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23 area sex offenders to be supervised Halloween

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By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Twenty-three convicted sex offenders in the Howard County area will spend Halloween evening tucked safely away at the county courthouse, as the District Adult Probation Office does its part to keep the holiday

safe for local children. Kent Minchew, supervisor for the district office and lead sex offender officer, said 23 convicted sex offenders will gather for a probation meeting during traditional trick-or-treat hours Monday. "There's nothing set out in the offenders' probation requiring them to attend this meeting," said Minchew. "However, they have to attend any meetings I set for them. That is a condition of their probation.

"Most of these people are eager to comply with the meeting because it not only keeps the public safe, it keeps them safe as well. They're all for it because they can't be accused of violating their probation because we know where they are and what they're doing." Minchew said the offenders — 17 from Howard County and 6 from Martin County — will attend required counseling during the evening, and if they don't, they could once again

"In the past, we would just drive to their homes and make sure their porch lights were off and they weren't doing anything to encourage trick-or-treaters. It will be much easier just to have them all at one central location."

—Kent Minchew, district adult probation supervisor

find themselves in hot water with law enforcement. "If they don't attend, I alert the Big Spring Police Department or the Howard County Sheriff's Office and

have them pick them up," said Minchew. "If they don't have an officer available, then I'll drive to their home and pick them up." See **OFFENDERS**, Page 3A

Commission to keep speed limit at 30 mph

Don't lower unposted limit to 25, citizens tell city board

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring Traffic Commission voted unanimously Thursday to quash an amendment to the city's code of ordinances that would have changed the unposted speed limit in residential areas from 30 mph to 25 mph.

The decision came only minutes after a public hearing held by the commission, where the proposed amendment received less than favorable reviews from the majority of area residents who spoke during the hearing.

"I'm opposed to this. It's hard enough to drive 20 mph in a school zone," said local resident Ray Alexander. "I've lived here for 55 years and never seen a problem with the 30 mph speed limit. I think this is just another opportunity to lower the speed limit."

Local resident Aubrey Weaver Jr. took the matter a step further, calling the 5 mph reduction potentially "economically



devastating to the community." "What will this do for our city?" Weaver asked the commission. "All this would do is increase our transit time. I'm not for lowering the speed limit." Local residents John Currie and Charles Yeats also expressed their disapproval for the reduction in residential speed limits. "When I heard this had made its way through the legislature I was shocked," said Currie. "I

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Department of Public Safety Sgt. Jason Hester snapped this picture of a boat that had been tossed near the side of the road in Port Arthur as a result of the destructive forces of Hurricane Rita. Hester was one of 110 DPS troopers sent to the coast to assist with the post-storm cleanup.

Local trooper says hurricane left 'pure devastation' in wake

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

While mental images of National Guard soldiers storming into East Texas following Hurricane Rita may be the common perception among the public, it's certainly not the reality. Department of Public Safety Sgt.



Hester

Jason Hester will attest to that, as he and many of his fellow troopers recently returned from Port Arthur following the brunt of the storm, which caused an estimated \$8 million in damage. "One of things we handle within the state is the Emergency Management Division," said Hester. "A lot of people don't realize that. When they think of the Highway Patrol they think of

troopers driving a black and white up and down the interstate enforcing traffic laws. But in any natural disaster, DPS is usually the first to be mobilized to go into an area and try to take control of the situation and assist the local agencies already there." Hester said he and several other troopers from the Howard County

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Rove won't be indicted today; top Cheney aide Libby may be

By JOHN SOLOMON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Karl Rove escaped indictment in the CIA leak case today but remained under investigation as the embattled White House braced for charges against Vice President Dick Cheney's top adviser.

Rove's lawyer was told by Special Counsel Patrick

Fitzgerald's office that investigators had not completed their probe into Rove's conduct, said two people close to the Republican strategist, speaking only on condition of anonymity because of grand jury secrecy. Rove's lawyers were told there still were matters to resolve before the prosecutor "decides what he is going to do, so Mr. Rove will not be indicted today," one of the people said

Friday. Fitzgerald scheduled a 2 p.m. EDT news conference in Washington, along with an FBI investigator in the case. The news wasn't expected to be as favorable for Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby. White House colleagues expected an indictment charging Libby with false statements in the probe.

Some lawyers have raised the specter of broader conspiracy charges as well. The lack of an indictment against Rove is a mixed outcome for the administration. It keeps in place the president's top adviser, the architect of his political machine whose fingerprints can be found on virtually every policy that emerges from the White House. Leaving Rove in legal jeop-

ardly keeps Bush and his team working on problems like the Iraq war, a Supreme Court vacancy and slumping poll ratings beneath a dark cloud of uncertainty. Rove, who testified four times before the grand jury, has stepped back from some of his political duties such as speaking at fundraisers but is said to

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FISH SPARED AT CHURCH

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) — The First Assembly of God Church has agreed to discontinue its practice of swallowing live goldfish as part of its Fear Factor ministry. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has asked for a ban on the practice. Youth minister Anthony Martin said earlier the goal of the exercise was to teach teens about fear. "I do appreciate your concern and just wanted to let you know that this will never happen again," Pastor Greg Woodall replied to PETA in a letter. "My views are a reflection of yours. We love God's creatures and would never want to show them harm."

BAUER HARVEST FEST

Bauer Magnet School Harvest Festival is set for 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. today. Tickets are 25 cents or five for \$1 and will be available at the door. There will be food, games of chance, games of skill, prizes, costumes and Jack-O-Lanterns. Call 264-4121 for more information. Jack-O-Lantern judging is at 7 p.m., costume judging is at 7:15 p.m. To enter the Jack-O-Lantern contest, bring the prepared entry with the student's name and age on the back. For the costume contest, all costumes are encouraged, including ghosts, super-heroes, goblins, witches, cartoon and story book characters.

UW GARAGE SALE

In an effort to raise more funds for the United Way's 15 member agencies, employees of First Bank of West Texas will be holding a garage sale and car wash at their Big Spring bank on East FM 700 (across from the Big Spring Mall) from 8 am until noon Saturday. All proceeds will go to benefit the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. Items for sale will include furniture, electronics, household items and much more. A car wash will also be held in conjunction with the garage sale. Everyone is invited to come out and shop the garage sale while their vehicle is being made spotless.

Obituaries

Velma Zora Christie Sherrod



Velma Zora Christie Sherrod, 85, passed away Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005, while sleeping in her home beside her devoted husband on their ranch near Garden City. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. today and Saturday at the Sherrod Ranch, 1901 Sherrod Road.

The memorial celebration of Velma Zora's life will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005, at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Garden City.

She was born Aug. 21, 1920, in Indian Gap to Sampson Christie and Gladys Matilda Howington Christie. She graduated in 1938 from Garden City High School and went to post-graduate school in Pharr.

She married in 1941 in the parsonage to Randell Louie Sherrod and was a loving wife for 64 years. She was the mother of Jimmy Randell Sherrod, John Edward Sherrod and Velma Lee Sherrod. She had nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Gladys Christie and father, Sampson Christie and brother, Warren Christie.

She is survived by her husband, Randell Louie Sherrod of Garden City; her daughter, Velma Lee and her husband, Tom Blakeney of Amarillo; her sons, Jimmy Sherrod of Garden City and John Sherrod of Big Spring; and one sister and two brothers, Virginia Christie Hartley of Garden City, Fred Christie Young of Hoonah, Alaska and Norman Christie of Del Rio.

Honorary pall bearers are Wayne Cypert, J.C. Newell, Hugh Schafer, Marck Schafer, Jimmy Taylor and John Carroll.

Memorials may be directed to Cal Farley's Boy Ranch in San Angelo or Amarillo. Arrangements are under the direction of Ross Funeral home of Sterling City.

Paid obituary

Jeanette 'MamaNet' Brooks

Jeanette "MamaNet" Brooks, 75, of Coahoma died Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005, in the Hospice of Midland Inpatient Unit. Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Monroe Teeters, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Talpa Cemetery, Coleman County.

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

She was born Feb. 20, 1930, in Coleman County and married George Brooks.

Mrs. Brooks taught school for 47 years. She taught 27 years in Coahoma, retiring in 1999. Jeanette loved her grandchildren and enjoyed watching them play sports. She enjoyed reading, playing bridge and cooking for family and friends. She loved teaching and her students. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Cindy Brooks of Midland; a daughter and son-in-law, Katy and Loy Hahn of Coahoma; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Nita Mathis of Lamesa, Pat and Roger Hudgins of Forsan and Hiawitha and Baker Halford of Midland; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Don and Beth Sikes of Lubbock and Ronnie and Sandy Sikes of Houston; three grandsons, Jeff Brooks of Unionville, Conn., Kris Harding of San Antonio and Kirk Hahn of Coahoma; three granddaughters, Rebecca Bevier and husband, Wes of Rocky Hill, Conn., Sheena Harding of Coahoma and Claire Brooks of Unionville, Conn.; one great-granddaughter, Natalie Bevier of Rocky Hill, Conn.; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother-in-law.

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

Mary Agnes Rylee

Mary Agnes Rylee, 85, of Abilene died Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2005, in an Arlington nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11:30 A.M. Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Joel Miller officiating.

She was born Feb. 21, 1920, in Big Spring.

Mary moved to Abilene from Big Spring and had been a resident of Abilene for more than 20 years. She had worked for Abilene State School and Abilene Independent School District. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include her daughter, Yvonne Robinson of Grand Prairie; four grandsons, Craig Robinson and Heath Robinson, both of Grand Prairie, Robbie Robinson of College Station and Keith Robinson of San Angelo; one sister, Beatrice Webb of Big Spring; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Mae Kuykendall and one brother, Buddy Heath.

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

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O.A. Goodman



O.A. Goodman, of Midland passed away Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2005.

O.A. was born in Howard County on the Goodman farm, north of Big Spring, on May 20, 1920. He was the seventh child and first son of Oliver Addison Goodman and Ethel Vae Jones Goodman.

O.A. attended school at Moore, a community north of Big Spring, and Big Spring High School. At the outbreak of World War II, he enlisted in the Army and was sworn in at El Paso.

Trained as an aircraft mechanic specializing in P-38s in the Army Air Corps, he was assigned to the 4th Airdrome Squadron and shipped to Australia. Transferred to New Guinea, he served at Port Moresby, Tsilli Tsilli, Nadzab and Hollandia.

After the Philippine Islands were liberated from the Japanese, he volunteered and was transferred to the islands, where he completed his service at the end of the war.

Upon returning to the United States, O.A. married Margaret Irene Brown September 1946 in the Nazarene Church in Midland.

She was born Nov. 30, 1922, in Big Spring, the daughter of George Robert Brown and Lucy Margaret Long. A career as a firefighter began April 13, 1948, when O.A. was hired by the Midland fire department, where he was promoted to captain and worked until his retirement in 1977.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and six sisters.

O.A. is survived by his wife, Irene Goodman of Midland; son and daughter-in-law, Hugh and Sherry Goodman of Highland Village; daughter and son-in-law, Rhea Dell and Don Hodgson of Mobile, Ala.; grandchildren, Candace Goodman Escobar and husband, Earl, Angela Goodman Jeppson and husband, B.J., Tammie Hodgson Robinson and husband, Shane and Donald (Trey) Hodgson and wife, Katie; four great-grandchildren, Owen Escobar, Ella Escobar, Isabelle Jeppson and Cameron Robinson; four sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, Mission Square, 4400 N. Big Spring No. C-32, Midland 79705.

Paid obituary

Scott Bigham

Scott Bigham, 42, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005, at his residence. Private family services will be held at a later date.

He was born Dec. 22, 1962, in San Francisco, Calif. Scott had been a truck driver most of his life and had worked at the 7-Eleven at Fourth and Birdwell. He moved from Mariposa, Calif., to Big Spring in April 2005.

He is survived by his two daughters, Nicole Bigham of Stockton, Calif., and Athena Bigham of Mariposa, Calif.; mother, Phyllis Joan Norton of Mariposa, Calif.; father, Joe Bigham of Big Spring; and one brother, Mike Bigham of Big Spring.

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

Allen W. Bunn

Allen W. Bunn, 54, of Sweetwater, died Oct. 27, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005, at McCoy Chapel of Memories with burial to follow in Sweetwater Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 13, 1950, and married Kaye Bunn Oct. 17, 1970, in Coahoma. He was a US Navy veteran and a bio-medical technician.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Montez Bunn.

He is survived by his wife, Kaye Bunn of Sweetwater and his son, Drew Bunn of Roscoe.

Arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

Weather

Tonight—Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday—Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Police blotter

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

Officers with the BSPD have begun an investigation into a break-in at Big John's Feed Lot, which is believed to have happened sometime between Thursday night and this morning. According to officers, the burglar gained entry to the local business through a window, burglarizing the restaurant and causing an undetermined amount of damage.

• **LESLEYE DAWN ROGERS**, 43, of 505 Union, was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault Class C - family violence.

• **ALBERT CHAVARRIA**, 51, of 2508 W. 16th Street, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.

• **JASMINE HORNSBY**, 20, of Bryan, was arrested Thursday on charges of assault causing bodily injury, minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage and assault on a public servant.

• **DANYA LEE ATKINSON**, 27, of Coahoma, was arrested Thursday and held for the HCSO.

• **THOMAS RICH**, 44, of Mesquite, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 500 block of Main.

- in the 300 block of Owens.

• **FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT** was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1300 block of Austin.

• **ASSAULT ON A PUBLIC SERVANT** was reported in the 3200 block of Avenue C.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C - FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:

- in the 2900 block of 13th Street.

- in the 500 block of Union.

Sheriff's report

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

• **ANGELICA LOPEZ**, 34, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on two counts of theft by check.

• **EVERISTO TREVINO JR.**, 44, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **JOSE M. AGUILERA**, 21, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.

• **STEPHEN KYLE GAY**, 21, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of no liability insurance - second offense and no valid driver's license.

• **DANYA LEE ATKINSON**, 28, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a Reagan County warrant for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of 15th Street and Benton. Two people were transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Utah. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Baylor. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-24-27-32-36.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$33,070.

Winning tickets sold in: San Antonio.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

2-13-17-23 Bonus ball 23.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-5-3

Take Note

• **UNITED WAY GARAGE SALE AND CAR WASH** at the First Bank of West Texas on East FM 700 across from Big Spring Mall from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday.

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TWO-VEHICLE ACCIDENT



Big Spring police and Emergency Medical Service units responded to the scene of a two-car accident at the intersection of 15th and Johnson streets Friday morning. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

ROVE

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be otherwise immersed in his sweeping portfolio as deputy White House chief of staff.

