

FOOTBALL WORKOUTS UNDER WAY



Big Spring High School football players run through drills at Blankenship Field, as the Steers began two-a-day practices Monday morning in preparation for the coming season, which begins Aug. 26.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Fiddlin' trio

Quebe Sisters to perform during Howard County Fair

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

What do you get when you cross three teenage girls with fiddles and authentic western music? Just ask the Quebe Sisters.

Area residents will get to ask questions just like these during the Howard County Fair, as the trio prepares to perform Friday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

And for those that think there's no way teens can capture the authenticity of western music made popular by the likes of Bob Wills, Sons of the Pioneers and Eddie Arnold, local country music legend Jody Nix says think again.

"I had heard about them about a year or so before I got to meet them," said Nix. "I met them last February in Austin. They were in the same play that I performed in with Ray

"They are so good, and they play so good."

They're sweet and cute, and just wonderful little ladies."

Nix

Benson and Asleep at the Wheel — the story of Bob Wills. They were a featured act in the show and they just went over wonderfully. They are so good, and they play so good. They're sweet and cute, and just wonderful little ladies."

The sisters, who live in Burleson, are ages 18, 17 and 14, and have already amassed quite a reputation in the Lone Star State, having performed

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County unveils new user friendly touch screen voting booths

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

For anyone sick and tired of hearing stories of "hanging chads," Sandra Bloom has good news.

Bloom, the election administrator for Howard County, said the county is ready to unveil 30 of its new touch screen voting booths, which will replace the older punch card booths beginning this November.

Bloom said the new systems will be far more accurate and voter-friendly than the older systems.

"With the older punch-card systems, if you made a mistake, you could get a new ballot ... but most people were either too embarrassed to do so, or didn't know they could do that," she said. "With the new

machines, you can automatically review your vote, and change it as many times as you want."

The process is fairly simple — voters select their candidates by touching the screen next to the appropriate name. The system will not allow "over-votes" (voting for more candidates than may be elected to

office). After selections are made, a review screen shows a summary of the voter's choices. The person can then change his or her ballot as many times as necessary before officially recording their vote.

Write-in candidates also are allowed on the system.

The system also comes with three redundant

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Citizens can inspect the new system in the county courthouse currently or at the Howard County Fair Aug. 24-27.



Malah McGea, a deputy clerk at the Howard County Elections Office, examines one of the new touch screen voting booths which will replace the older punch card systems.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Not your average Joes

Glasscock, Grady school districts get extra recognition

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Two area school districts earned above-average ratings from the Texas Education Agency's latest accountability report.

Glasscock County and Grady school districts both received "recognized" status in the TEA report, which was released last week.

Stanton and Sands school districts both received "academically acceptable" status from TEA.

Recognized status is one level below the highest rating the agency bestows on school districts and campuses.

Glasscock County Superintendent Steve Long said this marks the fourth time out of the last five years that the Garden City school district has received a recognized rating.

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Police investigating Sunday armed robbery at Subway

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring police are searching for a suspect in connection with an aggravated robbery which took place Sunday at the Subway Sandwiches restaurant at 1000 Gregg St.

According to police spokesman Sgt. Tony Everett, an employee of Subway was taking a break just after closing the business about midnight when the robbery occurred.

"He was sitting on the back door steps

with the back door open," Everett said. "He stated that a black male approached him, pointed a handgun at home and forced him to go back in the business.

"Once inside, the victim was forced to open the safe and hand over an undetermined amount of cash to the suspect, who then fled the scene," Everett added.

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NURSING SHORTAGE

It's a number that still gives Beth Mancini pause: 4,200 people applied to nursing programs in Texas

two years ago but were turned down. See Page 5A



Obituaries

Emmett 'E.W.' Nail

Emmett "E.W." Nail, 88, of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2005, at the Peace Chapel in Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Monroe Teeters, pastor of Salem Baptist Church and the Rev. Dwayne Wheat, pastor of Berea Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born Dec. 5, 1916, in Choctaw County, Miss., and married Bernice Stewart, Miss. He had worked for McMahon Concrete for 28 years, retiring in 1981. He enjoyed fishing, quail hunting and raising tomatoes. He was a member of Berea Baptist Church.

He served as a Seabee in the United States Navy during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice Nail of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Kathryn Nail of Sugarland; one daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Steve Coleman of Alice; four grandchildren, Ronnie Nail and wife, Aimee, John Nail and wife, Leah, Chad Coleman and fiancée, Stacia Loftin and Kara Freeman and husband, Chad; and two great-grandchildren, Ross Freeman and Ty Freeman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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

Paid obituary

Robert 'Bob' Erickson

Robert "Bob" Erickson, 83, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following: The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of S. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of East 13th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2100 block of Carl. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Texas Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of Moss Lake Road and I-20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 4200 block of West Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of N.E. Ninth Street. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Scott. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Providence. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Westover. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Abrams. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of East 15th. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5700 block of Cedar Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Old Mill Road. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Hillside. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL TRANSFER was reported in the 1600 block of West Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

- DAWN TUCKER, 39, of 707 Creighton, was arrested Sunday and held for the HCSO.
- STEVE RODRIGUEZ, 23, of Sand Springs, was arrested Sunday on a Howard County warrant.
- JOSE MELENDEZ, 22, of 711 Aylesford, was arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and failure to identify.
- CORNDUS JACKSON, 46, of 2536 Langley, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants and a Howard County warrant.
- DANIEL LEMON, 37, of 104 N.W. Fourth Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 200 block of FM 700.
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

Sheriff's report

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

- CHRISTY MORGAN RAINS, 27, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole - possession or transport of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.
- HECTOR DUENEZ MARTINEZ, 33, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence.
- CHRISTIAN ALVAREZ, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.
- JIMMY ANTHONY CANTU, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify - giving false information.
- JOEY SCOTT GUITERREZ, 22, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JOSEPH EDWARD OLVERA, 18, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a judgment for consumption of alcoholic beverage by a minor - third offense enhanced.
- DAWN PRIVETT, 39, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARVIN EDWARD WILLIAMS JR., was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.
- FRANCISCO JESUS NIETO, 26, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a judgment for driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- STEVE RODRIGUEZ, 23, was transferred to the county jail Sunday on a charge of harassment.
- DAVID LEE BRUMLEY, 44, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JOEL BRENT HOWARD, 43, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

