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September 24, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

Harvest Saturday is this weekend

Big Spring State Park is holding Harvest Saturday this weekend with hay rides at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Admission is by donation. There is no gate fee. The hay rides are held for all ages.

TMRA II to hold chapter party here

There will be a Texas Motorcycle Rights Association II Big Spring chapter birthday party from noon until midnight Saturday at the Cossacks Club House, 1610 N. Birdwell. Cost is \$5 per person at the door. There will be food while it lasts, live music and games. All bikes, all ages welcome.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



Although she's toured the world with her husband Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, singer Patti Scialfa remains a New Jersey girl at heart. After putting her solo career on hold to raise three children, she's just released a CD that sheds great insights into her life experiences.

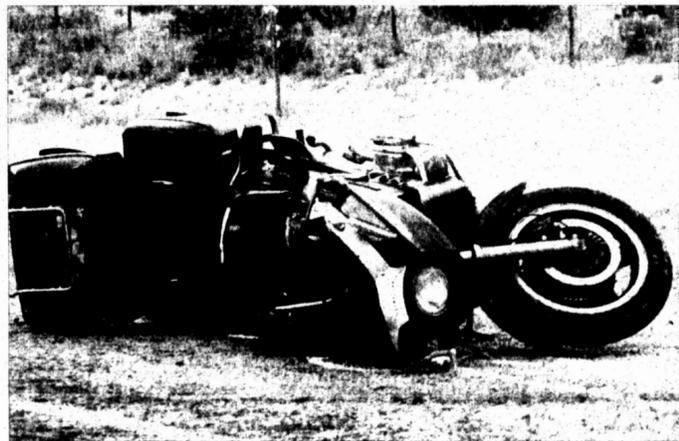
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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
 DPS Trooper Kneel Stallings, right, and Howard County Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett examine a motorcycle involved in a one-vehicle accident Thursday morning. Mickey Aubrey Emerson, 42, remains listed in critical condition at University Medical Center in Lubbock following the accident, which happened west of Forsan on Highway 461.

Forsan man in critical condition following motorcycle accident

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A Forsan man remains in critical condition today, following a one-vehicle motorcycle accident Thursday morning south of Big Spring.

Mickey Aubrey Emerson, 42, was listed in critical condition at University Medical Center in Lubbock after being trans-

ported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room just after the accident.

SMMC officials refused to release Emerson's condition before and after he was transferred to Lubbock, and would not comment on whether the Forsan man was transported by helicopter or ambulance.

According to Department of

Public Safety Trooper Kneel Stallings, Emerson's motorcycle left the roadway more than 500 feet from where the it came to a stop.

"At this point we're not sure why he went off the road," said Stallings. "It appears he traveled off of the road for about

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Trustees ready to finalize drug testing policy

By **KENDRA WISS**
 Staff Writer

For five months, Big Spring Independent School District trustees have asked for public comments concerning a drug testing policy for the district during their regular meetings.



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On Oct. 14, a special public hearing will call attention to the issue so the public can address any concerns or voice any comments.

This comes after months of meticulous planning and research concerning the policy.

"It is my ultimate goal that we have no positive tests and no drug dog hits, not because the tests are ineffective, but because we don't have drug use on campus," said Superintendent Michael Downes.

In June the board saw the need for drug testing among students participating in competitive extracurricular activities. The board voted to pursue policies and developed a timeline for implementing the testing, with January 2005 as the implementation date.

During July's board meeting, the board reviewed 12 sample policies, that are currently in effect in other Texas school districts.

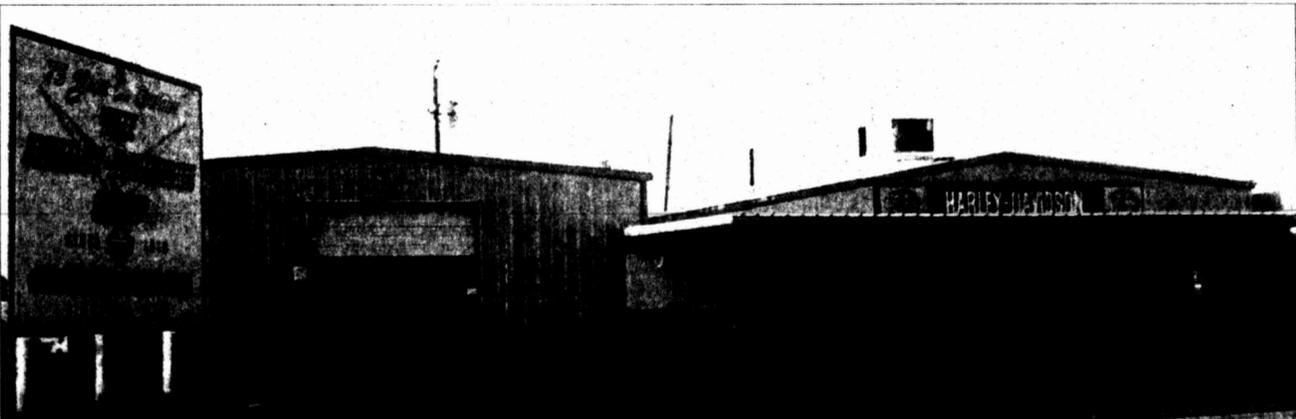
The board voted on a potential first draft in August and voted on revisions.

In September, it followed up with the revisions and decided upon the frequency of testing and percentage of students in each testing pool.

The proposed drug testing policy includes the use of trained dogs to sniff out illicit substances, concealed prohibited items and alcohol. It also calls for random drug testing for students who participate in competitive extracurricular activities. Testing will be done every six weeks.

In addition, a student is also required to provide breath, saliva or urine samples (whichever are appropriate) when there is a reasonable suspicion that the student is under the influence of illegal drugs or alco-

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HERALD photo Kendra Wiss

The Harley-Davidson Shop moved to its current location at 908 W. Third Street in 1946. The shop, the oldest family-owned Harley-Davidson franchise in Texas will celebrating its 75th anniversary on Saturday.

Harley Shop to observe 75th anniversary

By **KENDRA WISS**
 Staff Writer

It's a Harley-Davidson world. Customers entering the Harley-Davidson Shop on Third Street cannot only peruse the walls filled with motorcycle detailing, outer wear, leather gear and equipment; they can also purchase children's clothing, doggie wear and even Harley-Davidson coffee!

What a change from the small shed in Arthur Davidson's Milwaukee backyard in 1901 where he and William Harley sat thinking up ways to take the work out of bicycling. Harley-Davidson was born.

The Harley-Davidson Shop of Big Spring will celebrate 75 years in business on Saturday. Festivities will begin with a morning Poker Run with 10 a.m. signaling the last bike out. From noon until 6 p.m., the public is invited to a free barbecue catered by Big John's, under the shop's giant tent behind the store. Live entertainment will be provided by The Texas Wanted and Cecil Bingham bands.

Having owned an early Harley-Davidson motorcycle and experience as an Army motorcycle mechanic, Cecil Thixton and his wife, Ora, opened the Harley-

Davidson Shop in Big Spring.

Originally located at 1502 E. 15th Street, the couple moved the shop to its present location at 908 W. Third Street in 1946.

The couple's daughter, Marijo, married Howard Walker in 1959 and invited him into the family business.

"In September of 1961 I was discharged from the service and came to the shop at 10:30 in the morning," Howard recalls. "The old man (Thixton) came out and said 'I'll be darned, come back here and give me a hand.' I stuck my head under a motorcycle and started working and I've been there ever since."

The company's management was assumed by the Walkers after Thixton's death in 1976. Ora, died in 1981.

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Obituaries

Michael Steadham



Michael Steadham, 41, of Big Spring died at 6:45 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a sudden illness. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born July 6, 1963, in Big Spring and lived most of his life in Big Spring, except for a few years in Throckmorton. He worked in the oilfield and was a Baptist.

He is survived by his mother, Lois Fear of Big Spring; one sister, Carolyn Graston of Haskell; two brothers, Jimmy Steadham and Robby K. Steadham, both of Throckmorton; grandfather, W.F. Statham, of Big Spring; grandmother, Lettie Gaines, of Lubbock; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

The family will be at 1700 S. Lancaster, Apt. 501. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Mike Lynch

Mike Lynch, 49, of Stanton died Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at his residence. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at the Evergreen Cemetery Chapel in Stanton with the Rev. Robert Frazier, pastor of Valley View Baptist Church of Midland officiating.

He was born Oct. 5, 1954, in Coleman and married Lana McKenzie Oct. 14, 1996, in Greenwood. He was a Baptist and loved hunting and fishing and spending time with his boys.

Survivors include his wife, Lana Lynch of Stanton; three sons, Jeremy McIntyre of New Jersey, Jory Lynch of Stanton and Mike Lynch Jr. of Big Lake; four daughters, Jennifer of Belton, Lori Shields of Big Lake, Miranda of Rankin and Ashley Norman of Roswell, N.M.; three sisters, Barbara Wallace of Grape Creek, Peggy Bowersox of Greenwood and Sydney Lynch of Midland; three brothers, Bill Lynch of Ozona, Coy Lynch of McCamey and Bitterweed Bob Lynch of Stanton.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, 2304 W. Wadley Ave., Midland 79705.

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

Support groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Take note

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS "HEAVEN'S GATE AND HELL'S FLAMES" a dramatized, real life presentation at 7 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Admission is free and a nursery and children's ministry is provided. Call 267-8223 for more information.

WEST TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES ARE SPONSORING COMMUNITY MEETINGS at 10 a.m. Tuesday and Oct. 7 in the Howard County Library Community Room. Tuesday the program will be presented by Victim Services, and Oct. 7 the program will be 2-1-1 by Michael Chase. Call WTO at 267-9536 for more information.

FORSAN SCHOOL BAND WILL PERFORM IN WASHINGTON D.C. JULY 4, 2005, by special invitation, representing Texas. Funds are needed to cover the \$145,000 cost of the trip. Donations are being accepted at the First Bank of West Texas, account name Forsan Band Trip. Contact Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson or band directors Jim Rhodes and Jeremy Higgenbotham at 457-2223.

