and family porches and in cities and towns our plan to make America stronger at home and respected in the world," Kerry said in remarks prepared for a kickoff rally.

With slightly more than three months until the election, Kerry is virtually tied with Bush and likely to enjoy a bounce in the polls from this week's convention.

Kerry hit hard at the president's handling of the Iraq war and the war on terror in his acceptance speech Thursday night.

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After more than 30 years with the Big Spring Fire Department, Dick Dubose retired this week. Dubose shows off one of the retirement gifts he received during a going-away party held Thursday at the City Council Chambers, a guardrail bell from a fellow firefighter. Dubose said the bell, once attached to his motorcycle, is supposed to ward off trouble while on the road.

Retiring firefighter recalling many good changes at BSPD over years

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

After 30 years with the Big Spring Fire Department, Dick Dubose is hanging up his bunker gear.

While the prospect of retiring may appeal to those currently running in the "rat race" more than they would like to admit, it's something of a scary prospect for Dubose, who was born in San Angelo and has lived in Big Spring since he was 9-years-old.

"It's sort of scary," he said. "I love this job. Everyone wants their kids to be doctors and lawyers and dentists, but we usually don't end up doing what our parents want. This is a good career. The first day I came to work I was excited, and the last day I came to work I was still excited. If you find a job that you enjoy coming to every day, that's the trick."

"You can send some black smoke up out here and I guarantee the firemen that are off duty will call in and ask what's going on and see if any help is needed."

After serving as everything from a hoseman to a BSFD lieutenant

"There are a lot of differences between firefighting today and the way it was when I first started. For the most part the changes have been for the better. There's a lot more focus now on safety."

since he hired on in 1974, Dubose has had the opportunity to see a lot of changes to the city and its emergency services, some more glaring than others.

"There have been some really big changes. For instance, this room we're sitting in," he said, motioning around the city council chambers. "This is where we used to live when I first started with the fire department."

"Trucks sat right here where we're at and there were poles over there. This was Station 1, the main station for many years. It's nice now, but it's sure not a fire station anymore," he said with a laugh.

Dubose said there have been a lot of changes in the art of firefighting, most for the better — and luckily, the days of "putting your nose to the floor" are long gone.

"There are a lot of differences between firefighting today and the way it was when I first started," said Dubose. "For the most part the changes have been for the better. There's a lot more focus now on safety."

"We take our air with us into a fire now. In the past you had to be a fire eater. We would crawl into a house with no air or anything. You put your nose on the floor and crawl in and crawl under beds and that sort of thing."

"We didn't have as much carpet like this," said Dubose, pointing at the carpeting on the floor. "We did have as much nylon, rayon and other synthetic materials. A house fire is a dangerous place, just because of the fumes that you breathe."

"We also can't ride on the tailboard anymore. We used to leave out of here with firefighters hang-

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Free, reduced school lunch applications are coming

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A free lunch is in the mail courtesy of the Big Spring Independent School District. Well, at the least the paperwork anyway.

All parents of children enrolled at Big Spring schools have or will receive an application for the free and reduced lunch program in the mail.

Letters went out Wednesday and the massive mail out, done for the first time, is meant to increase the efficiency of the application process, said Joann Knox, food service director.

"They only have to fill out one application one per family," Knox said. "If they are not interested in seeing if they qualify, then they can just disregard the application. If they want to apply, there are phone numbers on the application if they have questions on how to fill it out."

Knox encourages parents to return the forms when they register their child for classes next week or the applications can also be submitted to: Raellen Thompson, 708 E. 11th Place, 79720.

"We will process the applications and hopefully get as many done as possible before the school year begins," Knox said.

Qualifying for the program are children who live in households receiving food stamps, TANF or if the household income falls within the limits of the Federal Income Chart. Most foster children also qualify for the program.

Students who qualified for last year's program will have a 30-day grace period after school starts on Aug. 16 to turn in the paperwork before being taken off the program, but Knox emphasized parents should turn in the application as soon as possible.

"We would really like to get all the applications within the first week of school," she said. "We always process the new-to-the-district applications first because they are not on a grace period or, if there is a family with a kindergarten stu-

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Obituaries

Chester Railsback



Chester Railsback, 93, of Big Spring died on Wednesday, July 28, 2004, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 2004, in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay, Church of Christ minister, and Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th & Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

He was born on Sept. 3, 1910, in Hamilton, and married Johnnie Faye Lancaster on Nov. 11, 1934, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on May 21, 1995.

Mr. Railsback came to Howard County in the fall of 1926 from Hamilton County. He had farmed all his life and was an avid gardener. He was a Christian.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Doyle and Mary Railsback of Big Spring; his daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Willie Nichols of Big Spring; two brothers, Arvil Railsback of Kosse and Amy Railsback of Mineral Wells; one sister, Pauline Caldwell of Mineral Wells; seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, A.W. and Ella Railsback; five brothers, Frank, Perry, Curtis, James and Eddie Railsback and one sister, Mattie Hyles.

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

Paid obituary

Carl Whitley



Carl Whitley, 54, of Stanton died at 7:15 a.m. Thursday, July 29, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, following a brief illness. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Faith Temple in Lamesa with Leroy Linney, pastor of Hosanna Christian Fellowship in Stanton, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 26, 1949, in Lamesa to Phanis Whitley and Dorothy Hambrick Whitley. He married Linda Havens, April 25, 1971, in Lamesa. He moved from Lamesa to Stanton in 1985.

Mr. Whitley was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served during the Vietnam era. At the time of his death he was working for Wal-Mart and had been with them for the past eight years. He was an avid fisherman and a member of Hosanna Christian Fellowship.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Whitley of Stanton; three sons, William Whitley of Lamesa, Jody Whitley and his wife, Christina, and Justin Whitley and his wife, Missy, all of Stanton; his mother, Dorothy Whitley of Lamesa; three brothers, Ray Whitley and his wife, Judy, Melvin Whitley and his wife, Kay, and Terry Whitley, all of Lamesa; two sisters, Winona Ford and Louise Orr and her husband, Wendell, all of Lamesa; four grandchildren, John Lee Whitley of Stanton, Leland Pechacek, Taylor Pechacek, and Brandi Pechacek, all of Lenora; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Phanis Whitley; one brother, Billy Whitley and his grandparents.

Pallbearers will be Terry Whitley, William Whitley, Justin Whitley, Jody Whitley, Ben Prince and Ronnie Kibler.

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

Paid obituary

Eduvijos "Vickie" Marquez



Eduvijos "Vickie" Marquez, 51, of Big Spring died on Tuesday, July 27, 2004, in Wichita, Kan. Graveside funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 2004, at Mount Olive Memorial Park, with the Rev. Reynaldo Bennett, pastor of Temple LaBiblia Abierta, officiating. She was born April 5, 1953, in Big Spring. She was a lifelong resident of Big Spring.

Survivors include her husband, Andrew Marquez of Big Spring; two sons, Tyrone Juarez Jones of Austin, and Tommy Juarez of El Dorado, Kan.; one daughter, LaShonda Juarez of El Dorado, Kan.; three sisters, Margie Rosas, Cruz Uribe, and Carmen Ramirez, all of Big Spring; three grandsons; four granddaughters; several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cipriano and Beatrice Juarez, and one niece.

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

Robert Earl Garver

Robert Earl Garver, 65, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 29, 2004, at his residence. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Dean Thomas officiating.

He was born Feb. 16, 1939, in Big Spring, to Clay Garver and Willie Mae McElroy Garver. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He had worked in the oil field and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He is survived by one daughter, Samantha Garver of Odessa; one brother, W.C. Garver of Big Spring; three sisters, June Mayhall of Abilene, Marilyn Eichelsderfer of Lake City, Fla., and Patricia Summerall of Little Rock, Ark.; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Police blotter

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

- DANNA MOORE, 32, of 1905 Runnels, was arrested Thursday on five local capias warrants.
- BRANDON ENDICOT, 56, of Winters, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- BRANDON RAMEY, 25, of 507 E. Eighth Street, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.
- MELODY GAY, 43, of 1217 Mobile Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- DAVID PATTERSON, 27, of 1401 Princeton, was arrested Friday on three warrants.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.
 - in the 300 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 1400 block of Gregg Street.
- FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1700 block of Wasson.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1500 block of FM 700.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-5-8-17-20.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 15-20-22-28. Bonus Ball: 1.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$225,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night: 5-0-0

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday afternoon: 8-0-6

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

SUNDAY
• Hang gliding competition at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

MONDAY
• District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

• Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic building at 221 1/2 Main St.

• Howard County ARC meets at 8:06 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

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 Stitches' 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.

• Forsan ISD Citizen's Committee meeting at 7 p.m. in the high school library for anyone interested in supporting the upcoming bond election. Call Amy Burchett at 267-5626.

• 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.

Sheriff's report

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

• ASHLEY PARRISH, 21, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• WILLIAM D. MCMURRAY, 42, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under the age of 15 in the vehicle.

• MARIA GUADALUPE DIAZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of failure to stop and render aid, driving while license suspended/invalid and driving under the influence by a minor - third or more offense, enhanced.

• DALLAS JORDAN, 34, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for resisting arrest, search or transportation, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance (cocaine) and possession of a controlled substance.

• JOSE ANGEL SANCHEZ, age unknown, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

• JACK DANIEL PAREDEZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of interfering with an emergency call, resisting arrest, search or transportation and criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter center.

• STEPHEN FLOYD CARROW, 50, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of tampering with a government record, failure to identify and ride not secured by safety belt.

• DERRICK TODD DRAKE, 18, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.

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Take note

□ MARANATHA BAPTIST ACADEMY begins classes Monday. Enrollment for students 4 through high school is accepted. A open house is set for Aug. 2 through Aug. 16 and the public is invited. Contact Dr. Lillian Bohannon, administrator, at 213-1046.

□ A FUND FOR CLAY "GOONIE" VICKERS to help with expenses for life-threatening surgery has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union, 264-2600. He is a 2003 graduate of Forsan High School and a Howard College theater student.

