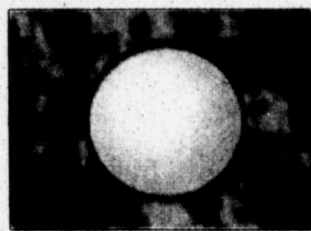


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Ag Expo, luncheon coming up quickly

The West Texas Ag Expo and annual agricultural appreciation luncheon will be held Tuesday, April 5 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Guest speaker for the luncheon will be Jimmy Clark, deputy chief of staff and district agriculture representative with U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer's office.

Area farmers and ranchers are invited to attend the noon luncheon at no charge. During the event, awards will be presented to an area producer and an agri-business.

Luncheon tickets for the general public are \$10 each and may be obtained at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

There is no charge to attend the Expo, which is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Anyone interested in having a booth at the Expo is asked to call the chamber at 263-7641.

COMING

THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Hazel Smith, a longtime music journalist and cookbook author, shares the stars' favorite recipes for Easter.

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They're cooking for a cause

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

The Forsan High School band is not ashamed to admit that it is depending on the kindness of strangers.

The band is busy trying to raise funds so that it can participate in the annual Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C., and help on that front is arriving from a group of people who have no outward connection to the band.

The Big Spring Eagles Lodge — in conjunction with the local American Legion

What: Cook-off to benefit the Forsan High School band trip to Washington, D.C.

Where: Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

When: Saturday. Cooking all morning; serving and judging begin at 1 p.m.

Categories: Brisket, pork ribs, chicken halves, sausage and jackpot beans.

Post, the Permian Basin Chapter of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club, and the Big Spring Bass Club — will host a barbecue cook-off Saturday morning to benefit the

Forsan band.

Band Director Jim Rhodes said recently that the group is about halfway to its goal of \$145,000 to finance the Washington trip. While band members have been busy with a variety of fund-raisers, Rhodes readily accepts any outside help the band can get.

"We've gotten more nervous (about raising the necessary funds), but there's been a lot of groups that have jumped in to help, like the Eagles," Rhodes said.

Vic Wrye of the Eagles Lodge said the

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John McGhee, an employee of Renosys Systems, uses a grinder to cut notches into the side of the swimming pool at the Big Spring YMCA. The notches will be anchor points for a new vinyl lining for the pool.

Aquatic makeover

YMCA swimming pool in process of getting liner

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The YMCA swimming pool is getting a much-needed makeover.

Although only about 10 years old, the swimming pool's plaster lining has fallen victim to this area's notorious hard water. In the past few years, patches of the lining have fallen off as a result of rust seeping from intake pipes.

Rather than replacing the lining with an all-new plaster coat and risk going through the entire process in another few years, YMCA officials decided to try something different. During the next few days, workers with Renosys Systems will install a vinyl lining to the pool that is expected to extend its life by at least 15 years.

Barry Barnett of the local YMCA said that while the pool is still relatively young, its plaster coating was definitely ready for retirement.

"Our water is definitely not good on the pipes," said Barnett, who added that rusty water was getting absorbed into the plaster, weakening the coating and causing it to fall off in chunks.

Officials looked into different means of repairing the damage, but found that no one would guarantee a new plaster lining for more than three years. Renosys, however, guaranteed its vinyl lining for 10 years.

"It'll be gorgeous. It'll be like we have a brand-new pool."



Barry Barnett

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Wreck claims Coahoma High School senior's life

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

A Coahoma High School senior was pronounced dead following a traffic accident on N. Moss Lake Road early Thursday morning.

Jacob "Tybo" Jacobs, 17, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Bennie Green shortly after 6:15 a.m.

Thursday after rolling his 1998 Honda Civic several times.

"Jacobs was traveling south on N. Moss Lake Road at the time of the accident," said DPS Trooper Weldon Jones. "He ran the stop sign at the railroad crossing and became airborne while crossing the tracks."

"The vehicle landed in the cen-

ter of the road and went off the west side of the road, hitting a livestock pen. At that time, the vehicle began to roll, coming to a stop after hitting a utility pole."

Jones said the accident was caused by the high rate of speed Jacobs was traveling at when he ran the stop sign.

"We don't know why he was

traveling at such a fast speed or why he ran the stop sign," said Jones.

Jones said troopers were assisted by the Howard County Sheriff's Office while investigating the accident.

Funeral services will be at

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Committee OKs measure to raise legislative salaries

AUSTIN (AP) — As lawmakers debate over salary increases for teachers, a Senate committee approved a proposal that would give the governor and other elected officials a more than 30 percent raise.

Under the measure, Perry's annual salary would increase from \$115,000 to \$150,000. The pay for other statewide elected officials would go up from \$92,217 to \$125,000.

But Gov. Rick Perry said he doesn't want a pay increase.

"He has no desire for a pay

"Like anything else in state government, you get what you pay for."



—Sen. Steve Ogden

increase. He certainly does not see a need for a statewide pay increase for elected officials," said governor's spokesman

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Spanish Muslims issue fatwa against bin Laden

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Muslim clerics in Spain issued what they called the world's first fatwa, or Islamic edict, against Osama bin Laden on Thursday, the eve of the first anniversary of the Madrid train bombings, calling him an apostate and urging others of their faith to denounce the al-Qaida leader.

The ruling was issued by the Islamic Commission of Spain, the main body representing the country's 1 million-member Muslim community. The commission represents 200 or so

mostly Sunni mosques, or about 70 percent of all mosques in Spain.

The March 11, 2004, train bombings killed 191 people and were claimed in videotapes by militants who said they had acted on al-Qaida's behalf in revenge for Spain's troop deployment in Iraq.

The commission's secretary general, Mansur Escudero, said the group had consulted with Muslim leaders in other coun-

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Obituaries

Tybo Jacobs



Tybo Jacobs, 17, of Coahoma died in an automobile accident Thursday morning, March 10, 2005. Funeral services will be at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial in Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born March 11, 1987, in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He was a senior at Coahoma High School. His favorite past times and hobbies were working on cars, computers, pool, family and friends.

He is survived by his father, Wayne Jacobs of Sand Springs; one sister, Tawna Jacobs of Coahoma; grandfather, Gus Jacobs of Coahoma; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; and his special other family, Ashley Lang, Vickie Cortez, Valarie Cortez, Chris Beck, Andy Rose, Jose Rodriguez, Chris Bustamante, Jonathan Gomez and Benny Henderson.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sherry Jacobs; maternal grandfather Marvin McCutchan; and both grandmothers, Pat McCutchan and Georgia Jacobs.

Pallbearers will be Chris Beck, Andy Rose, Jose Rodriguez, Chris Bustamante, Jonathan Gomez, Benny Henderson and Zach Phillips.

The Coahoma High School Class of 2005 are Honorary Pallbearers.

The family suggests memorials to the Tybo Jacobs Memorial Fund at First Bank of West Texas, 500 NW Broadway, Coahoma 79511.

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

Paid obituary

Mary Ward



Mary Ward, 80, of Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, died at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the College Park Church of God with Mike Foster, Michael Chase and Wayne Beddingfield officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 12, 1924, in Tankersley to S.W. Hollis and Pearl Helms Hollis. She married James Berkley Ward, July 6, 1940, in Menard. They moved to Big Spring in 1967. Mr. Ward died July 30, 1993. Mrs. Ward moved to Mitchell County in 2000. She was a homemaker and a member of the College Park Church of God, and a loving mother and grandmother.

She is survived by three sons, Freddy Ward and his wife, Sue of Safford, Ariz., James Ward and his wife, Jeannie of Big Spring and Joe Ward and his wife, Nancy of Colorado City; three daughters, Della Riffe and her husband, Robert of Andrews, Debbie Harbuck and her husband, Derle of Coahoma and Mary Havens and her husband, Buddy of Colorado City; 39 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Bernell Pigott; one son, Donald Ward; one brother, Jackie Hollis; and one sister, Lola Stevens.

Grandchildren will serve as pallbearers. Great-grandchildren and Great-great-grandchildren will serve as Honorary Pallbearers.

The family suggests memorials to Hendrick Hospice Care, Box 1922, Abilene 79604-9938.

The family will be at 609 Craigmont in Big Spring. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-10-18-33. Bonus Ball: 22. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$475,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 11-18-20-23-32. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-1-8

Weather

Tonight - Mostly clear. Low 47F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday - A mainly sunny sky. Very warm. High 84F. Winds SW at 15 to 25 mph.

Saturday night - Clear skies. Low 53F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday - Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 30s.

Monday - Few showers. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.

Jack E. Cunningham



Jack E. Cunningham, 72, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 6, 2005, in a Midland hospital. Memorial services were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Roy Roberson and Elmer Clinton officiating.

He was born Dec. 15, 1932, in Sweetwater and married Wanda Turner, Feb. 14, 1998, in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Cunningham and stepchildren; and his own children, Buddy Cunningham of Big Spring, Jack E. Cunningham III and James Cunningham, both of Kan. City, Kan.; one daughter, Louise Wingard of Kansas City, Kan., all whom lived in Big Spring from 1958 to 1968; three grandchildren of Kansas City, Kan.; one sister, Vallie Flanary of Levelland; and one nephew, Lee Rupard of Odessa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Babe Cunningham of Sweetwater.

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

Paid obituary

Dr. James M. (Bobo) Hardy

Dr. James M. (Bobo) Hardy, 77, resident of Erwin, Tenn., formerly of Big Spring, died March 3, 2005. Services were at the Centenary United Methodist Church in Erwin, Tenn., March 6, 2005, and a private burial followed at his residence.

He was born in Big Spring, Feb. 18, 1928, the son of the late Dr. W.B. Hardy and the late Ruth Johnson Hardy of Big Spring.

His wife, Bettye Gray Hardy, also preceded him in death, as well as his brother, W.B. Hardy Jr.

His wife, Dr. JoAnne Horton Hardy and three children survive, Heather Boyd of Columbia, S.C., Pat Hardy of Elizabethton, Tenn., and Dr. John Hardy of Abingdon, Va.

He has two stepsons, Matt Chatman of Erwin, Tenn. and Kenny Chatman of Franklin, Tenn.; and five granddaughters.

Dr. Hardy was educated at Southwestern University, Harvard Graduate School of Business and Union Graduate School. Dr. Hardy served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He began his career with the Big Spring YMCA, the Minneapolis YMCA and the National YMCA in New York City.

In 1976, he established JMH Associates, a management consulting firm. Dr. Hardy served clients worldwide. He authored seven books.

The family requested that in lieu of flowers, donation be made to the Bo Hardy Memorial Leadership Fund, in care of the YMCA of Greater Charlotte, 500 E. Morehead, Charlotte, N.C., 28202.

Arrangements were under the care of Valley Funeral Home in Erwin, Tenn.

The family's home address is 800 Pippin Hollow Road, Erwin, Tenn., 37650.

Paid obituary

Virginia Sweeney

Virginia Sweeney of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 9, 2005, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services are 10 a.m. Monday, March 14, 2005, at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take note

□ ALL STAR KIDS PAGEANT is set for Sunday afternoon at the Big Spring Mall. Children aged 0-47 months and 4-18 years may enter. Entry forms are available at the mall or call 866-319-7827.

□ BIG SPRING SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION monthly board of directors meeting is 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at 808 Scurry St.

□ MEMBERS OF THE PUGA FAMILY are searching for family members to invite to a family reunion July 2 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Contact Anna Gutierrez-Trevino at 466-1780.

□ HERITAGE MUSEUM OPENS A NEW EXHIBIT, LAW AND ORDER IN HOWARD COUNTY Tuesday, featuring memorabilia from the Howard County Sheriff's Department, the Big Spring Police Department and local and past attorneys. Special items in the exhibit include the murder trial in Howard County and a 1902 shoot-out. Contact the museum for more information at 267-8255.

□ A BENEFIT BARBECUE COOK-OFF FOR THE FORSAN BAND WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP is set for Saturday at 703 W. Third. Categories are: brisket, pork ribs, chicken halves, sausage and jackpot beans. Cooks may register now by calling 263-6862.

□ HERITAGE MUSEUM is also accepting donations of costumes to be used with the new theme party area opening in May. Call the museum at 267-8255.

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, 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 11:45 a.m. in the Event Center, 1607 E. Third.
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

Police blotter

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

• THEFT was reported:

- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- in the 200 block of FM 700.
- in the 300 block of Owens.
- in the 2300 block of Wasson.

• EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of Donley.

• EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- in the 1600 block of Donley.
- in the 1000 block of Stadium.

Note: An arrest log was not available at press time.

Sheriff's report

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

• JAMIE LEE ATKINSON, 36, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of assault, assault with intent to cause bodily injury, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and violation of a protective order.

• PATRICIA RAMOS, 49, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

• CHRISTOPHER ALTON RANEY, 32, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

• ANTHONY DAVIS FRENZEL, 21, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and driving while license suspended.