Fitzgerald and his investigators have been trying to determine whether Rove, Libby or any other administration officials knowingly revealed the identity of CIA agent Valerie Plame or lied about their involvement to investigators. Her husband is diplomat Joseph Wilson, an opponent of the Iraq war who challenged Bush's assertion that

Saddam Hussein was trying to secure nuclear materials.

Wilson has accused the White House of revealing his wife's identity to undercut his allegations against Bush.

"The special counsel has advised Mr. Rove that he has made no decision about whether or not to bring charges and that Mr. Rove's status has not changed," said the aide's lawyer, Robert Luskin. "Mr. Rove will continue to cooperate fully with the special counsel's efforts to complete the investigation. We are confident that when the special counsel finishes his work, he will conclude that Mr.

Rove has done nothing wrong."

Rove's legal problems stem in part from the fact that he failed initially to disclose to prosecutors a conversation in which he told Time magazine reporter Matt Cooper that Plame worked for the CIA. Rove says the conversation slipped his mind.

Senior Republicans inside and outside the White House have wondered whether the case has been a distraction for Rove.

They point to the failed Supreme Court nomination of Harriet Miers, which was derailed by conservative activists,

many of them allies of Rove. He helped build Bush's political career on the strength of ties to the religious conservative movement.

Both charming and sharp-tongued, Rove is well liked by his colleagues and respected by his opponents, a take-no-prisoners political operative who is steadfastly loyal to his boss and relentlessly partisan in his approach. He didn't graduate from college, but is one of the most well-read White House advisers. He spent most of his career in Texas, but quickly established himself as a Washington insider.

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area began their trip into the center of the disaster Sept. 24, just as the hurricane came ashore between Sabine Pass and Johnson's Bayou, La.

"We all went down to the barracks in Austin the day the hurricane made landfall," said Hester. "We got assignments and everyone grouped up and left to the East Texas areas that were hit the hardest Saturday morning. There was some uncertainty as to where the hurricane was going to hit, whether it would be Houston or east or west of there."

"It was hard to pinpoint where we needed to be until the storm made landfall. We loaded up Saturday morning. We were assigned to the Port Arthur area, which is right on the Texas and Louisiana border."

Hester said the drive into Port Arthur, one of the hardest hit cities, was simply unbelievable.

"We went into town while it was still raining pretty hard," said Hester. "There were power lines down all over the roads. You didn't know if there was a live power line in there somewhere. It was just pure devastation. It was amazing that anything could cause that much damage. We take for granted the basic needs we have today. Power, clean water and

food are taken for granted, and when those things are gone, everything's out the window."

"It was weird. You would be driving down a residential area and there would be some trees down, and when you turn the corner there would be a roof of a house in the middle of the road," he continued. "It was just amazing how much destruction came through that area."

Hester said most of the city was without power following the storm.

"The power companies couldn't just throw the switch to the power grids," he added. "Many of the big metal 60-foot-tall power lines were just crumpled on the ground. We were driving over huge cables in the roads just to get around. After the first day the power companies could get in and survey the damage, they said it would be at least three weeks before they could get power to even the larger portions of the town."

Hester said the first order of business for the troopers was one of the toughest — keep property and home owners out of Port Arthur.

"The first few days we were setting up checkpoints throughout the town and not allowing anyone back in," said Hester. "It was very frustrating for the general public. They wanted to come back in and check on their property and their houses, and we

weren't allowing people to come back in. It was frustrating for the troopers as well, because they were the ones standing at the checkpoint telling the people they couldn't come back in, and you could see the desperation on the people's faces."

"They were thinking of the immediate. But they weren't thinking about how they would get out. There was no fuel, no water and it was so hot there's no way they could stay without electricity and air conditioning. You couldn't even drive down many of the residential areas because of the trees and power lines."

Hester said living conditions for the troopers were less than desirable, forcing them to take shelter anywhere they could.

"We had 110 uniformed troopers in Port Arthur while I was there, and we were there for nine days," said Hester. "The first few days weren't very good for us because we were sleeping in our cars. There just wasn't anywhere for us to go. Most of the hotels were so badly damaged they weren't inhabitable."

"One of the troopers knew the manager at the Academy Sporting Goods store, and they didn't have a tremendous amount of building damage. By the third day, they had a generator to run the building's cooling system. It wasn't exactly a cold air conditioner, but it was a lot better than the 114 degree heat index

outside. They told us to come on in and grab a cot. They were really great to us."

Hester said he and his fellow troopers finally found lodging at one of the city's hotels, but not before he had a run-in with a Fox News television crew and infamous tele-journalist Geraldo Rivera.

"We finally got into a hotel. Some of the rooms were pretty heavily damaged, but it's where a lot of the Port Arthur Police Department officers were staying," said Hester. "A lot of them lost their homes. They were just totally destroyed."

"We were going through the hotel and trying to find places to stay when we came across some rooms that had been blocked off by the news media. We were sleeping four troopers to a room — wherever we could lay our heads down — and they were sleeping one person to a room, taking up seven rooms. They were there to do a job, just like we were. All we were asking was for them to live in the same conditions we were living in. Nothing more and nothing less."

Although the damage caused by Hurricane Rita will take years to erase, Hester said he feels like

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made some inquiries and no one in Austin seemed to know anything about it. Then I found out the insurance lobby was funding it. That's how it got started.

"This isn't a safety issue. This was pushed through the legislature to increase insurance costs. As soon as you get some points on your insurance from a violation, your insurance premium is just going to go up."

While the majority of speakers were against the measure, local resident Marilyn Miers spoke out in favor of the decrease in speed limits, describing a recent near-miss accident she and her family had with a tractor trailer near her daughter's residence.

"It came wide around the corner at about 40 mph with the driver talking on his phone," said Miers. "If a child had run out in front of it, there's no way he could have stopped, and there are plenty of children in that neighborhood."

Commission Chairman Howard Stewart said he was glad to see so many people speak out at the hearing.

"When this first came before the commission during the last meeting, we wanted to bring it to the people and see what they thought of it," said Stewart. "And that's exactly what you're doing tonight."

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OFFENDERS

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them up. Either way, they have to attend."

Minchew said this Halloween will be the first time the Adult Probation Office has tried the holiday plan, but it's certainly not the first time they've taken measures to protect area children from sexual predators.

"We got the idea from San Angelo," said Minchew. "They did it last year and I'm not sure how successful it was, but it seemed like a good idea. In the past, we would just drive to their homes and make sure their porch lights were off and they weren't doing anything to encourage trick-or-treaters. It will be much easier just to have them all at one central location."

Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the BSPD, said officers will also be participating in the effort.

"Officers from the street crimes division and those out of patrol will be checking on the homes of all convicted sex offenders throughout the evening," said Everett. "Not just the ones that are still on probation. Unfortunately, if they aren't on probation anymore, all we can really do is warn the children and strongly discourage the offenders."

Gary Pritchett, BSPD chief deputy, said that if deputies will be doing the same, as well as assisting Minchew and his staff in any way possible. Everett said officers will also be checking on residential areas for sexual predators and information.

"There is a list of the sexual offenders in Big Spring on the BSPD Web site, located at www.policebigspring.tx.us, as well as a link to the DPS Web site, which also has a list," said Everett. "That's the best way for parents to protect themselves in a situation like this."

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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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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:

• The Big Spring High School Lady Steers, who open bi-district volleyball playoffs 2 p.m. Saturday against Hereford at Lubbock Christian University.

• The Big Spring High School Steers, who secured a football playoff with their win over Lubbock Estacado last week. Good luck in your 7:30 p.m. game here tonight against Frenship, Steers!

• Howard College basketball players Charles Burgess, who committed to Texas Tech University, and James Barrett, who committed to Sam Houston State.

• The Salvation Army for its Rock the Block Faith Fest last weekend. It was a great success and a wonderful gift to the community.

• Big Spring and Forsan high school marching bands, which both received Division 1 ratings at regional competition in Odessa.

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.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I ordered an item from Stafford by phone and had it charged to my credit card. When the credit card bill came, I saw I had been charged for the item I ordered but had not received it.

I called their customer service and was told the item shipped on Sept. 20 and given a control number. I called the local Post Office and they looked it up on their computer and said the item was in the hands of Tex-Pack and had not yet been delivered to the Post Office.

I asked when I might expect it and was told it would probably be a month. It seems Tex-Pack delivers packages when the urge strikes them. It has been five weeks and still no package. Surely we deserve better service

than this.

I think the Post Office needs to contract with a more reliable firm that feels they need to get packages to their destinations as soon as possible.

Since I am on my soapbox: We had to go to San Angelo and I saw the gas prices were \$2.39 to \$2.42 per gallon. This compared to our local prices which are \$2.56 to \$2.62.

I have seen Town and Country fuel transports coming from our refinery and heading for San Angelo, yet they can sell their gasoline for 17 to 20 cents per gallon less. Why?

Seems simple to me. And still our local merchants chant, "Shop Big Spring first?"

CLEM JONES
BIG SPRING

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Anytime, Lord, is the right time to communicate with You.

Amen

Terrorism works on Wall Street, it seems

"All Americans took pride when the New York Stock Exchange reopened for business only four business days after the 9-11 terrorist attacks," Mark Bibi, a lawyer for Life Sciences Research, which tests drugs and chemical on animals, testified before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on Wednesday.

The committee was investigating the New York Stock Exchange's decision to pull a planned listing of Life Sciences on Sept. 7, after animal-rights extremists vandalized a members' yacht club. So Bibi opined, "A handful of animal extremists had succeeded where Osama bin Laden had failed." The company was delisted in 2000 because of damage due to "economic terrorism," according to the Financial Times.

Bibi and other execs were breakfasting at the NYSE on the morning of Sept. 7, preparing to celebrate the listing on the exchange, when NYSE officials abruptly announced they were postponing the listing.

At the time, NYSE President Catherine Kinney wouldn't say why. A lawyer she sent Wednesday to testify before the committee also refused to say why. He said the exchange is still considering a Life Sciences listing.

FBI Deputy Assistant Director John E. Lewis testified that, shortly after Carr Securities began marketing the Life Sciences stock, activists vandalized the yacht club

to which Carr biggies reportedly belonged. Carr cut all ties with Life Sciences.

Later, the NYSE, once defiant in the face of terrorism, caved.

Animal-rights fanatics have figured out that you beat medical research that uses animals not by going after the researchers, but by going after those who do business with the researchers. They cow Wall Street not by flying into buildings, but by trashing members' clubs.

Bibi knows what it is like to be a target.

Anonymous thugs vandalized his house, smashed his car's windshield and made nasty phone calls to his home in the middle of the night.

Skip Boruchin, the only trader who refused to be scared out of business with Life Sciences Research, testified about the relentless intimidation he and his family endured. Activists painted his yard red with slogans like, "Skip is a murderer." Online, they called him a "child pornographer."

One website instructed people to send sex toys to his 90-something mother at an assisted-living home. Another website listed the names, phone numbers and Social Security numbers of 19 neighbors, and threatened to publicize information about their credit cards and medical history.

Violence? Well, there were the two bombs set at Chiron's Emeryville, Calif., offices in 2003. Agents believe the second bomb was timed to go off as first-responders arrived. The FBI also believes the violence is escalating.

Jerry Vlasak, a Southern California physician who is spokesman for the North American Animal Liberation Press Office, also testified

Wednesday. Vlasak dismissed the intimidation of Boruchin and others as "getting a little spray paint on the wall."

Committee Chair James Inhofe, R-Okla., questioned Vlasak about a statement Vlasak had made defending the assassination of medical researchers. Once again, Vlasak justified violence.

For "people who are hurting animals and who will not stop when told to stop," he answered, one option would be murder, a "morally justifiable solution."

If anti-abortion fanatics were behind this vandalism, the Life Sciences saga — not to mention Vlasak's support for murdering medical researchers — would be the stuff of countless editorials. But because the fanatics say they stand for beagles — not Bibles — the cognoscenti barely take notice. They're too busy complaining about how GOP limits to federal funding might crimp research to notice that some zealots advocate killing medical researchers.

If animal-rights nuts can get away with this brand of personal intimidation, extremists of all ideologies will take note. What began in the rat-hugging left will grow on the extreme right and the extreme left.

Bibi sees his company's plight as a "test case for a whole new brand of activism through personal intimidation." And it's winning: Life Sciences Research still remains off the New York Stock Exchange. Terrorism works.

Vlasak testified, "The animal-rights movement has been notoriously nonviolent up to this point." It sounds as if the days of the friendly spray-painting, bomb-setting, child-porn-accusing and club-vandalizing rat-hugger may be over. No more Mr. Nice Guy.

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Pension plan changes result of bad policy

The entire political world is agog: Tom DeLay indicted, Scooter Libby in danger, Karl Rove rumors abound, Miers' nomination a quagmire. So I'm writing about ... pensions. They're just so sexy, I couldn't resist.

Of course, the word pension is a terminal turnoff for anyone under 60 — so redolent of the blue-rinse perm set. As one whose idea of financial planning consists of playing bingo at the Safeway, I'd prefer to be out listening to reggaeton, myself. Still, when you're getting screwed, you really should know about it.

This column is part of a continuing effort to see if we can keep our eyes on the shell with the pea under it, even while some other shells, mighty flashy and colorful, are whizzing around. Our particular shell bears the fatal rubric, "You are getting screwed again."

Even the most paranoid among us would not suggest that members of the Bush administration are getting themselves into legal trouble just to keep attention away from the effects of their policies. But it is the policies that can mess up our lives. Indictments may provide satisfaction to some, but they do not clean up the messes left by bad policy.

Envision this, oh mod, rad, chic young people: Until 20 years ago, about the time you were born, most geezers approaching retirement had a traditional defined-benefit pension plan. The longer you worked at a company and the more money you made, the more you got at your retirement. Employers kept increasing their contributions to these plans, and whatever risk that came with them was assumed by the employers.

Gone with the wind. For years, companies have been cutting their contributions and moving more and more of the market risk from

themselves to their employees. They switched to "defined-contributions" plans, like the 401(k), where the employee chooses the investments and assumes the risk (think of the stock market in recent years).

In 1984, only 19 percent of employers with plans used defined-contribution plans. In 2004, it was up to 93 percent, according to a comprehensive series in the Minneapolis Star Tribune on what the pension changes are doing to people in that state. By contrast, in 1984, 57 percent of companies had defined-benefit plans. By 2004, that number was 15 percent.

The Bush administration has approved a change that makes it legal for companies to modify their pension plans in a way that usually discriminates against older workers who were covered under the earlier plans. But this is the just the beginning.

Making your pension disappear is a new corporate art form. There is, for example, the "wear away." The Star Tribune gives this example: Say you've been working for a company for 20 years, at the end of which you are entitled to a pension of \$2,000 a month. But, your company decides to "revise" the plan and, lo, suddenly you have to have worked for 40 years to qualify for \$2,000 a month.

