



# Death toll in London rises above 50

By PAISLEY DODDS

Associated Press Writer

LONDON — Police on Friday raised the death toll to more than 50 from London's terrorist bombings but said they hadn't yet been able to reach all of the dead. Commuters reluctantly returned to the Underground, but buses and subways carried fewer riders than normal in the aftermath of four rush-hour blasts.

Sir Ian Blair, commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said no evidence suggested that the attacks involved suicide bombers but that officials hadn't ruled out the possibility. He said a precise death toll wasn't yet known.

"We know that there are more than 50 fatalities. There is a great difficulty in determining how many fatalities there are because two of the scenes are very difficult in terms of recov-

ery," Blair said.

He said officials still hadn't gotten near the subway cars of the Russell Square station, fearing the tunnel unsafe, and he said the nature of the blast that ripped apart a double-decker bus was making it difficult to establish a death toll there.

London's mass transit system reopened Friday, though some commuters, admitting they were afraid, opted for a taxi. Normally packed double-decker

buses carried just a handful of passengers, and many Underground stations were less congested than normal. But others said they had little choice but to board the subway.

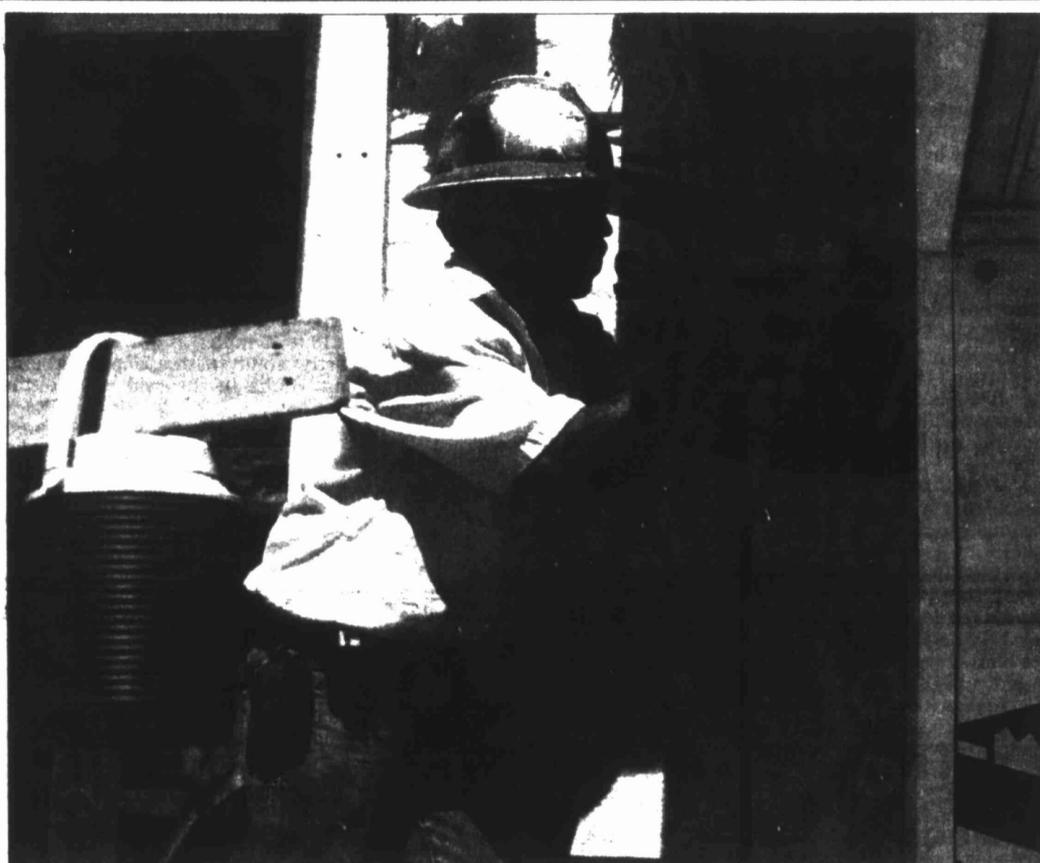
"I was scared, but what can you do?" said Raj Varatharaj, 32, emerging from an Underground station. "This is the fastest way for me to get to work. You just have to carry on."

Assistant

Commissioner Andy Hayman said officials believe the bombs were placed on the floors of the three subway cars that were hit. He said the initial investigation suggests that each bomb had less than 10 pounds of explosives.

Based on evidence recovered from the rubble, investigators believe some of the bombs were on timers, a U.S. law enforce-

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Juan Gomez, one of several construction workers currently working on the new apartment complex at the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and FM 700, nails panels to the outside of the structure. HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

## Supply drive

Salvation Army already gearing up to make sure kids have school supplies

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

As fall quickly approaches, many area parents are faced with a dilemma: How to purchase much needed school supplies on an already depleted budget.

Luckily, the Big Spring Salvation Army is starting its annual back-to-school supply drive in an effort to make sure area children have the materials — notebook paper, pencils and pens — to start the school year.

"We're starting our back-to-school supply drive and gearing up for that," said the local Salvation Army's Capt. Russ Keeney. "We're going to do it this year the same way we did it last year. Registration is Aug. 9 through Aug. 12, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The office will be closed from noon until 1 p.m. for lunch.

"We need people that are coming in to apply to bring a birth certificate or Medicaid card for each child. We also need to know what school the child is going to and what grade they will be in. Also bring proof of income and expenses, and a picture ID for the person applying for the program."

Keeney said qualified parents and guardians won't have to wait weeks to pick up their supplies, thanks to an expedited application process.

"If they qualify, they will be able to take the supplies home with them that same day," said Keeney. "That's instead of having them come back two weeks later. It helps cut down on the time it takes them and us to do this. It worked real-

ly well last year."

Keeney said the Salvation Army will be adding a rather pricey item to the back-to-school list this year, making it even more important that area residents show their support.

"This year we're going to be doing back packs in addition to the school supplies," said Keeney. "So it's going to be really good for those in needs. We need everyone in the community that can to pitch in and help us.

"If they would rather make a monetary donation instead of going out and buying the supplies, it actually saves a little bit of money. The Salvation Army is tax exempt, so we don't have to pay the taxes on them. But if they prefer to purchase the supplies and bring them to us, it's fine as well. If they make a monetary donation, they also need to earmark it for the back-to-school supplies."

For some children, the annual program is the difference between going back to school armed with the proper materials and being forced to rely on the day to day generosity of their classmates, according to Keeney.

"This is very important. This gives a child an opportunity to go to school with brand new supplies," said Keeney. "Some children go to school and they don't have any supplies at all. They have to depend on borrowing their supplies or depend on a teach to supply them.

"When they go to school and have what they need, they fit right in. They're

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## Both full House, Senate committee give property tax relief bills approval

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — The Texas House gave final approval Thursday to a measure that would change the way Texans pay for public schools, replacing some property taxes with new consumer and business taxes.

The bill now moves to the Senate, where a committee approved its version of the tax bill late Thursday by a 9-5 vote.

The tax bill, which sharply divided the House, was approved by a 70-69 vote. House officials changed the vote count after it was initially announced, blaming elec-

### Key elements of proposed House tax bill

The Texas House approved a tax proposal designed to replace some local school property taxes. Here are some of the main provisions of the plan, known as House Bill 3, which would still need to be approved by the Senate:

- State sales tax would increase from 6.25 percent to 7.25 percent.
- Sales tax would expand to include bottled water, motor vehicle repairs and computer programming.
- Cigarette tax would go up \$1 per pack from the current 41 cents per pack.
- Companies would not have the loopholes they now have to avoid the state business tax. An estimated 10,000 additional businesses that now avoid the state franchise tax would have to pay it, bringing the total number of businesses paying the tax to 160,000.
- Property taxes would be reduced from \$1.50 per \$100 of property value to \$1.23 in 2006 and \$1.12 the next year. Voters could approve an additional five-cent levy.

tronic voting machines votes. Overall, Democrats malfunctions for switched and a handful of

Republicans opposed the measure.

Each version will likely end up before a panel from each side to try to negotiate a compromise before the July 20 end of the 30-day special session called to restructure the state's public school funding system.

Like the House version, the Senate's proposal also would reduce the property taxes Texas homeowners pay and would increase other consumer taxes. Both measures increase the cigarette tax and sales tax, but the Senate version also raises

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### G-8 COMPROMISE



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— a \$50 billion aid package for Africa and up to \$3 billion in additional support for the Palestinians.

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### COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: For 67 years, competition has attracted youthful drivers to the All-American Soap Box Derby, in which hundreds of com-

petitors race non-motorized cars down an 954-foot track in Akron, Ohio, in hopes of capturing the national title.

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Throughout the centuries, people have desired the same things, pursued the same things, made the same mistakes, and even offered the same excuses for their mistakes. Attempts to deny the existence of, or any responsibility to, God have remained constant all through history as well.

The Gospel of Luke reported that during the ministry of John the Baptist many people understood and accepted the righteousness of God as they were baptized by John. But there were others who rejected God's purpose for their lives.

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## Obituaries

## J.D. Thompson

J. D. Thompson, 90, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 7, 2005 in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Virginia Garcia

Virginia Garcia, 88, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 7, 2005 in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Marguerite Hardy

Marguerite Hardy, 96, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 8, 2005, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Take note

• **GROUP PHOTOS TAKEN BY BRUCE SCHOOLER AT BIG SPRING DAY IN AUSTIN** are available for purchase from the chamber of commerce Tuesday through July 15. Cost is \$10 for an 8x10 and \$5 for a 5x7. For more information, call Schooler at 264-7728 or 213-1760.

• **PERMIAN BASIN MENSA** is accepting donations of cash or merchandise for their scholarship program. For more information, e-mail [scholarships@pb.us.mensa.org](mailto:scholarships@pb.us.mensa.org) or write to 301 E. Fifth St., Big Spring.

• **THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL OLDTIMERS** (those who graduated before 1940) are planning a reunion for the annual BSHS Homecoming Sept. 16-17. Anyone able to attend a reunion Sept. 17 should call 432-267-2900 and leave phone and address information.

• **TEXAS LIONS CAMP** is looking for children interested in attending camp this summer. Sessions are for children with physical disabilities 7 through 16 years of age. Camp is free for these children. For more information, call Bob Noyes at 267-5811 or 270-0811.

