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Glad to be home

After a tour in Iraq, Jeremy Green is looking forward to getting hitched — to his wife

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Back from a tour of duty in Iraq, Jeremy Green says he is looking forward to the simpler pleasures, like air conditioning, running water and peace and quiet.

Oh, and he's got a wedding on his agenda, as well.

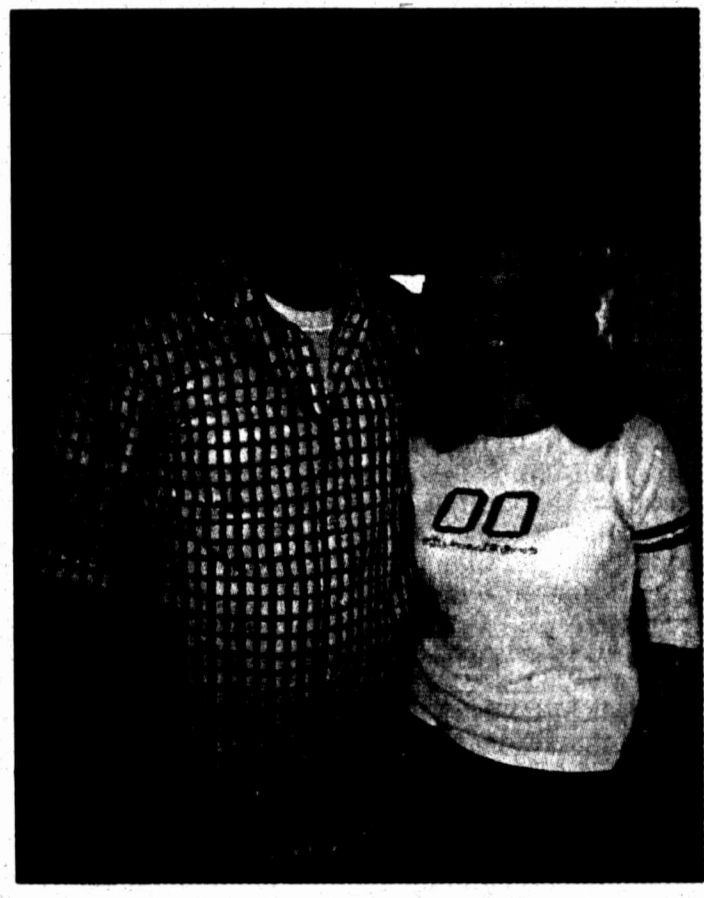
Green, a native of Big Spring and 1999 graduate of Coahoma High School, is back in town after recently completing a year-long tour in Iraq as a medic with the 1st Battalion of

the 503rd Infantry Regiment.

He deployed to Iraq in August 2004, leaving behind his new wife, Heather, who he had married shortly before shipping out.

He spent most of his tour in Ramadi, a town west of Baghdad in an area known as the Sunni Triangle, site of some of the fiercest fighting of the conflict.

Arriving during the height of the Iraqi summer was an eye-opener,



Jeremy and Heather Green are shown at the home of his grandparents, Wendell and Wynona Payte, of Big Spring. Jeremy, a Big Spring native and Coahoma High School graduate, recently returned from a year-long tour of duty in Iraq.

"When we first got there, people wouldn't come out in the streets ... but by the time we were ready to leave, children were playing outside and people started taking pride in their homes."

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Open meetings

New law requires public officials to have training on Public Information Act

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A new law that went into effect Jan. 1 should help local elected officials bone-up on laws pertaining to the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act.

According to Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, the new law will require public officials subject to the open government laws to complete a special training course specially designed by the Texas Attorney General's Office.

"No longer do public officials have any excuse for not following the

state's open government laws," said Abbott. "This training will teach them what the law requires and that there will be consequences for not following it."

Abbott said the training should have a positive impact on the way governing bodies interact with the citizens of Texas.

"We live in an era in which citizens demand more openness from their government," said Abbott. "This law will have a tremendously positive impact on the way

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Grass fire near Stanton contributes to five-vehicle pile-up on interstate

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

STANTON — Thick smoke from a Thursday afternoon grass fire was the main culprit behind a five-car pileup that sent seven people to area hospitals.

Martin County Sheriff Randy Cozart said that a grass fire erupted in the Interstate 20 median west of Stanton early Thursday, causing thick smoke to obscure the immediate area.

"The smoke got really thick in the area," Cozart said. "Some people

slowed down, but some didn't. That's what caused the pile-up ... It was just a chain reaction."

Four trucks and a recreational vehicle were involved in the accident, Department of Public Safety records state.

A Toyota Tundra pickup began the chain reaction by hitting the back of a Ford truck. Two more trucks collided soon afterward, then an RV smashed into the pile-up.

Ambulances from Stanton and Midland soon arrived at the scene. Seven people were transported to the

hospital — four to Martin County Memorial Hospital and three to Midland Memorial Hospital. The conditions of those injured was not released, but Cozart said there were no fatalities.

Firefighting units from the Martin County Fire Department quickly extinguished the blaze, he added. The cause of the fire had not been determined as of this morning.

The pile-up blocked both lanes of the interstate, causing officials to redirect traffic onto the service roads for about three hours, the sheriff said. No citations were issued.

Neugebauer to host 'coffee' in Big Spring

Congressman Randy Neugebauer is inviting 19th District constituents to attend a "Coffee with the Congressman" event he will host Monday.

The "Coffee" will take place from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Heritage Museum, which is located at 510 Scurry St.

During the event, Neugebauer will give an update on legislative issues currently being debated in Congress and talk with constituents about issues important to them.

This event will be the latest in a series of coffees Neugebauer has held across the 19th District so that he can meet face-to-face with constituents throughout all of the district's 27 counties.

The right notes

Forsan's Ellis named to small schools All-State Band

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

FORSAN — The third time, apparently, was the charm for Eric Ellis.

Ellis, a junior trombone player for the Forsan High School Band, learned this week that he had been selected to the Association of Texas Small School Bands' All-State Band.

The ATSSB all-state band is comprised of high school musicians from schools in Class 3A or below.

He is the first FHS band member to be selected to the all-state ensemble in two years and very deserving of the honor, his director said.

"We're very proud of Eric for making the all-state band," said Jim Rhodes. "He's been trying very hard for the past three years, has a great work ethic, and it finally paid off, which is really neat."

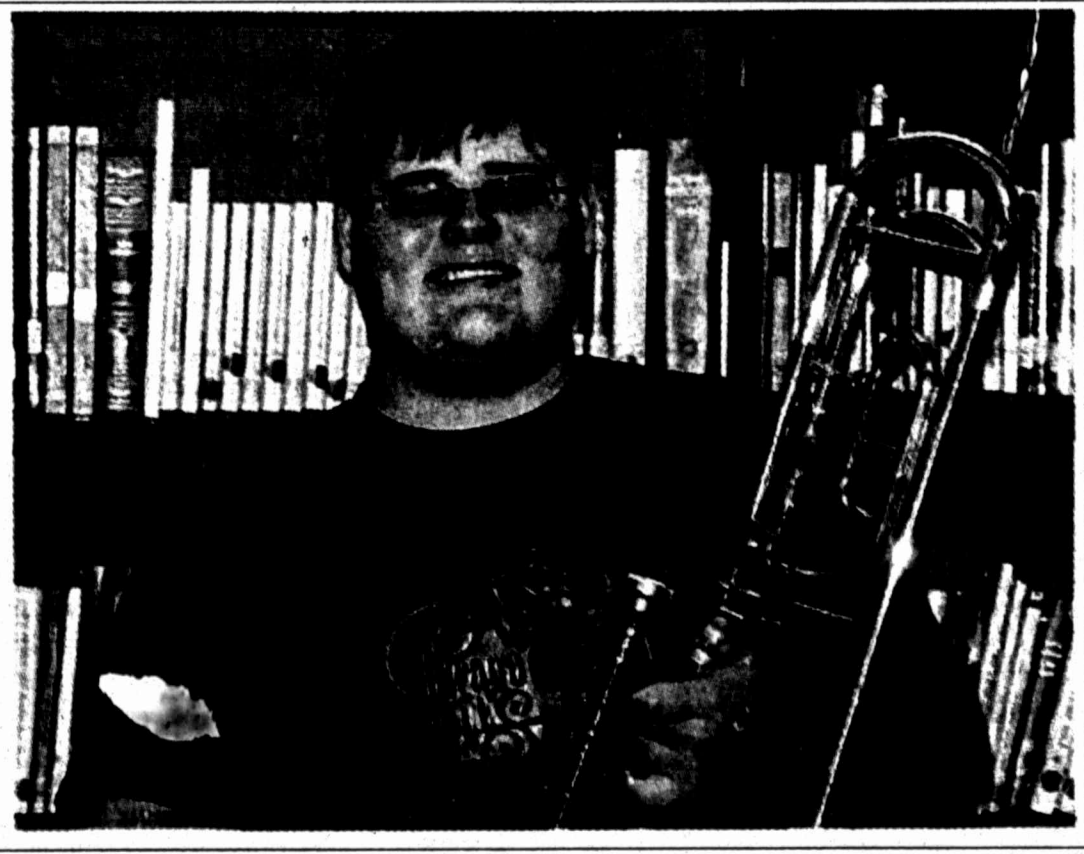
To say Ellis had tough competition for the all-state slot would be an understatement.

He had placed first at regional tryouts in Greenwood late last year, but had to survive a play-off of sorts to advance to

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Courtesy photo

Eric Ellis, a junior trombone player at Forsan High School, made the Association of Texas Small School Bands All-State Band during tryouts Jan. 7 at Lubbock Cooper High School. Eric will perform with the All-State Band Feb. 18 in San Antonio



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SHADEGG SEEKS POST

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arizona Rep. John Shadegg entered the race for House majority leader today, saying he would offer real, substantive ethics reforms in the wake of Republican scandals.

Shadegg, elected in 1994, becomes the third candidate to replace embattled Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, who stepped down after he was indicted on charges of laundering campaign funds.

Shadegg enters the race as a dark horse candidate. The two leading contenders are Missouri Rep. Roy Blunt, who has held interim majority leader since fall, and Ohio Rep. John Boehner. Both claim to have around 100 supporters.

MLK DAY MARCH

The public is invited to participate in Big Spring's Martin Luther King Jr. Day March.

The march will begin at 6 p.m. Monday at the Nalley-Pickel & Welch Funeral Home, located at the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Gregg Street.

The march will precede west on Martin Luther King Boulevard to FM 700. At the end of the event, the Rev. William Vaughn of Mount Bethel Baptist Church will voice a prayer. Those who wish to participate but not walk are invited to bring their vehicles. Marchers should bring some form of light such as a flashlight. Candles may be used but caution is urged because of dry conditions.