Technically, the company has not reduced your pension benefit — it is just holding the benefit in place until time "wears away" the difference between the new terms and the old terms.

Another trick is just underfunding the pension plan. During the last five years, underfunded company pension plans have increased by five times and are short in funds by \$340 billion, up from \$20 billion.

The latest corporate craze is for companies to declare bankruptcy, dumping pension responsibilities on the federal government and walking away, only to start doing business again without that nasty pension anchor around their necks. Your pension gets dumped to the Pension Benefit Guaranty

Corp., a government entity that ensures \$2 trillion of pension benefits. The PBGC is funded by employers, who pay it \$19 per employee annually.

This worked fine for years, until a bunch of steel companies and airlines declared bankruptcy. The Guaranty Corp. is now responsible for \$62.3 billion in pension checks, but it has only \$39 billion. Employer contributions have not kept up, so the PBGC now has a \$23 billion deficit — and chances are the taxpayers will wind up bailing it out, as we did the savings and loan industry.

In addition, the PBGC does not cover health benefits. If your company chooses the temporarily-bankrupt-until-we-can-dump-our-pension-plan route, you'll be out that much more. Among the Fortune 1000 companies, the number of pension plans frozen or terminated went from 45 in 2003 to 71 last year, according to Watson Wyatt Worldwide, an employee benefits consultant quoted by the Star Tribune. Another 25 companies closed their pension plans to new hires.

There are several proposals now about what to do rumbling around in Congress. One I particularly like would forbid companies from continuing to fund their special executive retirement plans if their rank-and-file pensions are seriously underfunded.

"The biggest byproduct of these changes is fear," said the Star Tribune in its series. Fear may be a more dangerous emotion than anger. It turns life into an "every man for himself scramble" without unity, community, caring or sharing.

In fact, every one of us comes into this world naked and helpless, and most leave it in the same condition — and we are dependent on one another every single day in between. The "stand on your own feet and take care of yourself" attitude the right wing keeps pushing is not only cruel, but stupid, too.

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Local News

Cornerstone Church

The 10-year anniversary celebration continues today at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. with the Rev. Bob Perry, an Every Nation minister, presenting Intercessory Prayer. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch and a workbook. He is also guest speaker at 10:30 a.m. during Sunday worship service.

A special Fun Fest is set for Nov. 12 at the church. Hot dogs, games and music are some of the planned activities, which is free and open to the public. Call Kathy McGee at 264-7838.

Cornerstone offers a family atmosphere of praise and worship. Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to Sunday children's activities. Childcare is available for newborns through preschool.

The church is located at 12th and Owens streets.

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

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 Noah's Ark for children age 0-3, Zoe Land for children age 4-9 and God's Squad for preteens 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

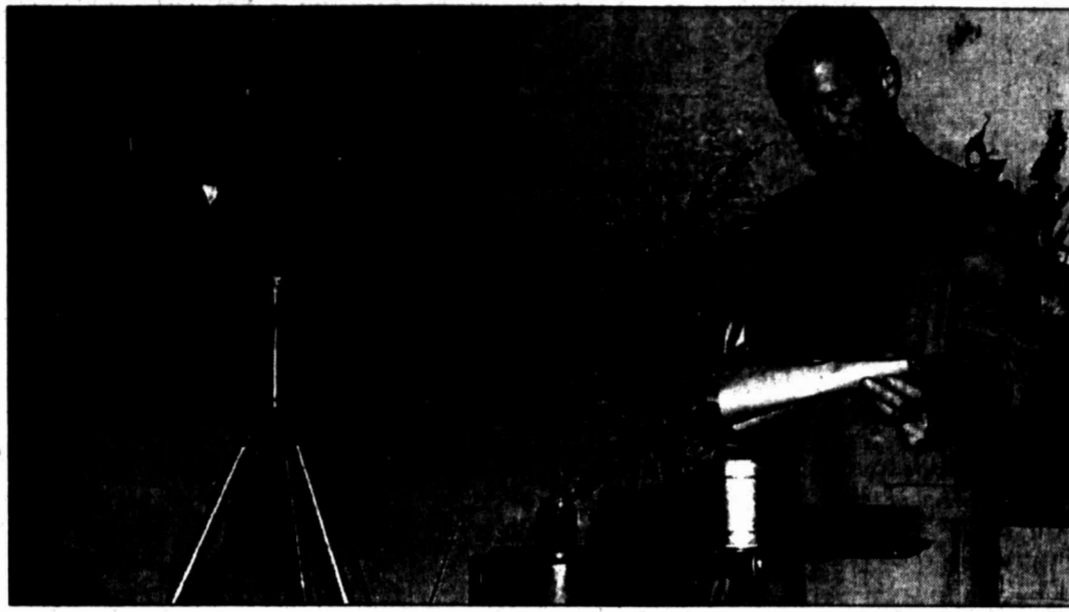
YoungLife is a non-profit Christian organization for high school students that meets at 7:59 p.m. each Monday night of the school year.

WyldLife, a junior high school outreach, meets at 7:13 p.m. every other Tuesday.

Both clubs meet at the YoungLife building, 13th and Owens streets. Volunteer adult leaders are needed for the school year. For more information, call director Shelly Warren at 213-4819.

Baptist Temple Church

Bible school begins at 9:30 a.m. Sunday and morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m., followed by



Cornerstone Church pastor Craig Felty watches as the note to the church debt burns while youth pastor Ken Noble videotapes the event, part of the activities celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the church.

a pot luck luncheon. Evening worship is at 6 p.m.

Evangelist Wes Massey and music by the Murlyn Keller Family is set for a Celebration of Hope Revival Sunday through Nov. 4. Supper is set for 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. the week of the celebration and the revival service begins at 7 p.m. each night.

The church is located at 400 11th Place. For more information, contact the church at 267-1683.

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 is a prayer and Bible study service for adults and a youth discipleship class at 7 p.m.

Saturday the church is sponsoring Trunk or Treat, a safe way to trick or treat for Halloween. The event takes place in the East Fourth parking lot. All the car trunks will be filled with goodies for the children. The church is located at 401 E. Fourth. Call Amy at 267-2291 for more information.

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

Sunday morning service is at 10:30 a.m. with Dennis Walker as the speaker. Bible study is 7 p.m. Wednesday, with a new topic to be announced.

Philadelphia Primitive

Baptist Church is located at 201 E. 24th St. For more information, call John Wayne Metcalf at 393-4067 or Dennis Walker at 264-1364.

First United Methodist Church

The Lord's Acre and Family Fest begins at 10 a.m. Saturday with a fall festival for children and adults offering games, booths, face painting and food for all ages. A silent auction and bake sale also begin at 10 a.m.

The first silent auction ends at 11:15 a.m. The second silent auction is from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The live auction begins at 1 p.m. Many items will be a part of the auctions, including artwork, gift certificates, a half of beef, luggage, specially-designed Christmas cards and baskets of goodies.

The Lord's Acre steak dinner is from 11:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Tickets for the meal are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children.

While adults attend the auction in the afternoon, children go to the movie for a \$1 and get a free bag of popcorn.

Sunday is Fall Stewardship Sunday No. 3. The Rev. Dr. Dave Ring's sermon is titled "If God Owns It All, What Am I Doing with It?" The scripture text is Matthew 25:14-30. Ron Logback will make a special stewardship presentation.

Rehearsals for the Living Christmas Tree have begun. Upcoming rehearsals include 6:30 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. until noon November 5. Performances are scheduled for Dec. 3-4.

The church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of these programs, call the

church office at 267-6394.

New Covenant Worship Center

Super-Sunday worship service is at 4 p.m. Nov. 6. The Rev. Jerome McNally, pastor of New Life Church of God In Christ in Big Spring, is the special guest speaker.

New Covenant also offers a mid-week service, featuring the Young Ambassador's Program every Wednesday evening at 6. Game nights, study-hall session and Bible drills are some of the activities. Sunday morning worship services are at 11 a.m.; doors open at 10:45 a.m.

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

Friends of Unity

A celebration of worship begins at 1 p.m. Sunday. The Rev. Jim Sims, minister of Unity Church of West Texas in Odessa, is leading the service.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

The St. Paul Lutheran Parish Workers Lutheran Women's Missionary League is sponsoring a bake sale Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the St. Paul Lutheran library, 811 Gregg St.

All proceeds will be given to the Howard County Bible Fund, which sponsors high school Bible study classes in Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan. The LWML has cookbooks for sale at \$10 each.

Anyone wishing to help may bring their baked

goods to the library by 9 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran is located at 810 Scurry. The pastor is Wayne Frost. Church services are at 9 a.m. Sunday with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. Prayer meeting is Wednesday night at 6:45. For information about Bible study groups, call the church at 267-7163.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Sunday night from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. is the Fall Festival with a Hallelujah Hayride, Christian Carving Pumpkin Contest, cake and cupcake walk, face painting, caramel apples, popcorn balls and hot-dogs. All visitors are invited to enjoy the fun.

Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and at 5 p.m. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

First Baptist Church, Big Spring

Saturday is Project: HOPE day at First Baptist Church. Church members are reminded to meet at 8 a.m. in the Family Life Center for an assignment.

Sunday's services begin with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. followed by morning worship at 10:50 a.m. The Rev. Dennis Teeters will continue his series sermon on "The Road You Wish You Hadn't Taken" with the topic, "I Did It My Way."

Sunday Nite Live is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. and Sunday evening worship is at 6 p.m.

A new Beth Moore Bible study has begun Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. The study is "Believing God." This study is not

limited to women; men are welcomed.

The Fall Festival begins at 6 p.m. Monday in the Family Life Center. The youth of the church will be serving hot dogs and sausage wraps in the snack area for a nominal fee. No scary costumes.

The senior adult Triple L, 'Live Longer and Like It' meets Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. in the dining room.

Call 267-8223 for further information.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matt Miles will speak on text taken from Matthew 23:1-13 Sunday at worship service. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 starts at 10:35 a.m.

After church Sunday is a pot luck luncheon sponsored by the service committee. Members may bring their favorite dish. Opportunities for the week include directory photographs Tuesday and Wednesday. Choir practice is at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The church is located on Rannels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Morning prayer begins at 10:30 a.m. There will not be an 8 a.m. service Sunday. The annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwest Texas is today through Sunday in Lubbock.

For more information, call 267-8201 or visit the Web site www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

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Inside Big Spring Mall
267-6335

• ROCKTOBER HALLOWEEN PARTY AND COSTUME CONTEST from 8 p.m. until midnight today at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3188, 703 W. Third St., featuring the Wild Texans. Tickets are \$5 for single and \$8 for couple. Prizes to first, second and third place costumes.

• HAUNTED HOUSE sponsored by the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Relay for Life team is in the old Texas Surgery Department of Malone and Hogan Clinic, set for 7 p.m. until midnight today and Saturday and from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Monday. Admission of \$5 goes to Relay for Life fund-raising.

• BAUER MAGNET SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL is set for 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. today. Tickets are 25 cents or five for \$1 and will be available at the door. There will be food, games of chance, games of skill, prizes, costumes and Jack-O-Lanterns. Jack-O-

Lantern judging is at 7 p.m., costume judging is at 7:15 p.m. Call 264-4121 for more information.

• A HAUNTED HOUSE at the Diagnostic Center of the SWCID campus, 3301 Hudgens Memorial Drive, is set for 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and \$1 for children.

• FALL FESTIVAL AT THE LAMUN-LUSK-SANCHEZ TEXAS STATE VETERANS HOME from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday. Costume contest at 3 p.m. for children ages 1-12.

• FAMILY FEST AND LORD'S ACRE at First United Methodist Church Saturday. The event includes a silent auction, bake sale and games begin at 10 a.m. A live auction begins at 1 p.m. Auction items include half a beef, a vacation in Ruidosa, N.M., handmade items, art work plus other items. Call the church at 267-6394 for more information or to

purchase an advance ticket for the Lord's Acre steak dinner.

• JACK-O-LANTERN CARVING CONTEST AT HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM. Turn in carved pumpkins before 2 p.m. Saturday. Winners will be announced at 7 p.m. as part of the Haunted Hangar events. Call 264-1999.

• HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM presents The Haunted Hangar from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday. This free Halloween event is open to children of all ages. Activities include 15 game booths, face painting, a dance contest, a costume contest, refreshments and more. Dance Gallery students perform at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Heather at 264-1999.

• BSHS FALL FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY THE THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT is set for 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, followed by a performance of "The

House of Dracula" at 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 with a hand stamp from the festival. The festival will have games, booths and vendors as part of the events. Tickets are 25 cents and most games take two tickets, although some take four tickets. Support Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat, a national canned food drive promoted by the International Thespian Society. Bring two cans of food and receive four free tickets.

• RELAY FOR LIFE SPOOK HOUSE in the old College Heights Elementary School on Goliad is set for 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday through Oct. 31. Cost is \$5 per person.

• TRUNK OR TREAT AT EAST FOURTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH is set for Saturday. The event takes place in the church parking lot. All the car trunks will be filled with goodies for the children. The church is located at 401 E. Fourth. Call Amy at 267-2291 for more informa-

tion.
• COSSACKS MOTORCYCLE CLUB HALLOWEEN PARTY to benefit the annual Bykes For Tykes Christmas campaign from noon until 11 p.m. Saturday. Donation of \$10 or the equivalent in canned or nonperishable food items or new, unwrapped toys. The clubhouse is located at 1610 N. Birdwell Lane.

• DANCE GALLERY TRICK-OR-TREAT WITH SPOOKY PERFORMANCES set for 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday. The Dance Gallery is located at 2303 Goliad. Call 267-3977 for more information.

• A HALLELUJAH HAYRIDE, HOBO SUPPER AND GAMES are planned for the Birdwell Lane Baptist Church annual Fall Festival from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday. The church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. For information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

• BIG SPRING MALL

ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT EVENT is set for Monday. The event is free to the public and prizes will be awarded. A costume contest is set for 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. and trick or treating with the mall merchants is set for 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Call Kathy Lusk at 267-3853 for more information.

• BSHS THEATRE PRESENTS 'THE HOUSE OF FRANKENSTEIN' AT 6:30 P.M. AND 'THE HOUSE OF DRACULA' AT 8 P.M. MONDAY in the high school auditorium.

• TRICK OR TREAT AT THE BIG SPRING POST OFFICE from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday. The window service area will be decorated and window clerks will be in costume. Children should say trick or treat and receive candy.

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Club News

TOPS No. TX 21

Thirteen member of Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 21 welcomed one new member, Carol Collier at the regular meeting Monday at the Dora Roberts rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third.