• **SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER'S SCHOOL OF RADIOLOGY** is having a reunion of all past graduates in conjunction with the 2005 graduation July 9 at the Spring City Senior Center. The reunion organizers are looking for these individuals: Tere Barrier, Susan Weaver Burton, Cheryl Carroll, Irma Chavez, Caroline Clifton, Paul Decker, Frank Garfias, Randy Gavin, Michelle Gonzales, Sandy Hatfield, Mickie Johnson, Sarah Martin, Janie McLaughlin, Mary Poston, Debbie Richter, Melissa Shafer and Susan Soloman. Contact Vivian Gordon at 268-4885 or e-mail to [vivian.gordon@chs.net](mailto:vivian.gordon@chs.net).

• **A MEMORIAL FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF TYBO JACOBS** at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma and Big Spring to help with funeral costs. He died in an automobile accident March 10.

• **DEREK CHURCHWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** has been established at Howard College. Donations may be made to the Howard College Foundation in care of Jan Foresyth, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Designate the Derek Churchwell Scholarship Fund.

• **HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD** is seeking financial donations to provide support for children in Howard County who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or mail donations to HCCWB P.O. Box 3101 Big Spring, 79721.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• **FRIENDS OF THE MARTIN COUNTY LIBRARY** have scheduled a used book sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. every Thursday in the new building across from the White Ford Motor Company, near the post office. The sale benefits the restoration of a library building. For more information contact Bud Lindsey at 756-2306.

• **THE FAR WEST BOYS HOME** is in need of donations of household, office and recreational items to benefit boys 5-17 who are unable to live with their families due to abuse or neglect. Items needed include dressers, bunk beds, mattresses, cookware, recreational and exercise equipment, and a maintenance pickup, can or car. Cash donations to purchase these items are also appreciated. Far West is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. To arrange pick up of items or for more information, call 432-353-4464.

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

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## Police blotter

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

- **DWAIN PAPE**, 54, of 408 W. Fifth Street, was arrested Thursday on a Lubbock Count warrant.
- **LONNIE GRAY**, 25, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft.
- **CRISELDA ROBLES**, 30, of Lamesa, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
  - in the 900 block of Willia.
  - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
  - in the 1800 block of FM 700.
  - in the 300 block of Owens.
- **POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 1400 block of Bluebird.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of Bluebird.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1100 block of Aylesford.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Ann.
- **ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 1400 block of Bluebird.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 300 block of Fifth Street.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **VICTOR BALDERAS FLORES**, 37, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on an indictment for failure to stop and render aid.
- **RANDY MIER**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **EDWIN JAMES DEAN**, 40, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for criminal mischief.
- **BRANDON JOE ROBINSON**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a building.
- **JOHNNY RAY TORRES**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
- **JOSE ALFREDO GOMEZ**, 22, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of violation of a promise to appear, speeding and no liability insurance.
- **DESTINEE LEE LUCAS**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a building.
- **JAMES BURLIN WILLIAMS JR.**, 19, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **EDWARD LEE HURRINGTON**, 51, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **JAMIE RAY SMITH**, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for forgery of a financial instrument.
- **CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOHERTZ**, 30, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of fraudulent possession of a controlled substance or prescription.
- **ROBERT WILLIAM DUNN**, 42, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and felony theft.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of Centerpoint Road.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way. Service was refused.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 500 block of Galveston.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 300 block of N.E. Seventh Street.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported near the intersection of N. Highway 87 and Interstate Highway 20.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported near the intersection of Second Street and Bell.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry.

## Bulletin board

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

## TODAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
- **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. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

## SATURDAY

- 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.

## MONDAY

- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

## Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

Monday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Monday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Thursday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

## Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-22-24-35. Bonus Ball: 14. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$875,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-4-7-15-22. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$15,647. Winning tickets sold in: Copperas Cove and Palestine.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night, in order:

4-8-3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday afternoon, in order: 2-9-3

## Correction

The date for the annual St. Thomas Catholic Church Festival, which is slated for July 15-16, was incorrectly identified as June 15-16 in the Thursday edition of the Herald.

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# Summit reaches compromises on African and Palestinian aid

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**  
AP Economics Writer

**GLENEAGLES, Scotland** — World leaders concluded an economic summit shaken by terrorism on Friday, offering an "alternative to the hatred" — a \$50 billion aid package for Africa and up to \$3 billion in additional support for the Palestinians.

"We speak today in the shadow of terrorism, but it will not obscure what we came here to achieve," British Prime Minister Tony Blair, the summit host, said to close the three-day gathering.

"It is in the nature of politics that we do not achieve absolutely everything we hope to achieve, but nonetheless I believe we have made very substantial progress indeed," Blair told reporters at a closing news conference.

With a last-minute pledge from Japan, Blair won a key victory, announcing that aid to Africa would rise from the current \$25 billion annually to \$50 billion by 2010.

In a separate joint statement on terrorism, the leaders pledged "to new joint efforts" to combat terrorism in light of the London bombings. Among those commitments was cooperating in ways to improve the safety of rail and subway travel.

Blair lost his push to get all summit countries to commit to boosting foreign aid to an amount equal to 0.7 percent of national income by 2015. Instead, a summit document said the European Union had agreed to that support but did not mention the United States.

President Bush had refused to be bound by the 0.7 percent target. The United States is currently giving 0.16 percent of national income, the smallest percentage of any of the G-8 countries.

Blair ticked off a list of accomplishments from a meeting that nonetheless produced less than he had hoped going in. The major failure was in the area of global warming, where staunch opposition from

Bush thwarted Blair's efforts to get a U.S. commitment to firm targets for reducing the greenhouse gas emissions blamed for warming the earth's atmosphere.

Aside from the massive increase in aid for the African continent, leaders signaled support for new deals on trade, endorsed cancellation of the debt of 18 of the world's poorest nations, pledged universal access to AIDS treatment, renewed their commitment to a peacekeeping force in Africa and heard African leaders promise to move toward democracies that follow the rule of law, he said.

"All of this does not change the world tomorrow — it is a beginning, not an end," Blair said, with leaders of the G-8 and five African nations standing behind him. "And none of it today will match the same ghastly impact as the cruelty of terror. But it has a pride and a hope and humanity at its heart that can lift the shadow of terrorism and light the way to a bet-



**G-8 leaders gather around the table for a Friday morning session at the Gleneagles Hotel in Auchterarder, Scotland.**

ter future." Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo thanked the leaders for focusing on Africa and for "their resolve not to be diverted by these terrorist acts."

Blair said the Palestinian aid package would total up to \$3 billion "in the years to come." The British leader said the assistance was designed "so that two states, Israel and Palestine, two peoples and two religions can live side

by side in peace."

Describing the agreement on climate change, Blair said merely that the plan of action "will initiate a new dialogue" between the summit countries and leaders from developing economies who also met with them.

The leaders, struggling to keep to their mission in the aftermath of deadly bombings that rocked London's rush hour on Thursday, shortened the final day of their summit

to allow Blair to rush back to lead a government panel dealing with the blasts.

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ment official said. The official would not further describe the evidence.

Investigators doubt that cell phones — used in the Madrid train attacks a year ago — were used to detonate the bombs in the Underground because the phones often don't work in the system's tunnels, the official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

Police denied that they had found any unexploded devices. On Thursday, a senior U.S. counterterrorism official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information said British authorities identified suspicious packages and detonated them in controlled explo-

sions.

Thursday's subway blasts went off within 18 minutes, starting at 8:51 a.m. An explosion ripped the roof off a double-decker bus less than an hour later, attacks that came as world leaders were opening the G-8 summit in Scotland.

More than 700 people were wounded. The police commissioner said 100 victims were hospitalized overnight, 22 in critical condition.

Prime Minister Tony Blair, who just the day before had been basking in glory of Britain's successful Olympics bid, condemned the attacks and blamed Islamic extremists. Foreign Minister Jack Straw said the attacks bore the hallmark of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida, the group responsible for Sept. 11.

Ten of London's 12 sub-

way lines reopened Friday, though service on three was restricted. Bus service was running through central London, except for diversions around blast sites.

Aldona Mosjko, a 21-year-old bagel shop manager from Poland, was among those too frightened to take public transportation Friday. "Normally, I take the bus, but today, I took a taxi. I was a bit afraid," she said.

Stocks opened higher in Europe on Friday, with insurance and travel-related stocks regaining some of the ground they lost on Thursday.

Queen Elizabeth II, her son Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, Dutchess of Cornwall, visited bombing victims at a

crowded St. Mary's Hospital.

"It's been one of the things that many of us have dreaded for a long time," Charles said, speaking to patients injured in the blasts. "What I can never get over is the resilience of the British people who have set us all a fantastic example of how to recover."

Some commuters commented on what appeared to be a light police presence at some stations.

"Everyone is very quiet, everybody is a bit anxious," said Anil Patel, 40,

a banker. "An obvious (police) presence would have settled your nerves."

The "Secret Group of al-Qaida's Jihad in Europe" claimed it was behind the attacks, but the claim could not be immediately verified.

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not being made fun of. And it's important to the family to be able to do that. It's also a great opportunity for the community to come together and help each other."

Keeney said the program also gives parents a chance to show their children why it's important to give back to the community.

"It also teaches us, as parents, to teach our children to give as well," said Keeney. "We have a lot of kids come to the office and help us pack the supplies. And some of the kids really get into it because they know why they're packing it up. They're helping someone that might not necessarily have something to go back to school with. They're giving them the opportunity to have something."

While the back-to-school drive is about to get into full swing, Keeney said the annual fan drive is still going strong.

"The fan drive is still going on. It's really going great. We've given out a lot of fans. I purchased 20 more fans the other day and I think we have eight left out of that," said Keeney. "There are a lot of people out there needing these fans. With this heat it's just unreal how many people are in need."

"Anyone that wants to make a donation or is in need of a fan can come to the Salvation Army office and talk to us. Of course, we try to give preference to the elderly and mothers with young children."

As for how long the fan drive will last, Keeney said it's up to one of the most unpredictable elements of West Texas living.

"The fan drive will continue through August, possibly into September, depending on how long it takes to start cooling off a little bit," said Keeney. "It just depends on our good ol' West Texas weather."