POLL QUESTION

What do you think?
Do you think the creation of a pre-trial bonding service in Howard County, which would make it possible for more prisoners to bond-out, will alleviate overcrowding in the county jail and make the construction of a new jail facility unnecessary?

To vote "yes," "no" or "don't care" go to the *Herald* Web site at www.bigspringherald.com and look for the poll on the right side of the opening page.

You do not need to be a subscriber to participate in the poll.

And don't forget, the *Herald* will accept your photos for Photo of the Week at the same Web address.

Obituaries

George Campbell

George Campbell, 85, of Big Spring, formerly of Neillsville, Wis., died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Graveside services are 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at the Neillsville City Cemetery with the Rev. Douglas Bjerke officiating. Military Rites will be accorded by the Neillsville Veterans Council.

He was born June 5, 1917, in Clark County, Wis., to Ernest and Helen Campbell. He served in World War II in New Guinea, Papuan and Southern Philippines. He worked for the city of Neillsville for many years, before retiring in 1981.

He is survived by one brother, Edward Campbell of Eula; one sister, Florence Anderegg; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Gordon Campbell.

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

Floyd Jefferson Griffith



Floyd Jefferson Griffith, 82, of Odessa, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, in Odessa. Services are 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at the Peace Chapel in Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Tommy Gilmore officiating. Burial follows.

He was born Oct. 27, 1923, in DeLeon, graduated from Forsan High School in 1941 and married Hollis James Nov. 27, 1942, in Big Spring. He was a veteran of the Army Air Force, serving in World War II in the 8th Air Force, with 30 missions as Top Turret Gunner of the B-17. He retired after 40 years with Shell Pipeline.

He is survived by his wife, Hollis James Griffith of Odessa; his daughter, Cathy Bohannon and husband, Wayne of Odessa; his son, Jeff Griffith and wife, Sandy of Odessa; four sisters, Wanda Brown of Denver, Johnita Guthrie of Dallas, Gaye Legana and husband, Charles of Pocola, Okla.; six grandchildren; and three-great-grandchildren.

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

Bill Burnett

Bill Burnett, 62, of Garden City died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, in a Lubbock hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Cynthia Katharine Sutton

Cynthia Katharine Sutton, 79, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Jim Liggett officiating. Interment will be Sunday at the Marfa Cemetery in Marfa. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring.

Mary Holloway

Mary Holloway, 77, of Stanton died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Juanita Jordan

Juanita Jordan, 80, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, at Derring Nursing Home of Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Maxine Anderson

Maxine Anderson, 84, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Virginia M. Limon

Virginia M. Limon, 74, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, in McKinney. Vigil Services are 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass is 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Pete Johnson

Pete Johnson, 99, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at Baptist Memorial Center in San Angelo. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at Myers and Smith Chapel with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Police blotter

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

• **RUBEN JUAREZ JR.**, 20, of 1905 Wasson Apt. 61, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **ALFRED HERNANDEZ**, 19, of 207 N. Nolan, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **MICHAEL PARKER**, 20, of 400 N.E. 12th Street, was arrested Thursday on a local citation and a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **ARMANDO DELEON**, 47, of 8523 N. Service Road, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Sheriff's report

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

• **GEORGE MICHAEL BERNHARDT**, 57, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

• **TRACI RENE MARTINEZ**, 28, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid.

• **VICTOR MEJIA-SANCHEZ**, 30, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a fugitive warrant.

• **FORTUNATO ALVAREZ III**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **DAVID R. GONZALES**, 35, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.

• **MELISSA CHAVEZ**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **DONNA LEA POTTER**, 45, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4400 block of Elder.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 4400 block of Palm Road.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Virginia. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of Seventh Street. Service was refused.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Main Street and Gregg. Service was refused.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3000 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Central in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Third Street and Gregg. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support groups

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.

Around Town

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

• **RAILROAD MUSEUM** at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.

• **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Light and variable winds.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. Not as cool. Lows around 40. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Martin Luther King Jr day...Partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the upper 50s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

• **AMBUCS** meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

SATURDAY

• Free eye glasses are available from 9 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. in the Event Center, 1607 E. Third.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at 1st and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

• Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 6 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

Lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 9-18-19-26-30

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The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 3-7-29-30. Bonus ball 16.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-8-9

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REMEMBER!

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Accident victim out of hospital

Editor's note: The following article began on the front page of Thursday's Herald but did not continue on to Page 3 as was intended.

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A 19-year-old Big Spring accident victim has been released from the hospital following Monday night's alleged stabbing that led to a high speed crash north of the city.

According to officials with the Howard County Sheriff's Office, Joseph Olvera was released from Scenic Mountain Medical Center Wednesday after being treated for injuries in the accident.

Olvera's injuries are believed to have been sustained during a vehicle rollover at the intersection of Old Colorado City Highway and Old Gail Highway.

According to HCSO Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett, Olvera was involved in a high-speed chase following the report of a stabbing in Coahoma.

"Olvera was in the truck when it crashed, along with 21-year-old Jesse Juarez Hernandez," said Pritchett.

"Hernandez is still in the intensive care unit at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, where he was life-flighted following the accident," Pritchett said the inci-

dent began when the sheriff's office received a report of a stabbing in the 100 block of South Fifth Street in Coahoma at about 10:50 p.m.

"While deputies were en route to the scene, an attempt to locate was issued for the truck," said Pritchett. "Shortly after, deputies located the truck on Old Colorado City highway and attempted to stop the vehicle."

According to Pritchett, the driver of the vehicle — either Olvera or Hernandez — fled at a high rate of speed, taking deputies on a chase with speeds in excess of 100 mph.

"The driver of the truck lost control at the intersection, rolling it into a cotton field at approximately 11:20 p.m.," said Pritchett.

Pritchett said 17-year-old Peter Padron of Sand Springs remains in the intensive care unit at SMMC after suffering two stab wounds.

No charges have been filed against Olvera or Hernandez at this time. Pritchett declined to comment on the details of the stabbing — including whether or not a weapon was recovered — saying the investigation is still ongoing.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

GREEN

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he admitted.

"It was culture shock," Green said. "I'm so used to everything being modernized, but when you get there, nothing is modern. We barely had running water ... and we only had electricity a couple of hours a day."

And then there were the sandstorms, which, oddly enough, reminded him of home.

"Oh, the sandstorms — that was some West Texas weather there. They really reminded me of here," he said. "There were no sandstorms over there that I hadn't seen here."

The 503rd's major responsibility was to provide security in the area around Ramadi and Fallujah. Despite a month of specialized training to deal with situations unique to Iraq, Green said, nothing matched the reality of the soldiers' counter-insurgency mission.

"We were well-trained, but it's like most things — nothing can really get you prepared for the real

thing," Green said. "You can practice ... but you're not really going to know for sure until you hit the ground running."

Green said the unit's camaraderie was the biggest thing that helped him endure the months of combat.

"In a platoon, you have about 25 to 30 guys," he said. "You're continually with them. Everything you do, you do with those guys ... They become your best friends."

"There's this really strong bond between the guys," he added. "That makes it really hard and really easy — it's easy because you know they're going through the same things you are. But it's hard when someone gets hurt or killed."

Back home, Heather did what most wives of combat soldiers do — she waited and worried.

"I was scared," she said. "He had been stationed in Korea for a year before (going to Iraq), so I basically hadn't seen him in two years ... It was a very nervous time."

The couple, who were married by a justice of the peace shortly before his deployment to Iraq, kept in touch mainly by

e-mail and the occasional phone call.

"At our camp, there were six or seven phones and 12 computers. For 700 guys, that doesn't go over too well," Green said. "I was happy talking to her, but we really didn't have much to talk about. 'What did you do today?' 'I got shot at.' ... We tried to avoid talking about depressing things as much as we could."

Last August, the 503rd finally rotated back home to its base in Colorado. "It was a lot better flying home than flying to Iraq," Green said.

The couple recently returned to Big Spring to visit relatives and to have a "real" wedding, which will be held Saturday. After that, it's off to a year-long school to become a licensed practical nurse.

It is unknown if he will return to Iraq, but he is proud of what he and his fellow soldiers accomplished during his tour of duty.

"I think we're doing a lot of good over there," he said. "When you're over there, you're really too close to the action to see the changes, but looking at the overall picture ...

you actually see the difference you made.

"When we first got there, people wouldn't come out in the streets ... but by the time we were ready to leave, children were playing outside and people started taking pride in their homes," he added. "We got their schools back up and running ... and we were there for the first elections. That was a big thing."

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
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the state level, Rhodes said.

At tryouts Saturday at Lubbock Cooper High School, he found himself up against 28 trombonists from schools throughout the Panhandle and greater West Texas,

Rhodes said.

"He was up against the best (musicians) from the Odessa, Amarillo, Lubbock and El Paso regions," Rhodes said.

And against such competition, Ellis excelled, nabbing one of five slots on the all-state band, Rhodes said.

The ATSSB All-State band will perform in concert at 1 p.m. Feb. 18 at

the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio.

He will be joined on the all-region band by FHS' Clay Lockhart, a freshman snare drummer.

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LAW

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government officials perceive their role, not as protectors of public information but as active participants in sharing information with the public."

Abbott said there are plenty of different reasons officials don't comply with open government laws, but the most common is simple ignorance.

"Over the past few years we have seen incredible growth in the number of requests from governmental bodies seeking guidance about disclosure of records to the public," said Abbott. "Through our investigations and enforcement, we have found there are several reasons why officials don't comply with open government laws."

"Some simply try to hide information because they don't want to follow the law. Then there are foot-draggers, who want to impede access to information by building barriers and making it difficult to get information. Most often, however, violations of open government laws occur because public officials simply don't know what the law requires."

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said the training is vital to the success of any governing body, eliminating the possibility of shady backroom deals influencing local government.

"It's the most important thing there is," said McEwen firmly. "Nothing can be more important than having open meetings and having agendas that are posted. The citizens need to know what we're going to discuss and what's going to happen."

"The Open Meetings Act is something that's absolutely vital. It's vital to everything we do because so many times in

the past people would tell one another they need to just get together and discuss things privately. No you don't. It needs to be done in the light of day with the citizens able to hear what's going on. That way there's no subterfuge, no hidden agendas or anything like that involved. That's the only way government should be done."

McEwen said Texans need only look toward Austin to understand the importance of open meetings and records, and the problems it can cause when those ideas aren't adhered to.

"Look at the absurdity of saying we won't have recorded votes in Austin," said McEwen. "For crying out loud, what's the deal with that? I want my votes recorded. If I believe strongly enough in something I should be able to say this is how I voted. And the public needs to know."

Howard County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said the county has always done its very best to comply with both acts.

"We've always tried to stay in compliance. We're receiving new literature and handbooks on the subject all of the time," said Kilgore. "The attorney general's requirement for this training is really nothing new to us."

