

## Proposition 5

### Keep VA Medical Center here, expand its services, PwC told

A list of the six options and the LAP's recommendations can be found on Page 3A.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

"I've never seen so many '5s' in all my life." You could hear those sentiments echoed throughout the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Thursday afternoon, as area residents pinned,

taped and even stapled paper signs with the number 5 emblazoned on them to their clothing to show their support for the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

The Local Advisory Panel (LAP) for the Big Spring VA Hospital Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) held a public hearing all day Thursday to explore several of the options proposed by

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), the consulting firm contracted by the Veterans Administration to help determine the fate of the local medical center.

The deliberation came after hours of testimony from those with a stake in the possible relocation of the VA facility, which showed overwhelming support for Option 5, a proposed model that

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Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, left, discusses one of the options presented during Thursday's public hearing with Dr. David McCartney. Both men serve on the Local Advisory Panel for the Big Spring VA Hospital Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Melinda Ellison, whose father received services from the Big Spring VA Medical Center before his death a month ago, makes a heart-wrenching appeal in favor of Option 5 during Thursday's public hearing on the fate of the local VA Hospital. Ellison was one of more than 30 people chosen by lottery to speak during the meeting, held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

## Community expresses support for VA Hospital

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
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As veterans, their families, community officials and many others stepped to the podium Thursday, the message was clear: Don't mess with the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

A crowd estimated as large as 1,000 showed up at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for a public hearing held by the Local Advisory Panel (LAP) for the Big Spring VA Hospital Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES), which has been tasked with considering options relating to the future of the local medical center.

In an overwhelming show of support for Option 5 — a recommendation to the Veterans Administration to expand the scope of services provided by the local VA center instead of closing the facility — men and women from all walks of life addressed the LAP

*"This city loves veterans better than any town I've ever seen... It would be a crime to move it!"*

—Marj Carpenter

during the hearing. While some comments were economically data-driven, the majority of the people selected by lottery to speak exposed a side of the study that some claim is being ignored — the human side.

"I'm here on behalf of my father, James Ellison. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He can't be here today because he died," said local resident Melinda Ellison. "He died four weeks ago ... He had an aortic aneurysm that was leaking and had gotten worse, and without emergency heart surgery, he would have died

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## Guardsmen pour into Louisiana; Bush says results 'not acceptable'

By **ALLEN G. BREED**  
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**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Thousands of National Guardsmen with food, water and weapons streamed into Louisiana Friday to bring relief to New Orleans' suffering multitudes and put down the looting and violence. "The cavalry is and will continue to arrive," said one general.

The assurances came amid blistering criticism from the mayor and others who said the federal government had bungled the relief

effort and let people die in the streets for lack of food, water or medicine.

In Washington, President Bush admitted "the results are not acceptable" and pledged to bolster the relief efforts with a personal trip to the Gulf Coast on Friday.

"We'll get on top of this situation," he said before setting out, "and we're going to help the people that need help."

Earlier Friday, an explosion at a chemical depot rocked a wide area

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HERALD photo/Paul Moseley  
On a bridge leading in to New Orleans, Melissa Urquhart stopped to rest with her belongings and her cat. She was walking out of town.

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### 'ABRIDGED' ON STAGE

"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged," presented by the Howard College Theater Department, is on stage now.

Show times are 8 p.m. today through Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. An afternoon matinee will be presented at 2 p.m. Sunday. All performances will be held at the campus theater in room 105 of the practical arts building. Admission is free, but donations to the drama department are encouraged.

"It will be a night of hysteria," said director Clay Grizzle. "I promise you will laugh a lot — and you may even laugh at some of the parts we intend you to laugh at."

### FILL THE BOOT

The Big Spring Fire Department will be doing its part in the fight against Muscular Dystrophy this weekend, as firefighters get ready to "hit the road" Saturday for their annual Fill the Boot MDA fund-raiser. Fire department personnel will be at the intersection of FM 700 and Highway 87, taking donations from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.



### MARKET GARAGE SALE

The West Texas Producers and Farmers Market will offer a community-wide garage sale Saturday at Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring.

A number of local organizations and groups have already signed up to hock their garage-style items, but there's time for others to sign up for the event, which is expected to run from 7 a.m. until about 2 p.m.

As usual, the Farmers Market will offer all types of produce. The market is held every Tuesday and Saturday.

For more information on the Farmers Market or the community-wide garage sale, contact Kelly Zant at 432-816-4540.

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Obituaries

Lucille Hall



Lucille Hall, 82, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2005, at her residence. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church of Coahoma with Billy Bates and the Rev. Donita Lee officiating.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. today at the residence.

She was born May 26, 1923, in Chicago, Ill., and married John Roland Hall Aug. 16, 1941, in Marvinsfield, Ky. He preceded her in death Nov. 22, 2002.

Lucille had strong family ties and was a Christian example for all who loved her. She enjoyed cooking, photography, caring for her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and family and taking nature walks.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Coahoma.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Linda Hall of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Nancy Jo and Dewayne Wagner of Big Spring; one sister, Selma Hamilton of Harrisburg, Ill.; one brother, James Hamilton of Indianapolis, Ind.; 14 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Ronald Hall and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Association, in care of Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

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*

J.C. Gandy

J.C. Gandy of Tahoka departed this life Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005, in Tahoka at the age of 85 years. He was born Oct. 23, 1919 in Mullen to the late Lawrence William and Minnie Lee James Gandy.

He attended school at Graham Chapel in Garza County. J.C. moved to Grassland from Mills County in 1926. He married Ruth Venell Walker April 5, 1946, in Lakeview. She preceded him in death April 29, 2000.

J.C. was a retired farmer, Lynn County Commissioner from 1977-1985 and a member of Trinity Church. He was also preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by a son, David Gandy and wife, Judy of New Home; two daughters, Nelma Ritchey and husband, Gerry of Colorado City and Denise Gandy of Big Spring; a brother, Gilbert Gandy of Tahoka; three grandchildren, Jason Gandy of Levelland, Josh Gandy and wife, Paige of Shallowater and Chad Ritchey of Colorado City; and two great-grandchildren, Corbin and Jaylee Gandy.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005, at Trinity Church in Tahoka with the Rev. Charlie Stice officiating. Interment will follow in Tahoka Cemetery. Arrangements are under the personal care of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

The family suggests memorials to Lynn County EMS, P.O. Box 1310, Tahoka 79373 or Trinity Church of Tahoka, 1925 Lockwood, Tahoka 79373.

*Paid obituary*

Norma Lee Culpepper



Norma Lee Culpepper, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend peacefully joined our Lord and Savior Aug. 30, 2005. Born in Cisco Feb. 10, 1927, to Paul and Thelma Price, she was the third of five children.

Norma was a sweet, loving mother who loved to tell stories, laugh, dance, go to the ballgames to root and holler for her kids, whether they were playing ball, an instrument in the band or twirling batons.

She enjoyed all her grandkids and great-grandkids and loved being around people. Born a Pentecostal she believed in God and going to church, she taught what was right from wrong, to never lie, was never rude to anyone, was very mild mannered and always told us 'don't judge other people, everyone has their own faults.'

Norma is survived by her five children, Gary Culpepper of Pflugerville, Geraldine Culpepper of Midlothian, Ginger Rogers, Joe Ray Culpepper and Jamie Culpepper, all of Glen Rose and their spouses; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandkids; and four brothers and their families, Paul Price, Billy J. Price and Ronnie Price, all of Odessa and Don Price of Arlington.

A viewing will be held 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., today, Sept. 2, 2005, at Wiley Funeral Home in Glen Rose. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005, at Wiley Funeral Home in Glen Rose, presided over by the Rev. Bill Daniels.

*Paid obituary*

Take note

• BRISKET SALE BY ODYSSEY HEALTHCARE TO BENEFIT THE ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY WALK is set for Sept. 8-9. Whole cooked briskets are \$30, half briskets are \$15. Plates delivered are \$7.50; sandwiches are \$3.50 and \$5. Choice of side dishes. Call 263-5999 to order before noon Tuesday.

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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:

- **KARLA PARTLOW**, 32, of 2406 Alabama, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 3800 block of Dixon.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
  - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
  - in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT** was reported in the 300 block of Main Street.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY** was reported in the 1600 block of 11th Place.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
  - in the 700 block of Birdwell Lane.
  - in the 1600 block of 11th Place.
  - in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.
  - in the 100 block of Third Street.
  - in the 1400 block of 11th Place.
  - in the 800 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported:
  - in the 1200 block of Dixie.
  - in the 100 block of Third Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln.

Sheriff's report

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

- **TRACI RENE MARTINEZ**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
- **ERIC ANTHONY VALENCIA**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of violation of a protective order with two or more previous convictions and burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felonies.
- **ROXANNA AGUILAR COX**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- **MATTHEW FRANKS**, 19, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for aggravated sexual assault of a child.
- **STEPHANIE ALVAREZ**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, failure to identify and interfering with a police officer and the discharge of official duties.
- **JOE CRUZ GUTIERREZ**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention, resisting arrest, search or transportation and criminal mischief.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4000 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported near the intersection of 18th Street and Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of South Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support groups

- FRIDAY**
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.
  - West Texas Gluten-Free Support Group (Celiacs Helping celiacs) meet from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Jan. 15 in the Odessa Regional Hospital. For more information, contact Barbara at 432-694-3614 days, or 432-520-2119 evenings.
- SUNDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.
- TUESDAY**
- Encourager's Support Group - All widows and widowers are invited to dinner at the Spanish Inn, 200 NW Third, beginning at 6 p.m. Note the day change, due to the Labor Day holiday. For more information, call 398-5522.
  - The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

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Everyone to the booth at the  
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For More Information  
Traci Martinez  
213-5171

Bulletin board

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

- TODAY**
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
  - Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
  - Spring City Senior Citizen's country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.
- SATURDAY**
- Early Car Club Rod Run in Comache Trail Park.
  - Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
  - Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
  - Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.
- MONDAY**
- Labor Day holiday.
- TUESDAY**
- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
  - United Way Luncheon to open campaign at the First United Methodist Church.
  - Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
  - Texas Motorcycle Rights Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Spanish Inn. The public is invited. Call 268-6421 for more information.
  - VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
  - Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
  - Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
  - Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. with special guest singers from Midland and Colorado City. Everyone is welcome.
  - Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
  - Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Weather

Tonight—Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Saturday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night—Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Sunday—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 60s.

Labor day—Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s.

Monday night—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

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

Tuesday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

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

Wednesday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Thursday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 1-19-28-30-34  
Number matching five of five: none.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 10-17-27-32. Bonus Ball: 13.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.  
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$300,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-8-1

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# Texas' oldest rod run slated here this weekend

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

Early Cars of Big Spring member John Edwards isn't concerned about whether car enthusiasts will have fun at the club's annual rod run this weekend. He's concerned that the high gasoline prices will keep would-be participants from making the trip. "We had about 75 cars last year and we're hoping for that many or more. But I'm afraid the cost of gasoline may prevent some from attending," he said Wednesday afternoon as gasoline prices nipped the \$3 per gallon mark for regu-

lar grade. That, however, shouldn't keep Crossroads area automobile lovers from making the short trip to Big Spring Saturday for what is billed as "Texas' Oldest Rod Run." This year marks the rod run's 35th edition. The event will be headquartered at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park and is set to begin at 8 a.m. Those who wish to enter their vehicles will pay a \$25 entry fee and be eligible for lots of prizes. "The Big Spring NAPA dealer gave us a California Pocket Bike, which will be

one of our larger prizes," said Edwards. "Franklin and Sons in Stanton donated a set of tires. We have a list of about 30 to 35 people who donated door prizes or cash money. We've got a lot of neat stuff." The car that comes from the farthest distance will earn a \$100 prize while the top car chosen by club members will receive a \$50 prize. The top five vehicles will receive trophies. Anyone who wants to come view the cars can do so at no cost. "We'll do a cruise beginning at 1 o'clock. We're going to go through

Comanche Trail Nursing Center, Mountain View Lodge, Sky's Restaurant, both Sonics, the veterans' retirement home and the VA Hospital," said Edwards. "Then we'll go on top of Scenic Mountain (Big Spring State Park) where all the cruise participants will have ice cream donated by Blue Bell." Activities throughout the day will include a hot dog lunch for registered participants as well as various games. The first 50 entries will receive T-shirts and dash plaques. The hot dog meal will be included in the entry fee. For more information, call Edwards at 264-0536.