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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 Fourth of July Foundation for putting together another outstanding Pops in the Park celebration featuring the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus. The show would not have been possible, however, without the donations of countless businesses and individuals, who provided funding.

- The Big Spring and the Howard County Volunteer fire departments personnel, who responded quickly and averted a possible disaster, when fireworks ignited a grass fire near the Comanche Trail Amphitheater during the Pops in the Park show.

- All those who made for another successful Highland Fourth of July Parade.

- Every participant in the Coahoma-Lion's Club Freedom Parade, as well as those who turned out to view the procession.

- The hundreds of volunteers and festival-goers who made sure the Funtastic Fourth Celebration in downtown Big Spring was another success.

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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# Delosi: Runs into trip 'Delays'

**R**ep. Nancy Pelosi is in trouble. As House Democratic Leader, she is primed to go after House Majority Leader Tom DeLay for his ethical lapses. She has called for an investigation of a \$70,000 trip made by DeLay, his wife and aides to the United Kingdom, possibly bankrolled by a lobbyist. Others have assailed DeLay for a 2001 trip to South Korea funded by a registered foreign agent.

But a funny thing happened on Pelosi's way to hers ethics coup: She ran afoul of the same rules she hurls at DeLay.

As The Washington Post reported, last week Pelosi filed delinquent reports for three trips she herself accepted from outside sponsors. The biggie was a week-long 1999 trip to Taiwan, paid for by the Chinese National Association of Industry and Commerce. The tab for Pelosi and her husband: about \$8,000.

Just last month, Pelosi spokeswoman Jennifer Crider told Roll Call that Pelosi's "position is that the rules are clear; people need to follow them." Within days, Pelosi had to re-file because she failed to follow these "clear" rules.

Here's another glitch: A senior aide to Pelosi, Eddie Charmaine Manansala, went on a 2004 \$9,887 trip sponsored by the same Korea-U.S. Exchange Council — then failed to file the mandated paperwork until a reporter asked about the trip.

And while Pelosi bashes GOP ethics, PoliticalMoneyLine, a data firm, crunched the numbers and found that in the last five years, Democrats took 3,458 privately funded junkets, while Republicans took 2,666.

PoliticalMoneyLine quipped: "Join Congress — See the World." Are these trips unethical or illegal? I'll answer the second part first. House rules prohibit junkets

funded by lobbyists. But it's not clear that there has been a rules violation if a congressman was not aware that a lobbyist paid for the trip.

What's more, the Korea-U.S. Exchange Council wasn't registered as a foreign agent when the DeLay trip was planned. In fact, the group registered as a foreign agent only days before DeLay and company departed — three years before Pelosi's aide trekked Seoulward.

Are these trips ethical? Consider DeLay's Seoul trip and Pelosi's Taiwan travel to fall into gray territory. On the one hand, elected officials see a new part of the world; on the other hand, they see what their sponsors want them to see.

Ken Boehm of the conservative watchdog the National Legal and Policy Center noted a big hole in House rules: "The dirty little secret is that it's legal if it's sponsored by a nonprofit. It's not legal if it's sponsored by the lobbyist."

But lobbyists can be on charity boards or join the junkets. Besides, whether you call them lobbyists or not, these groups have a clear agenda. Taiwanese or Korean, they want to boost commerce with their countries.

In a March press conference, Pelosi said that "every trip should be subjected to scrutiny." She also erroneously asserted, "we all have to be careful about whom we receive invitations from, and I haven't taken any trips."

Certainly, DeLay's 2000 U.K. trip flunks the smell test. Even if it was legal, it suggests an arrogance and sense of entitlement that says DeLay looks at public office, not so much as public service, but as privileged rank.

"There's a difference in degree here," Pelosi spokesman Brendan Daly noted, especially if DeLay solicited the trip.

I agree. There is a big difference

in degree. But there is not a big difference in the level of opportunism between DeLay and Pelosi.

As Ed Patru of the National Republican Congressional Committee noted, Pelosi has made "ethics the centerpiece of the Democratic Party's message," yet she is the only "the only minority leader who has been hit with fines for fund-raising violations."

Daly wasn't sure if Pelosi was the only minority leader to be fined. That's nice.

Pelosi spent seven years in House ethics committees. Nonetheless, the Federal Election Commission fined her after Team Pelosi created a second political action committee to skirt a \$5,000 gift limit. "The main reason for the creation of the second PAC, frankly, was to give twice as much dollars," her treasurer, Leo McCarthy, told Roll Call.

(Daly argued that some at the FEC told McCarthy the second PAC was kosher, a charge the FEC has denied.) Tom DeLay should be in hotter water.

But he is not because Pelosi's hits on him are so opportunistic, you can't take them seriously. Her office notes that the U.S. Korean group was a registered foreign agent — even after a Pelosi aide traveled on that foreign agent's dime, and didn't report it. She says she supports ethics rules, then tries to skirt them.

It's that kind of talk that leads Americans to hate Washington. Some pols have so little shame, they're happy to give ethics a bad name.

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# The 'Duke's ship runs aground

**T**he stirring tale of Randy "Duke" Cunningham, congressman and bon vivant, becomes more entertaining by the day, and it is far more instructive than another case of a missing white female.

True, Duke Cunningham is merely an obscure Republican from San Diego (Crow Eaten Here: In a recent column, I said Cunningham was in charge of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, whereas actually he is only a member thereof ... apologies. He is also on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.) On the other hand, the whole tale is so ... so prototypical, so archetypal, so (even though I keep promising not to use the word) paradigmatic.

Cunningham was a decorated pilot in Vietnam who has oft campaigned on the claim that he is the original model for Top Gun. In 2003, he sold his house in Del Mar, a very upscale town north of San Diego. The buyer was Mitchell Wade, a defense contractor, who paid \$1.675 million. Wade later resold the house at a \$700,000 loss.

Now, either this makes Wade the only person in recent history to lose money on a San Diego real estate deal, or the guy paid way too much for the house.

The deal is now under investigation by a grand jury. Cunningham in turn used the money he made from the Del Mar deal to buy a \$2.55 million home in Rancho Santa Fe.

Meanwhile, back in Washington, Cunningham is living, rent-free, aboard a 42-foot yacht named the Duke Stir, which belongs to the said same Mitchell Wade. Since 2002, Wade's company, MZM Inc., has received \$163 million in defense contracts.

There the case stood until this week, when we learned from Copley News Service and The Washington Post that the boat-loving Cunningham was living on the

Duke Stir only because he had sold his own boat, the Kelly C, a 65-foot flat-bottom riverboat, to Thomas Kontogiannis, a New York real estate developer.

Follow this closely: Kontogiannis buys the boat from Cunningham in the summer of 2002. In 2003, a mortgage company owned by Kontogiannis' nephew and daughter finances \$1.1 million of the price of Cunningham's new home in Rancho Santa Fe. Also, Kontogiannis never gets around to putting the Kelly C in his own name, so the Coast Guard still thinks it's owned by Cunningham. What a misunderstanding.

My favorite quote, so far: Kontogiannis, when asked if he was doing Cunningham a favor by keeping the boat in his name while Kontogiannis paid \$100,000 to redecorate it, said: "Why would I do that? I don't need the man." The pragmatic approach.

Kontogiannis does admit that he was looking for a pardon for his unfortunate 2003 conviction on kickback and bribery charges in connection with a bid-rigging scheme for New York City school computers. He said Cunningham steered him to a Washington law firm for this purpose, but it was "too much aggravation."

Cunningham is very big on patriotism and the no-flag-burning amendment. Meantime, MZM is working on classified intelligence projects for the government. The company's literature says it helps the government with "enigmatic problems."

For those who prefer to contemplate varieties of political corruption in a more systemic way, the current issue of Harper's magazine has a cover article on "The Great American Pork Barrel: Washington Streamlines the Means of Corruption," by Ken Silverstein, which I highly recommend.

Silverstein details the ballooning of the practice called "earmarks"

in the federal budget. As it is true of much of what is wrong with our politics, the practice is not new — pork barrel politics has a venerable history — but it is spiraling out of control. The same thing has happened with gerrymandering, also an ancient practice, and campaign contributions. They've always been part of politics, it's just that now they are so much more so. Indeed, what have been just deplorable flaws in our system are now eating the whole system — the flaws are getting bigger than the functioning, with the result that serving the public interest is rapidly disappearing.

Silverstein reports on earmarks: "In the past two decades, the pastime has become breathtaking in its profligacy. Even as the federal deficit soars to record heights, the sums of money being diverted from the treasury have grown ever larger. Last year, 15,584 separate earmarks worth a combined \$32.7 billion were attached to the appropriations bills — more than twice the dollar amount in 2001 ... and more than three times the dollar amount in 1998, when roughly 2,000 earmarks totaled \$10.6 billion. The process is so willfully murky that abuse has become not the exception, but the rule.

"Earmarks are added anonymously, frequently during last-minute, closed-door sessions of the appropriations committees. An especially attractive feature for those private interests seeking earmarks is that they are awarded on a noncompetitive basis and recipients need not meet any performance standards."

Folks, we are being eaten alive by corruption.

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**AAA: Gas prices remain at near-record levels**

IRVING (AP) — Despite declines in some markets, Texas gasoline prices remain near record levels for another week, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch survey released Friday.

The weekly survey found the average price of regular unleaded self-serve virtually unchanged at about \$2.13 per gallon, about a nickel short of the record price and up about 31 cents from last year.

However, the auto club said this week's terrorist bombing in London and possible Gulf Coast refinery disruptions from the approach of Hurricane Dennis leave the price outlook murky.

"Analysts don't yet know what impact these disasters will have on prices," AAA Texas spokeswoman Carol Thorp said Friday. "Refinery production disruption can certainly increase prices significantly, but if security concerns start affecting summer travel, we could see prices drop."

The cheapest prices remain in the Corpus Christi area, where they averaged about \$2.04 cents a gallon, down 4 cents from last week.

The costliest pump prices continue to be in the Dallas area, where they average about \$2.16 per gallon, virtually unchanged from last week.

The national average held steady at \$2.22 per gallon.

**Lea Fastow leaves halfway house for home**

HOUSTON (AP) — The wife of former Enron Corp. finance chief Andrew Fastow was released from a halfway house early Friday, ending her yearlong prison term for failing to declare her husband's illegal kickbacks as income.