□ FORSAN ALL-SCHOOL REUNION begins at 9:30 a.m. with lunch set for 12:30 p.m. in the Forsan High School cafeteria. Open to all ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends. The dress is casual and cost is \$15 per person or \$7.50 for students. Contact Boyce Hale at 267-6957.

□ A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union. Love From Home is a local effort to provide personal items needed by the soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Contact the credit union at 267-6373 to contribute funds to offset the cost of postage for the packages mailed to the soldiers.

□ CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

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By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Big Spring local charitable organization were honored at the American Red Cross week, having contributed heavily to making Southwest a safer live.

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By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

School spirit and competition in Howard County Club raise \$35 scholarship Saturday night area youth with national costs.

"None of it was matched money event organized by Newton. "We had a wonderful time and it close to 100 people attended."

Money raised at auction held at Big County Club will be used for scholarships for County youth attend or will attend Texas A&M, whom attended work as volunteer workers. Items up for sale...

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Dunagan, local United Way win awards from Red Cross

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man and a local charitable organization were honored by the American Red Cross this week, having contributed heavily to making the Southwest a safer place to live.

Big Spring resident Rafor Dunagan, who serves as the local contact person and board member of the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, was honored as the orga-

nization's Board Member of the Year, while the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County was awarded the annual United Way Award.

Tonya Hancock, regional director of health and safety services for the American Red Cross, said Dunagan and the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County deeply deserve the awards, which are the culmination of years of work on both an individual and

organizational level.

"Mr. Dunagan has been with our organization for a number of years and on the board of directors for two years," said Hancock. "He was chosen for the award by a vote of the staff, volunteers and other board members for his hard work and dedication."

"Rafor has helped on a local level, as well as a national level. He's driven our disaster vehicle to several national disas-

ters and he always takes a very active role, both in the community and with the board."

Hancock said the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County received the annual United Way award because of the hard work of its director, Cynthia Scott, and the increasing degree of fiscal responsibility the organization has shown to the American Red Cross.

"While so many other funding agencies are try-

ing to cut their contribution, the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County has managed to increase the amount they give from \$1,500 several years ago, to \$16,000 today," said Hancock. "We're funded by six different United Ways, and when it came time to choose one for this award we asked ourselves what they have done for us lately. It wasn't hard to see the United Way of Big Spring and Howard

County has really gone above and beyond.

"Cynthia Scott has been very cooperative and helpful in letting the people of Big Spring know that although the American Red Cross is based out of Midland, we're still here for Big Spring when it needs us."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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"Saying there are weapons of mass destruction in Iraq doesn't make it so. Saying we can fight a war on the cheap doesn't make it so," Kerry told an overflowing FleetCenter crowd and a television audience of millions.

"And proclaiming mission accomplished certainly doesn't make it so," he said to roars.

Republicans hope to counter any upswing for Kerry by casting Bush as a can-do leader and convincing voters that Kerry has not earned the right

to be commander in chief.

Beginning a two-day swing through four presidential battlegrounds after a week's vacation at his Texas ranch, Bush planned to say in a new stump speech that, "When it comes to choosing a president, results matter," according to excerpts of the speech obtained by The Associated Press.

Aides said that was meant to be a subtle suggestion that Kerry has not produced much in his two decades in the Senate.

"The Republicans just have their attack machine," New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, said Friday on NBC's "Today" show. "They're so negative. They have nothing to run on, so they're try-

ing to turn an excellent campaign appearance, a great convention, into negativity."

The Democrats' convention, a four-day show of unity behind Kerry, was designed to tell millions of undecided voters in key states about his Vietnam War service and persuade them that he is prepared to lead and defend the country in an age of terrorism.

Thirteen men who served with Kerry on swiftboats three decades ago in the Mekong Delta shared his spotlight, and a 9 1/2-minute biographical film featured Kerry's own war footage.

Polls show Bush losing public support on Iraq, dropping to 42 percent

earlier this month from 59 percent six months ago, according to a Pew Research Center survey.

Kerry, referring to critics' claims that the president's decision to invade Iraq was based on faulty evidence, promised immediate reforms of the U.S. intelligence system so "policy is guided by facts, and facts are never distorted by politics."

He expanded his criticism far beyond Iraq as he sought to draw a contrast with the president on the national security issues he has placed at the core of his challenge for the White House.

Kerry vowed to reverse policies that send U.S. jobs overseas and promised to expand

health care, improve education and "fight a smarter, more effective war" against terror.

"In these dangerous days there is a right way and a wrong way to be strong," he said. "Strength is more than tough words."

When he cited U.S. job losses, rising health care costs, pollution and homelessness under Bush, Kerry repeated the phrase: "America can do better. And help is on the way."

Republicans said he has taken inconsistent positions on the war against terror, and that he should explain himself.

Kerry voted in 2002 for the congressional resolution authorizing the use

of force in Iraq, but then voted against providing \$87 billion for U.S. troops and reconstruction.

"John Kerry missed an opportunity to help the American people understand his vote for the war in Iraq based on the same intelligence that the president viewed," Bush campaign chairman Marc Racicot said. "He's right, America can do better."

As the Democratic nominee, Kerry gets \$75 million in public money for the general campaign, the only money he can spend through Nov. 2. Bush, who had \$64 million on hand at the beginning of July, gets his \$75 million in taxpayer dollars in early September.

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dent that hasn't been in our district, then we process those first.

"We want to get the applications in as soon as possible because what happens sometimes is when school starts, people

get busy," Knox continued. "They forget to send in their application and the next thing we know, we're sending a letter telling them they no longer qualify because they never turned in an application."

Due to a state program, Knox warned, some parents may be confused

when they receive two conflicting letters.

"Last week, we sent out a letter called direct certification," Knox said. "The state of Texas tells us some households are directly certified though the state to receive free meals without having to fill out an application."

"So they received that

letter last week but we sent the free and reduced lunch applications out to everyone. If those people get a free lunch application, they don't have to fill it out."

An exception, Knox noted, are households that have a member that didn't attend Big Spring schools last year. They

will still need to fill out the paperwork.

Meal prices for the 2004-2005 are: elementary lunch, \$1.60; secondary lunch, \$1.80; reduced price lunch, 40 cents; all level breakfast, \$1; reduced price breakfast,

30 cents; adult lunch, \$2.35; and adult breakfast, \$1.25.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

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DUBOSE

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ing on to the tailboard of the engine, and now the new trucks have to have an enclosed deal to protect the firefighters."

Dubose said the exemplary job the BSFD is doing with the ambulance service is another change for the better, and while many area residents believe the change from private to in-house service is the first for the fire department, it's not.

"We took over the ambulance service, and I'll tell you this is the best ambulance service in the world," he said. "What a lot of people don't know is

this is actually the second time we've taken it over. In 1976 they called me in the middle of the night and told me the ambulance company just quit. There were seven of us that were qualified to work it and we went down and got an old ambulance from the airbase.

"You would have had to be there," he said with a chuckle. "It was spooky. We had the training but we didn't have any experience. We ran the ambulance service that way for about four or five months, until the city could get someone else to take it over."

Recognition of the danger that emergency

responders, such as firefighters, put themselves in every day has become more apparent to the general public since the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Centers, something Dubose is happy to see.

"People are more aware of what we actually do," said Dubose. "We get paid for it and a lot of people just say that's your job, but we could be doing something else."

In the end, Dubose may be retiring, but he's not shy about what he is and what he's been for the past 30 years.

"I remember quitting and I went to welding," Dubose reminisced. "I wasn't gone very long

when I called the fire chief up and told him I wanted my job back. So he put me back on the list and rehired me."

"A while back he said the biggest mistake he ever made was hiring me," he said with a laugh. "I had to tell him not to forget he made that same mistake twice. That was Alvie Harrison, who was the fire chief when I first hired on with the Big Spring Fire Department. He was a fireman's fireman, a real stand-up guy."

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A&M Club auction raises \$35,000

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

School spirit and friendly competition helped the Howard County A&M Club raise \$35,000 in scholarship money Saturday night to assist area youth with their educational costs.

"None of it was from matched money," said event organizer Diana Newton. "We had a wonderful time and there was close to 100 people who attended."

Money raised by the auction held at Big Spring County Club will fund scholarships for Howard County youths who attend or will attend Texas A&M, many of whom attended the event as volunteer workers.

Items up for sale includ-

ed sports memorabilia autographed by professional athletes, tickets to A&M home games and local contributions as well.

Since 2000, the club has established four \$25,000 endowed scholarships for Howard County youths: The Sidney T. Clark Class of 1949, the Don Knight Class of 1981, the Mike and Jeanne Niklasch

Class of 1984; and the Howard County A&M Club.

Last year, the organization gave out \$7,000 worth of scholarships from money raised from the annual auction.

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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:

• Recently appointed Big Spring VA Medical Center Director Lou Ann Atkins, who arrived in town today and met with community leaders at an invitation-only reception at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

• The members of the Big Spring City Council, who voted 6-0 on Tuesday, on final passage of an ordinance banning the chaining and tethering of dogs.

• Congressman Randy Neugebauer, who will bring Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi to West Texas next month to hold forums with veterans concerning the VA health care in Big Spring and other West Texas locations..

• Mark Gentry, who has ably served as executive director of the Big Spring Housing Authority for the past seven years. Gentry has resigned to take the same position with the San Angelo Housing Authority.

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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"United" Democrats an illusion

Shortly before 5 p.m. on Tuesday at the FleetCenter, with hardly a fifth of the delegate seats filled and only C-SPAN's cameras on, the 2004 national Democratic platform was adopted by barely audible acclamation. These delegates are inheritors of an old tradition that has involved their party in often-ruinous platform battles. At long last, say today's Democrats, we are "united."



ROBERT NOVAK

In fact, this unity is an illusion, reflecting the transformation of national political conventions to infomercials. If debate were permitted, a dozen or more planks would have produced a traditional platform donnybrook. Delegates swallowed their left-wing principles to accept a watery platform and avoid an internal struggle. They were guided by the party's sole unifying force: the defeat of George W. Bush.