## Proposed options for local VAMC

**Option 1**  
Calls for little or no change to the facility and the services it offers.

Current state projected out to 2013 and 2023 without any changes to facilities or programs, but accounting for projected utilization changes, and assuming same or better quality and necessary maintenance for a safe, secure, and modern health care environment. Inpatient medicine and nursing home are provided at Big Spring VAMC. Domiciliary are not served by other VAMCs.

Inpatient surgery and psychiatry are purchased from local community or referred to other VAMCs. Most ambulatory services and outpatient mental health service provided at the Big Spring VAMC. Inpatient surgery and psychiatry are purchased from local community or referred to other VAMCs. Most ambulatory services and outpatient mental health service provided at the Big Spring VAMC.

This option was not rejected by the Local Advisory Panel (LAP) during Thursday's meeting.

**Option 2**  
Calls for a new VA Medical Center to be built in the Midland/Odessa area, with renovations made to the Big Spring facility's CBOC (Community Based Outpatient Clinic).

Renovation of existing CBOC in Big Spring. Existing CBOC in Midland/Odessa. Inpatient medicine and psychiatry, nursing home and domiciliary services provided in new hospital built in Midland/Odessa. All other services remain at current location of provision.

This option, deemed the least attractive of all the options put forth by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), the company contracted by the Veterans Administration to perform the study, was rejected by the panel.

**Option 3**  
Calls for inpatient services to be purchased from local community providers with ambulatory and outpatient mental health services remaining in Big Spring.

This option vacates the auxiliary buildings, making them available for reuse. Future ambulatory and outpatient services for Big Spring would be accommodated. Avoids significant capital expenditures needed to bring facility to modern, safe and secure status.

Although this option was rejected by the panel, the element of using local service providers to help alleviate accessibility problems was deemed necessary.

**Option 4**  
Calls for additional domiciliary (care and living space) services to be added to existing services at Big Spring. This option would require renovation to the facility to accommodate the new domiciliary with all other services remaining at their current locations.

This option was not rejected by the panel, but drew very little discussion during the hearing.

**Option 5**  
Calls for the addition of inpatient psychiatric and domiciliary services to the Big Spring VAMC's roster of services. This option would require renovation and possible new construction to house domiciliary services.

This option has substantial stakeholder support and provides unmet needs for domiciliary and psychiatric services. Alternatively, there is limited improvement in overall cost effectiveness and increased capital investment. There would also be a continued reliance on local providers for inpatient surgery.

By far the most supported option during the hearing, Option 5 drew no opposition during the day-long event. During LAP deliberations, this option was also altered in an attempt to address accessibility issues discussed in Option 3. Those changes spawned a seventh option, referred to as Option 5-plus during the deliberations.

**Option 6**  
Calls for the VA to vacate its current location and lease space at a local facility to provide all inpatient services except long-term care and domiciliary.

Community Based Outpatient Clinic in community. Inpatient medicine, surgery, psychiatry, and nursing home services are provided by VA staff in leased beds in Big Spring, Midland/Odessa, or both. Domiciliary services provided by other VAMCs. A CBOC is established in the Big Spring community. Midland/Odessa CBOC remains.

With this option, there is no foreseeable use for the hospital building unless it is demolished. In vacating the buildings, the only cost is to maintain the existing buildings until a reuse option is exercised.

This option also drew little or no comment and was rejected by the panel.



Nearly 1,000 people left their seats in a show of support for Option 5 during Thursday's public hearing to determine the fate of the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

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could actually expand the facility instead of shut it down.

The panel rejected a plan that would move the Big Spring VA Medical Center to the Midland-Odessa area, and not only supported Option 5, but decided to build upon it, giving birth to Option 7 — or "Option 5-plus."

"I think no matter what option we decide on — and it will be Option 5 — accessibility is an issue that must be addressed," said LAP member Jim DeFoor of Abilene. "We need to be able to send these people to a local provider when it's called for. If I have someone in need of orthopedic services — they have a really bad back — he should go to the hospital right there in Abilene. Not make a 14-hour bus ride to New Mexico."

"I had one veteran tell me they were trying to send him to Albuquerque once a week for cancer treatments. Obviously you can't do that, and he told them he just wasn't going to take the treatment. That tells me it needs to be addressed."

Dr. David McCartney, also a LAP member, echoed those concerns, saying he's seen the results of the lack of access first-hand.

"I've actually seen cases where patients lose their sight — they would go blind — because they refused to make the trip, or just couldn't make it,"

said McCartney. "I see patients do that. Those same services were much closer than Albuquerque. So we have an issue where poor access is actually rationed care. We really need to increase the access."

"The scope of services has been reduced at the Big Spring VA Hospital under prior management. I watched the scope of service decay over the last five years. What I would do is recommend Option 5, with elements from (another plan) to address accessibility."

While the panel overwhelmingly supported Option 5 and its spawn, Option 7, it was moved just as fervently to the other side of the spectrum with the plan to move services to Midland-Odessa.

That option received no support from the panel or those presenting testimony, with even a contingency from Midland-Odessa saying it supported Option 5.

And while the lack of support for moving the VA Medical Center to a new facility in Midland drew no support throughout the day, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said he doesn't think the issue is dead.

"I just have this really bad, gut feeling that no matter how much we shoot this down, it's going to be like a cat and just keep coming back up," said McEwen.

McEwen wasn't alone in his assertion: the decision could become a matter of politics instead of what's best for West Texas veter-

ans, saying there could eventually be a "political message" buried beneath the surface of the proceedings.

"If, in fact, we say we're totally against this (relocation plan) and it goes to (VA) Secretary (James Nicholson) and it comes back as a viable option, my question would be, 'Why would we even meet again?'" said McEwen. "If we say this is so onerous — that it's so bad for the veterans and everyone here — if we take that strong of a position on it and it shows up on the radar again, then to me it's saying what we're doing makes no difference whatsoever. It's a political message where they say they are listening to us, but they're not listening to us."

And while the panel asked several questions about how it could remove relocation from the list of options altogether, Fears said all the LAP could do is give its recommendation.

"I think the only way

we can really reject this is to tell (Secretary Nicholson) we strongly disapprove of this option," said Fears. "And that's about all we can say. (Nicholson) will have the final decision."

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## OUR VIEWS

## We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- D'Kota Harrison and Madison Rodgers, named overall Kountry Kids winners at the Howard County Fair. Also, Coahoma for taking first place in the high school and junior high school cheering competition, Sterling City for taking first in high school dance and Big Spring for placing first in the junior high dance competition during the fair's Battle of the Cheerleaders.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center, which announced this week the beginning of a \$2.7 million expansion/remodel of its geriatric psychiatric unit and radiological imaging enhancements.

- All of those who attended Thursday's public hearing on the VA Medical Center. The show of support was overwhelmingly in favor of keeping the facility in Big Spring, and expanding its services.

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.

## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we have an anchored point of view.

Amen

## Miss America leaving Atlantic City

In 1979, I was a judge at the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City.

My fellow judges included Gavin MacLeod, who was the captain on "The Love Boat" and had played Murray Slaughter on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"; Jerry Vale, a famous singer (who got all the judges in to see his pal Frank Sinatra, who was playing in Atlantic City); and Janet Langhart, who was then a prominent TV newscaster (and would later marry Secretary of Defense William Cohen).

In other words: What was I doing there?

I still don't know. Maybe they had me confused with Roger Ebert. Or Roy Rogers. In any case, they asked me if I wanted to be a judge, and I jumped at it.

At the time, the pageant was still a fairly big deal. Some 70 million Americans watched it that year. Last year, ABC dropped the show after only 9.8 million people tuned in, an all-time low.

And it was announced a few days ago that after 84 years, the Miss America pageant will leave Atlantic City in an attempt to revitalize itself. Former pageant executive Leonard Horn told a reporter, "They have no allegiance to Atlantic City whatsoever, other than nostalgia, and that doesn't pay the bills."

Although I haven't watched the

show in years, I still feel nostalgic about it, however.

When I got to Atlantic City to be a judge, the organizers were shocked that I had not brought (and, in fact, did not own) a tuxedo.

On the night of the TV broadcast, Bert Parks would introduce each judge, and you had to stand up and wave to the camera. And you had to have a tuxedo, apparently, to do that.

Gavin MacLeod owned several. Jerry Vale, I think, had been born in one.

So a pageant official drove me up and down the gritty side streets of Atlantic City that run parallel to the Boardwalk until we found a tuxedo shop. My rented tux did not fit very well, and this added to my nervousness about the wave.

On the night of the pageant, MacLeod, a very nice guy, sat next to me in the judges' pit as we waited in the darkness for the show to begin.

"A left- or right-handed wave?" I asked him. "Wave the hand, the arm, what?" There were tiny beads of sweat on my forehead.

"I think," MacLeod said, looking at me, "that you need a pocket handkerchief!" And he whipped from his own breast pocket this incredibly beautiful, scarlet, Italian silk handkerchief and expertly tucked it into my own pocket.

I looked down at it. I felt transformed. And when it came my turn to wave, I calmly stood and did it. I have no idea if I did it left-handed or right-handed (I am pretty sure I used one or the

other), but when I sat down, MacLeod leaned over and gave me a big kiss on my forehead.

"A star," he said, "is born."

He refused to let me give the handkerchief back, and I have it still. Every year, I wear it to the White House Correspondents' Association dinner, an event far more tedious than the Miss America pageant.

It is a little hard to explain what the pageant once meant to some people, but it meant a lot. So I now repeat one of my favorite, true stories:

On one of the preliminary nights of the pageant, I was waiting for a hotel elevator with my big purple judge's badge fastened to my suit.

And I noticed I was standing next to an American legend, a man whose fame had been so great he had become a symbol for an entire era. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw a young man approach him for an autograph.

He turned to give it, only to see the young man walk past him and stop in front of me.

"So whaddya think of Miss New Jersey?" the young man asked.