• EARL EUGENE BRYANT, 40, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of assault by threat - family violence.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 5800 block of Oak Road.

• THEFT was reported in the 1900 block of Hilltop Road.

• THEFT was reported in the 100 block of Miller.

• VEHICLE FIRE was reported in the 4600 block of S. Highway 87.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of Cornell at 9:20 a.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of E. Ninth Street at 9:38 a.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of NE 10th Street at 11:06 a.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of FM 700 and Birdwell Lane. Service was refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 2600 block of Central at 1:34 p.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Scurry at 2:23 p.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported at the intersection of Mobile and Airport at 4:20 p.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC.

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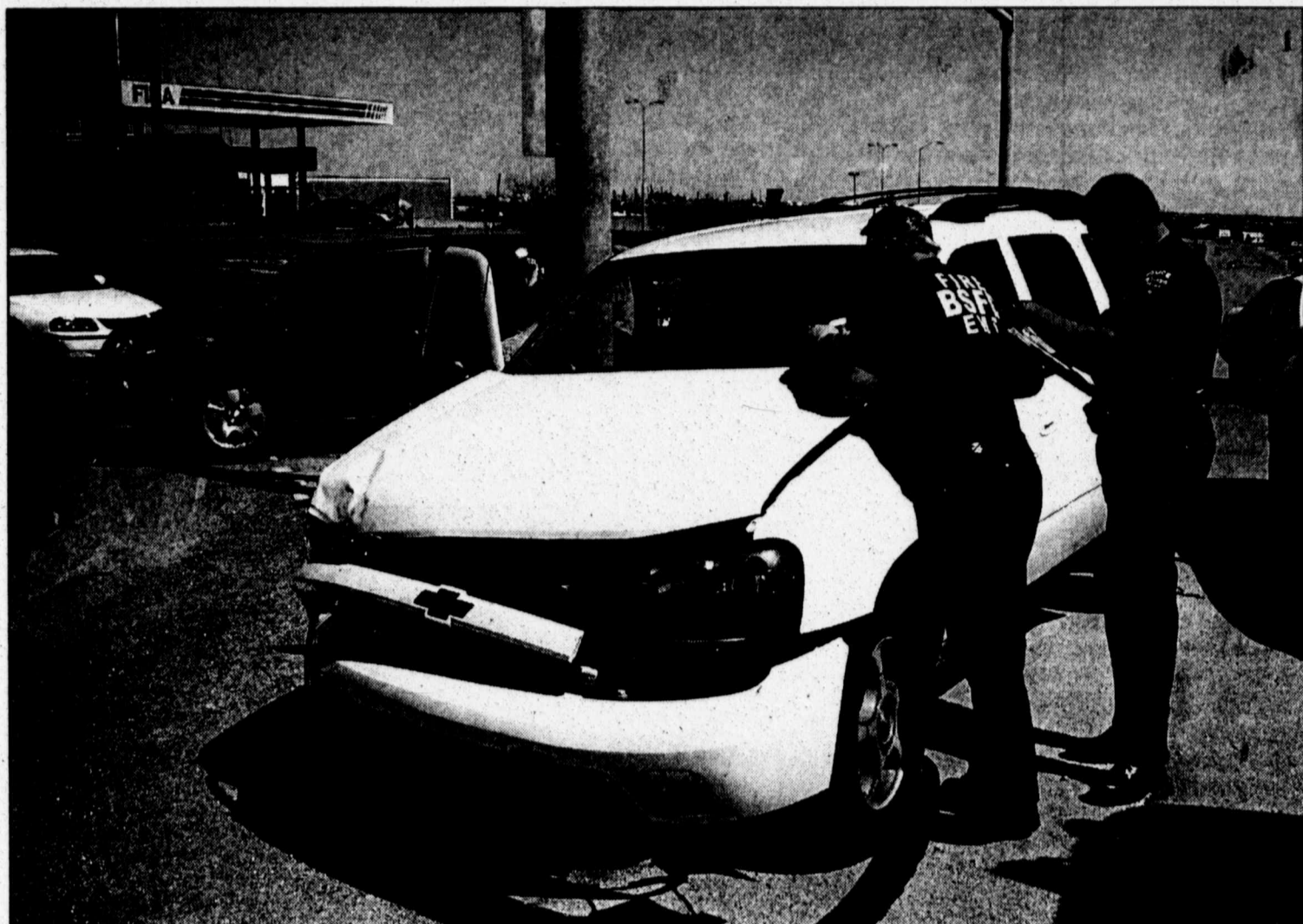
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MINOR INJURIES TO OCCUPANTS



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Emergency officials sort out the pieces of this accident at the intersection of FM 700 and Birdwell Lane Thursday afternoon. According to officials on the scene, the white Chevy Trailblazer was traveling north on Birdwell Lane when it struck an Acura MDX, which was traveling westbound on FM 700. Only minor injuries were reported.

Jackson's 15-year-old accuser describes alleged molestation in singer's bedroom

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — In testimony that was hushed and sometimes mumbled, Michael Jackson's accuser described a night at the Neverland ranch that he said started off in the arcade and ended in the entertainer's bed.
The 15-year-old boy told jurors Thursday that Jackson on that particular night asked him if he ever fondled himself and offered to "do it for me."
"He said if men don't masturbate they can get to a level where they might rape a girl or they can be kind of unstable," the boy said of Jackson, who was in the courtroom.

Jackson arrived in court more than an hour late because of a trip to an emergency room for what his lawyers described as a serious back problem caused by a fall. The judge threatened to have him arrested and revoke his \$3 million bail if he didn't come to court, but vacated the arrest warrant after Jackson arrived.
A Jackson spokeswoman emphasized Friday that the delay was for a physical ailment, "not a mind problem, not an emotional problem."
"He was having problems with his back. He was not intimidated by going in there facing his

accuser," Raymone Bain told ABC's "Good Morning America."
Under questioning by District Attorney Tom Sneddon, the boy began his second day on the stand Thursday by describing how he and Jackson drank alcohol and looked at sex magazines together.
The boy said Jackson molested him twice, both times in the singer's bedroom. He said they both wore pairs of Jackson's pajamas.
The second incident occurred "about a day after" the first encounter, he said. In the second instance, he said, he resisted an attempt by Jackson to place the boy's hand on Jackson's genitals.

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group was more than happy to help the band.
"We all got together and said, 'Let's go for it,'" Wrye said. "We wanted them to know that we're here for them. There's so many negative things that show up about young people these days. Now there's something posi-

tive going on, and we need to promote that."
Wrye said he expects cooking teams to arrive at the lodge, located at 703 W. Third St., as early as 5 a.m. Saturday.
Registration fee is \$10 per team per category, and food plates will be available for \$5 per plate beginning at 1 p.m.
Food categories include brisket, pork ribs, chicken halves, sausage and jackpot beans.

And Wrye will be in the thick of things, he said.
"You bet I'm going to be there," he said. "My son is coming up from Marble Falls, and he makes some (really good) chili."
Wrye expects the cooking teams to have fun in their efforts, but stressed that the major reason for Saturday's event is to help the Forsan band reach its goal.
"Mainly, it's to benefit (the band)," he said. "But

we have a good time getting together. If you're not having a good time, you're not going to do any good for the people you're trying to help."

FATWA

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tries, such as Morocco — home to most of the jailed suspects in the bombings — Algeria and Libya, and had their support.
"They agree," Escudero said, referring to the Muslim leaders in the three North African countries. "What I want is that they say so publicly."
The fatwa said that according to the Quran "the terrorist acts of Osama bin Laden and his organization al-Qaida ... are totally banned and must be roundly condemned as part of Islam."

It added: "Inasmuch as Osama bin Laden and his organization defend terrorism as legal and try to base it on the Quran ... they are committing the crime of 'istihlal' and thus become apostates that should not be considered Muslims or treated as such." The Arabic term 'istihlal' refers to the act of making up one's own laws.
Escudero said a fatwa can be issued by any Muslim leader who leads prayer sessions and as he serves such a role, he himself lawfully issued the edict.
He called it an unprecedented condemnation of

bin Laden. "We felt now we had the responsibility and obligation to make this declaration," he said in an interview.
"I hope there is a positive reaction from Muslims," he added.
Asked if the edict meant Muslims had to help police try to arrest the world's most wanted man — who is believed to be hiding along the border between Pakistan and Afghanistan — Escudero said: "We don't get involved in police affairs but we do feel that all Muslims are obliged to ... keep anyone from doing unjustified damage to other people."

POOL

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Sold, said Barnett.
"It'll be gorgeous," he said. "It'll be like we have a brand-new pool."
Installation of the new lining should take about five or six days. First, workers will cut notches into the sides of the pool to serve as anchor points for the new lining. Then, they will coat the pool with an anti-fungal material, followed by a coating of glue and felt padding, with the vinyl added on last.

Funds for the \$33,000 project are provided by the Dora — Roberts Foundation, which helped finance the original construction, Barnett said.
Barnett also hopes to have a new heater unit installed in a few months

— this one ceramic-coated, to avoid rusting.
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4:30 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial to follow at Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

RAISES

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Robert Black.
The raise provision was added to an appropriations bill in the Senate Finance Committee.
"They're entitled to that level of compensation," said committee chairman Steve Ogden, the Bryan Republican who sponsored the measure. "Like anything else in state government, you get what you pay for."
Although the Thursday vote giving the raises approval was unanimous, only a slight majority of the committee's members were present at the meeting.
While some lawmakers were outraged, the proposal could make it through the Senate because specific changes to budget bills approved by a committee are rare.
The last raise for state officials, about a 20 percent increase, came in 1995.

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Odie Sanchez, 87, died Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Friday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
Mary L. Ward, 80, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at the College Park Church of God with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.
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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:

- The Big Spring Prospector's Club on another interesting and educational Gem & Mineral Show.

- Bauer Elementary School students and staff on their stickhorse rodeo.

- The West Texas Narcotics Task Force and other law enforcement agencies who seized more than 1,100 pounds of marijuana in a drug bust this week.

- Howard College's Hawks, who open Region V Tournament play today in Lubbock against Grayson College. Good luck, Hawks!

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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Democrats would be fools not to run Hillary

By BOGDAN KIPLING

Guest Columnist
WASHINGTON — "She came, she saw, she conquered."
That's how The Times of India summed up Hillary Clinton's late February visit to the world's second most populous country.
"She prays, she listens, she learns," chimed in Newsday, a Long Island daily.
"If Hillary runs, Hillary wins," said Canada's Halifax Herald in August 1999 about her likely bid for the White House. Her 2000 Senate campaign in New York, the Nova Scotia paper said, was a steppingstone to the presidency.
Energetic, concise language is the striking common denominator in media comments about Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and her political ambitions. Because she herself is clear and decisive, she is the hottest Democrat in the land. From the nation's television screens to T-shirts, her face is everywhere.
The former first lady had to jump a hurdle or two before she could emerge as a mature, savvy political leader. She had to ease out from public memory the many investigators of White House scandals and her humiliations as the wife of a serial adulterer.
She succeeded spectacularly, and Democrats would be mad not to nominate her in 2008. Here's why:
— She can make Americans believe she knows why she wants

to be president.
— She is focused, disciplined, determined and, yes, flexible. In the Senate, she has positioned herself close to the political center on social issues - including family values - and has gained credibility in defense issues.
— She has a natural political base among black, Hispanic and labor voters. She is a diligent senator for her New York constituents and is justifiably confident of re-election in 2006.
— She is a fantastic fundraiser, holds a lot of Democratic IOUs and, most important, she is a woman. You would have to be politically tone deaf not to hear American women saying, "It's our turn."
Put that in the context of actual voting patterns, and Hillary's presidential launching pad looks formidable by any measure.
Women already outnumber men in presidential ballots, and Hillary can ginger up a gender vote in 2008.
This could be crucial if Republicans nominate a man. They have a credible woman in Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to match Hillary, but they also have several impressive men.
The opposite is true for Democrats. They have Hillary and she already towers over all other Democratic presidential wannabes. Yes, she outpolled them right up to eve of last year's Democratic convention.

Here it's worth recalling that women voters first outnumbered men in 1984, the year Walter Mondale put Geraldine Ferraro on the presidential ticket.
Ferraro was the first, yet her candidacy was hardly electrifying. But it coincided with profound social shifts. She campaigned for the second-highest office as women's educational achievements and participation rate in the labor force at all levels started making their mark in politics.
The trend continues, however unevenly. For example, 22 million single women didn't bother to vote 16 years later when George W. Bush failed to excite them and Al Gore, though he did better, still bored them to death.
Last year Democrats did even worse and with good reason. Four weeks before the ballot, 21 percent of potential voters answered "don't know" when asked whether they approved or disapproved of Sen. John Kerry, their party's nominee. Six months before the election I Googled the names Kerry and Hamlet - and got 22,400 hits.
Unlike Kerry, Hillary doesn't ask: To be or not to be? She knows who she is - and so do voters. She is the Democrats' best chance and they'd be fools to blow it.
Bogdan Kipling is a Washington correspondent for the Halifax Chronicle-Herald. Readers may write to him at Chronicle-Herald, 1650 Argyle Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3J 2T2.