Take note

- FORSAN SUPERINTENDENT PRAYER BREAKFAST is set for 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. Friday in the junior high/high school cafeteria. Tickets are \$4, must be purchased in advance and are available at Elbow Elementary, the junior high/high school office or the superintendent's office.
- EMPLOYER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST AND TOUR OF THE WORKFORCE NETWORK OF BIG SPRING is set for 7:30 a.m. until 9 a.m. Aug. 17. RSVP by Wednesday to 263-7641.
- WEST TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES is sponsoring an Outreach Seminar from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Friday at 4005 E. I-20, the former Cosden Credit Union, to provide information and accept applications for utility and weatherization needs. Call 267-9536 for more information.
- A FUND TO OFFSET THE COST OF CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENTS FOR PATSY WARDEN, who was recently diagnosed with cancer, has been established at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma. For more information, call 393-5331.
- THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.
- ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.
- RSVP ICE CREAM SOCIAL from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16 at the Dora Roberts Community Center. RSVP to 264-2397.
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1995 10-YEAR REUNION is set for Homecoming weekend. For information about the events, contact bshs1995@yahoo.com or call Amanda or Stacie at 267-1353.

Bulletin board

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

- TODAY
- 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.
 - Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
 - Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.
 - Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
 - Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.
 - Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
 - Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacients meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
 - Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows around 70. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 70s.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows around 70.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s.

Friday night — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows around 70.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows around 70.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-10-19-35-42. Bonus Ball: 40. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$36 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-11-12-16-29. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$16,300. Winning tickets sold in: El Paso and Port Arthur. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 2-8-7

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Council expected to approve 71.63-cent tax rate

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With several budget issues left to hammer out before a 2005-2006 budget can be approved, the Big Spring City Council is expected to approve the tax rate for the coming fiscal year Tuesday during its regular meeting.

And while water prices are expected to increase to make up for cost increases handed down by the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD), area property owners can breathe a sigh of relief as the tax rate is expected to be set at 71.63 cents per \$100 valuation, the same as last fiscal year.

Also on the agenda is a public hearing

concerning the 2005-2006 budget, which the council has been working on for the last several weeks. And while the public hearing for the budget is slated for the 5:30 p.m. meeting, the council is expected to put in some overtime with a budget workshop slated for immediately following the regular meeting.

Also on Tuesday's agenda:

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with the Howard County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office.
- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with Limestone Ridge to deliver treated water to the complex.

• Acceptance of meeting minutes from the Traffic Commission and Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. Board of Directors.

• Discussion and consideration of the 2005 property tax rate.

• Call for public hearings concerning the annual budget for 2005-2006 and the property tax rate for 2005.

• First reading of an ordinance adopting a drought contingency plan.

• First reading of a resolution authorizing expenditures from the capital revolving fund for the construction of Comanche Trail Park restrooms and water treatment plant projects.

• First reading of an ordinance adopt-

ing the National Incident Management System as the standard for incident management.

• First reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute documents relating to the activities authorized by the development agreement with EVOS Homes Inc. for development of the Settles Hotel.

Both the regular council meeting and the budget work session will be held in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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Bush signing massive energy bill into law

By DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press Writer

CRAWFORD — President Bush is doing something he has wanted to do for four years: sign legislation that marks a major overhaul of the nation's energy policies.

Bush is to sign the 1,724-page bill Monday in New Mexico, home of Republican Sen. Pete Domenici, a driving force in getting the measure passed with bipartisan support last month. The measure ended a yearlong congressional standoff over energy policy.

The ceremony at Sandia National Laboratory in Albuquerque begins a week of events meant to highlight the president's legislative successes and underscore economic and national security issues.

In coming days, Bush meets at his Texas ranch with his defense and economic advisers and travels to Illinois to sign a highway bill.

Supporters say that in the long run, the new law will refocus the nation's

energy priorities and promote cleaner and alternative sources of energy. Bush has said he believes the nation must find new ways, besides fossil fuels, to power the economy.

But even the bill's sponsors acknowledged the legislation will have little, if any impact, on today's energy prices or wean the nation away from its thirst for oil.

Domenici, who chairs the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said the bill would provide financial incentives and federal policies "that we as a nation will benefit from, not tomorrow but for the next five or 10 years."

The measure funnels billions of dollars to energy companies, including tax breaks and loan guarantees for new nuclear power plants, clean coal technology and wind energy.

But for the first time, utilities will be required to comply with federal reliability standards for its electricity grid.

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memory systems which should insure that no vote will ever be lost, Bloom said.

And the memory capacity is sufficient enough that one machine could handle all of the county's voters, she added.

And the electronic reporting of the vote totals should speed up the election night tallying

process considerably, Bloom said.

She one of the new machines on display in her office at the county courthouse, and encourages the public to come by for a demonstration. Also, she plans to have the new booths on display later this month at the Howard County Fair.

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ROBBERY

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The suspect is described as a black man wearing all black clothes. He was

armed with a short-barreled handgun.

Everett said investigation into the robbery is continuing under the direction of Det. Phil Whitten.

RATINGS

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TEA rates schools based on how students perform in the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) standardized tests, high school completion rate and drop-out rate.

Glasscock County ISD claimed a 90 percent success rate on all TAKS categories except science (70 percent of Glasscock students passed the science portion of the test). A 90 percent success rate in all categories would have earned the district an "exemplary" rating, TEA's highest.

TRIO

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with country music superstar Ricky Skaggs and received praise from critics and fans in the process.

Joey McKenzie, the girls' musical teacher and accompanying guitarist, said they are natural musicians with an incredible future ahead of them.

"They're born to be fiddle players," said McKenzie. "They have a natural understanding of how things are supposed to be, sometimes even before I'd say it. They're just happy about music. They want to play whether they make a dime or not and they want other traditional musicians to respect them."

Nix agrees, saying a great future lays ahead of Grace, Sophia and Hulda Quebe.

"I called them and made the arrangements," said Nix. "This will be very unique. It's great fiddle music and these kids are

really good. They're already doing some mighty big things, and I told them in Austin, they had better watch out, because they are in for a long ride. And I hope they are because they're good enough to go anywhere they want to go."