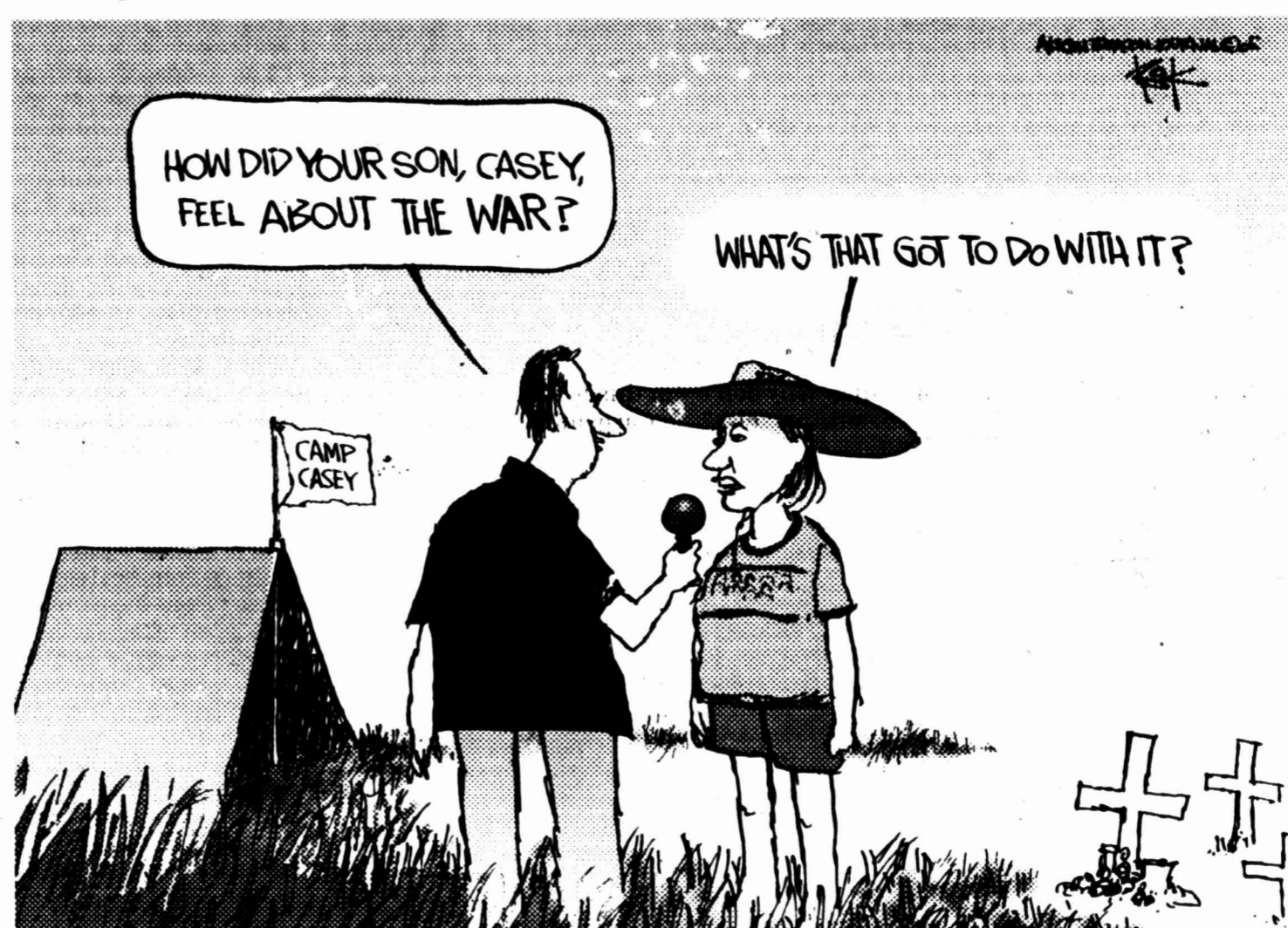
"She gotta chance?"

The elevator came as I was making some neutral response.

And as the doors closed on him, I saw Joe DiMaggio smile a knowing smile.

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## Hurricanes plus government policies kill people

Like many of you who love New Orleans, I find myself taking short mental walks there today, turning a familiar corner, glimpsing a favorite scene, square or vista. And worrying about the beloved friends and the city, and how they are now.

To use a fine Southern word, it's tacky to start playing the blame game before the dead are even counted. It is not too soon, however, to make a point that needs to be hammered home again and again, and that is that government policies have real consequences in people's lives.

This is not "just politics" or blaming for political advantage. This is about the real consequences of what governments do and do not do about their responsibilities. And about who winds up paying the price for those policies.

This is a column for everyone in the path of Hurricane Katrina who ever said, "I'm sorry, I'm just not interested in politics," or, "There's nothing I can do about it," or, "Eh, they're all crooks anyway."

Nothing to do with me, nothing to do with my life, nothing I can do about any of it. Look around you this morning. I suppose the NRA would argue, "Government policies don't kill people, hurricanes kill people." Actually, hurricanes plus government policies kill people.

One of the main reasons New Orleans

is so vulnerable to hurricanes is the gradual disappearance of the wetlands on the Gulf Coast that once stood as a natural buffer between the city and storms coming in from the water. The disappearance of those wetlands does not have the name of a political party or a particular administration attached to it. No one wants to play, "The Democrats did it," or, "It's all Reagan's fault." Many environmentalists will tell you more than a century's interference with the natural flow of the Mississippi is the root cause of the problem, cutting off the movement of alluvial soil to the river's great delta.

But in addition to long-range consequences of long-term policies like letting the Corps of Engineers try to build a better river than God, there are real short-term consequences, as well. It is a fact that the Clinton administration set some tough policies on wetlands, and it is a fact that the Bush administration repealed those policies — ordering federal agencies to stop protecting as many as 20 million acres of wetlands.

Last year, four environmental groups cooperated on a joint report showing the Bush administration's policies had allowed developers to drain thousands of acres of wetlands.

Does this mean we should blame Bush for the fact that New Orleans is underwater? No, but it means we can blame Bush when a Class 3 or Class 2 hurricane puts New Orleans under. At this point, it is a matter of making a bad situation worse, of failing to observe the First Rule of Holes (when you're in one, stop digging).

Had a storm the size of Katrina just had the grace to hold off for a while, it's quite likely no one would even remember what the Bush administration did two months ago. The national press corps has the attention span of a gnat, and trying to get anyone in Washington to remember longer than a year ago is like asking them what happened in Iznik, Turkey, in A.D. 325.

Just plain political bad luck that, in June, Bush took his little ax and chopped \$71.2 million from the budget of the New Orleans Corps of Engineers, a 44 percent reduction. As was reported in New Orleans CityBusiness at the time, that meant "major hurricane and flood projects will not be awarded to local engineering firms. Also, a study to determine ways to protect the region from a Category 5 hurricane has been shelved for now."

The commander of the Corps' New Orleans district also immediately instituted a hiring freeze and cancelled the annual Corps picnic.

Our friends at the Center for American Progress note the Office of Technology Assessment used to produce forward-thinking plans such as "Floods: A National Policy Concern" and "A Framework for Flood Hazards Management." Unfortunately, the office was targeted by Newt Gingrich and the Republican right, and gutted years ago.

In fact, there is now a government-wide movement away from basing policy on science, expertise and professionalism, and in favor of choices based on ideology. If you're wondering what the ideological position on flood management might be, look at the pictures of

New Orleans — it seems to consist of gutting the programs that do anything.

Unfortunately, the war in Iraq is directly related to the devastation left by the hurricane. About 35 percent of Louisiana's National Guard is now serving in Iraq, where four out of every 10 soldiers are guardsmen. Recruiting for the Guard is also down significantly because people are afraid of being sent to Iraq if they join, leaving the Guard even more short-handed.

The Louisiana National Guard also notes that dozens of its high-water vehicles, humvees, refuelers and generators have also been sent abroad. (I hate to be picky, but why do they need high-water vehicles in Iraq?)

This, in turn, goes back to the original policy decision to go into Iraq without enough soldiers and the subsequent failure to admit that mistake and to rectify it by instituting a draft.

The levees of New Orleans, two of which are now broken and flooding the city, were also victims of Iraq war spending. Walter Maestri, emergency management chief for Jefferson Parish, said on June 8, 2004, "It appears that the money has been moved in the president's budget to handle homeland security and the war in Iraq."

This, friends, is why we need to pay attention to government policies, not political personalities, and to know whereon we live. It is about our lives.

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# Hearing was second of four for the public

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Thursday's public hearing held by the Local Advisory Panel (LAP) for the Big Spring VA Hospital Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) was the second in a series of four public hearings designed to allow local stakeholders the chance to comment and participate in deciding the fate of the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

In December 2002, former VA Secretary Anthony Principi established the VA's CARES Commission to provide a review of the national plan to realign the VA health care system.

In its massive report, the commission suggested that a feasibility study concerning the Big Spring facility be conducted. Specifically, the commission suggested that a study be made to see if the Big Spring facility should be closed and services moved to a new care center that would be constructed near Midland or Odessa.

As part of the study, private contractor PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) was commissioned to develop a number of options for the Big Spring

facility.

Those options include everything from vacating the Big Spring facility in favor of building a hospital somewhere in the Midland/Odessa area, to inpatient services being purchased from local community providers with ambulatory and out-patient mental health services remaining in Big Spring.

According to John Fears, chairman of the LAP, the next step in the process will be approximately two to two-and-a-half months from now when PwC narrows the field of options down to decide which should be studied in-depth.

Following Thursday's public meeting, any member of the Big Spring community will have 14 days to submit additional comments to the CARES Commission either in writing or via the Internet. According to VA officials, all public comments will be incorporated in the report provided to the VA Secretary for consideration.

The Internet site is located at [www.va.gov/cares](http://www.va.gov/cares) or via postal mail. All non-electronic correspondence should be posted to: VA Cares Studies Big Spring, PO Box 1427, Washington Grove, Md. 20880-1427.

# KATRINA

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of New Orleans and jolted residents awake, lighting up the dark sky and sending a pillar of acrid gray smoke over a ruined city awash in perhaps thousands of corpses, under siege from looters, and seething with anger and resentment.

A second large fire erupted downtown in an old retail building in a dry section of Canal Street.

There were no immediate reports of injuries. But the fires deepened the sense of total collapse in the city since Hurricane Katrina slammed ashore Monday morning.

The blast took place in a section of the city directly across the Mississippi River from the French Quarter. It was about two miles from the Louisiana Superdome and less than a mile from the New Orleans Convention Center, the two spots where tens of thousands of hungry, desperate and hostile refugees awaited buses to deliver them from their misery.

Lt. Gen. Steven Blum of the National Guard said 7,000 National Guardsmen arriving in Louisiana on Friday would be dedicated to restoring order in New Orleans. He said half of them had just returned from assignments overseas and are "highly pro-



A patient is taken off a helicopter at a makeshift transport hub on Interstate 10 in Metairie, La., near New Orleans.

icient in the use of lethal force." He pledged to "put down" the violence "in a quick and efficient manner."

"But they are coming here to save Louisiana citizens. The only thing we are attacking is the effects of this hurricane," he said. Blum said that a huge airlift of supplies was landing Friday and that it signaled "the cavalry is and will continue to arrive."

As he left the White House for his visit to the devastated area, Bush said 600 newly arrived military police officers would be sent to the convention center to secure the site so that food and medicine could get there. City officials have

accused the government — namely the Federal Emergency Management Agency — of being slow to recognize the magnitude of the tragedy and slow to send help.

"Get off your asses and let's do something," Mayor Ray Nagin told WWL-AM Thursday night in a rambling interview in which he cursed, yelled and ultimately burst into tears. At one point he said: "Excuse my French — everybody in America — but I am pissed."

Across the city, law and order broke down. Police officers turned in their badges. Rescuers, law officers and helicopter were shot at by storm victims. Fistfights and fires broke

out Thursday at the hot and stinking Superdome as thousands of people waited in misery to board buses for the Houston AstroDome. Corpses lay out in the open in wheelchairs and in bedsheets. The looting continued.

Gov. Kathleen Blanco called the looters "hoodlums" and issued a warning to lawbreakers: Hundreds of National Guardsmen hardened on the battlefield in Iraq have landed in New Orleans.

"They have M-16s and they're locked and loaded," she said. "These troops know how to shoot and kill, and they are more than willing to do so, and I expect they will."

# SUPPORT

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immediately.

"The Big Spring VA does not have a cardiology unit that is equipped for an emergency surgery such as this. So they put him on a private plane here at the airport — with a leaking aneurysm next to his heart — to fly to the nearest VA facility that could accommodate him. My father died four weeks ago, but the events I just told you about happened a year ago."