Clinton too easy a target for GOP

By CLIFF SCHECTER

Guest Columnist
WASHINGTON — Hillary Clinton has done everything right lately.
She reached across the aisle to work with Sen. Lindsay Graham, onetime House impeachment manager against her husband, to increase veterans' access to health care. She has come out fighting for the Count Every Vote Act of 2005, a series of broadly popular election reform measures. And she has spoken out on the issue of abortion, calling for "common ground" to prevent the necessity of this procedure, splitting pragmatic conservatives and Victorian Age zealots over the issue of contraception use.
With that said, Hillary Clinton should not be the Democratic nominee for president in 2008.
One need not look any further than this past election to understand my point. Democrats nominated a senator from the Northeast for president, easy to paint as a "flip-flopper," easier to caricature as an out-of-touch liberal. Certainly, John Kerry provided multiple rounds of ammunition for these charges, with his famous quote about the \$87 billion spent in Iraq and his penchant for wind-surfing.
Yet, if you do not think the same thing could be done to Hillary, you may need a refresher course.

May I recommend VH1's "I Love the '90s?" Because once the media get its hands on the old tapes and talking points from the noise machine of think-tanks, issue-groups and otherwise employed right-wing mudslingers, you can take a pretty educated guess at what is coming.
Hillary was the architect of a failed attempt for government-run health care. She snarled about baying hounds and holding teas and baking cookies when asked about her career.
The truth is that Hillary will be much easier to destroy than John Kerry, because right-wingers already spent the 1990s working overtime to implant immorality and the Clintons alongside each other in our collective memories.
Additionally, living right outside New York City, or "that den of sin" as it is known in right-wing circles, and being the first female nominee to boot, will allow every extremist with a keyboard to play upon socially engrained fears and still unsettled gender roles in our society. Somewhere Phyllis Schlafly must be frothing at the mouth with a copy of "Sex and the City" rearing to go.
The truth is that Hillary Clinton would make an excellent president. She showed true character in staying with her family for the sake of preserving her marriage and protecting her daughter during very trying times. She has

shown an inclination to govern from the center-left, which is a lot closer to where most Americans are than the current occupant of the Oval Office.
Yet, we must be realists in politics. There is a reason that governors, and particularly Democratic chief executives from the "heartland," have been more successful in running for president.
Their antennae are attuned to the cultural rhythms necessary to build a center-out political coalition to lead. That is what a young governor from Arkansas named Bill Clinton did in 1992.
Democrats can count among their number overwhelmingly popular chief executives of important swing states: Mark Warner of Virginia, Bill Richardson of New Mexico, Phil Bredesen of Tennessee and Ed Rendell of Pennsylvania. All possess charisma, and all have performed well in rural areas often considered hostile territory for Democrats.
To reverse the tide of fiscal profligacy and foreign policy failure that is currently ascendant in Washington, this is where Democrats must turn for their presidential nominee in 2008.
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NEWS

Tears, bells as mourns on fire
MADRID, Spain — Flowers and obituary marks the first ever terror attack through crowd-wounding more.
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NEWS BRIEFS

Tears, bells and moment of silence as Spain mourns on first anniversary of train bombings

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Spaniards lit candles, laid flowers and observed a long, mournful silence Friday to mark the first anniversary of the country's worst-ever terror attack, when 10 al-Qaida bombs ripped through crowded commuter trains, killing 191 and wounding more than 1,500.

King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia led government leaders and other dignitaries during the main memorial — a silent, five-minute noon vigil inaugurating a grove of 192 olive and cypress trees, one for each person killed last March 11 and a policeman killed when Islamic militant suspects seeking to avoid arrest blew themselves up.

The grove in Madrid's main park has been christened the "Forest of the Absent."

As the dignitaries stood in grim silence, much of Spain paused in remembrance. Trains made unscheduled stops at stations, and people stopped in the street to grieve over an attack that cut across nationality, killing immigrants from Ecuador to Ukraine, from France to the Philippines.

New bankruptcy law narrows the path for those seeking debt relief

WASHINGTON (AP) — The biggest rewrite of bankruptcy laws in 27 years is about to turn the path to a debt-free second start, undertaken by more than 1 million Americans each year, into a road less traveled.

A bankruptcy overhaul bill the Senate passed by a 74-25 vote on Thursday would require people with

incomes above a certain level to pay credit-card charges, medical bills and other obligations under a court-ordered bankruptcy plan.

Between 30,000 and 210,000 people — from 3.5 percent to 20 percent of those who dissolve their debts in bankruptcy each year — would be disqualified from doing so under the legislation, according to the American Bankruptcy Institute.

The legislation would set up an income-based test for measuring a debtor's ability to repay debts. It would require people in bankruptcy to pay for credit counseling and stiffen some legal requirements for debtors in the bankruptcy process.

DNA connects suicide victim to killings of judge's husband, mother

CHICAGO (AP) — A DNA match from a cigarette butt convinced police that a Chicago electrician was the killer of a federal judge's husband and mother, authorities said.

The cigarette butt found in Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow's house was matched to the electrician, Bart Ross, who killed himself during a traffic stop in Wisconsin this week, and the evidence points to him as the lone killer, police spokesman David Bayless said.

Ross, whose rambling lawsuit over his cancer treatment was dismissed by Lefkow, had claimed responsibility for the killings in a suicide note found in his minivan.

"The DNA match, with all the other evidence, certainly convinces us that Ross is the offender in the Lefkow family homicide," Bayless said Thursday night.

The judge had returned home from work on Feb. 28

to find her husband and 89-year-old mother fatally shot in the basement. She described Ross as "a very pathetic, tragic person," in an interview with The New York Times published in Friday's editions.

UT System regents approve tuition increases

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas System regents approved tuition increases at several campuses Thursday despite warnings from lawmakers about rising costs.

Many students at UT-Austin will see their tuition rates increase about 4.75 percent. The regents also allowed the system's flagship university to enact a flat-rate tuition based on 14 semester credit hours. The school originally had proposed a flat-rate based on 15 semester credit hours.

Under the flat rate of 14 hours, students who take 15 credit hours a semester will actually see a 1 percent decrease in their tuition, said Kevin Hegarty, vice president and chief financial officer for UT-Austin. Students who take less than 15 hours would see an increase, he said.

Flat-rate tuition is meant to encourage students to take more classes each semester and graduate on time.

Among the other increases approved Thursday were a 12.8 percent increase in tuition and fees for UT-Brownsville and a 10.3 percent increase for UT-Pan American.

The vote came a day after Senate budget writers on approved a proposal that said universities could not increase designated tuition, the portion of tuition rates the universities are allowed to set themselves, to more than \$94 a semester hour.

If they did, they would lose some state funding.

House considers \$10 billion tax bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Most Texans would see their tax burden increase under a sweeping proposal the state House is considering today.

The chamber lumbered toward a vote on a \$10 billion tax bill that would restructure the way businesses pay taxes, while levying a slate of new consumer taxes on Texans.

Last-minute changes in the legislation slowed completion of the measure Thursday. Today, when the House met again, Speaker Tom Craddick gave lawmakers time to huddle and informally ask questions about the measure of his staff members and key legislators.

"I don't want anybody to feel uneasy about the bill," Craddick said.

The proposal is an effort to replace revenue from a school property tax relief measure.

If the measure is approved, Texans would be paying a higher sales tax — up to 7.25 percent from the current 6.25 per-

cent — and will be paying an additional 3 percent tax on snacks. A new \$1 tax on a pack of cigarettes also would be levied under the plan.

Craddick said he expected the House to approve the proposal late Friday or over the weekend.

Most of the revenue in the legislation would come from businesses, most of which now avoid paying the franchise tax through loopholes in the law. Under the proposal, the loopholes would be closed to most businesses. Businesses also would be given the option of paying a new payroll tax of 1.15 percent.

The bill's author, Republican Rep. Jim Keffer of Eastland, said the plan would "make Texas more efficient, more modern and more germane to the type of economy we have."

Only Texans making

more than \$100,000 a year would receive a net tax cut under the tax bill, according to a legislative analysis released earlier this week.

The poorest 1.7 million households — those making less than \$23,000 a year — would see their tax burden increase more than 5 percent under the bill.

The richest 840,000 households — those making more than \$140,000 a year — would see their taxes cut nearly 3 percent, according to the Legislative Budget Board analysis.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry has not endorsed any particular tax, but he said he is urging legislators to get the bill out of the House so it can be kept alive.

The tax bill is the second part of a House school funding overhaul that is the Legislature's

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Judge, court reporter shot to death

ATLANTA (AP) — A judge and a court reporter were shot to death today at the Fulton County Courthouse and at least two others wounded, authorities said. A search for the suspect was under way.

Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor confirmed that Superior Court Judge Rowland Barnes and his court reporter were killed. He gave no other details in announcing the deaths in the state Senate.

The judge was shot on the eighth floor of the courthouse, while one deputy was

shot on a street corner just outside the building, said Officer Alan Osborne with the Atlanta Police Department.

Witnesses said the gunman carjacked a car and authorities were searching for several vehicles reported stolen in the area.

Fulton County Sheriff's Lt. Clarence Huber identified the suspect as 33-year-old Brian Nichols, who was being held on rape charges stemming from an incident in August.

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ChurchNews

Easter Sunrise Service

A community-wide Easter Sunrise Service is set for 6:45 a.m. March 27 in the Big Spring Amphitheater at Comanche Trail Park.

Area pastors participating in this annual event include the Rev. Rex Clayton of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, the Rev. Craig Felty of Cornerstone Church, the Rev. Mike Johnston of Christ Community Church, Capt. Linda Keeny and Capt. Russ Keeny of the Salvation Army, the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring of First United Methodist Church, the Rev. Lynn Robertson, associate pastor of Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene, the Rev. Jim Wright, minister of music of First United Methodist Church and the Rev. Agustin Ypina, Hispanic missionary of First United Methodist Church.

Pianist this year is Christy Alton of Cornerstone Church. Special music will be provided by Shelly Choate of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

The public is invited to this free event.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

We welcome you to join us in worship this Easter season. Holy Week services include Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7 p.m. March 24 and Good Friday Service of Darkness at 7:30 p.m. March 25. At 7:45 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 27, we have a Courtyard Worship Service. The Easter Festival Service follows at 10 a.m. Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! Christ is risen; He is risen indeed! Join us at Ninth and Gregg. Call 267-7163 for more information.

First United Methodist Church

"Whosoever Believeth in Him" is the title of Dr. Dave Ring's sermon Sunday. The gospel scripture is from John 3:16. Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday school classes meet at 9:45 a.m. The Confirmation Class is also meeting at 9:45 a.m.

The Chancel Choir rehearses at 2 p.m., and the Children's Choir rehearses at 4 p.m. The Junior High Youth meet at 5 p.m. and the Senior High Youth meet at 6:30 p.m.

The Chancel Choir will have a special rehearsal at 7 p.m. Wednesday to prepare for the Palm Sunday Cantata, titled "God So Loved the

World."

This is the last week to place orders for Easter lilies. A donation of \$13.50 makes it possible for the worship committee to order the lilies. Deadline for orders is March 18. Fill out the insert in the bulletin and place it in the offering or call the church office.

Make reservations now for the Passover Seder Celebration, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 24. The cost of reservations is \$5, which will be offered back that evening.

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

First Christian Church

March means spring is in the air and spring is in our footsteps at First Christian Church. The Pastoral Search Committee team is meeting weekly in search for a new pastor. Sunday morning services begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday school, followed by worship service at 10:50 a.m. Nursery service provided.

Sunday evening prayer meeting is blessed to have Susan Skelton as guest speaker and Kimberly Ward with special music. The meeting starts at 5 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

Wednesday morning Bible study in the Isaiah 58 building starts at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday choir practice is 6 p.m.

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad. For more information, call the church office at 267-7851.

Catholic Diocese of San Angelo

The annual Chrism Mass of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo will be celebrated by Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI, at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, located at 19 South Oakes in San Angelo. All the priests of the Diocese of San Angelo, as well as many Catholics from the 74 churches of the 29 counties of West Texas that make up the Diocese of San Angelo, will be celebrating this special Mass with the Bishop. The Chrism Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the Bishop's priesthood and signifies the close unity of priests with him.

During the Chrism Mass, Bishop Pfeifer will consecrate the Chrism and bless the oils that are used in the Sacrament and the other liturgical celebrations of all the churches of the diocese

throughout the year.

The Chrism Mass is open to all the Catholic people of the Diocese, as well as to the wider public.