Leader Hughetta Roberts called the meeting to order and Olnee Menges voiced the opening prayer. Club members recited the TOPS and Keep Off Pounds Sensibly pledges and sang the fellowship song.

Readings were given by Alex Sechelski, "Words of Encouragement," which was taken from a previous TOPS magazine and by Carol Smith, who read "10 Rules for a happy Day."

Following the reading of last week's minutes, co-leader Menges called roll with members answering with their loss or gain for the week. Best loser of TOPS was Martha Christy and KOPS best loser was Lynne Criswell.

Sechelski, contest chairman, said the contest, "Fill Your Heart with Success" has ended. First place winner was Cherry Sechelski; second place went to Joyce Chelett; and third place winner was Duffey Yancy.

Smith presented the program for the meeting, "Easy Eat-Less Tricks."

Three hints given were: 1) eat in moderation; 2) learn the food pyramid; and 3) eat slowly.

Interest in TOPS? Call 800-392-8677 or locally call 263-0391 or 263-1758 for more information.

Permian Historical Society

Elmer Kelton, Tiny Earp and Joe Allen drew quite a crowd to the fall meeting of the Permian Historical Society Crane Oct. 15.

Kelton opened the program with a special tribute to his teacher and mentor, Paul Patterson, a long time teacher of history, journalism and Spanish in Crane and Sierra Blanca and a life time member of Permian Historical Society.

Patterson (Mr. Pat), 96, attended the meeting.

Tiny Earp comes from a long-time ranching family in Crane County and shared many family stories with the audience.

Hard times followed ranchers of that period, but were laced with much family humor, which proved to be the glue to hold families together and helped to weather the rough times.

Long-time school administrator turned historian Joe Allen of Crane gave a Power Point presentation on Castle Gap.

Then he led a group of 80 through the Gap to Indian Water Hole.

The Crane County Historical Commission and the Crane Chamber of Commerce hosted the event.

There were books from Elmer Kelton, Patrick Dearen, Merle "Tuffy" Skelton and Paul Patterson, who were all in attendance and available to autograph copies sold or brought to be autographed.

There were also books from members Ross McSwain, Mary Lou Midkiff and Charlena Chandler and other historical books from Cactus Book Shop in San Angelo. Crane County Museum also had some cookbooks for sale.

The Rev. Dr. Stanley J. Cosby of Oklahoma was presented with the Best Article Award for The Permian Historical Annual 44 as well as the Best Presentation Award from the October 2004 meeting in Big Spring.

Bud Poage of Rankin won the Best Presentation Award from the April 2005 meeting in Midland with his entertaining and informative presentation

on his collection of spurs. Neither were in attendance to receive their awards and accolades.

Bud Lindsey of Stanton and first vice president of PHS presided over the meeting in the absence of President Ross McSwain of San Angelo.

Lindsey introduced Snap Woodward of Girvin in Pecos County, who will serve out the term on the board of directors of his mother, Eddie Mae Woodward.

Special entertainment was provided by The Allegro Cowboy and Cowgirl Singers who came in cowboy clothes and sang cowboy songs to go along with the theme of ranching. They were

led by a descendent/relative of Mr. Dunagan who was a founding member of PHS.

Terry Shults, a member

of PHS is a member of singers.

The next meeting in Midland at the Permian Museum in April.



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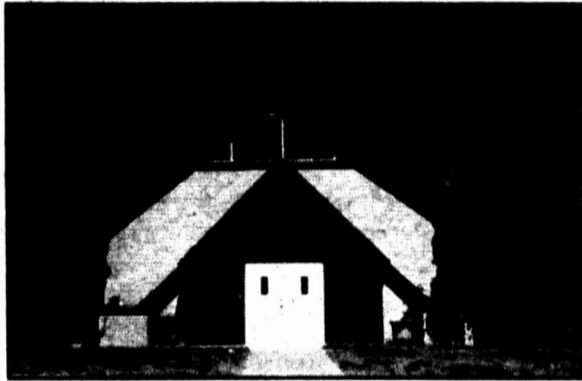
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1 (16-ounce) bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for Halloween

1 (16-ounce) bag Starburst Original Fruit Chews Fun Size, optional

1 (16-ounce) container chocolate frosting
8 (3 1/2-inch) packaged chocolate cookies
8 chocolate ice cream cones
Candy corn or licorice laces, optional

- Measure 1 cup chocolate frosting. Frost cookies and then place one chocolate ice cream cone on top of each cookie. Cover cones with frosting, and then arrange M&M'S in random patterns.
- To make brim of cap as shown: Sort 32 fruit chews into 4 piles, making sure each pile is same color. Unwrap, flatten slightly, and then snip into thin strips, resembling fringe. Arrange fringe around cones for hair. Otherwise, make cap's rim with either candy corn or licorice laces that have been cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces and place side-by-side around base of cone.

Makes 8 caps



Scarecrow Cupcakes

2 (13-ounce each) bags Cookies & Snickers Fun Size Bars, unwrapped

1 (13-ounce) bag Twix Caramel Cookie Fun Size Bars, unwrapped

1 (14-ounce) bag M&M'S Peanut Butter Chocolate Candies for Halloween or M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for Halloween

1 (13-ounce) bag Snickers Fun Size Bars, unwrapped and chopped

1 (18.25-ounce) box yellow cake mix

1 (16-ounce) can vanilla frosting

6 shredded wheat biscuits

1 tube brown decorator's icing

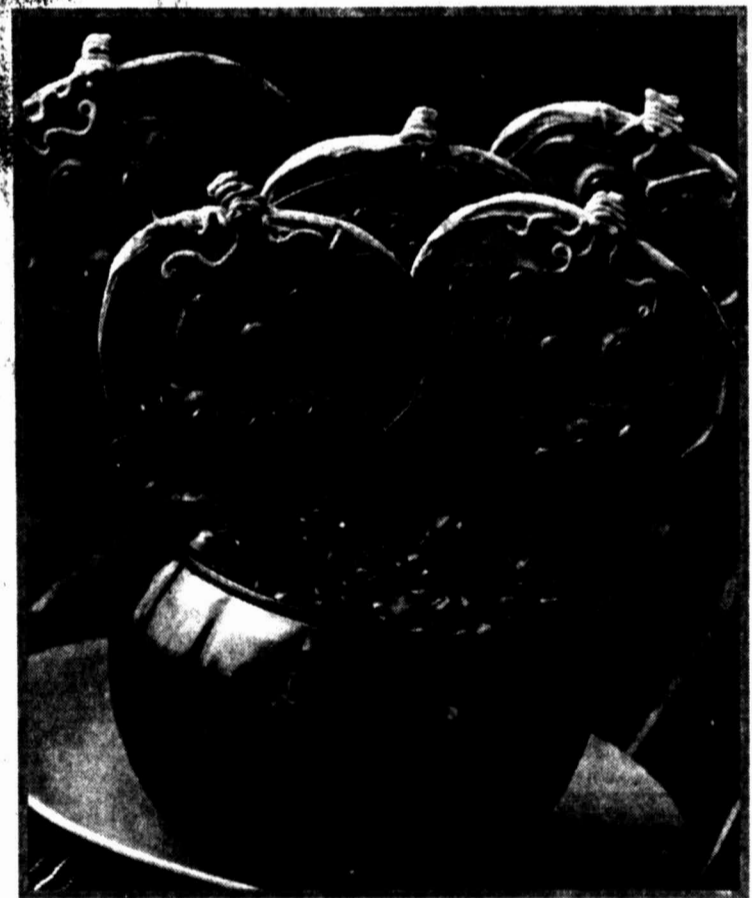
- Preheat oven to 350°F. Line cupcake pans with paper cupcake liners.
- Prepare yellow cake mix according to package instructions.
- Fold chopped Fun Size bars into batter before transferring to cupcake pans. Bake 18-21 minutes. Remove from oven, transfer to wire rack, and let cool completely.

4. Tint vanilla frosting beige by blending with 1 tablespoon brown decorator's icing. Spread beige frosting on cupcake.

5. To decorate cupcakes, use photograph as guide:
Hats: Place 1 Fun Size bar at top of each cupcake, and top with Caramel Cookie bars to resemble rim on hat.

Hair & Neck: Arrange strands of shredded wheat under hat and around neck.
Face: Use Peanut M&M'S for eyes and nose. Create mouth with remaining brown decorator's frosting.

TIP: Consider using cut licorice laces, snipped fruit chews or shredded coconut instead of shredded wheat biscuits for "hair."
Makes 24 cupcakes



Pumpkin Cookie Pops

1 (14-ounce) bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for Halloween

1 (18-ounce) roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough

1 (16-ounce) can vanilla frosting

Orange and green food coloring

25 colored craft sticks

- Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper or aluminum foil.
- Cut approximately 25 1/4-inch slices of cookie dough. Place on cookie sheets. Slip a colored craft stick's 2-inch tip underneath each cookie. At top of cookie and directly on opposite side of craft stick make small dimple in dough.
- Bake cookies 15 minutes. Remove from oven, transfer to wire rack, and let cool completely.
- Tint 1/4 cup of frosting with green food coloring. Transfer to resealable plastic bag, snip small corner, and set aside.
- Tint remaining frosting with orange food coloring. Spread on cookie tops. Use green frosting to pipe pumpkin stems around dimples. Use M&M'S to decorate cookies like jack-o-lanterns.

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Choose a neighbor, friend, or anyone
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And when you've made your secret pick,
Let Red & Yellow do the "trick"!

Put a "goody" bag beside the door;
Include this poem, and one thing more —
Some M&M'S, for candy fun —
Now Red & Yellow's "BOO" is done!
Don't sign your name, don't leave a clue;
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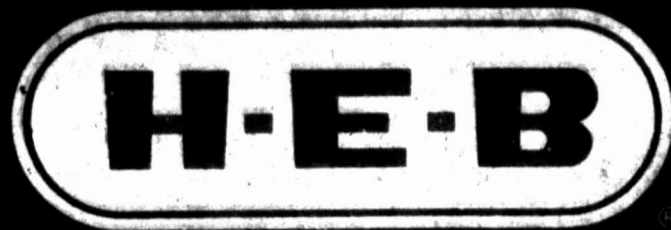
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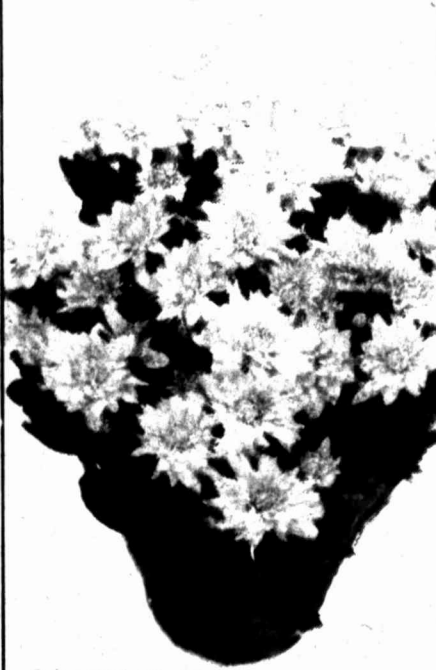


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Flag football league to begin Nov. 6

The Midland Flag Football League will begin play Nov. 6, said Wayne Brandt.

The eight-on-eight tournament costs \$250 per team and takes place every Sunday through the middle of January.

For more information, contact Brandt at 432-230-5255.

Basketball officials needed for new year

Basketball officials are needed for the 2005-2006 basketball season involving junior high, freshman and junior varsity games in Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City and Sterling City.

If interested in officiating, contact Adam or Mandi Rodriguez at 263-8731 (after 6 p.m.), 517-0300 or 816-1963.

C.G.A. cancels its final tourney of year

The Chicano Golf Association has announced its final tournament of the year — the Grand Tournament — has been cancelled due to unknown health reasons inside the organization.

Olesen announces free tennis clinic

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen has announced a free junior tennis league at the Figure 7 Tennis Center at Comanche Trail Park for students in second and third grade.

The league will start Tuesday, Nov. 1, and will continue for three weeks after that on Tuesdays. It goes from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. each night.

Interested participants may bring a racket, but one may be provided if available. There is no specific start date as participants can show up on any Tuesday.

The first week will concentrate on forehand and backhands, the second week will cover volleys and overhands, the third week will focus on serves and the fourth week will consist of matches.

For more information, contact Olesen at 806-236-8901 or visit bigspringtennis.com.

Western Sportsman Club announces free sight-in-day Oct. 29

The Western Sportsman Club has announced a free sight-in-day will take place Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Interested shooters must bring in gun or guns they want sighted and ammunition.

For more info, call 267-1816.

Bearkats seek second straight district title

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

With a win against winless Paint Rock Friday, the Garden City football team can clinch its second straight district title and the No. 1 seed in the playoffs out of District 8-six-man.

But, Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins doesn't want anyone to look into the winless part of Paint Rock's record.

"They are 0-7, but when we looked at the video we saw them do some good things," he said. "They

have two running backs who run and a quarterback who executes the offense well."

The running backs are senior Darrell Rose and freshman Joe David Ruiz. The quarterback is sophomore Justin Alexander. And all three of these guys will rely on the blocking of senior Rudy Ruiz and junior Mickey Gallindo to provide them with running lanes and time to throw.

"Those two blockers



will come at you when they are blocking and they are also aggressive on defense," said Hoskins.

Paint Rock will play man-to-man on defense and will show a 3-2-1 primary set.

"It's OK to run man-to-man on defense, but you have to have talent to be able to execute it well," said Hoskins.

Like Garden City, Paint Rock is deep and uses a lot of players. They have 13 guys on the current

roster and Hoskins said all 13 will play at some point in the game.

Garden City's keys to the win remain the same as most weeks. Hoskins wants to take care of the football, remain crisp and stay focused on offense and he wants his players to make sure they know assignments and doesn't want to give any points on defense.

"I told the guys after the Robert Lee game that I didn't want to give up any more points in district play and so far they haven't," said Hoskins.

"And our offense has scored every time we have had the ball but once in district games."

"We want to keep them out of the end zone Friday and continue to score when we get the ball on offense."

Garden City, which dropped one spot in the rankings to No. 10 this week despite winning last week 60-0 at halftime, bring a 7-1 overall and 3-0 district record into this game.

The kickoff Friday will take place at Bearkat Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring gears up for showdown against Frenship

• To win, Steers must stop Lyons, Tigers' passing attack

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The red-hot Big Spring football team will have its hands full against Frenship tonight as the Steers try to stop three first-team all-district members from last year.

The Tigers come into the game at Memorial Stadium with a 7-1 overall record and a 2-1 district record. The only blemish on their record was a 28-7 loss to No. 10 Plainview two weeks ago. They average 432 yards per game on offense, while giving up 310 yards on defense.

