

FRIDAY

August 13, 2004

**WEATHER**

Tonight:



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**BRIEFLY**

**Clerk's office to be closed**

The Howard County District Clerk's Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday for employee computer training. The office will reopen at its normal time Wednesday.

**Blood drive set at courthouse**

The Howard County Sheriff's Office is sponsoring a blood drive from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday on the third floor of the courthouse.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and have not donated blood in the previous eight weeks. If you'd like to sign up in advance or have questions, call Jose at 264-2244.

**'The Guys' set on stage Sept. 11**

The Howard College Theater Department will be performing "The Guys" by Anne Nelson on Saturday, Sept. 11 to benefit the Big Spring Fire Department.

The play will be in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets can be bought at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce office, 215 W. 3rd Street, for \$10. Proceeds from the performance will be used to purchase new communications equipment for the Big Spring Fire Department.

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## BSISD trustees discuss proposed drug testing policy

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

A discussion over the severity of punishment for students testing positive for drugs dominated Thursday's meeting of the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees.

It was the third meeting by the board on a proposed random drug testing policy for students involved in extra-curricular activities. The policy is expected to be implemented in January of the 2004-2005 school year.

Before the discussion, Superintendent Michael Downes outlined proposed penalties



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to be included in the policy. "On first offense of testing positive, the student will receive mandatory counseling, the parents will be notified and the campus principal will be notified. Then, the student will be tested every time a test is held during the year. There will be no suspension (from extra-curricular activities)," Downes explained.

He added that the student's sponsor, coach,

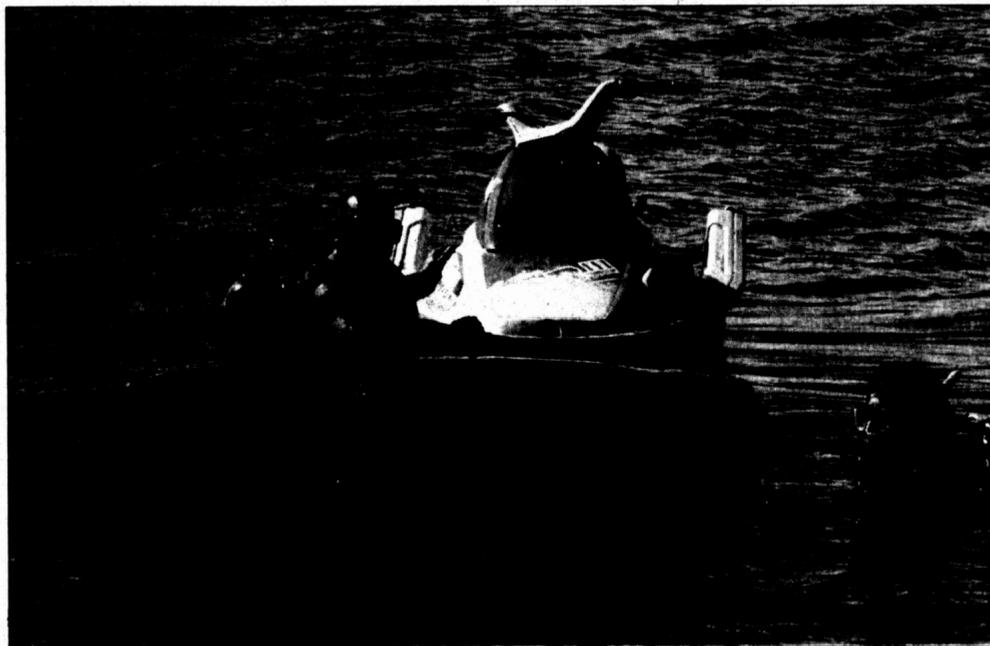
band director or other supervisor would not be notified. The positive test would remain confidential between the student, principal, parent and counselor.

"On second offense, there will be a one-year suspension (from extra-curricular participation). It's a huge jump, but there are no surprises. The kid knows after the first attempt that he or she is going to be tested every time there is another test. There's no excuse," he said.

A third offense would result in the student being removed from extra-curricular activities.

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## SLIPPERY SLOPE



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department was called to Moss Creek Lake late Thursday afternoon when this red Ford F-250 pickup slid into the water from the boat ramp. HCVFD Dive Team members Josh Sullivan, right, and Mark Engles help guide the truck to the surface as Mitchem & Sons Wrecker Service wench the truck ashore. According to witnesses at the scene, the truck slid off of the boat ramp while the owner was attempting to trailer a personal watercraft. This truck is the second vehicle in less than a month to have to be pulled from the lake, as the dive team helped recover a Jeep that rolled into its waters July 15. No one was injured in the altercation.

## Fiberflex officials won't comment on apparent layoffs in Big Spring

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Officials with Fiberflex remain tight-lipped this week, following the apparent layoff of nearly two dozen employees at the company's Big Spring location.

Big Spring Workforce Area Manager Virginia Belew confirmed Thursday that approximately 20 Fiberflex employees applied for unemployment benefits after being laid off.

"We had about 20 people in our office this morning applying for

unemployment benefits," said Belew. "I'm not sure exactly how many people were actually laid off from the company at this time, however. Those that came in did apply for unemployment, and also signed up for other services — job assistance programs."

Fiberflex Manager Dennis Berryhill refused to comment on whether the employees were laid off, citing a "reorganization" within the company as the reason.

"All I can say at this time is there is currently a reorganization going

on within Fiberflex," said Berryhill.

When asked how many people were laid off from the company Thursday, Berryhill said, "Who said they were laid off?"

Fiberflex Vice President Steve Morris and President John Howenstine were unavailable for comment at press time.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

## Mobilization ceremony for Guard slated Sunday

*Big Spring detachment will report for duty at Fort Hood Monday*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

While local National Guardsmen have known for some time mobilization orders to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom were inevitable, the sure thing became the real thing this week as Texas soldiers prepare to report for duty at Fort Hood Monday.

The Texas Army National Guard has also announced there will be a mobilization ceremony for members of the 56th Brigade, 36th Infantry Division, Sunday, at the Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, located in Fort Worth. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. in Hangar

1049. The brigade, which is headquartered in Fort Worth, has been officially mobilized. Approximately 3,000 Texas National Guard members are involved in the mobilization to support the global war on terrorism. The soldiers will be going to Fort Hood to undergo additional training prior to deploying overseas in early 2005 for an anticipated stay of one year.

Participants in the mobilization ceremony include Lt. Gen. Wayne D. Marty, Adjutant General of Texas, and Brig. Gen. William Goodwin, Assistant Adjutant General for the Army.

The Big Spring detachment, Detachment 1, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry, will be part of the historic Texas National Guard buildup to assist with Operation Iraqi Freedom —

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## Budget surplus

BSISD board presented with positive budget

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Certified values coming in at \$5 million higher than anticipated are a pleasant surprise for Big Spring Independent School District administrators and board members as they prepare for the new school year.

The additional revenue will allow the district to include some items in the 2004-2005 budget that seemed impossible just a month or so ago. Those include raises for 20 teachers with 20 years of experience or more, raises for administrators, remodeling of the boy's dressing room in the high school gym and resurfacing of the track at Blankenship Field.

"And we have a \$153,000 surplus," Business Manager Sandra Waggoner informed the board during a hearing on the 2004-2005 proposed budget and tax rate.

She also presented good news on the district's fund balance.

"We're not quite through, but it looks like we should end the year with a fund balance of \$4.8 million to \$4.9 million. We started the year with a fund balance of \$3.9 million, actually

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## Two million people warned off west Florida coast as 'scary' Charley approaches

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — With a homes in danger. "scary, scary" Hurricane Charley zeroing in on Florida's hours, the storm roared across west coast today, officials urged almost 2 million people to evacuate and avoid the path of a storm that could submerge parts of this city's downtown and neighboring areas.

As it approached the coast at mid-morning, Charley had winds of 110 mph, and it was expected to strengthen. Officials worried that a massive storm surge could devastate the heavily populated Gulf Coast region, with waterfront condominium towers and vulnerable mobile

**"It does have the potential of devastating impact. ... This is a scary, scary thing."**

—Jeb Bush, Florida governor

Cuba, battering Havana with high winds and heavy rain. There were no immediate reports of casualties or major damage.

Charley's center was 75 miles west of Key West at 9 a.m. and was expected to hit the Tampa Bay area

later in the day, dumping heavy rain and possibly spawning sporadic tornadoes.

In northwest Tampa, an evacuation shelter at Sickles High

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## Obituaries

## Jack Carr



Services for Jack Carr, 70, of Big Spring will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Pat Ray, pastor of Prairie View Baptist Church, and Chaplain Walter McCall with Odyssey Hospice, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He died Thursday morning, Aug. 12, 2004, at his home from cancer.

The son of Benjamin "Friend" and Lillie Mae Carr, Jack was born July 17, 1934, in Big Spring. He married Barbara Ricks on Feb. 21, 1961.

Jack served in the United States Army. He worked for the Union Pacific Railroad for 37 years as a switchman.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara of Big Spring; his brother and sister-in-law, Bryan and Cozette Carr of Big Spring; two daughters, Nina Dishman of Euless and Teresa "Tess" Hopper of Odessa; Nina's family is her husband, James, and their children, Jessica and Benjamin; Tess' children are Jackie Don Hannabass, his wife, Sharon, and children, Keegan and Justice Dawn, Maranda Hopper and fiancée, Robert Robbins and Norman "Jeffrey" Hopper and fiancée, Heather Eiban. He was also Papaw to Misty McGuire, Billy Reid, Crystal Greene, James Chastine and Patience Rhodes.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Dalton Carr and Billy Carr, and two sisters, Anna Maurine Carr and Louise Frei.

He was a very loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a good brother, friend and neighbor. He loved and cared for animals and birds and enjoyed gardening and nature. He was "the expert" on fishing and outdoor cooking. We loved him and will miss him very much.

Pallbearers will be Richard Carr, Rodney Carr, Dean Turner, Norman Hopper, James Norwood, Charlie Mendoza, C. D. Hudgins, Larry Meadors and Charles Cooper. Honorary pallbearers will be Ronnie Walker, Milton Denton, Eddie McClain, Wendell Campbell, W.A. Miles, "Dad" Greer and Clyde Ryan.

The family suggests memorials to Odyssey Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720 or to the Big Spring Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring 79721-0823.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Support groups

## MONDAY

All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. Call 398-5522 for more information.

## TUESDAY

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

## THURSDAY

Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.