Midway Baptist Church

Midway Baptist Church youth are hosting an Extreme Weekend — a junior high retreat today through Sunday at the church. For more information, contact Terry Goodnight at 263-6274.

When visiting our church, you'll find we have something for everyone.

The Sunday schedule is Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m.; youth meeting at 5 p.m.; Team Kids, Royal Ambassador's and Girls in Action at 5 p.m.; evening services at 6 p.m.

Every Wednesday, evening Services with a fellowship meal begins at 5:30 p.m.; children's choir at 6 p.m.; youth meeting at 6 p.m.; youth choir and drama at 7 p.m.; Little Dribblers at 7 p.m.; adult Bible study at 7 p.m.

Midway Baptist Church is located at 6200 S. Service Road. Call 263-6274 for more information.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The members of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church invite you to visit with them at 1512 Birdwell Lane. We are a very friendly Church where Jesus Christ is lifted up daily.

The junior and senior high youth are traveling to Music City Mall for ice skating from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday.

Sunday morning service is at 10:55 a.m. and the Sunday evening service is at 5 p.m. The midweek service is at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from John 11:1-45. Worship service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 is held at 10:35 a.m.

Opportunities for the week include: committees will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday; Confirmation class also meets at the same time; prayer service will begin at 5:30 p.m.; and choir practice starts at 6 p.m.

Plans are being completed for Holy Week. There will be a potluck luncheon Palm Sunday with a Maundy Thursday service and also a Good

Friday Tenebrae Service.

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

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 401 E. 4th St., offers these opportunities for Christian growth and service for Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. morning worship; 4:45 p.m., youth, Girls in Action, Royal Ambassadors, Mission Friends and Mission

Babies; 5 p.m. choir practice; 6 p.m. evening worship/opportunity meeting; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., March 19 Children's Fellowship/Skating Party. Call 267-2291 for more information.

Friends of Unity

Members meet together at 1 p.m. Sunday, noon Tuesday and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. These gatherings are for the purpose of encouraging each other to live in oneness with God. All meetings are open to everyone.

The Center is located in the Northeast Boxcar in the Railroad Plaza at the

beginning of South Main Street.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

The Episcopal Church Women have a meeting Sunday at 11:45 a.m. The Vestry meets at 6 p.m. Monday in the Parish Hall.

St. Mary's Lenten program comes to a conclusion Wednesday. The last

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Snow bush is among hottest tropicals

By NORMAN WINTER
(KRT)

This year it looks like the snow bush will again be one of the hottest plants at the nursery or garden center, but you had shop early if you want one or more.

Some may ask, "What in the world is a snow bush? Isn't the winter long, cold and wet enough without mentioning snow?"

Actually, the snow bush is a tropical that has seen less snow than we have. Snow bush is known botanically as *Breynia nivosa* and is in the Euphorbia family making it related to the poinsettia. It is native to places like the South Pacific, Australia and Asia.

Indeed it is a bush, reaching around 5 feet in height. Frost-free areas may see them grow up to 10 feet. Those in Florida get to relish in its beauty in the landscape while the rest of us are relegated to growing in a container. A fine container plant it is.

The snow bush is sought after for its colorful foliage and unique habit rather than its bloom. It produces slender, burgundy-colored

zigzagging stems with leaves painted in green, cream and pink.

Everyone seems to plant it as the centerpiece in a large mixed container. I have seen it combined with Indian Summer black-eyed Susan, Million Bells Cherry calibrachoa and New Gold lantana.

I have seen containers where it was combined with blue perennial salvia and burgundy-leaved coleus. Others had it with dragon wing begonias.

The one thing I can say for sure is that once you start growing it, you will want it forever — and forever is within the realm of possibility even though it is a tropical. Soft wood cuttings taken in early summer are easy to root.

The snow bush really performs well in fertile, well-drained soil. Don't skimp when buying your potting mix. If you need help carrying it, select a better brand that is good, light and airy.

Plant it in the middle of your container at the same depth it is currently growing. Then work your way down planting another layer. All of the plants mentioned above will work.



Also consider caladiums, which are known to take full sun. It would look exceptional with Mississippi Summer sun coleus, a Mississippi Medallion award winner from a couple of years ago. Also try it with Purple Knight althernanthera.

Once the container is planted, pay attention to watering and nutrition. As you water daily during the summer, you'll most likely be leaching out all of the nutrients. So use controlled-release granules or a diluted water-soluble fertilizer to keep the plant growing vigorously.

Snow bush is normally

a good buy warranting using it in the landscape and treating it as an annual. Plant them 3 feet apart in the landscape. The snow bush needs full sun to stay compact and vividly color-up. Don't be afraid to prune a little from time to time to maintain a bushy habit.

If you are languishing in frigid temperatures cheer up, your day is coming and you'll soon be digging in the dirt again.

Horticulturist Norman Winter is the author of "Paradise Found: Growing Tropicals in Your Own Backyard," "Mississippi Gardener's Guide" and the highly acclaimed "Tough-as-Nails Flowers For the South." Readers may write to him at norman@ext.msstate.edu.



The snow bush, above and left, is a tropical plant known botanically as *Breynia nivosa* and is in the Euphorbia family.

KRT Photo

Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday at La Posada. Sarah Badin pronounced the invocation and Terry Hansen was introduced as a new member. Minutes of the last meeting were approved and members were reminded of local and state dues.

Pat Simmons outlined plans for the Trash-Off April 2. Posters were distributed and volunteers were asked to bring cookies for the lunch at the Heart of the City Park.

Gloria McDonald reported on the Tree Memorial program initiated by the city. She recently spoke to the Lion's Club and hopes to make more people aware the program is available.

Verna Davis reported on the Flea Market plans. A date of April 23 has been selected with a rain date of May 7. Alon donated the cost of the ad in the Big Spring Herald and an individual has provided the cost for a post office box to receive applications for booth space. The market will be situated at the east end of Big Spring Mall. Groups and individuals are encouraged to call 263-9231 for more information.

The fund-raising committee also plans a golf scramble May 21.

Jan Hansen attended

the Feb. 10 meeting of the Community Foundation and was gratified to learn three major contributions are ear-marked to benefit KBSB.

Waste in Place training was discussed by Loyce Phillips and Perry Hall. At least a dozen teachers have been recruited to take the seminar, with hopes they can incorporate this into their spring curriculum. The seminar is at Dora Roberts Community Center April 30.

Barbara Brumley and Jan Hansen will prepare a scrapbook state entry.

The April meeting will be at the Chinese Dragon Restaurant.

TOPS TX 21

Twelve members of Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX 21 met Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, with leader Donna Menges presiding.

Cherry Sechelski opened the meeting with prayer followed by the TOPS and the Keep Off Pounds Sensibly (KOPS) pledges. Shirley Jenkins led the groups in the fellowship song.

Donna Menges presented the only reading, titled "I'm fine. How About You?" and Gladys Russell, secretary, read the minutes of last week's meeting.

Weight recorder Genay Bertran called the roll with seven TOPS answering with their loss or gain for the week. She was the week's best loser for TOPS. Pat Aaron, one of the five KOPS present, was the weekly best loser. Each one received the best loser award.

Awards night is the first Monday night of the month and the only award given was the monthly best loser award. Olnee Menges was declared the best loser for February and she received a charm and will receive the February gainers fine if she maintains that weight loss for

an additional month.

During a business session the club held the election of new officers. Huguetta Roberts was elected as leader, Olnee Menges as co-leader, Joyce Chelette as secretary and Shirley Jenkins was re-elected as treasurer. Installation of these officers will take place March 28 and they will assume their new office the first Monday in April. Installation will take place in the Sechelski home.

For more information about TOPS, call 1-800-392-8867 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758.

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Church News

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short video from "Pioneers of the Spirit" is on the life of William Blake, 18th Century poet. The All-Parish Meatless Pot Luck Supper begins at 6 p.m.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 S. Goliad, call 267-8201 or visit the Web site, www.stmarysbt.org.

Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone Church, an Every Nation Ministries church, formerly Morning Star International, invites children in kindergarten through fourth grade to Sunday children's activities.

Sunday, the children are looking at different story pieces of the Bible and how they are a part God's story. Sunday they will hear the story of Jesus, told of a shepherd who had 100 sheep. Come and discover what happens when the shepherd goes looking for the one lost lamb.

An Easter program planned for the morning worship service March 27 and the children will be part of this service. Afterward, the children will have their own celebration time.

The New Youth, for grades five and six, continue to study the Easter story.

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.

Calvary Baptist Church

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

Life Church

Life Church at 600 E. FM 700, offers two morning worship services Sunday, first at 8:30 a.m. and again at 10:30 a.m. Children's Ministries are available during both services for ages 0-12.

First Presbyterian Church of Midland

First Presbyterian Church of Midland invites all Permian Basin singers to join in a presentation of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony for Orchestra, Soloists and Chorus at 7 p.m. May 1. Area singers may join in this musical event. Rehearsals will be Saturdays during April. For more information, contact Greg Pysh at (432) 684-7821, ext. 39 or gpysh@fpcmid.org.

YoungLife seeks adult volunteers

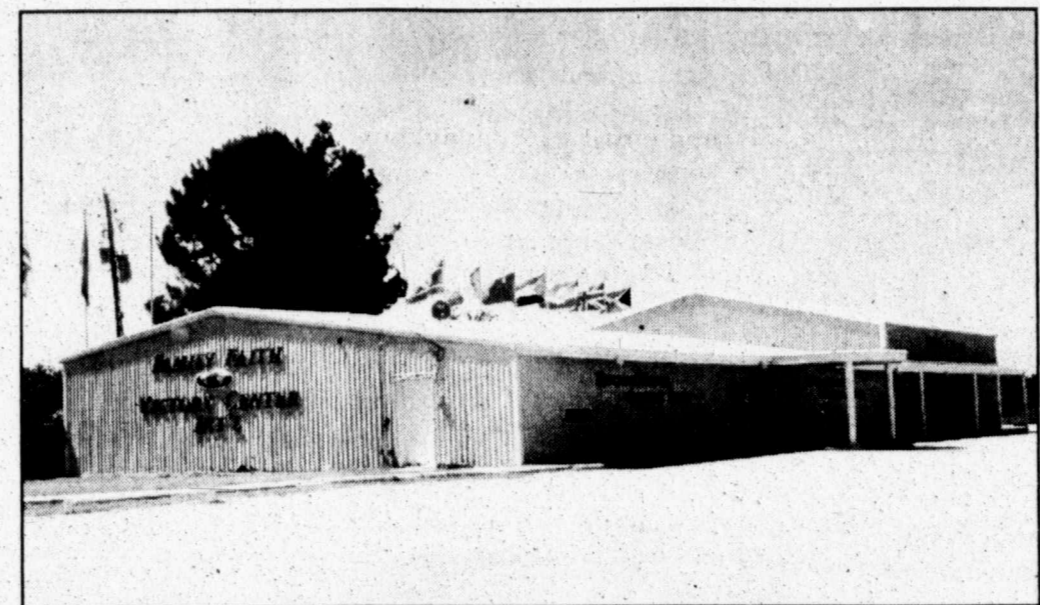
YoungLife, a non-profit Christian organization for high school students, seeks Christian, adult volunteers to work with teen-agers during YoungLife club. Club members are also preparing for YoungLife camp July 2-10 in Colorado.

For more information or to contribute to YoungLife, call leader Shelly Warren at 264-1234.

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B.S. Girl's Association signups in
The Big Spring Softball Association will be holding its registration for girls ages four and up every year throughout the month of March from 5 to 6 p.m. Signups will be accepted at the Big Spring Sports, located at East 11th Place. There is a \$5.00 registration fee of \$5.00 discount will be given to a second league will be held on April 2 and begins play on April 3. For more information, call Ronnie Wood at 432-213-3747.
Howard rodeo sets crawl
The Howard rodeo team is holding its annual rodeo on April 1 at the H.C. during College's annual rodeo. The cost of the rodeo which includes a meal and a shirt is \$10. For more information, contact Ronnie Wood at Kernick at 432-213-3747.
Baseball camp for middle schoolers
The Midland Baseball School will take place from March 19 to 21 at the National League Field Road on Highway 87. The camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Each session will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. One session will be held on Thursday, but participants will get both camps for \$10 if they register by March 10. The first session will cover generation hitting and throwing. The second session will be instruction on catchers, infielders, and outfielders. The camp will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. For more information, call Mickey O'Connell at 432-213-3747.
Pony base sets last
The Big Spring Pony Base will announce its sign-up day on Monday through Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The last day of sign-up will be on Friday, March 18, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pony Base will take place on Friday, March 18, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, call Mickey O'Connell at 432-213-3747.

IN BRIEF

B.S. Girl's Softball Association holding signups in March

The Big Spring Girl's Softball Association will be holding signups to register for the upcoming 2005 season. The league is open for girls and women ages four and above.