And while the Quebe Sisters promise to shine their prodigious talents during the fair, they're not the only acts on the bill. Thursday, Aug. 25, the Colgate Country Showdown will take the stage, bringing an array of different talents from all over the West Texas area.

"People from all over the area and West Texas will compete," said Nix. "If they win at the fair, they go on to the next level of competition. That's a really fun deal. This is the third year we've had the show-down."

Saturday, Aug. 27, Nix said the Rodeo Bowl will be filled with a different kind of music, as the annual Battle of the Cheerleaders grabs the

spotlight.

"The battle of the cheerleaders is always a wonderful draw for the fair," said Nix.

Nix, along with The West Texas Cowboys, will perform Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., the show marking a very special anniversary for the local musicians.

"This will be our 20th year in a row to play the Howard County Fair," said Nix. "I played it for years before my father passed away, but in 1985 I took it over. I played the fair about three weeks after my father died. It was very emotional."

"We want people to come out and support the fair and listen to us if they want to hear real country music, and we'll do our best to entertain them."

Nix said every performance is special, but playing in front of a home-town crowd is the perfect way to celebrate the occasion.

"It makes you feel good because they will come over there and sit under

the tent. Sometimes it's hot, sometimes it's cool, but they enjoy it and it's a fun part of the fair. It's also good for the boys in the band. They enjoy it and I really enjoy it.

"I want to encourage everyone in Big Spring and Howard County to come out and support the fair in general," he added. "Its been a long, ongoing tradition for people in this area. There are a lot of fun things for people to do at the fair. There are the booths, the exhibits, stock shows and petting zoo for the kids. Of course there's always all kinds of good food and the entertainment. Good ol' country fun."

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OUR VIEWS

What those words mean depends on who's saying them

In split screen, their eyes focus right from your TV, through your head and to the back of your La-Z-Boy, reflecting surprise, indignation, disgust or even sincerity. Their mouths move. Words spill out.

Variouly described as party strategists, senators, columnists or advocacy professionals, they talk and talk, sentence upon sentence, muted allegation upon subtle defense. Thrust and parry, all over a simple lifetime nomination to the nation's highest court.

While you wait for the transcript to turn up online, visit their Web site. Or read their deepest thoughts on their personal blogs, or thousands like them. Or catch them on talk radio and call in with your question or comments.

President Bush's selection of John Roberts is the first Supreme Court nomination in 11 years and the first of the you-can't-know-too-much-info era. Gone are the days of a few minutes on the evening news or waiting for tomorrow's newspaper. There's no waking moment today that you can't turn on Fox News or CNN or Google whatever "fact" you must have.

Before you were certain that this John Roberts never reported for CBS News or didn't run a Dallas BMW dealership, you knew he was a "mainstream" conservative who might hold "extremist" views but was "highly qualified" unless he was a "blank slate." Either way, you were told, the Senate must take seriously its "advice and consent" role because Judge Roberts deserves "a fair up-or-down vote."

Overwhelmed yet? Some of you tuned out pretty quickly, but for those who didn't, let your reliable print newspaper offer this secret-decoder-ring glossary of terms you'll hear incessantly over the next few weeks.

What the words mean, of course, depends on whose mouth is moving.

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Dreaming of Energy "Independence"

I have a dream: President Bush pushes through a grand compromise — he bucks Big Oil and Detroit by raising automobile fuel-efficiency standards, while enviros grind their teeth and support oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

That dream was interrupted Thursday by the person of U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman, who was in San Francisco to speak at the Commonwealth Club. He arrived here just as Congress passed a 1,745-page energy bill that doesn't do much to improve fuel efficiency but has billions of dollars in tax breaks for energy companies.

I've clung to this dream because raising fuel efficiency would reduce American demand for oil, while opening up ANWR would increase oil supply. Both measures would make America, which imports 58 percent of its oil, more energy independent.

Bodman, however, wasn't too interested in pushing hard for four-wheel fuel efficiency. The administration is concerned, he told me in an interview, about "the unintended consequences of increasing the CAFE (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) standards on light vehicles" — to wit, that higher CAFE standards could cause manufacturers to make lighter, and hence less safe, vehicles.

To my CAFE/ANWR proposal specifically, Bodman responded, "Your trade-off — does it make sense? Sure, you get A, and you give up B, and does that sort of thing make sense? Well, if you were going to make the change that you suggest, first of all you'd have to add an additional feature if you're producing vehicles that are just as safe or safer." (In other words, first you've got to call for measures that can impede fuel efficiency.)

The mechanics of legislation also get in the way. Congress had a chance to call for oil-conserving CAFE standards but failed. Don't think it is because Democrats didn't get what they wanted: Labor-loving Dems don't want tougher CAFE standards, either.

In fact, the Bush administration already has increased fuel-efficiency standards more than the Sierra Club hugging Clinton-Gore administration did. The Bushies raised the standard for light trucks, SUVs and minivans from 20.7 miles per gallon to 22.2 mpg in 2007. Small as that may sound, it's the biggest boost in 20 years. (CAFE standards for sedans remain at the Reagan-era 27.5 mpg.)

As any environmentalist will tell you, that increase is not enough. Many Californians would agree — even if they drive gas-guzzling SUVs, while they pooh-pooh the Bush record.

Meanwhile, the Bushies know the best way to push ANWR through is to use a different type of legislation — the budget-reconciliation bill. Bodman explained, "It is included in the budget bill because it is a

source of substantial income." Better yet: "A budget bill is not subject to filibuster."

Californians take note: Alaska isn't the only oil-rich state. The energy bill requires an inventory of offshore oil and natural gas reserves — including off the coasts of Florida and California, which prohibit new offshore drilling.

Why not? To oppose the inventory is to oppose knowledge. Says the energy secretary: "I guess one could take the position that I don't want to know the information. I don't think that's a very wise thing." Besides, Bodman noted, "Californians have been able to take advantage of fuel that was produced by other states for years."

Mayhap Californians don't have the right to guzzle merrily without ponying up their share of the petrol. As energy secretary, Bodman told the Commonwealth Club, he is the guy who has to ask OPEC leaders to produce more oil. And it doesn't help that he's asking them to pump more while Americans refuse to touch reserves at home.