The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

## Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-2-28-35. Bonus Ball: 3.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.  
Number matching four of four: 6. Prize: \$1,969.  
Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 25. Prize: \$58.  
Number matching three of four: 821. Prize: \$24.  
Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 620. Prize: \$21.  
Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 7,014. Prize: \$5.  
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$525,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-12-17-30-31.  
Number matching five of five: 0.  
Matching four of five: 120. Prize: \$474.  
Matching three of five: 3,585. Prize: \$11.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-2-6.

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## Police blotter

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

• **JACK DANIEL PARADEZ**, 18, of 105 E. 17th Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft.

## Sheriff's report

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

• **KENNETH WAYNE CASBEER JR.**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday on a charge of purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor.

• **STEVEN J. CLAYTON**, 21, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of bailman off of bond for theft, a motion to revoke probation for theft, violation of a promise to appear and fishing without a license.

• **SHELITA JEAN DUPRE**, 34, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of no liability insurance, violation of a promise to appear, expired driver's license, theft, bailman off of bond for forgery of a financial instrument, bailman off of bond for theft and bailman off of bond for driving while license suspended/invalid.

• **LEO GARCIA PENA**, 25, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and no Class C driver's license.

• **MARY ELIZABETH DELEON**, 26, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of theft.

• **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported near the 187 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Vehicle was located and arrest was made.

## Take note

□ **BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** is set from 1-5 p.m. Monday on the third floor of the courthouse. Donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds and not have donated blood within the past eight weeks. To sign up call Jose at 264-2244.

□ **MEETING FOR PARENTS WHO ARE HOME SCHOOLING OR THOSE WHO WANT TO LEARN MORE** at the Master's Touch from 1-5 p.m. Saturday to answer questions, discuss curriculum and organize field trips and other activities. Anyone interested in home schooling is invited.

□ **A FUND TO HELP DEFRAY** the funeral costs and medical bills of Johnny Darden, a Howard County man who was recently attacked and killed by a swarm of bees, has been set up at State National Bank under account no. 2007126.

□ **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.

□ **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.

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

□ **THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1994** 10-year reunion is set for October 8-9. For more information, or to update name or mailing address, please call Kendra Carey Willingham at 1-888-820-4911 pin No. 6414 or e-mail [BigSpringReunion94@yahoo.com](mailto:BigSpringReunion94@yahoo.com).

## Weather

Tonight: Isolated thunderstorms during the evening. Mainly clear skies after midnight. Low 64F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Saturday: Morning showers, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. High 84F. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Saturday night: A few clouds. Low 66F. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday: Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

Monday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

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Sen. Peter Fitzgerald (R-Ill.)



Randy Cotton  
Pastor

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Service broadcast Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
over KBYG 1400 AM Evangelistic Service....6:00 p.m.  
on your dial Wednesday Service.....7:00p.m.

## Bulletin board

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

## TODAY

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.  
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited.

## SATURDAY

• Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge located at 21st and Lancaster streets. Breakfast is served.

• Free eye glasses are available from 9 a.m. until noon at Bob's Custom Wood Work at new location, 1607 E. Third. Call 267-6095 for more information.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

## SUNDAY

• Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between noon and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Bolles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.

## MONDAY

• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

• Blood drive sponsored by the Howard County Sheriff's Department from 1-5 p.m. on the third floor of the courthouse. Call Jose at 264-2244 to sign up.

• 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 north-west door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

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

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

## TUESDAY

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

• 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.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at 1st and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meeting is canceled as many members unavailable. Next meeting is set for Setp. 21.

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

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

## WEDNESDAY

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

• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

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

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

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

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## GUARD

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a buildup that matched since World War II. "This is the largest National Guard called up for mobilization since the Vietnam War," I explained in a report shortly after the war was announced. "The smaller units have been up to fill larger or smaller units."

Marty said the National Guard is in Texas, along with other active duty, approximately one-third of the state's force, leaves forces stateside to deal with domestic threats. "Regardless of whether we realize we are soldiers in harm's way, we have been looking for the readiness of our deployment. We are these soldiers."

## BUDGET

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almost \$4 million told trustees.

The tax rate will be the same, \$1.5763 valuation.

No one from the trustees will approve the budget rate at a future meeting.

Trustees moved a lengthy agenda through the high school board.

A positive result of the summer school program is that enrollment is primarily because of the increase in which allowed students to enroll without paying \$90 in tuition.

## TESTING

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ties for the rest of her junior high school career.

Downes explained as the policy is proposed, a third would not be carried from junior high school.

"Most seventh and eighth grade children not known for rational decisions because of that, strikes and you start over in through 12," he said.

In general, appeared to be in agreement with the policy, including counseling parents involved in issuing a warning first offense as immediately as a student from a disciplinary activity.

"I think it's good (drugs) out of the school and protect the we may be pulled out of the only thing him in school no problem doing second offense," Dawson also said the possibility just one group of athletes in the for steroids.

"If we stay class, like at think it would we'd sure want that in the Downes said. Also discussed length was the student who tests on a first offense to produce a negative

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a buildup that hasn't been matched since World War II. "This is the largest Texas National Guard formation called up for mobilization into a combat zone during the current hostilities," Lt. Gen. Marty explained in a press release shortly after the deployment was announced. "Up until now, smaller units have been called up to fill larger organizations." Marty said the huge call-up for National Guardsmen in Texas, along with those already on active duty, accounts for approximately one-fourth of the state's force, leaving plenty of forces stateside to deal with domestic threats. "Regardless of the number, we realize we are putting more soldiers in harm's way," Marty said. "However, ever since 9-11, we have been looking to ensure the readiness of each soldier for deployment. We can assure these soldiers won't be

deployed either individually or organizationally without being ready." The soldiers have been ordered to active duty initially for 18 months. However, under federal statute, the Secretary of the Army may direct active duty for up to two years, depending on the needs specified by the Secretary of Defense. "The level of readiness for soldiers and units will be validated by the active Army, as with any Army unit, prior to commitment," the adjutant general stated. "All pre-mobilization requirements will be met." Approximately 600 Army National Guard soldiers from the Fort Worth area are expected to participate in the mobilization ceremony. In addition, representatives from the other mobilized units in the brigade are expected to attend the ceremony. The National Guard units included in the brigade mobilization are as follows: • Abilene — Headquarters and Headquarters Company,

111th Engineer Battalion; Company A, 111th Engineer Battalion. • Amarillo — Company A, 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry. • Arlington — Company B, 2nd Battalion, 112th Armor. • Big Spring — Detachment 1, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry. • Brady — Company C, 3rd Battalion, 112th Armor. • Brownwood — 3rd Battalion, 112th Armor; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 112th Armor. • Coleman — Detachment 1, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 112th Armor. • Denton — Company A, 2nd Battalion, 112th Armor. • El Paso — 3rd Battalion, 133rd Field Artillery. • Fort Worth — Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 56th Brigade; H Troop, 124th Cavalry; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 112th Armor. • Irving — Company C, 111th Engineer Battalion.

• Lubbock — Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 142nd Infantry. • Midland — Company C, 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry. • Mineral Wells — Company B, 111th Engineer Battalion. • Odessa — Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 133rd Field Artillery. • Pampa — Detachment 1, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry. • Plainview — Detachment 1, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry. • San Angelo — Company A, 3rd Battalion, 112th Armor. • Snyder — Detachment 1, Company A, 111th Engineer Battalion. • Stephenville — Company B, 3rd Battalion, 112th Armor. • Weatherford — Company C, 2nd Battalion, 112th Armor. • Wellington — Company B, 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

HURRICANE

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School was full to its 500 capacity by 8 a.m. Windows had been reinforced with screens and tarps to prepare for the storm. "I'm scared that we're going to go home and nothing is going to be there," 20-year-old Amanda Kellogg said as she played blackjack with four friends, their suitcases, bedding and other possessions piled beside them. About 6.5 million of Florida's 17 million residents were in Charley's projected path, according to the Census Bureau. At dawn today in Key West, fisherman Manuel Garcia was trying to secure his boss's fishing boat, the Cowboy III, in the Stock Island marina, where heavy surf was pushing the vessel against a cement barrier. "If the water comes up, I can do nothing," he said, smoking a thick cigar. The storm surge in the Tampa area could reach up to 16 feet if Charley hits at 120 mph.

BUDGET

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almost \$4 million," she told trustees. The tax rate will remain the same, \$1.5763 per \$100 valuation. No one from the public spoke at the hearing. Trustees will formally approve the budget and tax rate at a future meeting. Trustees moved through a lengthy agenda quickly. Among the highlights: • A positive report on summer school by Richard Light, director of curriculum and federal programs. Among other items, Light told the board that 140 students were served during summer school at Big Spring High School. He noted that enrollment was up, primarily because of an increase in funding which allowed students to enroll without having to pay \$90 in tuition. Eighty-

eight credits were earned and five seniors graduated during the two summer sessions. Light also presented figures on enrollment for younger grades as well as third-grade TAKS reading test results for the year, noting that 95 percent of the students passed. Not all was positive. Light told trustees that the Optional Extended Year Program (OEYP) funds dropped from \$60,384 in the 2002-2003 summer school period to \$18,573 for 2003-2004. The forecast for 2004-2005 is a drop to \$16,000. If the trend continues, it could be a burden, he noted. This year, Title I funds accounted for \$72,044 of the \$90,617 total. Trustees gave the go-ahead to concrete an area at the northeast portion of the Big Spring Junior High School to prevent seepage of water into the ground. Consultants believe that will help stabilize a building that has

been plagued with foundation problems since it was constructed several years ago. Monitoring work by Crim and Bradshaw Engineering detected a three-eighths inch drop in elevation at the northeast corner of the building between January and April. While the building was determined not to have been compromised by the shift, it was recommended that the area be covered with concrete to prevent rainfall from infiltrating soil next to the foundation. The board approved the employment of Janeen Guynn, special education teacher at the junior high; Brittany Roberson, eighth grade science teacher, junior high; and Allison Wallace, kindergarten teacher, Washington Elementary. Trustees approved the resignations of Kathy Frey, Washington Elementary second grade teacher; Cindy Gardener,

high school English teacher; and Gary Miller, junior high coach/social studies teacher. Trustees also: — Recognized KBST Radio employee Lisa Brooks as receiving the district's Media Honor Roll; — Approved trustee Irene Bustamante as the district's delegate to the Texas Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly; — Approved a vendor list for career and applied technology education and

bids for baseball, softball, track and golf supplies and equipment; — Approved the teacher appraisal calendar; — Reviewed campus handbooks; — Heard a report that named members of the district's School Health Advisory Council. Those members are parents Rina Carrasco, Hebrew Jones, Kim Pollard, Kim Schaefer and Angie Yarbar; nurse Lee Ann Fleming; food service director Joann Knox; elementary physical educa-

tion instructor Cindy New; and assistant superintendent Rey Villarreal.