This forbearance for the party's internal differences can last no longer than Nov. 3, when President Bush's fate will be settled. If Sen. John Kerry wins, the party's left wing will press an agenda set aside to achieve electoral success. If Kerry loses, it will be worse. His campaign's moderation will be blamed by forces insisting on moving left the next time. These alternative prospects project a future fully anticipated by sophisticated Democrats I talked to in Boston.

The truth obscured by deception at the FleetCenter popped out in multiple ways. On Sunday, the day before the convention began,

The New York Times-CBS poll of about one-fourth of the 4,322 convention delegates put them to the left of most Americans and most fellow Democrats — including John Kerry. Nine of 10 delegates polled totally oppose the Iraq war, three-fourths support abortion on demand, only 4 percent back tax cuts and only 5 percent oppose recognition of gay marriage.

Also on Sunday, a forum of leftist delegates (including several members of Congress) declared themselves for radical changes in America after the election. They also showed their contempt for the Kerry campaign's injunction not to assail President Bush with personal abuse. "Send the idiot back to Texas!" said Leo Gerard, president of the Steelworkers union.

On the next day, Monday, Andy Stern in an interview with The Washington Post showed what radical labor leaders really think of the Democrats. "It is a hollow party," said Stern, who heads the giant Service Employees International Union (SEIU). An early supporter of Howard Dean for president, Stern said electing Kerry would slow "evolution" of the Democratic Party's dialogue. Although Stern backed down Tuesday under pressure from his brothers in labor, his original comments as head of the nation's largest union were telling.

Given this reality, the Kerry campaign's ability to control the Boston convention is extraordinary. This is the 23rd national convention I have covered, and I never before saw anything approaching the avoidance of a platform fight here. The clever beginning was to name Rep. Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut, one of the fiercest liberals in Congress, as

platform drafting committee chairman. Because of her reputation, DeLauro was able — for the sake of party unity and victory in November — to adopt a platform less liberal than the 2000 model.

Anti-war activists dropped demands for U.S. troops to leave Iraq at a time certain. The platform handles divisive issues by simply ignoring them. It does not even mention partial-birth abortion, gay marriage, capital punishment, Alaska oil drilling or the Kyoto global warming treaty. It is hard to believe that such staples of liberal ideology could be kept out of a Democratic platform, but they were.

The platform also avoided taking sides on the international trade issue that divides both major parties. Yet, stem-cell research was packed into one speech after another. In abandoning the old-time ideological religion, the convention repeatedly assailed Bush in broad terms for diminishing strength at home and losing respect abroad.

The convention's suppressed frustration could have been the source of the emotional greeting to Dr. Dean on Tuesday. Democrats dodged a bullet this year when the Dean candidacy collapsed, and the party was spared another unwinnable nominee. His well-received speech to the convention was mostly about himself, his most flattering characterization of John Kerry being that Howard Dean was for him. It did not seem much like a united party then.

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Networks barely covered convention

I am not saying that the Democratic Convention was the most electrifying or informative in the history of politics.

I am saying it was more electrifying and informative than "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," "Last Comic Standing," "Navy NCIS" and "Trading Spouses: Meet Your New Mommy."



ROGER SIMON

But that is what the commercial TV networks brought us instead of covering even one second of the convention.

The networks are barely covering the convention at all. They are broadcasting just one live hour a night for three nights. Tuesday night, they broadcast nothing live at all.

I think that is embarrassing. Especially considering the tripe they are broadcasting instead.

How embarrassing is it? This embarrassing: According to the Boston Herald, the Arab news network, al Jazeera, "is airing more live primetime broadcasting" of the Democratic convention "each night than the major commercial American networks." Al Jazeera, according to the newspaper, is broadcasting 90 minutes of the convention each night.

Why is al Jazeera doing so? According to the network's

spokesperson, Stephanie Thomas, "This convention is particularly relevant, both to our Middle Eastern and our American audiences."

American networks apparently do not think a presidential nominating convention is "particularly relevant" to their American audiences, however.

But wait, you say, some of the networks have cable outlets that are covering the convention a lot more, right?

Yeah, but examine the difference in audience size: According to Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, the combined primetime viewing audience for ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox is 30 million. The combined primetime viewing audience for the cable and satellite channels (PBS, CNN, Fox News Channel, CNBC, MSNBC and MTV) is 6.6 million.

And there is something else to consider. "Those who select one of these cable or satellite channels or seek convention coverage on the Internet are already politically interested and committed," Gans said. "Those who watch only the networks are the general public. It is the general public that needs to be engaged and informed."

I am not faulting the news operations of the commercial networks. You can bet the news operations wanted to cover the conventions. But the money people at the networks did not. And that is because they know they can make a lot

more money bringing the public "reality" programming instead of the reality of the nominating conventions.

"But the public doesn't want to watch!" the money people say. And we have low ratings from past years to prove it.

To which I say: Who cares? You were granted broadcast licenses by the government to provide a public service, not just to make money hand over fist. And by refusing to meet your public service obligations, you deny those members of the public who do want to be informed the ability to get the information they want and need.

The same networks that broadcast every lap of 500-lap auto races could not bring us a single second of a convention on a night during which Ted Kennedy, Howard Dean, Barack Obama, Ron Reagan and Teresa Heinz Kerry all spoke.

It is shameful. And you would think that American TV networks would be just a little embarrassed that if American citizens want to really watch American democracy in action, they would be better off watching al Jazeera.

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Cornerstone Church
Cornerstone Church Morning International invites children kindergarten through fourth grade to summer "Metamorphosis Insect-Inside Time" 10:30 a.m. Sunday. This week's mance is "Cockroach, Dragonfly." The is based on Each week will skits, dramas games with a bug theme. Cornerstone Church is on the corner of Owens streets, family atmosphere praise and Morning worship at 10:30 a.m. Worship is at Childcare is available for newborns preschool. Call Craig or Cheris 263-3072 with questions.

First United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Ring's communion is titled "My Dog." The text comes from 14:53-59.

Worship service 8:30 a.m. and Sunday school meet at 9:45 a.m.

A redistricting will be at 4 p.m. Coahoma Church. Then, Sunday evening one is invited to monthly prayer.

Registration Roundup 2004 is in progress. The roundup will Lubbock Aug. will be approx class modules training for leadership. Deadline is Aug. 22.

"Jesus in the is a comprehensive week study of gospels that offered this for p.m. Tuesdays. begins Sept. 7 a is \$35. Anyone should contact office or Mu Diane Murphy.

Plans are under the Youth Revue for Aug. 1. Also, the youth attend Rock 1 Aug. 20-22. Courtney Jol more information.

First United Church is located Scurry. For more information on any

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Church News

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 "Crawling Cockroach, Hidden Dragonfly." 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.

First United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Dr. Dave Ring's communion meditation is titled "That's Not My Dog." The scripture text comes from Mark 14:53-59.

Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes meet at 9:45 a.m.

A redistricting meeting will be at 4 p.m. in the Coahoma Methodist Church. Then, at 5 p.m. Sunday evening, everyone is invited to the monthly prayer meeting.

Registration for Roundup 2004 is currently in progress. This year's roundup will be in Lubbock Aug. 28. There will be approximately 70 class modules offered for training for lay leadership. Deadline to register is Aug. 22.

"Jesus in the Gospels" is a comprehensive 30-week study of the four gospels that will be offered this fall at 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays. The study begins Sept. 7 and the cost is \$35. Anyone interested should contact the church office or Murray and Diane Murphy.

Plans are underway for the Youth Revival scheduled for Aug. 13-15.

Also, the youth will attend Rock the Desert Aug. 20-22. Contact Courtney Johnson for more information.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of the pro-

grams at First United Methodist Church, call the church office at 267-6394.

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 teen-agers. Wednesday evening classes begin at 7. Childcare is provided.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Summer is winding down and school will be starting soon. The youth will have a coke float fellowship from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. They will be planning activities for the upcoming months.

In the Ladies Lift (Ladies In Fellowship Together) meeting, the ladies will be working on quilts from 10 a.m. until noon every Tuesday at the church. The quilts will be sent to our missionaries.

We invite any lady, whatever the age, to come join in the fellowship and help.

If you are looking for a church home we pray you will visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane, where visitors become friends and friends become family. Sunday services are at 10:50 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For information you may call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

First Baptist Church

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.

Our pastor, the Rev. Dennis Teeters, returns home and will continue his series of sermons on "Call Waiting" with David as the emphasis. Our evening worship begins at 6.

Our Royal Ambassadors

are returning home today after being at camp in Brownwood, and we pray for their safe return.

Men's prayer breakfast is at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday. They meet in the dining room.

All senior adults are invited to enjoy a time of fun, food and fellowship on Tuesday when Live Longer and Like It (Triple L) meets at 11:45 a.m. downstairs in the dining room.

If you are without a church home, we invite you to visit us at 705 W. FM 700 (across from the VA Medical Center.) There is a place for you at First Baptist Church.

Friends of Unity

Jesus' tomb was found empty. On Sunday we will seek to answer to the question, "What does this empty tomb mean?"

All are welcome to join us at 2 p.m. in our center, located in the Railroad Plaza.

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.

St. Mary's Planning Group will meet Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the parish office.

Evening Prayer is said Monday through Friday at 5:30 p.m. 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 S. Goliad.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on text from Luke 12:13-21 Sunday. Worship service is held at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten starts at 10:35 a.m.

Opportunities for the week include choir practice at 6 p.m. Wednesday. The men of the church are planning a work trip to Camp Chimney Springs in Cloudcroft, N.M., for the purpose of re-roofing a structure at the camp.

Anyone who is interested should call the church office. The trip will be Aug. 6-8. Plans are also being made for Rally Day

Aug. 22.

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

East Side Baptist Church

You are invited to our 16th Anniversary Gospel Singing.

We will begin at 7 p.m. Friday. We have too much talent to list them all.

We will have special services Sunday to celebrate our 16 years of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. There will be a special speaker at 9:45 a.m. and then great singing, testimony and more preaching at 10:45 a.m.

We will continue our celebration on Wednesday with a Gospel Concert. "The Dartt Family" will be with us for our evening service and what a treat they are. Some of the finest gospel music anywhere.

Be sure to make plans to be at East Side Baptist Church for this great time.

Nursery is provided for children under four years old.