Lea Fastow left the Leidel center in downtown Houston shortly after midnight. She hugged and kissed her waiting husband and her sister, Joey Weingarten, before driving away without comment in a van driven by Weingarten.

Her attorney, Mike DeGeurin, would only say that she was going to the couple's home near Rice University.

The real estate and grocery heiress had been in the

facility since June 7 after serving most of her sentence at a federal lockup in downtown Houston.

She entered prison July 12, 2004, and now faces a year of federal supervision that includes regular visits with a parole officer and monitoring of her travel and living conditions.

Lea Fastow pleaded guilty last year to a misdemeanor tax crime for failing to report on joint tax returns the gains from kickbacks they pocketed from Andrew Fastow's illegal dealings at Enron.

She was indicted in April 2003, six months after her husband was indicted on what grew to 98 counts of fraud, conspiracy, insider trading, money laundering and others.

In January 2004, Andrew Fastow pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy. He admitted to orchestrating schemes to hide Enron debt and inflate profits while pocketing millions of dollars. He agreed to serve the maximum 10-year sentence.

The couple also forfeited or relinquished their rights to nearly \$30 million in cash and property, including a vacation home in Vermont.

**Williams pleads guilty in abduction, murder**

TYLER (AP) — Prosecutors wanted the death penalty, but Sheri Dunlap wanted to know about her daughter's final hours even more.

So before Johnny Lee Williams Jr. pleaded guilty Thursday to capital murder, he told everything: The details of how he abducted Megan LeAnn Holden from a Wal-Mart parking lot, shot her and then went to buy a cheeseburger a half-hour after leaving the body on the side of a highway near Stanton.

Williams, 25, received consecutive life sentences on the capital murder charge as well as two counts of aggravated sexual assault, kidnapping and robbery. The former Marine had been scheduled to stand trial later this month in the death of Holden, a Wal-Mart store clerk whose abduction was captured in chilling detail on videotape after her night shift on Jan. 19.

"We had enough to convict him," said April Sikes, Smith County first assistant criminal district attorney.

But seeking to avoid the death penalty, defense attorneys approached Smith County prosecutors earlier this week with a plea offer. Sikes said Holden's family

was willing to accept the plea.

But first, they wanted Williams to debrief them on the last 24 hours of her life.

For five hours Thursday, Hudson's mother, father and sister asked questions and Williams answered.

Sikes said Williams also admitted to raping Holden twice and apologized to the family.

In a victim impact statement delivered in court after Williams was sentenced, Dunlap told Williams he was the most selfish man she'd ever encountered. She said she appreciated his apology but would never be able to forgive him or forget what he had done.

"I want this to haunt you until you realize what you've done," she said crying.

Williams was arrested Jan. 21 at a hospital in Willcox, Ariz., while seeking treatment for a gunshot wound. A clerk at an RV park near Bowie, Ariz., shot him in the shoulder during a robbery attempt.

**Water debt lawsuit against Mexico certified**

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A \$500 million lawsuit that South Texas farmers and irrigation districts filed against Mexico over a long-standing water dispute has been certified by an international group, sending the case to an arbitration panel.

The certification by the World Bank's International Center for Settlement Investment Disputes was reached July 1. A three-member arbitration panel will be seated within 60 days to hear the case.

The suit was filed in August by 17 Texas irrigation districts, 29 independent water rights holders and the North Alamo Water Supply Corp.

The plaintiffs claim they have suffered economic losses because of Mexico's failure to live up to its end of a 1944 water-sharing treaty with the United States.

The treaty dictates that Mexico and the United States share water from the Rio Grande and Colorado River. But Mexico began falling behind on its releases of Rio Grande water as a drought set in 12 years ago.

"The treaty is very clear that we are entitled to this water and the evidence that we have been able to collect is very compelling as well that the water was available, that Mexico had it. It just simply didn't release it," Nancie G. Marzulla, an attorney for the claimants, said.

**BILLS**

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the taxes on alcohol by 20 percent. Both also close loopholes in the business tax that allow thousands of Texas companies to avoid paying state taxes.

The House bill would lower property taxes from \$1.50 per \$100 of property value to \$1.23 in 2006 and \$1.12 the following year.

The sales tax rate would increase from the current 6.25 percent to 7.25 percent and would be expanded to include bottled water, auto repair, and certain computer goods and services. The bill would increase the cigarette tax by \$1 from its current 41 cents per pack. Money from the new taxes would only go to property tax reduction, not to schools.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry said Thursday that the measure was good public policy, but the rate of sales tax increase would probably be altered during negotiations.

"As an across-the-board group, the Democrats did not want to lower property taxes in the state, and I know they have constituencies that are being strangled by these high property taxes," Perry said.

On Thursday, before the final vote, House members also voted to tack a \$4 tax onto admissions to nude entertainment shows.

Many Democrats have criticized the property tax relief measure because the only segment of Texas residents who will receive a net tax cut from the measure are those who earn more than \$140,000 a year. Middle-income Texans would foot most of the tax increases.

"The middle-class has a lot to say about the future of Texas," said Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, urging a vote against the bill.

But Republican supporters of the legislation hailed it for what it will do for property owners.

"This is the largest tax cut in the history of the state of Texas," said Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington.

The Senate version of

the tax bill, which will get debate and a vote from the full chamber on Sunday, would not tax bottled water or auto repairs, and would increase the sales tax to 6.75 percent. Low-income Texans who use a Lone Star Card to buy groceries would get a sales tax credit.

Texas voters would decide if they want to expand the state's business tax to include several structures that are not currently taxed, in exchange for more property tax relief, in the Senate's proposal.

Both tax measures have been criticized because none of the tax revenue would go to public schools. It would be used for property tax relief

only. "We don't feel that reducing property taxes is so important that we should overlook the need for additional revenue to increase our spending on public education, to increase access to higher education, to fully fund health and human services," said Dick Lavine, a policy analyst for the Center for Public Policy Priorities. "And we think if you're going to have a tax bill we should get more from it than merely cutting school property taxes."

On Wednesday, the Texas Supreme Court heard oral arguments in an appeal of a lawsuit brought by hundreds of school districts who say the state has abdicated its

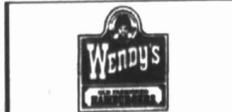
obligation to educate its children. Lawyers for the state argued that the Legislature, not the courts, should repair Texas' troubled school finance system.

The justices weren't expected to rule for several weeks or months on the appeal the state brought of last year's ruling in which state District Judge John Dietz said the way Texas funds public education is unconstitutional.

But, attorneys for the state, led by Attorney General Greg Abbott, argued the duty to craft education policy belongs to the Legislature. He said both sides agreed Texas' 4.3 million public school children deserve a first-rate education.

Many districts, which now tax property owners at the maximum legal amount don't have room to raise more money and still don't have enough money to meet basic edu-

cational needs. Plaintiff districts argued that the school property tax cap amounts to a statewide property tax, which is unconstitutional in Texas.



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Catholics and non-Catholics are invited to learn more about the Catholic faith, traditions and how these are based on holy scripture. Also, sessions are held for baptized Catholics who need to receive one of more of the sacraments of Holy Eucharist, confirmation or marriage.

Fully initiated adult Catholics are also needed as sponsors.

For more information, call Elfi Tucker at 816-6247 or 393-5313. You may also call any of the

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The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on scripture taken from Matthew 13:1-9 and 18-23 on Sunday. Worship service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday School is held at 9:45 a.m. followed by Take Ten at 10:35 a.m.

Activities for the week include a committee meeting and Bible study at 5:17 p.m., Choir practice at 6 p.m.. All three events are on Wednesday.

First Presbyterian Church is located on

Runnels Street between Seventh and Eighth streets.

## Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

The Mt. Bethel Baptist Church family invites the public to fellowship and worship. The church is located at 630 Sgt. Paredez St. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship is at 11 a.m. The Sanctuary choir meets for rehearsal Thursdays at 7 p.m. The speaker for July 10 will be the Rev. Tommy Hale, associate minister of Macedonia Baptist Church in Midland.

## Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Sunday worship services for Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, 1512

Birdwell Lane, are held at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Vacation Bible school is coming July 17-20 from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. nightly for children ages 4-12. To register call 267-7157. The youth will enjoy a trip to the water park in Lubbock.

For information on services or activities call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

## E. Fourth St. Street Baptist

East Fourth Street Baptist Church at 401 E. Fourth St. invites the Big Spring community to join us for Sunday services. Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m. for all age groups, and the morning worship service begins at 11 a.m. Acteens, Challengers, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends

and Mission Babies are offered for youth of all ages on Sunday nights at 4:45 p.m.. Choir practice begins on Sunday night at 5 p.m., and the evening worship service begins at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, there will be a prayer and Bible study service for the adults and a youth discipleship class at 7 p.m.

## Baptist Temple

This Sunday, Joe Whitten Prison Ministry will join us at the 6 p.m. service. This group is a singing ministry which goes into prisons and shares the gospel of Jesus Christ by song and testimony. A love offering will be received at the close of the service to help defray some of the group's cost in travel.

Saturday, June 25 was

the city wide baby shower held in our church fellowship hall. The shower will benefit the local Crisis Pregnancy Center. We would like to thank all who participated by showing your support for life.

This past year, more than 500 families have been helped. We will continue to accept donations any time and we plan to host another shower in the near future.

The Ladies Ministry is doing a Bible study called, "A Woman After God's Own Heart." There is also a Spanish worship service available and the church is the sponsor of a new church called Iglesia Bautista Roca Eterna. The pastor is Luis A Pena.

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# Club News

## Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, DAR

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held the last meeting of its fiscal year at the Big Spring Country Club. Regent Katie Lara and June Reid were the hostesses.

The program was given by chapter historian Anne Witherspoon. From Cokie Roberts' book "The Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation,"

Witherspoon told of Abigail Adams, Mercy Otis Warren, Deborah Franklin and Eliza Pinckney's influence on this country's founding

fathers. The Chapter voted to sell large patriotic magnets to raise funds to benefit the veterans at the VAMC.

Librarian Lora Mae Pollard announced that the books recently purchased as memorials for deceased members Eleanor Adkins and Martha Jane Rankin have been placed in the genealogy section of the Howard County Library.

Regent Katie Lara presented Anne Witherspoon with a certificate for being the chapter's outstanding junior this year.