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TESTING

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ties for the rest of his or her junior high or high school career. Downes explained that as the policy is currently proposed, a third offense would not be carried over from junior high to high school. "Most seventh and eighth grade children are not known for making rational decisions. So because of that, the three strikes and you're out starts over in grades 9 through 12," he said. In general, trustees appeared to be in agreement with the proposed policy, including providing counseling, getting parents involved and issuing a warning for a first offense as opposed to immediately suspending a student from extra-curricular activity. "I think it's good," said trustee Mike Dawson. "We want to keep it (drugs) out of the system and protect the kid, but we may be pulling him out of the only thing keeping him in school. I have no problem doing that on second offense, though." Dawson also brought up the possibility of testing just one group of students — athletes in this case — for steroids. "If we stay within a class, like athletes, I think it would be OK but we'd sure want to state that in the policy," Downes said. Also discussed at some length was requiring a student who tests positive on a first offense to produce a negative test

before being allowed to return to the activity. While trustees seemed largely agreeable to the suggestion, it is doubtful that will become part of the final policy. That's because if the student were to miss an activity, such as a basketball game, between tests, the sponsor or coach would have to be informed and the student's absence would have to be explained to teammates. At that point, confidentiality would be broken. Trustees could, of course, decide confidentiality is less important than a second drug test. There was also more limited discussion of having a student "sit out" a year after the third offense if he or she is

moving from junior high to high school, rather than completely starting over with a clean record. No decisions were made at the meeting and administrators are expected to take the suggestions and work on the policy further. Downes told the board that he hopes to provide information next month as to the cost of the plan. Cost obviously would vary depending on whether 5 percent, 10 percent or more of the students involved in extra-curricular activity were tested. At least four more meetings on the policy are planned, and eventually, the board expects to hold a hearing on the policy to get the public's input.

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

This week we salute:

- Sandra Pegan and Lanny Hall, winners in the Rural Community College Initiative slogan contest. Their winning entry, "Big Sky - Big Heart - Big Spring," will be used to promote the city.

- Howard County Commissioners Court, on its formation of the Industrial Development Corporation.

- Curt Warren of Florida, winner of the United States Hang Gliding Association National Championships, and to all of the association members and local volunteers who helped put on a great event for the second year in a row here.

- Big Spring Independent School District and Forsan ISD on their back-to-school activities this week and Coahoma ISD and the city of Coahoma on steps taken to ensure safety at student drop off and pickup points.

- Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home and Comanche Trail Nursing Center for bringing back the Senior Olympics. Special thanks to their activity directors, Tony Cruz and Donna Downing. What a great idea!

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Even when we don't see good coming from our work for you, Lord, you clearly see the good.

Amen

Republicans: Fragile morale abounds

The fragile morale of Republicans took a battering when the Labor Department reported only 32,000 new jobs were created in July. Democrats immediately crowed that unhappy days were here again, but the real political problem for President Bush may be his reliance on the vagaries of government statisticians to give his re-election campaign a boost.



ROBERT NOVAK

In the opinion of economists I consulted, the 32,000-job figure reflects less the real state of the economy than faults of methodology in the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). It also points up the president's failure to effectively preach the gospel of economic growth. Two weeks away from his party's national convention, Bush has not pronounced a second term agenda.

Accordingly, what Bush says at Madison Square Garden in accepting the nomination has become crucial. Word has seeped out of the White House's locked doors of bold talk about not only Social Security reform but tax reform as well. He cannot afford to follow John Kerry's course and make his speech a patchwork of campaign applause lines. The public perception of the economy, more than Iraq, looks like the key to who will be elected president.

To appreciate the political impact of only a 32,000-job increase, compare the morale of the two political camps. When John Edwards was caught on cam-

era this week telling supporters "we're going to win, we're going to win," he was voicing a now familiar Democratic mantra. No such confidence is exuded by Republicans. In private, doubt is constantly expressed about the outcome on Nov. 2.

Thus, the Republican faithful look to economic statistics as the ancients examined entrails of a sacrificed animal. They were so shaken by the 32,000-job figure for July that they did not sufficiently point to the absurdity of Sen. Kerry's suggestion on the campaign trail last week "that our economy may be taking a U-turn" back to recession. In fact, the BLS for more than a decade has been undercounting job creation, unable to keep up with changes in the structure of American business.

A rosier Labor Department measurement is the household survey of job increases, which showed a gain of 629,000 in July, 1,181,000 since December and 2,056,000 over the last 12 months. Furthermore, the July unemployment rate is 5.5 percent — a low rate and exactly what it was in July 1996 when Bill Clinton was seeking re-election. In contrast, unemployment was 7.7 percent in July 1992 as the senior George Bush began his descent.

That these favorable numbers are not trumpeted by Bush's political operation suggests an uncertain trumpet. Hearing no battle cry, Republican loyalists are easily unnerved by even questionable statistics. They need to hear about the future. Bush's tax reductions, particularly dividend and capital gains cuts, have revived the economy. But even ardent Bush-backers yearn for his plans to promote further economic growth.

That includes the president's long-awaited push for reform of Social Security through personal savings accounts, but Bush's own supporters also believe the time is here to talk about badly needed tax reform. At a minimum, he is being called on to intensify efforts to make his tax cuts permanent and to relieve the egregious alternative minimum tax's pressure on the middle class.

But something more is needed. Starting with his 2000 campaign for president, Bush has said hardly anything about tax reform. Word has been passed in Washington that the president's convention speech may call for a flat tax. Anything that specific seems unlikely, but a pledge to pursue genuine tax reform in his second term would inform voters that there really is a substantive difference on economics between Kerry and Bush.

Since the disloyal Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and the super-loyal National Economic Director Lawrence Lindsey were sacked in December 2002, there has been mainly silence from their successors. The result has been inordinate political dependence on whether the BLS is dispensing good news or bad news. This White House's inclination to stand pat on all policies except the war against terror is viewed by increasingly fretful Republicans as the passport to another one-term Bush presidency. George W. Bush has about two weeks to begin changing.

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Dr. politics and the Bush dynasty

Welcome to another installment of Ask Dr. Politics!

Q: I am planning a family vacation but I don't want to leave home until the presidential campaign is over for fear of running into one of the candidates and his vast entourage that paralyzes all road, air, boat and railroad traffic around him. So my question is this: Is the presidential election over yet?



ROGER SIMON

Dr. Politics: Unfortunately, the election is not over. In fact, it has not really begun, since the traditional beginning of the presidential election is Labor Day, and we are not there yet. It just seems like this election has been going on forever because, well, it has been going on forever.

Q: How do they decide which party gets to hold its nominating convention first? Do they really flip a coin?

Dr. Politics: The party that controls the White House gets to go last. That is why the Republicans get to go last this year. Going last is considered an advantage because it is closer to Election Day and voters might actually remember who the nominee is.

Q: Is it true George W. Bush will dump Dick Cheney right before the Republican Convention?

Dr. Politics: I doubt it. Not only would it be an admission that that invasion of Iraq was a mistake,

not only would it upset much of the Republican Party's conservative base, but Cheney serves a very necessary function in the Bush White House: He doesn't create problems for Jeb Bush in 2008. Cheney is a vice president with little or no hope of running for president in 2008. If Cheney were replaced, his replacement — Rudy Giuliani, for example — would certainly expect to run for president in 2008 and would have an advantage over other candidates. And the Bush family, the reasoning goes, does not want anyone having an advantage over Jeb Bush, the president's brother and governor of Florida.

Q: Does Jeb Bush really expect to run for president in 2008?

Dr. Politics: We don't know. The family always considered him the "smart" one among the Bush brothers, but if he does run, he will face considerable opposition within the Republican Party and from people who believe two presidents is dynasty enough for any family.

Q: So if we know who the Republicans will nominate for president and vice president, what excitement is left for the convention?

Dr. Politics: The balloon drop? The number of people wearing cheese heads? The president's acceptance speech? You pick.

Q: When is the Republican Convention?

Dr. Politics: It is scheduled to begin on Aug. 30 and end on Sept. 2. Which means that just like the Democratic Convention, it will be one day too long. Since the results

are known in advance, nobody cares about the platforms and all controversy is strictly banned, there is not enough news to sustain four-day conventions anymore. And, in fact, the commercial networks have cut back their coverage to just three days. So why do parties insist on making them four days long? Because the hotel and restaurant industries insist on it.

Q: Why did the Republicans choose New York City for their convention?

Dr. Politics: You mean just because it is in a state the Republicans cannot win in the fall and in a city whose mayor is only nominally a Republican? Well, I suppose it could have something to do with the availability of hotel rooms and taxicabs and the proximity of Ground Zero. Actually, New York City wanted to host both conventions this year, but the Democratic Party refused to hold its convention in any city that also hosted the Republicans.

Q: So who is going to win in November?

Dr. Politics: We don't know. But we are comforted by the immortal words of Adlai Stevenson, who said: "In America, anyone can become president. It's one of the risks we take."

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# RSVP provides three new opportunities in the community

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Feature's Editor

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program has three exciting programs beginning in September, with opportunities for volunteers to impact the community in a variety of ways.



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The first is a reading program that will offer volunteers a chance to work with local students to improve reading skills.

"This is not a job, it's an opportunity to impact a child's life and have fun doing it," said RSVP director Nancy Jones.

Jones said volunteers are needed to commit four hours a day, once a week, to helping students read by reading aloud as well as listening to students read.

"This is not baby-sitting and it does not involve discipline. Volunteers are going into the schools to have fun and to make new friends," she said.

The entire project is an outreach program designed by Jones in

conjunction with the Big Spring Independent School District to join students with volunteers who have a passion for reading.

"The volunteers do not have to be a teacher to do this. They just need to like to read," she said.

Jones is hoping to have as many volunteers as possible assigned to each campus. She said volunteers may select a campus or she will assist with the placement.

"This way, if they want to go into their grandchild's campus, we can arrange that," she said.

Anyone 55 or older may contact Jones to be a volunteer reader, and for those younger, contact the school district at 264-3600.