The church is located at 1108 E. Sixth St. Call 267-1915 for more information.

Gospel trio to perform



Tracy, Sharon and Stone Mountain Dartt

Special to the Herald

The Darts, a gospel trio known for their variety of musical styles and comedy, performs at East Side Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The concert is free and the public is invited.

Their musical style includes traditional, western, southern, country, African, South American, Caribbean, Hawaiian, contemporary, jazz, bluegrass and even a polka.

The trio consists of Tracy, Sharon and their son Stone Mountain (yes, that is his real name.)

Their latest album, "Pointless" is a Dartt's comedy song compilation featuring five brand new recordings that includes "We'll All Be Green and Moldy 100 years From Now."

A nursery will be provided at East Fourth Baptist Church for children younger than 4. A free will offering will be received.

For more information about the Darts, visit their Web site at www.darttmusic.com or contact the church at 267-1915.

Maranatha begins classes Monday

Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson, begins classes Monday for students 4 years old up through high school age.

The school uses the Accelerated Christian Curriculum from the

School of Tomorrow program out of Florida.

An open house is set to begin Monday from 9 a.m.-11 a.m., and continues through Aug. 16.

To enroll, contact Dr. Lillian Bohannon, administrator, at 263-7696.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
With the morning's moon in Capricorn and the evening's moon in Aquarius, the day and night are as different from each other as, well, day and night. Ambitions are put into motion early on, and then, when the sun goes down, you won't want to even think about such trivial things as work. An excited tension builds toward tomorrow's full moon.



JOYCE JILLSON

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's no need to feel that you don't have enough. Be pro-active instead — ask for the money, and get it. Reading and music are good for your soul. The more you learn, the more interesting tonight's date will be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are so rational in your dealings with loved ones that they may start to feel you do not care. Work on demonstrating the depth of your emotion. Challenges in sports give you the motivation to get in better physical shape.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're thinking ahead all along the way, especially when others aren't. Keep a written record of your thoughts — later, this will be a treasure of wisdom. A flirtation grows more intense. Question your own motives.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're popular because you keep the well-being of others in mind. Put much thought and preparation into your work. You could hit the jackpot by communicating a fantastic idea to the one who can put it into practice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Look for the drama and human interest in your day — you'll be repeating the story tonight to an eager audience. Tonight, your deep need for love and intimacy is featured. The right person is someone who will cherish and adore you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're driven to do all the good you can with your current means. You'll even make efforts to expand your resources for doing good. Tonight, though you know the habits that should be avoided, it's still hard to steer clear.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You learn quickly and well today. Your work becomes marvelous when you add a few new skills or refine some that you already have. Make an effort to train your spontaneous nature and build your library of general knowledge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The importance of enthusiasm is stressed. Consider communication training. It's a perfect day for adding richness and versatility to your vocabulary — being confident in your word choice is a sign of personal power.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Others may envy the love you've got in your life, but you know that relationships don't happen by luck. You work diligently. You feed your relationships with new experiences, so they burn on like an eternal flame.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Off-the-wall ideas are not the norm for you, but an air of whimsy takes over, and you're uncharacteristically kooky. A loving partner is just what you need to ground you. Together, you find solutions for today's strange problems.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've got it, and you flaunt it. Why not? Social skills are in rare form. You've got shopping luck this afternoon in that you can find bargains — still, the best savings comes from not spending at all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a teacher and a healer — others look up to you and expect you to know the answers. Be patient with a teen; learning and change happen in time. Be careful not to boast or exaggerate tonight.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: Use the energy of the blue moon to do things that are slightly out of character. Love and new relationships are found around novel, odd or thrilling activities.

ARIES: Take wonderful care of yourself, so you'll have more to offer when others need it. TAURUS: Romance is in the personal touches you add. GEMINI: Carve out some peace and quiet for you and a love — a formidable challenge. CANCER: When you stop chasing every "good" romantic opportunity, you'll have the presence of mind to recognize the ones that are truly to your best advantage.

LEO: An ex-flame could ask you to reconsider, but you're not in a flexible mood. VIRGO: You can use your voice to attract love and money alike. LIBRA: Romance intoxicates you, as a sweetie says and does everything right. SCORPIO: Avoid romantic obstacles by maintaining excellent communication with anyone who might be jealous of you.

CAPRICORN: This weekend's romantic gesture is only a small part of what's to come. SAGITTARIUS: You could fall for someone eccentric. AQUARIUS: Partners are warm and affectionate, though disconcertingly spontaneous. PISCES: Sweet Sagittarius makes your heart beat faster.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: When Leo and Cancer get together, it's like next-door neighbors hooking up. They think they understand one another, but unless they make a conscious effort to be intimate, they could be fooled by what's only surface knowledge. This weekend is an opportunity to take the plunge by asking the deeper questions and by focusing their attention on one another and one another alone.

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Club News

Big Spring Optimist Club

JoAnn Staulcup visited the Big Spring Optimist Club Wednesday morning to recount the latest progress in the efforts to revitalize the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Staulcup, Joyce Crooker and Judy Little spearhead this project to renovate the building, which served originally as the Webb Air Force Base Officer's Club.

"The building has fallen into disrepair over the years. So far, the floor has been refurnished and new ceiling tiles are being installed. We filled three waste containers with outdated items that had been stored for years. We hope to reestablish the Activity Center. There's no reason we can't begin art lessons, ceramic classes and quilting projects again," Staulcup says. "We've neglected this wonderful asset to our community."

Staulcup invites citizens to tour the center. "We need local talent to help solve the plumbing and electrical problems. A portion of the center's budget is provided by the city and county. All the rest comes from donations. Dora Roberts Foundation was generous last year. The amount of federal grant money the center receives is determined by how many meals are served each day, but the center is so much more than a restaurant. We have a valuable asset here. We need to take care of it."

Optimist Club members will meet at 9 a.m.

Saturday at the neighborhood park on Park Avenue off South Virginia Street for a general clean-up of the park. We'll be handing out flyers to the residents of the vicinity to ask for their help.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library of Howard County request donations of books in good condition for the book sale set for 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sept. 17-18, and 1-4 p.m. Sept. 19.

Please take books to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday, during regular library hours. No National Geographic magazines, other magazines or condensed books are accepted.

Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for our public library, outside the budget furnished by Howard County. Recently, the Friends financially supported the library's summer reading program. This would not have been possible without the generosity and cooperation of the people of this county. Please help us help your public library.

Anyone who wishes to join the Friends of the Library, please contact Ruth Ann McKay, membership chairman. Dues are just \$5 a year beginning in April. Regular monthly meetings are held at noon on the third Thursday of each month.

Members of Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 21 met Monday in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, with Donna Menges, leader, calling the meeting to order. Carol Smith voiced the opening prayer. Carol Smith read, "Grocery Shopping", and Donna Menges read, "God's Paintbrush."

Genay Bertran called the roll with 14 TOPS and two Keep Pounds Off Sensibly (KOPS) weighing in. Best loser for TOPS was Pat Aaron with a loss of 11.5 pounds for 2 weeks and Gladys Russell was the best loser for KOPS with a 1.5-pound loss for the week. Each one received the best loser award and a certificate.

Linda Schmidt presented the program on weight loss strategies. One hint was to adopt realistic goals.

Interest in TOPS? Call 1-800-392-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758 for more information.

Sand Spring Lions Club

The Sand Spring Lions Club met July 19 with Laura Hill presiding. The opening prayer was

worded by Ben Boadle and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phillip Reid.

Anyone wishing to use the Lion building can contact him at Lakeway Grocery.

Johnny Moore, vice-president, gave the program on membership. He said we should always have a positive attitude and tell more people about the work of the Lions and about our club.

Program ideas were also discussed, as well as adding a project to collect used hearing aids. Continuing to collect eye glasses to be recycled was also discussed.

The upkeep and beautifying of our building is an important part of our designated project. Fred Franklin and Johnny Moore will do the yard and a work day for the interior will be set at a late date.

The second meeting in August will be our annual family picnic.

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

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Troy Hyde at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

IN BRIEF

BSISD sets football season ticket dates

Big Spring ISD has scheduled its dates for football season ticket sales.

Previous season ticket holders may purchase 2004 season tickets starting today through Aug. 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.).

The general public may purchase season tickets from Aug. 9 through Aug. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.).

However, all Friday sales are from 8 a.m. to noon only.

For questions, call Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Crossroads football sign-up dates set

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

Football sign-ups will take place at the Big Spring Mall. Football players can sign up through Aug. 21 on Fridays (5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) only.

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

Herald announces golf tournament

The Big Spring Herald has set its annual City Golf Championships for Saturday and Sunday at Comanche Trail Park.

The tournament is open to all residents — men or women — of Howard County and annual members of Comanche Trail Golf Course and the Big Spring Country Club.

There is a \$35 entry fee, which includes green fee, but not carts.

For more information, contact Comanche Trail Golf Course at 264-2366.

BSYFL and Cowboys to host competition

The Big Spring Youth Football League and the Dallas Cowboys will be hosting the local Pepsi/NFL punt, pass and kick competition Aug. 21, at the field north of the ATC.

The registration starts at 8 a.m. and the contest is free to boys and girls 8-15.

For more info, contact George Lopez at 264-7313 or by e-mail at BSYFL@msn.com.

Big Spring Shrine Club sets tourney

The Big Spring Shriner's Club has moved its annual golf tournament to Sept. 25-26 after originally scheduling for July 17-18.