DONATIONS OF GARAGE SALE ITEMS are being accepted for a benefit sale for Cathy Kinman Oct. 1-2. Mrs. Kinman has completed cancer treatment and is cancer free. The sale is to help with continued

Correction

A story concerning the death of 33-year-old Robert Charles Wiltsie that was published in the Sept. 22 edition of the *Herald* contained errors. Wiltsie was transported to the Big Spring Police Department by police officers, not a Comptroller of Public Accounts officer. Also, Wiltsie was booked by the BSPD at the request of the Comptroller officer.

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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:

- **WAYNE MATUSEK**, 69, of Midland, was arrested Thursday on a Midland County warrant.
- **UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON** was reported in the 500 block of Sixth Street.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - 2 OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 500 block of Sixth Street.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
 - in the 4100 block of Dixon.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 700 block of Gregg Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- **PETE G. GONZALES**, 52, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a misdemeanor B charge.
- **CHRISTOPHER ROBIN LOPEZ**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **EARL PERRY HANKE**, 46, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less and a local capias warrant.
- **ALICE LIVINGSTON**, 50, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check - public servant and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
- **VINCENT G. GARCIA**, 48, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court - disobedience of a court order.
- **RUBEN JUAREZ JR.**, 19, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less, speeding and no driver's license.
- **JESUS MARTINEZ**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury.
- **DAVID RIVERA JR.**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **RUBEN CISNEROS**, 28, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less, no Class C driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **RUBEN LEE TREVINO**, 26, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported near Forsan.

MONDAY

All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Rannels. Enter through the north door. Covered dish dinner. 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.

expenses. Bring donations to the house behind the Knott station or call 353-4417.

THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY CHORUS REHEARSALS have changed to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church choir room.

THE BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is seeking vendors to reserve booths for the "Crossroads Cuisine and Business Expo Featuring the Taste of Home Cooking," set for Oct. 21. Contact the chamber at 263-7641 to reserve a booth or to purchase a ticket to the event.

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 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.

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Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email 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.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

- Special Olympics bowling begins at 8 a.m. at the Bowl-A-Rama.
- Adult Eyeglass Clinic from 9 a.m.-11:50 a.m. at the Event Center, former Lions bingo building, 1607 E. Third. Sponsored by the Big Spring Evening Lions Club. 267-6095.
- Ackerly Lunch Bunch meets at 10:30 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe. A noon meal of barbecue and fixings will be served for \$5.25 per person. RSVP by Wednesday to Sissy Jones, 267-7732.
- Harvest Saturday begins at 3 p.m. at the Big Spring State Park.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Harley Davidson celebrates 75th anniversary beginning at noon with a barbecue in the big tent behind the shop.

SUNDAY

- Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between 3 p.m. 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 Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 14-36-37-6-5.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 16-20-28-33. Bonus Ball: 16.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$225,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night: 8-2-5

Weather

Today — Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning — Then partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs near 80. Northeast winds near 10 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may be severe in the evening. Lows near 60. Northeast winds near 10 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.

Saturday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 80. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Lows near 60. East winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening becoming light and variable after midnight.

Sunday — Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs near 80. Light and variable winds in the morning becoming east near 10 mph in the afternoon. Area coverage of rain 30 percent.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

Monday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 80.

Monday night — Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs near 80.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Thursday — Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Area coverage of rain 20 percent.

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Two policemen display their Harley-Davidsons in front of the Big Spring shop 1954.

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The company's family tradition is now carried on by the Walkers' son, Robert, dealership's sales manager, and his wife, Vickie, who handles sales and orders.

The Harley-Davidson Shop sells about 150 motorcycles or "Hogs" a year. These new rides come in cardboard boxes that boast, "Your Hog has arrived."

The shop grossed \$3.6 million in 2003 and hopes to boost sales to the \$4 million mark this year.

Prices for the highly-collectible machines start at \$5,500 for the 883 Standard and progress with size and detail to \$33,000 for the coveted Screaming Eagle with custom paint job.

On Saturday, the company will celebrate 75 years in business. The festivities will begin with a morning Poker Run with 10 a.m. signaling the last bike

out. From noon until 6 p.m., the public is also invited to a free barbecue catered by Big John's, under the shop's giant tent behind the store. Live entertainment will be provided by The Texas Wanted and Cecil Bingham bands. In addition, 50/50 tickets will be sold.

RV parking is available on a first come, first served basis.

This family event will feature the anniversary party, preview of the new 2005 Harley-Davidsons and an open house for the public to experience the oldest family-owned franchise in Texas.

"It's been a heck of a ride the past 40 years," said Walker.

The shop's normal business hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information about the Harley-Davidson Shop or Saturday's events, contact the shop at 263-2322.

Contact Staff Writer Kendra Wiss at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

TESTING

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hol at school or at a school related event, regardless if such an event occurs on or off campus.

This year there are 306 junior high students and 585 high school students participating in competitive extracurricular activities. Of these students, 5 percent of junior high and 15 percent of high school students will be randomly tested beginning in January and this procedure will be repeated every six weeks.

Testing will also be available for students who do not participate in extracurricular activities, but whose parents desire their child be drug tested through the district's voluntary drug testing program.

Under the proposed drug testing policy, if a student receives a positive result on his or her drug test, the same sample will immediately be re-tested for lab accuracy. If there is another positive result, a meeting will be arranged for the student, parents and school principal. The student will have 72 hours to appeal the test result. Following the

meeting, the student will then have eight days to complete a mandatory drug awareness program, during which time, he or she will not be allowed to participate in any contest performance, demonstration or competition. The student may continue to practice, however.

After a second offense, a student will be suspended from participating in all performances, demonstrations, competitions or contests (students may continue to practice) in all activities for one full calendar year. If all drug tests during the year have been negative, the student may resume activities the

next year.

Following a third offense, the student will be permanently removed from all extracurricular activities. Seventh- and eighth-grade students incurring a third offense and removed from all extracurricular activities in junior high will be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities upon entering high school. These students will be tested at each random testing period for one year upon enrollment at the high school campus.

Student who are absent when randomly chosen will be required to give a sample when they return

to school.

In addition, any student may be required by the principal or designee to take a drug or alcohol test when there is a reasonable suspicion by school personnel that the student is under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol at school or a school-sponsored event, on or off campus. Reasonable suspicion will be based on specific personal observations concerning the student's appearance, speech or behavior indicating the effects of drug or alcohol use.

October's meeting should allow for any last-minute questions or com-

ments from the public, students or parents.

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ACCIDENT

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150 to 200 yards, at which point the motorcycle started rolling or flipping. He wasn't wearing a hel-

met at the time of the accident."

Emergency personnel at the scene said Emerson suffered severe head trauma as a result of the crash, as well as numerous abrasions.

Emerson, who was traveling home from work, was traveling east on Highway 461, approximately a mile outside of Forsan, on a Honda touring motorcycle at the time of the crash.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

Big Daddy Jupiter pays a visit to Libra, where he'll stay for the next year. This transit brings luck to anyone who's trying to make relationships work - couples, groups and teams are like geese that fly south in a "V" formation. The momentum they create together carries the group much faster than any one goose could go alone.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're first in line and will have the rewards of the early bird. On days like this, you wonder why anyone would ever be late! Saying "goodbye" is something you've got to do tonight. Be thoughtful and brief; don't draw it out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The stars give you the chance to reinforce to the world who you are. Your decency causes you to automatically respond correctly and kindly when tough situations arise. Games of chance are featured tonight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Everywhere you go, you bring a jovial mood and a joke or anecdote. Though few may say it out loud, your effervescent personality is appreciated. That's why you'll be invited to socialize with the "it" crowd.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Somewhere between the conscious and the unconscious is the limitless, childlike state of mind where everything and anything is possible. That's the part to nurture today. What you believe will happen possibly will.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). That person who has really come to depend on you is probably on the verge of taking advantage, as far as you're concerned. You'll find subtle ways to get your message across without

causing too many waves. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You use your moneymaking skills for the good of a group, and everybody wins. Being of service is always a lucky move. Pay attention to your reservations. When did ignoring your intuition ever get you anywhere good?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's a pleasure to give yourself over to your creative inspiration. If your idea is rejected initially, that only means it needs more work. Solve repair and property problems. Big profits are made from little but consistent efforts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Today is about trial and error, so lighten up on yourself. Failure is just a signal that your current method is not going to work right now. There's nothing personal or shameful about that, unless you choose to see it that way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Without risk, there is no reward. If you later find out you're in something over your head, you'll have time tonight to think things over. Loved ones won't judge you, so it's safe to talk about what you're going through.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Legal issues play a part now. Any arrangement that involves a contract or implies an unspoken agreement has legal implications. Get everything in writing. Playing the "I thought you said" game could cost you money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Developments in a key relationship will make you feel at ease. Now, you can think of yourself for a change. It's a challenge to get any work done, unless your job relies heavily on chatting up the customers and being jovial.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're down on yourself again. Take the role of the loving parent to your own fragile feelings. You are as deserving of love as any soul on the planet. Tell yourself this often, and your life will transform.

COUPLE OF THE WEEK-END: Virgo and Libra are neighbors of the zodiac that tend to value many of the same things: order, simple beauty, nature and efficiency. But these two have a very different way of achieving these ideals. Virgo can teach Libra how to be disciplined, and Libra can teach Virgo how to be romantic. The stars are favoring both signs as extremely attractive these days, so why not meld into a power-couple unit?

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

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

This week we salute:

- Everyone who participated in the Memory Walk by the Alzheimer's Association STAR Chapter, West Texas Region.

- Tommy Churchwell and the Churchwell family for bringing the opening performance of Pillar's U.S. tour to Big Spring.

- Local veterans groups and others who paid their respects during National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

- Friends of the Library members on their annual book sale, which, by the way, continues in the Howard County Library basement through the end of the month.

- Christine Everett, Lois Hughs, Cynthia Schaffner, Kim Shafer, Juanita Smith and Les White, who comprise the local SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) medical specialty group.

- The Howard-Glasscock County American Cancer Society chapter, on being No. 1 in the state, per capita, with the Relay for Life fundraiser. The effort raised \$5.52 per individual, sixth nationwide, and more than \$3 per person than the second place team in Texas.