Guest Ashley Pavlovsky won the door prize — a set of 'firecracker' candles.

Ryan Yeats received the DAR Good Citizenship medal and certificate at the Big Spring High School awards assembly in May.

Member Heather Schafer attended a meeting in San Angelo to accept the bibs and shirt protectors made by Sarah Johnson of Girls Scout Troop 8 with materials provided by the Pocahontas Chapter. Katie Lara and Mary Schuelke later presented the items to the VAMC for the use of the nursing home patients.

The next meeting will be the annual Constitution Week Luncheon in Midland in September.

# Times change, people don't

Throughout the centuries, people have desired the same things, pursued the same things, made the same mistakes, and even offered the same excuses for their mistakes. Attempts to deny the existence of, or any responsibility to, God have remained constant all through history as well.

The Gospel of Luke reported that during the ministry of John the Baptist many people understood and accepted the righteousness of God as they were baptized by John. But there were others who rejected God's purpose for their lives and refused to give a hearing to either John or Jesus (Luke 7:29-30).

The Lord said of these skeptics, "They are like children sitting in the

## A Pastor's Message

marketplace and calling out to each other, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not cry'" (Luke 7:32). In other words, they are like children who, if they don't get their way, will not only not play, but criticize those who do.

They criticized John as having a demon because he lived an austere life, eating no bread and drinking no wine. They criticized Jesus as being a friend of sinners because he ate and drank with people from all walks of life.

But what was the point of criticizing Jesus? Only that, if people could dis-

credit Jesus in any way, they would not have to change their lives. Well, people haven't changed. People are still trying to discredit Jesus.

It seems that the news media will print or broadcast anything that is critical of Christianity or the Bible. From time to time, so-called "investigative reports" come out in major news magazines or on network news broadcasts that call the historically of Jesus or the Bible into question.

The popular novel "The Da Vinci Code" has spawned a glut of books that question the New

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Baptist Temple is located at 11th Place and Goliad Street. For more information, call 267-8287 or visit the Web site at [www.baptisttemplechurch.org](http://www.baptisttemplechurch.org).

**Friends of Unity**

During the sharing time at 1 p.m. this Sunday, members will bring forth teachings which have been given to them. Following this at 2 p.m., the Quest studies will center on the theme of how to help others. All are welcome. For more information, call 267-8783.

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

Everyone is invited to attend worship service at St. Mary's on Sunday. Our summer time change continues this Sunday with Holy Eucharist celebrated at 9:30 a.m.

Midland flautist Gloria Steelman will be a special guest at St. Mary's Episcopal Church this Sunday. Her prelude will be the famous Pachelbel "Canon in D" set for flute and organ.

The Offertory will be an arrangement of the American folk hymn, "Wondrous Love" and will be played by Ms. Steelman accompanied by Scott McLaughlin on the guitar.

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

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Testament history of Jesus. Lawsuits are brought because people are offended by seeing the Ten Commandments in public or hearing "one nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The current culture stands in direct opposition to everything that the Jesus of the Bible stands for. For many people, if the Jesus of the Bible can be discredited, then they can accept a Jesus who condones their lifestyles and they have no reason to change.

As much as Christians lament what so many have tried, and continue to try, to do to Jesus, we can take courage in Jesus' conclusion. "But wisdom is proved right by all her children" (Luke 7:35). Proved right: Vindicated; justified, shown to be right.

Whether we will ever see it in our lifetimes or not, someday, God's truth will prevail. In the meantime, Christians must humbly and graciously continue standing on the truth and living our lives by the truth of God.

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*Russ Mullins is the minister of the Coahoma Church of Christ.*

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# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### C.G.A. sets golf tourney to benefit B.S. golf teams

The Chicano Golf Association has set up a golf tournament fund-raiser to benefit the Big Spring golf teams.

The tournament will take place July 17 at Comanche Trail Park and it will be a four-person pick your own team low-ball tourney.

The tournament starts at 10 a.m. and all teams must be registered by 9:45 a.m.

For more information, contact Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

### Howard announces men's basketball camps in mid-July

The Howard College men's basketball staff will host two week-long camps in the month of July.

The first camp will take place Monday through Thursday, while the second camp starts July 25 and ends July 28.

Both camps will cost \$250 per player who wants room and board and \$175 for a commuter. Both camps will take place at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Sign-ups for the first camp will take place Sunday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., while the second's camp sign-up will be July 24 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Both camps run each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Hawk camp format consists of morning and afternoon sessions. All sessions include specialized clinics on both the offensive and defensive phases of the game.

For more info, contact Mark Adams at 816-6957 or Jason Sautter at 816-3200.

### Howard women's basketball sets three camp dates

The Howard College women's basketball program will be hosting two more camps this summer.

The camps will both take place July 18-21.

The first camp is open for kindergarten through third grade boys and girls. Registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. July 18.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and costs \$50 per person.

The second camp is for fourth through sixth grade girls. Registration for this camp will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. July 18. The camp runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$60 per person.

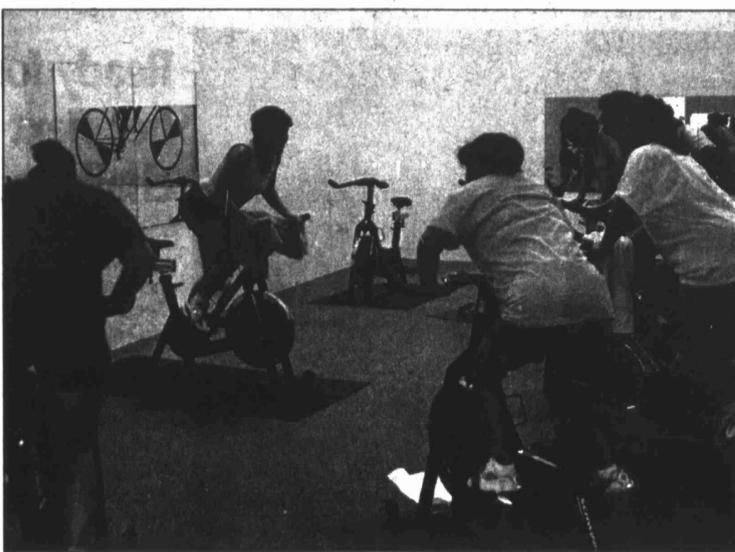
For more information, call Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

### B.S. Country Club sets junior clinics

The Big Spring Country Club has set up a summer junior clinic and an advanced summer junior clinic.

The clinics run through August 4.

For more information, call the golf shop at 267-5354.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Danielle Ramirez, center, gives instruction and motivation to her spinning class at the YMCA Thursday night. Using the idea of the Tour de France, the YMCA has developed its own "Tour" with several different spinning classes taking place throughout the week. The individual who attends the most classes during the actual Tour de France will receive a free yellow "jersey" at the end of the session. The YMCA will have eight weekly indoor classes and the gym now has an area specifically dedicated to cycling enthusiasts. There will be a 5:30 a.m. class Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, a 6 a.m. class Tuesdays and Thursdays, an 8:30 a.m. class Tuesdays and Thursdays and a 5:30 p.m. class Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Wie hanging tough in PGA event

### 15-year-old phenom on verge of making cut at John Deere

By NANCY ARMOUR  
AP National Writer

SILVIS, Ill. (AP) — Michelle Wie's ball landed on the back edge of the 17th green and rolled forward, getting within 10 feet of the pin before coming to a stop.

An eagle chance, from 260 yards out. In a PGA Tour event.

Yeah, the girl can play with the big boys. Maybe even during the weekend.

The 15-year-old shot a 1-under 70 at the John Deere Classic Thursday, keeping alive her hopes of becoming the first woman in 60 years to make a cut on the PGA Tour. She's

one stroke beyond the cut line in a tie for 73rd, but she plays in the last group Friday and will know exactly what she needs to hang around for the weekend.

"I'm not really thinking about the cut," she said. "I'm only five shots behind (the early leaders), and if I put up three crazy rounds, who knows?"

Babe Didrikson Zaharias was the last woman to make the cut in a PGA Tour event, doing it at the 1945 Tucson Open. Annika Sorenstam couldn't do it at the 2003 Colonial, and Suzy Whaley missed at the Greater Hartford Open that same year.

Wie hasn't been able to do it the previous two times she's visited the

PGA Tour, either, though she came within a stroke at the 2004 Sony Open. She missed by seven strokes this year.

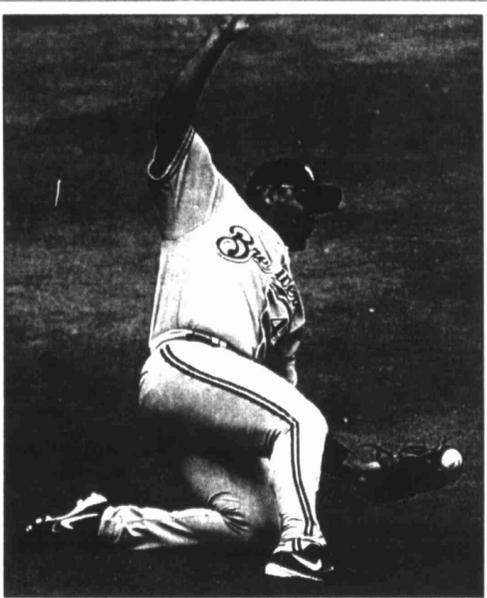
But playing in the Sony Open and her success on the LPGA Tour — she's been second twice this year, including runner-up at the LPGA Championship — have sharpened her game. She beat both her playing partners Thursday, and played her last 10 holes at 3 under.

She hit six of her last seven fairways, and showed a nice touch around the greens. She made four putts of 11 feet or longer, and missed only one from inside 10 feet. She also showed a remarkable ability to shape shots, including one on 17 and a blind slice on No. 9 that got her out of trouble and onto the green.

For those keeping track, she's seven strokes behind leader Hunter Mahan (63). But Wie is unique. She played in her first LPGA event at the age of 12, and has made no secret of her desire to play regularly on the men's tour when she gets older. She's already a major draw, attracting a gallery that grew from a few hundred on the first hole to 5,000 when she was on 18.

"The front nine, I just was a little bit shaky and made a lot of stupid bogeys," Wie said. "But I'm pretty proud of myself for getting back on track. The back nine was pretty solid, and I feel like I'll see some good scores from now on."