Ellison described the "gift" her and her family were given by the fast-thinking doctors at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, a gift she fears will be lost to others if the facility is moved to the Midland-Odessa area.

"The Big Spring VA gave my family a gift. A gift of 13 months with my father that we would not have had if not for the doctors at the Big Spring VA," said Ellison. "My mother tells me we would have lost him a lot longer ago if it wasn't for the Big Spring VA."

"He would not have gone to Midland or Odessa. That's just how these farmers are ... He received life-saving care because the VA is here, at home ... How many more gifts of life is the Big Spring VA giving to our veterans every day? Mine is just one story of many. Please support Option 5."

Veteran, local resident and Howard College student Ted Fields also took time to address the LAP and audience during the day-long hearing.

"I came to Big Spring two-and-a-half years ago for the substance abuse program they offer at the (VA) hospital," said Fields. "I had been having problems with substance abuse for a long time. But every time I got out of treatment I went back to doing the same old things."

Fields said the treatment, in conjunction with

a 12-step program offered by Howard College, helped him turn his life around.

"When I left the treatment center here in Big Spring, they showed me something," said Fields. "The people in the program asked me why I kept going back to the same old thing. Why don't I try something else? They have a program at the VA where you come out to the college and they guide you around and get you in college... I became an LVN the year before last and I'm working toward my RN."

"We have a lot of veterans that go through the substance abuse program in this town, and I've seen a lot of them needing help. A lot of them are coming to the school now, and they have something else to look forward to, rather than the same old thing. Once I get out of school my dream is to work at the Big Spring VA Medical Center. I hope that dream can come true."

Local resident Marj Carpenter made a rousing speech on the relationship between the Big Spring landmark and the community.

"Why am I living in Big Spring? My children wanted me to come to Dallas and my employers wanted me to stay in Atlanta. I came back here because Big Spring people care about you," said the former national moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as applause erupted from the audience. "And Big Spring people care about their veterans. They have a long history of working with the bombardier

school and Webb Air Force Base.

"When I was with the paper here years ago, I was lucky enough to cover the Veterans Hospital and I remember the many volunteers who helped there. And I've never seen a town with volunteers like the ones in this town."

Carpenter suggested that those in charge of exploring possible options during the realignment step away from the sterile world of data and numbers, and look at the human side.

"I think the word we've talked about here all day is health care," said Carpenter. "But what I want to talk about is community care. This city loves veterans better than any town I've ever seen... It would be a crime to move it!"

While many speakers concentrated on the men and women who have already left the life of active military duty, local attorney Drew Mouton reminded the panel a whole new generation of veterans is growing, even now.

"I believe societies prosper because of confidence in their governments and confidence in their judicial systems," said Mouton.

"Our future veterans are today spilling their blood, trying to improve the confidence of the Iraqi and Afghani people and their governments and their judicial systems."

"Failure to recommend not only the continuation of the Big Spring VA Medical Center, but the enhancement of those services, would be a disservice to those veterans and

would degrade their respect and confidence in our government."

Local restaurant owner Chuck Bagwell also addressed the panel, called the entire proceedings — from the LAP hearing to the study currently being performed — a waste of taxpayer money.

"Sometimes the government does things that make no sense and costs great amounts of money with no effects," said Bagwell. "A recent example is at the Big Spring VA itself. They recently spent millions of dollars to renovate a surgical suite where there's no surgery now."

"There's been more than \$75 million spent to upgrade the Big Spring VA in the last 10 years. The idea of closing this facility and rebuilding in Midland-Odessa is totally wrong."

"It's wrong for Big Spring, the U.S. taxpayer and veterans. Why does the federal government even need to think about it, much less spend money to study it? To me, this whole thing right

here is a waste of my money."

In the end, however, Bagwell said the culprit isn't hard to find.

"Politics has to be the answer," said Bagwell. "It's no secret that there are those in Midland and Odessa pushing for the VA to move there ... Why should we spend so much money just so we can have a study and do some-

thing so illogical if the powers that be haven't already decided to close the Big Spring VA? I plead with this group and all involved with the study and planning to do the right thing, not what politicians want. Big Spring, the people of the U.S. and our veterans deserve better."

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# Church News

## Circle Six Ranch Baptist Camp

A "Discover God's Call Retreat," featuring inspirational speaker the Rev. Mark Winter, a Methodist evangelist from Fort Worth, is set for Oct. 21-23 at Circle Six Ranch Baptist Camp in Stanton.

The retreat will provide assistance in answering such questions as what are your spiritual gifts and how is God calling you to use them.

Each participant must complete a 30-minute daily study for 26 days prior to the retreat.

Scholarships are available. Register before Sept. 9.

For more information, call Norma Mounts at 432-366-7190.

## New Covenant Christian Worship Center

New Covenant Christian Worship Center has another exciting experience planned for September. The Rev. Mike and First Lady Bella Willard, staff and members personally welcome everyone to attend any of the worship services offered at New Covenant.

Super Sunday worship service begins at 4 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. George A. Bell of Greater Ideal Baptist Church of Midland is the special guest speaker. Doors open at 3:30 p.m.

New Covenant also offers an adult Bible study every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for a Equipping The Saints For Ministry class. Wednesdays at 6 p.m. is a Young Ambassador's Ministry for children. Sunday morning worship services are at 11 a.m., doors open at 10:45 a.m.

The church is located at 1607 E. Third St. For more information, call 264-0015 or e-mail nccw1@yahoo.com.

## First United Methodist Church

"Relax, the Work's Already Done" is the title of the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring's Communion Meditation for Sunday. The scripture text is from John 19:28-30. Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday evening at 5 is the monthly prayer meeting in the church sanctuary. Everyone is invited.

The church offices are closed Monday for Labor Day. At 6 p.m. Monday, the senior adult ministry has a Labor Day celebration with a snack supper and bingo in Garrett Hall. The Lord's Acre Committee is looking for volunteers to work on dif-

ferent sub-committees. Spaces are open for workers Oct. 28-29. The sub-committees include registration, finance, meals, facilities, drinks, children's activities and the auction. Call the church office to volunteer.

Kid's Club is looking for volunteers to serve as group leaders. Kid's Club meets Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. For more information, contact the church office.

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

## Catholic Churches of Big Spring

Meeting of the prison ministry ministers is Wednesday at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. More ministers are still needed. Spanish speaking individuals are still needed.

No training has yet begun, so consider joining now. For more information, contact the Rev. James Plagens.

Baptismal classes begin at 7 p.m. Sept. 17 at St. Thomas for all Catholics in Big Spring, those requesting infant baptisms for a member of their family or those who are requesting permission to be godparents at any Catholic parish. Classes are at the religious education center, 605 N. Main St.

## Life Church

There are two contemporary worship services Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Children's ministry is provided during both services, such as Noahs Ark for children age 0-3, Zoe Land for children age 4-9, and God's Squad for pre-teens age 10-12. Church meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. Small groups, including college, young adults and senior high meet throughout the week.

Call Life Church for more information at 432-263-7714. Life Church is located at 600 E. FM 700.

## YoungLife

YoungLife is a non-profit Christian organization for high school students. MuckFest is set for Sept. 12 and all area youth pastors are invited. Volunteer adult leaders are needed for the school year. For more information or to contribute to YoungLife, call 213-4819.

## Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone Church, an Every Nation Ministries church, has worship service beginning at 10:30

a.m. Sunday. Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to Sunday children's activities.

The West Texas Conference for Every Nation churches is set for Sept. 15-17 at Mid-Cities Church in Midland.

Cornerstone, located at the corner of 12th and Owens streets, offers a family atmosphere of praise and worship. Childcare is available for newborns through preschool. Call Pastor Craig or Cherise Felty at 263-3072 with any questions.

## East Side Baptist Church

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. East Side Baptist is located at 1108 E. Sixth St.

## Midway Baptist Church

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m.; Sunday morning worship is at 11 a.m. Choir practice is at 5 p.m.; Team Kids, Royal Ambassadors and Girls in Action meet at 5 p.m.; Cross Training is at 5 p.m. and the evening service is at 6 p.m.

Wednesday activities include a fellowship meal at 5:30 p.m.; children's choir at 6 p.m.; adult Bible study at 7 p.m.; Little Dribblers 7 p.m.; and Solid Rock at 6 p.m.

Midway Baptist Church is located at 6200 S. Service Road. For more information, call 263-6274 or e-mail midway@crcom.net.

## East Fourth Street Baptist Church

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 children and youth of all ages Sunday nights at 5.

Choir practice begins Sunday night at 5. Wednesday there is a prayer and Bible study service for the adults and a youth discipleship class at 7 p.m.

Call Amy at 267-2291 for more information.

## Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The youth are back in the routine of school and will attend a youth rally at Faith Baptist Church in Lubbock from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Sept. 10. All youth are invited.

Sunday worship services are 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Midweek services are 7 p.m. Wednesday. For further information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214. The church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane

## First Baptist Church, Big Spring

Beth Moore's live simulcast from New York City will be shown in the auditorium on the big screens at First Baptist Church Oct. 7-8. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased during the week in the church office. Tickets are also available Sunday mornings before Sunday school, morning worship and after the service at the entrances to the church.

Call the church, 267-8223, for additional information.

The Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor of First Baptist, will begin a series of sermons about the church. Sunday, he will preach the sermon, "The Church's Commission."

Parents of children at Marcy — Kid's Club begins Sept. 13. Children will be bringing home the registration forms soon.

## First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matt Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from Matthew 18:12-35 at worship service on Sunday. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., Take 10 starts at 10:35 a.m. and worship service begins at 11 a.m.

Plans are being made for the annual church barbecue scheduled for Sept. 15-16.

Activities for the week include Bible study at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday followed by choir practice at 6 p.m.

Everyone is welcomed at First Presbyterian Church, located between Seventh and Eighth streets streets.

## Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church is located at 1200 W. Fourth St. Service times are 9:45 a.m. for Sunday school; 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays for worship and 5 p.m. Wednesday for Bible study.

## Friends of Unity

Spiritual communion will be led by the Rev. Jim Sims for the 1 p.m. service this Sunday. This observance is open to all.

The Center, located in the east box car in the Railroad Plaza, will be open Thursday all day for the observance of Unity's 12th Annual World Day of Prayer.

## Words of Hope Ministries

An interdenominational women's retreat will be held in Odessa, Sept. 30 to Oct. 1. Sue Roseberry, storyteller and gospel singer, and Sharae Buskirk, minister and professional speaker, will facilitate the time.

The retreat is offered by Words of Hope Ministries, endorsed by Midland Ministerial Alliance and Midland Association of Church. For more information, call 697-3249.

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3309 Neely Ave., Midland, is hosting a Paul Baskin worship conference titled "Seeking His Presence."

Paul Baskin is recognized for his gift as a vocalist and a prophetic psalmist with a message that penetrates to the heart of people of God. For more information about Paul Baskin and Heaven's Heartstrings Music, visit his Web site at www.paulbaskin.com.

Conference times are Friday, Sept. 16., from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

There is no charge for this conference and registration is not required. For more information, call Kathy at 432-694-4517.

## Yada Yada workshop

Vicki Courtney, founder of Virtuous Reality Ministries, and author of "Teen Virtue: Real Issues, Real Life...A Teen Girl's Survival Guide" is offering her Yada Yada workshops in Midland Sept. 16-17.

Yada Yada is weekend event designed specifically for seventh through 12th grade girls and their mothers.

Each event consists of worship, general sessions and separate workshops tracks for middle school girls, high school girls and mothers.

The events focus on attributes of virtue such as moral excellence, purity, strength and worth. In addition, workshops address issues common to each age demographic and encouraged young women to practice virtue in their everyday lives.