- All of the area businesses and folks who helped rebuild the Coahoma homecoming bonfire Wednesday evening after someone tried to spoil the evening's celebration. Instead, it gave Coahoma and residents in the area an opportunity to rally together and show what good can be done in a short period of time.

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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Kerry now wants to be Dean

It has taken John Kerry several months to decide that he now wants to be Howard Dean.

Last year, Dean shocked many Democratic stalwarts and political experts by the vigor of his attack on the Iraq war and the harsh words he directed against George Bush.

Many thought that vituperative attacks against an opponent (remember all those articles about how "angry" Howard Dean was?) might seem like a good idea because it energized your base, but that it was a mistake because it alienated moderate swing voters, who really determined the outcome of elections.

Dean thought this was hooey. "Karl Rove (President Bush's political guru) discovered it, too, but I discovered it independently," Dean told me, adding that the theory is embodied in the writings of George Lakoff, a professor of cognitive science and linguistics at the University of California-Berkeley. "What you do is crank the heck out of your base, get them really excited and crank up the base turnout, and you'll win the middle-of-the-roader."

The reason, according to Dean, was that swing voters share the characteristics of both parties and eventually go with whichever party excites them the most.

"Democrats appeal to them on their softer side — the safety net — but the Republicans appeal to them on the harder side — the discipline, the responsibility and so forth," Dean said. "So the question is which side appears to be energetic, deeply believing in its message, deeply committed to bringing a vision of hope to America. That side is the side that gets the

swing voters and wins."

Howard Dean did not win the Democratic nomination, of course. But that doesn't mean his theory was not without value, which the Kerry campaign now seems to accept.

As if awakening from a slumber, John Kerry has roused himself and is now on the attack.

"I am absolutely taking the gloves off," he told Don Imus last Wednesday. The next day, Kerry gave a speech in Las Vegas in which he accused President Bush of misleading the public about Iraq, of playing politics with national security, of mismanaging the war on terror and of "living in a fantasy world of spin."

You can't get much tougher than that without having the president's security detail wrestle you to the ground.

With both sides finally joining the fray, the base voters of each side are now being fed so much red meat their cholesterol ratings must be about 600.

Why was it necessary for Kerry to shift to offense? Because George Bush had reversed the conventional wisdom that elections involving incumbent presidents are always about the president.

Such elections are usually report cards on the incumbents, and you can see why Bush — who presides over a shaky economy and a controversial foreign occupation — might not want to see what his grade was.

But his election team has very effectively made this campaign not about Bush, but about Kerry.

Is Kerry a flip-flopper? Did he lie about Vietnam? Is his position on Iraq — and this is really catching on — "incoherent"?

Kerry helped the Bush campaign enormously by being slow to react. (And his glacial pace in attacking the smear campaign of the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth was especially inexplicable considering

that the last time Kerry fired his campaign manager was because his campaign was too slow in meeting Howard Dean's attacks during the primary.)

Bill Clinton said a couple of years ago that "when people are insecure, they'd rather have somebody who's strong and wrong than somebody who's weak and right."

Was John Kerry not listening to this? (Obviously it would be better to find candidates who are strong and right, but these days you take what you can get.)

There are dangers for Kerry in going on offense. Another popular wisdom holds that negative campaigning depresses turnout by alienating voters. And since Kerry is doing much better in the polls among registered voters than likely voters, he obviously wants the turnout to be as large as possible.

But what choice does he have? Slumber on and get beaten senseless by the GOP attack machine? Or attack Bush, goose the Democratic base and hope the middle follows?

True, Kerry will have to go some to equal Dick Cheney's assertion that if Kerry is elected, the United States will be attacked again by terrorists. And even though the White House and Cheney later "walked back" that statement, the political ploy of attack and walk-back is an old one. (It gets you twice as much publicity for the original attack.)

The Republicans know how to do this stuff, and the Kerry campaign seems to be just learning.

Why? Perhaps because for years the Democrats have been cranking out political consultants while the Republicans have been cranking out political assassins.

So here's the question of this campaign: Can the Democrats close that gap in time?

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News from non-swing states

Letter from a non-swing state. Every political reporter and his hamster is covering the swing states. Here's the news from the rest of the country. *This column is dedicated to all the Democrats in the red states and all the Republicans in the blue states, with affection for all.*

In Mason, Texas, pop. 2,148, there are new yellow ribbons up all over town in memory of young Mathew Puckett, the first Mason man to die in military action since World War II. Though Masonites are united in sorrow, the debate over Iraq has only become more embittered.

"Now they've killed one of ours. Now you have to support the troops," say the Republicans.

"Now don't you wonder, 'Should we be there?' Now don't you have to ask, 'What good are we doing?'" say the Democrats.

Local Democrats participated in the Mason County Round-Up parade this year. A few people waved at them from regular shoulder-height, but more waved from hip-level, just with their hands, not wanting to attract attention. It's not popular to be a Democrat in Mason County.

"If you say you're a Democrat, the first thing they say is, 'You're unpatriotic.' And the second thing they say is, 'You don't believe in God.' Try having a reasonable political discussion after that," said Gerry Gamel, editor of the Mason County News.

The difference this year, says A. J. Baker, is that Democrats are no longer saying, "It's not worth having a fight over." They're saying, "We're not going to take this."

They're also saying: "I resent that. In fact, I resent the hell out

of that." And Republicans in blue states are saying exactly the same thing over what they consider the Democrats' most offensive tactic, which is saying, usually implicitly but sometimes flat out, "Are you so dumb that you don't know ..."

Republicans resent the hell out of that.

In Mason, the Democrats, like blue-state Republicans, sometimes have a hard time containing their exasperation. "They say: 'Kerry's against renewing the assault weapons ban. That means he's against guns,'" reported Baker in disgust. In Mason, where deer hunting is one of the economic mainstays, them's fightin' words. "No one hunts with an assault weapon," said Baker. Gamel observed, "People want to believe what they heard the first time, from Rush or whomever. People like to say, 'See there, I was right.'"

Many Democrats are now, "See there, we were right," these days on Iraq, leading them directly to the world's most annoying four words, "I told you so." Gamel, who returned to Mason after several years of living in Austin, finds there is "less room for discussion and less open-mindedness than there used to be." Part of the puzzle for local Democrats is that the county is 35 percent Hispanic, though not all are "legals."

"They're afraid to vote," said Frances Bode, who was wearing a "Yellow Dog Democrat" T-shirt. "They think if they don't vote right, they won't get work. It's a hangover from the old patron days." patron system, a notorious form of political exploitation, was common in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas until the 1980s. Your employment was connected to how you voted.)

Gamel, who had recently had an unpleasant run-in with a Republican woman, reported: "She said, 'I don't believe the 9-11

Commission report. I just don't believe it. Saddam Hussein was so helping Osama bin Laden.' I just about lost it right there. What can you do with someone like that? I'll certainly make concessions for reasonable arguments, but what do you say to someone who says, 'It's better to fight them over there than to fight them here?'"

Mason County Democrats think Mason is now more conservative because the younger people all move away — and unlike Llano, 35 miles down Highway 29 from Mason, they are not within commuting distance of Austin. It takes some imagination to see Llano, a somewhat larger burg, as a sink of sophistication. (It was at Cooper's Barbecue in Llano that I heard two cowboys discussing bin Laden just before the Iraq war started. They called him "Osama Bin," under the impression that he had two first names, like Jerry Jeff or Billy Bob. They agreed that before going into Iraq, it would be "smarter to git Osama Bin first," which I guess makes them Texas liberals.)

A plaintive caller from Utah said the other day: "Utah is not a swing state: What can we do?" A fair number of dedicated supporters of both parties use weekends to descend on the nearest swing states. Now the poor swingers — who are already inundated with nasty TV ads, computer-inspired phone calls, door hangers, campaign mail, e-mail, radio ads and call-in shows — are getting small armies of political Jehovah's Witnesses, as it were, at the door. This is not an easy election for anyone.

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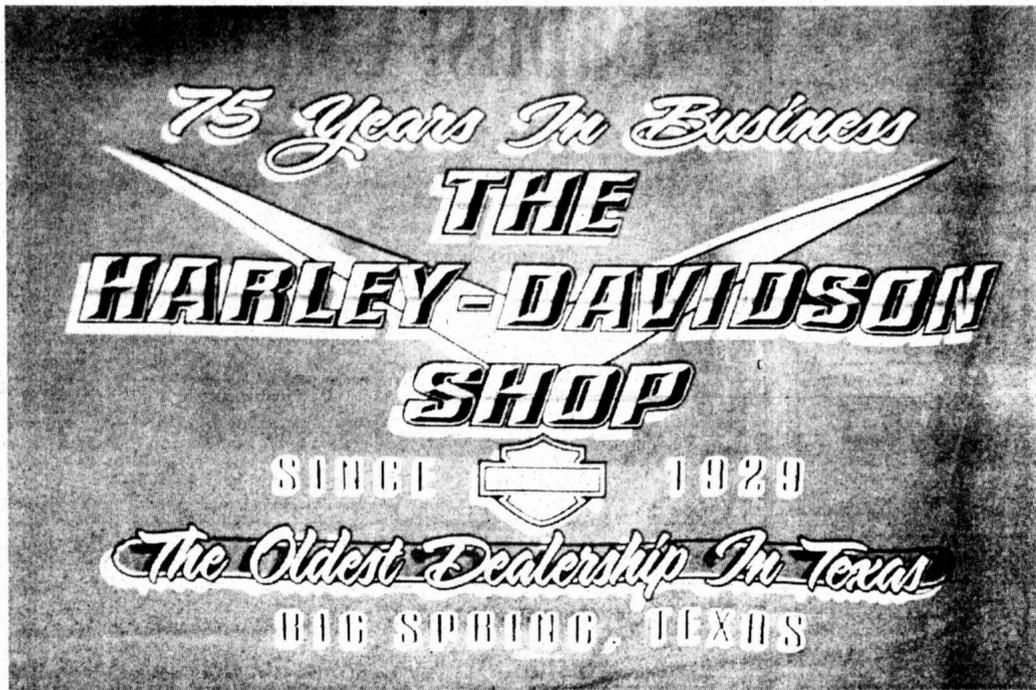