If she does, she might just make a little history.



KRT photo/Walter Michot, Miami Herald  
The Brewers' Carlos Lee misses a hit by the Marlins' Damon Easley in the fifth inning of their game at Dolphins Stadium Thursday.

## Garden City stays inside district to fill two head jobs

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — Garden City Athletic Director stayed "in the family" to hire head coaches in the athletic programs vacated positions.

Koby Abney and Josh Fee, who are both heavily involved in the school's athletic programs, were named head boys' basketball coach and head boys' and girls' track coach, respectively.

Abney served as the girls' basketball assistant coach last year under Brent Kirkland and was the boy's assistant coach two years ago under Cory Richardson, who resigned this past year from both of his head coaching positions. Abney begins his third season at Garden City this upcoming school year.

"Koby has a very good basketball background and he is the right person to move our boy's basketball program forward," said Hoskins. "And he knows the kids which also helps."

Fee, who begins his second year at Garden City, took over the girl's track program last year after Richardson resigned and was later hired to head up both track programs. Abney served as the boy's track coach last season.

"We feel like it was best for him to head up both programs," said Hoskins. "He'll have some help though."

That help will come from Abney and new coach Alonzo Garcia, who was also hired as a boy's basketball assistant.



ABNEY



HOSKINS

## Armstrong plays it safe, still holding on to jersey at tour

By JEROME PUGMIRE  
AP Sports Writer

NANCY, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong played it safe on rain-soaked roads. Alexandre Vinokourov chose a risky approach — and it paid off.

Vinokourov shaved 19 seconds off Armstrong's overall lead Thursday by surging toward the end to place second in the sixth stage of the Tour de France. The rider from Kazakhstan, third overall, still trails Armstrong by 62 seconds.

"The road was very dangerous, especially with the rain," Vinokourov said. "But I took the risk to get second place. I am very happy, feeling good."

Vinokourov, who finished third in 2003, is determined to do better after missing last year's race because of injury.

Lorenzo Bernucci of Italy, a 25-year-old cyclist racing in his first Tour, won Thursday's 123.7-mile stage from Troyes to Nancy in 4 hours, 12 minutes, 52 seconds.

Rain fell heavily for a second day Friday as riders set off from the eastern French town of Luneville on slippery, treacherous roads. Competitors observed a minute of silence at the start of the race to mourn victims of Thursday's terror attacks in London.

The 142-mile trek from Luneville to the German city of Karlsruhe — the Tour's only excursion beyond France's borders this year — has a couple of hill climbs in the first third before flattening. The finish most likely will feature a bunched sprint.

Again, Armstrong will be looking to stay safe and avoid the misfortune that befell French racer Christophe Mengin on the tight final right-hand cor-

ner at the end of Thursday's route.

Mengin was leading when he slipped and crashed into a safety barrier.

The line was almost within sight, less than a half-mile away on a crowd-lined finishing straightaway.

Bernucci and Vinokourov stayed upright and dashed through to finish first and second, respectively.

But at least four others plowed into the prostrate Mengin and went down, too, creating a jam of bikes and riders that slowed Armstrong.

The hapless Mengin placed 128th with a puffed bruised left eye — a sorry end to a remarkable ride. He had ridden at the front for much of Thursday's stage, breaking away from the main chasing pack early in the day.

Four others joined him and the small group built a lead of more than eight minutes at one point. Mengin then took the lead alone nearing Nancy, pulling ahead on the final climb. But he was tiring and about to be caught when he fell.

For his efforts, Mengin was rewarded with the prize given each day to the most courageous or aggressive rider.

Armstrong was sufficiently behind Mengin at the time of the spill. Notified of it over the radio by team director Johan Bruyneel, the Texan eased up in time to avoid any damage.

Armstrong placed 32nd in the chasing pack, flanked by Discovery Channel teammate George Hincapie and Yaroslav Popovych. They could have chased down Vinokourov as he broke away, but decided it was too dangerous because of the wet roads.

### Major League Baseball - current league-wide standings

American League - East		American League - West		National League - Central	
Boston	48-36 —	L.A. Angels	52-33 —	St. Louis	54-31 —
Baltimore	45-39 -3	Texas	43-40 -8	Houston	41-43 -12.5
N.Y. Yankees	44-39 -3.5	Oakland	41-43 -10.5	Chicago Cubs	40-44 -13.5
Toronto	44-41 -4.5	Seattle	36-48 -15.5	Milwaukee	40-45 -14
Tampa Bay	27-59 -22			Pittsburgh	37-47 -16.5
				Cincinnati	33-52 -21
American League - Central		National League - East		National League - West	
Chicago Sox	57-26 —	Washington	51-34 —	San Diego	46-40 —
Minnesota	46-37 -11	Atlanta	49-37 -2.5	Arizona	42-45 -4.5
Cleveland	46-39 -12	Florida	44-39 -6	L.A. Dodgers	40-45 -5.5
Detroit	40-43 -17	N.Y. Mets	43-42 -8	San Francisco	36-48 -9
Kansas City	29-55 -28.5	Philadelphia	43-43 -8.5	Colorado	30-54 -15

# Golf Insider

## IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

### Customized setup matches physique

By T.J. TOMASI  
Universal Press Syndicate

Whatever else golf is, it's a game of geometry — lines and angles on a three-dimensional playing field that relate the golfer, the ball and the target. The place to start with correct geometry is at setup because it's the address position that writes the script for the entire swing.

This is not to say that everyone should have the exact same posture at address. Golfers do not all have the same posture when they walk, so why should they all stand the same way to hit a golf ball? When you're building your stance, customize it so that your physique dictates your setup.

Begin from a perfectly square stance and then make adjustments based on your flexibility and body shape. To understand "square," lay down four clubs as follows: one along the target line; one along your foot line parallel to the target line; one club from your left heel perpendicular to the target line; and one from your right heel, also perpendicular to the target line.

The four clubs form a square (see the first photo below). Your feet, knees, hips and shoulders are square, as is your club face, which is looking directly at the target.

Once you're square, it's time to customize your setup. If your chest is large or you're not very flexible, drop your back foot into a closed position with more flare and bend more from the hips. If you're thin-chested, stand more upright with less flare, and if you're tall, flex your knees a bit more than I am in the photos.

If you're unsure about the amount of flex you should have in your knees, try the test I'm demonstrating in the second photo. Take your normal stance and then, while keeping your left hand in place, lay a club shaft down the front of your thigh. The shaft should end at your big toe as mine does.

In photo 3, I'm checking my overall posture. Notice that a straight line can be drawn from the tip of my spine through the tip of my shoulder, the tip of my elbow, the tip of my knee and the ball of my foot. This shows that my joints (shoulder, hip, knee and ankle) are stacked in their most powerful position — one on top the other.

Posture and knee flex are important because if your body is out of balance to begin the swing, then chances are it will be out of balance at impact. And you don't want to spend time during your swing trying to regain the balance you never had. Correct your balance before you swing, and you'll have a much better chance of being in balance when your club head meets the ball.



Customizing your stance will help you balance your swing.



MARLENE KARRAS / Cox News Service

## Ready for her next challenge

Michelle Wie will tee it up with the men this week at the John Deere Classic at the TPC at Deere Run in Silvis, Ill. The 15-year-old sparked controversy by accepting a sponsor's exemption to play the PGA Tour event despite missing the cut in her two previous attempts at playing in a men's tournament. Some players on tour say that she has not earned her spot.

# Minor detour for a major underdog

GLENN SHEELEY  
Cox News Service

From Pinehurst No. 2 and living large at the U.S. Open two weeks ago, Jason Gore was back dealing with reality this week, competing at the Nationwide Tour's Lake Erie Charity Classic at the Peek'n Peak Resort after a memorable peek at the big time.

Barrel-chested and bartender friendly, Gore, 31, had no ego problem with the return to golf's version of Triple-A ball.

Even with a Thursday gallery of about 50 dwindling to 27 by the 13th hole.

Even with his opening post-round interview conducted in a trailer. Even with bleachers at Peek'n Peak's Upper Course — the one atop the hill near the ski lift — of the size typically bordering a neighborhood softball field.

Despite a dizzying 84 in his final round at Pinehurst while alongside two-time champion Retief Goosen in the final group, tumbling him from second place to a tie for 49th, Gore wouldn't swap the experience for anything. He states this without hesitation, despite the vanished opportunity to seriously upgrade from the Nationwide, where the talent is downright deep but Gore-mania has yet to erupt.

On Thursday at the Lake Erie event, when introduced on the 10th tee at 12:40 p.m. with Kyle Thompson and Jason Dufner, Gore's contrast to thousands on their feet at Pinehurst became a brief smattering of polite claps. No matter, though, because Gore is still juiced from his week in Fantasyland and barely noticed. "What was so unbelievable," said the grinning machine from Valencia, Calif., "was walking up to the 18th green [after Michael Campbell's winning putt], and they were still standing for me and Retief [who had an 81]. It kind of felt like nobody cared what I shot that last day and that was a really cool feeling."

The cool feelings were everywhere you looked at the Lake Erie Charity Classic, which is staged in a charming, Poconos-type mountain retreat where Glow Ball Night at the miniature golf course across from the Peek'n Peak Inn is advertised along the main road.

Gore enthusiastically signed autographs by the putting green, delight-



ing Sharon Dowd of Jamestown, N.Y., just minutes before his first competitive swing in two weeks, and first since the four-putt on the 72nd hole at Pinehurst. Try finding that on the "I-only-sign-after-my-round" PGA Tour.

"My heart went out to him because I'm a golfer," said Dowd, a tiny woman who climbed nine holes of hills to watch Gore with her husband, Robert. "I was feeling his pain." "We were cheering for you all the way," said a beaming Bob McKeen of Hagersville, Ontario, gushing over the kid on the way to the 10th green. "He seems like a great guy. How many golfers could go through what he had to do and be smiling at the end?"

"It was definitely tough to watch," said Steve Fratarcangeli of Erie, who became an immediate Gore fan from his couch. Even more than the money burned, Gore temporarily kicked himself for failing to make the top eight, a ticket to the 2006 Masters. But even that did not swell his linebacker's neck sufficiently to pop the always-closed top shirt button. There has been no issue worth dwelling on, his wife Megan insisted. No delayed crash came the next day, halfway through a plate of pancakes. That's not Jason and Megan Gore's way.