The upcoming Midland Yada Yada workshop begins at 5 p.m. Sept. 16 at Kelview Heights Baptist Church, 402 West Scharbauer Drive, and Sept. 17, at 3:30 p.m.

Yada Yada is open to the public and the cost is \$40

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## Pastor's Message

Are you a practicing Christian?  
"I sure am, because I've been practicing for years and I haven't got it down pat yet."

"But," he said with a smile, "with God's help I'm still trying to be a Christian."

What more could God ask of a saint or a sinner than to try?

That's what you find in the New Testament — people trying, always trying.

It's only when you say it's not worth it so you give up, stop loving Christ, stop loving others, that you start to deteriorate.

As in sports, once you get out of condition, no matter what skills you have, you begin deteriorating.

To be a real Christian, in love with God, in love with others, you have to practice it.

You have to practice what is unique for many Christians and that is imitating Christ in the way he shared.

You find this so much when reading the Acts of the Apostles.

You see Christians trying to live the life of Christ.

In the fourth chapter it says, "The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul."

No one in that whole Christian group claimed for his own use anything that he had, because everything they owned was held in common and none of their members was ever in want.

Isn't that beautiful?

You can think of so many people in the world today who do not share, even though so many people do not have enough food or clothes or shelter.

What a contrast to these early Christians, some of whom were poor, some moderately wealthy and a few rich, we're told.

But, that did not matter. It simple says, "No one kept anything that he had just for himself." He shared it.

It was not a new economic system the early Christians were establishing.

They weren't setting up a Christian commune.

They were simply responding to need. Many had left their homes in Galilee to follow Jesus to Jerusalem. They were away from their homes and they needed a place to stay and food to eat.

So, just as many of you have done, those who had, shared with those who didn't have food or bed in which to sleep. And they became one

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**Sand Springs Lions Club**

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Aug. 15. President Johnny Moore asked for ideas for the Oct. 3 membership dinner. He said guest speaker Marshall Cooper is a well known lecturer, past International Lions Club director, teacher and story teller. Each member is encouraged to bring one non-Lions member to the dinner.

A work day has been set for 5 p.m. Sept. 19. Betty and Fred Franklin will provide the meal for the meeting that will follow at 6:30 p.m. There will be no regular meeting Labor Day.

All interested parties are invited to the Oct. 3 dinner. RSVP to Johnny Moore at 267-9796 or Madeline Boadle at 267-2203.

**Midland/Odessa Christian Women's Club**

The Midland/Odessa Christian Women's Club luncheon is Sept. 12, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Green Tree Country Club located at 4900 Green Tree Boulevard in Midland.

Deborah Peckham with "Changing Spaces" gives decorating tips while Judy Billingsley entertains with "Changing Notes." Mary Vacek of Austin shares her life experiences.

Cost of the luncheon is \$11, payable at the door. A free nursery is provided at a local church and mothers are asked to bring a sack lunch for their child.

Midland/Odessa Christian Women's Club is non-denominational and has no membership or dues. All interested women are invited to attend. For luncheon and nursery reservations, call Leah at 432-683-1374 or Alva at 432-520-4502.

**Message**

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community in Christ because they shared and cared.

One of the things that makes me glad that I am a part of the community of faith in Big Spring is that it is a community of practicing Christians.

You are sharing people, thus you are practicing your faith when you ask "Is there anything you need? Is there anything I can do for you?"

I pray that we will always continue to be practicing Christians, doing as we are told in the fifth chapter of I John: "This is what loving God truly is, sharing and keeping his commandments."

*Ernie Williams is the interim minister for First Christian Church.*

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per attendee. Interested parties can register for the event at [www.virtuousreality.com](http://www.virtuousreality.com).

Courtney is best-selling author and nationally acclaimed speaker.

For more information about Virtuous Reality and Yada Yada, call (517) 527-9500.

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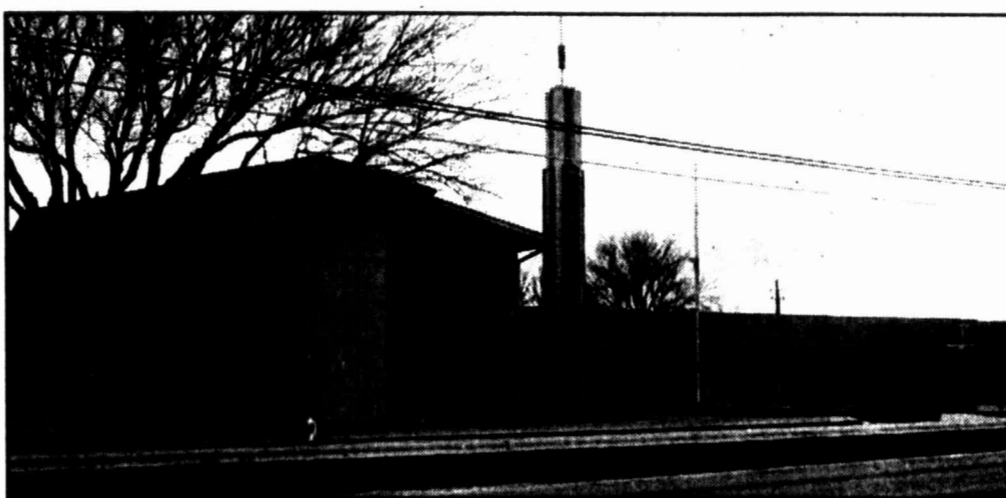
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## Ups and downs of chipping

By T.J. TOMASI  
Universal Press Syndicate

**D**one correctly, the putting stroke is the most accurate motion in golf. You can put that motion to good use off the green by thinking of your chips as putts.

Although a chip has minimal flight time, you'll need a setup that creates the descending motion necessary for producing loft. The chipping setup does this and creates just enough loft to land the ball on the green so it runs to the hole.

**Stance Width:** The chip stroke requires no lower-body motion, so your stance width is narrow to encourage an upper-body stroke. Because the stroke is so short, you don't have time for a weight transfer, and you certainly don't need the power that it provides, thus the watch phrase is "quiet down below."

**Open Stance:** In chipping, you want to hit the ball with a descending blow, so place 80 percent of your weight on your front foot. Pull your front foot back from the target line into an open position so your foot line points to the left of target (to the right for left handers) and allow your weight to settle naturally into your front hip. This distribution anchors your lower body and encourages your weight to start, stay and finish on your front side throughout your stroke.

**Ball Position:** Position the ball toward the back of your stance with your hands canted forward, opposite the inside of your front thigh. By anchoring the weight on your front side, you can easily produce the proper angle of attack, a naturally descending motion without trying to "hit down" on the ball.

Since the ball is well back in your stance, your shoulders tend to be closed, making it all too easy to mis-aim the club face. To counteract this common mistake, adjust your shoulders as part of your pre-shot routine so they are pointing parallel to your line of roll.

**The Stroke:** Once you've set up correctly, your backswing is all shoulders and arms, without any conscious wrist action. Your shoulders control the stroke in both directions just as they do in the putting stroke. Throughout the chipping motion, your lower body stays quiet but not rigid.

On longer chip shots, you'll need some body turn so your arms can swing freely without bumping into your sides, but what movement there is should be reactive to the action of your arm swing.



**The key to a good chipping motion is to chip like you putt, with no cocking of your wrists. The club head never rises far above the ground, and the lower body remains still as the club is moved mostly by the arms and shoulders on the backswing (above), and a small but important chest motion is added on the downswing (bottom). Note how this golfer has retained the angle of his right wrist throughout the chip.**



**EQUIPMENT**

**Getting fit: Lie angle**

The first important specification a professional club fitter looks at is the lie of your club.

When your club is soled correctly (i.e., sits properly on the ground), the face aims straight at the target with the toe of the club slightly off the ground. For this to happen, your clubs must have the correct lie angle, a specification that varies, depending on the individual.

All clubs are built with the toe slightly in the air to account for the in-swing bending of the shaft toward the ground. The angle at which the shaft is drilled into the neck of the club determines the lie — some are upright, some flat and most are standard.

When you set up to the ball with good posture, but the toe of your club is too much off the ground, your



Photos by CURTIS COMPTON / Cox News Service

**Davis Love III showed some fight recently in the PGA Championship before fading down the stretch, finishing tied for fourth. He has missed seven cuts on Tour this year.**

## Examining golf's underachievers

By GLENN SHEELEY  
Cox News Service

**R**ecently, Charles Howell III spoke candidly about golf's most awkward list — underachiever. The Georgia native has, unfortunately, had a rather lengthy stay on it.

Sure, it's a flattering measurement of a player's talent, saying wins should come regularly, even at the age of 26. At the same time, it's an indictment because of potential squandered.

In the case of Howell this year, he's been close — four cuts missed by a single stroke at the Players Championship, Masters, Byron Nelson Classic and British Open and a wedge shot banging against the flagstick on the 72nd hole and caroming into the water at the Buick Invitational.

"That ball stays in the hole," Howell said, "who knows?"

Howell admits it. He thought of the conversation while unsuccessfully trying to catch Retief Goosen at The International and secure his second PGA Tour win in five seasons.

"I was hoping I could ruin your story," Howell said, smiling.

Certainly there are others on the All-Underachiever team — notably Davis Love III, especially in regard to major championships. Love's sole major came at the 1997 PGA at Winged Foot, with infamous heartbreaks at the 1995 Masters (second to Ben Crenshaw); 1996 U.S. Open (tie for second after three-putting the 72nd hole); 1999 Masters (after the chip-in at the 16th); and 2003 British Open (tie for fourth, two shots behind Ben Curtis); and more recently at the 2005 PGA Championship (tie for fourth after beginning the final round in the final pairing with Phil Mickelson).

For a player with his talent, Love's 18 PGA Tour wins still seem lacking, even with a pair of Players Championship trophies (1992, 2003). The number of wins for the 41-year-old Love pales in comparison to, say, Vijay Singh, 42, who has won 16 times since turning 40, capturing his third major at



**Some golf experts said Charles Howell III could challenge Tiger Woods as the PGA's top player when he turned pro. However, Howell has one victory in five seasons on Tour.**

last year's PGA. Love recently told reporters at the International, scene of his last win in 2003, "I've just got to get out of my own way a little bit."

Love admits that part of his problem in the majors is pressing, especially at Augusta National, rather than striving to exploit the same comfort zone he enjoys at a place such as Harbour Town, where five of his 18 wins have come.

"That certainly could be," said Love's long-time teacher, Jack Lumpkin. "But I think in today's era, with the exception of a few unbelievable players like the [Ben] Hogan, [Sam] Snead, [Jack] Nicklaus, [Arnold] Palmer and Tiger [Woods], that one major win is a pretty nice deal. Winning three, four or five takes both being an excellent player and the right breaks happening for you."

Woods, it should not be ignored, is also part of the problem in the hunt for majors.

"There's only four a year and he's been hogging them," said Stewart Cink. A fellow Ryder Cup teammate and father, Cink can

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**JACK LUMPKIN**  
Golf teacher

understand that fact Love's life in recent years has become more family oriented. He spends more time now playing golf with son, Dru, or taking daughter, Alexia, to horse shows.

"That's understandable," Cink said. "I'm feeling that a little bit in my early 30s. I'd like to play 10 tournaments a year, if I could. If I knew I was going to play great in all of them, I'd definitely cut back."

Howell and Love have a lot of company on the All-Underachiever team, to be certain. Sergio Garcia and Colin Montgomerie, both major-less, are Europe's key members. Include Fred Couples ('92 Masters), with 15 wins and more of a reputation for silly season events; David Duval, whose career crumbled shortly after his only major win, the 2001 British Open; and John Daly, whose length and short game could have produced more than two majors with a disciplined lifestyle.