A second opportunity for RSVP volunteers begins Sept. 7 with Senior CERT Training. The classes, which provide volunteers an opportunity to learn emergency response procedures, will be offered once a week for seven weeks in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

"This training allows senior volunteers to know

the whole spectrum and the whole plan for emergency response. This will allow volunteers an opportunity to assist their family, their neighbors and their community in the event of an emergency," she said.

Those attending the classes will learn record keeping, supplies and how to man the telephones, among other skills. The course is identical to the evening CERT Training, without the heavy lifting.

A total of 25 volunteers will be enrolled in the course, which is twice the size of the evening course. The course is taught by representatives of the Big Spring Police Department, the Big Spring Fire Department and city emergency managers.

At the end of the course, volunteers will have a mock emergency drill to graduate from the course, and will receive a certificate of completion.

And a third opportunity for RSVP volunteers is a Senior Leadership Program that begins Sept. 8.

"This is identical to the Leadership Big Spring

program, specifically tailored to the senior," Jones said.

For 13 weeks, volunteers will meet every other Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. for a total of six classes. During the class, bus tours to various locations in Big Spring will provide the volunteers with an opportunity to see the inner workings of businesses, government and attractions unique to Big Spring.

"This give volunteers a chance to really find out about our community. We can live here our whole lives and not know about some of the wonderful things we have in Big Spring," Jones said.

Tours scheduled include the wind turbines, the city's compost facility, city and county government offices, among others. Senior Leadership is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, and there is no charge to participate. There will be a dutch treat luncheon at the conclusion of each class.

To enroll in any of these programs, or to find out more information contact RSVP at (432) 263-2397.

## RSVP ice cream social set

The annual RSVP Ice Cream Social is set for 6:30 to 8 p.m. Aug. 19 in the Dora Roberts Community Center at Comanche Trail Park. The Old Sorehead Band is scheduled to perform. Root beer floats and sundaes top the menu,

and the event is free for RSVP volunteers and their friends.

Anyone interested in learning more about RSVP is invited, but reservations are required. To make a reservation, call RSVP at 264-2397.

## Coming this weekend in American Profile — First Lady Laura Bush

Cover Story — Education and reading has remained a passion throughout First Lady Laura Bush's life. The former teacher is now dedicated to improving the lives of America's children.

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## Senior Center needs volunteers to assist with renovation

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Feature's Editor

As work on the Spring City Senior Center continues, volunteers are needed to assist with the renovation.

"We've had some volunteers but we could use more," said city councilwoman JoAnn Staulcup.

In June, Staulcup, assisted by Joyce Crooker and Judy Little, began a renovation project at the center that thus far has yielded new tile, new countertops in the restrooms, a new ceiling and a complete face lift with new paint.

New carpet is scheduled

to be installed as well, as soon as the other work has been complete.

Ceiling fans have been removed and cleaned, the back patio has been weeded and cleaned and plumbing repairs are ongoing.

Also, a new canvas awning will soon mark the front entrance.

Staulcup said what is often the most needed and appreciated is volunteers to help with the cleaning projects.

Several rooms are being prepared for use, including a ceramic room and a recreational room that has pool tables and shuffle board.

A computer room has

been cleaned and computers reworked to allow a class to learn basic internet skills.

These and other programs may be offered, depending on the interest.

Located at 1901 Simler, the center provides local seniors over the age of 60 balanced nutritional meals for a suggested donation of \$2.50. Those under 60 are charged \$5 per meal and donations are certainly welcome.

The center also provides meals to home-bound seniors, not only in Big Spring, but Coahoma and the Sand Springs area.

Van service to and from the center is available Monday, Wednesday and

Friday. Transportation to run errands such as doctors appointments or grocery shopping can also be arranged Tuesday and Thursday.

All arrangements must be made the day before.

Bingo is offered Tuesday and Thursday, from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Line dancing is scheduled for Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

The center also sponsors a weekly dance on Friday's from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. featuring live music.

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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. 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. 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

Sunday is Youth Sunday. The FUMC youth will lead both services of worship. Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes meet at 9:45 a.m.

This is also Promotion Sunday. Children and parents should meet in Room 205 for refreshments before children move to their new Sunday school classes. Certificates of promotion will be presented in the late service.

The Youth Revival is Friday through Sunday. Ryan Dagliesh is the featured speaker for the revival. Also, the youth will attend Rock the

Desert Aug. 20-22. Any adult who would like to help sponsor this event should contact Courtney Johnson.

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. Tuesday. The study begins Sept. 7 and the cost is \$35. Anyone interested should contact the church office or Murray and Diane Murphy.

Two special events coming in August include an informal concert by W. Elmo Mercer, composer of more than 1,700 hymns. This concert is Monday evening, Aug. 23, in Garrett Hall. At 3 p.m. Aug. 29, guest organist Hye-Jean Choi will present a special organ concert.

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

## Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

We would like to encourage you if you do not have a church home to visit Birdwell Lane Baptist Church at 1512 Birdwell Lane. We are a very friendly church who

believes in seeking the lost and building the believer.

Today the youth are on their way back from a two day, back-to-school fellowship at Fort Davis Youth Camp. They had a good time this summer and are preparing for school to start.

Sunday services are at 10:50 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

## McGee Chapel COGIC

Come join us in three nights of revival. Evangelist Randy Chance from Ogden, Utah, will be at McGee Chapel COGIC, 1000 NW Third St., at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18-20.

For more information call Milton Perkins at (432) 267-6605 or (432) 267-7107.

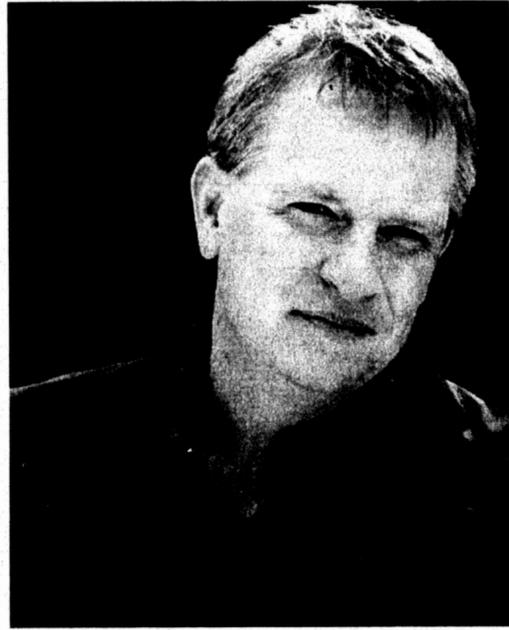
## First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on the text from Luke 12:49-50 on Sunday. Worship service will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 starts at 10:35 a.m.

Opportunities for the week include Encouragers group at 6 p.m. Monday. The Session meets at 6 p.m. on Monday, as well. The Men's Breakfast is Wednesday at 7 a.m.

Plans are being finalized for Youth Sunday and Rally Day Aug. 22. The youth who

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Courtesy photo  
Dan Dean of Phillips, Craig & Dean is scheduled to perform Aug. 20 at Life Church, 600 E. FM 700.

## Life Church

Dan Dean of "Phillips, Craig & Dean" will be at Life Church, 600 E. FM 700, Friday, Aug. 20 for a night of celebration and worship.

Twelve years ago, Dan, together with his friends and fellow pastors Randy Phillips and Shawn Craig, formed the successful contemporary Christian music group, "Phillips, Craig and Dean." They sang their first concert in November of 1991. They cut their first album early the next year. Since then, they've produced nine albums, had 17 No. 1 singles, topped the charts with the No. 1 inspirational song of the 90s, "Crucified With Christ," earned a fistful of Dove Award nominations and sold more than 1.6 million units.

Pastors Clint and Kami Collins and the Life Church Family welcome you to come and celebrate our one year anniversary with us as Pastor Dan Dean ministers through song and word. You and your entire family are sure to be blessed by his unique gifting and style of ministry. Childcare provided for ages 0-3.

## Free Gospel concert featuring W. Elmo Mercer

A free concert of gospel music at First United Methodist Church Aug. 23, 2004 in Garrett Hall will feature the gospel writer W. Elmo Mercer.

W. Elmo Mercer was called by the Zondervan Corporation "one of America's favorite gospel songwriters." In fact, Mercer was responsible for the publication of most of the Favorite Series of Gospel Songs. Elmo has more than 1,600 of his own gospel songs in print and is the arranger of thousands more. He will be joined by his wife, Marcia, in presenting this informal concert.

Mercer wrote his first song, "A Child of Jesus" at age 14, which was published by the Benson Company of Nashville.

After being a staff writer for 10 years, he served as music editor for more than 20 years, retiring from Benson in early 1981.

He has compiled and edited more than 200 gospel songbooks, including several in the popular "New Songs of Inspiration" series. His choral book, "Crusade Choir, Volume One", sold more than 500,000 copies and is still widely popular 22 years after its initial publication. His piano-

organ duet books are also very popular. Many denominational hymnals include his songs.

At 19 he composed "Each Step I Take," which has been recorded by hundreds of artists in many languages, including Slim Whitman and George Beverly Shea. While participating in evangelistic crusades in South Korea in 1981, he discovered the song to be a favorite among Christians there. The song is loved in Indonesia, Africa, South America and in many European countries.

The "Singing News" calls Mercer one of the "most dominating forces in gospel music today," and listed Elmo Mercer in the January 2001 issue as one of the top 10 gospel songwriters.

Most major church music publishers in the country release his works in varied forms. He has been a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) since 1957, and has received annual awards for outstanding work since 1971. At an ASCAP Dove Awards Banquet in Nashville in 1997, he was honored as a 40-year member.



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## Community foundation honors outgoing board members

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Feature's Editor

Two outgoing board members were recently recognized and received a plaque for their work with the Big Spring Area Community Foundation.

"We wanted to thank them for their hard work and dedication to this board and for the help they have given us," said board president Charles Beil.

James Welch and Myra Robinson were recognized by the board of trustees for their dedication while the foundation was being established.

Robinson served three years on the board of trustees, while Welch served one year.

"James was very helpful in getting us through the non-profit status so that we are a non-profit foundation and all donations are tax deductible," Beil said.

"And Myra (Robinson) also gave of her time unselfishly," he said.

Established in 2002, the foundation serves to provide a vehicle for philanthropic requests to support community activities.

"People give through, not to, the foundation," according to a published brochure.

Beil said by creating a community foundation similar to more than 500 others nationwide, local endowments may be invested to provide for the future of Big Spring.

"We support the community eternally, whether a person gives \$10 or \$10 million," he said.

And he said the foundation plans to make its first three grant awards to local projects by the end of this year.