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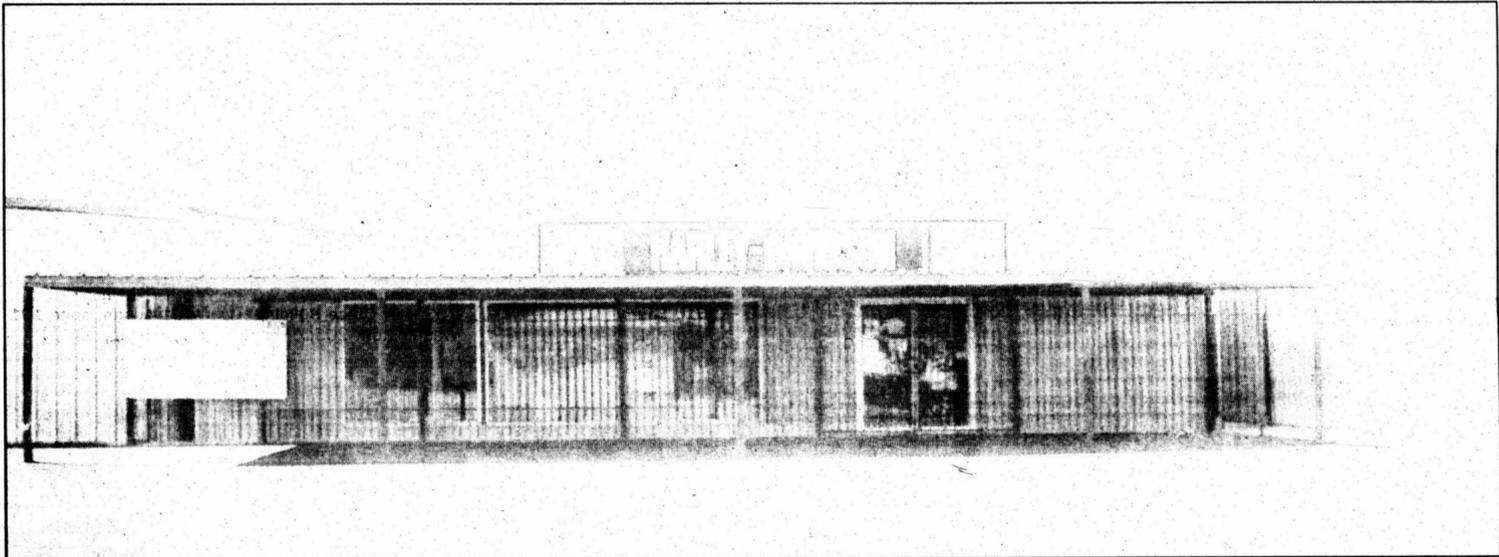
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East Fourth Street Baptist Church is located at 401 E. Fourth St. Call (432) 267-2291 for more information.

Midway Baptist Church

Disciple Now weekend is Oct. 1-3 for all seventh through 12th youth. This will be a time of praise and worship, Bible study, food and fun.

Youth will stay in host homes and will participate in a service project. Jason Sanderson of Big Spring will be leading our music during the weekend and Gunnar Thelander from Las Vegas will be the Discipleship Leader. For more information contact the church office at 263-6274.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Greetings in the name of our lord and savior, Jesus Christ. If you do not have a church home, we encourage you to visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. We are a very friendly church where visitors become friends and friends become family. We believe in reaching the lost and building the believer. May God bless you as you seek His will in your life.

The youth will be conducting services this Sunday evening at 5. There will be devotions, testimonials and youth-led song services. After services there will be a soup, salad and baked potato fellowship where the youth will be serving the church members. They will be accepting donations that will help them on their upcoming Oct. 2 trip to Glenrose to see the play "The Promise."

In the near future a new metal roof project is planned for the sanctuary.

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

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak about scripture from Luke 16: 19-21 at worship service Sunday. Worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday school is held at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 starts at 10:35 a.m.

Opportunities for the week include the Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering to be held in Odessa at 9 a.m. Saturday; the local Presbyterian Women's meeting is Monday at 2 p.m.; choir practice is Wednesday evening at 6. Please join us for any or all of the previously mentioned activities. Everyone is always welcome at First Presbyterian Church, located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

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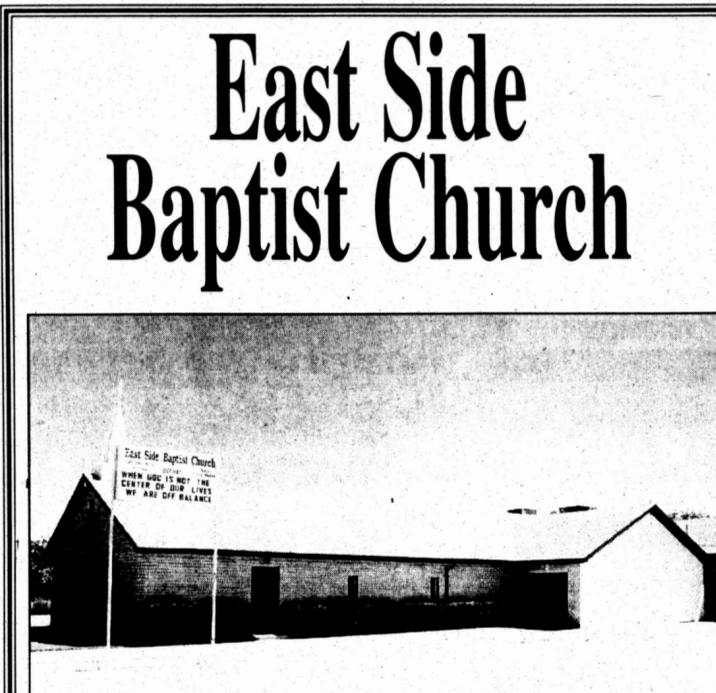
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For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church call 267-8201 or visit our website at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001.

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Unity Church of Texas is sharing a new minister. The Rev. Jim has served Unity Church and center across the United States. Tuesday for acquainted. Everyone who would like to know more and Unity is lunch at noon. An hour of informal conversation. Our study Quest, a Journey of Spiritual Re-continues at Sunday.

Calvary Baptist Church
Calvary Baptist Church welcomes all who are looking for worship. The preaching is from the Bible and singing is from hymns.

Calvary Baptist Church is located at 5 p.m. Sunday.

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East Side Baptist Church

We welcome you and your family to join us in worship each week. Our family services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and at 7 p.m. Wednesday. We also have Kings Kids Bible Club Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. for ages 5-12.

We are a growing church with many opportunities to serve and be a part of God's work. If you are without a church home, please come by and see what God is doing on our corner.

We are located on Sixth Street, three blocks east of the junior high school.

We provide nursery service for children under 4 years of age. We will pick you up if you need a ride, call 267-1915.

We love company, so come see us.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday.

Our fall schedule continues this Sunday with Holy Communion celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

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

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Website at www.stmarys-bst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

Friends of Unity

Unity Church of West Texas is sharing their new minister with us. The Rev. Jim Sims, who has served Unity churches and centers in cities across the United States, will join us for lunch Tuesday for a get-acquainted time. Everyone who would like to know more about Jim and Unity is invited to lunch at noon Tuesday for an hour of informal spiritual conversation.

Our study of "The Quest, a Journey of Spiritual Rediscovery" continues at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church welcomes all those who are looking for a place to worship.

The preaching is conservative and evangelical from the Bible; the singing is from the hymnals.

Calvary Baptist Church is located at 1200 W. Fourth Street. Preaching services are at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Sunday

school is at 9:45 a.m. and Wednesday Bible Study is at 5 p.m.

Jesus told a parable about God recruiting people to work in His kingdom. The last group was asked why they were not working; and they replied that no one had asked them. God told them to go work in His vineyard.

Perhaps you have not been asked yet, but now you are being asked to work for God. The place to report is Calvary Baptist Church. You are needed. Come start a Sunday school, visit, be a good Samaritan or use your gifts for the Lord.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Fall is here and it's time to join a Bible study group. We have several opportunities for Bible study at various times through the week.

Monday at 7 p.m. a study of Romans and a study of the second half of Revelations is available. A new study will be starting soon on predestination.

Wednesday at noon is a ladies Bible study on Ezekiel titled "Be Reverent — Bowing before our awesome God."

At 6 p.m. a study of Proverbs, "See the Light Through Liferight" is offered.

Also Wednesday at 7 p.m. is evening prayer. This is an informal weekly circle of prayer to seek the Lord and ask for His guidance for our congregation, community and any other matters on our hearts.

Thursday at 7 p.m. is a study on the first half of the book of Revelations. And Sunday at 6 p.m. is a study on the gospel of Luke.

We have Sunday worship service at 9 a.m., then Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. There are three different adult groups that meet at this time. We have several community members that are not members of St. Paul who enjoy our small group studies. Call the church at 267-7163 to find out contacts and locations for the small group studies.

The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is "to serve Jesus Christ in word and deed, through the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the love of God so that everyone may have eternal life."

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North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

Sunday at 6 p.m., North Birdwell will play host to

the area Methodist in an evening worship service lead by the Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor of the Snyder First United Methodist Church.

This is the first of the fall monthly services hosted by the Big Spring area churches. Everyone is invited to come hear the Rev. Payne's message.

United Methodist Women of North Birdwell have resumed the meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The group is led by Jacque Mauch, president. They continued with their study of "A Purpose Driven Life."

North Birdwell Lane Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell.

Sunday morning worship services are at 9:30 with Sunday school classes for all ages at 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening service begins at 6. Bible study is the first and third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

The congregation invites you to attend church this Sunday. If you have a church home, please attend; if not, you're invited to visit any of the services at North Birdwell.

Salem Baptist

Salem Baptist is celebrating 100 years of min-

istry. Please, come celebrate with us Sunday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

A fellowship meal follows the morning service.

Salem Baptist is located at the corner of Salem Road and the Old Colorado City Highway in Sand Springs.

Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone Church, a Morning Star International Church, invites children entering kindergarten through fourth grade to a new fall program, "Looking At the Pieces," at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, featuring different stories of the Old Testament. A new Sunday school class for preschoolers continues with the story of Jonah and the Whale.