Too bad the Bushies don't quite see this: That's the strongest argument there is for boosting CAFE standards.

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'Last throes' assessment off

Does anybody still think, as Vice President Cheney believes, that the insurgency in Iraq is in its "last throes?"

Cheney said that on "Larry King Live" at the end of May. But who really believes it?

As I write this on Wednesday, 14 U.S. Marines have been killed by a roadside bomb in Haditha in northwest Iraq.

Two days before, six U.S. Marines were killed in the same area in an ambush by insurgents.

Always trying to find a bright side, Army Brig. Gen. Carter Ham said Wednesday this was a sign that the insurgents lacked "the freedom of movement" they had before U.S. forces applied pressure on them, so now the insurgents were standing and fighting.

Are we supposed to find some good news in that?

Even the U.S. military death toll — as I write this, it is 1,820 — does not fully convey what is going on in Iraq.

Robert H. Reid of *The Associated Press* noted a few days ago: "As the Iraq war drags through a third broiling summer, the dying goes on — and neither the restoration of Iraqi sovereignty, nor elections, nor overtures to the Sunnis, nor steps toward a new constitution have been enough to stop it."

Got that? All the stuff the White House brags about — democracy, elections, constitutions — none of it seems to be making any difference in the violence.

In fact, things seem to be getting worse. As Reid writes: "According to American military figures, insurgents attacked U.S. and coalition forces an average of 68 times a day during the month (of July). By comparison, the average daily rate of attacks for July last year was 47."

Got that? The number of daily attacks is going up, not down.

And let's consider the imbalance between the two sides: The insurgents have no planes. They have no helicopters. They have no tanks. They have no heavy artillery. They have no satellites. They have no sophisticated communications systems. They have no "smart" weapons.

So how come they are doing so well? They have the support of too many of the Iraqi people.

Insurgents — rebels, revolutionaries, they get called different things in different countries — cannot exist without the support of ordinary people.

People hide them, people feed them, people help them move around and communicate.

And too many Iraqis are helping the insurgents.

Not all the Iraqis, of course. Some are supposedly getting ready to stand up and fight for their own country.

But I fear too many Iraqis have discovered a simple truth: As long as the Americans are standing up and fighting for Iraq, the Iraqis don't have to.

The insurgency is in its "last throes?"

We wish.

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Needed: Thousands of nurses

Nationwide nursing shortage prompts search for long-term solutions

By STEVE QUINN

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — It's a number that still gives Beth Mancini pause: 4,200 people applied to nursing programs in Texas two years ago but were turned down.

"We need every one of those nurses; they could be hired tomorrow," said Mancini, associate dean for undergraduate nursing at the University of Texas at Arlington, adding that last year's number was probably 5,000.

The nationwide nursing shortage is reaching crisis proportions, yet prospective students are being turned away largely because of the increasingly lean corps of nursing faculty. It's a problem with few solutions, as more instructors reach retirement age and as the private sector and its high pay draw nurses away from academia.

But hospital operators, in dire need of more nurses and with little control over the number that schools turn out, have begun to dedicate more resources to colleges and universities in an effort to ease both the nurse and faculty shortages.

"We need to address this — and now," said Jim Willmann, director of governmental affairs for the Texas Nurses Association. "There are qualified applicants waiting to get in and jobs waiting when they get out, but the bottleneck is with the faculty."

Nationally, the shortages are continuing to mount. The U.S. Department of Labor predicts that registered nurses will be the fastest-growing occupation by 2012.

Over the years, hospital companies have tried various methods of attracting nurses — sign-on bonuses, recruiting from other countries and student scholarships — but they have proved to be only temporary fixes.

More recently, these companies have supported colleges and universities with dollars and personnel to help find long-term solutions.

Arlington-based Texas Health Resources began supplying faculty, funding and students for El Centro College in Dallas in January 2003. The investment has reached about \$1 million a year, which covers faculty salaries, tuition and instruction materials.

THR, which operates 13 hospitals, believes that medical assistants and technicians have the makings of registered nurses. So the company lets these employees take distance-learning classes through El Centro and clinical practice at THR from faculty hired specifically for these students.

THR is on track to produce 40 nurses each semester — without taking up additional class-

room space at El Centro, says registered nurse Michael Evans, THR's chief learning officer.

"It became clear that our own employees who aren't nurses had the aptitude and the ability, but they were constrained by financial reasons or transportation," Evans said. "We traveled the world looking for nurses. The mother lode is within ourselves, within our 17,000 employees."

Student Elizabeth Lawrence, 33, works as a Spanish interpreter for Harris Methodist H-E-B Hospital in Bedford, Texas. She plans to graduate from this program next year with a degree from El Centro and change job titles to registered nurse.

"I thought this is another way I might use my Spanish in the medical field," Lawrence said. "Of course, having your education paid for is wonderful, too."

The program doesn't put more teachers in El Centro's classrooms, but it lets the school produce more nursing graduates.

It's a program that's catching on, said Charles Green, associate dean at El Centro's nursing program.

"This allows us to take in more students, with the hospitals helping defray some of the costs," she said. "Hopefully, this helps the hospital with employees coming back to work for them, this time as nurses."

Tenet Healthcare Corp. is going after a different talent pool, using a three-year grant that it hopes will produce nurses and, ultimately, faculty members.

Last year, the company earmarked \$2.8 million for accelerated undergraduate and graduate nursing programs for midcareer people who already have bachelor's degrees in related and unrelated fields. The grant is for five schools, including Texas Woman's University in Houston and the University of Texas at El Paso.

"Our No. 1 priority was to look at tapping into a different source for nurses that in the short term relieves the nursing shortage," said Garry Olney, Tenet's vice president for nursing clinical operations.

"But a lot of schools offer a track where students can go from a bachelor's to the master's level, then they are eligible to teach, and this is where we believe we will



KRT photo/Ricky Moon, Dallas Morning News

From left, Marina Reeves, David Eubanks, Gerald Adams and Chandler Swain use a patient simulator as part of nurse training at Texas Health Resources in Arlington.

help with the faculty shortage."

Texas' health educators are also hoping initiatives from the recent legislative session will help. Texas lawmakers appropriated \$6 million to nursing schools for faculty.