Kilgore said openness is a vital part of governmental proceedings on all levels.

"I think it's good, what they're doing with this," said Kilgore. "It's important for people to not get the impression there are backroom dealings in their government. These acts force everyone to play by the rules, and are an important part of what

we do."

McEwen said making the training required is a double-edged sword, however.

"The one problem I have with refresher courses and certifications is it's difficult sometimes to get people to run for office as a result," said McEwen. "And as you make it more and more difficult to serve

the public, I hate to see the impediments these things can bring.

"On the other hand, it's vitally important for people to understand how the Open Meetings and Public Information Acts work. We provide all new council members with information on them, and we have an attorney that knows how important they are, so we stay on the up and up. So if I were on a debate team, I could take either side of it, and have a great argument on either side of it."

"It's hard to know all of the nuances of the Open Meeting Act, and that's why we have a city attorney and you convey to them that you don't want to vary from this one iota," he added. "And that's the most important thing. If you have council members and mayors that are more informed, it's better for everyone."

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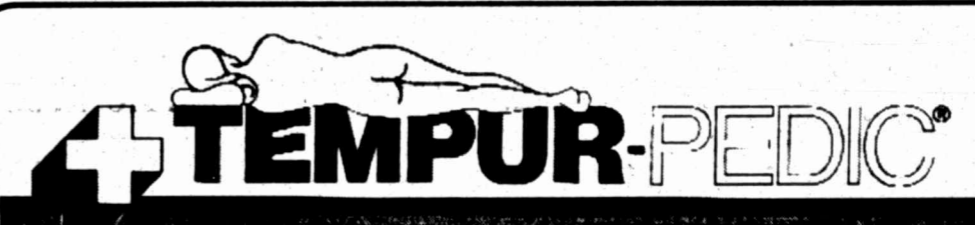
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OUR VIEWS

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:

• Alex Ray Arispe, Howard County's first baby of 2006, born at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and parents Becky Mendez and Johnny Arispe.

• Cookoff contestants and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3188 in their fundraising efforts for the West Texas Centers for MHRM Children in Need Fund.

• The Big Spring City Council for its wisdom in accepting a \$150,000 grant for Moss Creek Lake and Texas Parks and Wildlife for awarding it.

• Big Spring High School Band members Malle Carrasco and Crystal Ward, both sophomores, who were named to the Texas Music Educators Association Class 4A All-State Band. Also, to Carrasco, Ward, Meagan Smith, Ryan Harris, Braden Burchett, Kristen Richard and Brittany Galloway, who were named to the Class 5A All-Region Band.

• Howard College Hawks, on their move from No. 2 to No. 1 in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association basketball poll.

• The city of Big Spring and to the Dora Roberts Foundation, on efforts to clean up areas of the city.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We ask, dear Lord, that you will touch us in some way, each and every day. Amen

Judging the judge's judges

If by some bizarre twist of fate the Senate fails to confirm Judge Samuel Alito's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court, I have a suggestion for President Bush's next pick: Ted Kennedy.

After all, if some Democrats can make a federal case out of Alito's membership in Concerned Alumni of Princeton — target on his inclusion of that membership in a resume he submitted 20 years ago and present failure to remember being in the group — then I'd like to see how they tackle Chappaquiddick.

(For you kids, the Massachusetts senator drove a car into the drink in Chappaquiddick in 1969. Kennedy swam away, passenger Mary Jo Kopechne, 28, drowned. The accident was tragic. Kennedy's behavior afterward, however, was criminal. Rather than rushing to police after the 11:15 p.m. accident so that they could try to rescue Kopechne, Kennedy went back to his hotel. He did not call police until the

next morning. Kennedy said he delayed because he panicked and was in shock. Many suspect he spent those hours trying to construct an alibi. After an investigation probably less intense than the Democrats' vetting of Alito's resumes, Kennedy pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident. A judge sentenced Kennedy to two months, suspended.)

I've never understood what senators were thinking in allowing Kennedy on the Judiciary Committee in the first place. While Kennedy seems to consider himself a champion for the little guy, he is a walking tribute to a system that, in its low moments, allows the rich and powerful to get away with crimes that would put others behind bars. He is a discredit to the system.

In 1991, Kennedy had to scrunch down in his seat when his colleagues accused now-Justice Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment.

On Wednesday, Kennedy seemed like a crazy man when he suggested that the committee subpoena records relating to Alito and the Princeton alumni club. I know some people who don't buy Alito's "no specific recollection of that organization" answer. For my

part, the older I get, the more credible I find it when other people claim lapses of memories.

In the end, this is all about smear. Some Democratic senators, like Dianne Feinstein, are ready to stick to the issues. I respect her questions. Alas, others — like Kennedy — dive deep into the sewer to make Alito look bad. They put what he did or said decades ago under a microscope. If they can't make Alito seem racist or sexist, they dig for some association, no matter how negligible, with a racist/sexist group. If Alito says he wasn't aware of how insidious the group was, he's lying — or, critics intone with knowing cynicism, it's fishy.

For years, I've heard Kennedy fans say that it's a cheap shot to dredge up Chappaquiddick. Forgive and forget about Kopechne, they say — but not the Concerned Alumni of Princeton.

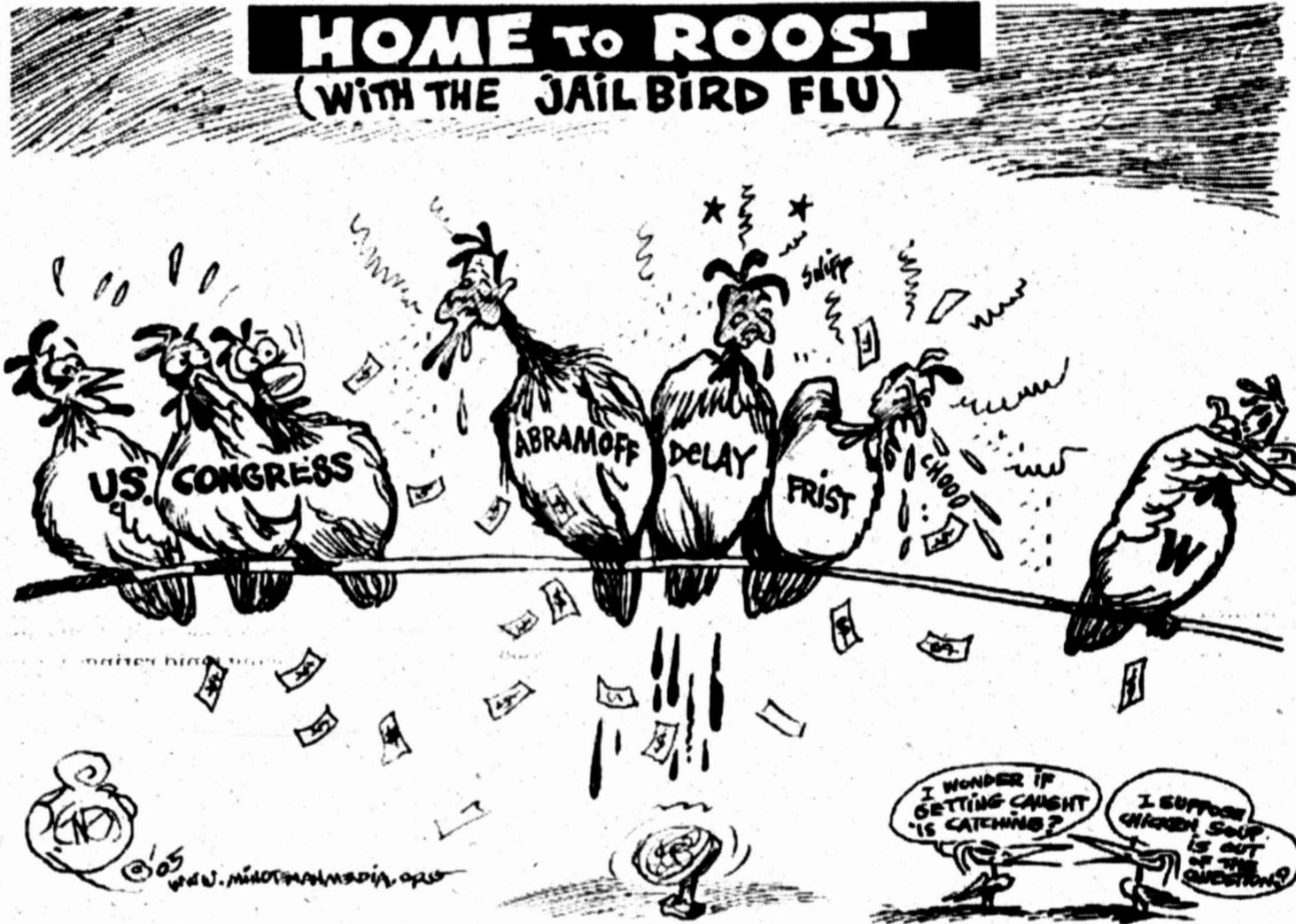
That's why Bush should nominate Kennedy if Alito doesn't make it. There is no such thing as a cheap shot on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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DEBRA SAUNDERS



The making of another enemy

When the world suddenly takes an unexpected left turn, it usually catches this country by surprise — although we may be partly responsible for the change in direction.

It's happening again, this time in Bolivia, where a radical anti-American leftist leader was elected president by a landslide Dec. 18.

Clearly, the election of Evo Morales is the result of the United States' failure to compensate for the eradication of coca, the plant that is used to produce cocaine.

Morales, a former coca farmer and leader of the coca growers association, got elected by pledging to decriminalize the cultivation of the controversial plant and to halt the U.S.-backed coca eradication campaign in Bolivia. He has vowed to promote legal markets for the coca leaf, which has other uses, medicinal and cultural, in Bolivia.

Had we done a better job of helping those farmers substitute coca cultivation with other crops and had we tried to bring the Bolivian people out of their extreme poverty, we wouldn't have to deal with another headache in a part of the world where migraines are becoming an epidemic.

Amazingly, what leftist Cuban dictator Fidel Castro couldn't achieve by exporting guerrilla warfare is now being realized at the ballot box, where frustrated Latin Americans are revolting against the United States. It was in Bolivia that Ernesto "Che" Guevara was killed while trying to

start a Cuban-orchestrated revolution in 1967.

Many Latin Americans are growing tired of being relegated to the back burner while the United States keeps up with other priorities around the rest of the world.

Instead of neglecting our hemispheric neighbors — to prevent Castro from recruiting more U.S. enemies and to halt new waves of freedom-loving immigrants from rushing to the United States

— we should be making new amigos in the region.

Yet Morales won the presidency with 54 percent of the vote, the largest victory of any Bolivian president since democracy was restored there two decades ago. Ironically, his party is known as the Movement Toward Socialism — which usually turns into a repressive regime, the extreme opposite of democracy.