If we're just talking wins, you can add Tom Lehman (five wins), Chris DiMarco (3) and Jeff Maggert (2).

Then again, said Cink, "Everybody out here feels like they're underachieving themselves. We're all trying to figure out why we're not winning every single tournament. I don't have enough time on my hands to think about other players."

**SCHEDULE**

**All Times EDT**  
**PGA TOUR**  
**Deutsche Bank Championship**  
• Site: Norton, Mass.  
• Schedule: Friday-Monday.  
• Course: TPC of Boston (7,415 yards, par 71).  
• Purse: \$5.5 million.  
Winner's share: \$990,000.  
• TV: USA (Friday, 5-7 p.m.; Saturday, 3-6 p.m.) and ABC (Sunday, 5-7 p.m.; Monday, 3-6 p.m.).

**LPGA TOUR**  
**State Farm Classic**  
• Site: Springfield, Ill.  
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.  
• Course: The Rail Golf Club (6,573 yards, par 72).  
• Purse: \$1.2 million.  
Winner's share: \$180,000.  
• TV: ESPN2 (Friday, 3-5 p.m.; Saturday, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2-4 p.m.).

**CHAMPIONS TOUR**  
**First Tee Open at Pebble Beach**  
• Site: Pebble Beach, Calif.  
• Schedule: Friday-Sunday.  
• Courses: Pebble Beach Golf Links (6,822 yards, par 72) and Del Monte Golf Club (6,357 yards, par 72).  
• Purse: \$2 million. Winner's share: \$300,000.  
• TV: The Golf Channel (Friday-Sunday, 5-7:30 p.m., 9:30-11:30 p.m.) and NBC (Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

**PGA EUROPEAN TOUR**  
**European Masters**  
• Site: Crans-sur-Sierre, Switzerland.  
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.  
• Course: Crans-sur-Sierre Golf Club (6,857 yards, par 71).  
• Purse: \$2.08 million. Winner's share: \$346,640.  
• TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 8-11 a.m.).

**NATIONWIDE TOUR**  
**Alberta Classic**  
• Site: Bragg Creek, Alberta  
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.  
• Course: Redwood Meadows Golf and Country Club (7,265 yards, par 72).  
• Purse: \$450,000. Winner's share: \$81,000.  
• TV: None.

**LEADERS**

**WORLD RANKINGS**

1. Tiger Woods, USA	18.37
2. Vijay Singh, Fiji	12.34
3. Phil Mickelson, USA	10.16
4. Ernie Els, SA	9.52
5. Retief Goosen, SA	8.15
6. Sergio Garcia, Spn	7.08
7. Adam Scott, Aus	5.55
8. Chris DiMarco, USA	5.51
9. Jim Furyk, USA	5.49
10. Kenny Perry, USA	5.38

**MONEY LEADERS**  
**PGA TOUR**

Player	Money
1. Tiger Woods	\$8,592,674
2. Vijay Singh	\$7,307,669
3. Phil Mickelson	\$5,609,025
4. David Toms	\$3,656,213
5. Jim Furyk	\$3,577,435
6. Kenny Perry	\$3,426,655
7. Chris DiMarco	\$3,210,712
8. Retief Goosen	\$3,185,275
9. Sergio Garcia	\$2,642,458
10. Fred Funk	\$2,598,524

**LPGA TOUR**

Player	Money
1. A. Sorenstam	\$1,807,200
2. Paula Creamer	\$1,241,143
3. Cristie Kerr	\$1,180,491
4. Lorena Ochoa	\$1,156,542
5. Jeong Jang	\$923,523

**CHAMPIONS TOUR**

Player	Money
1. Dana Culgley	\$1,728,436
2. D.A. Weibring	\$1,355,085
3. Mark McNulty	\$1,249,352
4. Tom Jenkins	\$1,226,108
5. Hale Irwin	\$1,208,767

**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: T.Jinsider@aol.com.

**Q:** My short game isn't very good, and I was wondering if you could give me a practice schedule so I can improve. I own my own company, so I can carve out the time to practice. — Jim, from Lake Charles, La.

**A:** Jim, you should plan to hit at least 50 putts, 50 chips, 50 sand shots and 50 pitches per practice session (more is better). Four sessions per week should do it. In each session, play the four-ball game where you take four balls, throw them over your shoulder and play them where they land one at a time, i.e., chip one then putt it out. Keep a running score — par for each set of four balls is eight. If your short game is any good, you'll be around par a lot.

**BRIEFLY**

**Surgery leads to weight room**

If there's a positive for Ernie Els' abbreviated 2005 season following left knee surgery, it's that the injury has returned him to the gym in very serious fashion. While strengthening his knee, Els also has been targeting upper-body exercises through trainer Josh Salzman. "I'm hopefully going to be in the best shape of my life by the end of this year," Els said on his Web site.



# Sports

**BIG SPRING HERALD**

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Troy Hyde at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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**Coach Kim**  
The Athletic Department will hold a meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in Coach Kim's classroom for the football club. This meeting is a take place only if needed.  
For more information, contact Coach Wright at 267-6722.

**Quarterback club sets remaining weekly meetings**

The Big Spring football booster club (quarterback club) will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the ATC through the football season.  
For more information, contact Steve Piercefield at 616-1104.

**YMCA sets meeting for adult flag football league**

An organizational meeting has been scheduled for adults wanting to field a team to play flag football this fall.

Participants must be 18 years of age or older to play. The meeting will take place at the YMCA Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m.

**Henson Memorial fund-raiser set**

The Second Annual Pfc. Clayton W. Henson Memorial Scholarship Fund-raiser golf tournament has been set for Sept. 10.

The tournament will be a four person scramble and will cost \$80 per person.

It will take place at the Phoenix Golf Club in Stanton.

For more information, contact Wally Hazelwood at 756-2424 or the Phoenix Golf Club at 756-2556.

**Local bowling leagues now forming**

Bowling leagues at Bowl-A-Rama Lanes are now being formed.

There will be several leagues throughout the week.

A senior league will take place Fridays at 6 p.m. for players 55 and over.

The league meeting will take place tonight at 6 p.m.

Also, a children's league will take place Saturday mornings at 10 for bowlers aged 4 through 17.

For more information, call 267-7484.

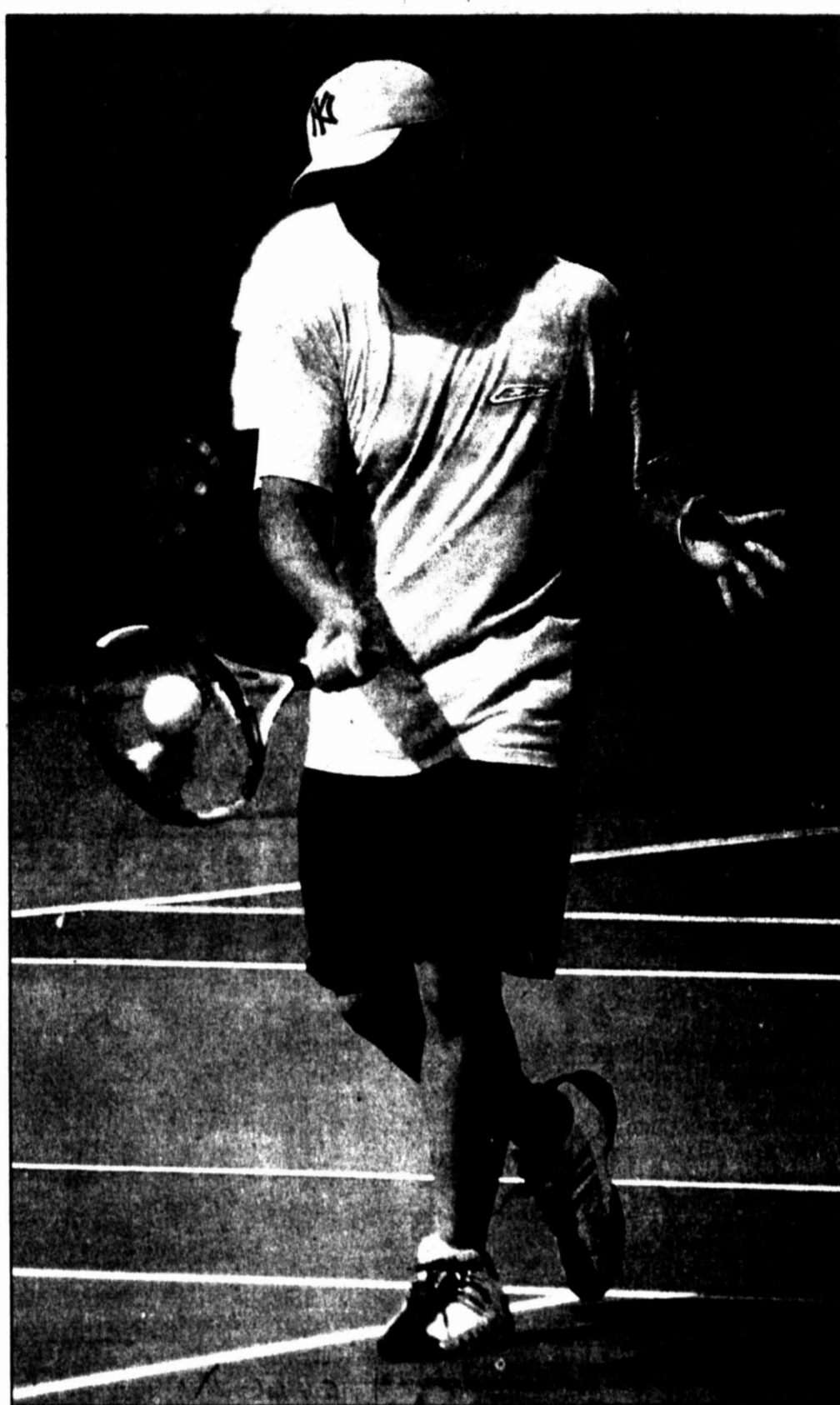
**Hunter Education Class announced**

The date for the next hunter education course will be Sept. 10 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Building.

The cost is \$16 and each student will need his/her social security number and a parent or guardian if under 17.

Texas law requires this course to be taken if you want to hunt in the state.

For more information, contact Steve Pottelant at 264-2222.



Big Spring's Alnhan Nghiem sends the ball back to his teammate during warm-ups Thursday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center. Big Spring's match against Sweetwater did not take place due to a scheduling conflict on Sweetwater's end. The Steers host Snyder Tuesday, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

## OFF the BENCH

Just one more day... That's how long I and every other college football fan have to wait for the start of the season — that is if your favorite team kicks off its season Saturday.

The polls came out a few weeks back and defending champion USC was the unanimous selection as the nation's No. 1 team. And why not? They only return the reigning Heisman Trophy winner in Matt Leinart and possibly the nation's best player in Reggie Bush. The question this year should not be if they are going three-peat, but how much they will win the championship game by.

The team that plays its games in Austin begins the season No. 2. Mack Brown couldn't be happier and he is not afraid to tell you that his team is 'awesome.' I have never liked him and probably never will.

A few other surprises (yes, Texas being ranked second should be a surprise) grace the top 10 this season. Tennessee is third to start the year, Michigan is fourth, Ohio State sixth and Florida, with the addition of new head coach Urban Meyer, starts the season 10th. Virginia Tech is also somewhat of a surprise as it begins the season at No. 8 with Marcus Vick leading the way.

Louisville has its highest preseason ranking in some time as it starts the year at No. 12. It even somehow got a vote for No. 1. Texas A&M starts the year at No. 17, while the Red Raiders of Texas Tech and its pass happy offense begin 21st.