Signups will occur every Saturday throughout the month of March from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. However, signups will also be accepted at All District Sports, located at 1005 East 11th Place.

There is a registration fee of \$30, but a \$5 discount will be given to a second child.

Tryouts for the league will take place April 2 and the league begins play April 25.

For more information, call Ron Shafer at 432-213-3747.

Howard rodeo team sets crawfish boil

The Howard College rodeo team will hold its annual crawfish boil April 16 at 2 p.m. at the H.C. Rodeo Bowl during Howard College's annual rodeo. The cost is \$15, which includes ticket into rodeo.

For more information, contact Howard rodeo coach Greg Kernick at 816-9477.

Baseball camp set for middle of March

The Mickey Owen Baseball School will take place Saturday, March 19, at the National League Little League Field on Driver Road off South Highway 87.

The camp is broken into two sessions as the first one takes place from 9:30 a.m. to noon and the second one goes from 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Each session is broken down into instruction, practice and play.

One session costs \$40, but participants can get both camps for \$60. Participants can save \$10 if registered by March 10.

The first session will cover general instruction on hitting, fielding and throwing, while session two is position instruction involving catchers, pitchers, infielders and outfielders.

The camp is for anyone ages six through 12.

For more information, contact the Mickey Owen Baseball School at 1-800-999-8369.

Pony baseball league sets last signups

The Big Spring Pony Baseball League has announced final signup days will begin Monday and run through Friday, March 18.

The league is for boy's ages 13-15 and the signups will take place at All-District Screen Printing from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$65 per person and it is the last opportunity to play this season.

Pony League tryouts will take place March 22 at 6 p.m. at the Pony League Parks.

For more information, call Mike Ritchey at 263-8857.

Seniors lead Lady Steers to 11th win, offense struggles

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
MIDLAND — Senior Alex Watkins did almost everything right Thursday against Midland Greenwood.

Big Spring won the game, 2-1, and Watkins earned her seventh straight win on the mound after giving up one unearned run on one hit and striking out five batters. Her only flaw came with control as she walked four Greenwood batters and hit another with a pitch.

Greenwood's only hit came in the fifth and its only run was scored in the ninth.

The Rangerette run was aided by two Big Spring errors, however.

"The errors definitely hurt us tonight," said Big Spring head coach Phillip Pearce.

The Lady Steers scored their first run in the second and then added their

final tally in the sixth before Greenwood answered in the seventh.

"We are hitting the ball and putting it in play, but we still need to get better and hit it harder," said Pearce, who also said the team only struck out three times.

Watkins and senior Courtney Rodriguez recorded two hits each to lead Big Spring (11-2) at the plate. Watkins scored both Lady Steer runs and Rodriguez had an RBI.

Sophomore Amber Sides, junior Krista Chesworth and senior Chelsea Abner each collected one hit at the plate, as well. Abner recorded the other RBI.

Senior Neisha Heinis successfully laid down two sacrifice bunts, but Big Spring failed to move runners over when they had the opportunity.

"We left a runner at second base in five of the seven innings," said Pearce.

After losing to Odessa Permian to start the season, Watkins (7-1) has rolled off seven straight wins on the mound.

"She is throwing well,



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring senior Alex Watkins delivers a pitch to the plate in a previous game this year. The Lady Steers defeated Greenwood Thursday, 2-1. The win improved Watkins' record on the mound to 7-1. She gave up one unearned run on one hit and struck out five. Watkins also scored both Big Spring runs.

but we need to be at the top of game at the plate when district starts in a week," said Pearce.

The Lady Steers challenge Lubbock High at 11 a.m. Saturday in Big Spring before hosting Coahoma Tuesday at 4:30

p.m. "If we hit the ball our pitching get us through the game with a win," said Pearce.

The Lady Steers defeated Lubbock High, 3-0, in a scrimmage earlier this year.

Colorado upsets UT; Horns still feel they belong

By STEVE BRISENDINE

AP Sports Writer
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Whatever happens from here on out, Colorado can claim a bit of Big 12 tournament history.

Until Thursday night, no No. 11 seed had ever won an opening-round game since the Big 12 opened play in the 1996-97 season. That all changed, though, when the Buffaloes overcame horrible first-half shooting to upset Texas 81-69.

"We just felt that we were better than our record indicated," said freshman Richard Roby, who led Colorado (14-15) with 17 points and 10 rebounds. "We felt we could win. We didn't want our season to end today."

The Buffaloes, who shot just 13-for-36 in the first half but were 14-for-27 after the break, will meet third-seeded Oklahoma State in the second round Friday.

The sixth-seeded Longhorns (20-10), who have had a Thursday bye in all but two Big 12 tournaments, dropped to 1-1 in first-round games.

Texas never found a shooting groove, shooting just 36 percent for the game. The Longhorns had as many free throws (20-for-29) as field goals (20-for-58) and were just 9-for-35 from long range.

Still, the Longhorns were up 37-36 at the half and 49-46 with just over 13 minutes left before the Buffaloes' shots finally started to fall.

Roby hit two 3-pointers in a 15-1 run, capped by Marcus Hall's 3 with just under 9 1/2 minutes to go in the game, that gave Colorado a 61-50 lead.

"I missed a couple of shots early," Roby said. "I thought if I played defense and rebounded, then the points would come."

Texas pulled within 65-60 on Kenton Paulino's 3-pointer with 7:20 remaining, but the Buffaloes

responded with seven straight points to go up 72-60 with just over 4 1/2 minutes left.

After that, the Longhorns never got closer than eight points. Texas didn't score after Kenny Taylor's steal and layup with 2:11 left cut Colorado's lead to 77-69.

"We have to have upperclassmen that are at the top of their game," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "They gave us every opportunity to get back in the last two minutes, and we didn't do a thing."

Hall and Julius Ashby finished with 14 points each for the Buffaloes, and Andy Osborn added 13 points. Roby's double-double fueled a 48-34 rebounding advantage for Colorado.

Paulino led Texas with 16 points. Taylor added 14 points and Jason Klotz had 12.

Forward Brad Buckman, the Longhorn's second-leading scorer at 12.7 points per game, was held to five points on 2-for-7 shooting.

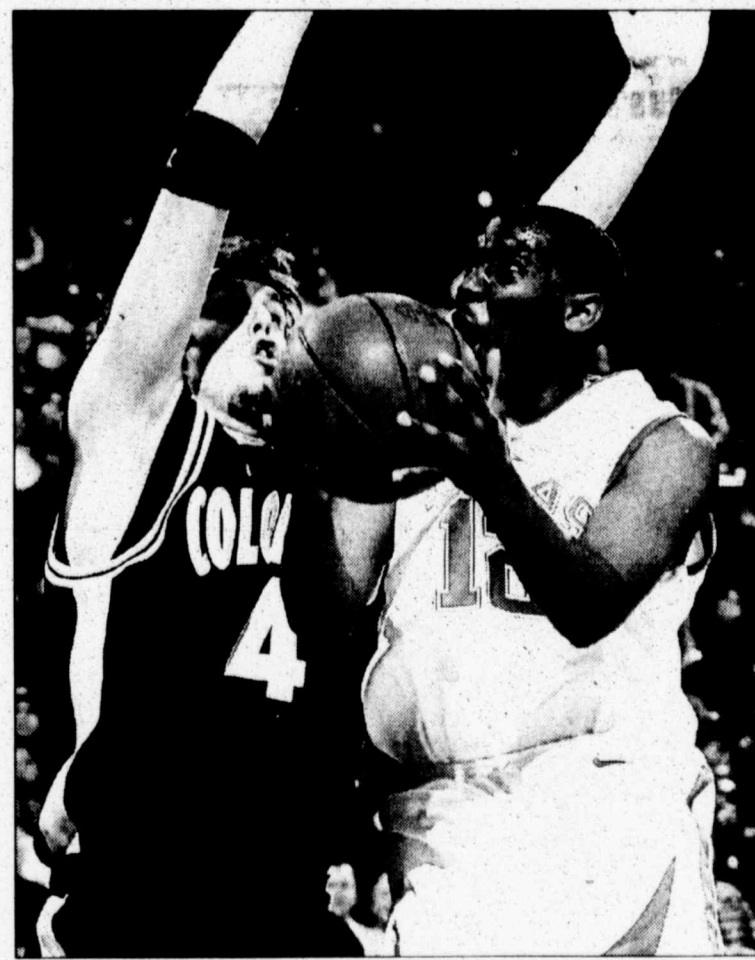
"I didn't play my best. I let my whole team down," Buckman said. "I can't explain it, really. I thought the energy was there."

So was Colorado's defense.

"We wanted to make sure we doubled him as much as we could," Colorado coach Ricardo Patton said. "When he tried to get it out to Gibson, we wanted to deny that. We really wanted to take away those two players."

With 20 wins, the Longhorns are still favored to earn an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. Only one Big 12 team with 20 victories — Kansas State in 1999 — has ever been snubbed by the selection committee.

"I think if the committee is taking the best 34 (at-large) teams, then we are one of them," Barnes said. "Our resume is set, and I think it is pretty good."



KRT photo/Jim Barcus, Kansas City Star
Texas' Kenton Paulino, right, drives past Colorado's Andy Osborn for a shot during the first half of their Big 12 Tournament game in Kansas City, Miss. Thursday.

Favre to take snaps in 2005

Green Bay Hall of Famer decides to play another year

By ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Sports Writer
Brett Favre is returning to the Green Bay Packers for the 2005 season, The Associated Press has learned.

Coach Mike Sherman told The AP on Thursday that he had a two-hour conversation with his quarterback on Wednesday night.

Favre informed him his wife is doing well in her cancer treatment, so he's planning to play at least one more season, maybe more if his own health holds up.

"It came down to his wife and she's doing well in her recovery," Sherman said. "She wants him to play. He said he's looking for-

ward to playing — hopefully without any off-the-field situations and enjoying the journey."

The three-time MVP said after the Packers' playoff loss to Minnesota in January that he wanted to reflect before committing to playing a 15th NFL season following a year of personal tumult.

His wife, Deanna, was diagnosed with breast cancer in October, a week after the death of her 24-year-old brother in an ATV accident on the quarterback's property in Mississippi.

And Favre was still dealing with the stunning news of Reggie White's death on the day after Christmas, which came about a year after the death of Favre's father, Irv, from a heart attack.

"After the season, he just needed to think

Bubble burst? K-State upsets A&M in opening round of Big 12

NCAA chances hurt with bad loss to 'Cats in conference tourney

By DOUG TUCKER

AP Sports Writer
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jeremiah Massey did not just want the ball. He insisted upon it.

Fueling a key surge in the second half, Kansas State's senior leader wound up with 18 points Thursday night and led the Wildcats to a 68-62 victory over Texas A&M in the first round of the Big 12 tournament.

It was the first tournament win since 2002 for the Wildcats (17-11), who suffered through a frustrating regular season, losing twice on last-second shots and twice in overtime.

The victory also may take pressure off embattled coach Jim Wooldridge and put Kansas State in line for its first postseason appearance in Wooldridge's five years.

Antoine Wright had 28 points for the Aggies (19-9), whose 12-game turnaround in the regular season tied for the biggest in Division I.

The Aggies and Wildcats both figure they should receive an NIT bid.

Acie Law sank a 3-pointer — his only bucket in 13 shots — that gave the Aggies a 46-41 advantage. But then Massey led the Wildcats on an 14-4 run for a 55-50 lead Texas A&M could never overcome.

Texas A&M, still winless in the tournament since the inception of the Big 12 nine years ago, never got closer than five points.

Going back to the old Southwest Conference, the Aggies have lost 12 straight postseason games.

Lance Harris and Fred Peete each had 13 points for Kansas State and Peete's 14 rebounds were a school record for a Big 12 tournament game. Justin Williams had 12 for the Wildcats and provided solid defense inside against Joseph Jones, the Aggies' standout freshman center who totaled nine points and 12 rebounds.

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KRT photo/Allison Long, Kansas City Star
Baylor's Sophia Young is fouled by Texas Tech's Darrice Griffin during their Big 12 Conference Women's Basketball Tournament game in Kansas City, Miss. Thursday. The sixth-ranked Bears defeated No. 14 Texas Tech, 58-57, in the conference semifinal game.

One steroid policy for all sports next goal for Congress

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — The chairman of a House subcommittee said Thursday that all major U.S. sports leagues should work toward a single drug-testing plan, and the heads of a congressional committee that subpoenaed stars said baseball players should not be "above the law."

"Our elite athletic organizations, both professional and amateur, should establish uniform, world-class, drug-testing standards that are as consistent and robust as our criminal laws in this area," said Rep. Cliff Stearns, chairman of a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee. "Nothing less should be tolerated."

Labor lawyers from the commissioner's office and the NFL testified before the panel, which also heard from Donald Hooton of Plano, Texas, whose son was a steroid user and committed suicide, and Dr. Ralph Hale, chairman of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which oversees drug testing for Olympic sports.