Developments in other bill provisions include:

- Children of nursing faculty may attend, free of charge, public universities where their parents teach.

- Retired nursing faculty may return to the classroom without losing part of their retirement.

- Faculty can qualify for low-interest home loans.

It's a good start, said Mancini at UT-Arlington.

"If you don't have ... an adequate supply of individuals who can teach, you're always going to be playing catch-up," she said.

"We need an adequate supply of appropriately compensated, appropriately educated, appreciably qualified faculty to make that happen."

FACULTY SHORTAGE: THE REASONS

Three factors are driving the nursing faculty shortage:

- Academia cannot afford to pay as well as the private sector. The average salary for a full professor with a Ph.D. is \$80,075; the same person could earn an average of \$92,934 as a nursing director.

- Aging faculty members are ready to retire. In Texas, 70 percent of nursing faculty members are within three to 12 years of retirement.

- Competition for faculty members is fierce across the nation, making recruitment more difficult.

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2005 Property Tax Rates in City of Coahoma

This notice concerns 2005 property tax rates for City of Coahoma. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$93,193
Last year's debt taxes	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$93,193
Last year's tax base	\$15,598,199
Last year's total tax rate	\$5.9746 / \$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$92,920
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$15,257,224
= This year's effective tax rate	\$6.0902 / \$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year.

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$/100
= Effective tax rate	\$/100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$92,920
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$15,257,224
= This year's effective operating rate	\$6.0902 / \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$6.5774 / \$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$/100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$6.5774 / \$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Coahoma adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$6.0902 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2004 taxes by \$1,243.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
UNENCUMBERED FUND	\$429,882

Schedule B - 2005 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

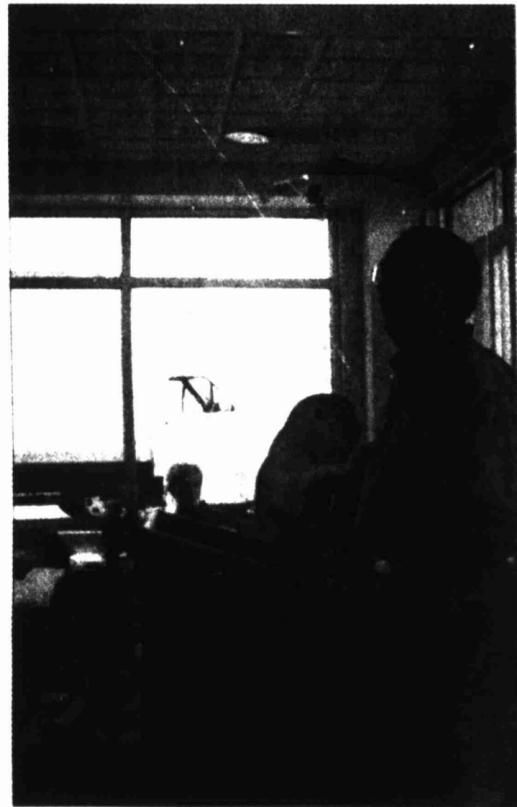
Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Total required for 2005 debt service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$ -0-
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$
- Excess collections last year				\$
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2005				\$
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 0.00% of its taxes in 2005				\$
= Total Debt Levy				\$ -0-

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 MAIN (COUNTY ANNEX BLDG.) BIG SPRING, TX 79720

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Good news



HERALD photos/Susanne Reed

Almost 100 people were on hand Saturday for a "Welcome to Big Spring" dinner for contestants in the 2005 United States Hang Gliding National Championships at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The dinner, provided by Cornell Corrections and its staff, preceded Sunday's opening day of competition in the week-long event. Pilots entered in this week's event come from as far away as Tokyo and they were greeted by Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen during the evening's festivities.

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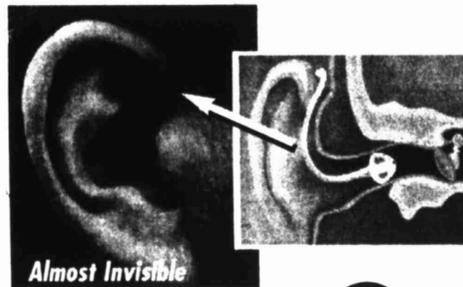
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The Big Spring Youth Football Travel League is now being formed for anyone in grades three through six who would like to play. If interested, contact Randy Phillips at 267-7141 or Denise Carillo at 816-1685 or 263-1945.

B.S. football season tickets on sale now
Football season tickets for the Big Spring Steers are now on sale for previous season ticket holders. Tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.). For more information, contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

B.S. JH to pick up equipment mid-week
The Big Spring seventh and eighth grade football players can pick up equipment starting Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the JH gym. The eighth grade will be assigned equipment Wednesday, while the seventh grade can get theirs Thursday.

B.S. youth soccer signups announced
The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association (BSYSA) will begin its annual sign-up session Monday. The sign-ups will take place Monday-Saturday until Aug. 20. They will take place at All-District Printing Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and at the Big Spring mall Saturday Aug. 13 and 20 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Robert Smith at 263-3333 or All-District Printing at 263-4647.

YMCA to host youth volleyball league
The Big Spring YMCA is holding registration for youth volleyball through Aug. 20. The registration fee is \$40 per player and covers all expenses including a team jersey and player awards. For more information, contact Pete Thiry at 267-8234.

Coahoma Athletic Boosters announces first meeting of year
The first athletic boosters meeting of the year at Coahoma will take place tonight at 7 p.m. at the Coahoma snack bar. For more information, contact Donna Wright at 264-2214.

Parcells eases up on team at training camp

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer
OXNARD, Calif. — Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells finally let his players take their pads off at practice, and then made them run a series of sprints back and forth across the field.

That was how Parcells ended the first week of training camp before the Cowboys finally got a break with a day off Sunday.

They wore pads every session and the coach managed to stay on his players hard, even while reducing the number of practices.

"I just want to toughen up my team mentally and get a little more mental toughness, a little more competitiveness and a little more situationally competitive," Parcells said. "I don't know if it's going to work or not, but I don't know how else to do it."

After the Cowboys went 6-10 last season, Parcells

spent the offseason restructuring the roster, primarily on defense. Now he's getting to mold this team on the field.