The three first-team members from last year are quarterback Tyler Lyons and wide receivers Brik Brinker and Jabari Parker. Brinker was also an all-state selection last year.

Lyons has thrown for just more than 1,949 yards this year and has 18 touchdown passes. Brinker has been by far his favorite target as he has caught 42 passes for 950 yards and 11 touchdowns. Parker has 440 receiving yards and has also gained 133 yards on

the ground.

The team's other offensive threat is Michael Connor, who has gained 1,081 rushing yards this year and has totalled 96 points, which trails only Plainview's Jamar Wall in the district.

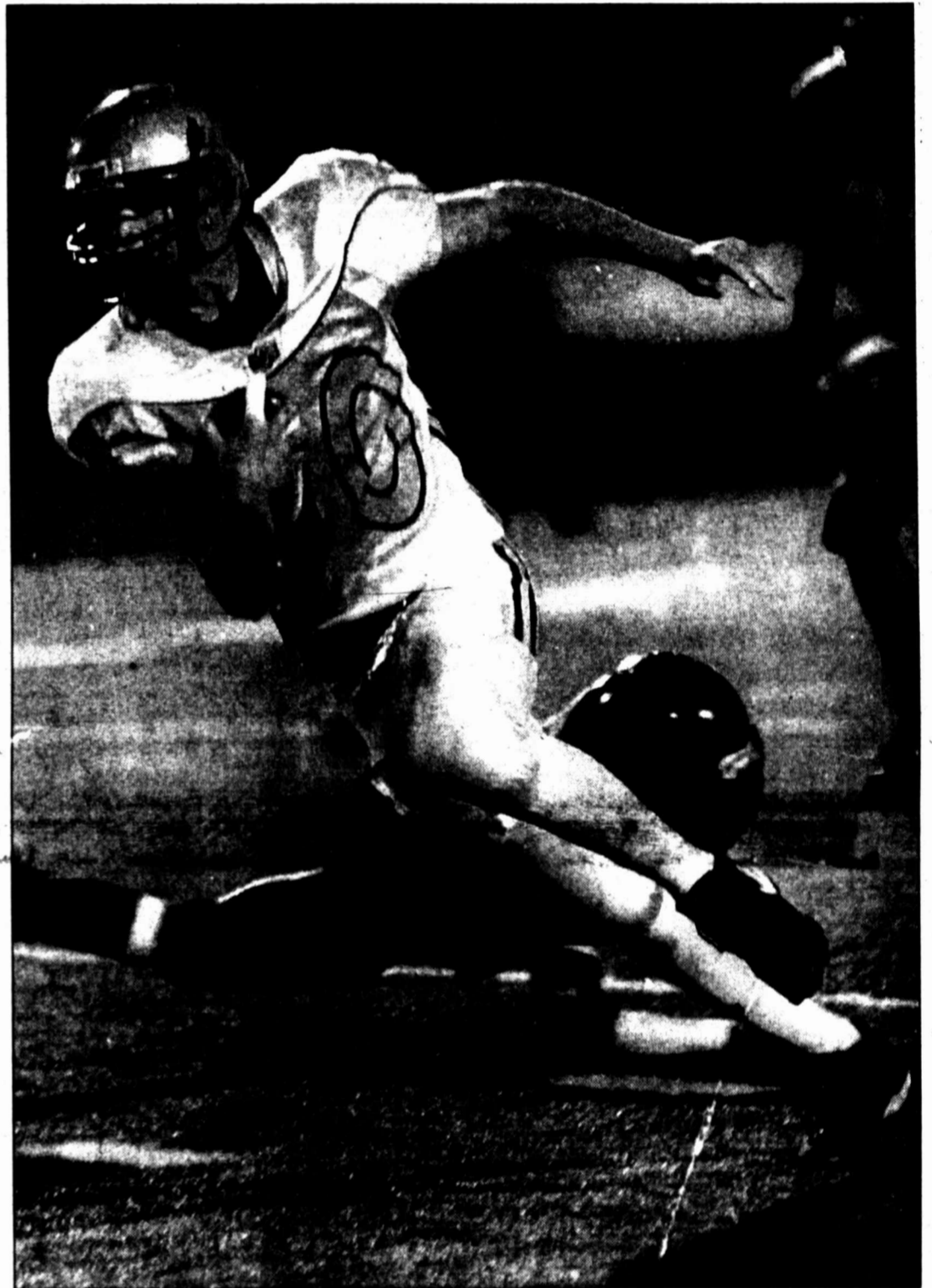
The Frenship defense is led by all-district safety Nick Evans as well as safety Nick Hanslik and defensive end Ryan Haliburton.

While Frenship still needs to win to clinch a playoff berth, the Steers took pressure off themselves last week with a victory against Lubbock Estacado at Lowrey Field. Big Spring turned the ball over six times, but still found a way to win and clinch its first playoff berth since 2002.

Frenship's passing attack could pose danger to Big Spring's defense as it has given up a lot of passing yards this year, while doing a good job stopping the run. Andrews' only touchdown drive against Big Spring (3-5, 3-0) covered 71 yards and most of that was through the air.

Lubbock Estacado scored its first touchdown last week on a 19-yard touchdown pass play and

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Big Spring junior quarterback Ryan Tannehill gets away from a Lubbock Estacado tackler during the Steers' playoff-clinching victory against the Matadors last Friday. Big Spring puts its undefeated district mark on the line against Frenship at Memorial Stadium tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Forsan looks to end season with win against rival Roby

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

The Forsan Buffaloes will host the Roby Lions tonight, playing their last game of the season at Buffalo Stadium.

With no hopes of making the playoffs this year, the Buffs not only end their season Friday, but they also say goodbye to several players before the game, which will serve as Senior Night.

Head coach Tommy Thompson goes into this contest not only up against what he views as a very good Roby team, but against what could be an emotional night for his seniors.

"Friday night, the seniors will close out a high school career where they have played some great football," said Thompson. "These guys

have come a long way since they were freshmen and they have truly been a big part of why we were competitive this season. I am looking forward to a great end of the season as we play Roby and honor these guys on Senior Night."

Thompson reflected on games such as the big win against Hawley in the Sammy Baugh Classic this year and the game against Roscoe, where the Buffs held the No. 6 team in the state to only seven points.

But even with the memories and the added focus on his seniors this week, Thompson has not taken his eye off the game at hand. He knows that the Lions will not just roll over.

"Roby is solid running and throwing the ball and we will have to come ready to play," Thompson said. "They run a spread offense along with pro, I and wishbone sets. We are going to mix up our defensive alignments to



make it harder for them to handle blocking assignments."

Thompson says on defense the Lions like to stuff the running game and will line up in a 5-3 formation. He plans to spread out his offense to force Roby to stretch its defense and leave running room inside.

"Our goal offensively is the same as it has been all year," said Thompson. "We want to keep the ball in our hands, score every time and limit turnovers. When we are successful at this we have always been in a good position to take the win."

Thompson added that he expects his seniors, as well as his lower classmen, to step up for this

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Area Football Standings

District 4-4A	League	Overall
Plainview	3-0	8-0
Big Spring	3-0	3-5
Frenship	2-1	7-1
Lake View	1-2	2-6
Lubbock Estacado	0-3	0-8
Andrews	0-3	0-8

District 4-2A	League	Overall
Colorado City	3-0	6-2
Anson	3-0	5-3
Hawley	1-2	4-4
Coahoma	1-2	2-6
Stanton	1-2	1-7
Stamford	0-3	1-7

District 10-1A	League	Overall
Roscoe	4-0	8-0
Sterling City	4-0	4-4
Bronte	3-2	6-3
Winters	2-2	4-4
Roby	1-3	3-5
Forsan	1-4	2-7
Hermleigh	0-4	0-8

District 8-Six-man	League	Overall
Garden City	3-0	7-1
Water Valley	2-1	5-3
Robert Lee	2-1	4-4
Blackwell	1-2	2-4
Verbest	1-2	3-5
Paint Rock	0-3	0-6

District 5-Six-man	League	Overall
Wellman-Union	3-0	5-3
Loop	2-1	4-4
Sands	2-1	2-6
Grady	2-1	2-6
Dawson	0-3	0-8
Klondike	0-3	0-8

FRIDAY NIGHT FORECASTERS

This Week's Games

1. Frenship @ Big Spring
2. Hawley @ Coahoma
3. Roby @ Forsan
4. Paint Rock @ Garden City
5. Colorado City @ Stanton
6. Sands @ Wellman-Union
7. Klondike @ Grady
8. Abilene Wylie @ Snyder
9. Texas @ Oklahoma State
10. Texas Tech @ Baylor
11. Oklahoma @ Nebraska
12. Iowa State @ Texas A&M
13. Georgia @ Florida
14. Michigan @ Northwestern
15. Ohio State @ Minnesota
16. Cardinals @ Cowboys
17. Redskins @ New York Giants
18. Bears @ Lions
19. Browns @ Texans
20. Chiefs @ Chargers

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Adam Dunlap



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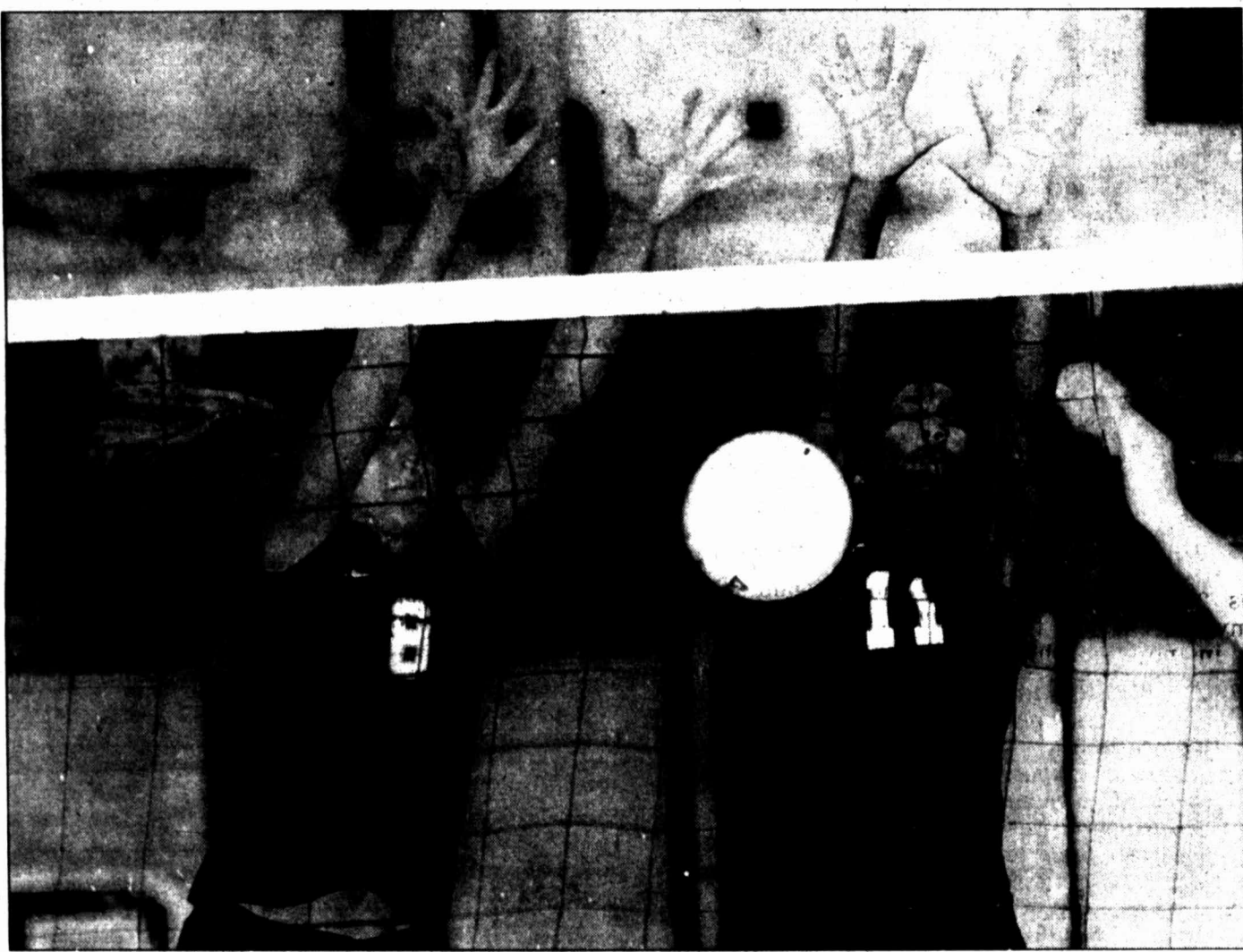
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Big Spring seniors Raegan Ritchey, left, and Carmen Lewis go up for the block against Plainview in the team's regular season finale at the Steer Gym Oct. 18. The Lady Steers travel to Lubbock Christian University Saturday to take on No. 19 Hereford in the bi-district round of the Class 4A playoffs.

HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

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nearly scored late in the game as it moved downfield through the air.

Lake View's only touchdown against the Steers in San Angelo came on a 35-yard pass play from Ethan Reid to brother Zane Reid.

And everyone remembers the 80-yard pass Hereford laid on the Steers on the final play of the game earlier this year, which led to a narrow win for the Whitefaces.

Tonight, the Steers will have much tougher competition as Lyons and Brinker might be the best duo in the district, having hooked up 11 times this year for touchdowns. Big Spring's offense is

led by junior quarterback Ryan Tannehill, who rushed for 125 yards and two touchdowns last week against Estacado.

The defense is led by Kyle Piercefield and Zac Chesworth.

Both teams are playing for something this week, too.

If Big Spring can defeat Frenship, the Steers will take on Plainview next week for the District 4-4A title after the Bulldogs shut out Estacado Thursday.

If Frenship wins, the Tigers would clinch the final district playoff spot and would be the No. 1 seed in the 4A small division.

Big Spring will honor the seniors in football, cheerleading and the band before the game. The game begins at 7:30 p.m.

Area High School Football Lineup

District 4-4A

Frenship @ Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
Andrews 29, Lake View 19 (Thursday)
Plainview 41, Lubbock Estacado (Thursday)

District 4-2A

Hawley @ Coahoma, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado City @ Stanton, 7:30 p.m.
Stamford @ Anson, 7:30 p.m.

District 10-1A

Roby @ Forsan, 7:30 p.m.
Hermleigh @ Winters, 7:30 p.m.
Roscoe @ Sterling City, 7:30 p.m.
Bronte — bye week

District 8-six-man

Paint Rock @ Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
Robert Lee @ Veribest, 7:30 p.m.
Blackwell @ Water Valley, 7:30 p.m.