"These grants will be awarded to projects that benefit the entire community, not just a select population or cause," he said.

Most of the foundation's funds come through estate planning, he said. Also trusts and one-time contributions are used by the foundation to benefit the community.

Donors may elect to specify a field of interest, such as education, the arts, human services, the environment or any other personal project.

The trustees invest the donations made to the



Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant  
Big Spring Area Community Foundation President Charles Beil, right, and members of the board of trustees, from left, Tommy Churchwell, Billye McLaughlin and John Ferguson, presented a plaque to outgoing board member James Welch for his service to the board for the past year. Myra Robinson was also honored for her three years of service to the board.

foundation and award grants based on the assets from those investments.

Investment return are scrutinized by the trustees and the audits are available to the public.

Beil said the foundation operates through the extensive use of committees.

Along with Beil, John Ferguson serves the board as vice president, and Drew Mouton is sec-

retary.

Trustees currently on the board are Joe Conciene, Bobby McDonald, Tommy Churchwell, Sammy Dennard, Jim Little and Billye McLaughlin.

To learn more or to donate, contact the foundation through mail at 401 Austin, Suite 103, Big Spring 79720, or call Beil at (432) 263-8350.

## Club News

### Big Spring - Howard County Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30.

All retired school personnel are invited to attend this meeting.

### TOPS TX 21

Leader Donna Menges presided when Takes Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 21 met at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third. Martha Christy opened the meeting with prayer followed by the pledges and fellowship song.

Menges gave a reading titled, "Time," and Carol Smith read "Two Boxes." Cruz Cruz was the best loser of the TOPS weighing in and she received the best loser award and certificate. Gladys Russell was the Keep Pounds Off Sensibly (KOPS) best loser for the second week

in a row. She also received the best loser award.

Members signed a birthday card for Cherry Sechelski and recognized the anniversary of Olnee Menges.

Olnee Menges presented the program, "Daily Action Plan," in which she stated when setting goals to set attainable goals, be realistic when setting your goal, think small when setting goals and lastly, focus on details. The program was well received and there was great club participation in discussion of those topics.

To learn more about TOPS you can call 1-800-392-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758.

### Big Spring Art Association

The regular August meeting of the Big Spring Art Association is canceled because many members are unavailable.

The next regular meeting is Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library.

### Friends of Library seeking donations of good, used books

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.

If you have books you wish to donate to this worthwhile cause, please take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday, during regular library hours. Please, no National

Geographic magazines, other magazines or condensed books.

Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for our public library, outside the budget furnished by Howard County. Just recently the Friends financially supported the library's summer reading program. This would not have been possible with-

out 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 meetings are held at noon on the third Thursday of each month.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The City Council of the City of Big Spring will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenue from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 4.13 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 2004 at 5:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 307 E. 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas.

FOR the proposal: Russ McEwen, Stephanie Horton, Jo Ann Staulcup, Gloria McDonald, and Joann Knox

AGAINST: the proposal: Greg Biddison

PRESENT: and not voting: None

ABSENT: Woody Jumper

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$31,016	\$31,035
General exemptions available (Amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Average taxable value	\$26,016	\$25,035
Tax rate	\$.6863/\$100	\$.7163/\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$178.55	\$179.33 (proposed)

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$.78 or .44 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.03 per \$100 of taxable value or 4.37 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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**Church News**

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attended the Triennium held at Purdue will lead the service.

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

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church**

The first night of Catechism classes for this school year is at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 8, 2004.

The school year is beginning at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. In preparation for the beginning of Christian Catholic Education (CCE) classes, there will be two information nights for parents. Parents must attend one of these information meetings. The parent meetings will be held in the church. During the meetings, a game night will be provided for school age children in the hall. Please drop your children off in the hall for game night before 6 p.m.

The parent's meeting begins at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. If you cannot attend this meeting, the alternate night is Aug. 25, 2004. Both meetings begin at 6 p.m. in the church.

**Friends of Unity**

At 2 p.m. Sunday, we will be studying "Did Jesus Teach Reincarnation?" The Bible and Discover the Power Within You by Eric Butterworth are the main sources and will be our guide books. All are welcome to join us for this challenging study.

Unity Church of West Texas in Odessa has called the Rev. Jim Sims, ordained Unity minister, as pastor. As a satellite of that church our Center will be blessed by his ministry. He begins to serve with them and us on Sept. 5.

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

St. Mary's summer time change continues this Sunday with Holy Eucharist celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school will resume in the fall.

Evening Prayer is said at 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in St. Mary's Chapel.

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

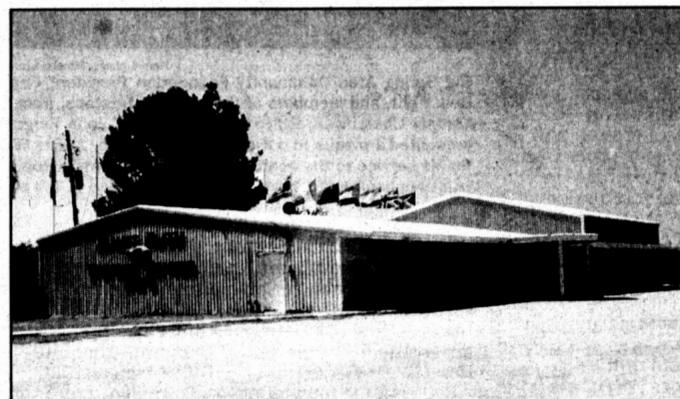
**Home schooling info meeting set**

A special informational meeting for anyone interested in learning more about home schooling their children is set for Saturday from 1-5 p.m. at the Master's Touch Christian Bookstore, 995 E. FM 700. Experienced home schooling parents will be on hand to answer questions, discuss curriculum and assist in choosing and ordering curriculum. Also, parents will be able to join other parents and sign up for this year's program of field trips and other activities. The meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about home schooling. Call Suzanne Haney at 267-7147 for more information.

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Hebrews 11:1

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**BSISD sets season ticket**

Big Spring scheduled its football season sales.

The general may purchase tickets at the Training through Aug. 1 a.m. to 4 p.m. noon to 1 p.m. However, all sales are from noon only.

For questions contact Kay Cook at 267-8201.

**Howard Col**

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Howard Col set up an event this month.

The athletic event will have set-up at the County Fair A.

The booth will promote the Flight Club.

They will begin the selling season from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**BSYFL and to host comp**

The Big Spring Football League will be host local Pepsi/N pass and kick tion Aug. 21

The reg starts at 8 a.m. contest is free and girls 8-15.

For more information contact George 264-7313 or by BSYFL@msn.com

**Howard Coll cheer camp**

Howard cheer camp through sixth will be held at the Dorothy Coliseum.

Registration event will be in a.m. and the I Cheer class a.m. The cost For more tion, contact Berry at 264-5

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**Lady Steer Club sets m**

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### IN BRIEF

#### BSISD sets football season ticket dates

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

The general public may purchase season tickets at the Athletic Training Center 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.

#### Howard College sets important date

Howard College has set up an important event this month.

The athletic department will have a booth set-up at the Howard County Fair Aug. 25-28. The booth will be used to promote the Hawks Flight Club and to begin the selling of athletic season tickets. They will be at the fair from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 25-27 and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 28.

#### 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.

#### Howard College sets cheer camp dates

Howard College's cheer camp for first through sixth graders will be held Aug. 28 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Registration for the event will begin at 8 a.m. and the Dance and Cheer class starts at 9 a.m. The cost is \$25.

For more information, contact Linda Berry at 264-5024.

#### C.G.A. sets monthly touney for Sunday

The Chicano Golf Association will hold its monthly golf tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course Sunday at 10 a.m.

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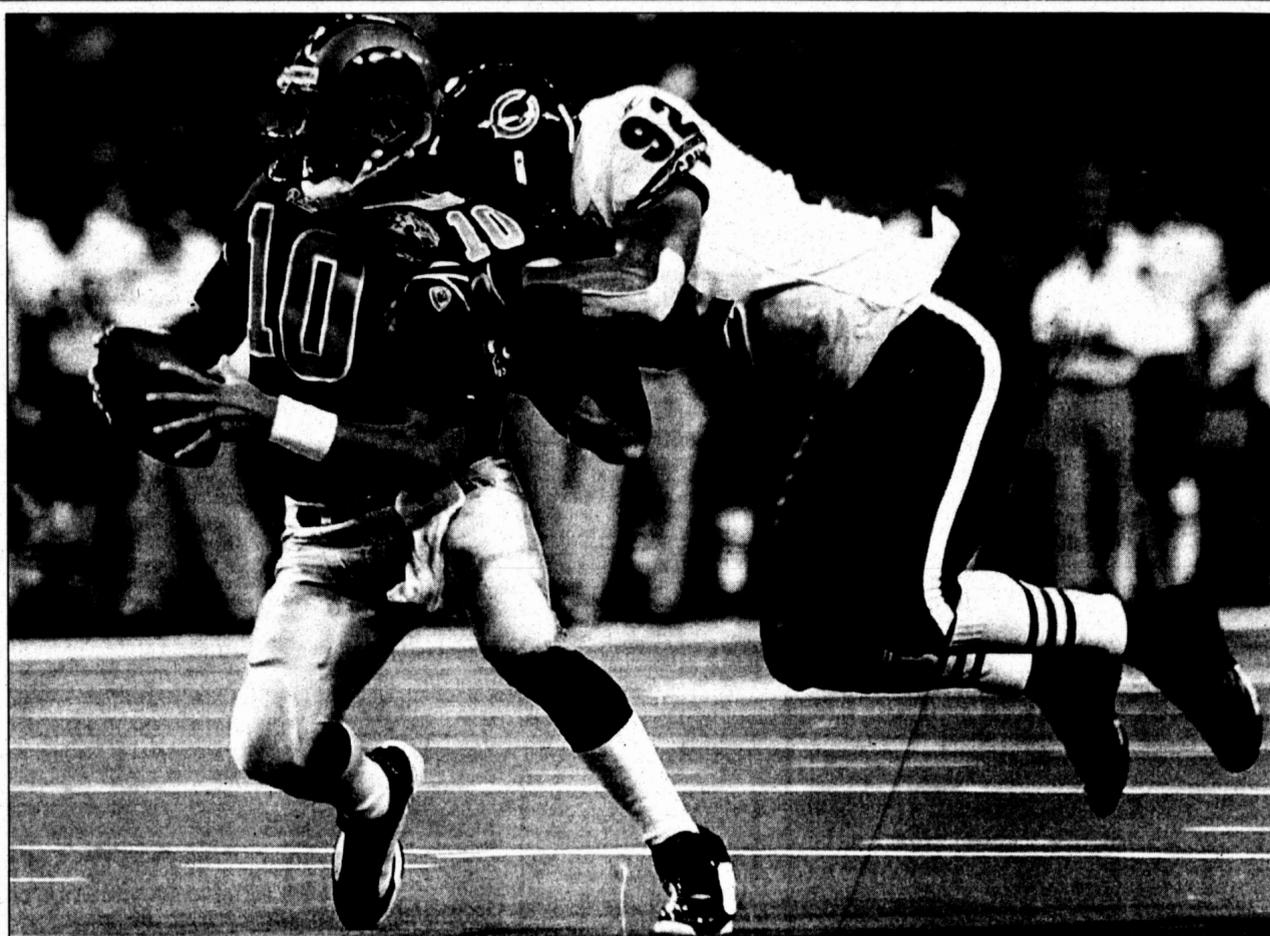
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The Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, in the ATC.