"Oh, it's been a rough week," tight end Jason Witten said. "It's been a lot of work."

Eric Ogobu was still trying to catch his breath and sweat rolled off his face while the defensive end signed autographs after the running session Saturday, which followed a nine-series intrasquad scrimmage.

"Oh, definitely harder," Ogobu said about the difference in Parcells. "He's expecting a lot more than he did last year, especially with the bad season."

Parcells altered his original plan for twice-daily practices, but that didn't mean he was taking it easy on his team.

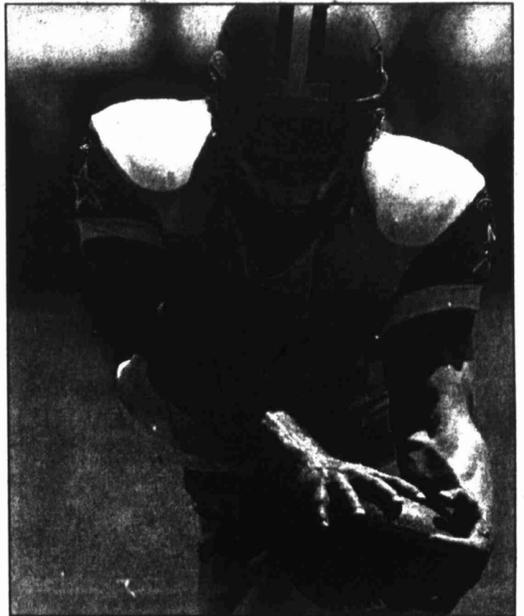
The Cowboys instead have two-a-days every other day with afternoon practice sessions those days in between, accounting for 12 practice ses-

sions the first eight days of camp. Several of the practices have gone longer than scheduled.

While the players have more time to recover physically between practices, much of the extra time is spent in meetings.

"I just want to make sure I get the information to the players," Parcells said. "I want this team, I desperately want this team to play the game the right way. That's what I want."

"I want them to be smart and tough and aggressive and have some mental resiliency. Those kinds of things that separate winners from the losers," he said. "That's what I want to try to accomplish the best way I know how, and that means just keeping consistent pressure on them. Now that doesn't mean I don't tell a joke once and while or laugh with them, but as far as what we're doing, we're not backing off."



KRT photo/Ralph Lauer, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Dallas Cowboys tight end Dan Campbell runs through a series of receiving and blocking drills during training camp practice at the Residence Inn facility in Oxnard, Calif., Saturday. He has been sidelined after an apendectomy last week.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Comanche Trail Golf Course manager Jack Birdwell, right, shakes the hand of Jerrid Simmons and awards him with a first-place plaque Sunday after Simmons shot a 9-under-par score during the two-day Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships.

Marino, Young go into Hall of Fame

By **BARRY WILNER**
AP Football Writer

CANTON, Ohio — The eyes that stared down defenses betrayed Dan Marino on Sunday. They were wet with tears as he took his place among the legends of football.

Marino suspected he might break down and cry during his emotionally charged acceptance speech. He did so even before then, after his oldest son Daniel's introduction.

None of that on-field stoicism for the Miami Dolphins great, at least not on this sun-splashed day in front of thousands of fans in No. 13 jerseys, and amid chants of "D-A-N-N-Y."

"I'll remember this day for the rest of my life," Marino said.

Then he capped it by throwing — what else? — a perfect spiral into the audience to his former receiving partner, Mark Clayton.

"Go deep, Mark," Marino said as he licked the fingers on his right hand, a trademark of his 17-year career.

Marino, the NFL's most prolific passer, joined Steve Young, Fritz Pollard and Benny Friedman in the shrine. Paying tribute to his Western Pennsylvania roots, Marino noted that John Unitas, Joe Namath, Joe Montana and Jim Kelly all came from the region. All are Hall of Famers.

"When I was younger, there's no doubt I thought about being Joe Namath," Marino said, adding that joining them in the Hall "definitely makes an impact on you."

Young suggested it was the first time only quarterbacks entered the Hall in one class, and he was partly right.

Pollard was a running back who sometimes played QB.

"I'm proud to be part of this with Dan and the Pollard and Friedman families," Young said. "We are quarterbacks and that's what is neat about this position."

While Marino and Young had diverse styles, they both spent years at the top of their profes-

sion. Marino set NFL marks of 4,967 completions, 8,358 passes, 61,361 yards (nearly 35 miles) and 420 touchdowns. His record of 48 TD passes in the 1984 season, when he was MVP, was broken by Peyton Manning last year.

He also owned 21 NFL marks when he retired, including most seasons with 3,000 yards or more passing (13); most yards passing in one season (5,084 in '84, the only year he won a conference championship); and most games with 300 yards or more passing (63).

"I know individually you get the honor of being inducted in the Hall of Fame," Marino said, "but you see coach (Don) Shula up onstage and teammates and family and friends — my mom and dad and wife and kids — this day is for them."

The only achievement Marino didn't reach that Young did was winning a title. Young, the 1992 and '94 league MVP after taking over for Montana in San Francisco, and the career passing efficiency leader, guided the 49ers to the '94 championship. He also is the first left-handed QB in the Hall.

"I can taste the pride I felt to be able to put on a 49ers jersey and represent the great city of San Francisco," Young said. "In San Francisco, I found football in its newly enlightened form. I found heaven on Earth for football."

Pollard, like Friedman, was a pro football pioneer and the first black NFL head coach.

After a sensational college career at Brown, where he became the first black to play in the Rose Bowl, the running back led the Akron Pros to the 1920 championship. They went undefeated.

His grandson, Stephen Towns, and other family members, have campaigned for decades to get him elected to the Hall.

Friedman, who died in 1982, probably was the first great pro passer, and his 20 TD throws in 1929 were considered phenomenal because the ball he threw barely resembled the modern football.

Rangers dominate Orioles, Teixeira hits another homer

ARLINGTON (AP) — Chris Young pitched seven shutout innings to earn his first victory in more than a month, Mark Teixeira and Gary Matthews Jr. each homered and drove in three runs, and the Texas Rangers beat the Baltimore Orioles 9-3 Sunday.

Kevin Mench also connected for the Rangers, who lead the majors with 188 home runs.