District 5-six-man

Sands @ Wellman-Union, 7:30 p.m.
Klondike @ Grady, 7:30 p.m.
Loop @ Dawson, 7:30 p.m.

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game as they have all year.

"This game isn't about making the playoffs, but it is about pride," Thompson said. "I know the guys that will be graduating want to end this season building on a winning tradition."

Being honored Friday night will be Anthony

Acosta, Tye Baker, Taylor Barber, Steven Chavez, Justin Forshee, Shelby Lefever, Mitchell Murray, Josh Paredez, Tyler Phillips, Clint Stanley and Jon Sutton.



The game will kick-off at 7:30 p.m. in Forsan.

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Schedule

- Tuesday, Nov. 1, Hawk men vs. UTPB JV, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 3, Stakeholder Meeting and Dinner, 6 p.m. in the East Room
- Friday, Nov. 4, University Scrimmage, ACU vs. LCU, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 7, University Scrimmage, West Texas A&M vs. McMurry, 6 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 11, Hawk women vs. LCU JV, 4 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 14, Hawk men JV vs. Wayland Baptist JV, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 16, Crossroads College Fair, 10 a.m. to noon; Hawk men JV vs. Wayland Baptist JV, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 21, Hawk men vs. Hardin Simmons JV, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 23, Hawk women vs. Garden City C.C., Kansas, 7 p.m.

Parcells calls game against Cardinals 'a little important'

By PAUL WEBER

Associate Press Writer IRVIN (AP) — It was the kind of predictable, rubber-stamped comment recycled and rehashed every week.

Bill Parcells knew it.

So when the Cowboys coach called Sunday's home game against the Arizona Cardinals (2-4) "a little more important," Parcells quickly added he knows all coaches say that about their next game.

But Parcells repeated it over and over.

"I told the team I think this is a very, very important time for us right now," Parcells said. "I mentioned it after the

game, I mentioned it after our squad meeting and I reiterated it (Wednesday). I'm trying to get everybody in the right frame of mind to respond. I can't tell you if they will.

"This team hasn't been in this position before."

For the Cowboys (4-3), that position is control of their own fate in the NFC East. Even though Dallas occupies last place in the division, the Cowboys have just as many wins as the Eagles, Giants and Redskins.

A win over the Cardinals — who have won one of their last 17 road games — puts the Cowboys in a good position: two games above .500 through the first half

of the season, followed by a well-timed bye week.

Though Linebacker Dat Nguyen (neck) is expected to play for the first time in three weeks, running back Julius Jones remains questionable with an ankle sprain. Jones was unable to fully practice this week, making it seem more likely that the Cowboys' featured back will miss his third straight game.

For the Cardinals, the attention rests more with who'll be playing Sunday than who won't.

Cardinals coach Dennis Green named quarterback Josh McCown the starter this week over

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No. 3 Hokies, Vick take down Eagles

By **HANK KURZ Jr.**

AP Sports Writer
BLACKSBURG, Va.
(AP) — Virginia Tech's defenders hardly flinched before the game when they were asked about Boston College's mammoth offensive line.

Then the Hokies went out and showed why Thursday night.

Third-ranked Virginia Tech dominated the line play on both sides, and got an efficient, mistake-free performance from Marcus Vick — with his famous brother looking on — in a 30-10 victory over the No. 13 Eagles.

The Hokies allowed 183 yards and piled up 492 of their own, getting a touchdown pass from Eddie Royal, three field goals from Brandon Pace and a 13-yard interception return by Vince Hall that served to punctuate the

rout. Save for Hall's touchdown, which came with the game well in hand, coach Frank Beamer's Hokies also did it without the heavy dose of Beamerball that so often carries them at home. They also had Vick, who led consecutive scoring drives after the Eagles took a 7-6 lead, and completed 22 of 28 passes for 280 yards. He also ran for 52 yards on 13 carries.

Michael Vick, the former Hokies star now playing for the NFL's Atlanta Falcons, saw a different player than the one who threw three interceptions last Thursday night in a 28-9 victory at Maryland, and a defense determined to shut the bigger Eagles down.

The victory was Virginia Tech's 11th in a row in Thursday night play.



KRT photo/Michael Ainsworth, Dallas Morning News
Texas quarterback Vince Young (10) scores a touchdown against Texas Tech in the third quarter. Texas defeated Texas Tech, 52-17, at Darrel K. Royal Stadium in Austin last Saturday.

Bears seek big win against Red Raiders

DALLAS (AP) — Baylor has been agonizingly close this month to winning two more games.

The Bears (4-3, 1-3 Big 12) began their conference schedule the first Saturday of October with an overtime loss at Texas A&M. Then last week, they lost in double overtime at Oklahoma — a team that beat them by an average margin of 35 points the previous six years.

"We went up to Norman thinking we could win the game. ... The penalties and mistakes helped out Oklahoma," Baylor coach Guy Morriss said. "We have gained some confidence, and we are still scratching for a bowl."

Before the Bears can think about their first bowl since 1994, they have to reach another milestone: they have to win more than one Big 12 game in the same season for the first time. Then

they would have to win at least one more game after that to be bowl eligible.

Baylor has four games left, starting Saturday at home against No. 17 Texas Tech (6-1, 3-1). The Red Raiders will be trying to bounce back from their first loss: 52-17 at Texas, the team the Bears play next week before Missouri and Oklahoma State.

In other Big 12 games Saturday, No. 2 Texas (7-0, 4-0) plays at Oklahoma State (3-4, 0-4); Oklahoma (4-3, 3-1) is at Nebraska (5-2, 2-2); Kansas (3-4, 0-4) hosts Missouri (5-2, 3-1); Colorado (5-2, 3-1) goes to Kansas State (4-3, 1-3); and Texas A&M (5-2, 3-1) is at home against Iowa State (4-3, 1-3).

While Baylor leads the overall series 32-30-1, Texas Tech has won all nine games since the two teams joined the Big 12 — by an average of 37 points the last six.

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Kurt Warner, McCown, who's from East Texas and played three seasons at SMU before transferring to Sam Houston State, has led the Cardinals to both its victories and threw for a combined 779 yards in his first two starts.

"As a kid growing up in Texas, you dream about playing for the Cowboys," said McCown, who is 9-10 as a starter, a record better any starting quarterback Arizona has had since he was drafted in 2001. "But I guess the next best thing would be to play in Texas Stadium against the Cowboys."

McCown, who will be making his fourth straight start, will get plenty of chances to throw in his return home. Arizona is last in the NFL in run production — partly because it has passed about 64 percent of the

time — and faces a Dallas defense that is allowing less than 52 yards rushing each game.

Arizona receivers Anquan Boldin and Larry Fitzgerald, who are both among the NFL's top 10 in yards receiving, are the biggest concern for the Cowboys. Parcells said both get the ball rather than waiting for it to come to them.

"We can't stand around and watch them play catch," Parcells said.

Boldin said the Cardinals must protect the football to win their first game on the road since last year's 24-23 win at Miami.

A Cardinals victory at Texas Stadium would also be the team's first at Dallas since 1989, a losing streak spanning 13 games.

"It's tough to win on the road anywhere," Boldin said. "But whenever you do go on the road you just have to not turn the ball over, not kill yourself with penalties."

Following their bye week, the Cowboys play three games in 11 days leading up to Thanksgiving. Although the Cowboys — trying to win their first division title since 1998 — have already beaten the Eagles and Giants at home, their remaining three division games are on the road.

All the more reason the Cowboys believe this week is more important.

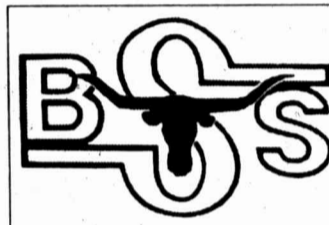
BSJH volleyball team falls to Lamesa in season finale

By **TROY HYDE**

Sports Editor
The Big Spring junior high volleyball teams traveled to Lamesa and played in their final matches of the season recently.

All four Lady Steer matches ended in defeats. Big Spring's eighth-grade 'B' team lost 25-14 and 25-22. Deanna Mills and Paige Smith led the team both offensively and defensively.

The eighth-grade 'A' team also lost in two games 25-22 and 25-17. Tiffany Garcia led the team in points, while Selena Gonzales led the defense.



The seventh-grade 'A' team couldn't get things together against Lamesa either as the Lady Steers lost 25-11 and 25-8. Brandi Vaughn and Kaylesha Lang led the offense and defense.

Lamesa won the seventh-grade 'B' game 25-12 and 25-9, but Karlie White and Desiree Anderson played well for Big Spring.



Courtesy photo
The Big Spring seventh-grade 'A' volleyball team celebrates a win against Greenwood last week. Front row, from left: Taryn Kennedy, Emily Flores and Valerie Ross. Middle: Linzi Rodriguez, Jillian Valle, Kacey Fitzgibbons, Belle Feaster and Elle Torres. Back: Lacey Lawrence. Not pictured: Brandi Vaughn, Kaylesha Lang, Gabrielle Fierro and Coach Dee Dee Myers. The Lady Steers lost to Lamesa Monday. The team finished the year with a 7-4 record.

Sunday's NFL lineup
Noon start time
Arizona @ Dallas
Cleveland @ Houston
Jacksonville @ St. Louis
Minnesota @ Carolina
Washington @ NY Giants
Chicago @ Detroit
Green Bay @ Cincinnati
Oakland @ Tennessee
3:05 p.m. start time
Miami @ New Orleans
Kansas City @ San Diego
Philadelphia @ Denver
Tampa Bay @ San Fran
7:30 p.m.
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c/o: Dolores Lillard
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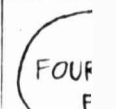
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

We're coming to the first weekend of the year under the Scorpio sun's influence. Scorpio's famous passion stirs many a soul to prowling tonight, haunting the places that promise mystery, intrigue and magic. However, the Virgo moon won't let us leave work until the last detail has been tended to. Hunker down until all is tidy and finished.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Get down to the nitty-gritty, and do things the right way — do them once and for all. Young people need support — in the form of ideas, money or a listening ear. You can provide any of the

above. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The competition is stiff, which makes it easy to dwell on who you are not, instead of embracing who you are. Know what you have to offer, and work that angle. Your love life gets more interesting as the night progresses.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Spend quality time practicing "your thing." You must develop your ability to the next level in order for opportunity to open to you. What's coming is big — the likes of which you've only dreamed about.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your greatest fulfillment happens when you take the leadership role. If you don't see anything you're enthusiastic about, you'll have to create it. Once you make your mind up, helpers flock to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Everybody has talent. It's just that yours happens to be the kind that usually turns heads. Now it's your turn to be a fan. Support your loved ones by acknowledging their unique gifts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The stars illuminate the difference between doing a job and pursuing a career. You're tempted to go where the money is, but the real money will

come when you follow your bliss.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You show up as yourself and bring along some uncharacteristic sarcasm. Even diplomats like you know that there's a time to be salty. But with your charm, no one will take offense.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It takes someone sensitive like you to point out to everyone else what they are missing. Your poetic spirit is highlighted. This doesn't mean you'll be walking around rhyming to yourself (although you're certainly welcome to).

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You learn faster than your peers, which could cause friction, if not total upset. But there's no time to take care of everyone's feelings. Go forward now, and you can apologize for being so quick later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you're involved in a heavenly pursuit, you lose track of time and place and are completely committed to your own sense of wonder. Perhaps you could use more of this activity in your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What's acceptable in your work world is changing. Suddenly, you can get away with that thing you've been

trying to do for years. If you're not currently working, today's news could change that.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The stars admire you because you dare to dream bigger than anyone around. You sense the cosmic joke: Achieving high aims takes the same amount of effort as achieving low ones now.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: Love can feel heavy when Venus and Pluto are conjunct. ARIES: Someone sweet makes you want to be a better person. TAURUS: You're like an island, able to stand alone but still connected to the "mainland" on a deep level. GEMINI: Lifestyle changes (in the name of love) are scary but worth it. CANCER: What a fine mess you find yourself in — such situations are made for meeting love!

LEO: While trying to be organized, a disruptive presence keeps you off balance — only someone you're smitten with can cause such distraction! VIRGO: You initiate the fun and you end it, too — you're the first to the party and the last to leave. LIBRA: You have the power and ability to follow through with the plans a loved one makes — but do you really want to? SCORPIO: Love is not

an ideal to you — it's tangible. It's your words and your actions. SAGITTARIUS: Silly things that can be remedied, like lack of sleep or miscommunication, cause fights. CAPRICORN: Stretch out of your comfort zone in an effort to accommodate someone dear. AQUARIUS: Loved ones feel pampered by your affection. PISCES: The same love who hurt you will heal you.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Scorpio and Sagittarius are neighbors on the zodiac who represent their cosmic "hood" quite well publicly — as a duo, they are dynamic, and they bring their own brand of sex appeal to any event they grace. The confidence they exude in public breaks down in private though — these signs need to know they can be vulnerable with their one and only in order to feel loved.

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No. P-13-334
ESTATE OF
LOUISE ANN BENNETT
WORTHY, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Louise Ann Bennett Worthy, Deceased, were issued on the 21st day of September, 2005, under Docket No. P-13-334, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Jerry Needham Worthy.

Claims may be presented in care of Jerry Needham Worthy to the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of
Louise Ann Bennett Worthy
c/o Jerry Needham Worthy
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 21st day of September, 2005.

JERRY NEEDHAM WORTHY, Independent Executor of the Estate of Louise Ann Bennett Worthy, Deceased
#4775 October 28, 2005

Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Last May, my 13-year-old grandson was found hanging in his closet. In spite of my daughter's efforts to revive him, he died. Although his death is listed as a suicide, I will never believe that. He was not suicidal. In my search for answers, I have discovered something that I believe your readers should know about. It is a game that children and young teens are playing, and which is often called "The Choking Game." It's also known as the pass-out, tingling or fainting game.

We do not know now and may never know for certain whether this was the cause of my grandson's death. However, the circumstances of his death were very similar to those of children in news stories that I have seen on TV and found on the Internet. The point of the game is to cut off oxygen until you pass out, in order to get a kind of "high." It often appeals to kids who would never use drugs or alcohol.

Please alert your readers that this "game" does exist and that they need to caution children that any activity which involves depriving the brain of oxygen is dangerous and can very easily



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

be fatal. I hope no other family ever has to endure the agony to which our family has been subjected.

Dear Heartbroken: Please accept our deepest condolences on the loss of your grandson, and know that your letter may save a young life.

Children and young teens think this self-asphyxiation game is harmless because it's drug-free. They don't realize that depriving the brain of oxygen, even for short periods, risks permanent brain damage and death. Clues to watch for include unusual marks around the neck, bloodshot eyes, complaints of headaches, and paraphernalia such as ties, ropes and plastic bags.