"It's just golf," Megan said. "It's not like the rest of the field ran away from him and Pinehurst struck him down. It's the U.S. Open. That's what the U.S. Open does to you."

"It was an absolutely wonderful week," Jason said, "and I'm fine with it. . . . I competed with the best players in the world on the highest level, and if you don't learn something from that, then it was a wasted week. . . . I did learn that I can compete with the game's best, that I'm good enough to do it, I've just got to make it a little more consistent."

The Gores were similarly resilient when their SUV was trashed in

Asheville, N.C., in the early-morning hours of U.S. Open Monday, resulting in the loss of a stereo, DVD player, computer, Megan's clothes and a video camera. (The vehicle is still being repaired and refitted for replacement equipment in Pittsburgh, where they stopped to visit Jason's mother on the way up from Pinehurst.) Flattered that Best Buy would chip in a new stereo — Belk's department store gave baby clothes to their 8-month-old, Jaxon — they picked up the pieces and moved on, thankful Jason's clubs were with caddie Lewis Puller. When Jason flew home to California last week, he played his regular Friday skins game at Vista Valencia with his buddies, survived their relentless verbal abuse, lost \$22 and felt happy in his own, newly toughened skin.

"Life is pretty normal," Megan said. "We went home. We saw the dogs. We slept in our own beds for a couple nights, and here we are. . . . You can't cry over what you never had in the first place."

The inspiration factor is the far-reaching effect for Gore and his colleagues. On the Nationwide Tour, which is scattered with former PGA Tour winners and jammed with talented types merely lacking a magical week, Gore is their new guru of hope.

"Aside from maybe 20 people on the PGA Tour who are bullet-proof," Mike Sposa said, "everyone over there is just one iffy year from being out here."

"Guys on TV were making a big deal out of him being the 818th ranked player in the world," said Dave Stockton Jr. "You can't tell me there's 817 people in the world better than him. It's so deep out here. It's as tough out here as you can have it."

While golf fans might presume that a guy who starred at a U.S. Open and already has three Nationwide wins will start assembling them now in bunches, Gore entered the week with \$29,879 in earnings, 67th on the money list. He finished the Peek'n Peak with rounds of 68 and 72 to finish tied for 10th, earning himself \$11,700 (he won \$20,275 in the U.S. Open). He received one PGA Tour sponsor's exemption from his Pinehurst publicity but refused it, intent on making the Nationwide Tour his path to the next level.

Everyone in Gore's path, it seems, will be rooting for him.

"I guess America just loves an underdog," he said, "and a couple of weeks ago I was quite the underdog. . . . It's just been great to feel like that many people are interested in me."

## SCHEDULE

All Times EDT  
**PGA TOUR**  
**John Deere Classic**  
• Site: Silvis, Ill.  
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.  
• Course: TPC at Deere Run (7,193 yards, par 71).  
• Purse: \$4 million. Winner's share: \$720,000.  
• TV: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and ABC (Saturday-Sunday, 2-4 p.m.).

**LPGA TOUR**  
**Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic**  
• Site: Sylvania, Ohio.  
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.  
• Course: Highland Meadows Golf Club (6,408 yards, par 71).  
• Purse: \$1.2 million. Winner's share: \$180,000.  
• TV: ESPN2 (Friday-Saturday, 4-6 p.m.); Sunday, 2-4 p.m.).

**CHAMPIONS TOUR**  
**Ford Senior Players Championship**  
• Site: Dearborn, Mich.  
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.  
• Course: TPC of Michigan (7,069 yards, par 72).  
• Purse: \$2.5 million. Winner's share: \$375,000.  
• TV: USA (Thursday-Friday, 2-4 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 4-6 p.m.).

**PGA EUROPEAN TOUR**  
**Barclays Scottish Open**  
• Site: Luss, Scotland.  
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.  
• Course: Loch Lomond Golf Club (7,113 yards, par 71).  
• Purse: \$4.2 million. Winner's share: \$705,055.  
• TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 9:30-11 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 9:30-11:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 9:30-11:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8:45-11:45 a.m., 9:30-11:30 p.m.).

**NATIONWIDE TOUR**  
**National Mining Association Pete Dye Classic**  
• Site: Bridgeport, W.Va.  
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.  
• Course: Pete Dye Golf Club (7,248 yards, par 72).  
• Purse: \$600,000. Winner's share: \$108,000.  
• TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday, 1:30-4 p.m., 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-4 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 1-2:30 a.m., 1:30-4 p.m.; Monday, 1-2:30 a.m.).

## LEADERS

WORLD RANKINGS	
1. Tiger Woods, USA	14.00
2. Vijay Singh, FIJ	12.34
3. Ernie Els, SAJ	10.00
4. Phil Mickelson, USA	8.95
5. Retief Goosen, SAJ	7.52
6. Sergio Garcia, Spn	7.15
7. Adam Scott, AUS	6.77
8. Jim Furyk, USA	5.57
9. Padraig Harrington, IRE	5.49
10. David Toms, USA	5.40
11. Chris DiMarco, USA	5.38
12. Kenny Perry, USA	5.05
13. Davis Love III, USA	4.82
14. Luke Donald, Eng	4.52
15. Angel Cabrera, ARG	4.38
16. Stewart Cink, USA	4.27
17. Darren Clarke, NIR	4.11
18. Justin Leonard, USA	3.89
19. Stuart Appleby, AUS	3.83
20. M.A. Jimenez, Spn	3.69

MONEY LEADERS	
PGA TOUR	
Player	Money
1. Vijay Singh	\$5,760,142
2. Tiger Woods	\$5,340,290
3. Phil Mickelson	\$4,251,423
4. David Toms	\$3,339,463
5. Jim Furyk	\$3,316,989
6. Kenny Perry	\$2,814,246
7. Fred Funk	\$2,383,424
8. Chris DiMarco	\$2,356,929
9. P. Harrington	\$2,288,408
10. Sergio Garcia	\$2,277,598

## THE GOLF DOCTOR

### One swing for all clubs

A set of golf clubs features a progression of increasing lofts coupled with decreasing shaft lengths, so your driver looks quite different from your sand wedge. Because the clubs are different, many golfers think they need a different swing for each club. Actually, you need only one swing regardless of the club you're using.

To allow for the changing specifications as you move from club to club, you adjust your setup and the ball position. But the relationship of your club to your body never changes if you adhere to the principles of good posture: fanny out, back straight, arms directly underneath your shoulder

and the weight on the balls of your feet.

So without any effort on your part, the look of your swing changes as you progress from long to short clubs. Since your driver has a long shaft, you're farther from the ball, and your swing plane is flatter (more around you). At the other extreme, your short-shafted sand wedge puts you close to the ball, and therefore, your swing plane is steeper (more above you).

The key is to take a good setup and make your swing, letting the design of the club dictate whether your swing is upright or flat.

—T.J. Tomasi

## ASK THE PRO



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

**Q:** My opponent's ball rolled into a water hazard on the edge of the water line. The ball was about two-thirds under the water. She said she wasn't sure it was hers, so she turned it just enough to tell that it was her ball. I said that was a penalty, but she said that she could move the ball to identify it because there was a penalty for playing the wrong ball. Is she correct? — A.J., from Tampa, Fla.

**A:** She is incorrect. You can't touch your ball in a water hazard unless you're hitting it, and by doing so she incurred a one-shot penalty via rule 18, 2a. By the way, there is no penalty for playing the wrong ball out of a hazard as long as you don't continue to play it after you hit it out.

## BY THE NUMBERS

The Superintendents Association of America's 2005 survey of its members offers some observations from the people who keep golf courses in playing condition, evaluate the state of the game and see daily evidence of the average golfer's habits. Here are some of the questions and some top answers:

What breach of etiquette is most common on your golf course today?  
64 percent: Not repairing ball marks  
12 percent: Not fixing divots  
8 percent: Lack of knowledge of the rules of the game

Which of the following is the most common complaint about golf course conditions from players?  
28 percent: Unrepaired ball marks  
17 percent: The greens are too slow  
17 percent: The rough is too thick  
13 percent: Bunker sand is too soft or not raked

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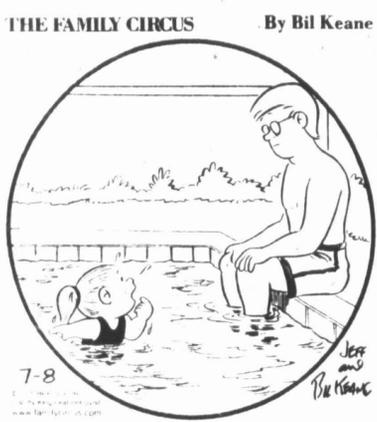
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"NO, I DON'T WANT TO HEAR A POEM YOU WROTE ABOUT ROMANCE!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"My loose tooth came out and it might clog up the drain!"

HAGAR



"I'M CURIOUS, HAGAR— DO YOU EVER DREAM OF OTHER WOMEN?" "CERTAINLY NOT! I ONLY DREAM OF ONE WOMAN!" "THAT'S SO NICE TO HEAR, SWEETHEART!" "I WONDER WHATEVER HAPPENED TO FIFI LORUE?"

BLONDIE



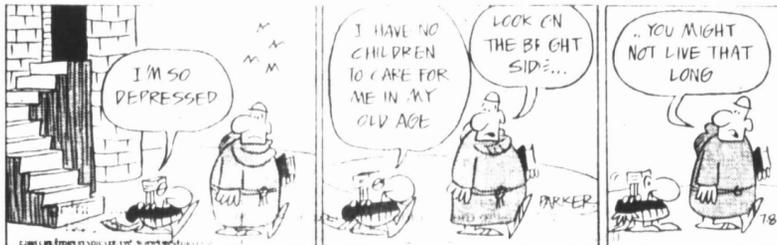
"WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?" "IT'S QUITTING TIME." "ARE YOU A COMPANY MAN OR A FAMILY MAN?" "I LOVE THOSE EASY QUESTIONS"

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JOHN? WHAT? ASLEEP.