Teixeira's 31st homer was a two-run shot off Jorge Julio in the seventh that gave the Rangers a 9-0 lead. He also tied a career high with four hits.

Matthews tied his career best with his 14th homer, a three-run drive in the sixth to give the Rangers a 7-0 advantage.

That was more than enough for Young, who came into Sunday's start 0-3 with an 11.41 ERA in his six previous outings.

Young (9-7) allowed five hits and struck out three to pick up his first win since beating the Los Angeles Angels on July 30.

Kevin Gryboski relieved Young to start the eighth and gave up three runs. Eric Byrnes and Miguel Tejada had RBI singles, and Sammy Sosa had a run-scoring groundout.

Baltimore starting pitcher Sidney Ponson (7-11) left in the third inning with a strained right calf. He allowed three runs and five hits in 2 1-3 innings and was replaced by Todd Williams.

The Orioles, who have lost two straight, are now

2-2 under interim manager Sam Perlozzo.

Texas opened the scoring in the first on Teixeira's RBI single.

Young ran into trouble when the Orioles loaded the bases in the second. Sosa walked with one out, and Luis Matos and David Newhan singled.

But Young wriggled out of the jam when Sal Fasano flew out to center.

The Rangers stretched their lead with two runs in the third. Michael Young had an RBI single off Ponson. Then after Texas loaded the bases, Williams relieved and gave up an RBI groundout to Alfonso Soriano.

Mench broke a 3-for-22 slump with his leadoff homer off Williams in the fourth. It was Mench's 19th homer of the year.

Cowboys sign kicker Cortez

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Kicker Jose Cortez signed with the Dallas Cowboys.

Cortez, who has kicked for four other NFL teams, was signed after working out for the Cowboys on Saturday. Wade Richie also worked out but wasn't signed.

The Cowboys waived

injured kicker Brett Visintainer, who coach Bill Parcells said had a back injury.

Also on the roster is Billy Cundiff, the team's kicker the past three seasons.

Cortez spent the past two seasons with the Minnesota Vikings,

appearing in 10 games and only handling kick-offs. He hasn't attempted a field goal since 2002 with Washington, when he made 23-of-32 that season.

He also has kicked for the New York Giants (1999) and San Francisco (2001).



HERALD photos/Troy Hyde
Clockwise from above: 1)The final group of golfers finishes up action on the No. 18 green Sunday at the City Golf Championships at Comanche Trail Park. 2)Jerrold Simmons hoists the trophy after shooting a two-day best of 133 for the tournament. Simmons doesn't get to keep the trophy, but his name will be engraved on it forever. 3)Dutch Barr tees off at the No. 3 box during early action Saturday. Barr took home second place in the second flight. 4)Delvin Guinn takes a hack at his ball on the No. 3 tee box Saturday morning. 5)Big Spring head golf coach Steve Ward takes off his glove after finishing a tee shot on the back-nine Sunday. Ward, last year's champion, shot a 141 for the tournament, but did not finish in the top three. Todd Weaver and Mike Henderson tied for second place in the championship flight with rounds of 139. Susie Hernandez won the ladies championship for the second year in a row. Big Spring golfer Tommy Billalba shot a 146 to win the President's Flight.

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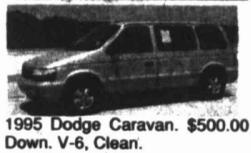
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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #4659 August 8, 2005

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The sun and Neptune in opposition pose a question: What is reality? It's obvious that there isn't one reality that everyone can agree upon, and today, the discrepancies between two realities can be mind blowing. Belief changes what is, and what is changes belief. Be aware of and also curious about the fact that others don't see things as you do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your body has needs - obey its many requests, especially the one for more rest. Besides, you need time to think. There is always a way to make something happen if you really want it badly enough. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your attention span is practically eternal. Still, even you must admit that a project has been dragging on for too long - change it up or wrap it up. Loved ones have enticing ideas, but you must start the conversation to find this out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your offbeat decisions are the ones that get the most play under these stars. As Robert Frost famously wrote, taking the road less traveled will make all of the difference. Just ask Aquarius.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When pie-in-the-sky dreams are just too far away to taste, stern, horse-sense reasoning will bring about the change you desire. Be tough with yourself, demanding that you do what you set out to do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your energy is flowing in a powerful way now. Your mind is like a magic wand. Watch where you zing that thing! Once you've taken your focus off the problem, you're halfway to the solution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know that if you don't consciously pursue huge challenges, you will unconsciously create them for yourself. Refer to your wish list often for inspiration. Examples of success abound.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you're savvy (and you're nothing if not savvy), you'll be negotiating your way into a sweet deal. The key to

making negotiations work is knowing what you want - it seems obvious, but it's overlooked all too often.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a plan and you're ready to execute it, regardless of the conditions around you. No matter how many irksome interruptions you encounter, do not let your focus depart far from your endeavor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're one of those unusual people who is not motivated by money. So when someone dangles dollars in your face, you still ask how much fun, creativity and excitement is involved before you make your decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A knee-jerk response is dangerous. Take a breath and think things over before you act. To avoid confusion, get everything in writing. Oral contracts are relatively worthless - just ask your lawyer!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your need for acknowledgement is more pronounced. There's no shame in wanting credit! After all, you put your heart, mind and sweat into a project and deserve a little feedback.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Make requests - reasonable and unreasonable alike. No one will take offense to your crazy wants, and you may just be surprised at what people will do for you when you ask!

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My very close friend died two years ago, and I was wondering if she is around me, as I have been feeling her near me often. Why is she is trying to reach me? I miss her terribly, and my heart hurts big time. Tears stream down my face."