Energy and Commerce Committee chairman Rep. Joe Barton said this could be the first of a series of hearings on the issue and that at some point subpoenas might be issued for commissioners of the major sports leagues.

"The time has come to put an end to this mess and reclaim sports as competition," he said.

Barton said use of performance-enhancing drugs is tainting sports and its stars, noting that as San Francisco Giants star Barry Bonds pursues the career home run record there are questions about whether he has been aided by steroids.

"With Babe Ruth, people didn't worry about him taking steroids. They worried about him eating another hot dog," Barton said.

On Wednesday, the House Government Reform Committee issued subpoenas Wednesday calling for Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and five other baseball stars to testify at a March

17 hearing. The committee also demanded a variety of documents and records of baseball's drug tests.

Baseball balked at the subpoenas. Stanley Brand, a lawyer for the commissioner's office, said the committee had no jurisdiction, was trying to violate baseball's first amendment privacy rights, and was attempting to "satisfy their prurient interest into who may and may not have engaged in this activity."

Committee chairman Rep. Tom Davis and ranking Democrat Henry Waxman responded Thursday, sending Brand a letter that stated "your legal analysis is flawed."

"Any failure to comply with the committee's subpoenas would be unwise and irresponsible," the congressmen wrote.

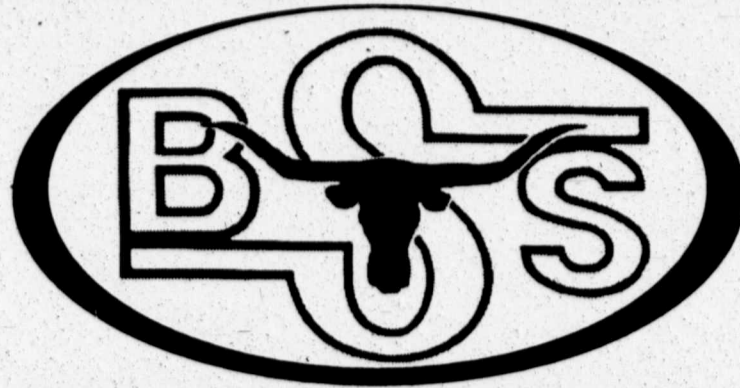
"Major league baseball and professional baseball players should not be above responsible scrutiny," they said. "Baseball and ballplayers do not, by virtue of their celebrity, deserve special treatment or to be placed above the law. ... Any American citizen under these circumstances would be required to comply with the Committee's request. Major League Baseball and baseball players are no different."

The other players subpoenaed to appear next week were Jose Canseco — who recently published a book outlining allegations of steroid use by McGwire and others — Jason Giambi, Curt Schilling, Rafael Palmeiro and Frank Thomas. Also called were players' association head Donald Fehr, baseball executive vice presidents Rob Manfred and Sandy Alderson, and San Diego Padres general manager Kevin Towers.

Canseco, Fehr and Manfred have agreed to testify, with Manfred appearing on behalf of commissioner Bud Selig. Before the subpoenas were issued, Brand told the committee the other players were declining invitations to appear.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the hearing will take place as scheduled.

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2005 Steer Baseball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Feb. 26	(DH) Snyder	(H)	1:00
March 1	Odessa Permian	(T)	4:00
March 3, 4, 5	Monahans Tournament	(T)	TBA
March 8	Midland	(T)	1:00
March 17, 18, 19	Andrews Tournament	(T)	TBA
March 22	Hobbs	(H)	4:30
March 26	Odessa Permian	(H)	12:00
March 29	*Lakeview	(H)	4:30

(DH) Double Header

*District Games

Head Coach: Jason Phillips

Asst. Coaches: Kenny Lowery & Paul Hidalgo



2005 Lady Steer Softball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TEAM	SITE	TIME
Feb. 24, 25, 26	Midland Tournament	V-JV	(T)	TBA
March 1	Abilene High	V-JV	(T)	3/4:30
March 3, 4, 5	El Paso Tournament	V	(T)	TBA
March 10	Greenwood	V-JV	(T)	4/5:30
March 12	Lubbock High	V-JV	(H)	11/1:00
March 14	Midland Christian	JV	(T)	5:30
March 15	Coahoma	V	(H)	4:30
March 19	Lubbock Cooper	V-JV	(H)	11/1:00
March 22	*Lakeview	V-JV	(H)	4/5:30
March 24	*Andrews	V-JV	(T)	6/7:30
March 29	*Frenship	JV-V	(T)	4/6:00

*District Games

Head Coach: Lea Daggett

Asst. Coach: Phillip Pearce

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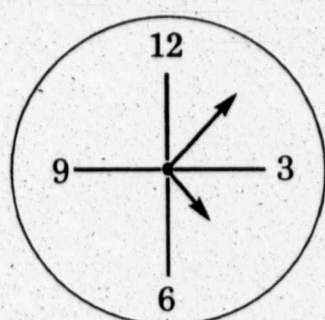
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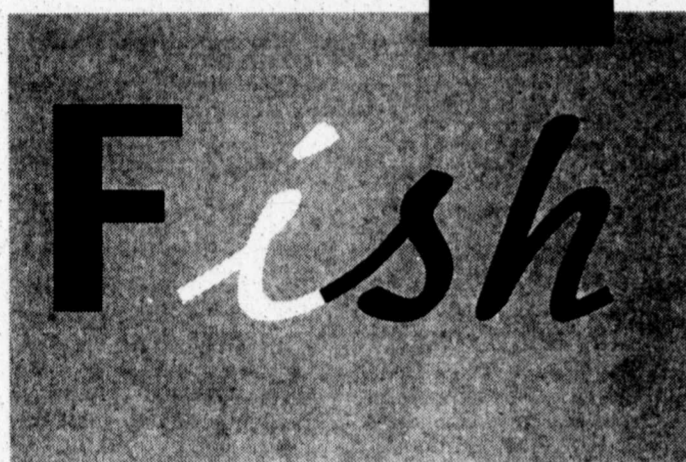
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ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 49 degrees; .07-foot low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored jerkbaits and jigs suspended in trees. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water muddy in upper end; 54 degrees; 3.7-foot low. Black bass are slow around rocky areas and flooded vegetation on shallow running crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs suspended 13-15 feet near the derricks. White bass are fair on mud flats on shad-imitation crankbaits and larger jigs with inline spinners. Blue catfish are good on cut shad and prepared baits just off the river channel in the mid-lake area and above.

BUFFALO SPRINGS: Water lightly stained; Clarity about 4-5 feet; 55 degrees; .5-foot low. Black bass are fair on crankbaits suspended 8 feet. Crappie are fair and improving on worms as spawn is beginning. Catfish up to 10 pounds are fair near crappie house on hooks baited with worms and liver.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 53 degrees; .9-foot low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 51 degrees; .4-foot low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live bait. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 11.4-foot low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striper are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair on chicken liver and shad.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 48 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on chicken liver.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 49 degrees; 24.25-foot low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on live bait. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

O.H. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 22-foot low. Black bass are fair on live bait and Carolina-rigged dark plastics tipped chartreuse fished along humps and creek channels. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair on live baits. Channel catfish are fair on prepared and live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 55 degrees; .75-foot low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are slow. White bass are good near Carter Bend. Striped bass are slow on live bait fished vertically in the lower part of the lake. Channel and blue catfish are fair just above the reservoir on trotlines baited with shad. Note: Golden alga is affecting fewer shoreline areas with a shad die-off.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 53 degrees; 4.12-foot low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White and striped bass are fair on slabs tipped with minnows. Catfish are fair.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 30.63-foot low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait and roadrunners. Catfish are good on live baits and prepared baits.

THOMAS: Crappie on minnows and jigs. Catfish on perch, shad and mud minnows. Bass on any kind of lure.

WHITE RIVER: Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 18-foot low. Black bass are fair on black/blue jigs and shad-colored crankbaits. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. Walleye are fair on minnows. Channel catfish are fair on live bait.

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2005 Bulldog Baseball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Feb. 24-26	Greenwood Tourney	Midland	TBA
March 1	Sonora	Here	5:30
March 3-5	Sweetwater Tourney	Sweetwater	TBA
March 8	Kermit	Kermit	1:00
March 10-12	Snyder Tourney	Snyder	TBA
March 15	Crane	Crane	7:00
March 22	Midland Christian	Midland (FAB)	6:00
March 25	*Stamford	Stamford	4:00
March 29	*Colorado City	Colorado City	7:00
*District Games			
Head Coach: Brad Harman		Asst. Coach: Coley Dobbs	



2005 Lady Bulldog Softball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TEAM	SITE	TIME
Feb. 24-26-7AM-Sat	Midland Tournament	JV-V	(T)	TBA
March 1	Greenwood	V	(T)	4:30
March 3-5-7AM-Sat	Snyder Tournament	V	(T)	TBA
March 7	Snyder	JV-V	(T)	5/7:00
March 9-12	Arlington Tournament	V	(N. Richland Hills)	TBA
March 15	Big Spring	JV-V	(T)	4/6:00
March 18	Andrews	JV-V	(H)	5/7:00
March 22	Midland Lee	JV-V	(H)	5/7:00
March 25	*Stamford	V	(T)	6:30
March 29	*Colorado City	JV-V	(T)	5/7:00
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Head Coach: Robby Dickenson		Asst. Coaches: Dicky Stone & Shanna Roberts		

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The headstrong Aries lunar energy causes me to be overly aggressive, thinking that the louder they talk or the more they repeat themselves, the better their chances of being heard. The opposite is true. With so much Pisces energy in the heavens, subtly communicates much more clearly. Dare to be soft, humble and even coy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). That unpleasant person or awkward issue must now be dealt with directly. Avoidance is pointless. Like a bad French movie, your life will keep intersecting with the thing until a madcap culmination is reached.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When communication is missed and events don't unfold cleanly, extend the benefit of the doubt.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

You're so on the go that even people who should know how to find you have a hard time tracking you down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The saying goes that "rejection is God's protection." In spite of recent reversals, the demand for what only you can deliver has not slacked in the slightest. You're still charismatic, and tonight's events prove it!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're a giving soul. But the neediness in the world is just too strong a current, and succumbing to it will drag you in over your head. Though you won't be able to give people all they want from you, give what you can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your inventiveness, intuition and ingenuity sparkle up everything you touch. You've got answers that even the powers of Google couldn't deliver! Too bad friends don't follow your advice, but hey, at least you follow your own!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sentimentality dictates some of your activi-

ties. It's not like you, and maybe that's the appeal. You feel soft and pliable. It's time to admit it: Your passing fancy is growing into an abiding attachment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll witness the domino effect. Perhaps the snarled-up plans of the day would discourage a less creative soul, but you'll make something magical out of the whole mess! You're nothing if not resilient!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your psychic antennae are activated. Someone is either talking about what you can do for him or her or fantasizing about same. What a coincidence — you were just thinking about what that person might do for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What's life without glamour, art and adventure? Unless you do some research or make some plans for the weekend, you're about to find out! Get on that! A Gemini can contribute.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even if you're destined for a day of

labor, find ways to cut loose and have a little fun. Your association with a Leo or Aquarius helps. Playful electricity is in the air. Join the merry-go-round of people out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What would happen if you just let go of plaguing commitment issues? Maybe you're just fine with the level of commitment you have! Love is more fun if you play it by ear now anyway.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Abandon antiquated ideas and outdated methods for the modern, streamlined and efficient. The more you automate your life, the more time you have to be frivolous and spontaneous!

WEEKEND LOVE REPORT: Manipulation, trickery and persuasion are ineffective in the pursuit of love. People love whom they love because they just do. Intellect and circumstance have nothing to do with it. It's right when it feels right.

ARIES: Dare to ask your-

self, "How deep is your love?" It will be tested for sure. **TAURUS:** Success in dating boils down to good etiquette — read up, or ask around about what you don't know. **GEMINI:** Variety is your spice now, and you're especially drawn to water signs. **CANCER:** Leave your work at home. Being able to love depends on being able to let go and have fun. **LEO:** Temptations abound. Fly straight — you don't need the complications! **VIRGO:** Make sure you BOTH see the bright future of a relationship. **LIBRA:** A fantastic change in your appearance makes you feel super-sexy! **SCORPIO:** Be willing to do it someone else's way, and you tap unexpected wells of love. **SAGITTARIUS:** Nothing you encounter this weekend is worth arguing over. **CAPRICORN:** Lonely feelings melt away as you give more and more of your heart to others. **AQUARIUS:** Your independence is so attractive, you'll have more than one admirer. **PISCES:** A daring activity

gives you a rush — but is the risk worth the reward?

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Aquarius and Gemini usually connect in an easy, breezy way. But this weekend, feelings intensify, and relating in a loving way will no longer be as simple as it once was. Outside interests and people get into the mix, causing both Aquarius and Gemini to doubt the love of which they were so sure. If each extends the benefit of the doubt (even when it's hard to do), the weekend ends happily.