**Top Conferences**  
The SEC was simply the best conference in the nation last year with five teams ranked in the top 20 at the end of the year. This year, nothing has changed as the conference seems loaded again. Besides Tennessee and Florida, LSU also finds itself in the top 10 as it starts the year fifth. Georgia and Auburn are ranked 13th and 16th, respectively, as five teams again are ranked in the top 20.

What has changed from last year in my opinion is the fact that the Big 12 has been passed up this year by another conference — the Big 10. Michigan and Ohio State both start the year in the top six, while Iowa

starts the year 11th. Purdue returns all 11 starters to its defense. They begin the year 15th. To me, having four teams in the top 15 puts you on the list of top conferences.

The Big 12 comes in third though on my list, finishing just ahead of a much improved ACC. They only get my vote because Texas and Oklahoma are both ranked in the top 10 to start the year.

**Top Overrated teams**

No. 2 Texas: The Longhorns lost their best offensive player in Cedric Benson and best defensive player in Derrick Johnson to graduation and the NFL draft and are somehow picked higher than they were to start the year last season. Is Vince Young that good? Apparently someone thinks so. He better be, because the pressure is high in Austin and I don't think he has the throwing ability to get to Pasadena this year. He will finally beat Oklahoma, however.

No. 6 Ohio State: One could easily put Michigan on this list after the way they finished last year, but the Wolverines at least bring back three weapons on offense. Ohio State will most likely start a new quarterback and a mediocre running back. The Buckeyes' defense is legit with all-American A.J. Hawk leading the way at linebacker. They are picked this high simply because of the potential of Ted Ginn Jr., the Buckeyes explosive wide receiver/kick returner, who showed promise in the only two games he played extensive minutes in last year. Still, to me, he is unproven at the college level.

No. 3 Tennessee: Phil Fullmer is a great coach, but what makes this team jump this high after last year I have no idea. They finished fourth in the SEC last year and LSU to me brings back more talent. The Vols had a strong recruiting class but to rank a team based on some freshman studs (and that is not necessarily the entire reason for their ranking) to me is just insane. Especially since none of them have ever stepped on the field during a college football game.

**Top Underrated Teams**

No. 15 Purdue: The Boilermakers have every starter from their defense back this year and it is rumored that it is the best defense head coach Joe Tiller has had since arriving in West Lafayette.

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## Dallas gets win in final tune-up

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — Bill Parcells is tough to impress. That's what makes his gushing over Tyson Thompson almost as spectacular as the undrafted rookie's performance this summer.

Thompson capped his bid to make the Dallas Cowboys by running for 57 yards and two touchdowns, including the winning points in a 27-20 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars in the preseason finale Thursday night.

The hometown kid was returning to the bench when Parcells called him over, tapped him on the head and told him he'll be suiting up next weekend for the opener in San Diego.

Thompson will become the first player raised in Irving to make the club. The team brought him in for a visit on its "Dallas day" scouting event and he wound up distinguishing himself despite a crop of runners that also featured starter Julius

Jones, veteran acquisition Anthony Thomas and fourth-round pick Marion Barber III, whose roster spot may now be in jeopardy.

The Cowboys (3-1) jumped ahead 10-0 with Drew Bledsoe, Jones and the rest of the first-string offense having their way with Jacksonville's second-team defense. The Jaguars (2-2) got a 14-yard touchdown pass from Byron Leftwich to Reggie Williams — only the second TD in four preseason games by their starters — then things got tight once the game became a battle of backups.

Jacksonville went ahead 17-13, then Thompson scored from the 1 to put Dallas back in front late in the third quarter. After the Jags tied it at 20 on a field goal, Thompson gained 43 of 61 yards on the winning drive. He had runs of 3 and 20 yards and 15-yard reception, followed by a 5-yard touchdown in which he kept churning his legs after running into a pile of

blockers.

Both teams came out of the game with the most important thing — no injuries. Jacksonville coach Jack Del Rio was so careful that he sat nearly the entire starting defense and starting running back Fred Taylor. Leftwich led just two drives, taking a total of seven snaps.

Dallas opened the game by feeding the ball to Jones and he responded with 75 yards on 11 carries. His early success helped Bledsoe hit his first seven passes, including a 40-yarder to Terry Glenn for a touchdown on the opening drive.

The second series went 68 yards to the Jacksonville 8, with the Cowboys settling for a field goal, then most of the offensive stars calling it a night.

With both teams in low-key modes, the game drew a sparse crowd, although it included about 100 people from the

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University of South Carolina running back Mike Davis rushes for yards against the University of Central Florida during first half action at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, S.C. Thursday.

## Tonight's Lineup

- Big Spring @ Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m.
  - Seagraves @ Coahoma, 7:30 p.m.
  - Eldorado @ Forsan, 7:30 p.m.
  - Reagan County @ Stanton, 7:30 p.m.
  - Ira @ Garden City, 7:30 p.m. (senior night)
  - Rule @ Grady, 7:30 p.m.
  - Grandfalls-Royalty @ Sands, 7:30 p.m.
- also:
- Odessa High @ Andrews
  - Snyder @ Lubbock Estacado

## Coahoma Band Booster's Tailgate party

**When:** Friday, 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Coahoma - home side of the football field near the concession stand.  
**What:** BBQ sandwich, chips, drink and cookie for \$5  
**For:** Anyone who is interested in supporting the Coahoma band.  
For more information, call Dale Pittman at 816-4844.



# FRIDAY NIGHT FORECASTERS

## This Week's Games

1. Big Spring @ Permian
2. Seagraves @ Coahoma
3. Eldorado @ Forsan
4. Reagan County @ Stanton
5. Ira @ Garden City
6. Rule @ Grady
7. Grandfalls-Royalty @ Sands
8. Odessa High @ Andrews
9. Snyder @ Lubbock Estacado
10. Sweetwater @ Lake View
11. Lubbock Coronado @ Plainview
12. Lubbock Monterey @ Frenship
13. Maine @ Nebraska
14. LA Lafayette @ Texas
15. Texas A&M @ Clemson
16. Baylor @ SMU
17. TCU @ Oklahoma
18. Louisville @ Kentucky
19. Miami @ Florida State
20. Boise State @ Georgia

Overall Records:



**Adam Dunlap**  
Permian  
Coahoma  
Eldorado  
Reagan County  
Garden City  
Grady  
Grandfalls-Royalty  
Odessa High  
Estacado  
Sweetwater  
Coronado  
Monterey  
Nebraska  
Texas  
Clemson  
SMU  
Oklahoma  
Kentucky  
Florida State  
Georgia

12-8



**Steve Rangan**  
Permian  
Coahoma  
Forsan  
Stanton  
Garden City  
Grady  
Grandfalls-Royalty  
Odessa High  
Snyder  
Sweetwater  
Plainview  
Frenship  
Nebraska  
Texas  
Texas A&M  
Baylor  
Oklahoma  
Louisville  
Florida State  
Georgia

13-7



**Rick Bolles**  
Permian  
Coahoma  
Forsan  
Reagan County  
Garden City  
Rule  
Grandfalls-Royalty  
Odessa High  
Snyder  
Sweetwater  
Plainview  
Frenship  
Nebraska  
Texas  
Clemson  
Baylor  
Oklahoma  
Kentucky  
Miami  
Georgia

15-5



**Jeff Lane**  
Permian  
Coahoma  
Forsan  
Stanton  
Ira  
Rule  
Grandfalls-Royalty  
Andrews  
Snyder  
Sweetwater  
Plainview  
Frenship  
Nebraska  
Texas  
Texas A&M  
Baylor  
Oklahoma  
Louisville  
Miami  
Georgia

15-5



**Eric Rodewald**  
Permian  
Coahoma  
Eldorado  
Stanton  
Garden City  
Grady  
Grandfalls-Royalty  
Andrews  
Snyder  
Sweetwater  
Plainview  
Frenship  
Nebraska  
Texas  
Texas A&M  
SMU  
Oklahoma  
Louisville  
Miami  
Georgia

11-9



**Troy Hyde**  
Permian  
Coahoma  
Eldorado  
Stanton  
Garden City  
Rule  
Grandfalls-Royalty  
Odessa High  
Snyder  
Sweetwater  
Plainview  
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Georgia

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## COWBOYS

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Tulane football team as guests of the Cowboys. The squad is living in Dallas after fleeing New Orleans to avoid Hurricane Katrina.

Another interesting member of the crowd was free-agent receiver Peerless Price, who was waived this week by Atlanta.

Price had his best year

while playing in Buffalo with Bledsoe. Price watched the second half from the luxury suite of Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and is scheduled to meet with club officials Friday morning.

Tony Romo, practically a lock to be Dallas' back-up quarterback, was 8-of-13 for 91 yards in two-plus quarters.

Thomas had 64 yards on 11 carries and 28 yards on three catches in his bid to solidify himself as Jones' backup.

## Agassi survives tough three set match

By STEVE WILSTEIN

AP National Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — Size doesn't matter in tennis.

Neither does age.

Andre Agassi stood 11 inches shorter than 6-foot-10 Croatian Ivo Karlovic, spun serves about 50 mph slower, and logged far fewer miles on court.

The ace count went to Karlovic, 30-5, as he clocked serves consistently in the 130-142 mph range, but the second-round victory at the U.S. Open on Thursday went to Agassi, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4).

At 35, nine years older than the gangling giant across the net, Agassi came up bigger on the big points to continue his run for one more Grand Slam title in his 20th visit to the Open. His wife, Steffi Graf, and 3-year-old son, Jaden, watched at court-side.

"Listen to that," Agassi said as the standing crowd in Arthur Ashe Stadium cheered his victory. "How does that get old? Thanks guys."

Agassi, seeded No. 7, couldn't equal Karlovic's power and didn't care. Rather, he settled for cleverness and steadiness, taking advantage of the Croatian's weak backhand and awkward lateral movement. No one on the tour likes to play against the No. 56-ranked Karlovic, Agassi had said before playing him for the first time, because his serves come down from



KRT photo/J. Conrad Williams Jr., Newday  
Andre Agassi stretches for a backhand return against Ivo Karlovic in the third set of the second round match in the U.S. Open at the U.S. Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows Park, N.Y. Thursday. Agassi won the match on three straight tiebreakers.

an unfamiliar trajectory, as if fired from the roof. Agassi felt the same way after winning.

Agassi swung and swished at some serves and stared helplessly as many others sped by. Each time he walked calmly to the other side, waiting for the ones he could get a racket on, trying to get Karlovic to play on different terms in rallies. There Agassi had the advantage.

The first-set tiebreak turned in just such a moment, when Agassi drilled a forehand that Karlovic volleyed wide to give Agassi a minibreak at 5-4. Agassi kept taking aim at Karlovic's back-

hand and watched him hit two straight unforced errors off that side to lose the set.

Agassi had to go to five set-points in the second set before he won it with a deep forehand that Karlovic swatted long. In the third set, serving with a 5-4 lead in the tiebreak, Agassi hit six straight shots at Karlovic's backhand, then ripped a winner to his open forehand side to set up match point. Again, Agassi picked on Karlovic's backhand, hitting three shots to that side and watching Karlovic dump the last one into the net.

Agassi served mostly in the 80-90 mph range in the

wind and played with extra caution in this match, not going for too much against Karlovic.

James Blake set up a third-round match against No. 2 seed Rafael Nadal by beating Igor Andreev 6-2, 6-2, 6-4 in a night match.

In women's matches, No. 2 Lindsay Davenport, No. 3 Amelie Mauresmo, No. 6 Elena Dementieva, No. 7 Justine Henin-Hardenne, No. 12 Mary Pierce, No. 13 Anastasia Myskina, No. 15 Nathalie Dechy, No. 17 Jelena Jankovic, No. 19 Elena Likhovtseva, No. 23 Tatiana Golovin and No. 24 Shinobu Asagoe all won in straight sets.