Parents, talk to your children about this game. Do not assume they are unaware or that your discussion will provoke them to try it as you would a conversation about the dangers of drugs or alcohol. The best protection your children have is information. Don't let them down.

Dear Annie: I am 83, live alone and am in fairly good health. I volunteer to call elderly people, most of whom are shut-ins and very ill.

It is amazing that so many of them have children and find themselves in the same position as I. My son and I have been estranged for many years. I have tried several times to understand the reason, what I may have done, but he refuses to discuss it. There is no communication between us.

The purpose of this let-

ter is to ask a question of your readers: Why do some of them ignore their elderly parents? We are not asking for much, just a letter or phone call every so often. We really would like to know the answer. Perhaps, in this way, we could remedy the situation. — Mrs. G. in Virginia

Dear Mrs. G.: There are probably as many reasons as there are children. Some have overbearing parents, others married spouses who discourage a relationship, and sometimes a child simply lacks the emotional wherewithal to make the adjustments and compromises necessary for any good relationship. We are certain to receive letters on the subject and promise to print the best ones.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Proud Wife," whose husband is serving in Iraq and whose customers made disparaging comments about the war.

A simple way for her to let everyone know that she has a loved one serving our country is to purchase a Blue Star flag and display it in the front window of her shop.

These flags are available through the American Legion or at www.serviceflags.com. We hung one in the front window of our business while our company president's brother was in Iraq, and instead of negative comments, we had many people offer support for those of us at home. — Proud Illinoisan

Dear Illinoisan: Thank you for a kind and useful suggestion.

Dear Annie: I had an affair with "Craig," a fellow teacher, for eight years. Not many people knew. Craig recently started dating another woman but didn't break it off with me. I found out after he'd had two dates with her.

During our affair, Craig told me he loved me, and I certainly loved him. I even wanted to leave my husband and take my kids and move in with him. Craig begged me not to, saying he didn't want anyone to know about our affair. He said I should divorce my husband, and then after a while, he

would marry me. I was afraid if I left without a commitment, I'd end up with neither man, so I went back to my husband.

While we were seeing each other, Craig would leave school and say he was visiting sick students, when he would really meet me and have sex. I also know that he was accepting sports tickets, etc., from vendors who did business with the school. He got caught once for it and was told to stop, but he still continues to do it.

I'm so upset about him using me that I want to tell our employer about all

the ethically sketchy things he did. I also want to warn the "new girl" about his past. I still love Craig and can't get him out of my mind. Would getting revenge be the right thing to do? How do I get over this? — Heartbroken in Logansport, Ind.

Dear Logansport: Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned. You may report Craig for his unethical behavior, since that is clearly against school policy, but understand that Craig could get his own revenge if you do. Beyond that, however, leave him alone. The "new girl" will think your allegations are simply sour grapes, and Craig's reputation will catch up to him soon enough.

You've learned a tough lesson, so use it by not repeating your mistake. You have a husband and a family. Make them worth treasuring.

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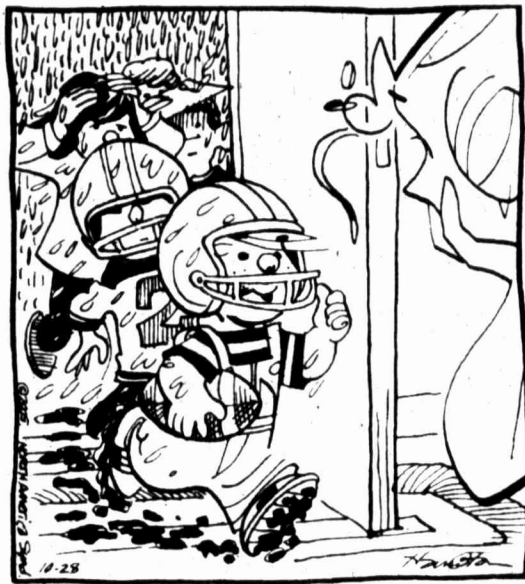
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6:30 PM	News (CC) Ent. Tonight	News Wheel-Fortune	Piel de Oloro	My Wife-Kids Raymond	News Ent. Tonight	La Tomerita	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond John Hage	N. McBride John Hage	News-Laher	The FBI Files (CC)	Movie: Classics	CSI: Crime Scene Investg. (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live BET.com	Zack & Cody That's-Raven Pocus (CC)	With Smith NFL Matchup	NBA NBA	Movie: Route 666 (CC)
7:30 PM	Franklin Graham	Supernanny (CC)	Contra Viento y Marea	Bernie Mac Malcolm-Mid	Ghost Whisperer	El Cuerpo del Deseso	Dateline NBC (CC)	Friends (CC) Friends (CC)	TBA Liberty	Wash. Week NOW (CC)	A Haunting (CC)	II. The Heretic (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investg. (CC)	Movie: Runaway Brok	Movie: Turn It Up	Movie: Hocus Pocus (CC)	College Football	Preseason Basketball	Movie: Resident Evil
8:30 PM	Movie: The Favor	Hope & Faith Hot Properties	La Esposa Virgen	Killer Instinct (CC)	Threshold (CC)	Los Plateados	Three Wishes (CC)	Movie: The Turman Show (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Jimi Ed. Rpt Tavis Smiley	I Shouldn't Be Alive	Movie: The Beyond Boundaries	CSI: Crime Scene Investg. (CC)	Movie: TBA	BET History TBA	Zack & Cody Sister, Sister	Colorado State at New Mexico	Nets at Knicks	Movie: Return of the Living
9:30 PM	News (CC) Nightline	20/20 (CC)	Gilberto Gless Los Perplejos	My Wife-Kids 70s Show	NUMB3RS (CC)	Decisiones	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	News Tonight Show	10 Movie: The Truman Show (CC)	Do You Speak American?	Beyond Boundaries	Movie: The Exorcist III	Most Amazing Videos	Movie: TBA	Zack & Cody Sister, Sister	Colorado State at New Mexico	NBA Preseason	Movie: Resident Evil	
10:30 PM	News (CC) Nightline	Final Score Extra (CC)	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	Late Show: Raymond	Noticias Titulares y Mas	News Tonight Show	10 Movie: The Truman Show (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Great Detectives	Movie: The Exorcist III	Most Amazing Videos	Movie: TBA	Zack & Cody Sister, Sister	Colorado State at New Mexico	NBA Preseason	Movie: Resident Evil	
11:30 PM	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Final Score Extra (CC)	Movie: Noche de Pánico	Becker (CC) Late Late	Late Late Show	Litara Al Rojo Vivo	Late Night: Conan O'Brien Seinfeld (CC)	10 Movie: The Truman Show (CC)	CCM Minutes Sam Peak	Sign Off	A Haunting (CC)	45 Movie: Tales From the Crypt Presents	CSI: Crime Scene Investg. (CC)	Movie: TBA	Zack & Cody Sister, Sister	Colorado State at New Mexico	NBA Preseason	Movie: Resident Evil	
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"IT'S STARTING TO RAIN, SO WE THOUGHT WE'D FINISH OUR GAME INSIDE."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Sam, Kittycat or Barfy - I'll hafta decide which one I'll take to college with me."

HAGAR



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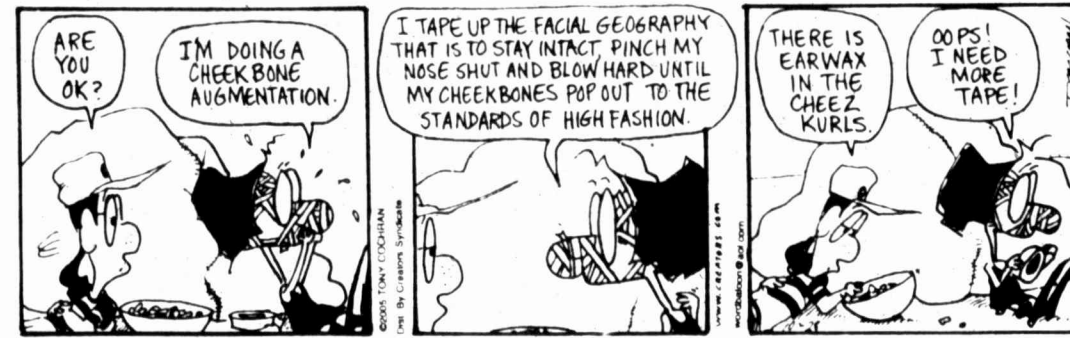
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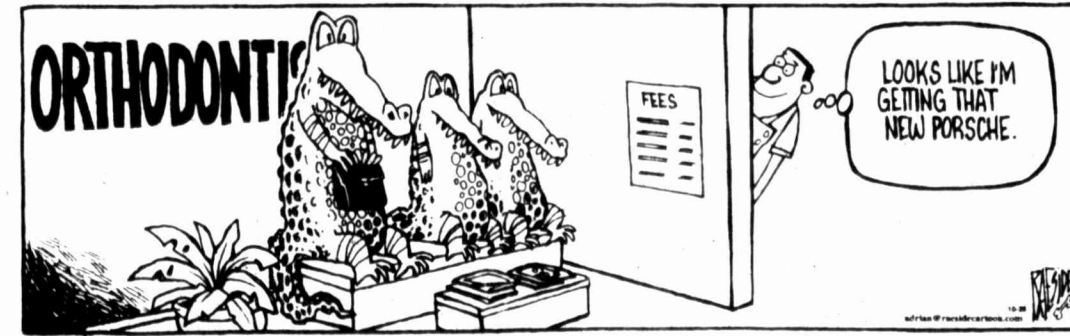
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Oct. 28, the 301st day of 2005. There are 64 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Cleveland.

On this date:
In 1636, Harvard College was founded in Massachusetts.
In 1793, Eli Whitney applied for a patent for his cotton gin (the patent was granted the following March).
In 1919, Congress enacted the Volstead Act, which provided for enforcement of Prohibition, over President Wilson's veto.
In 1922, fascism came to Italy as Benito Mussolini took control of the government.
In 1936, President Roosevelt rededicated the Statue of Liberty on its 50th anniversary.
In 1940, Italy invaded

Greece during World War II.
In 1958, the Roman Catholic patriarch of Venice, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, was elected Pope; he took the name John XXIII.
In 1962, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev informed the United States that he had ordered the dismantling of Soviet missile bases in Cuba.
In 1965, Pope Paul VI issued a decree absolving Jews of collective guilt for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.
In 1980, President Carter and Republican presidential nominee Ronald Reagan faced off in a nationally broadcast, 90-minute debate in Cleveland.
Today's Birthdays: Former baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn is 79. Jazz singer Cleo Laine is 78. Actress Joan Plowright is 76. Musician-songwriter Charlie Daniels is 69. Actress Jane Alexander is 66. Singer Curtis Lee is 64. Actor Dennis Franz is 61. Pop singer Wayne Fontana is 60. Olympic track and field gold medalist Bruce Jenner is 56. Actress Annie Potts is 53. Microsoft chairman Bill Gates is 50. Rock

musician Stephen Morris (New Order) is 48. Rock singer-musician William Reid (The Jesus & Mary Chain) is 47. Actress Daphne Zuniga is 43. Actress Lauren Holly is 42. Olympic silver medal figure skater Paul Wylie is 41. Actor comedian Andy Richter is 39. Actress Julia Roberts is 38. Country singer-musician Charlie Carr is 37. Singer Ben Harper is 36. Country singer Brad Paisley is 34. Actor Joaquin Phoenix is 31. "American Idol" singer Justin Guarini is 27.

"Thought for Today": "Truth is not introduced into the individual from without, but was within him all the time." - Soren Kierkegaard, Danish philosopher (1813-1855).

Newsday Crossword

PRaiseworthy COMMENT by D. Peterson
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Dove-tail
 - 5 Woodland ways
 - 10 Charitable offering
 - 14 Golden State coll.
 - 15 Milkmaid's perch
 - 16 Blue-green
 - 17 Start of a quote by Otto van Isch
 - 19 Take it easy
 - 20 Bookstore section
 - 21 Made a small adjustment
 - 23 Utmost
 - 24 Ranch visitors
 - 25 Lipstick mishap
 - 28 Part 2 of quote
 - 32 Tourist transports
 - 33 Hasty escape
 - 34 Get smart
 - 35 Wheel of Fortune buy
 - 36 Part 3 of quote
 - 38 Shaq's pos.
 - 39 Barney Miller star
 - 41 Remote targets
 - 42 Loan number
 - 43 Part 4 of quote
 - 45 Author Verne
 - 46 Less dicey
 - 47 Taker of vows
 - 48 Morning hour
 - 51 Bottled drink
 - 55 Prom-night sight
 - 56 End of quote
 - 58 Stead
 - 59 Susan Lucci role

- DOWN**
- 1 Sierra Club cofounder
 - 2 Repeat
 - 3 Close with force
 - 4 Humidor items
 - 5 Coll. major
 - 6 Suit to
 - 7 Young one
 - 8 Soaking spot
 - 9 Delays
 - 10 Oversized volumes
 - 11 Security problem
 - 12 Creation of Daedalus
 - 13 Citizen Kane prop
 - 18 ___'s act
 - 22 Unsettling
 - 24 Persephone's mother
 - 25 Resell illegally
 - 26 Obsession
 - 27 Black-key material
 - 28 Comic-book sound
 - 29 Colorful sticker
 - 30 City in Montana
 - 31 Belgian battle site
 - 33 Noticeably glum

Answer to previous puzzle

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TOTED	ARLORAE
GARY	INDEXCARD
OPESIS	STOAR
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ONIONRING	YESM
COD	CODASA
COLMAN	PINKYLEE
UNEASY	ESTIMATE
REDDEN	STATEBAR

Golf Insider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Grounded power

By T.J. TOMASI
Universal Press Syndicate

The right heel: Should you lift it or keep it down? The answer begins, surprisingly enough, with Antaeus, the giant in Greek mythology who gained all his power from mother Earth. Knowing the root of the giant's strength, Hercules defeated him by holding Antaeus over his head, thereby disconnecting him from his power source and rendering him helpless.

The moral of the story golf-wise is that the more grounded you are, the more solid your swing base will be. By unplugging your right heel at the wrong time, you run the risk of developing a power leak that produces weak, off-line golf shots.

If there's one thing that separates the high-handicapper from a middle to low handicap it's the path the club takes at the start of the downswing. Good players let the club drop down from the top of the swing before it starts back toward the target, while the less accomplished golfer does the opposite, starting the club toward the target before it drops down.

If you're at the point in your search for a better swing where you realize the importance of the down-before-around concept, but are having trouble getting it just right, here is a piece of advice — focus on keeping your right heel down longer during your downswing.