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Dear Annie: I am concerned about my 21-year-old daughter, "Lindsey." She has been with "Chip" for three years, although the relationship has always been on-again, off-again. Last year, Chip broke up with her, she gained a ton of weight, and then begged him to come back, altering her entire self to become the person Chip wanted her to be.

It devastated us to see this intelligent young woman become someone she is not. But even worse, last summer she and Chip were married. It kills me that she makes concessions to him. She



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

attends college full time and works part time, and he expects her to keep the house clean, make dinner, do laundry, etc., while he

works at a job making slightly above minimum wage, then comes home and sits on his behind, watching TV. At one point, Chip told Lindsey he didn't love her and was moving out, then changed his mind, and she let him move back in.

Her father has just about washed his hands of her, and to be honest, I am not far behind. When Chip comes over, which is rare, we try to be friendly and make him feel welcome. But how can we accept a person like this into our family when we know how little he cares about our daughter's feelings? I love Lindsey so

much, and this is breaking my heart. Please help. — Desperate Mother in Kentucky

Dear Desperate: Lindsey may have made a mistake marrying Chip, but she is an adult, and you're going to have to make the best of it. You are wise to be friendly and welcoming to your son-in-law, because doing otherwise would push your daughter away. Make sure Lindsey knows how much you love her and that you will always be a source of comfort and support. Meanwhile, we hope Chip can grow up and become the man he needs to be.

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter from "Bride in Endicott, N.Y.," who said it was great when shower guests address their own thank-you notes because it means the spelling and address are correct. She also said it helps if the guest identifies how she is related.

If a bride doesn't know me well enough to know who I am, why on earth did she invite me to her shower? If she doesn't know my address, how did the invitation reach me? I sure hope her husband-to-be knows what he is getting into. — Cross Me off Her Guest List

Dear Cross Me Off: Let's not go overboard. We agree that brides should address their own thank-you notes, but it is not unusual for unfamiliar guests to be present. After all, the bride is not the one hosting the party. It is proper, for example, to invite the new in-laws, including the groom's cousins and aunts, whom the bride may not have met previously, and whose names may not indicate their relationship.

Dear Annie: "Imposed on in Boston" said that her husband was always inviting people home for dinner without consulting her, expecting her to hostess at a moment's notice. You told her to call out for pizza, hire a catering service, or leave the house and stay at a hotel. Your advice was right on. My husband used to pull this nonsense on me when we first married. We both worked full time, and I would come home to find that he had invited guests when the house was a mess, and all I was prepared to serve was tuna salad.

One night, when I came dragging home to discover company waiting, I

decided enough was enough. I sweetly informed my husband that I was sure he could find something to feed them, because I was going to my aerobics class. I walked out the door and didn't return until the guests had gone.

My husband never pulled that stunt on me again. — No Doormat in the South

Dear South: We admire your nerve. Thanks for sharing.

Dear Annie: My mother-in-law, "Marley," has me worried. Two years ago, Marley married a doctor and moved west to live with him. Her husband has a 50-ish daughter, "Carrie," who is quite close to her father. Carrie claims to have several food allergies.

Marley told me that it irritates her when Carrie comes over and eats from their fridge, so she has started chopping up some of these sensitive foods and putting them into soups and such, which Carrie then innocently eats. Marley hasn't told her husband, because he will tell Carrie.

Over the holidays, Marley came to visit us. In one of our conversations, I mentioned that my 12-year-old daughter and I share an allergy to walnuts. Yet, for our holiday dinner, Marley made a dessert with crushed walnuts in the crust and didn't tell us. After I ate a bite and noticed my mouth was on fire, I told my daughter not to eat any. I then reminded Marley that we are allergic, and not 10 minutes later, she held out a piece of this same dessert and told my daughter to "have some."

My husband doesn't want to believe his mother would intentionally hurt his family, but I'm not so sure. Yesterday, Marley sent our family a box of cookies that contained ground walnuts. What should I do? — Allergic and Angry

Dear Allergic: We might have thought this was accidental, except for the fact that Marley confided she was deliberately giving her stepdaughter reactive foods. Either Marley erroneously believes allergies are faked and she is determined to prove it, or she is homicidal. Whichever, the woman sounds seriously deranged.

Your husband (or you, if he refuses) should talk to Marley's husband, the

doctor, and tell him what she is doing. Ask him to see that Marley gets a complete physical and some education about allergic reactions. In the meantime, do not eat anything that she bakes, cooks or mails to you. Ever.

Dear Annie: Your advice to "Scared to Death," whose husband accesses incest porn via the computer; needs to include another component. Cybersex is, by virtue of its content and means of access, highly addictive. Certainly, this individual could benefit from therapeutic assistance, but many psychotherapists do not have substantial training in addictive behavior, particularly sexual.

Please tell him to check with the Society for the Advancement of Sexual Health (formerly the National Council on Sexual Addiction and Compulsivity) to find a qualified counselor in his area. — Elsbery W. Reynolds, CSAT, Idyllwild, Calif.

Dear Elsbery Reynolds: Thank you for your expert assistance. Anyone interested in contacting SASH can do so at nscac.org or by writing P.O. Box 725544, Atlanta, GA 31139. Here's one more:

Dear Annie: You blew it big-time with your reply to "Scared to Death." Yes, she has every right to insist that her husband do whatever is necessary so she can feel their future children will be safe, and if his porn interest is a major expense in the family budget, she has a right to complain about that, too.

She does not, however, have the right to put a control device on his computer to lock him out of the sites. He is an adult and it is his computer. Where's his right to privacy? If any wife of mine did that, I would remove the lock, even if it meant reformatting the hard drive or buying a new computer. Then I would put a password on my machine so that she couldn't use it. — Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Greensboro: Yes, he is an adult, but he has an addiction to porn that he says he wants to overcome. If he will not agree to put a lock on those sites, he's not trying very hard.

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6:30 PM	News (CC) Wheel-Forum
7:30 PM	8 Simple Rules: The Bunch
8:30 PM	Hope & Faith: Less-Perfect
9:30 PM	20/20 (CC)
10:30 PM	News (CC) Nightline
11:30 PM	Ent. Tonight: Jimmy Kimmel
12:30 AM	Live (CC) News (CC)

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7 :PM	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	Apuesta por un Amor	Big 12 Quarterfinal --	NCIS (CC)	La Mujer en el Espejo	DateLine NBC (CC)	Friends (CC)	Update/Israel Biblical Israel	Wash. Week Wall-Fortune	American Chopper	Movie: Volcano	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn	Movie: Gladiator	Movie	Movie: Buffalo Dreams (CC)	ACC Quarterfinal	Big East Semifinal	Movie: Fied (CC)
8 :PM	Hope & Faith Less-Perfect	Hope & Faith Less-Perfect	Amor Real	Teams TBA College	JAG (CC) (DVS)	Gitanas	Law & Order: SVU	Movie: While You Were Sleeping (CC)	Light of the Southwest	NOW (CC) Tucker Carlson	Southern Steel		Untold (CC)				College Basketball	College Basketball	45 Movie:
9 :PM	2020 (CC)	2020 (CC)	Hospital. Paisa La Escuela	Basketball: Big 12	NUMB3RS (CC)	Te Voy a Enseñar a Querer	Law & Order: Trial by Jury	10 Movie: Forces of Nature (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Jmi Edit. Rpt Tavis Smiley	American Hot Rod (CC)	15 Movie: Scream 2	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn	Movie: The Mask of Zorro	Club Comic View	Movie: Buffalo Dreams (CC)	ACC Quarterfinal --	Big East Semifinal --	Bad Company (CC)
10 :PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Quarterfinal Bernie Mac	News Late Show	Noticias Boxeo	News Tonight Show	10 Movie: Forces of Nature (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	American Chopper		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn	Movie: The Mask of Zorro	Nightly News Maad Sports	Teams TBA College	Teams TBA SportsCenter	35 Movie:	
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"I NEED YOUR HELP, DAD. MOM'S GONNA FIX VEG-TABLES FOR DINNER. YOU COULD SAY 'HOW ABOUT HAMBURGERS INSTEAD, DARLING?'"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"They're a little big for you, Grandma, but that's okay. You'll grow into them."

HAGAR

"NOW THIS ONE IS UNIQUE - IT'S ALL ON ONE FLOOR!"

"NO, I'D RATHER SEE SOMETHING ELSE..."

"I'M NOT CRAZY ABOUT RANCH-STYLE CASTLES"

BLONDIE

"SHOULD I CALL TRICIA, MARLENE OR TRACY?"

"SOUNDS LIKE AN INTERESTING PROBLEM"

"WHO'D YOU DECIDE ON?"

"AMANDA"

HUMMER

"A CAR THAT CAN'T SING"

WILEY'S DICTIONARY

WIZARD OF ID

"HOW'S BUSINESS?"

"TERRIFIC!"

"MY CONDOLENCES"

AGNES

"LAST NIGHT, IN THE QUIET OF THE GATHERING GLOOM, I DISCOVERED THE MEANING OF LIFE."

"YEAH?"

"NOPE"

"I SPEND YEARS WRINGING MY HANDS, SEARCHING MY SOUL AND PUCKERING MY FACE IN FUZZLEMENT TO DISCOVER THE MEANING OF LIFE, AND YOU DON'T EVEN WANT TO HEAR WHAT IT IS?"

"WILL IT BE ON THE FINAL?"

HI AND LOIS

"YOU HAVE TO LINE UP THE ARROWS"

"I DID THAT, IT WON'T OPEN"

"CAN YOU OPEN THIS ASPIRIN BOTTLE, CHIP?"

"SURE"

"YOU CUT THE TOP OFF? HOW DO I CLOSE IT?"

"YOU ONLY SAID YOU WANTED IT OPEN!"

THE OTHER COAST

"SLOORP! SLOORP!"

"SQUISH!"

"TOUHOSE, MUST YOU BE SO NOISY WHEN YOU SUCK ON CANDIES?"

"THAT'S NOT CANDY VICKY, THAT'S MY FEET STICKING TO THE FLOOR."

"NEXT TIME, WEAR YOUR HIP WADERS."

SNUFFY SMITH

"A LOTTA TH' LYRICS AIN'T RELAVINT TO LI'L TATER, SO I JEST CHANGE 'EM!!"

"TH' HOOVES ON TH' MULE GO UP AN' DOWN, UP AN' DOWN..."

BEETLE BAILEY

"CAREFUL... DON'T WAKE HIM!"

"LET ME KNOW WHEN TO START CUSSING"

"READY..."

"BEETLE TOLD US, 'SARGE DOESN'T SCARE ME!'"

This Date In History

By the Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 11, the 70th day of 2005. There are 295 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 11, 1942, as Japanese forces continued to advance in the Pacific during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines for Australia, vowing: "I shall return." (He kept that promise nearly three years later.)

On this date:

In 1810, Emperor Napoleon of France was married by proxy to Archduchess Marie Louise of Austria.

In 1861, the Confederate convention in Montgomery, Ala., adopted a constitution.

In 1888, the famous "Blizzard of '88" struck the northeastern United States, resulting in some 400 deaths.

In 1930, former President and Chief Justice Taft was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt signed into law the Lend-Lease Bill, providing war supplies to countries fighting the Axis.

In 1959, the Lorraine Hansberry drama "A Raisin in the Sun" opened at New York's Ethel Barrymore Theater.

In 1965, the Rev. James J. Reeb, a white minister from Boston, died after being beaten by whites during civil rights disturbances in Selma, Ala.

In 1965, "I Lost It at the Movies," a collection of film criticism by Pauline Kael, was first published by Little, Brown and Co.

In 1977, more than 130 hostages held in Washington, D.C., by Hanafi Muslims were freed after ambassadors from three Islamic nations joined the negotiations.

In 1985, Mikhail S. Gorbachev was chosen to succeed the late Soviet President Konstantin U. Chernenko.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Terence Alexander is 82. Media mogul Rupert Murdoch is 74. ABC News correspondent Sam Donaldson is 71. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia is 69. Musician Flaco Jimenez is 66. Actress Tricia O'Neil is 60. Rock singer-musician Mark Stein (Vanilla Fudge) is 58. Singer Bobby McFerrin is 55. Movie director Jerry Zucker is 55. Actress Susan Richardson is 53. Singer Nina Hagen is 50. Singer Cheryl Lynn is 48.