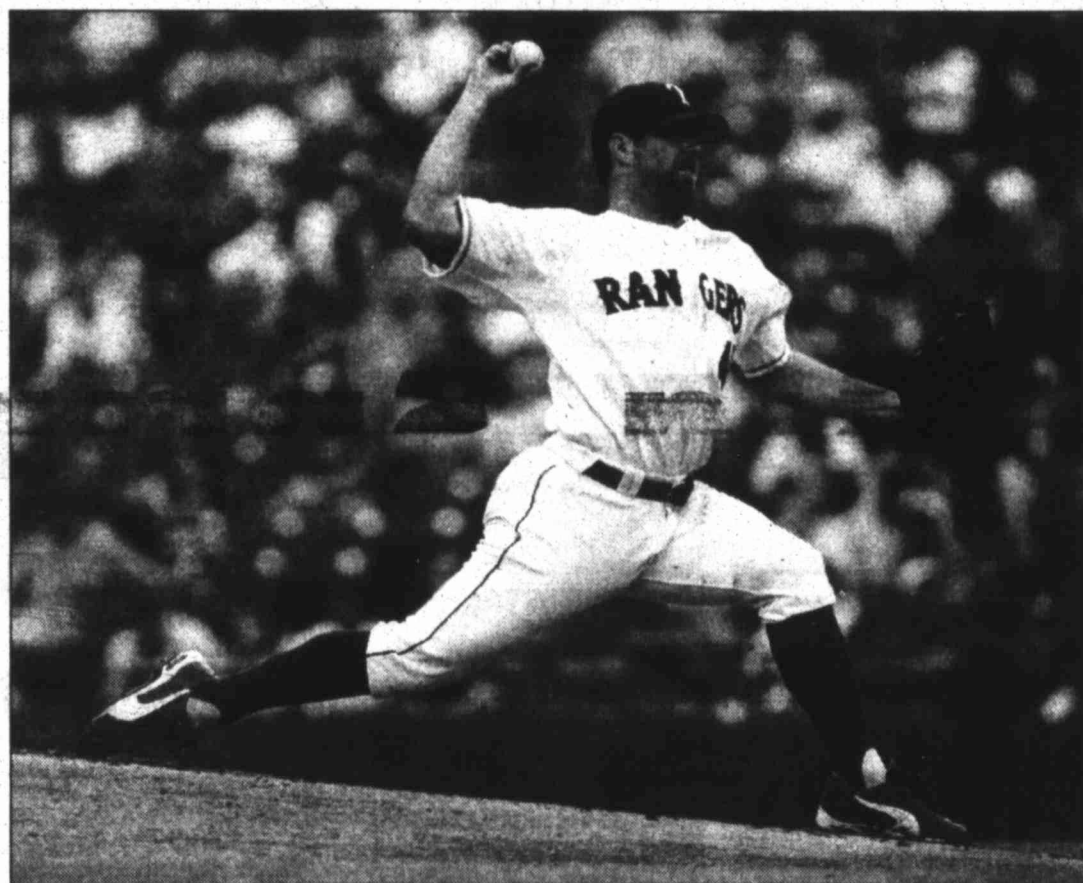
The tournament will take place at the Big Spring Country Club.

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KRT photo/Alison Woodworth, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Texas Rangers second baseman Eric Young trips over Bobby Crosby of the Oakland A's during a double play in the second inning at Amerquest Field in Arlington July 29.



KRT photo/Alison Woodworth, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Texas Rangers pitcher R.A. Dickey throws in the first inning against the Oakland A's at Amerquest Field in Arlington. The Athletics won the game, 6-5, and took over first place in the American League West Division.

Cowboys' logo could earn big fine, jail service

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are holding summer training camp in what may be the only city in the nation where wearing the team's logo could draw a \$1,000 fine or six months in jail.

The team begins training Saturday in Oxnard, where its trademark blue star was adopted two decades ago by a local street gang.

Authorities obtained an injunction last month preventing the city's largest and most violent street gang, the Colonia Chiques, from wearing the team's clothing within a 6.6-square-mile "safety zone" in the heart of Ventura County's largest city.

The dozen gang members who have been served with the court order also are barred from congregating in public and flashing gang signs. Violators can be arrested or face misdemeanor charges.

Since the injunction was granted, the Chiques have laid low and street violence has subsided, said Oxnard Police Chief Art Lopez.

Neither the football team nor the herd of

Cowboy-crazy fans expected to ride into town over the next three weeks have anything to worry about, Lopez said.

Oxnard resident Paul Gallegos, who considers himself the city's biggest Dallas Cowboys fan, was so concerned about the logo's connection with the Chiques that he drove to the police station to make sure he was in the clear.

Gallegos, 42, drives a Mercedes-Benz convertible outfitted with a custom Cowboys license plate frame.

Authorities assured him that gang members don't often drive cars like his CLK 320.

"The guys we are concerned about aren't true Dallas Cowboys fans," Lopez said. "The gang members are ... easy to pick out because they've been in trouble so many times before."

For the second time in four years, the Cowboys will practice on football fields in Oxnard that the Raiders abandoned nearly a decade ago after moving back to Oakland. Tourism officials expect up to 125,000 people to attend the Cowboys' practices.

Stars increase offer to Detroit free agent

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars have reportedly increased their offer to free agent Brett Hull to more than \$2 million for one season with the team.

Sources told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and The Dallas Morning News in Friday's editions that Hull is close to agreeing to terms on the pact.

The Stars first talked to their former All-Star wing about returning for a one-year contract in the neighborhood of \$1 million, according to the Star-Telegram.

But Phoenix reportedly has offered Hull two years at more than \$2 million per season with the second year not guaranteed.

It would kick in if Hull met performance incentives this season.

Bobby Hull Jr., the player's agent and younger brother, told The Morning News he spoke with Stars general manager Doug Armstrong on Thursday and that the club is "serious about getting Brett."

The agent said he and

Hull are scheduled to meet with Armstrong and coach Dave Tippett next week in Frisco to talk about contract details and the veteran right wing's role with the team.

Hull, who has a home in Dallas, said he was "in discussions" with the team but that no agreement had been reached.

The scoring right winger has earlier expressed interest in returning to the Stars.

A deal would reunite Hull with former linemates Mike Modano and Jere Lehtinen, with whom he played for most of his three-year tenure in Dallas.

Modano, Hull and a few other Stars have worked out in Frisco the last few weeks. Hull and Modano may play on a line at the World Cup in September.

Hull, who will turn 40 next month, produced 25 goals and 68 points last year for Detroit, his 18th NHL season.

He ranks third in career goals with 741, trailing only former Red Wings great Gordie Howe (801) and Wayne Gretzky (894).

Tyson returns to ring tonight

By TIM DAHLBERG
AP Boxing Writer

LOUISVILLE, KY. — Mike Tyson is running out of time and second chances.

He returns to the ring Friday night broke, aging and in desperate need of a win to help repay creditors and rebuild the \$300 million fortune he somehow managed to squander.

Tyson does it in Muhammad Ali's hometown against a British heavyweight by the name of Danny Williams, who seems to understand that he was chosen because he works cheap and poses little threat to the former baddest man on the planet.

He does it knowing that time is running out, and both his legacy and financial health are at stake.

"My future seems so much brighter than my past," Tyson said. "I'm a different person today."

Tyson is also a different fighter from the man who once terrorized the heavyweight division in the late 1980s. He's thicker, slower and still making a living from those who remember him as the most intimidating fighter ever.

Those days, though, are

long gone. At 38, he's a shell of the fighter he once was, reduced to taking on fringe contenders while hoping he still has something left — and that fans still care enough to pay to see it.

Even Williams is curious to find out the answer.

"I don't believe he's the threat he once was," Williams said.

The return is hardly a calculated one. Tyson blew through millions and now owes \$38 million to creditors. He hasn't fought in 17 months, but now must fight again because he has no money left.

"I didn't think I was going to fight again," Tyson said. "I wanted to be like Ricky Williams and have some fun."

The fun stopped when creditors took his cars, made him sell his multi-million-dollar houses and reduced Tyson to caring for his pigeons in a modest Phoenix home. But Tyson insists that while he's fighting again because of necessity, he has also rediscovered a love for the sport.

Now, it's a new, mellower Tyson who has no entourage, shows no public anger and appears gen-

uinely happy to be back in the ring.

"I'm just looking forward to fighting Friday," Tyson said. "Isn't it cool to be fighting Friday?"

Tyson, who has been in the ring only 49 seconds since taking a beating from Lennox Lewis two years ago, trained three months for the scheduled 10-round fight.

Unlike his last fight against Clifford Etienne, when he partied during training and then took a week off before the fight to get a facial tattoo, Tyson claimed to be taking this comeback seriously.

That didn't show at Thursday's weigh-in, when Tyson weighed 233 pounds, one less than when he was stopped by Lennox Lewis but seven more than against Etienne. Williams weighed 265 pounds.

Tyson will earn several million dollars for the 57th fight of a pro career that began 19 years ago with a first-round knockout of Hector Mercedes in Albany, N.Y.

If his bankruptcy reorganization plan is approved by a judge, he'll be able to keep \$2 million of it while the rest goes to creditors.

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IN BRIEF

San Angelo Concho Classic announced

The Fifth Annual Concho Classic one-pitch softball tournament in San Angelo has been set for Saturday.

There will be a men and women's open.

The entry fee to participate is \$100 per team and each team has a 12 player limit. The deadline to enter is Wednesday.

The first place team receives individual bat bags, while second and third place teams get team trophies. There will also be an all-tournament team and MVP announced, as well. There will be no home run limit.

To enter, call Chris at 325-277-0628.

Softball tournament in Snyder announced

A men's softball tournament in Snyder has been set for Aug. 7-8 at Winston Field.

For more information, call Luis 325-573-7321.

Big Spring volleyball practice set to begin

Big Spring volleyball practice will begin at 7 a.m. Monday at the high school track.

On-the-court practices will take place Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and from 2-6 p.m.

Lifting will take place Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. and court practice will follow at 9 a.m.

For more information or questions, call Coach Revis Daggett at 816-9560.

YMCA to host skateboard contest

Big Spring's YMCA will host a skateboard contest at 7 p.m. Aug. 6.

The park opens at 6 p.m. and the cost is \$5 per person. The event will have two contests for two different age groups.

There will be a best trick contest and an age group competition for ages 12-and-under and 13-and-over.

The event is sponsored by Skate Zone, which is located in the Big Spring Mall.

Pettitte status uncertain for surging 'Stros

HOUSTON (AP)—Astros pitcher Andy Pettitte worked out his troublesome left elbow during a bullpen session Thursday, but was still uncertain if he would be able to start Saturday against Cincinnati.

"I felt pretty good," Pettitte said. "But I'd be lying if I said I was definitely going to pitch on Saturday. I want to try to make the start and do the right thing for the team."