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Rams' quarterback Marc Bulger is sacked by Chicago linebacker Hunter Hillenmeyer in the first quarter of their preseason game at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis Thursday.

## Bears, new coach Smith wins preseason opener

By R.B. FALLSTROM  
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS — Lovie Smith's head coaching debut was a bottom-line success, even though it left a lot to be desired from an artistic standpoint.

The Chicago Bears overcame a whopping 19 penalties for 160 yards, capitalizing on Ahmad Merritt's 87-yard kickoff return at the start of overtime in a 13-10 preseason victory over the St. Louis Rams Thursday night.

The 46-year-old Smith was the Rams' defensive coordinator the past three seasons before replacing Dick Jaaron with the Bears after a 7-9 season. So this one meant more to Smith than a usual preseason game.

"Any victory, of course, means quite a bit," Smith said. "But this is home to me. Mike Martz is a great friend and I'm here right now because of what Mike Martz was able to do and help me do."

The novelty of facing their old coach has worn off just a bit for the Rams, after three days of joint practices with the Bears last week in Macomb, Ill. Martz, the Rams' head coach, didn't even mention Smith during his brief postgame remarks.

"It was really strange, but I'm starting to get used to it," defensive lineman Tyoka Jackson said. "It's just the way it is, life in the NFL. I wish him all the best except against us, but right now he's got bragging rights."

The Bears didn't waste

any time after Merritt's kickoff return, sending out Paul Edinger for the winning 25-yard field goal on the next play.

Penalties were not a problem last year for the Bears, who averaged 50 yards in calls per game.

"We had a bunch of them, but it was our first game with this offense," said backup quarterback Jonathan Quinn, who directed Chicago's lone touchdown drive. "We'll work on them and I'm sure they'll get corrected."

The Rams also stumbled with 12 penalties for 80 yards. Plus they had the only two turnovers, including a fumble after a reception by Dane Looker with 2:30 left in regulation to give the Bears the ball at the Chicago 29.

There were five penal-

ties on the Bears' tying drive, four against Chicago, capped by Quinn's 1-yard pass to Gabe Reid with 10:04 to go.

The Bears actually gained 118 yards on the 88-yard, 10-play drive.

The Rams were without Marshall Faulk, who rarely plays until late in the preseason, and offensive tackles Orlando Pace and Kyle Turley.

Pace is a contract hold-out and Turley hasn't practiced since Aug. 1 because of a herniated disc in his surgically repaired back.

St. Louis' makeshift line, a concern heading into the game, did a good job in pass protection and Marc Bulger was hit only twice.

A third line starter, guard Adam Timmerman, started

despite being bothered by a stinger in his neck and shoulder in recent days.

Backup Chris Chandler led the Rams to their only touchdown, a 13-yard pass to fullback Joey Goodspeed in the second quarter. The 38-year-old Chandler was 8-for-9 for 108 yards in the second quarter.

Bulger played the first quarter and was 3-for-6 for 57 yards.

Bears starter Rex Grossman also played one quarter, going 4-for-5 for 39 yards.

Thomas Jones had 53 yards on seven carries for the Bears, including gains of 17 and 26 yards on consecutive plays on the opening drive.

Rams first-round pick draft Steven Jackson was impressive with 73 yards on 15 carries.



The Astros' Jose Vizcaino bobbles the ball after he tried to bare hand David Wright's hit in the eighth inning of their game at Shea Stadium Thursday.

## Cairo's grand slam dooms Texas

By JOEL ANDERSON  
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — During a year marked by unemployment and a grueling rehabilitation, Orlando Hernandez figured it was only a matter of time before he was wearing pinstripes and winning games again.

So far, El Duque looks as good as he always did.

Hernandez won again with another excellent outing for the New York Yankees and Miguel Cairo hit his first career grand slam Thursday night in a 5-1 victory over Texas Rangers.

"He's gaining confidence with every start," New York manager Joe Torre said.

Hernandez (5-0) has a 2.08 ERA in seven starts since rejoining the rotation a month ago. He resigned with the Yankees in March and rehabbed his shoulder in the minors for the first half of the season.

El Duque allowed one run and four hits in seven innings, helping the Yankees clinch the sea-

son series 5-4 against the Rangers. He struck out seven and walked three.

Cairo gave Hernandez all the run support he needed in the second inning, sending Scott Erickson's fastball 407 feet into the Yankees' bullpen in left-center field.

Erickson briefly watched the flight of the ball before turning around and shaking his head.

"It was awesome. I didn't know it was gone," Cairo said, "But I just tried to hit it hard and it kept carrying and carrying."

John Olerud homered off Joaquin Benoit in the eighth to give New York a 5-1 lead.

The Rangers lost for the sixth time in seven games, dropping from the AL West lead to 2 1/2 games behind Oakland during that span.

"This is frustrating," Texas first baseman Mark Teixeira said.

Socks pulled high and legs kicking up to his chin, Hernandez was the

source of the Rangers' frustrations Thursday night. Just as he was a few years ago.

El Duque's clearly been worth the money, so far.

Hernandez has given a surprising boost to the Yankees' injury-depleted rotation since getting called up July 11.

"He's been a terrific bonus for us," Torre said. "We felt good about signing him, but we didn't know he'd do this."

Tom Gordon, Scott Proctor and Mariano Rivera combined for two innings of scoreless relief.

Meanwhile, the Arlington debut of Erickson didn't go nearly as well as his first start — also a loss — in Baltimore.

Erickson, obtained in a trade with the New York Mets July 31, allowed three straight singles to start the second before Cairo's homer gave the Yankees a 4-1 lead.

The crowd of 48,925 promptly began showering the Rangers' newly acquired right-hander with boos.

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Signed: Russ McEwen, Mayor  
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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

BY JOYCE JILLSON

With Mercury transiting retrograde, an element of the unpredictable influences

ever is mostly due to communication that somehow goes awry. In another week, such mishaps will cease to be amusing or cute, so make sure you take steps not to repeat the same mistake twice. The evening is especially lively with both the moon and sun in Leo.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Love makes the world feel inspiring. You're hopeful even when others give up, which is the key to your success. Though you push yourself to finish what you start, you still may need to work this weekend, so don't plan too much.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Ideas turn to gold, but you must do the groundwork in order to reap benefits. Build the mystery in a love relationship. If your priorities are straight, you won't be discarding friendship for passion.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Make contact, sell, persuade, and learn what you need to know to get what you want. It's a day of extraordinary energy and possibility. Save some energy for family tonight. Love is your ace; take care of it with thoughtful acts.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Find ways to fit travel into your budget. Creative abilities are enhanced when you're aware of different cultures. Also, if you haven't been reading, this is the perfect time to start. Your imagination needs stimulation!

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Though it's a lucky day in many ways, you must stay aware. In unfamiliar territory, you are easily disoriented — pay attention to the little things, like where you parked the car and what you did with your house key.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A person who has true character is a person who challenges him- or herself even in the midst of complacent people — in other words, a person like you. Keep it up. Tonight, you are under romantic fire.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just because someone is in charge, doesn't make that person right. Question authority. Financial decisions have far-reaching implications. Don't fudge on budget resolutions, though you want to be impressive to dates.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Accept yourself as you are. Write down your frustrations, and burn them for luck, releasing resentments. You are unusually impressionable in the evening, but there's no need to take things personally.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An old flame dreams of getting you back. Show some emotional muscle tone and real wisdom. At the first sign that someone is not what you want in your life, turn around and run in the opposite direction.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Let your personality shine as it opens doors previously closed. Exploring makes your heart sing, and the wilder the terrain, the more you love it. Saying no to someone tonight takes courage, but it is the right thing to do.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are influential and savvy. Changes at work have you worried, but you will not be affected. Socialize with business associates, though

you don't see the benefit yet. Return all telephone calls, even to telemarketers.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Forget about your love life for a few hours, and it will magically improve. When loved ones know that you're OK on your own, they get worried. Artists need encouragement to take steps to move into a more satisfying career.

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**Annie's Mailbox**

Dear Annie: I'm worried about my younger brother, "Ben." He is 20 and recently moved out of my parents' home. Ben spends his time drinking, doing drugs and playing some dangerous games (chicken, hanging out on top of cars, etc.).

I've been out of the house for 10 years and realize I cannot force Ben to change. What I'm looking for is a nonthreatening way to let him know that I'm here and want to help. My parents are worried, too, but I don't know that he'd discuss things with them. I'm closer in age, so he might consider talking with me.

I know that Ben sees his future as aimless, and many of his stunts are an attempt to get attention from his friends. He's trying so hard to be the life of the party that I'm afraid he's going to get himself killed. He's having trouble keeping a job (of course), and so the only friends who offer him a place to crash are the same people who offer him drinks and drugs.

Ben would be more than welcome in my home, although I suspect that wouldn't be enough to turn him around. There may be nothing I can do, but I have to try. Please help. — Loving Sister

Dear Sister: Ben is lucky to have you in his corner. Many young adults who can't keep a job and see their future as "aimless" are, in reality, depressed. Keep in touch as much as you can, and let him know you love him. Tell him he is always welcome in your home and can stay there if the need arises. If you



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

think he will listen, suggest he attend classes at a junior college or get job counseling — anything to make him believe in himself. Good luck.

Dear Annie: My daughter, "Rachel," was invited to her friend "Laura's" house. Laura's mother said she would pick Rachel up at 1 p.m., but by 1:30, she had not arrived, so Rachel called. Laura's mother said she'd be there soon. At 2:15, Rachel called again, and this time, Laura told her it was too late for them to come get her. When I asked to speak to Laura's mother, I was told she was unavailable.