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ACROSS

- Sloop pole
- Muscle woe
- Share a side with
- Palo
- All Things Considered medium
- Great Pyramid locale
- Busy hour at a luncheonette
- Congregation's affirmations
- Green land
- Start of a Vince Lombardi quote
- Chowed down
- Stamps of approval
- Donates 10%
- Antiques Roadshow network
- Swab brand
- 511, at the Forum
- Heavy or sheet follower
- Make a shambles of
- Israel's first king
- Middle of quote
- Emulate Atlantis
- Count (on)
- Valentine's Day dozen
- Circus segment
- Tuning device
- Make a blouse
- Reception wrecker
- Sloppy Joe holder
- File-folder feature
- End of quote
- Old Maid match-up

DOWN

- Craze
- High above
- Vermont skiing mecca
- Author Morrison
- Grouchy ones
- Harold of Ghostbusters
- Seaport of Yemen
- Dynasty known for vases
- Putting forth as fact
- Intermediary
- What some candles signify
- Action-film weapon
- Beachgoer's pride
- With dignity
- Drink slowly
- Display abundantly, as charm
- Corn Belt towers
- Transmission setting
- Writing tool on a \$2 bill
- Like a needle's eye
- Flat-topped hills
- Turn out, as a tenant
- Only penciled in
- South American runner
- Display
- Tyke's transportation
- Short-tailed songbirds
- Six-sided roller
- Belly up
- Cast
- Sired, in the Scriptures
- Chef's hat
- Caribbean resort island
- Brute
- and the Gang (rock band)
- Suburbia satirist Bombeck
- One way to pay
- Nightwear, for short
- Be less than well

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Golf Insider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Pendulum motion keeps putter in line

By T.J. TOMASI
Universal Press Syndicate

Although there are many putting styles, the most natural and dependable is the pendulum motion, where your arms and putter swing in unison with a slight rotation of the shoulders around the fixed axis of your spine. A pendulum moves back and forth on a prescribed path, moving neither inside nor outside of the path because of its fixed axis and the absence of any manipulation. Your putting stroke should do the same.

If your putter swings too far inside or outside on the backswing, you'll train yourself to make compensations on the downstroke. For example, take a look at the golfer in the first photo below who, facing a straight 8-foot putt, has manipulated the putter head too far to the inside on his backswing. The second photo shows he didn't make any compensation for his bad path, causing him to miss the hole 2 feet to the right.

It won't take many misses like this before he's manipulating the putter head during the down stroke, looping the club to the outside in an attempt to pull the ball back toward the hole. Unfortunately, even if he is successful, he will have imparted so much side spin to the ball that it will go in only if it happens to fall in the center of the cup; any putt on the edge will "spin out."

Much of this golfer's trouble is with his stance. In photo 1 he is bending too much from his waist. Perhaps fueled by the old saw, "Get close to your work," he is too close. His eyes are well outside his intended line of roll, and there is no room for his arms to hang, creating too much bending at the elbows.

From here he'll have trouble creating motion with the shoulders, and this forces him to rotate his forearms, the cardinal sin of putting. You can see evidence of this rotation in the fact that the inside of his left forearm is visible.

In the last photo, he is doing much better: He is bending forward from his hips so that his eyes are over the target line (just where you would want them in any target game), and he's standing taller, allowing his arms to hang comfortably from his shoulders.

This stance encourages a pendulum motion activated by the shoulders. Notice that his putter is on the target line and you can no longer see his inner forearm. There is no manipulation here and no compensation necessary.



In the bottom photo, the golfer's improved stance encourages a pendulum motion activated by the shoulders.



GARY CORONADO / Cox News Service

Jack Nicklaus becomes emotional Monday at the Loxahatchee Club in his first public appearance since the drowning last week of his grandson, Jake.

'You've got to move on'

Masters likely out as Nicklaus copes with grandson's death

By GLENN SHEELEY
Cox News Service

Jupiter, Fla. It's the time of year when the heaviest thing on Jack Nicklaus' mind usually is Augusta National and whether there's another Masters remaining in him.

But everything is so different now. Since last Tuesday, when his 17-month-old grandson Jake drowned in a hot tub, Nicklaus' priorities have been painfully altered.

Nicklaus' children and grandchildren are why golf is secondary now for the sport's greatest champion.

To lose one of them — "our precious Jake" — in such a devastating way is almost more than a Golden Bear can bear.

"It's just awful," Nicklaus said with reddened eyes and the dark circles under them that spoke of restless nights.

What happened is why Nicklaus, who spoke Monday for the first time since the accident, is unlikely to play in the Masters next month and canceled two trips to Augusta for preparation. He wants to support Jake's parents — son Steve and wife Krista, who is 3 1/2 months pregnant.

"I'd say my chances of playing Augusta are probably slim and none," Nicklaus said. "I'm going to spend my time with Steve and

Krista, and I think that's a lot more important right now than playing golf. . . Obviously, that little baby she has inside her is very important."

Of the fact that Nicklaus decided to go through with a scheduled event at his Loxahatchee Club, he said, "You've got to move on. Life is for the living. It hurts, but you go on."

Nicklaus, 65, said, "If this hadn't happened last week, I think I would have played [the Masters]. I don't think there is any question about it."

Nicklaus did not rule out playing, but it appears remote. It might happen only at his family's urging.

Nicklaus said he still plans to be at Augusta during Masters week for the Champions Dinner, probably the par-3 tournament and perhaps even a practice round. After that, he will see how he feels mentally and physically — and whether he feels at all prepared.

Above all, Nicklaus does not want to play without a reasonable chance of playing well.

"If I decide I want to play the golf tournament, then I'll play the golf tournament," he said. "If I don't think I should, I'll play Tuesday and Wednesday, and that will be it."

Nicklaus' sons always have been a large part of his golf history. Jackie caddied for him in 1986, embracing at the 18th green after

securing a sixth green jacket at age 46.

Steve plans to caddie at the British Open at St. Andrews in July — something Nicklaus is keeping on his schedule. The Royal & Ancient Golf Club moved St. Andrews into the rotation a year earlier to allow Nicklaus a return before he passes age 65, when his eligibility as a former champion ends.

"I would think I'll play the British Open no matter what," he said. "Steve is caddying for me, so I'll share that with him either way."

Nicklaus, who won the Champions Tour Skins Game last month, will play a couple of rounds of golf with his sons but will not play competitive golf between now and the Masters.

The enriching aspect of the past few days, he said, has been a worldwide outpouring of love and support from the family's friends and fans.

"Although this has been a time of mourning for our family, we are doing all that we can to celebrate the wonderful joy that came into our lives with little Jake," Nicklaus said.

"He was truly a gift from God. . . Jake's time with all of us was way too brief, yet the life, the smiles and the love he brought to our family will live in our hearts and memories forever."

Honda's charm is in the mix, not its star power

By CRAIG DOLCH
Cox News Service

Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. OK, so the Honda Classic won't have the same star power as last week's Ford Championship at Doral.

But here's one thing to consider: Who knew how good Todd Hamilton was before last year's Honda Classic? Hamilton didn't just win the Honda Classic with birdies on the last two

holes to catch Davis Love III, four months later Hamilton was lifting the claret jug after he defeated Ernie Els in a playoff to win the British Open.

"Obviously, what happened at Honda last year had a big impact on my career," said Hamilton, who had spent more than a decade playing in Japan.

So instead of worrying about who's not here after Doral lured 11 of the top 12 players in the world rankings, fans at this week's Honda Classic at

the Country Club at Mirasol will still have plenty of the game's best players to watch besides four of the world's top 12 players. This includes some players they wouldn't know until they read the names on the side of their bags.

"There's a lot of great players out here that nobody has heard about, and there's a lot of good players that people know who have never won out here," said Briny Baird, still searching for his first PGA Tour win.

SCHEDULE

All Times EST
PGA TOUR
Honda Classic
• Site: Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
• Course: The Country Club at Mirasol, Sunrise Course (7,468 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$5.5 million.
Winner's share: \$990,000.
• Television: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and NBC (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

CHAMPIONS TOUR

SBC Classic
• Site: Santa Clarita, Calif.
• Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
• Course: Valencia Country Club (6,905 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$1.55 million.
Winner's share: \$225,000.
• Television: The Golf Channel (Friday-Sunday, 6-8:30 p.m., 10 p.m.-midnight).

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR / ASIAN TOUR

Qatar Masters
• Site: Doha, Qatar.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
• Course: Doha Golf Club (7,311 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$1.5 million.
Winner's share: \$250,500.
• Television: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-noon).

LPGA TOUR

• Next event: Safeway International, March 17-20, Superstition Mountain Golf and Country Club, Superstition Mountain, Ariz.

NATIONWIDE TOUR

• Next event: Louisiana Open, March 24-27, Le Triomphe Country Club, Broussard, La.

LEADERS

WORLD RANKINGS

1. Tiger Woods, USA	12.27
2. Vijay Singh, Fiji	11.79
3. Ernie Els, SAI	11.22
4. Phil Mickelson, USA	9.11
5. Retief Goosen, SAI	7.41
6. Sergio Garcia, Spn	5.31
7. David Toms, USA	5.15
8. Padraig Harrington, Ire	4.99
9. Adam Scott, Aus	4.95
10. Stewart Cink, USA	4.84
11. Mike Weir, Can	4.83
12. Davis Love III, USA	4.67
13. Stuart Appleby, Aus	4.62
14. Chris DiMarco, USA	4.19
15. M.A. Jimenez, Spn	4.04
16. Darren Clarke, Nir	4.02
17. Chad Campbell, USA	3.68
18. Luke Donald, Eng	3.45
19. Justin Leonard, USA	3.22
20. Stephen Ames, T&T	3.19

MONEY LEADERS

PGA TOUR		
Player		Money
1. Phil Mickelson	\$2,723,056	
2. Tiger Woods	\$2,366,333	
3. David Toms	\$2,020,483	
4. Vijay Singh	\$1,618,313	
5. Adam Scott	\$1,363,753	
6. Stuart Appleby	\$1,154,936	
7. Ernie Els	\$1,018,640	
8. Justin Leonard	\$900,200	
9. Retief Goosen	\$845,608	
10. Charles Howell III	\$816,283	

LPGA TOUR		
Player		Money
1. Annika Sorenstam	\$180,000	
2. Cristie Kerr	\$162,213	
3. Jennifer Rosales	\$150,000	
4. Hee-Won Han	\$112,853	
5. Karrie Webb	\$109,852	
6. Reilley Rankin	\$66,409	
7. Lorena Ochoa	\$64,254	
8. Nicole Perrot	\$49,141	
9. Michele Redman	\$48,234	
10. Paula Creamer	\$42,301	

Champions Tour

Player	Money
1. Hale Irwin	\$703,000
2. Dana Quigley	\$431,253
3. Tom Watson	\$271,920
4. Mark James	\$264,450
5. Wayne Levi	\$247,900

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Pre-set hands for a better grip

Most golfers have an awful time placing their hands on the club, and to make it worse, they often confuse comfort with correctness. You see them fiddling with the grip, adjusting and then readjusting their hands, first the right hand, then the left, in an endless series of gropes and grabs.

If your grip doesn't look right, and it feels like your shaft and club head are twisting at impact, try pre-setting your hands and putting them on the club together instead of one at a time.

Rest a club with its handle against your left thigh and its head on the ground. Extend your arms in front of you and position your hands so that the fat pad of your right thumb rests on the large knuckle of

your left thumb (reverse this for lefties).

For a normal grip, the thumbs should be lined up one over the other so they point to the 12 of an imaginary clock that's facing you. If you wish to play with a strong hold on the club, turn your thumbs to 1 o'clock. To weaken your hold, rotate your thumbs counterclockwise to 11 o'clock.

Now, with your hands melded together, reach down and take hold of the club handle leaning against your thigh. Make sure to place the heel pad of your left hand on top of the handle so that the club is stabilized. The only pressure point you should have is that of the adhesion of your thumbs. No "gripping" or squeezing is necessary because your sensory system will adjust your hand pressure as you swing.

ASK THE PRO



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

Q: I'm not sure how much flex I should have at address. It seems to vary in the pros. Is there some standard I can follow? — B.X.S., Stuttgart, Germany

A: The amount of knee flex at address is determined in large part by your physique and your balance system, and not by some arbitrary, one-size-fits-all standard.

Greg Norman and Ernie Els bend their knees a lot at address, while Jeff Sluman and Ian Woosman barely bend at all. It's obvious that certain golfers play well at both ends of the knee-

bend continuum.

Rather than copy an arbitrary standard or a particular tour player, my suggestion is that you personalize your knee flex. Just be careful because there are extremes that you want to avoid.

Don't sit on the ball by over-bending your knees because this forces you to straighten out during your downswing to avoid hitting the ball fat. And you certainly don't want to stand stiff-legged at address because this freezes your body out of the swing, forcing you to make a weak, handsy swing. Can you name one sport that is

played stiff-legged?

To find your natural balance point for knee flex, take your normal stride, allowing the right heel to rise off the ground as you plant your left foot flat on the ground. Stop at this point and check the amount of bend in your left knee. This is your optimum balance position, the one you automatically go to with each step you take.

Now bring your right leg parallel to your left and match the amount of flex in your left knee. All you have left to do is stick your fanny out and you should be in "your" perfect knee flex position.