Now, we have to deal with Castro in Cuba, Hugo Chavez in Venezuela, Lula da Silva in Brazil and Morales in Bolivia.

Castro has been in power for 47 years without ever getting elected. But Morales joins a growing number of elected leftist leaders who see the United States as the source of all evils. And there is a lot more we could be doing to prevent their rise to power, not by covert operations or interference in their internal affairs, but by giving the Latin American people much more than just lip service about freedom

and democracy. What they really need is the means by which to obtain prosperity.

Unfortunately, the message we keep sending — especially under the Bush administration — is that the United States doesn't have friends; we only have "interests."

Not surprisingly, the first thing Morales did after he got elected was visit Cuba and Venezuela, where he was received as another hero of the growing anti-American movement.

"The map is changing," said a proud Castro as he received Morales in Havana. He said the election of his new disciple is an important victory over U.S. influence in Latin America.

We can't argue with that. When Castro and his cohorts win, we lose.

Morales, who will be inaugurated Jan. 22, has said Castro is his role model and has vowed to become "a nightmare" for Washington.

And we can't argue with that either — not only because we are likely to be dealing with a lot more Bolivian-grown cocaine, but because, following the Cuban model, he has also threatened to nationalize foreign interests in Bolivia.

When the United States supported the ruthless Fulgencio Batista dictatorship in Cuba in the 1950s, we created the monster that has now been our enemy for 47 years. When we ignore the needs of our other neighbors, we keep making enemies.

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Garner, DeGeneres, Star Wars are people's choice

Television news briefs

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Jennifer Garner's TV series is in the midst of its final season, but Tuesday night her fans let her know they still love her.

Garner, the star of ABC's "Alias," won two People's Choice Awards Tuesday at the 32nd annual honors, in which the public picks its favorite movies, TV series and stars. The new mom and wife of Ben Affleck picked up trophies for favorite female TV star and favorite female action star in the movies.

Comedian/talk-show host Ellen DeGeneres and the movies "Wedding Crashers" and "Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of the Sith" also won two awards each. The people otherwise spread their love around, giving awards to Johnny Depp, Reese Witherspoon, Ray Romano, U2 and Jessica Simpson.

The TV series winners were a mix of the fresh and the familiar, with NBC's "My Name Is Earl" and Fox's "Prison Break" winning awards as viewers' favorite new shows, while "Lovespring," "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "CSI" won for best comedy and drama.

"The Late Late Show's" Craig Ferguson hosted the awards, which aired on CBS.

Lifetime goes funny with McCormack

Lifetime, the network built on the back of a thousand women-in-peril dramas, will take a shot at comedy later this year.

The cable channel has picked up six episodes of "Lovespring," an improvised half-hour about the staff of an "elite Beverly Hills" dating service — which is actually in the far less fashionable locale of Tarzana. The staff includes a not-terribly-happily married man and a woman who's in a committed, 20-year relationship with a guy who won't leave his wife.

"Will & Grace" star Eric McCormack and his producing partner, Michael Forman, are executive producing the series through their Big Cattle Productions.

"Lovespring" is exactly what we're looking for, in that it's fresh, funny and relatable," says Susanne Daniels, the former WB executive who took over as Lifetime's head of entertainment last fall. "Eric and Michael have put together an outstanding cast and a terrific show."

Adds McCormack: "We really wanted a good home for this show, some-



Ellen DeGeneres attends the 32nd Annual People's Choice Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, California, Jan. 10, 2006. DeGeneres was named favorite daytime talk show host.

where that it would be coddled and nurtured, so where better than the best women's network?"

"Lovespring," scheduled for a summer debut, is part of a fairly sizable slate of programming the network has on tap for the coming year, including unscripted shows "Cheerleader Nation," which follows a champion Kentucky high-school cheer squad, and "Face the Family," in which people meet their future in-laws without their boy- or girlfriend.

The channel will continue with its bread and butter original movies as well. Upcoming projects include "A Little Thing Called Murder," which stars Emmy winner Judy Davis ("Me and My Shadows") in another telling of the Sante Kimes crime story and "For One Night," about a girl (Raven-Symone) who tries to integrate her high school's prom.

NBC brings 'Lights;' Reiser drives to CBS

NBC, which will see pro football return to its airwaves next fall, is also looking to add a fictional account of gridiron life to its schedule.

The network has ordered a pilot for "Friday Night Lights," based on the book about high school football in Odessa, and the Universal film of the same name. Peter Berg, who co-wrote and directed the 2004 film, will do the same for the pilot, the showbiz trades report.

Elsewhere, former "Mad About You" star Paul Reiser is looking to get

back into television with a pilot at CBS. The comedy project would focus on a man who takes over his family car dealership in New York. Reiser will write and executive-produce the pilot but isn't expected to appear on camera.

The comedian had a comedy called "My 11:30" in development at NBC in 2004, but it didn't make the cut. He also starred in, wrote and produced the feature film "The Thing About My Folks" last year.

As for "Friday Night Lights," the show would veer away some from the film and H.G. Bissinger's book, which chronicled the 1988 season at Permian High in Odessa. The series would be set in the present day but would still focus on the team's coach and his players.

The pilot marks a return to TV for Berg, who starred in CBS' "Chicago Hope" from 1995-99 and also wrote and directed some episodes. He was an executive producer of the short-lived "Wonderland" in 2000. Brian Grazer, who produced the film, will executive-produce the "Lights" pilot with Berg, Sarah Aubrey and John Cameron.

Malcolm actor buys 'Newlyweds' home

The "Newlyweds" love nest has been snapped up by a teenage bachelor.

"Malcolm in the Middle" actor Justin Berfield has purchased the Calabasas home mere days after divorcing couple Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson put it up for sale for \$3.75 million,

report news sources. Berfield is best recognized as the mean older brother Reese on the hit Fox sitcom.

There's no indication how much Berfield, 19, paid, but he's putting his own 1930s Hollywood home, which once belonged to George Clooney and Jamie Pressly (at different times), up for sale for \$2 million.

Although the high-profile purchase may be a surprise for some, Berfield not only enjoys real estate investing — or so we learned from his official Web site — but has been longtime friends with the Simpson clan. Berfield's production company J2 teamed up with Jessica Simpson's dad Joe to executive produce the E! reality TV series "Filthy Rich: Cattle Drive."

J2 also helped produce the John Turturro-directed musical "Romance & Cigarettes," starring James Gandolfini, Susan Sarandon, Kate Winslet, Mandy Moore, Steve Buscemi and Christopher Walken. The film is scheduled for release in March.

Viewers find reason to tune out ABC

We can't be certain if TV viewers sat down and made a list of reasons why not to watch "Emily's Reasons Why Not" Monday night. We just know that not many of them did.

The post-"Monday Night Football" era began inauspiciously for ABC Monday, with "Emily's Reasons" and two other premieres, "Jake in Progress" and "The Bachelor: Paris," all delivering tepid ratings for the network. Few people expected the new lineup to approach the 16.2 million people who watched ABC's final season of "MNF" (it moves to ESPN next year), but the results also pale compared to last season's launches after football season ended.

The premiere of "Emily's Reasons Why Not," which stars Heather Graham as a book editor who keeps a running tally of male faults in her search for love, drew only about 6.2 million viewers and a so-so 2.8 rating among adults 18-49, the favored demographic of ad buyers. Both numbers put the show in fourth for its half-hour.

"Jake in Progress," which followed "Emily's"



Matthew McConaughey attends the 32nd Annual People's Choice Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, California, Jan. 10, 2006. McConaughey was named favorite male action star.

at 9:30, began its second season before about 5.6 million people, just slightly better than its average last spring, when it aired on Thursday nights. ABC does note that its 2.5 rating among adults 18-49 was "Jake's" best ever for a regularly scheduled episode — excluding its post-"Desperate Housewives" debut last year.

The eighth edition of "The Bachelor," meanwhile, suffered the romance franchise's least-watched premiere ever at 6.2 million viewers. By comparison, the premiere of "The Bachelorette" on the same night last year brought in 9.1 million viewers.

ABC's bright spot for the evening was "Wife Swap," which won the 8 p.m. among adults 18-49 with a 4.4 rating and scored 11.1 million viewers.

CBS, and in particular its comedy block, was the prime beneficiary of "Monday Night Football's" departure. "The King of Queens," "How I Met Your Mother," "Two and a Half Men" and "Out of Practice" all scored well above their season averages in viewers and adults 18-49.

Veronica Mars returns with 'Lawless'

New episodes of "Veronica Mars" won't be back on UPN's airwaves until late this month, but when it does return, it

will do so with a former Warrior Princess in tow.

Lucy Lawless, who developed a large cult following during her days on "Xena: Warrior Princess," will guest-star on "Veronica's" first episode of 2006. She'll play an FBI agent in the show, scheduled for Jan. 25. (The series is bumped this week for the two-hour premiere of "South Beach," and a repeat is scheduled for Jan. 18.)

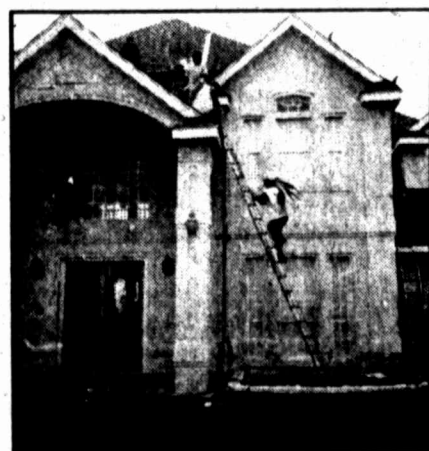
In the episode, called "Donut Run," Lawless' FBI agent comes to Neptune after Duncan (Teddy Dunn) breaks up with Veronica (Kristen Bell) and skips town — taking with him the child borne by his former girlfriend, Meg (Alona Tal), who was rendered comatose in the bus crash that's driving this season's big mystery and, in a brief moment she was awake, asked Duncan to protect the child if something happened to her.

Something did happen in the show's last original airing, setting up the events of the show's return. "Veronica Mars" creator Rob Thomas wrote and directed "Donut Run."

Lawless was most recently seen in the CBS Halloween flick "Vampire Bats" and also guest-starred on "Battlestar Galactica" last fall — a role she's slated to revisit next month. Other recent credits include the horror film "Boogeyman" and the short-lived 2003 WB series "Tarzan."

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In Japan

A tea kettle that whistles at home and on the Internet

By EMI DOI

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TOKYO — Sliding open a lattice door to his traditional-style wooden home in the old part of Tokyo, Kazuo Kijima greets a visitor warmly.

The wooden screens near his entry are decorated with Japanese brush painting, the kind fewer and fewer homes here display.

But more and more Japanese these days are like Kijima: elderly and living alone. Still, Kijima, 83, a widower with no children, does have someone watching out for him via a bit of technology embedded in his kitchen.