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

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

Catholic Churches of Howard County

If you are interested in

learning about the Catholic faith, our tradition and how they are based on Holy Scripture, then please join us.

Anyone who is non-Catholic who would like to learn about the Catholic faith and Catholics baptized as infants who never had religious education are invited. We are also having sessions for baptized Catholics who need to receive one or more of the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist, Confirmation or Marriage.

Fully-initiated adult Catholics are also needed as sponsors.

Sponsors learn more about their faith and share their life journey with those inquiring about the faith.

We are having weekly sessions at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1009 Hearn St. in the house between the church and school.

For more information call Elfi Tucker at 816-6247 or 393-5313.

Call any of the church offices — St. Thomas at 605 N. Main, 263-2864; Sacred Heart Church, 263-7884; Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 267-4124; and St. Joseph Church on South Street in Coahoma, 267-4124.

First Presbyterian Church of Midland

The annual Bach's Lunch Recital Series at First Presbyterian Church of Midland will take place Wednesdays in October, beginning at noon Oct. 6. The series features a half-hour recital with lunch available 30 minutes before and after the performance. Admission is free to all recitals. Lunch is available for \$5.

Featured this week will be the Lone Star Brass Quintet of the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale.

This year, the Lone Star Brass celebrates their 23rd season.

Current members are Carol Deats, horn; J.C. Dobrzelewski, trumpet; Ted Hale, trombone; Michael Santorelli, trumpet and Scott Roeder, tuba.

Future performers are Oct. 13, The West Texas Winds; Oct. 20, Rebecca Sawyer, organ; Oct. 27, Midland High School Orchestra; and Terese Simmons, director.

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IN BRIEF

Howard College is seeking singers

Howard College's Athletic Department is seeking National Anthem singers for the upcoming basketball seasons. If interested, make a tape and drop it off at the athletic offices at Howard College with attention to Tana Howard. For more information, call Howard at 264-5155.

DiscOver tournament set at Birdwell Park

The 12th annual DiscOver Big Spring Golf Tournament has been set for Oct. 3 at Birdwell Park.

Registration for the event begins at 8 a.m.

A players meeting and tee times start at 9 a.m.

There will be an ace pot, CTP's, \$100 added to the purse and 100 percent payout in all divisions.

Entry fees — depending on level — range from \$15-\$35.

Juniors get a free disc and each division must have four players.

For more information, call Greg Brooks at 267-6335 or 267-1465.

Big Spring Shrine Club sets fund-raiser

The Big Spring Shrine Club is sponsoring a golf tournament Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club and Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Both days will have 8 a.m. tee times and breakfast will be served.

For more information, contact James Hughes at 267-9942.

Nightmare to host softball tournament

The Nightmare softball team will be hosting a "last chance for Los Cruces" softball tournament Saturday and Sunday at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park.

There will be a \$115 entry fee and teams placing first through third will receive trophies and individual T-shirts.

For more information, contact Abel Rios at 213-2115 or 263-1391, or Leo at 213-2116.

The deadline to sign-up is 9:30 p.m. tonight.

Benefit basketball tournament set

A men's open basketball tournament to benefit Madison Herrera has been set for Saturday and Sunday in San Angelo.

The cost of the tournament is \$115 and all the proceeds will help cover travel expenses for Herrera's upcoming open heart surgery in San Antonio.

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

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Sports Broadcast Schedule

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Garden City vs. EP Jamb Chapel, 7:00 p.m.	1480	7:00 p.m.
San Antonio vs. Mustang, 8:30 p.m.	1480	8:30 p.m.
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Astros @ Braves, 12:00 p.m.	1480	12:00 p.m.
Texas Tech @ Oklahoma, 1:45 p.m.	1480	1:45 p.m.
Texas vs. Rice, 5:00 p.m.	1480	5:00 p.m.
Major @ North Texas, 5:30 p.m.	1480	5:30 p.m.

Rangers, 'Stros come up big

Texas creates drama in ninth

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer
ARLINGTON — The way David Dellucci's luck had been going at the plate, he figured his hard-hit liner would be caught for the final out.

"I went from frustration to elation," he said.

Dellucci's hit was just out of the reach of a diving Jermaine Dye, and skipped into the right field corner. The double drove home two runs to give the Texas Rangers a 5-4 win over Oakland Thursday and a three-game sweep of the Athletics.

"We knew we had to do that," said Brian Jordan, who scored the winning run. "It definitely does a lot for our confidence."

Texas, a surprise contender after four straight last-place finishes, moved within two games of the AL West-leading Athletics with 10 to play.

The Rangers have won five in a row and 10 of 13.

Hank Blalock hit a solo homer with one out in the ninth, his 32nd to pull the Rangers to 4-3 against Octavio Dotel (4-2).

Then the stage got set for Dellucci, who was in a 5-for-44 slump and had been robbed of a hit two innings earlier. But Dye couldn't take another hit away.

"The way he hit it, it had a lot of hook on it. It was a do-or-die play," Dye said. "I had to dive and try to make the play. If not, it was going to the wall anyway."

Before Dellucci's winner, Michael Young doubled for his fourth hit and Mark Teixeira was intentionally walked, his team-record fifth walk of the game. Jordan reached on a forceout.

"I made sure to get to home plate and score. That turns the day around," said Jordan, who was 0-for-5. "I rounded second base, and I heard the fans cheering."

Mark Kotsay, Adam Melhuse and Bobby Crosby homered for the Athletics (87-63), who lead both Texas and Anaheim by two games. Oakland plays at the Angels this weekend, and the Rangers host Seattle.

Texas opened its final series against the A's with wins over All-Star starter Mark Mulder and Barry Zito. This was the 22nd time Mulder, Zito and Tim Hudson started in the same three-game series during their five seasons together. Only twice before — both at the New York Yankees — had the A's been swept, in April 2001 and April 2004.

"We're still in pretty good position. I'd rather be two games up than two games back," said

Hudson, who held Texas to two runs over seven innings. "We lost a tough one, it's going to happen. ... We've played the whole year for 10 games."

Crosby's 21st homer, leading off the ninth against Jeff Nelson (1-2), gave the A's a 4-2 lead.

Kotsay homered leading off the game.

Then, with two on in the seventh, Kotsay ran to the warning track and made a jumping catch against the center-field wall to grab Dellucci's fly. That was Hudson's final batter.

After a 1-2-3 first, Hudson had to deal with runners every other inning. The Rangers left 10 runners on against him, two each in four innings, as Hudson scattered seven hits and matched a season high with five walks, one intentional.

Dotel took over after Jim Mecir pitched a perfect eighth.

"We never predict if we will win or lose. We always play to the end of the game," Young said. "That's a huge strength of this club."

Young doubled twice in his 67th multihit game and has 205 hits, five short of the team season record.

Scott Hatteberg had a one-out double in the sixth off Erasmo Ramirez, and Dye followed with a single that gave Oakland a 3-2 lead.

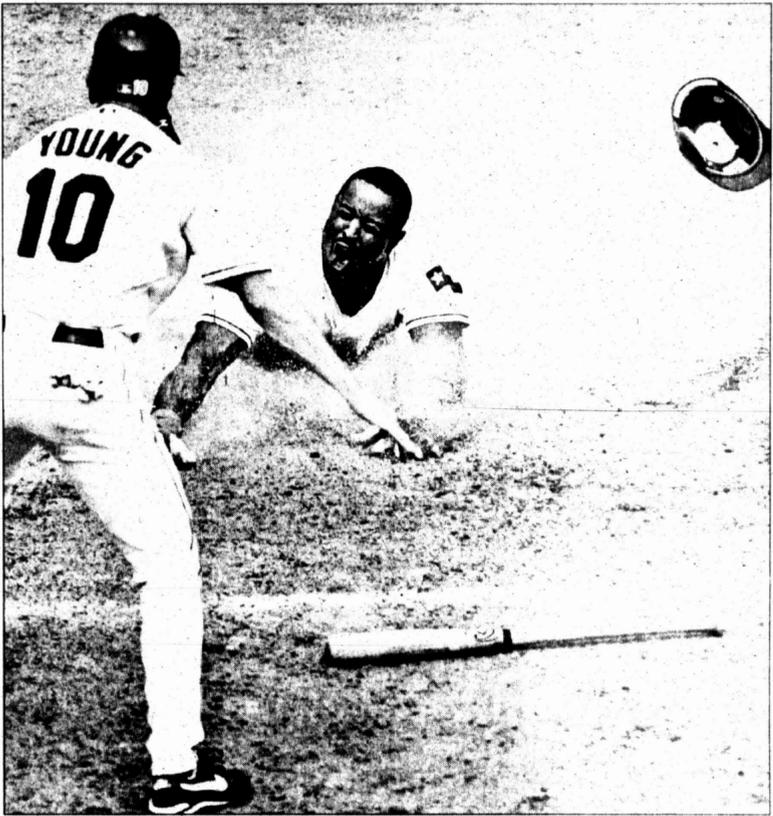
Kotsay and Melhuse had solo homers off Chan Ho Park, who left after five innings and just 78 pitches. Crosby's 21st homer led off the ninth against Nelson.

Kotsay hit the game's third pitch off the facade of the second deck of stands in right field, a 401-foot shot for his 15th homer, the fourth leading off. Melhuse's one-out homer in the fifth tied it at 2.

Melhuse, catching because Damian Miller caught Wednesday night, went 3-for-3 with a walk. Kotsay was 2-for-4 with a walk, his seventh multihit game during a 10-game hitting streak.

The Rangers led 2-1 in the third after a leadoff double by Eric Young, whose first homer of the season Wednesday night was the tiebreaker in Texas' 5-3 win. After going to third on a groundout, Young scored on Michael Young's infield hit.

Texas tied the game at 1-1 on Laynce Nix's RBI single in the second. Dellucci beat the throw to first to avoid an inning-ending double play and moved to second when Kevin Mench walked before Nix.



Rangers DH Brian Jordan (33) slides across home plate to score the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning against Oakland in game three of their series at Ameriquest Field in Arlington Thursday. Short stop Michael Young celebrates at the plate.