Most of us have been taught from an early age to disregard our intuition in favor of logical explanations or explanations that are in line with our religious beliefs. In my opinion, those who have passed into another dimension of life can still be with us in many ways. When you have the feeling you're friend is with you, she is. You don't need a channeler to speak with her. The best way to find out what she wants to tell you is to ask her directly. Sit quietly, and think of her. When you feel she is there, have a conversation, either out

loud or silently. She will likely answer your questions in a manner that is very much the way she would have answered them when she was alive. My guess is that she's trying to tell you that you don't have to be so sad for her.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Dustin Hoffman is an actor's actor whose work has been and will continue to be of legendary quality. His moon and Mercury in Virgo suggest a certain fastidious approach to life, and Venus in Cancer indicates deep emotional wells of both pain and pleasure from which to draw. This year features an extremely busy schedule as the stars accent his career in a productive way.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My 22-year-old boyfriend recently told me that he was raped by a man when he was between 9 and 10 years old. He will not tell me the molester's name. This was a shock, and I feel very sorry for him. He tried to tell his mum, but she dismissed it and told him she didn't believe him, so he did not tell anyone else. As a rape victim myself (about a year ago), I understand his emotions. He says he feels dirty and that sometimes he's wanted to commit suicide, but he has pushed the thought to the back of his head. He also commented that he thought something was wrong with him, because when he thinks about what happened, his stomach goes round and round and he feels sick. And he is sick a lot. I just want him to get over this awful ordeal and wonder if you could help. -- England Friend

Dear Annie: Your boyfriend needs professional counseling so he can come to terms with what happened to him and deal with it, which he apparently has not yet done. Since you also are a rape victim, this advice applies to you as well. Please check out the Rape Crisis Centres at rapecrisis.org.uk. Even though it is primarily for women, the site will provide information and direct you to other abuse sites. In the United States, we recommend the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network - at rainn.org, which you also might want to look into.

Dear Annie: I am an 81-year-old grandpa and great-grandpa. My wife and I have large parties for all of our grandkids and great-grandchildren. We include our son, "Tony," and our new daughter-in-law, as well as our son's first wife, "Jean."

My son has been complain-ing about us inviting Jean. He says he

will not come to future parties if she is going to be there. We like Jean, and since she is the mother of our grand-children, we think she should be there to enjoy them. Tony and Jean divorced six years ago. Isn't that enough time to bury* the hatchet? What do you advise us to do? We would really like to keep everybody happy. -- Grandpa

Dear Grandpa: You aren't going to keep everybody happy, so decide whose happiness counts most. On a fairness scale, you are entitled to invite whomever you wish to your own parties, and yes, it's too bad Tony isn't more accommodating. However, if inviting Jean means excluding Tony, you might want to rethink that policy. Consider inviting Jean and the grandchildren to dinner instead.

Dear Annie: I would like to offer a possible solution to "Wailing Widow," whose in-laws were upset because she chose to have her late husband cremated instead of letting the in-laws bury him in their home state. She was going to split the ashes with the in-laws, but thought it would be too confusing for her young children to have "Daddy" in two different places.

Before my husband passed away, we talked about cremation. We came up with the idea of having his ashes put in various types of containers and presenting them to family members. The children were allowed to choose which container they wanted. Our son, who was 8 at the time, kept his container beside a picture of his dad. It brought him a lot of comfort.

One of the containers was a candy tin, one was a metal peanut shell, another a small silent butler, and one was a tin shaped like a house. If presented to children in the proper way, it should hardly traumatize them more than the death itself, which is devastating. It also solves the problem of relatives who want their loved one buried in two different places. It may not work for everyone, but it worked for us. -- G.L.

Dear G.L.: Thanks for the interesting and useful suggestion. We're happy to

pass the word along in case someone needs it.

Dear Annie: I've been married for 24 years and have five children (two in college). I have spent most of my married years raising them, taking care of the home front, and minding our family business.

Two years ago, my husband retired early, at age 45, and promised he'd find other work to compensate for the expected loss of income. After a year of waiting for him to find that "other" work, nothing ever came of his promise. He manages the family business, which is suffering badly, and has never seriously sought additional employment.

We have dealt with depression, anger and alcoholism (still there), and I have had enough. My problem is, I don't know what my rights and responsibilities are regarding my share of ownership in the family business. We have agreed to sell it, but who wants to buy a failing business? In the meantime, I have secured a very promising career with a good salary. I am tired of living my life on an emotional roller coaster and would appreciate your timely advice. -- Desperate in Massachusetts

Dear Desperate: You need the services of two professionals - a marriage counselor and an attorney. The attorney will let you know what your responsibilities and rights are regarding a jointly owned business. The counselor will help you determine if the marriage is worth saving.

Some men, after retirement, become severely depressed and lack motivation. However, many of these men discover that their skills are valuable in teaching and mentoring, and the renewed sense of worth gives their life meaning. For the wives, of course, it takes a great deal of patience to hang in there, but it often works out best in the long run. Please consider all options before giving up.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Grossed-Out in Illinois," whose future in-laws fed their dog from the table and then let the dog lick the plates before they went into the dishwasher. I am a veterinarian, and I

repeatedly warn clients of the perils of feeding their dog table scraps. Dogs are unable to handle varied dietary ingredients and fatty foods the way humans do. At the very least, it can cause flatulence, diarrhea, vomiting, obesity, allergies or intestinal infection. It may also lead to a serious and potentially fatal case of pancreatitis, which is debilitating and very painful. Some people may think one little morsel or a tiny lick of gravy from a plate won't hurt, but I have seen dogs die after ingesting very small amounts of table food.

Tell the future in-laws to talk with their veterinarian. He or she will recommend cutting out the table food and sticking with a well-balanced dog-food diet. Their dog will live a much healthier, longer life. -- Looking Out for Fido in Louisiana

Dear La.: Many readers pointed out that dogs can become quite ill if they eat human food. (Chocolate was one of the "poisons" mentioned most frequently.) Please, folks, take care of your dogs by feeding them an appropriate diet. You aren't doing them any favors by treating them to your table scraps. Really.

Dear Annie: I am a prosecutor for the state of New Mexico and have had many cases where children have been sexually abused by a member of their family. It is much more prevalent than most realize. Please tell "Teen in Need" that many families simply refuse to believe that their relative could do such a heinous act. Your advice to him about counseling was right on target.

Also, his oldest sister committed a crime by offering money to drop the charges. Bribery or Intimidation of a Witness is a third-degree felony in New Mexico, punishable by up to three years in the state penitentiary. -- Concerned Prosecutor

Dear Prosecutor: Thank you for your expertise. We aren't going to recommend that a teenage boy send his sister to the state pen, but we appreciate the knowledge and hope the counseling will provide the help he needs. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. © 2005 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.s



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