His electric kettle, an "i-pot" (for information pot), not only boils water for his instant miso soup and green tea but it also records the times he pushes a button and dispenses the water. A wireless communication device at the bottom of the i-pot sends a signal to a server. Members of the service can see recent records of i-pot usage on a Web site. In addition, twice a day the server e-mails the most recent three usage times to a designated recipient.

For Kijima, that recipient is neighbor Tadahiro Murayama. "Once, I didn't use the pot for a day, and I got a phone call from Mr. Murayama," Kijima said. The i-pot, he said, helps him feel he's not alone.

Electronics maker Zojirushi Corp. began the service four years ago. The company rents the pot for a \$50 deposit and charges \$30 per month for e-mail and Internet service.

In graying Japan, more than one-third of households have members older than 65, and 4.8 million households are composed of elderly couples. An additional 3.4 million people live alone, according to Ministry of Health Welfare and Labor figures for 2002, the latest ones available.

Increasingly, solitary lives give way to solitary deaths. The nation was alarmed to find that after the great Kobe earthquake in 1995, hundreds of people who lost their families, jobs and houses later died alone in temporary housing. In Tokyo in the past 10 years, the number of unattended deaths among the elderly doubled, reaching nearly 2,000 in 2003, the Tokyo Medical Examiner's Office reported.

But it was one family's sad story, not the statistics, that spurred the

invention of the i-pot. In 1996, Tokyo neighbors found the bodies of a 77-year-old woman and her 41-year-old handicapped son more than 20 days after they died of starvation.

According to the woman's journal, she could have asked for help from social welfare services but chose not to. The contents of her wallet amounted to 28 cents.

The deaths shocked many people, including Hiroyuki Amino, a physician who cares for elderly people. Amino asked electronics maker Zojirushi to create a system to keep an eye on elderly people living alone.

Five years later, Zojirushi, Fujitsu Corp. and the telephone giant NTT rolled out the i-pot. It fit perfectly in Japan, where hot water for tea is a regular routine of daily life.

And the pot is so simple to use that it doesn't give people a sense of being monitored.

I-pots send reassuring messages to people in North America, Europe and Asia about their relatives in Japan. More than 2,200 families use them.

Keiko T. Kubovcik of Annandale, Va., read about i-pots in a Japanese magazine and got one because she worried so much about her mother in Japan.

Kubovcik would panic every time she called and got no answer. The i-pot messages, she said, give her a "sense of security and comfort."

Her mother, Kaneyo Takahashi, 76, wakes up every day at 6, cleans the bathroom, wipes the kitchen shelves and cleans her i-pot. When she turns it on, it sends a "good morning" message to Kubovcik.

"Your mom is healthy and alive today," announces Kubovcik's husband, Ronald, when he turns on his computer in the morning in Virginia.

"I can't read Japanese, but I can read the time," he said.

Kubovcik moved to the United States 15 years to train as a patent lawyer and ended up settling there.

"I felt a devastating sense of guilt leaving my mother alone," said Kubovcik, whose father died 10 years ago after suffering a heart attack.

Her mother tried living in the United States for three months, but she spoke no English, found the food too unusual and missed her friends.



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Kazuo Kijima, 83 enjoys green tea from an electric pot which sends out an e-mail every time he pushes the button. A wireless communication device sits at the bottom of the i-pot and sends a signal to a server. Twice daily the server e-mails the most recent three usage times to a designated recipient.

Could the i-pot catch on elsewhere? Maybe in a different form: How about the i-fridge?

Ronald Kubovcik thinks it's possible.

Communicating daily in i-pot language has become a comforting part of life, he said. "It's a 'good morning' and 'good night' greeting to us."

According to a report by the population division of the U.N. Department of Economic and Social

Affairs, the proportion of older people in the world's population is growing. More than 15 percent of Japan's population will be over 80 by 2050. Japan has the world's highest life expectancy at 81.9.

In developed countries, nearly 1 in 3 people will be older than 60 and the number of those past 80 is expected to increase from 86 million to 395 million in 2050.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The Cancer moon is powerful and full as a voluptuous mother, emanating a nurturing vibration for all of her children. But beware, this lunar lady is no pushover. The sweetness in life comes after you "eat your vegetables," so to speak. It's the perfect time to handle issues that have recently erupted regarding a mothering influence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Knowing when you're in over your head is one thing — admitting it is quite another. With a bit of humility, you'll attract a teacher who is willing to help you in your quest to make more money for your family.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Follow your instinct, and you'll find yourself in a position to say "yes" to a project or investment. Timing is key. Your winning answer will bring a small profit — something to build on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Uncertainty on your part is an invitation for others to take hold of the situation. Be a leader instead. If you are really determined to have your say, those in power will let you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What was true yesterday is no longer the case today, and what is true for you is not necessarily true for someone else. Stars support you in getting comfortable with the relativity of truth. Try on other points of view.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Family businesses bring a windfall if you keep working at it. Be careful ... you could attract people who are overly centered on money. Tonight, take advantage of a rare romantic opportunity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're feeling impatient with the process of change, and you're probably getting ahead of yourself. Take steps to return to your usual grounded state! A Taurus will help.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Be assured, your talent is worth working on — you have star potential. Money flows in from artistic endeavors. On the personal front, it's nice when people you like are also attracted to you. Tonight is magical in this regard.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're an independent, driven by nothing more than your own will. Higher-ups aren't watching your work as well as they should. Anyhow, your self-assessment will be more important than what others could tell you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just when you think you have it all figured out, your experiences will change your mind. Protect your loved ones from the influence of a sour and unpleasant creature. Counteract negativity by including and loving the offender.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Low on faith? It's not so wrong to ask for proof once in a while. Even as you doubt yourself, you are exactly where you need to be. Know this — believe it down deep.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Attractions drive your day — you're a regular pleasure seeker! Let relationships grow slowly so that they may become deeply rooted. Strong roots prevent budding romance from being too easily plucked from the ground.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Put yourself in line for a career opportunity no matter how many bad experiences you've had in the past. You're due for a good one. An energizing flirtation is also featured, which could change your evening plans.

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OF TERESA THOMAS TREASURER OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS IN
REGULAR SESSION OCTOBER TERM 2005

IN ACCORDANCE with Section 114.026, Local Government Code, we, the undersigned constituting the entire Commissioners Court of said County, certify that on the 9th day of January, 2006, at the Regular term of Court, we compared and examined the monthly report of TERESA THOMAS, Treasurer of Howard County, Texas, for December, 2005, and finding the same correct, entered an order in the Minutes approving said Report, which states total cash and other assets on hand as \$3,553,431.51.

Ben Lockhart, County Judge
Emma Brown, Commissioner Pct. 1
Jerry Kilgore, Commissioner Pct. 2
W.B. "Bill" Crooker, Commissioner Pct. 3
Gary Simer, Commissioner Pct. 4

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, by Ben Lockhart, County Judge, and County Commissioners of said Howard County, each respectively, on this the 9th day of January, 2006.

Attest: Donna Wright, County Clerk

FILED FOR RECORD THIS 9TH DAY OF January, A.D. 2006, and recorded on the 9th day of January, A.D. 2006.

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News

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. for all age groups and the worship service starts at 11 a.m. Acteens, Challengers, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Babies are offered for children and youth of all ages Sunday nights at 5. Choir practice begins Sunday night at 5. The evening service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, Bible study is offered for youth and adults at 7 p.m. The church is located at 401 E. Fourth St. For more information call Amy at 267-2291.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Regular service at 9 a.m. and Sunday school is at 10:15 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at the 9 a.m. service. St. Paul Lutheran Church is located at 810 Scurry. Call 432-267-7163 for more information.

First United Methodist Church

Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Dave Ring's sermon will be "Why Can't We All Get Along." Scripture text is from Romans 10:1-13. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m.

There will be a Children's Musical kick-off party at the Bowl-A-Rama at 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Rehearsals for the Children's Musical begins Jan. 22 and is set for 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Junior High Youth meet at 5:30 p.m. and Ssenior High Youth meet at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Partee Building.

From Jan. 26 to April 13,

there will be Thursday morning and Thursday night Women's Bible Study, featuring Beth Moore's "The Patriarchs Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

The Thursday morning group meets from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. and the Thursday night group meets at 6:45 p.m. Deadline for sign up is Jan. 16 in the church office. Cost is \$15 for the workbook. Child care will be provided.

If there is interest in an evening class for those who cannot attend the morning Bible study group, contact the church office.

Kid's Club is from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Children's Day Out begins at 9 a.m. Wednesdays. Lunch/Bible study is at noon Wednesdays. Hispanic Ministry holds Bible studies at 6 p.m. Wednesdays in the Men's Bible Class at 6 p.m. Also Wednesday is Handbell practice at 6:30 p.m., Combined Youth Bible Study at 7 p.m., and Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 7 p.m.

Special prayer times are observed in the chapel at noon Thursday and at 7 a.m. Friday.

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

Salem Baptist Church

Sunday school starts at 10 a.m. with the morning service following at 11 a.m. The evening service is at 6 p.m. A nursery is available for those with young children. Wednesday evening service is at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

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McGee Chapel Church of God in Christ

New leaders are Bennie and Debra Johnson. Sunday school is 10:30 a.m. and morning worship is 11:30 a.m. Wednesday service is 7:30 p.m.

Call for appointment. The church is located at 1000 N.W. Third St. For more information, call 267-6605 or 325-944-4891.

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.

Bean's World Cafe is open for business at the Boxcar in downtown Big Spring. For more information, call 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 out-

reach, 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 more information, call director Shelly Warren at 213-4819.

New Covenant

New Covenant also offers an exciting mid-week service, featuring a Young Ambassador's program every Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Game nights, study-hall session and Bible drills are some of the activities. Sunday morning worship services are 11 a.m.; the doors open at 10:30 a.m.

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

Cornerstone Church

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 the Rev. Craig Felty at 263-3072 with any questions.

First Baptist Church

Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m., with morning worship following at 10:45 a.m.

The Rev. Dennis Teeters continues a sermon series on physical problems. Evening worship is at 6 p.m.

A special concert featuring "Testify," a male trio, is Sunday at 6 p.m. and "The Stamps Quartet," are scheduled for Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

February 19, "The Singing Women of West Texas" are scheduled to perform. This concert begins at 6 p.m.

All of these concerts are free. Love offerings will be taken to help these groups in their ministry.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mid-week service is at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The ladies will have a fellowship meeting Saturday in the fellowship hall from 10 a.m. to noon to discuss the up and coming Valentine Banquet. For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214. Birdwell Lane Baptist is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane.

First Assembly of God

The Wes and Dorothy Pearce Family will be presenting a musical concert at 6 p.m. Sunday.