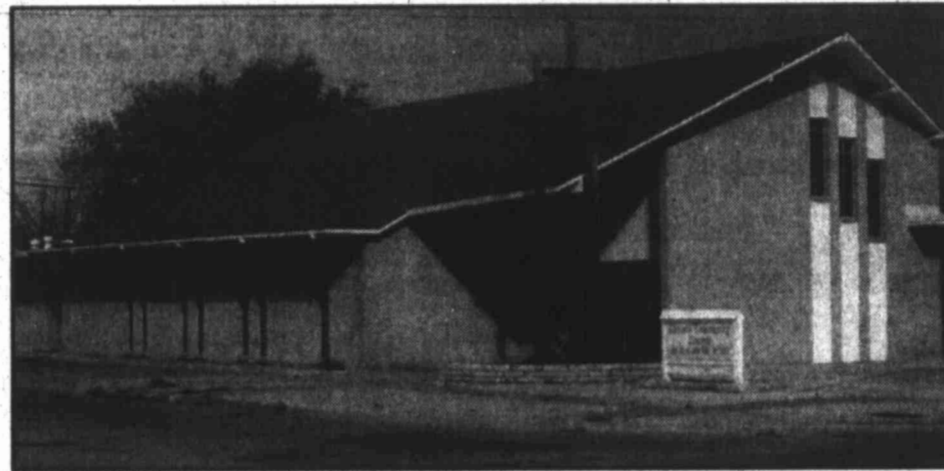
Pettitte has a small tear in a tendon in his left elbow, an injury he re-aggravated in Monday's game against Arizona. There's a chance he might return to the DL.

Injuries have limited Pettitte to just 13 starts since signing with his hometown Astros in the offseason.

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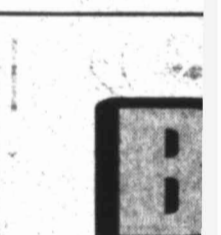
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Legals

The Howard County Auditor will receive sealed bids until 10:00 A.M., Friday, August 6, 2004 for prescription medicine and services for the County Indigent Health Care, County Welfare, Howard County Jail and Howard County Juvenile Probation Programs. Specifications may be obtained at the County Indigent Health Care Office, 300 S. Main St., Room 310, Big Spring, TX 79720. (432)264-2219.

Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court on August 9, 2004 at 10:00 A.M. for their consideration. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Jackie Olson, County Auditor #4277 July 22 & 30, 2004

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Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59, TEXAS PROPERTY CODE, AMERICAN SELF STORAGE WHICH IS LOCATED AT 3314 E. FM 700, BIG SPRING, TX 79720 WILL HOLD A PUBLIC AUCTION OF PROPERTY BEING SOLD TO SATISFY A LANDLORD'S LIEN. SALE WILL BE AT 10:00CLOCK A.M. ON SATURDAY, JULY 31ST AT AMERICAN SELF STORAGE.

PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH. SELLER RESERVES RIGHT TO NOT ACCEPT ANY BID AND TO WITHDRAW PROPERTY FROM SALE. PROPERTY TO EACH SPACE MAY BE SOLD ITEM-BY-ITEM, IN BATCHES, OR BY THE SPACE. ALL SALES ARE SUBJECT TO TEXAS STATE SALES TAX. SALE IS ON THE CONTENTS OF:

TENANT: Jinett Valle
CONSISTING OF: mountain bike, drumset, bedding.
TENANT: Cliff Stinson
CONSISTING OF: Misc. household items.

TENANT: Christopher Douglas
CONSISTING OF: TV, bedding, misc. household items.
TENANT: Dorothy Thomas
CONSISTING OF: 2 chairs & misc. items.

This Date: July 22, 2004
#4280 July 23 & 30, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
Texas Education Agency
Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs

1. Forsan ISD offers career and technology education programs in Industrial Technology, Home Economics, Business Education, and Technology Education. Admission to these programs is based on interest and aptitude, age appropriateness, and class space available.

2. It is the policy of Forsan ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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4. Forsan ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

5. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator and/or Section 504 coordinator, Randy S. Johnson, at PO Drawer A, Forsan, Texas 79733, (432)457-2223.

Forma De Muestra

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4. Forsan ISD tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todas los programas educativos y vocacionales.

5. Para informacion sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con el Coordinador del Titulo IX Seccion 504, Randy S. Johnson, PO Drawer A, Forsan, Texas 79733. (432)457-2223. #4282 July 30, 2004

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9	PM	20/20 (CC)
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FRIDAY

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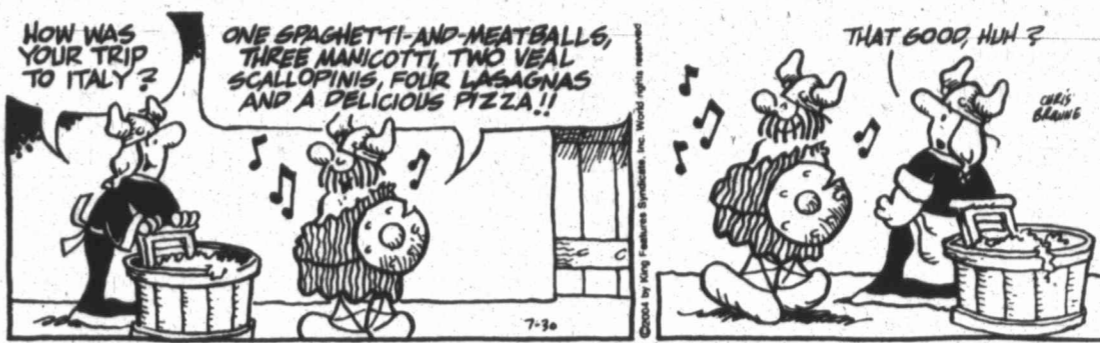
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Stop eating 'tato chips, Jeffy. We're tryin' to hear the river."

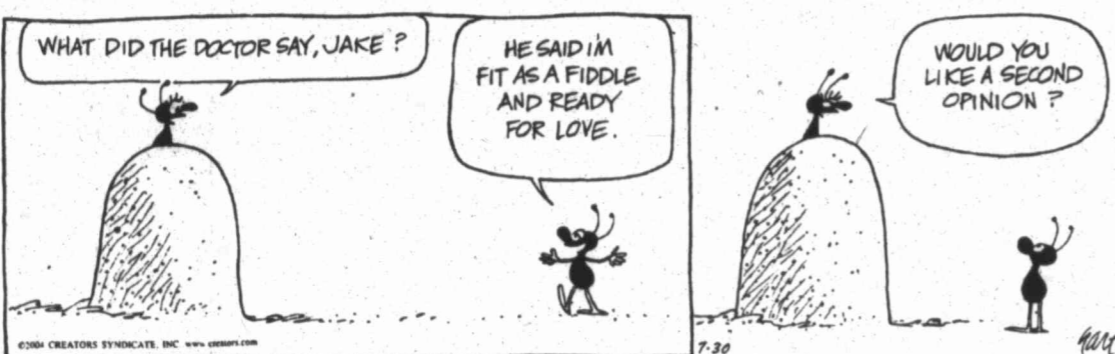
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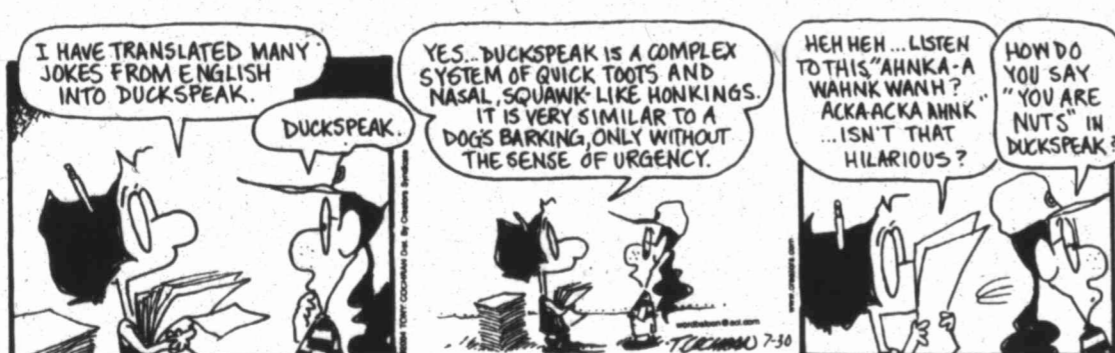
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 30, the 212th day of 2004. There are 154 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On July 30, 1945, during World War II, the USS Indianapolis was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine; only 316 out of 1,196 men survived the sinking and shark-infested waters.

On this date:
In 1729, the city of Baltimore was founded.
In 1792, the French national anthem "La Marseillaise," by Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle, was first sung in Paris.
In 1844, the New York Yacht Club was founded.
In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces tried to take Petersburg, Va., by exploding a mine under Confederate defense lines.

the attack failed.
In 1932, the Summer Olympic Games opened in Los Angeles.
In 1942, President Roosevelt signed a bill creating a women's auxiliary agency in the Navy known as "Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service" - WAVES for short.
In 1965, President Johnson signed into law the Medicare bill, which went into effect the following year.
In 1975, former Teamsters union president Jimmy Hoffa disappeared in suburban Detroit although presumed dead, his remains have never been found.
In 1975, representatives of 35 countries convened in Finland for a conference on security and human rights that resulted in the Helsinki accords.
In 1980, the Israeli Knesset passed a law reaffirming all of Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish state.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Dick Wilson ("Mr.

Whipple") is 88. Actor Richard Johnson is 77. Actor Edd "Kookie" Byrnes is 71. Blues musician Buddy Guy is 68. Movie director Peter Bogdanovich is 65. Feminist activist Eleanor Smear is 65. Former Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., is 64. Singer Paul Anka is 63. Jazz musician David Sanborn is 59. California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is 57. Actor William Atherton is 57. Actor Jean Reno is 56. Blues singer-musician Otis Taylor is 56. Actor Frank Stallone is 54. Actor Ken Olin is 50. Actress Delta Burke is 48. Singer-songwriter Kate Bush is 46.