Berkman's homer rallies Houston in ninth

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Lance Berkman took two pratfalls while chasing Barry Bonds' drives in the early innings, so he already knew the wind in right field could do strange things to a baseball.

In the ninth, it did the strangest thing of all, depositing Berkman's fly ball in the stands and sending the Houston Astros to what might have been a season-saving win.

Berkman hit a three-run homer off Dustin Hermanson, and the Astros rallied from a late three-run deficit for a 7-3 victory over the San Francisco Giants Thursday night.

Until an improbable five-run rally in the final inning, Houston was in danger of being swept and falling four games behind the Giants in the NL wild-card race.

Instead, the Astros lingered 2 1/2 games behind the Chicago Cubs, who took a half-game lead over San Francisco for the wild card. The Giants also dropped 1 1/2 games behind the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL West.

"This has been crazy," said Berkman, who badly misplayed Bonds' triple to right in the fifth, then fell on his backside while catching Bonds' drive in the seventh. "It seems like every time we're on the brink of destruction or elimination, something crazy happens."

Even Berkman had trouble believing his good fortune on his 29th homer.

With two runners on and nobody out, he put a lift into Hermanson's pitch — and the skyscraping shot hung in the air, barely reaching the first row of seats in the elevated arcade on the right-field wall.

"My main thought there was that I wanted to get a good ball in the air," he said. "When I initially hit it, I thought I got under it — but fortunately, I wasn't too far under it."

Carlos Beltran had three hits for the Astros, whose playoff hopes are about to get another charge: Roger Clemens will go for his 19th victory Friday night in the opener of a three-game series in Milwaukee.

"Don't count us out. The Astronauts are still alive," manager Phil Garner said. "You never know what's going to happen. ... It was a desperate game. Our staff kept us in it until we could finally do some damage."

The Giants flopped for just their second loss in 11 games despite 7 1-3 dominant innings by Jason Schmidt, who was denied his 17th victory by Hermanson's third blown save of the season.

After the Astros fell behind 3-0, Beltran walked to lead off the seventh and stole second and third before scoring on Berkman's RBI single. Beltran, with 38 homers and 39 stolen bases, has a good chance to become the fourth 40-40 man in major league history. He would join Alex Rodriguez (1998), Barry Bonds (1996) and Jose Canseco (1988).

Schmidt left after pinch-hitter Morgan Ensberg's grounder made it 3-2 in the eighth.

Beltran and Jeff Bagwell led off the ninth with singles — including Bagwell's dribbler, which took an inexplicable 90-degree turn to stay fair down the third-base line — to set the stage for Berkman.

Hermanson (6-7) and Giants manager Felipe Alou were ejected when the reliever hit Jeff Kent with the next pitch.

Both clubs had been warned after a bench-clearing incident in the third, when rookie Brandon Backe nearly hit Bonds with a low pitch. "I'm not going to say anything about it," said Hermanson, who might face a suspension. "I just didn't do my job tonight. I was going for a ground ball with Berkman. The ball was down and in, and he golfed it out."

Alou thought the pitch was too high, and Berkman couldn't even remember.

The Astros then added two more runs on Jason Lane's RBI single and Raul Chavez's sacrifice bunt.

Dan Miceli (3-6) got one out in the eighth. Brad Lidge pitched the ninth.

"We were three outs away from sweeping that team," Alou said. "That is no easy task. Our starting pitching did a great job of keeping those guys down."

Schmidt pitched five-hit ball into the eighth inning, and Bonds tripled and scored two runs before the Giants' collapse. J.T. Snow hit two RBI doubles, but San Francisco lost its hold on the wild card for the first time in over a week.

San Francisco also gave a breather to the Dodgers, the Giants' opponent in six of their final nine games.

Though there were no punches or ejections in the third, Bonds was incensed by the low throw, gesturing emphatically toward Backe and nearly sticking his fingers in the mask of home plate umpire Mike Reilly.

"We've got no beef with Barry Bonds," Garner said. "We've got absolutely no reason to hit anybody on that ballclub. ... That's the thing. We didn't start it, but a bench-clearing incident might end up hurting them."

Bonds finished 1 for 2 with two walks and two runs scored.

Schmidt, once the strong favorite for the NL Cy Young Award, was back in dominant form after winning just once in his previous six starts. He had eight strikeouts, giving him 210 for the season — the second-most in San Francisco history behind Juan Marichal's 248 in 1963.

"Every loss is important, but we're playing good baseball, and we're not going to get down," Schmidt said. "They caught some breaks tonight."

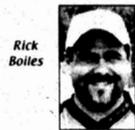
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9. Troy @ South Carolina
10. Rice @ Texas
11. Texas Tech @ Kansas
12. North Texas @ Baylor
13. Buffalo @ Ohio
14. Clemson @ Florida State
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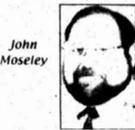
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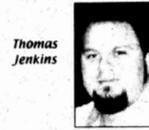
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Parcells, Gibbs set to renew 80s rivalry

By JOSEPH WHITE

WASHINGTON — When Joe Gibbs announced his return to the Washington Redskins, Bill Parcells sent a congratulatory fax.

"It said something like 'Does this mean we can't talk for the next five years?'" Gibbs said.

Gibbs didn't bother to send a reply. It was his way of giving the obvious answer.

"Yeah," Gibbs said, recalling his thoughts upon seeing the message. "We'll wind up hating each other again."

Yes, the old adversaries are back at it, a pair of 63-year-old workaholics who just couldn't leave well enough alone despite five Super Bowl titles between them. They have spent this week plotting for their first meeting in 14 years, when the Washington Redskins (1-1) host the Dallas Cowboys (1-1) Monday night.

"If you're a fan, what you want to see is a big game, where a lot's on the line, and there's a lot of history behind it," Gibbs said.

Gibbs isn't know for his hyperbole, but he's got this one pegged. Cowboys-Redskins alone usually makes for a big game, but how can anyone not be excited about a new chapter in a coaching rivalry that produced classic chess matches between Gibbs' Redskins and Parcells' Giants from 1983-90?

"Anybody who's been in football knows how I feel about this guy," Parcells said. "I think he's outstanding. I like him personally. I think he's one of the great coaches that ever coached the game."

Parcells, who ended his second NFL retirement a year ago, is second among active coaches with 160 victories. Gibbs, who spent 11 seasons away in NASCAR until the Redskins lured him back in January, is fifth with 141.

But when they went head-to-head two decades ago, Parcells usually prevailed, winning 11 of 17 games, including the last six. No wonder, when asked whether he was looking forward to facing his old foe, Gibbs quickly answered: "No."

"You don't want to go up against somebody that

you consider is real good," Gibbs said. "I'd say he's definitely done the best job when I coach a team and he coaches a team, so hopefully we can find a way to overcome that."

Parcells responded by saying most of the games were close, and that he isn't exactly rubbing his hands with glee over facing Gibbs.

"I feel the same way — he's a very, very worthy opponent," Parcells said.

Gibbs has tried this week to deflect attention from the coaches to the players. If history is any indication, he has a point. Neither Gibbs nor Parcells had anything to do with the defining moment of their 1980s matchups — the Monday night game Nov. 18, 1985, when Joe Theismann's leg was broken on a sack by Lawrence Taylor.

Gibbs spent the next few seasons shuffling quarterbacks, while Phil Simms kept plugging along for the Giants. Gibbs won just one non-strike game against Parcells after Theismann's injury, prevailing only during the Redskins' 1987 run to the Super Bowl title.

"Tremendous rivalry," Parcells said. "It was just such a good division at the time. Both teams were very talented with Hall of Fame players."

Gibbs rarely socialized with opposing coaches, and Parcells was no exception. Although the coaches' philosophies and meticulous work patterns are similar, Gibbs' soft-spoken humbleness doesn't mesh at all with Parcells' entertaining prickliness. The pair's one lengthy interaction came when they played a round of golf a few years ago, when both were out of the NFL.

The Cowboys have won 12 of the last 13 meetings, a source of frustration for Redskins owner Dan Snyder. But Gibbs-Parcells is overshadowing the usual comparisons between hands-on owners Snyder and Jerry Jones.

Both teams have playoff aspirations, but both also show signs of major problems. Or, as Parcells told his team this week: "There's a heck of a difference between a good team and what we are right now."



Rangers left fielder David Dellucci (22) celebrates after hitting the game winning hit that allowed two runners to score in the bottom of the ninth inning against Oakland during their game at Ameritrust Field, in Arlington Thursday.

North Texas quarterback drunk during car accident

DENTON (AP) — A University of North Texas quarterback who died in a head-on collision with an 18-wheeler last month was legally drunk and had traces of marijuana in his system, an autopsy report shows.

Andrew Smith, a 21-year-old from Bay City, had a blood-alcohol level of 0.13, nearly twice the state's legal limit of .08. Travis County medical examiner Dr. Elizabeth Peacock said.

Peacock said the amount of marijuana in Smith's system suggested he had ingested it within a day of the crash, the Denton Record-Chronicle reported Thursday.

Smith's 2003 Ford pickup crossed into oncoming traffic on Texas Highway 6, about 50 miles southeast of Waco, and hit the tractor-trailer in the pre-dawn hours of Aug. 7. He died at the scene. The driver of the rig had only minor injuries.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, Smith wasn't wearing a seat belt and was thrown from the truck.

The night before the wreck, Smith had been visiting friends and former high school teammates at Texas A&M.

UNT coach Darrell Dickey said he had no comment on the autopsy results.

Smith was in his third year at UNT, where he had started as quarterback 16 times. He had two years of eligibility left to play for UNT.

Smith was an honorable mention all-state pick at Bay City, Texas, High as a senior when he led his team to the Class 4A Division I state title.

He led the Mean Green to an 8-4 record as starting quarterback, including a 24-19 win over Cincinnati in the New Orleans Bowl. The win was UNT's first in a bowl game since 1946.

Smith, who threw for 1,393 yards and eight touchdowns with 13 interceptions in his career, had been expected to compete with another player for the starting spot this fall.

Mean Green players and coaches have been wearing Smith's No. 12 on their uniforms as a way to remember him.