The Pearce Family were awarded the Country Gospel Music Association (CGMA) Canadian National Silver Heart awards for: 2005 Vocal Band of the Year, 2005 Band of the Year and 2005 Yodeler of the Year.

In October of 2005, they performed at the Country Gospel Music Association's International Convention in Branson, Mo., where they won the CGMA 2005 International Golden Heart Award for Band of the Year.

The group includes Wes and Dorothy Pearce and their daughter Marina. Wes, Dorothy and Marina live and work out of Moosomin, SK Canada.

The concert is at First Assembly of God located at Fourth and Lancaster.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. St. Mary's Youth Group will perform a children's pageant, "The Nativity from the Animals' Point of View," this Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. service. The Planning Group meets at 6 p.m. Monday in the church office. For more information about St. Mary's, call 267-8201 or visit www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles will speak on text taken from John 1:43-51 at the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 is at 10:35 a.m. Activities for the week include: Encouragers meet at 6 p.m. Monday and the Session meets at the same time. Wednesday at 7 a.m. is the monthly Men's Breakfast. Also on Wednesday, the youth group meets at 5 p.m., Bible study is at 5:17 p.m. in the chapel and choir practice follows at 6 p.m.

Catholic Diocese of San Angelo

Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI, announced that \$14,717.64 has been collected for the fire victims in the Cross Plains community. He issued an appeal for donations to all 29 counties served by the diocese immediately after the fires were reported. For more information or to donate, call 325-651-7500.

Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday in the Howard College Cactus Room. New President Barbara Brumley conducted the meeting and Sarah Bavin gave the invocation.

Members were seated at tables designated for the committees on which they serve. At the conclusion of the meeting, each committee was given time to discuss plans and set regular meeting times.

Bobby Waldrop, director of special education and support services for public schools, was introduced as a new member. He offered to organize students for any committee's project.

The fund-raising and beautification committee reported members will soon be consulting with the Howard County Commissioners Court to finalize plans for the additions to the courthouse square.

Cindy Lopez, secretary, will be in charge of updating the membership list for the new year. Members were asked to plan to attend basic training at several places around the state in coming months. Some participation is necessary to remain an affiliate of the state organization.

Kathryn Wiseman informed the group that a major conference of the

Rural Community College Initiative will be in Big Spring in October. KBSB plans to sponsor large numbers of people at that time and all organizations need to be involved to showcase this community.

Pat Simons made an encouraging report on the Festival of Lights. She will give more details soon in a letter to the editor to the *Big Spring Herald*. The festival is becoming famous over the whole state, she said.

Big Spring Evening Lions Club

The Lions Adult Eyeglass Clinic, provides recycled eye glasses to any adult 18 years of age and older who can't afford to buy glasses.

There are more than 4,000 pair of glasses in 35 categories to serve almost any adult who needs glasses. Anyone needing eyeglasses should come to Big Spring to the event center, 1607 E. Third St., the second Saturday of the month. The screening and eyeglasses are free.

TOPS No. Tx21

Leader Huhgetta Roberts voiced the opening prayer of the first weigh in of 2006 for Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX21. The club meets in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center at 306 W. Third every Monday night at 5:30 p.m., with weigh-in starting at 5 p.m.

Both the TOPS and Keep Off Pounds Sensibly (KOPS) pledges were recited, followed by the fellowship song. Wanda Lee gave an inspirational reading titled, "The Voice Within," and Alex Sechelski read a chuckle.

Genay Bertran did not call the roll because of regulations set by the national headquarters. Each year, members compete in weight divisions and the weight at the beginning of the year dictates what division members are in. The first weigh-in of the year is free with no gains or no losses.

Bertran gave out three awards. Shirley Jenkins got to keep the November

gainers fines because she maintained her weigh. Bertran was named the best loser for December and will keep those gainers fines if she maintain her weight loss until the end of January.

Members who had turtles during a three-month period and had the biggest total weight loss for that period would receive a prize. Wanda Lee was winner and was presented with a turtle figurine.

Duffy Yancy will bring a contest for the club at next week's meeting.

Following the program by Carol Smith titled, "TOPS lights the Way to a New Start," Roberts encouraged the club to try a little harder during the

2006 with emphasis on exercise, drinking water and portion control.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steer Booster meeting announced

The Lady Steer Booster Club will meet Monday in the Athletic Training Center (ATC) at 6 p.m. All parents of girls involved in volleyball, basketball, softball, track, cheerleading and trainers are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Carol Policky at 267-3800.

BSHS announces mini cheer clinic

The Big Spring cheerleaders will be hosting a mini cheer clinic for girls in grades first through sixth Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Steer Gym. The cost for the clinic is \$30 and that includes a T-shirt, shorts, socks and a bag. Registration will be Saturday at the Steer Gym from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more info, contact Mrs. Stuteville at 264-3641 ext. 166.

USC RB Bush will skip senior season

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush is skipping his senior season at Southern California to enter the NFL draft.

The announcement came a day after running mate LenDale White made his decision to leave early and turn pro.

Bush is expected to be one of the first players taken in the draft — with many projecting him going to the Houston Texans with the No. 1 pick.

Bush had 1,740 yards rushing and 2,890 all-purpose yards this season for the Trojans.

Packers finalize deal with McCarthy

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Mike McCarthy was hired as coach of the Green Bay Packers, who hope the San Francisco 49ers' offensive coordinator can revive a team coming off its worst season in 15 years.

McCarthy replaces Mike Sherman, who was fired Jan. 2 after a 4-12 season.

The 42-year-old McCarthy, who received a three-year deal, was the Packers' quarterbacks coach in 1999.

Bills head coach Mularkey resigns

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Mike Mularkey submitted his resignation to the Buffalo Bills, a person familiar with discussions between the coach and the team told The Associated Press.

The Bills will formally announce the coach's resignation Friday morning.

ESPN.com reported that Mularkey had reached a settlement with the team to cover the final three years of his contract. ESPN.com also reported that Mularkey's decision was because of family reasons.

Forsan JV squads open host tourney with wins

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald
FORSAN — The Forsan JV basketball tournament got under way Thursday night with both the boys and girls coming away with first-round wins against Borden County.

The Lady Buffs took down the Lady Coyotes, 24-16, as Sandi Golleher

and Faith Belew led the charge scoring nine and eight points, respectively.

The ladies will play next on Saturday at 11:40 a.m. against Water Valley, which beat the Coahoma freshman team in first-round play.

The Garden City and Coahoma JV girl's squads also moved on in the winner's bracket and will



face one another Saturday at 11:40 a.m.

The boy's game was never in question as they easily defeated the

Coyotes, 46-13.

Blake Grantham once again led the Buffs with 12 points and seven boards, while Jeremy Robbins added 10 points and six rebounds on the night.

Also contributing were Nathan Ackerson and Russell Strong, who each scored eight points.

The Buffs will take on

Water Valley Saturday at 1 p.m. Water Valley also defeated the Coahoma freshman boy's team to advance.

In other tournament action, the Coahoma JV squad will play Garden City and Sands will see action against the Forsan 'B' team. Both of those games are scheduled for Saturday.

Steers seek victory against Estacado in District 4-4A opener

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
Several key district matchups take place around the area tonight.

Big Spring's basketball teams travel to Lubbock to take on a always good Estacado.

The Lady Steers are led by seniors Raegan Ritchey and Carmen



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Davis. Big Spring (3-23, 0-2) will have its hands full tonight against the Lady Mats, who enter tonight's matchup 12-10 overall and 2-0 inside District 4-4A. The Lady Mats are led by Tanequa Ards and Shanequa Henderson. Ards is averaging 18 points and seven

rebounds per game, while Henderson is scoring at an 11.3 per game clip and pulling down eight rebounds per game. The girls game will begin at 6:30 p.m.

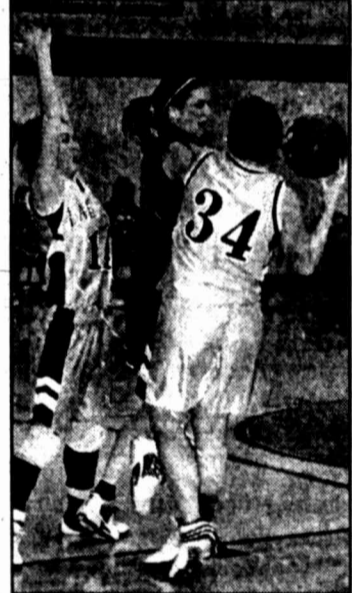
The Steers open district play tonight against the Matadors, who are led by sophomore sensation Al Duvall. Big Spring (7-15) has won two straight games under first-year head coach Robert Ridgley, but will be forced to play the opener without starting senior Kyle Piercefield.

Piercefield left for Las Vegas, Nev., this morning and will take part in the Chris Sailer long snap competition. The contest is for all punters, kickers and long snappers who plan on playing football in college. Piercefield is ranked No. 7 in the nation among long snappers.

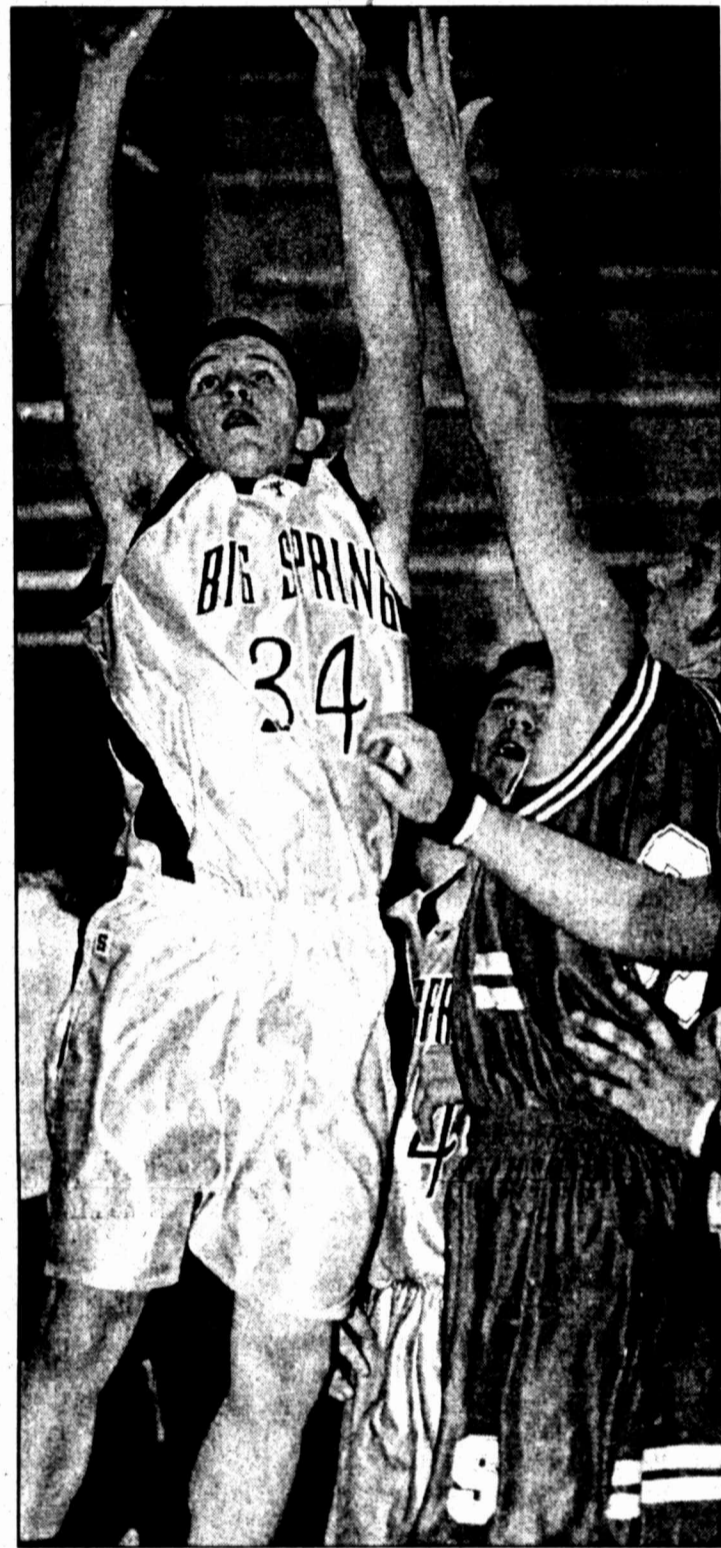
The Matadors enter the game with a 15-7 record. The Steers will be led tonight by juniors Ryan Tannehill and Scott Fankhauser and senior Matt Hilario. Junior Rondell Trevino is coming off a 15-point effort against Sweetwater Tuesday, as well. The boys will tipoff around 8 p.m.