The next day at school, Laura told Rachel that she and her mom had gone into town to see someone else. I was floored that they would do this to my daughter. Laura is a new friend, and we don't know her family well. Why would someone do this to a child? How should I handle this next time? — Mother of Hurt Daughter

Dear Mother: Some parents treat their children's plans as "suggestions" and not commitments. Laura's mother may not

realize her behavior was rude and inconsiderate. If the girls make plans again, talk to Laura's mother directly and say gently, "There was obviously some miscommunication last time, and I'd like to avoid hurt feelings. How about if I pick up Laura and bring her to our house?"

Dear Annie: Recently, I was invited to a wedding for a bride I barely know, and a groom I've never met. The invitation said the reception was going to be a potluck at our local fairgrounds. If a sit-down dinner is not in the budget, wouldn't a wine-and-cheese or cocktail party be more appropriate, rather than asking 250 guests (that's the latest count) to bring their own food?

I've been told the bride's mother wants as many people as possible to attend so her daughter will receive an abundance of gifts. I feel like the food I am bringing is enough of a gift. What do you think? — Confused in Bishop, Calif.

Dear Bishop: We're not quite certain when wedding receptions turned into blatant fundraisers, but that seems to be the trend. Bridal couples plan events they can't afford — and then expect their guests to pay for the food and bring an expensive gift as well. It's boorish and tacky. Send them an etiquette book.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net.

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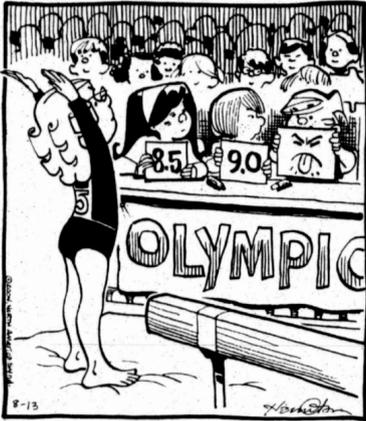
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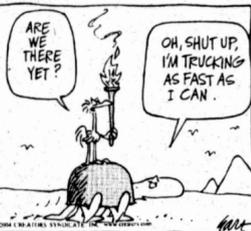
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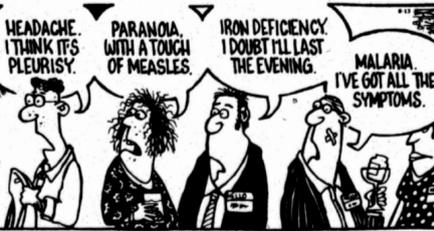
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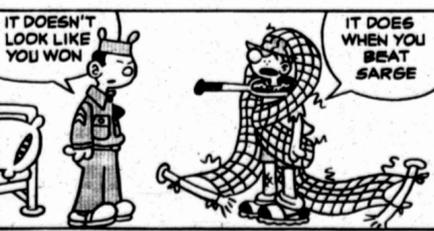
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Aug. 13, the 226th day of 2004. There are 140 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 13, 1961, Berlin was divided as East Germany sealed off the border between the city's eastern and western sectors in order to halt the flight of refugees.

On this date: In 1521, Spanish conqueror Hernando Cortez captured present-day Mexico City from the Aztec Indians.

In 1624, French King Louis XIII named Cardinal Richelieu his first minister. In 1704, the Battle of Blenheim was fought during the War of the Spanish Succession, resulting in a victory for English and Austrian forces over French and Bavarian sol-

diers. In 1846, the American flag was raised for the first time in Los Angeles.

In 1910, Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, died in London.

In 1932, Adolf Hitler rejected the post of vice-chancellor of Germany, saying he was prepared to hold out "for all or nothing."

In 1934, the satirical comic strip "Li'l Abner," created by Al Capp, made its debut.

In 1946, author H.G. Wells died in London.

In 1960, the first two-way telephone conversation by satellite took place with the help of Echo One.

In 1981, in a ceremony at his California ranch, President Reagan signed a historic package of tax and budget reductions.

Ten years ago: In his weekly radio address, President Clinton put Congress on notice that he wouldn't give up an assault weapons ban as the price to revive a crime bill stalled on Capitol Hill. NATO

Secretary-General Manfred Woerner died at age 59.

Today's Birthdays:

Television evangelist Rex Humbard is 85. Cuban President Fidel Castro is 78. Actor Pat Harrington is 75. Singer Don Ho is 74. Former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders is 71. Blues singer-musician Son Seals is 62. Actor Kevin Tighe is 60. Actress Gretchen Corbett is 57. Opera singer Kathleen Battle is 56. Singer Dan Fogelberg is 53. Actor Danny Bonaduce is 45. Actress Quinn Cummings is 37. Country singer Andy Griggs is 31.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword AVERAGE ADDITION by Doug Peterson Edited by Stanley Newman

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                    | <b>DOWN</b>            | <b>ACROSS</b>          | <b>DOWN</b>                  |
| 1 Triangular letter              | 1 Music video extra    | 64 Flatten             | 8 Symbol of slowness         |
| 6 "Over here!"                   | 2 Develop over time    | 65 Mellowed, perhaps   | 9 Bath powder                |
| 10 Footnote abbr.                | 3 Imposed, as a tax    | 66 Bert's pal          | 10 Little rascal             |
| 14 Says with authority           | 4 Golfer's bane        | 67 Snake eyes          | 11 Bar order                 |
| 15 Mongibello alias              | 5 Sets, as a price     | 68 Private Gomer       | 12 Strikes out               |
| 16 Long skirt                    | 6 Martinez of baseball | 69 Musical postscripts | 13 Japanese soup flavoring   |
| 17 Vertigo actress               | 7 Martin or Martini    |                        | 21 Concept in thermodynamics |
| 18 "Agreed!"                     |                        |                        | 22 U.S. immigrant's subj.    |
| 19 Domino's dots                 |                        |                        | 27 Trump, at times           |
| 20 Dog groomer's business?       |                        |                        | 29 Razz from the stands      |
| 23 Status                        |                        |                        | 30 Flooring material         |
| 24 Festive night                 |                        |                        | 31 Type of clam              |
| 25 Yuletide                      |                        |                        | 32 "Take that!"              |
| 26 Turn away from                |                        |                        | 34 Grid org.                 |
| 28 Flying off the shelves        |                        |                        | 35 LAX info                  |
| 31 "Jingle Bells" vehicle        |                        |                        | 36 Just short                |
| 33 From the heart                |                        |                        | 38 NYSE listings             |
| 37 Geometry calculation          |                        |                        | 39 Succotash ingredient      |
| 38 Sound from O'Leary's chicken? |                        |                        | 40 Cosmos                    |
| 42 Pigeon plaint                 |                        |                        | 41 More than aloof           |
| 43 Make believe                  |                        |                        | 45 PC key                    |
| 44 Spy of fiction                |                        |                        | 47 Last part                 |
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| 55 Tad's dad                     |                        |                        | 53 Crystalline rock          |
| 56 Duplicate a forestry pro?     |                        |                        | 55 Firearm filler            |
| 60 Griffin of TV                 |                        |                        | 57 Hurdle                    |
| 62 Toaster waffle brand          |                        |                        | 58 Obi-Wan portrayer         |
| 63 Lothario's looks              |                        |                        | 59 Galba predecessor         |
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# Golf Insider

## IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

### Two-hop grabbers for two-tiered greens

By T.J. TOMASI  
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Most of the time when you're around the green you want to get the ball on the ground and rolling as soon as you can. That's the best way to control the shot and have the ball stop somewhere in the vicinity of the hole.

But there are certain conditions where the best percentage shot is one that comes in high, takes two hops, then grabs and stops without much roll at all — the "two-hop grabber."

Consider the situation where your ball lies 60 feet from the hole and several yards short of a three-tiered green with the hole cut on the uppermost tier just 15 feet over the second crest. The seventh hole of the Buick Classic, played in June at Westchester Country Club in New York, presented exactly this situation, and you'll often see the pros hit the two-hop grabber to the Sunday pin placement on this almost-drivable par-4.

Why not chip and roll the ball in this situation? If you do, there are several things working against you. First, you must land the ball on an uphill slope, making it hard to judge the bounce. A ball that lands on an uphill slope bounces much higher than one that lands on a flat area and will come up short if you're not spot-on because the slope takes all the steam out of it.

Second, even if you judge the bounce correctly, it is easy to misjudge the speed of the roll over two tiers. And if you miscalculate just a little on the short side, the ball will reach the second crest and roll back toward you.

To execute the two-hop grabber, first play the ball back in your stance, opposite your back foot, taking special care to make sure that your club face is facing the hole. When you play the ball this far back, the club face may appear to be closed (looking to the left of the target to a right-handed player), so be careful that you're aimed correctly.

Second, cock your wrists immediately to elevate the club head off the ground, as Futures Tour pro Kristy Gleason is demonstrating in the first photo below. This creates a more descending blow than normal that pinches the ball against the ground and maximizes backspin — an essential element of the two-hop grabber.

Third, when you release your wrist cock on the forward swing, don't roll your forearms. Instead, continue your body rotation and finish looking directly at the club face. Note how Kristy has done this by studying her finish position in photo 2.

Take special note of Kristy's club face in the second photo. If she "peeks up" from her finish and looks at her club face she would be able to see all 15 scoring lines.

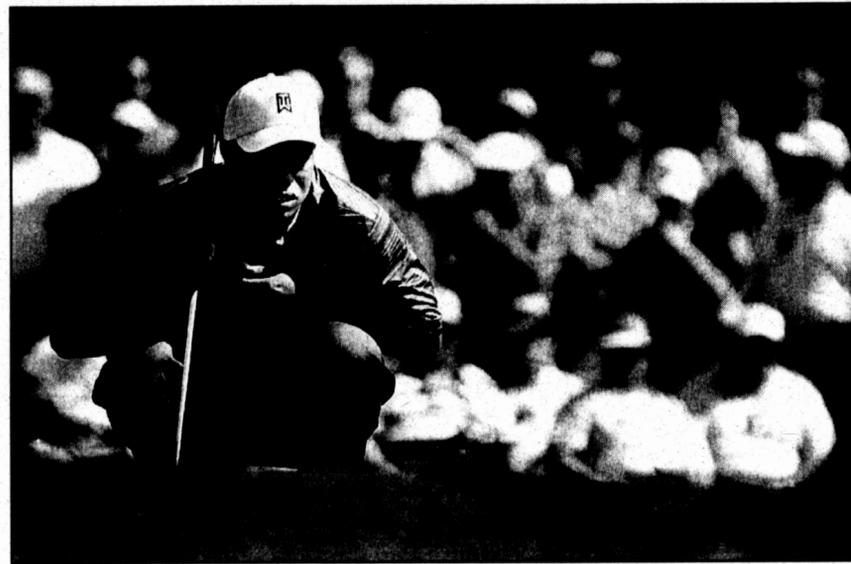
The shot Kristy hit here carried over the last crest on a multitiered green, took the required two hops and grabbed right next to the hole, just like yours will when you learn the two-hop grabber.