Astrodome to conduct change

HOUSTON (AP) — The former home of the Houston Astros may have a future as a large convention hotel, but developers have shelved plans to turn the Reliant Astrodome into a space theme park.

The Eighth Wonder of the World that helped put Houston on the map four decades ago is now dwarfed by the neighboring new Reliant Stadium.

So Astrodome Redevelopment Co. wants to find another life for the domed stadium that opened in 1965, by conducting detailed studies in coming months into whether the facility would be profitable, said company President Scott Hanson.

He said if the studies conclude that it will be feasible, the company has lenders in place willing to finance what is expected to be a \$400 million transformation.

The project needs approval from the sports and convention corpora-

tion, which oversees the Reliant Park complex, and Harris County Commissioners Court.

An amusement park component still planned for the project would have several themes, including space, Hanson said.

Redevelopment plans also call for as many as 1,000 hotel rooms that would serve, in part, those attending conventions at nearby Reliant Center, said Willie Loston, executive director of the Harris County Sports and Convention Corp.

Other entertainment, restaurants, a cineplex and retail stores are also in the plan.

"Part of our interest in this concept would be to increase the use of Reliant Center," Loston told the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions. "That would not be at the expense of the George R. Brown (downtown convention center). We're trying to attract business to Houston that

doesn't come here now."

So Houston, which never had a convention hotel until the Hilton Americas opened next to the George R. Brown late last year, would have two as early as 2008. The city owns both the Hilton and the convention center.

Astrodome Redevelopment was created specifically to redevelop the stadium, which has also hosted football and basketball in 10 acres of air-conditioned space — a building so big it can be recognized in satellite photos from outer space.

It's too soon to know whether Astrodome Redevelopment will ask the county to help pay for the project and ask for tax relief, Hanson said.

"There are many things that could derail this," Loston said.

Hanson said the proposed hotel would draw new business to Reliant Center, not take it away from the downtown George R. Brown-Hilton Americas.

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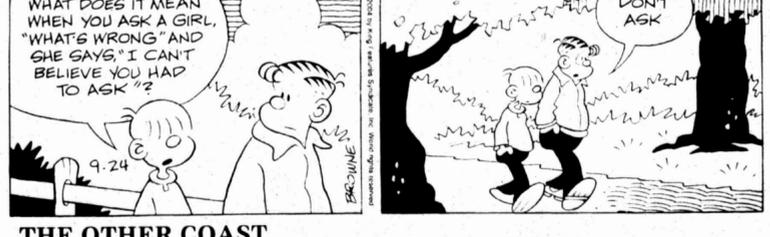
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 24, the 268th day of 2004. There are 98 days left in the year. The Jewish Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, begins at sunset. Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 24, 1789, Congress passed the First Judiciary Act, which provided for an Attorney General and a Supreme Court. On this date: In 1869, thousands of businessmen were ruined in a Wall Street panic after financiers Jay Gould and James Fisk attempted to corner the gold market. In 1896, author F. Scott Fitzgerald was born in St. Paul, Minn. In 1929, Lt. James H. Doolittle guided a Consolidated NY-2 Biplane

over Mitchel Field in New York in the first all-instrument flight. In 1934, Babe Ruth made his farewell appearance as a regular player with the New York Yankees in a game against the Boston Red Sox. (The Sox won, 5-0.) In 1955, President Eisenhower suffered a heart attack while on vacation in Denver. In 1957, the Brooklyn Dodgers played their last game at Ebbets Field, defeating the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-0. In 1960, the USS Enterprise, the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, was launched at Newport News, Va. In 1963, the U.S. Senate ratified a treaty with Britain and the Soviet Union limiting nuclear testing. In 1964, the situation comedy "The Munsters" premiered on CBS television. In 1996, the United States, represented by President Clinton, and the world's other major nuclear powers signed a treaty to end all testing and development of nuclear weapons. Today's Birthdays: ABC sportscaster Jim McKay is 83. Actress Sheila MacRae is 80. Singer Barbara Allbut (The Angels) is 64. Singer Phyllis "Jiggs" Allbut (The Angels) is 62. Singer Gerry Marsden (Gerry and the Pacemakers) is 62. Actor Gordon Clapp ("NYPD Blue") is 56. Former Rep. Joseph Kennedy II (D-Mass.) is 52. Actor Kevin Sorbo is 46. Rhythm and blues singer Cedric Dent (Take 6) is 42. Actress-writer Nia Vardalos ("My Big Fat Greek Wedding") is 42. Country musician Marty Mitchell is 35.

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Newsday Crossword

THAT FOLLOWS by Richard Silvestri Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
- 1 Shower bar
- 5 Forearm
- 10 Stereo's short-lived successor
- 14 Kind of cabbage
- 15 Show the way
- 16 Sicilian resort
- 17 Playing-fields place
- 18 Shire of films
- 19 Airhead
- 20 Start of a quote
- 23 Water tester
- 24 One or more
- 25 Mean
- 27 G.I. Joe maker
- 31 Cruise ship
- 33 ___ close to schedule
- 34 Part 2 of quote
- 39 Best and Everage
- 41 Capt. Spaulding explored there
- 42 Orchestra section
- 43 Part 3 of quote
- 46 Slow time
- 47 Like some mouthwashes
- 48 Still
- 50 Trig function
- 53 REO center
- 54 Menu words
- 55 End of quote, and its speaker
- 62 Primer girl
- 64 Choose
- 65 Words of understanding
- 66 Basic building block
- 67 Free-for-all
- 68 Cat o' ho tails?
- 69 Smallville surname
- 70 Filled to capacity
- 71 Go on the green
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- 2 Testimony preceder
- 3 Cosmetic additive
- 4 Friend of distinction
- 5 So far
- 6 Like rich soil
- 7 Site of a Nelson victory
- 8 Have ___ with (be connected to)
- 9 Putting on a show
- 10 Proof initials
- 11 Join forces
- 12 Bruckner or Chekhov
- 13 ___ and Confused (1993 film)
- 21 No-skill card game
- 22 "___ Time" (Queen Latifah tune)
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- 28 The Egg ___
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- 36 Mad Libs fill-in
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- 44 Pre-game renditions
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- 49 Compete
- 50 Wheel man
- 51 Fill with glee
- 52 Author's total output
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- 56 Zeno's place
- 57 Go all gooey
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- 59 Son of Isaac
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- 61 Prepared remarks
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Golf Insider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Triangle management key to crisp golf shots

By T.J. TOMASI
Universal Press Syndicate

After distance, the characteristic that most golfers say they are looking for is consistency. I often hear the complaint: "Sometimes my divots are deep, sometimes they are shallow, and oftentimes I don't take a divot at all. I just can't hit the ball crisply on a consistent basis, and I can't count on any one ball flight."

First, a word about divots: In general, they should be about the size of a dollar bill and 1/2 inch deep with your shorter irons (6 through sand wedge) — just like the one I have sent flying with a 7-iron in the second photo below. You won't take much of a divot with your long irons and no divot at all with your fairway woods.

While my divot is about average, divot size will vary somewhat with each player's body type and swing shape. Some people are natural "diggers," and their divots are deeper than normal. Others are natural "sweepers," and their divots are more on the shallow side.

However, all divots should start after the ball — a sign that the ball was struck first before the ground. And because the club head is swinging on an arc, the divot should be square to the hole at the beginning then slightly curved at the end, pointing a bit left of the target line (for a right-handed player).

Get into management

The key to taking correct divots and hitting crisp golf shots is triangle management — the triangle formed by the forearms and an imaginary line connecting the two elbows. This triangle should form at the top of the backswing, drop down intact, unload its power at the ball, then re-form at the finish.

To understand the overriding feature of triangle management, inspect my triangle in the first photo below. I notice the distance between my elbows. This is the same as the distance between my elbows at address.

Now look at my re-formed triangle at the finish in the second photo. The distance between my elbows is still the same. Retaining the distance between the elbows is an important aspect of triangle management because it allows the club face to return to the ball at the proper angle, thereby promoting solid contact.

Another characteristic worth noting is that my elbows are nearly level to the ground at both the top and finish of my swing, so that a line connecting the two would be parallel to the ground. This helps ensure that the divots will be correctly proportioned.

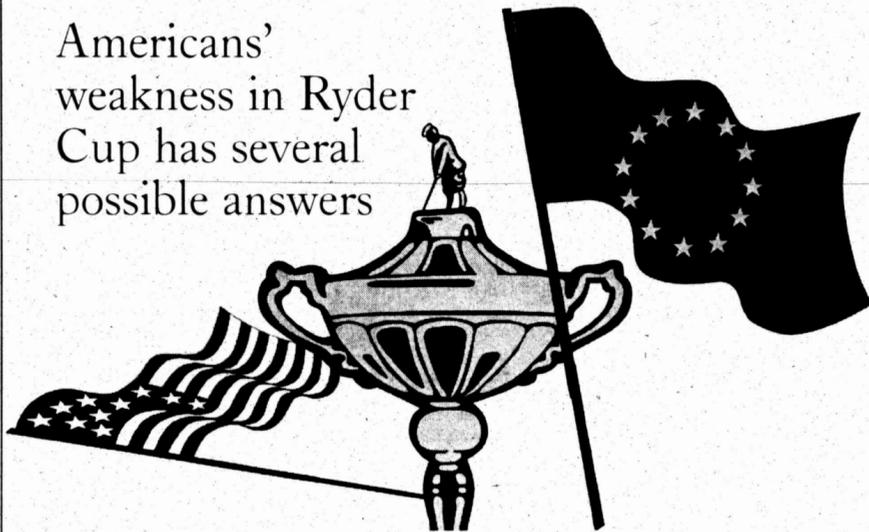
Get yourself a mirror and inspect your triangle at these two junctures. When you can make them match while you are actually swinging, you'll hit more crisp shots and the consistency of your ball flight will improve dramatically.



Retaining the distance between the elbows allows the club face to return to the ball at the proper angle.

Left dazed and confused

Americans' weakness in Ryder Cup has several possible answers



By CRAIG DOLCH
Cox News Service

Bloomfield Township, Mich. The popular perception is the Americans keep losing the Ryder Cup because they don't care enough.

Not true, says Phil Mickelson. He says it's because they care too much.