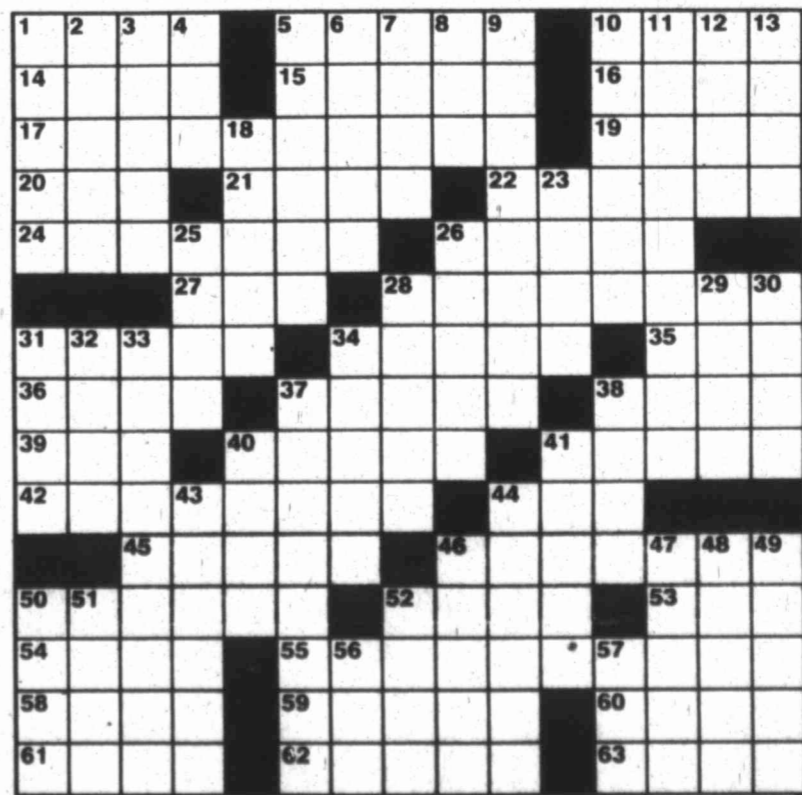
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Newsday Crossword

0 K'S by Fred Piscop
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| 15 Josh Gibson contemporary | 61 Somewhat indelicate | 13 Cager Archibald |
| 16 Zhivago's love | 62 Blank look | 18 More fit |
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| 21 Borscht veggie | | 28 Bog mosses |
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| 26 Parting word | | 31 Serve drinks, Oscar winner |
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| 37 Massenet opera | | |
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Golf Insider

Green with a view

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Putt with a pendulum

By T.J. TOMASI
Universal Press Syndicate

Watch any professional golf tournament and you'll see that there are many ways to putt that get the job done quite nicely. However, you must remember that the pros spend hours on the practice green and often develop their own styles.

You could do the same if you had the time and determination, but for the vast majority of amateurs it will save a lot of experimenting if you choose the "pendulum style" of putting. It's the most natural, easily learned and dependable way to roll the ball.

Using the pendulum motion, your arms, shoulders and putter act in unison around the fixed axis of your spine. By visualizing the pendulum of a grandfather clock you'll get a clear idea of its features.

The pendulum moves back and forth at an even tempo around its fixed axis with an absence of any manipulation so it stays on a prescribed path, moving neither inside nor outside. The same features are desirable in putting, i.e., an even tempo and an unmanipulated stroke that remains on a fixed path both back and through the ball.

In order to perform the pendulum stroke correctly you need to follow a few basic fundamentals, the most important of which are demonstrated by LPGA professional Heidi Papoosha in the accompanying photos.

In the first photo (below), Heidi is showing us the perfect grip. Because the pendulum motion is upper-body-oriented without any wrist break, you must grip the club in a manner that quiets your wrists.

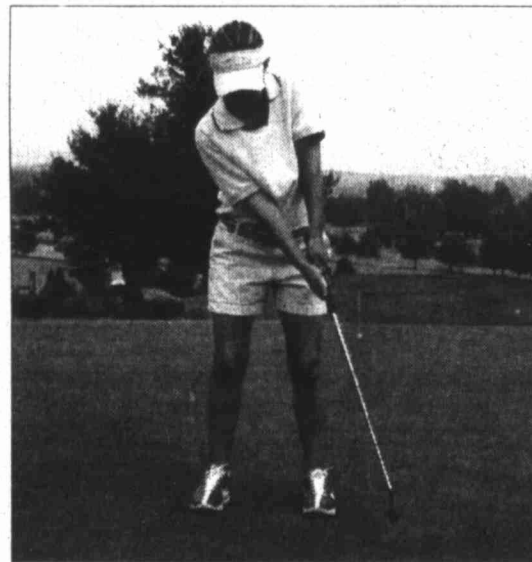
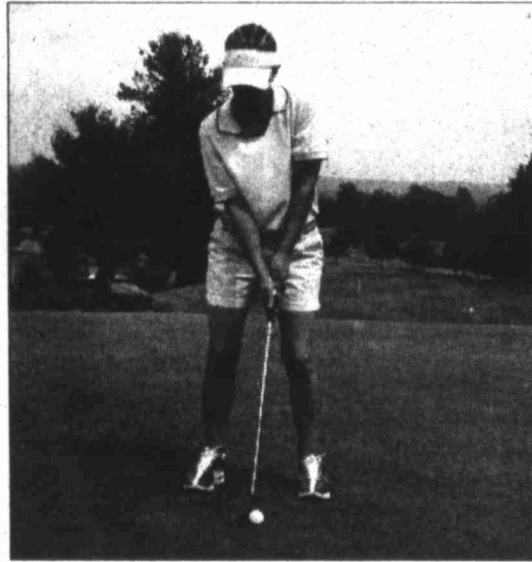
First, place the left side of the grip against the lifeline in the palm of your left hand so that the shaft forms a relatively straight line with your left forearm. Also, note that Heidi has both thumbs on the top side of the putter grip so that the back of her left hand, the palm of her right hand and the putter face all point in the same direction.

To roll the ball accurately with no wrist action, you should keep these relationships constant throughout the stroke.

In the bottom photo, Heidi shows us the end result of the perfect release of the putter head. By utilizing the top of her spine as a stationary anchor point around which her shoulders rock up and down in a teeter-totter motion, she has allowed herself to keep the triangle formed by her shoulders and arms intact throughout the stroke. Note how an extension of the butt end of the shaft would pass directly through the top of her spine.

If the extension of the shaft points right or left of the anchor point after the release you have destroyed the pendulum action and added some measure of "hit" to your stroke. With the correct pendulum action there is no conscious hit.

Let the image of the pendulum be in control; when the arc on one side of the low point is equal to the arc on the other, your stroke will naturally find the correct length and force.



Heidi Papoosha keeps the triangle formed by her shoulders and arms intact throughout the stroke.

Rooftop putting surface a perfect solution for Florida retirement community

By ALAN TAYS
Cox News Service

Delray Beach, Fla.

The green is perfectly manicured, the view of the nearby shimmering water unmatched.

Seminole? Pebble Beach? Harbour Town?

No, Harbour's Edge. You won't find it on any list of golf courses, but every day, members come to test their skill on its 18 holes.

Harbour's Edge is a life-care retirement community, and its "golf course" is a 7,500-square-foot putting green. The view of the Intracoastal Waterway is enhanced by the fact that the green is perched on a rooftop.

Talk about your elevated greens.

The synthetic surface was installed last December after Harbour's Edge management took one of its regular surveys asking residents what additional amenities they might like.

"We had quite a few requests for a putting green or somewhere where they could golf," said Kim Dominy, Harbour's Edge's executive director.

With little green space available on Harbour's Edge's 22 acres, the putting surface was built on a rooftop deck. Golfers have a view of the Intracoastal Waterway and residents in upper floors have a view of the green.

"Even for the people who don't putt, they enjoy sitting up on their balconies and watching," Dominy said.

Residents took to the new green immediately: About 70 showed up for its opening, at which Paul Carpenter, head pro at a nearby golf course, gave putting lessons.

"There's a Monday morning club competition, where there's probably about 25 now who regularly use it," Dominy said. "When the weather cools down, there will be more. We have competitions and they practice up there. Some have ongoing games with their neighbors."