You've no doubt already figured out that you must do two things at the same time: start your downswing by shifting your weight to your left side while your club drops downward toward the ground. But in an all-out effort to get to your left side, you're liable to push off your right foot, raising your body upward.

The problem here is that as your body straightens up and moves laterally toward the target in response to the push off, your club stays high and it can't drop toward the ground because it's being pulled laterally. When you turn to hit the ball from this club-high position, the path of your club has to be outside to in, and that spells slice or pull.

The solution is to keep your right heel down for as long as you can in order to maintain a level body. It's OK to roll onto the inner rim of your right foot while your weight shifts to your left side, but the key is to not let your heel flip out toward the target line prematurely.

Go to the practice tee armed with the concept of down-before-around, remembering that you must shift your weight and drop the club simultaneously. Put the ball on a tee and start with a 7-iron.

At first, if you do it correctly, it will feel as if it takes forever to get to the ball. It will also feel like the ball is going dead right of the target because, for the first time, your club head is coming to impact from inside the target line instead of cutting across it.

If you're still having trouble after about 20 balls, lay a shaft on the ground under the ball of your right foot to help keep your heel in place.



Tour player Jeff Hart solves the heel problem by keeping both heels on the ground at the top of his swing as well as halfway down. But here is the key: At the top, his weight is fully loaded onto his right side, yet halfway down, the right heel is down, but the weight has shifted to his left side.



EQUIPMENT

Head design: It matters

There are two head designs that can influence your ball flight: a non-offset, where the leading edge of the club face and the hosel are in line, and the offset, where the leading edge is behind the hosel. The non-offset configuration hits the ball lower and works again a hook while the offset produces a higher ball flight and cuts down on your slice tendencies.

So if you are having trouble leaving the ball to the right (for a right hander) and your home base golf swing is solid, you might want to consider changing to offset irons to hit the ball higher and bring it back to target. The opposite is true if you're troubled by

the lefts. Having the wrong matchup can work its way into your swing mechanics. For example, having too much offset in your clubs forces you to aim to the right of the target and weaken your grip. Eventually, you'll try to block the ball and then your swing is in trouble. If you have too little offset, the tendency is to aim to the left of the intended line of flight with a strong grip that shuts the club face through impact.

The key then is to be properly fit for both your woods and irons when it comes to offset. Generally speaking, it is not a good idea to mix offset and non-offset in your woods and irons. If you have offset irons you should have offset woods and vice versa.

ASK THE PRO

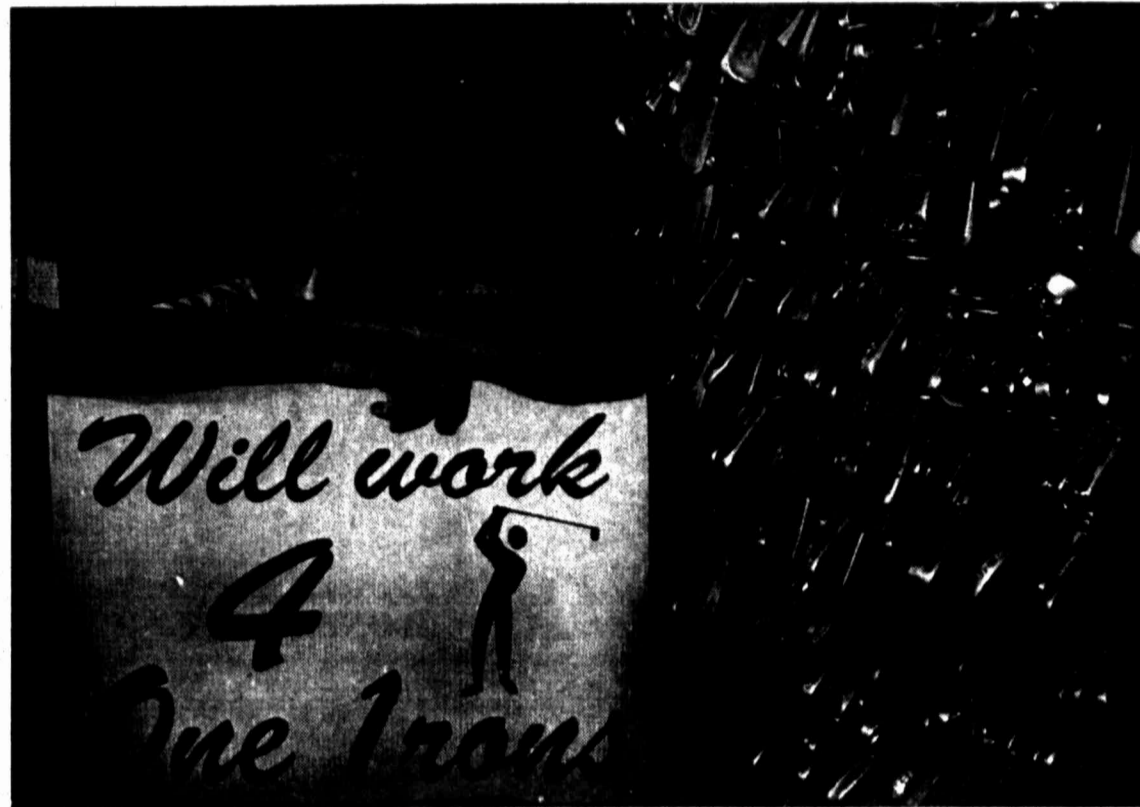


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Q: Can you give us your thoughts on the LPGA's insistence on maintaining the minimum age of 18 for player's privileges when you have two bona fide superstars waiting in the wings in the names of Michelle Wie and Morgan Pressel? I think the LPGA is missing enormous revenue and marketing opportunities by excluding these two players from their ranks. Just look at where they were after three rounds of this year's national championship! The LPGA should reconsider the minimum age requirement and adopt a "These Gals Are Good" mentality. — **Jim Haggerty, Atlanta**

A: Jim, you're spot on, and I couldn't agree with you more. When Wie plays she's worth at least 10,000 tickets, a bunch more hot dogs, soda pop and beer; plus significant TV ratings points. And Pressel is a player with a ton of charisma: Her coach, Martin Hall, is a friend of mine and he told me that Morgan won't back down from Wie — or anyone, for that matter.

The LPGA needs this kind of electric tension, where the rivalry wires the crowd and tournaments become head-on collisions between superstars.



SHANNON O'BRIEN / Cox News Service

Mike MacDougall has spent more than \$120,000 collecting long irons. Many players call the clubs obsolete, but MacDougall says they help tell golf's history.

A 1-track mind

Ever wonder what happened to 1-irons, the hardest club to master? Mike MacDougall has paid quite a price for the answer.

By CRAIG DOLCH
Cox News Service

North Palm Beach, Fla. — One day in 2001, Mike MacDougall was rummaging through a local Goodwill Store when he saw an odd-looking golf club in a barrel. He picked it up, liked the way it looked and paid \$6 for it. His life hasn't been the same since.

The club was an old Nicklaus 1-iron. MacDougall took it to a nearby driving range and hit it so well that he became intrigued by the longest of irons. Even though he wasn't an avid golfer, he knew it had a reputation as golf's most difficult club, that "not even God can hit a 1-iron," as the saying goes.

So a week later, he bought another 1-iron for a few bucks. And a week later, another one. "I kept wondering what's so difficult about hitting a 1-iron," MacDougall said. "I became more and more curious. Every time I saw an odd 1-iron, it piqued my curiosity even more. It soon became an evil obsession."

In four years, he has spent more than \$120,000 on 600 to 800 clubs, building one of the most extensive collections of long irons (he also collects 2-irons) in the game. He started his own mythical program called the American Long Iron Rescue Mission, making it his goal to focus the spotlight on a club that is full of history but seemingly has little future in this high tech era of hybrid clubs.

Last month, even Joey Sindelar the last man on the PGA Tour to carry a 1-iron, took it out of his bag. It seems the 1-iron is going the same path as the wooden driver — from the golf course to extinction. Is the 1-iron dead?

"If fun is dead in golf, then the 1-iron is dead," MacDougall said. MacDougall, 52, takes his collection very seriously. It has become an expensive pursuit — he wasn't lucky enough to buy every club for \$6. He said he has paid more than \$2,000 each for at least a half dozen clubs — the most was \$2,600 — and has run up a six figure debt in pursuit of his treasure.

"My friends all thought I was nuts, and with good reason," said MacDougall, who also joked about what he does for a living. "I

haven't figured that out yet. He describes himself, "generally speaking," as "a loose cannon. I've invested a good substantial part of my name — my credit — in these things together. One of the problems with collectors and passionate people is they're not busy businessmen."

At least MacDougall doesn't face a lot of competition when it comes to collecting the long irons. He seems to be the lone wolf.

"I know of no one who collects just 1-irons other than Mike," said North Palm Beach resident Gary Wren, who has an extensive collection of historical golf equipment he donated some clubs to MacDougall and is one of the game's most knowledgeable historians. "He is unique in my experience."

MacDougall keeps most of his collection on several "pender" carts at the Bob Stamey Golf

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Shop. While most people might look at them and simply see a bunch of old clubs, MacDougall views them differently.

"I look at this as the history of golf," he said. "It's the design and the designers, how they lived life, what their dreams were. Back in the day, designers and golfers didn't prosper financially. Some of the designers were oddballs and companies were started as high-risk ventures. You learn about the success stories and the failures. It's a synopsis of life."

MacDougall can pick up just about any of his clubs and talk about its history for several minutes. He's got the 1-iron that was among the first Kaesten Ping — made in his garage in the early 1960s. There's a Wilson Long Iron that was rilled illegal in the early '60s because it had a spring loaded face that provided a trampoliner effect (and we thought the titanium faced drivers in recent years were the first to go down this slippery slope). He also has a Mizuno Wild Turkey with 14

degrees loft that he says was a precursor to the driving iron and today's rescue clubs.

MacDougall's point is that history counts as well as over in your bag, but instead of reading this in a book, he's holding the history lesson in his hands.

The most treasured 1-iron is the one Ben Hogan hit at the 18th green to win the 1950 U.S. Open at Merion. MacDougall knows he'll never get his hands on that one — it's in the USGA's Hall of Fame — but he's OK with that. "I'm trying to stay away from memorizing numbers," he said.

In fact, his pursuit is nearing an end. Not only is he running out of clubs he wants to acquire, he's running out of money.

"I'm moving on," he said. "I'm going to get back into the labor force in the tile industry."

MacDougall recently got married, but that has nothing to do

with his hobby, nearing an end. His wife, Laura, said she supports him in his most unusual interest.

He even met her indirectly through his hobby — he met a man at a barrel of old clubs who introduced MacDougall to his future bride. On their honeymoon, he took Laura to play golf for the first time at Lone Pine, an executive course on Military Trail, and he has given her several of his most prized women's long irons.

"He's not nuts, but he's creative and a little bit out of the box," she said. "That's why I like him."

"What I want is what God wants for him. Mike really had a dream, and I'd like to see his dream come through. Hopefully, he'll get a chance to display this collection somewhere because it means so much to him."

Even though the pursuit of his passion has been costly, he insists it's been worthwhile. "I'm kind of a free spirit," he said. "I can be anywhere, I could live under a bridge if I have to."

MacDougall knows it's highly unlikely he'll ever get his investment back in terms of cash. But he says not once during the last four years has he regretted this "evil obsession."

"Not at all," he said. "The goal was never to make money. The people I've met, the coincidences that have happened have let me know this was my road less traveled."

SCHEDULE

All Times Eastern
PGA TOUR
Chrysler Championship
Site: Palm Harbor, Fla.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
Course: Westin Innisbrook Resort, Copperhead Course (7,340 yards, par 71)
Purse: \$5.3 million
Winner's share: \$954,000
TV: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m., Saturday, 3-6 p.m.) and ABC (Sunday, 2-5 p.m.)

LPGA TOUR
CJ Nine Bridges Classic
Site: Jeju, South Korea
Schedule: Friday-Sunday
Course: The Club at Nine Bridges (6,274 yards, par 72)
Purse: \$1.35 million
Winner's share: \$202,500
TV: None

CHAMPIONS TOUR
Charles Schwab Cup Championship
Site: Sonoma, Calif.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
Course: Sonoma Golf Club (6,993 yards, par 72)
Purse: \$2.5 million
Winner's share: \$440,000
TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday, 5-7:30 p.m., 9-11 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 5-7:30 p.m., 9-11:30 p.m.)

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR
Volvo Masters
Site: Sotogrande, Spain
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
Course: Valderrama Golf Club (6,952 yards, par 71)
Purse: \$4.7 million
Winner's share: \$796,860
TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Saturday, 9-30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8-11 a.m.)

NATIONWIDE TOUR
Nationwide Tour Championship
Site: Prattville, Ala.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
Course: Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, Capitol Hill, Senator Course (7,661 yards, par 72)
Purse: \$650,000
Winner's share: \$117,000
TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday, 2:30-5 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 1-2:30 a.m., 2:30-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-2:30 a.m., 2-4:30 p.m.; Monday, 1-2:30 a.m.)

LEADERS

WORLD RANKINGS	
1. Tiger Woods, USA	17.61
2. Vijay Singh, Fiji	11.39
3. Phil Mickelson, USA	9.38
4. Retief Goosen, SA	8.76
5. Ernie Els, SA	8.23
6. Sergio Garcia, Spn	7.69
7. Jim Furyk, USA	5.96
8. Adam Scott, Aus	5.45
9. Chris DiMarco, USA	5.36
10. David Toms, USA	5.14

MONEY LEADERS	
PGA TOUR	
1. Tiger Woods	\$9,913,024
2. Vijay Singh	\$7,733,503
3. Phil Mickelson	\$5,699,605
4. Jim Furyk	\$4,096,769
5. David Toms	\$3,843,713
6. Kenny Perry	\$3,483,655
7. Chris DiMarco	\$3,432,548
8. Retief Goosen	\$3,194,955
9. Sergio Garcia	\$3,089,875
10. Fred Funk	\$2,694,308

LPGA TOUR	
1. A. Sorenstam	\$2,205,104
2. Paula Creamer	\$1,467,504
3. Criste Kerr	\$1,344,691
4. Lorena Ochoa	\$1,180,432
5. Jeong Jang	\$1,005,321

CHAMPIONS TOUR	
1. Dana Quigley	\$2,041,758
2. Hale Irwin	\$1,929,846
3. Mark McNulty	\$1,615,452
4. D.A. Weibring	\$1,510,446
5. Tom Jenkins	\$1,444,732

BY THE NUMBERS

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Tiger Woods made 142 consecutive cuts from 1998 until May at the Byron Nelson Classic. He then went just nine tournaments before missing his next cut last week at the FUNAI Classic.



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