"We want so badly to win this event that when we arrive on the first tee, we don't play as though we have everything to gain and nothing to lose," said Mickelson, who went 1-3 in his matches.

"When we get here, we are under constant ridicule and scrutiny over our play and not coming together as a team and all of this stuff that we know to be false."

Whatever the reason, the U.S. is in a serious regroup mode after suffering its worst loss in the 77-year history of the Ryder Cup. The Americans lost 18-9 to Europe last weekend at Oakland Hills, which marked their fourth loss in the last five matches and seventh in the last 10.

No sooner had the last putt dropped (a 25-footer for Europe's Padraig Harrington, naturally) than all the second-guessing began after this humiliating defeat. It ranged from changing the personality of the captain to the criteria used for qualifying for the team.

Some fans believe Hal Sutton was too stubborn with his approach, especially his insistence on pairing the team's two best players, Tiger Woods and Mickelson, even though it's well known they're not exactly buddies. The interaction between the pair during their two losses on Friday seemed non-existent. But when Woods was paired with close friend Chris Riley on Saturday, Woods seemed so much more into the event.

Others believe the selection criteria goes on too long — players had 20 months to earn points. Kenny Perry, David Toms and Jim Furyk, for instance, virtually earned their spots with their strong play in 2003, but didn't arrive at Oakland Hills on top of their game.

But the PGA of America already has gone the other direction, recently extending the points-earning process to two years, starting the week after last month's PGA Championship. Now, players have even longer to earn points — and more time for their games to fall out of form

RYDER CUP RESULTS

Year	Site	USA	Europe/GB	Winner
2004	Oakland Hills, Michigan	9%	18%	Europe
2002	Sutton Coldfield, England	12%	15%	Europe
1999	The Country Club, Brookline, MA	14%	13%	USA
1997	Valderrama GC, Sotogrande Spain	13%	14%	Europe
1995	Oak Hill CC, Rochester, NY	13%	14%	Europe
1993	The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, Eng	15	13	USA
1991	Kiawah Island, S.C.	14%	13%	USA
1989	The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, Eng	14	14	Tie
1987	Muirfield Village GC, Dublin, Ohio	13	15	Europe
1985	The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, Eng	11%	16%	Europe
1983	PGA Nini GC, Plm Beach Gdns, Fla	14%	13%	USA
1981	Walton Health GC, Surrey, England	18%	9%	USA
1979	The Greenbrier, W.Va.	17	11	USA
1977	Royal Lytham & St. Annes, England	12%	7%	USA
1975	Laurel Valley GC, Ligonier, Pa.	21	11	USA
1973	Muirfield, Scotland	19	13	USA
1971	Old Warner CC, St. Louis, Mo.	18%	13%	USA
1969	Royal Birkdale GC, Southport, Eng	16	16	Tie
1967	Champions GC, Houston, Texas	23%	8%	USA
1965	Royal Birkdale GC, Southport, Eng	19%	12%	USA
1963	East Lake CC, Atlanta, Ga.	23	9	USA
1961	Royal Lytham & St. Annes, England	14%	9%	USA
1959	Eldorado CC, Palm Desert, Calif.	8%	3%	USA
1957	Lindrick GC, Yorkshire, England	4%	7%	Europe
1955	Thunderbird CC, Plm Springs, Calif.	8	4	USA
1953	Wentworth GC, Wentworth, England	6%	5%	USA
1951	Pinehurst CC, Pinehurst, N.C.	9%	2%	USA
1949	Ganton GC, Scarborough, England	7	5	USA
1947	Pinehurst CC, Pinehurst, N.C.	9%	2%	USA
1937	Southport & Ainsdale GC, England	8	4	USA
1935	Ridgewood CC, Ridgewood, N.J.	9	3	USA
1933	Southport & Ainsdale GC, England	5%	6%	Europe
1931	Scioto CC, Columbus, Ohio	9	3	USA
1929	Moor-town GC, Leeds, England	5	7	Europe
1927	Worcester CC, Worcester, Mass.	9%	2%	USA

either through injuries, age or a slump. Europe, by comparison, has its qualifying conducted in the year leading up to the matches.

Perry and Stewart Cink were among the U.S. players who admitted something needs to be done to create better chemistry in the team matches, which obviously has become the Americans' biggest weakness in recent years.

"We need to figure out our team play a little bit better," Perry said. "I think our foursomes and fourballs, we just need to kind of jell a little bit better and get guys playing that are a little more comfortable with each other."

The next step in the process will be to select the captain for the 2006 matches at the K Club in Ireland; that announcement should happen in the next month or two. Among the names on the short list are Paul Azinger, Fred Couples, Mark O'Meara, Tom Lehman and Corey Pavin.

If the PGA of America wants to name another tough-guy captain,

they'll go with either Azinger, Pavin or Lehman. If they want a more laid-back approach, it would be Couples or O'Meara.

Whoever the captain is, his first order of business should be to have a nice, long chat with Woods. The first question should be, "Who do you want to play with, Tiger?"

This may be a team competition, but Woods, as the U.S.'s most talented player, should have some input into who his partner will be. That's the way it is in sports. Superstars like Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant have earned the right to be consulted on the make-up of their team. Woods deserves the same honor.

No matter who gets named captain, what qualifying system is used and how the pairings are arranged, assistant captain Jackie Burke has a favorite saying for what will cure the U.S. team's latest woes.

Play better.

Europeans have reversed loser role with U.S.

By CRAIG DOLCH
Cox News Service

L Bloomfield Township, Mich. ee Westwood had a feeling his 4-foot putt at the 18th hole Sunday would officially enable Europe to retain the Ryder Cup.

"I had a fair idea, the way everybody was biting their nails," he said of his teammates behind the green. Not that this was a nail-biter. Far from it.

The Europeans didn't just win the 35th Ryder Cup at Oakland Hills, they dominated it, from Colin Montgomerie's birdie on Friday's opening hole to Padraig Harrington's 25-foot putt Sunday that ended the matches in appropriate fashion — with another European celebration.

By the time it was over, the Americans were licking their wounds after suffering their most lopsided loss (18-9) in the 77-year history of the competition, surpassing the five-point loss in 1985 at The Belfry.

"It doesn't matter how much we lost by, it's still painful," said U.S. captain Hal Sutton. "If we had lost by a half-point, it would be just as painful."

But the margin of this runaway European victory shows how much the roles have been reversed in this competition. America won 22 of the first 25 Ryder Cups, but now has lost four of the past five — the lone U.S. victory during that span came only after a record-setting comeback at Brookline in 1999 — and seven of the past 10.

What's remarkable is that Europe arrived at Oakland Hills as a decided underdog. But it was the Americans who left with their collective tails between their legs.

"It's amazing how well we do as underdogs," Europe's Colin Montgomerie said. "I have no idea why."

Neither do the Americans. And that's why the winners enjoyed a wild celebration scene with the European fans behind the 18th green.

The American players could only watch in silence.

"It's a long two years until we get to do it again," Davis Love III said.

SCHEDULE

PGA TOUR
84 Lumber Classic
• Site: Farmington, Pa.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
• Course: Nemaacolin Woodlands Resort & Spa, Mystic Rock Course (7,276 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$4.2 million. Winner's share: \$756,000.
• Television: ESPN (Thursday, 3:30-6 p.m.; Friday, 3:50-6 p.m.; Saturday, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

LPGA TOUR
Longs Drugs Challenge
• Site: Auburn, Calif.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
• Course: The Ridge Golf Course (6,235 yards, par 71).
• Purse: \$1 million. Winner's share: \$150,000.
• Television: The Golf Channel (Thursday, 2:30-5 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 3:30-5:30 a.m., 10 p.m.-midnight; Sunday, 3:30-5:30 a.m., 11 p.m.-1 a.m.; Monday, 4-6 a.m.).

CHAMPIONS TOUR
SAS Championship
• Site: Cary, N.C.
• Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
• Course: Prestonwood Country Club (7,129 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$1.8 million. Winner's share: \$270,000.
• Television: The Golf Channel (Friday-Saturday, 1:30-4 p.m., 9-10 p.m.; Sunday, 1:30-4 p.m., 9-11 p.m.).

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Three views are better than one

The key to good putting is to keep your visual channel open so your brain can gather the information necessary to locate the cup and figure out how to get the ball to the bottom of it.

To accomplish this most effectively, your routine for putting should involve triangulation, a process where you look at your putt from three vantage points, each of which form a point of a triangle.

If you use just one position to determine the location of an object, you're setting yourself up for a misread. That's why surveyors use more than one position to determine the exact location of objects; they can't afford to be fooled and neither can you. Here's how it works.

Use three positions on a triangle — behind

the hole, midway between the hole and the ball on the low side of the slope, and behind the ball — to accurately determine the speed and break of your putt. As you walk from point to point on the triangle, your commitment to the line of the putt often changes.

This is as it should be because, as you gather more information from different vantage points, your brain adjusts the line of the putt automatically. Your brain needs specific information to measure the distance and slope accurately, so all you have to do is pay attention to your read. Don't gaze off in the distance or think about the last drive you hit into the woods. Concentrate on the task at hand and your brain will take care of all the calculations.

ASK THE PRO



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Q: I'm not a bad golfer (15 handicap), but I can't get out of the sand with any consistency. I usually hit the ball too low, sending it way past the hole (or over the green), or I hit the lip in front of me, which kicks the ball back into the bunker. Can you give me something radical to try to at least get the ball out and somewhere on the green? — PR., from the Web

A: It sounds like you may be overcooking the standard advice to start, swing and finish with your weight on your front foot. The resulting steep angle of attack, if overdone, can create the type of error you describe. So here is a new method that will help you. First, open your body to the target

more than normal, position the ball in the middle of your stance and place the majority of your weight (at least 60 percent) on your back foot (this is opposite from the standard advice).

Now here is the big difference: As you swing, keep your weight on your back foot. This will ensure that you hit behind the ball, taking a large amount of sand.

The advantage of this method is that once you get used to it you won't have any trouble getting the ball on the green, and the skull shot will disappear. The disadvantage is that it's harder to be precise when you take a large amount of sand, which is why the best sand players take the least sand.