Two sets of local teams square off against each other tonight in key district matchups.

Rivals Coahoma and Stanton will face-off in Stanton. The Bulldogettes are 2-0 in District 4-2A play this season after recording wins over Anson and Stamford. The Lady Buffaloes are 1-1. The Coahoma boys and Stanton boys both kick-off district play tonight after carrying even records in the nondistrict season. The Bulldogs are 7-13 entering tonight's game, while the Buffaloes are 7-12.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Garden City sophomore K'Lann Niehues, center, tries to keep the ball away from Grady's Taylor Woolfork, left, and Kenzie Madison during action last Tuesday in Lenorah. Garden City hosts Sands tonight, while Grady travels to rival Klondike. The girls will start at 6:30 p.m. and the boys are scheduled to tipoff at around 8 p.m.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring senior Kalan Whitehead takes the ball up strong inside Tuesday during the Steers' win over Sweetwater. Big Spring has won two straight games and will begin District 4-4A action tonight on the road against Lubbock Estacado.

The other matchup between the Lady Mustangs tips off at 6:30 p.m. in Garden City. The Barkats, who are ranked No. 16 in the latest Class A poll by the Associated Press, will challenge the Mustangs at around 8 p.m. Garden City (12-4) is led by several different players. The inside presence of Cory Multer was missing during Tuesday's win against Grady, but the senior for-

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Detroit rolls past Spurs, winning by 15 ... again

By T.A. BADGER

Associated Press Writer
SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs may be the defending NBA champions, but that crown doesn't seem to fit when they play the Detroit Pistons.

Rasheed Wallace scored 27 points and had 10 rebounds to lead the Pistons to an 83-68 win over the Spurs Thursday night in Detroit's first visit to San Antonio since losing Game 7 of the title series last June.

It was the Spurs' lowest point total of the season. The previous mark was 70 when they played in Detroit on Christmas Day in what was also a 15-point loss.

"The Pistons demonstrated tonight that they are a better team than us right now," Spurs guard Manu Ginobili said. "We still have to improve on things and we are not the team that we want to be right now."

Thursday's offensive futility could be seen in other numbers as well.

San Antonio posted a season low in shooting percentage (38.6 percent) and assists (nine), and matched its low in 3-point accuracy (2-for-12) and offensive rebounds (4). The Spurs' 32 rebounds were just above the 30 they had in — you guessed it — the first game against the Pistons.

"The thing we wanted to do is really concentrate on rebounding the ball and not let them get second-chance opportunities on the offensive glass," said Pistons forward Tayshaun Prince, who had 12 of Detroit's 56 rebounds. "We did a good job on that."

Detroit used sharp shooting and stingy defense to build a 20-point lead in the first half before the Spurs could get anything going.

Pistons coach Flip Saunders said the offensive plan centered on Wallace.

"We wanted to go to him early and set the tone as far as the inside game is concerned," said Saunders, whose team improved to a league-best 28-5.

San Antonio scored the first six points of the third quarter to trim Detroit's advantage to 48-42, but the Pistons outscored the Spurs 21-9 over the rest of the period to restore their lead to 69-51.

The Spurs pulled to within 10 points on a layup by Tim Duncan with 5:46 remaining, but Richard Hamilton answered with a pair of jumpers to quash the rally.

"We had opportunities,"

Cowboys' OC Payton gets look from N.O.

By BRETT MARTEL

AP Sports Writer
NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Saints talked to Dallas Cowboys quarterbacks coach Sean Payton an hour longer than scheduled on Thursday.

If it wasn't a sign that he's a front runner for New Orleans' head-coaching job, it was clear the Saints wanted his take on their uncertain quarterback situation.

"We talked about that," Payton said Thursday afternoon. "I enjoy coach



Courtesy photo/Gene Piercefield
Big Spring Athletic Director and football coach Tim Holt, center, issued awards to four members of the football team last night during the squad's annual banquet. From left: Kyle Piercefield, Jacob Nichols, Holt, Matt Hilario and Kalan Whitehead. Piercefield got two awards for being selected to the district's first-team offense and defense, while Hilario was selected as a first-team defensive back. Nichols won the Academic Award, while Whitehead won the Antwoyne Edwards Award, which is awarded annually to a senior in honor of the late Antwoyne Edwards, a former BSBS football player who

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Rangers win after honoring Messier

By IRA PODELL
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Jaromir Jagr ended Mark Messier Night with the kind of flair the former captain was famous for at Madison Square Garden.

After a banner-raising ceremony that lasted nearly 90 minutes, Jagr needed just 14 seconds of overtime to give the Rangers a 5-4 victory Thursday night against the Edmonton Oilers — Messier's first NHL team.

Jagr is one of three Rangers who currently serve as alternate captains. New York coach Tom Renney has resisted naming a replacement for Messier, who retired in September.

Messier's connection to the Garden began in 1991, the first night he skated onto the ice with the C on his New York Rangers sweater.

After 10 seasons and one Stanley Cup championship that erased a half-century of despair, he went from being a captain to THE captain.

Messier's No. 11 was raised to the Garden rafters Thursday, joining those of former teammate Mike Richter, and earlier stars Eddie Giacomin and Rod Gilbert, who found their way to the Hockey Hall of Fame but never to Broadway's Canyon of Heroes.

Cameras flashed throughout the long ceremony that delayed the Rangers-Oilers game.

A large revolving lighted C adorned one offensive zone, while a similar-



Mark Messier raises the Stanley Cup in front of his family as the New York Rangers honored him by retiring his number before the start of the game against the Edmonton Oilers at Madison Square Garden in New York Thursday.

looking 11 spun on the other side of the ice in the darkened arena.

Stenciled into the playing surface were other 11s, with a simple message of "Thank You Mark" along the boards.

Just a few blocks away, the Empire State Building glowed in red, white and blue to honor the man who played 25 NHL seasons.

The current Oilers were

all seated on the bench, with Edmonton coach Craig MacTavish and general manager Kevin Lowe — both members of the '94 Rangers — standing behind them.

They, along with this version of the Rangers, banged their sticks in unison on the ice and the boards in a traditional salute during the speeches and gift presentations. Messier received

fishing gear, a portrait and a family trip to Ireland.

Then his jersey was raised slowly from a table, situated next to one that held the Stanley Cup.

After Messier hoisted the trophy over his head and shared it again with the adoring crowd, No. 11 went up at the end of the ice and took its place in front of the championship banner.

PAYTON

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ing that position. I enjoy being involved in the offense. I would certainly look forward to being involved with that development."

Aaron Brooks started for most of six seasons before he was benched for the final three games of 2005, the worst season of his career. It is not clear whether the Saints will bring him back in 2006, when he is slated to be paid about \$6.5 million.

Meanwhile, if Houston selects Reggie Bush with the top pick in the NFL Draft, the Saints will have the choice of Matt Leinart, Vince Young or any other top quarterback prospect with the No. 2 pick.

Payton stopped short of getting into specifics over whether he thought it would be worthwhile to keep Brooks or take a quarterback in the draft.

"To say, 'Hey, that's a certain position that should be drafted,' I think its too early, at least right now, to comment on," Payton said.

He also wouldn't say which college quarterback he'd most like to see taken by the Saints if the team decided to go in that direction.

"I haven't even had a chance to look at some of these college players yet. Our season just ended a week and a half ago," Payton said.

Payton's arrival in New Orleans followed those of Jets defensive coordinator Donnie Henderson and Cleveland Browns offensive coordinator Maurice Carthon. Mike Sherman, recently fired as Green Bay's head coach, was scheduled to interview with the Saints on Thursday evening and Friday morning. The Saints also planned to

meet with former St. Louis Rams coach Mike Martz on Friday night and Saturday morning.

Payton has spent the past three seasons under Bill Parcells in Dallas, where he also holds the title of assistant head coach. Before that, he was Jim Fassel's offensive coordinator with the New York Giants a stint that included the Giants' NFC championship in 2000-01. He played quarterback at I-AA Eastern Illinois, followed by a brief pro playing career in the CFL with Ottawa and the NFL as a replacement player with Chicago during the strike season of 1987.

Like Carthon, Payton credited his time with Parcells for getting him ready to seek out head coaching jobs.

"You learn a lot more about all the things that are necessary to be the leader of a team and so there's day-to-day hands-on training that you get and you might not even be asking for it," Payton said. "You try as best you can to be organized, have a plan, know exactly what you want from a schedule standpoint, have an idea of what you would want in a staff."

The only other team Payton has interviewed with so far is Green Bay, which hired San Francisco offensive coordinator Mike McCarthy, who also held the same position with the Saints. Payton said he did not have any other interviews scheduled, which could leave the Saints, who went 3-13 this season, as his only chance to land a head coaching job for 2006.

Payton said he wouldn't be deterred by the Saints' poor showing in 2005, when the team was displaced to San Antonio and practiced in temporary facilities after Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans on Aug. 29.