## COLLEGE

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Kyle Orton got drafted by the Bears after last season, but the next man in is Brandon Kirsch and he played several snaps last year when Orton went down with an injury and it is said that the talent level between the two guys is not that different. The reason why they could make some noise this year is because they don't play either Michigan or Ohio State and they host the Hawkeyes at Ross Aide Stadium. If they beat Iowa at home, they could get to a BCS bowl in January.

No. 17 Texas A&M: To me the best quarterback in the Big 12 plays football in College Station. Reggie McNeal should be getting more preseason Heisman hype in my opinion. He is a better thrower and is just as effective as a runner. Head coach Dennis Franchione usually needs three years to get his teams where he wants. Guess what — this is year three and the hopes are high in College Station. I am calling the upset when the Longhorns come into Kyle Field this year.

No. 11 Iowa: I know I am one of the biggest Hawkeye fans walking the planet right now, but how this team is not ranked in the top 10 to start the year is mind boggling. They have who some people to be the best coach in the nation

today in Kirk Ferentz manning the sidelines and every key player on offense returns from a unit which beat a talented LSU team last year in Orlando January 1. They have finished the last three years ranked in the top 10 and only three other teams can say that. What do they have to do to get respect? I know an 11 ranking should not be thought of as bad but this class act program deserves more. Baytown's Drew Tate was recently picked as the conference's preseason player of the year and all of his weapons on offense return. They also have two of the best linebackers in the nation in Chad Greenwood and Abdul Hodge and two very good cornerbacks. I hope the media and others keep overlooking Iowa and ranking them low because that is just what Ferentz and company hope for every year.

From now until January opinions and debates about teams in college football will surface, and that is why the season is so good. No one really knows who is right until the first week of January. College football lovers everywhere need to take over the remote on Saturdays because the season is about ready to begin.

Hang on tight. It's going to be a great season.

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### BCS Predictions

- Rose Bowl: USC vs. LSU
- Sugar Bowl: Miami vs. Tennessee
- Orange Bowl: Iowa vs. Texas
- Fiesta Bowl: Purdue vs. Oklahoma

## A&M begins season with trip to Death Valley

• Clemson seeks big start to new season

By PETE IACOBELLI

AP Sports Writer  
CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — The bus ride through the Texas heat last fall was brutal. With no air conditioning and the memory of a last-second loss to Georgia Tech still flashing through their minds, the Tigers couldn't keep focused on Texas A&M.

The worst for Clemson, though, was still ahead.

Clemson gave up more than 300 yards rushing and the Aggies took a 27-6 victory, part of the Tigers four-game losing streak that dropped them from the top 25 and Atlantic Coast Conference title contention.

The Tigers and No. 17 Texas A&M open the season Saturday night at Death Valley.

Part of the problem last fall, Hill said, was the Tigers hadn't fully understood Texas A&M's talent.

Aggies quarterback Reggie McNeal and tailback Courtney Lewis quickly showed Clemson its mistake.

Lewis ran for 165 yards and two touchdowns. McNeal accounted for more than 300 yards and Clemson's early season continued to fall apart.

Another part may have been the Tigers unbelievable stumble a week earlier.

They were up 24-14 on Georgia Tech in the final two minutes and poised for their first 2-0 start in four seasons. But a series of errors — including a botched snap from long snapper Geoff Rigby with 25 seconds to go deep in Clemson territory — led the Yellow Jackets to an improbable 28-24 victo-

ry. Indeed, they had. And some feel the affects lasted through the following week preparing for Texas A&M.

Add to that, Clemson's hot, hot, hot bus trip. The ride took 90 minutes and with a broken air conditioner, felt like three days to some players.

First-year defensive coordinator Vic Koenning says the Tigers look like tired defenders on film.

Clemson finished by winning five of its last six in 2004 to end up 6-5. The school turned down a bowl bid, though, as punishment for its last-game brawl with South Carolina.

So the Tigers have had little else to do the past nine months but plan for Texas A&M's return and get ready to stop McNeal. Bennett says the key is striking the right balance

to keep McNeal bottled up but not charge him so hard that it opens a lane for him for yards downfield.

That's a difficult task. McNeal finished last year with 2,791 yards and 14 touchdowns passing, and 718 yards and eight TDs rushing.

Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione says he's got so much confidence in his senior passer that he never worries about turnovers or bad plays.

The Aggies faltered down the stretch with defeats to Baylor, Oklahoma, Texas and, in the Cotton Bowl, Tennessee in their final five games to finish 7-5.

But Franchione and McNeal say its a more experienced, prepared group that expects to compete for championships.

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CITIZENS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Vs. Annie King  
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs. #46679 August 26 & September 2, 9 & 16, 2005

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS The extended Pluto retrograde ends, and slowly but surely, lights are turning on all over the globe. The tolerance for misinformation will be severely cut down as we try to accurately assess the state of humankind. On a more personal level, you may feel ready to wake up to something hidden in your psyche that you've long ignored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll see what you look for. So look for fairies, angels and gnomes conspiring to fill your life with mischief and magic. OK, maybe you won't see winged or tiny beings, but the stars do promise some kind of mystic happening. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Relationships bring both joy and sorrow, but you benefit so much from them that you're even happy for the sorrow. Friends don't want to do anything without you. Be ready for spur-of-the-moment requests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are skeptical of those people who claim to know themselves. How can anyone know themselves when tastes, values and priorities evolve every day? You're content to have an open mind about who you are.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The promises you make have to do with your hopes for a relationship, and you act out to cover up your fears about it. Take heart. You don't have to perform or give guarantees to get the love you deserve, which is unconditional.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Delay is so retro! In a world where convenience is the normal state of things, having to wait for anything is annoying, maddening and exasperating! Yet wait you will — because the person you are waiting for is so worth it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The study of art, design and general aesthetics is anything but frivolous. Your eye trains your mind, and your mind trains your eye. There's not an area of your life that isn't improved by learning to see beauty.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You really need two weeks of vacation a year. Cranky and uninspired choices have to do with needing a change of scenery. Make it happen, even if you must sacrifice a bit of what you think is "security" to do so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Help is all around you, but you're not taking any of it. You're interested in the satisfaction of knowing you did it by yourself, for yourself. There's hardly a thing worth doing though that isn't worth doing with other people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As a fire sign, you understand the nature of passion. Like a fire, it needs to be constantly fanned and fueled to burn. That's why your investment in the thing that inspires you is not optional — it's crucial!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're eloquent, not so much for the words you choose, but for the fact that you say all that needs to be said and no more than that. Knowing when to stop is your key to success in all things today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're being considered for all kinds of things, including a romantic commitment and a raise. Instead of proving you're right for a position, prove you can ace the one you're already appointed to.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Highly compassionate and artistic people often have a tendency to be fanatical or obsessive. Instead of trying to control your nonsensical whims, concentrate on loving yourself — quirks and all.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: Venus and Neptune form an auspicious trine, gracing the cosmos with harmonious relationships of all kinds. The lines of romantic love and friendship blur together beautifully. ARIES: The tables have officially turned in a love relationship. TAURUS: A sweetheart wants you to meet the family. GEMINI: Don't return to where you've already been and what you've already done. Fight the urge to call an ex-love. CANCER: A stormy affair calms down when someone is convinced of your love. LEO: Forget about finding love and concentrate on having fun. VIRGO: An astute awareness of the needs of others puts you in a position to receive extra attention, affection and adoration. LIBRA: Relationships are strengthened by silent communication. SCORPIO: Priorities are different for you now but loved ones haven't changed. Express yourself gently! SAGITTARIUS: Give the underdog a chance. One date doesn't obligate you in any way. CAPRICORN: Learn from past love instead of longing for it. AQUARIUS: Your love life tingles when you take initiative. PISCES: Whether love hunting or job hunting, don't do it alone. Use the grapevine and gatherings to let friends know you're available.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Virgo and Taurus are two earth signs who experience compatibility to the max this week. One takes an action, and the other builds on it. They are a dynamic team in practical matters like finance and domestic harmony, but when it comes to passion, they are even hotter. Their cool exterior may fool the outside world, but when they get behind closed doors, the sparks fly.

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 2, the 245th day of 2005. There are 120 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri, ending World War II.

On this date:

In 1666, the Great Fire of London broke out, claiming thousands of homes, but only a few lives.

In 1789, the United States Treasury Department was established.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta.

In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

In 1930, the first non-stop airplane flight from Europe to the United States was

completed in 37 hours as Capt. Dieudonne Costes and Maurice Bellonte of France arrived in Valley Stream, N.Y., aboard The Question Mark.

In 1935, a hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys, claiming 423 lives.

In 1945, Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam an independent republic.

In 1963, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High School by encircling the building with state troopers.

In 1985, it was announced that a U.S.-French expedition had located the wreckage of the Titanic about 560 miles off Newfoundland.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Meinhardt Raabe (the Munchkin coroner in "The Wizard of Oz") is 90. Dancer-actress Marge Champion is 86. Jazz musician Horace Silver is 77. Former Sen. Alan K. Simpson, R-Wyo., is 74. Former Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth is 68. Singer Jimmy Clanton is 65. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rosalind Ashford (Martha & the Vandellas) is 62. Football Hall-of-Famer Terry

Bradshaw is 57. Actor Mark Harmon is 54. Tennis player Jimmy Connors is 53. Actress Linda Purl is 50. Rock musician Jerry Augustyniak (10,000 Maniacs) is 47. Actor Keanu Reeves is 41. Actress Salma Hayek is 39. Actress Kristen Cloke is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer K-Ci is 36. Singer Tony Thompson is 30. Rock musician Sam Rivers (Limp Bizkit) is 28.

Thought for Today: "Life is a tragic mystery. We are pierced and driven by laws we only half understand, we find that the lesson we learn again and again is that of accepting heroic helplessness." - Florida Scott-Maxwell, American writer and psychologist (1884-1979).

Answer to previous puzzle

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HELLO/SO LONG by Richard Silvestri

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ACROSS

1 Longfellow bell town

5 Fizz ingredient

9 Drag participant

14 Rush Hour star

15 Out of control

16 Type of type

17 "Hello, W.C.!"

19 Article of food

20 Beethoven's Third

21 Rig on the road

23 NATO cousin

24 "The King of Comedy"

26 Parasite

28 Buffing material

30 Emulates eagles

33 A drop in the ocean?

36 Circle of color

38 In two parts

39 Mexican Indian

41 Alias preceder

42 Red rinse

43 Twosome, in tabloids

44 Treeless plain

46 Drops in the grass

47 Work on pumps

49 Looks at improperly

51 Refrain sounds

53 Ritchie Valens tune

57 Crew need

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61 Works a wedding

62 Miser's motivation

64 "Greetings, Billie!"

66 Canterbury Tales character

67 Writer Hoffer

68 Go up

69 Ethyl acetate, e.g.

70 Bottle part

71 Point to the right?

8 '50s car

9 Pan, perhaps

10 "Rumble in the Jungle" victor

11 "Goodbye, Huckleberry!"

12 Sicilian spewer

13 Beatty film

18 He cometh

22 City near Phoenix

25 Foot the bill

27 Set of laws

29 Rustic limericks

31 Glazier's unit

32 Burger side

33 Dubai bigwig

34 Moderate

35 "Farewell, Delta!"

37 Place for a pin

40 Latin love

42 Like some shampoos

44 Harrison's wife in *The Fugitive*

45 Colorful strutter

48 Hook's partner

50 Irreverent work

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