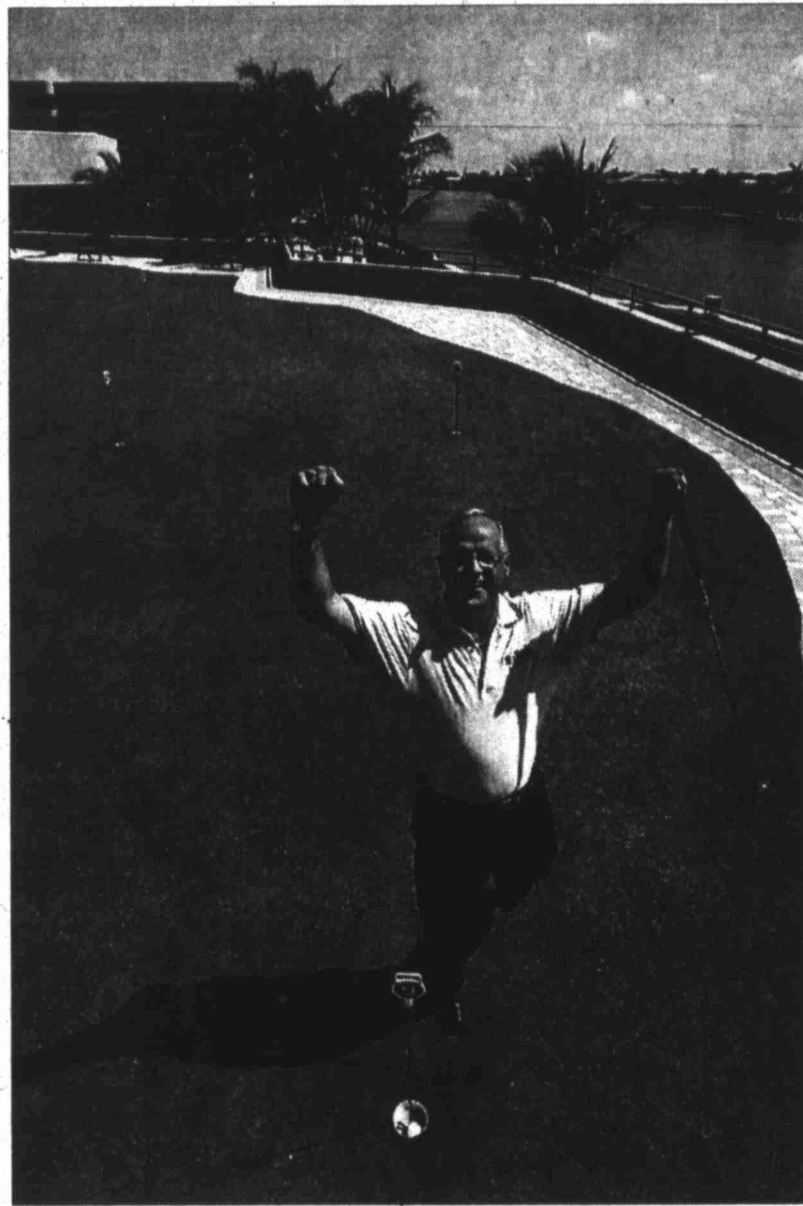
The secret's in the surface

The surface, called SofTrak, is made by United Turf Industries of Wichita, Kan. Under the synthetic turf is a layer of compacted road rock, covered with a layer of concrete screening, "which looks like sand, but it's not sand," said Jeff Graham, owner of SofTrak of South Florida. "We can get that really, really hard, and perfectly smooth."

Smoothness is important, Graham said, because "whatever is in that sub-base is what you're going to end up with on your putting surface. So if you've got a pocket or a bump or whatever, there's nothing you can do (about it) once you put the turf down."

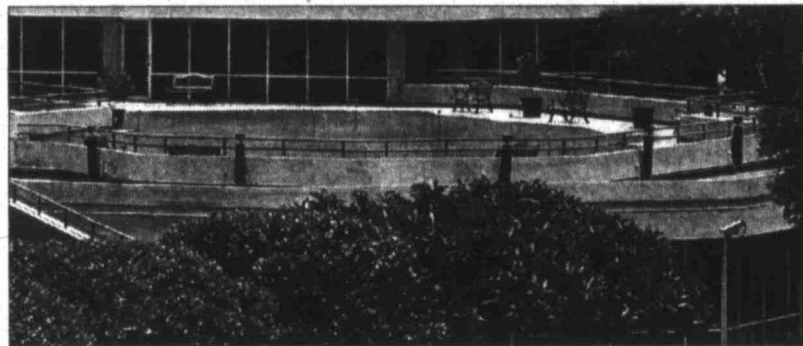
The base is smooth, but not necessarily flat. Undulations can be built in so players can practice on breaking putts as well as straight ones.

After the synthetic turf has been laid down, it is top-dressed with six to seven pounds per square foot of a sand-like substance that anchors it and gives it a softness that enables it to hold shots hit from a distance. (Graham says SofTrak greens will



Photos by CHRIS MATULA / Cox News Service

SofTrak founder Jeff Graham practices on the artificial turf, 18-hole, putting green his company installed on the roof of Harbour's Edge retirement community recently. His company usually places the greens in back or side yards. Having the green on a roof raised the degree of difficulty.



hold shots hit from 150 yards away). Graham says the shape of the top-dressing particles is the key to keeping the turf as soft as the real thing.

"We use a true round quartz silica particle to in-fill," Graham said. "That's what establishes that realistic ability to hold a shot."

Envision the silica particles as marbles, Graham said. "If you think of a bucket full of marbles, and you push down on it, what happens? You get some give to it, because all those marbles are turning. They're not compacting."

Graham, 59, has owned his SofTrak franchise for three years. He was simply looking to put in a green at his home, and spent seven months investigating what was available. When he learned about SofTrak, "I said, 'Wow, this is not only something good for my side yard, this is a cool business.'"

Graham knew about operating a business. He was a co-founder of Jeron Technology, a company that developed the type of pagers used by restaurants to let customers

know when their tables are ready.

With SofTrak, Graham estimates he has installed more than 100 greens in South Florida. Costs range from about \$12 per square foot, which would put the bill for a small, basic 300-square-foot green at \$3,600. Extras, which include fringes, rough and sand traps, can help hike the cost to about \$20 per square foot.

At 7,500 square feet, Harbour's Edge's green is the largest installed by Graham and perhaps the most popular. Not long after the green was installed, residents formed a golf committee.

"It is a retirement community, so we're always looking for a way to keep (residents) more active and involved," Dominy said. "A large portion of them were golfers. Many of them still go out and golf. But this allows them to practice and to play right here, and it also allows them to get some fresh air."

"But the view is something they're not going to get anywhere else. They can putt and watch the boats go by at the same time."

Programs aim to increase play at local courses

By CRAIG DOLCH
Cox News Service

West Palm Beach, Fla.

M.G. Orender, president of the PGA of America, was eating at a small diner in Oklahoma when he saw a sign on the wall that read: "Please God, give us one more oil boom. We won't mess this one up."

Orender and the rest of the golf industry can relate.

Back in the go-go 1980s and 1990s, golf course owners didn't have to be marketing geniuses to attract customers. In 1997, the year Tiger Woods won his first Masters in record-setting fashion, golf play in the United States increased by almost 15 percent (from 420 million rounds to 481 million).

"You could basically put a sign by the road saying, 'New Golf Course,' and in came 40,000 rounds," said Orender, who owns and runs two golf courses near Jacksonville, Fla. "The golf industry got fat, happy and lazy. Those days are over."

While golf is enjoying perhaps its greatest popularity as a spectator sport, thanks

to the continued brilliance of Woods and LPGA icon Annika Sorenstam, there's plenty of room on the fairways. According to the National Golf



Foundation, rounds of golf in this country decreased by 3 percent from 2001 to 2002 (518 million to 502 million) and by 1.5 percent from 2002 to 2003 (to 495 million). "It's definitely a concern," said Jim Kass, a research director at NGF. "What we've noticed

is a decrease in the frequency of play of even our most frequent players. Developing new players is essential to the growth of the game."

That's why the PGA has helped launch Play Golf America, a national initiative supported by the sport's other governing bodies.

Unlike programs in recent years such as The First Tee — intended to introduce minorities and other youngsters to the game for future growth — Play Golf America is all about getting adults on the golf course. Now.

Their target audience: The 17 million Americans who say they're interested in taking up the game, plus 14 million occasional golfers who play fewer than eight rounds a year.

The reasons people most often give for not playing golf are: It's too expensive, it takes too long to play and it's too difficult to play it well. Maybe not in that order.

"The game is difficult," said U.S. Ryder Cup captain Hal Sutton, who manages two courses in Louisiana. "It's hard to be beginners. It beats you up. It makes you not want to try. We need to help people."

Industry leaders are hoping Play Golf America will become a grassroots campaign where friends and family members meet at a course and play any number of holes desired. Orender said he's dismayed to learn most courses don't offer a nine-hole rate.

"I don't care how many holes they play — a lot of people don't have time for 18," he said. "We just need to get them out there and play."

SCHEDULE

LPGA TOUR

Women's British Open
• Site: Sunningdale, England.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
• Course: Sunningdale Golf Club (6,392 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$1.6 million. Winner's share: \$254,880.
• Television: TNT (Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m.-noon) and ABC (Saturday, 2-4 p.m.; Sunday 1-3 p.m.).

USGA

U.S. Senior Open
• Site: St. Louis.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
• Course: Belleverie Country Club (7,117 yards, par 71).
• Purse: \$2.6 million. Winner's share: \$475,000.
• Television: ESPN (Thursday-Friday, noon-2 p.m., 4-6 p.m.) and NBC (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

PGA TOUR

Buick Open
• Site: Grand Blanc, Mich.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
• Course: Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club (7,127 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$4.5 million. Winner's share: \$810,000.
• Television: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).
—All Times Eastern

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Drink the one you brought

A round of golf can be hard on you both physically and mentally, so while it's no secret that you have to keep yourself properly hydrated, take care to hydrate yourself correctly.

Dehydration can affect nearly all body functions, including your blood pressure, blood circulation, digestion and kidney function. Even mild dehydration can cause sluggishness, dry and itchy skin, headaches, indigestion and constipation.

When you're thirsty, your perceptions and strength level change, and you can easily make poor decisions as well as poor golf swings. And once you've depleted your water reserves, it can't be fixed by forcing down a few glasses of water. By the time you feel thirsty, it's too late.

Carry a container of chilled water and take a sip after every shot, even if you don't feel thirsty. And stay away from the water coolers on the golf course; they are often poorly cleaned breeding grounds for waterborne disease.

Several years ago, golfers were attacked by a stomach virus after playing in a junior tournament in Phoenix. Eighty-two golfers were affected, including one 15-year-old boy who died!

County officials believe the golfers contracted a Norwalk-type virus from contaminated water in course water coolers. Local health officials investigated area golf courses and found only 35 percent followed proper procedures in filling water coolers.

—T.J. Tomasi



ASK THE PRO



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

Q: I'm a 5-handicap player (right-handed) who is having trouble hooking the ball. I used to hook everything, and my club pro cured me by having me drop my arms first before I start rotating my hips. This stopped me from coming over the top and hitting pull hooks. However, now when I need a draw to the left (as I do on three dog-leg-left holes at my country club), I can't hit anything but a straight shot. Do you have any suggestions? — Bobby W., from the Web

A: Hitting it too straight is a good problem to have. It sounds like you and your club professional did some good work to get to this point. My first suggestion is that you con-

sult with him to introduce a draw into what you now have. You certainly don't want to try to hit an intentional hook by going back to your over-the-top motion.

Beyond that I will say that you may want to monitor your upper left arm. Try to keep it "pinned" to your chest all the way through impact to allow your left forearm, and therefore the club head, to rotate a little sooner, inducing a draw.

Some good golfers do this instinctively when they want to hit a right-to-left shot. Sam Snead once said that when he wanted to hit a hook he thought "hook," but at your stage you probably need to give it some conscious effort.