A descending blow that pinches the ball against the ground is an essential element of the two-hop grabber.

## COMMENTARY

# Still on course



CURTIS COMPTON / Cox News Service

Tiger Woods has not won a major in his past nine attempts, but hall of fame golfer Jack Nicklaus said that Woods will more than likely win several more major championships.

## Golden Bear says Tiger capable of catching him

By GREG STODA  
Cox News Service

West Palm Beach, Fla. Jack Nicklaus knows all about what Tiger Woods is going through.

Of course, he does. How could he not? It's splashed all over the news every time Woods doesn't win one of golf's major championships — the drought is at nine in succession with the PGA Championship set to begin Thursday at Whistling Straits in Kohler, Wis. — with, well, all sorts of whistles about the slump. So, sure, Nicklaus knows. But he really knows.

And he thinks everybody should just lay off.

"It's such a different time," Nicklaus said recently before leaving Saturday for site work on golf courses in Italy with vacation plans for Rome and Iceland. "Tiger can't get away from hearing about what he's not doing. It's everywhere. I feel sorry for him. I feel sorry for any athlete who goes through the kind of constant discussion and examination Tiger's going through. It's all about who did what the last time and who's going to do what next. It never ends.

"I'll tell you something. Nobody said a word to me about gaining on Bobby Jones' record until I won the British Open in 1970 at St. Andrew's and was just about to catch him. " There's something else Nicklaus said he didn't hear much about.

"I had won two U.S. Amateur championships and the British was my eighth professional major, but I hadn't won one since the '67 U.S. Open," Nicklaus said. "Nobody was making a big deal about that."

How much would Woods appreciate such sanctuary right about now?

Oddly enough, Nicklaus' drought between the '67 U.S. Open and '70 British Open titles began when he was 27 years old. Woods was 26 when he won his most recent major at the 2002 U.S. Open.

"I still think Tiger will catch me," Nicklaus said. "He's talented and motivated and young, and he's still one of the best golfers in the world. He'll break out and win a major, and my guess is that will

## THE 86TH PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

- **Where:** Whistling Straits, Kohler, Wis.
- **When:** Play begins Aug. 12.
- **Rounds, playoffs:** Four rounds are scheduled to be played, concluding Sunday. If a playoff is necessary, it will be a three-hole, stroke play playoff immediately following the conclusion of regulation play.
- **Purse:** \$6 million; first-place money will be \$900,000.
- **Prize:** Wanamaker Trophy
- **Field:** 156 golfers will be cut after 36 holes to the lowest 60 scorers (and ties), and any player within 10 strokes of the leader.
- **Last year:** Shaun Micheel had a brilliant approach shot and then tapped in for birdie on the final hole of the tournament to hold off Chad Campbell for his first major championship.
- **More information:** [www.pga.com/pgachampionship](http://www.pga.com/pgachampionship)



## BY THE NUMBERS

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Of the past 16 PGA winners, 13 had never won a major.

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NICKLAUS

'70 British came in succession beginning just more than a year later. He won the '71 PGA and the '72 Masters and U.S. Open. Only a runner-up finish at the '72 British kept Nicklaus from holding the Bear Slam as Woods held the Tiger Slam across the 2000 and 2001 calendars.

"I never was down on myself," Nicklaus said. "I never thought I wasn't going to win one again, and I'll guarantee you Tiger doesn't think he's done winning (majors)." Nicklaus, by the way, later went winless in majors between the 1975 PGA Championship and the 1978 British Open.

"I didn't think I was done winning them then, either," said Nicklaus, who, in fact, won two in 1980 and, famously, the 1986 Masters

probably set him off on a little run."

Take the man at his prognostication, if only because he speaks from personal experience. Nicklaus' next three major titles after the

at age 46.

Not that he's guessing a 46-year-old Woods will win a 2022 major.

Maybe because he's guessing, as far as the record book goes, Woods won't have to.

Nicklaus wouldn't say whether he thinks Woods' split with coach Butch Harmon has been a significant element in regard to the slump, but Nicklaus understands the difficulty of the transition.

"I don't know, but he might still be sorting things out from the way he learned to play with Butch and from how he's learning to play on his own. That can be a very difficult thing to do under pressure." Time isn't of the essence. Yet.

Nicklaus had won seven professional majors at the time of his 29th birthday; Woods, who will be 29 in December, has eight. Nicklaus, though, won eight more in his 30s and another three in his 40s.

A drought is one thing. But the real question might have to do with Woods' longevity.

"His goal is to pass me," Nicklaus said. "I think he will."

And that's from someone who knows better than anyone about the vagaries of golf even for players at the top of its world.

## Sutton must compete and critique others

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Haven, Wis. Don't expect Hal Sutton to contend at this week's PGA Championship. There's way too much on his mind. He's thinking very intently about the games of, say, Scott Verplank, Stewart Cink, Jay Haas or John Daly and very little about his own.

The U.S. Ryder Cup captain has one more week to finalize the roster he will take to Oakland Hills next month. The PGA Championship will determine the top 10 through the U.S. Ryder Cup Points Standings, then next Monday Sutton will add two captain's selections.

Europe's process is slightly different. The top five from the Ryder Cup World Points List make the team. The next five players come from the Ryder Cup European Points List, if not otherwise qualified. The final two are picks by captain Bernhard Langer.

What seemed fairly uncomplicated for Sutton a month ago has evolved into quite a puzzle.

Daly nearly won the Buick Open. Todd Hamilton became a candidate by lifting a Claret Jug. Chris DiMarco drew attention at the International.

Jeff Maggert withdrew from the PGA with twins on the way.

Tim Herron has Lyme disease. And while much can happen with so many points available in the PGA (300 for the winner, declining to 180, 160, 140, and down to 20 for a top 10), Sutton's recent comments have said much about the way he might be leaning.

The John Daly issue, for example. Sutton speaks of "restraint" being required at Oakland Hills, a golf course that has been shortened by technology since it hosted a U.S. Open in 1996.

"I'm going to be looking at people that manage their game very well, because there are many places that you cannot open up at Oakland Hills," Sutton said.

While much has been said and written about Daly's ability to ignite a crowd, Sutton said, "Is that a good thing or a bad thing? ... I think it would be good for you guys [the media]."

In other words, in the post-9/11 era, both Curtis Strange two years ago and Sutton this year are concerned about maintaining a passionate, but peaceful atmosphere.

"In the world we live in, I think crowd composure is a good thing," Sutton said. "So, you know ... I'm going to stop it right there, because the way I just answered that, you might take that as I might not look at him. But I am. He deserves consideration."

Sutton said he understands the public's desire to see Daly in a Ryder Cup and admits to being a John Daly fan.

"I think the reason why the world rallies behind him is because he represents a lot of what America is about," Sutton said. "You know, being able to be down and get back up. He's had struggles in his life and he's rebounded from the struggles in his life."

Sutton also has a fondness for guys who are "fighters," and speaks as though he might take Jerry Kelly if he were to fall out of the top 10. The captain was highly impressed that both Kelly and Jim Furyk played a practice round at Oakland Hills in a driving rain on the Tuesday of Buick Open week.

Clearly, Sutton will use his captain's picks to find some extra intangible that might help return the Ryder Cup to America. The Europeans have won three of the past four meetings.



SUTTON

## OTHER TOURS

### LPGA TOUR

• **Next event:** Aug. 20-22; Wendy's Championship for Children; Tartan Fields Golf Club, Sylvania, Ohio.

### CHAMPIONS TOUR

• **Next event:** Aug. 20-22; Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn; Rock Barn Golf & Spa, Conover, N.C.

## THE GOLF DOCTOR

### Belly up to the belly putter

The "belly putter," first used on the PGA Tour by Phil Rogers in the late 1960s and placed in the limelight by Paul Azinger when he won the Hawaiian Open with one in 1999, continues to rise in popularity. The reason is simple — it works.

If you putt pendulum style (along a straight line — back and through), you can anchor the butt end of the putter in your stomach to give you a fixed fulcrum point. This helps stabilize the stroke and makes it more consistent.

In the photo here I'm using a normal putting grip with my hands together, but many players use a split grip, with one hand significantly lower than the other, which also helps to promote a pendulum action.

Besides a steadier stroke, the fact that belly putters are about 10 inches longer than normal allows you to stand more erect, creating a good view of the line of a putt. I like it because it doesn't put as much strain on my back when I practice.

Fred Couples, Steve Flesch, Stewart Cink, Bob Tway, Colin Montgomerie, Jeff Sluman and Vijay Singh are some of the many PGA touring professionals who have followed Zinger's lead and use a belly putter, although it's not unusual for a player to switch back and forth.

**Insider Prediction:** Don't let the rumors that the USGA will ban the belly putter deter you from trying one. If it ever does, the association better run for the hills to avoid the revolt.

—T.J. Tomasi



Belly putters help create a good view of the line of a putt.

## ASK THE PRO



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**Q:** I'm 10 years old and just took up golf. I think it's fun. My question has to do with a ball I found on the range that the mover had cut in half. It was weird. It was filled with hard stuff. I asked someone what it was and he said rubber, but it didn't look or feel like rubber. What is this stuff? — Rob, from the Web

**A:** Actually, the person who told you it is rubber is correct. It is one of the first types of synthetic rubbers to be invented called "polybutadiene" — a great word for a 10-year-old to drop in his next adult conversation.

And if you want to really knock 'em dead, mention that chemically,

polybutadiene is very close to natural rubber (polyisoprene), except that it has two carbon-carbon double bonds. (Think of how many homers you'd have if you had double Bonds.)

The reason it doesn't look or feel like natural rubber is that this high-resiliency compound contains a blend of several different additives, such as cobalt, neodymium and/or nickel to enhance the ball's performance.

Besides golf ball cores, polybutadiene blends are good for uses that require exposure to low temperatures. For example, car tire treads (and other auto parts such as belts, hoses and gaskets) are made from polybutadiene.