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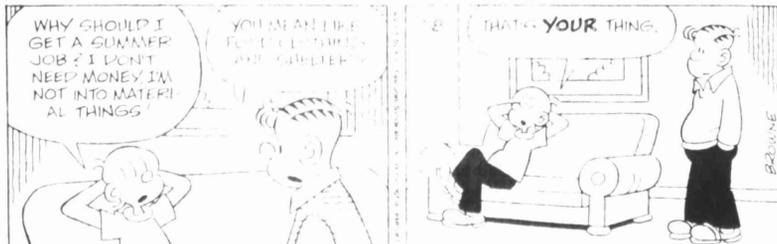
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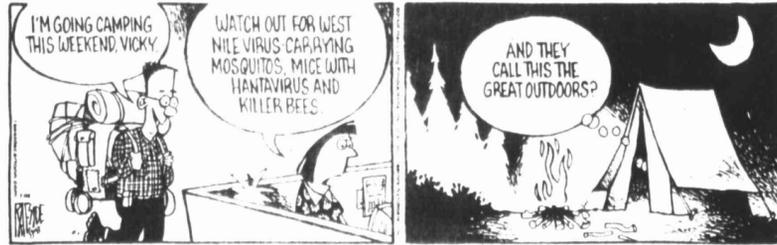
"I CAN'T SLEEP, GRANMA. I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING" "I'VE TRIED TO INDUCE DROWSINESS BY READING THESE BORING OLD PAMPHLETS. SEE?" "WARNING SIGNS OF DISEASES THAT KILL WITH NO WARNING" "SADLY, I HAVE EVERY ONE OF THEM" "THIS IS BLANK, AGNES."

HI AND LOIS



"WHY SHOULD I GET A SUMMER JOB? I DON'T NEED MONEY. I'M NOT INTO MATERIAL THINGS!" "YOU AN AN LIKE FEEL LUSTRIER AND GREETER?" "THAT'S YOUR THING."

THE OTHER COAST



"I'M GOING CAMPING THIS WEEKEND, VICKY." "WATCH OUT FOR WEST NILE VIRUS-CARRYING MOSQUITOS, MICE WITH HANTAVIRUS AND KILLER BEES." "AND THEY CALL THIS THE GREAT OUTDOORS?"

SNUFFY SMITH



"IT AIN'T JUNK, LUCKY, IT'S A 'SECURITY PERIMETER'!" "ENNY BURGLAR'D TRIP AN' SPRANG HIS ANKLE 'FORE EVER GITTIN' TO TH' HOUSE!!"

BEEBLE BAILEY



"HERE'S MY REPORT, SIR" "JUST ONE PAGE? I'M IMPRESSED!" "THE REST IS ON THIS CD!"

This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 8, the 189th day of 2005. There are 176 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On July 8, 1776, Col. John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia.

On this date:

In 1663, King Charles II of England granted a charter to Rhode Island.

In 1853, an expedition led by Commodore Matthew Perry arrived in Yedo Bay, Japan, on a mission to seek diplomatic and trade relations with the Japanese.

In 1889, The Wall Street Journal was first published.

In 1891, Warren G. Harding married Florence K. DeWolfe in Marion, Ohio.

In 1919, President Wilson received a tumultuous welcome in New York City after his return from the Versailles Peace Conference in France.

In 1950, Gen. Douglas MacArthur was named commander-in-chief of United Nations forces in Korea.

In 1993, a jury in Boise, Idaho, acquitted white separatist Randy Weaver and a co-defendant of slaying a federal marshal in a shootout at a remote mountain cabin.

In 1994, Kim Il Sung, North Korea's communist leader since 1948, died at age 82.

Ten years ago: A deadly heat wave began in the nation's midsection; it claimed more than 800 lives, more than half of them in Illinois.

Five years ago: Venus Williams beat Lindsay Davenport 6-3, 7-6 (3) for her first Grand Slam title, becoming the first black women's champion at Wimbledon since Althea Gibson in 1957-58.

One year ago: A Swedish appeals court threw out a life prison sentence for the convicted killer of Foreign Minister Anna Lindh, ruling that Mijailo Mijalovic should receive treatment for his "significant psychiatric problems."

Today's Birthdays: Singer Jerry Vale is 73. Singer Steve Lawrence is 70. Ballerina Cynthia Gregory is 59. Children's performer Raffi is 57. Actress Anjelica Huston is 54. News columnist Anna Quindlen is 52. Actor Kevin Bacon is 47. Country singer Toby Keith is 44. Writer-producer Rob Burnett ("Ed") is 43. Actor Billy Crudup is 37. Singer Beck is 35. Christian rock musician Stephen Mason (Jars of Clay) is 30. Rock musician Tavis Werts (Reel Big Fish) is 28. Singer Ben Jelen is 26. Actress Sophia Bush is 23.

Thought for Today: "Fools are more to be feared than the wicked." — Queen Christina of Sweden (1626-1689).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

HIDDEN IDENTITIES by Fred Piscop

- ACROSS
- 1 Tumblers' surfaces
- 5 "For \_\_\_ sake!"
- 10 Profile part
- 13 Australian export
- 14 Shove off
- 15 Contemporary of Irving and Jerome
- 16 Hooper for hire
- 18 Be down with
- 19 Unruffled one's nickname
- 20 Tobago's partner
- 22 G-man or T-man
- 23 Ref's decision
- 25 Bluish green
- 26 "Rock" word form
- 28 Kitchen rack array
- 32 Vault's need
- 35 REO builder
- 37 Old saw
- 38 Oodles
- 39 Junction points
- 41 Gymnast Korbut
- 42 Get new weaponry
- 44 Sleuth Wolfe
- 45 Central point
- 46 Alaskan island
- 48 Decides (on)
- 50 Dull as dishwater
- 52 Make a face
- 53 Race segment
- 56 Green soup
- 60 Grow fond of
- DOWN
- 1 Recurring theme
- 2 At full gallop
- 3 Put a strain on
- 4 Unlikely
- 5 Food for whales
- 6 Bard's time
- 7 Mediator's skill
- 8 Chris \_\_\_ Lloyd
- 9 Continuing TV show
- 10 Steinbeck surname
- 11 Thomas \_\_\_ Edison
- 12 Unwanted plant
- 15 Frank-and-beans concoctions
- 17 See socially
- 21 Wine valley
- 24 Sweater synthetic
- 26 Lab culture container
- 27 More off-the-wall
- 29 Colombian city
- 30 Poacher's need?
- 31 Pants part
- 32 Part of PRNDL
- 33 Toast topper
- 34 Jam-pack
- 36 \_\_\_ cholesterol
- 40 What you're finding now
- 43 Place to trade
- 47 Greek letters
- 49 "Zounds!"
- 51 British sort
- 53 Some jeans
- 54 On a slant
- 55 Sat for a shot
- 56 A few
- 57 Year-end event
- 58 "I'm game!"
- 59 Kofi \_\_\_ Annan
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Jupiter and Uranus are the star players in today's cosmic drama, highlighting the need for diplomacy — not the thought-out, strategic kind, but the kind that comes naturally to people who care about making other people feel good. It is said that a true gentleman is the man who is gentle even when nobody is looking. Avoid the imposters.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You made your bed, now lie in it. Lucky for you, it's a nice soft bed, but be careful not to sleep your life away. Dreamers sometimes miss out on the real thing. Wake up and seize the day, before it fades away.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Elephants never forget, but what good does it do them? Not one to lumber around complaining, you can forgive and forget instead and move forward with your life. The result is you lighten up and have fun.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're the pro at putting a shiny spin on things. You make the difficult stuff look easy. You dazzle others with your styling steps. Even if you don't know how to tap dance, you're metaphorically tapping your way through life.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Communication lines are tangled, and it feels like no matter what you say you can't explain yourself thoroughly. A "do over" is the key to a breakthrough. If at first you don't succeed, keep trying until you are understood.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Some of the daily activities that are part of your repertoire would be challenging

for others to keep up. Command yourself. The next step is to take those activities out of the realm of the ordinary and into the realm of art.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Does it feel like you've been served the rotten fruit from the tree of life? This will change quickly. Others turn to you for wisdom. Your knowledge is invaluable. Put down roots, and let them know you're in for the long haul.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Be careful what you reveal to people now, especially if they haven't passed your trustworthiness test as of yet. Just for today, it's better if only you know about your weakness. No one can drive you crazy unless they have your keys.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Suddenly, it's like your life is a reality show, and someone's urging you to eat a bunch of creepy, crawly bugs. Is this really worth it? It's always OK to walk away. Be the star of your own show, not someone else's.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're used to breaking new ground, but today's the day to let others do it for you. Good leaders learn when to delegate. Slow down just a bit, so you can pick up speed later this week when you really need to.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take notice of your feet because they are a reflection of your life right now. Shoes too tight? Maybe it's time to look for a better fit elsewhere. Put your best foot forward.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can go kicking and screaming or you can just go. The choice is yours! Sometimes a good swift kick in the status quo is exactly what the doctor ordered. Your relationship with a Libra is highly featured today.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Work hard but work smart. There's no need to waste energy trying to move those who choose to remain fixed. For now,

avoid conflict. Things won't go your way if you decide to take someone on.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** The Leo moon favors the generous heart. All the fun is in giving. **ARIES:** Just as you should never put off happiness until some future date, you should never put off dating until some happy future. **TAURUS:** You fix up your body before you go out and should fix up your mind, too — think bright thoughts. **GEMINI:** The dating world isn't exactly your oyster now, so there's no need to try and cultivate a pearl out of the mess. **CANCER:** If dating were a lotto, you would win in the "quick pick" category. **LEO:** You ask the thought provoking questions and endear yourself to interesting people. **VIRGO:** Someone is lovely in all the right ways and still not right for you. **LIBRA:** Intellect is sexy, so show off your smarts. **SCORPIO:** Your conscience has you calling an ex to rectify a situation. **SAGITTARIUS:** A daring dating move is a winner. **CAPRICORN:** You enjoy doing the opposite of what your parents would want you to do. **AQUARIUS:** You're not in the mood to compromise, so hopefully a loved one is. **PISCES:** Other water signs (Scorpio and Cancer) fit with you in a fabulous way.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Lately, the closer they get, the more in love Cancer and Virgo become. But will this always be the case? Staying in has been such a joy for these two that their friends wonder if they fell off the planet. This weekend, there are long-term benefits if they would just get out and circulate a little. If they let others into their insular world for a few hours, they can prevent growing bored later in the relationship.

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