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ward should be back in the lineup tonight. The Barkats are also led by Taylor Niehues, Colton Schwartz and Evan Jansa — who are all juniors this year — and senior Shaun Maxie.

The Forsan boy's team has begun the season 16-3 overall and started dis-

trict play out with a win against McCamey Tuesday. The Buffaloes and Lady Buffaloes (3-15) will travel to Iraan tonight.

The girl's will tipoff against the Lady Braves at 6:30 p.m., while the Forsan boys will challenge Iraan (9-9, 0-1) at around 8 p.m.

Both Grady teams will continue District 7-A action tonight on the road against Klondike.

Tonight's Area Basketball Lineup

District 4-4A
Big Spring @ Lubbock Estacado, 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

District 4-2A
Coahoma @ Stanton, 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

District 7-A
Sands @ Garden City, 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Grady @ Klondike, 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

District 8-A
Forsan @ Iraan, 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

SPURS

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Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "That team is good enough that you have to play a perfect game, and we didn't do that."

Hamilton scored 22 points and Prince added 13 points and 12 rebounds. Ben Wallace had 10 rebounds and Chauncey Billups had 14 of the Pistons' 25 assists.

Duncan scored 17 points and had 13 rebounds for San Antonio, while Tony Parker had 17 points and Ginobili 16.

Rasheed Wallace scored the first three baskets of the game.

The Spurs' defense closed off the paint for the Spurs, who missed all but one of their

first seven shots.

A layup by Parker gave San Antonio a 9-8 lead, but Prince made two layups and a jumper to start a 20-6 run by the Pistons to end the first quarter.

Detroit began the second with a 9-2 burst, capped by a 3-pointer by Rasheed Wallace and Carlos Delfino's corner jumper, to make it 37-17.

San Antonio finally established its inside game during a 14-4 run that cut their deficit to 41-32 with about three minutes left in the half. Duncan had two layups and Nick Van Exel hit a 19-footer and a layup.

Ben Wallace then got a tip-in and Hamilton

Wallace for a dunk as Detroit got its lead back up to 12 points at the half.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

J. Cleo Thompson, 325 N. St. Paul, Suite 4300, Dallas, TX 75201 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Fusselman Formation, Quinn 16 (RRC #335087) lease, Well #1. The proposed injection well is located 4.5 Miles Southwest of Big Spring, Texas in the Ernie Pinnell Field, in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3160 to 10400 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792). #4836 January 13, 2006

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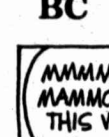
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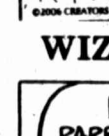
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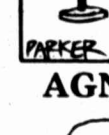
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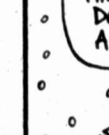
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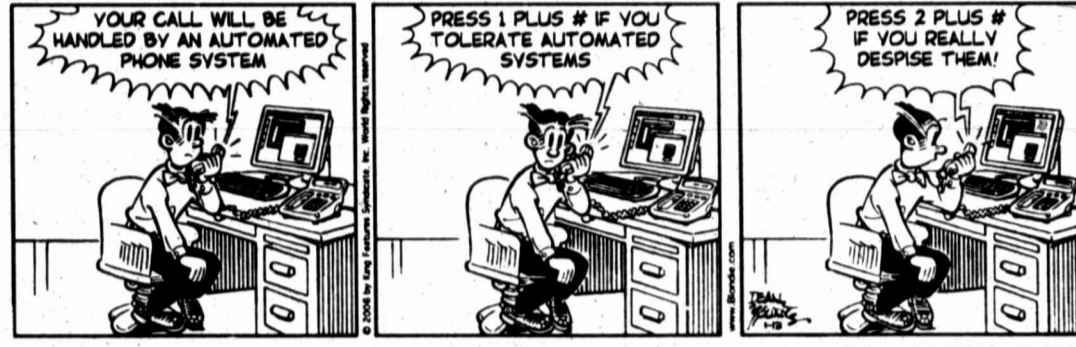


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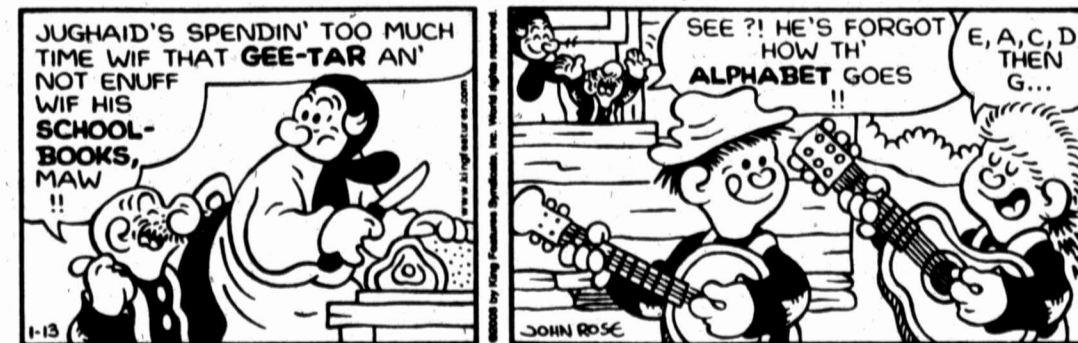
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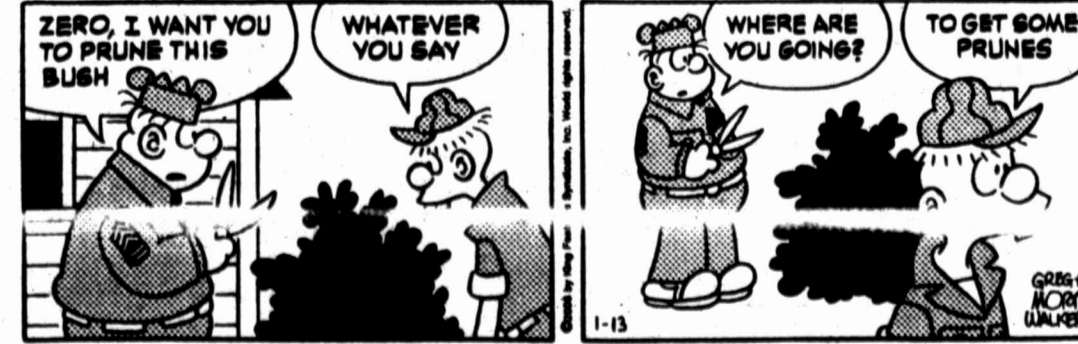
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 2006. There are 352 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 13, 1794, President Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag...

Newsday Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words, including 'Perfect places', 'Oz of fiction', 'Stride', etc.

Answer to previous puzzle: OAF ELAINE ARID USA LOCKER WISE THINKTHEWORLD OF FOLIO ADO ITE OREL BARTER CON XED LINE SYRUPS TONGUE ELEE GOLDENGLOBE SCOW RIGORS TOSSUP YOUR CAB ORS SIRENS TOGO IDA EVE SWEAT COMEDOWNTOEARTH ABEL TIRADE CHE LARK SNARED EAR

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Golf Insider

By T.J. TOMASI

SCHEDULE

All Times EST
PGA TOUR

Sony Open in Hawaii
• Site: Honolulu.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
• Course: Waialae Country Club (7,060 yards, par 70).
• Purse: \$5.1 million. Winner's share: \$918,000.
• Television: ESPN (Thursday, 6:30-9 p.m.; Friday, 8-10:30 p.m.; Saturday, 7-10:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7-10 p.m.).
• Notes: Michelle Wie is making her third straight appearance in her hometown event, and first since turning pro late last season. The 16-year-old Wie missed the cut by seven strokes last year, shooting 74-75.

2006 PGA TOUR SCHEDULE

(x-non PGA event)

• Jan. 18-22 — Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, The Classic Course at Northstar, PGA West-Palmer Private, La Quinta; and Bermuda Dunes, Palm Desert, Calif.
• Jan. 26-29 — Buick Invitational, Torrey Pines (North and South), San Diego
• Feb. 2-5 — FBR Open, TPC of Scottsdale, Scottsdale, Ariz.
• Feb. 9-12 — AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Pebble Beach; Spyglass Hill; and Poppy Hills, Pebble Beach, Calif.
• Feb. 16-19 — Nissan Open, Riviera CC, Los Angeles
• Feb. 22-26 — WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship, La Costa Resort and Spa, Carlsbad, Calif.
• Feb. 23-26 — Chrysler Classic of Tucson, Omni Tucson National Golf Resort and Spa, Tucson, Ariz.
• March 2-5 — Ford Championship, Doral Golf Resort and Spa (Blue Course), Miami
• March 9-12 — Honda Classic, Country Club at Mirasol (Sunrise Course), Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
• March 16-19 — Bay Hill Invitational, Bay Hill Golf Club and Lodge, Orlando, Fla.
• March 23-26 — The Players Championship, TPC at Sawgrass (Stadium Course), Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
• March 30-April 2 — Bellsouth Classic, TPC at Sugarloaf, Duluth, Ga.
• April 6-9 — The Masters, Augusta National GC, Augusta, Ga.
• April 13-16 — MCI Heritage, Harbour Town GL, Hilton Head Island, S.C.
• April 20-23 — Shell Houston Open, Redstone GC (Jacobsen/Hardy Course), Houston
• April 27-30 — Zurich Classic of New Orleans, TBA.
• May 4-7 — Wachovia Championship, Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte, N.C.
• May 11-14 — EDS Byron Nelson Championship, TPC at Four Seasons Resort and Cottonwood Valley, Las Colinas, Texas
• May 18-21 — Bank of America Colonial, Colonial CC, Fort Worth, Texas
• May 25-28 — FedEx St. Jude Classic, TPC at Southwind, Memphis, Tenn.
• June 1-4 — Memorial Tournament, Muirfield Village GC, Dublin, Ohio
• June 8-11 — Barclays Classic, Westchester CC, Harrison, N.Y.
• June 15-18 — U.S. Open, Winged Foot GC, Mamaroneck, N.Y.
• June 22-25 — Booz Allen Classic, TPC at Avenel, Potomac, Md.
• June 29-July 2 — Buick Championship, TPC at River Highlands, Comwell, Conn.
• July 6-9 — Western Open, Cog Hill Golf and CC, Lemont, Ill.
• July 13-16 — John Deere Classic, TPC at Deere Run, Silvis, Ill.
• July 20-23 — British Open, Royal Liverpool, Hoylake, England
• July 20-23 — B.C. Open, En-Joie GC, Endicott, N.Y.
• July 27-30 — U.S. Bank Championship in Milwaukee, Brown Deer Park GC, Milwaukee
• Aug. 3-6 — Buick Open, Warwick Hills Golf and CC, Grand Blanc, Mich.
• Aug. 10-13 — The International, Castle Pines GC, Castle Rock, Colo.
• Aug. 17-20 — PGA Championship, Medinah CC, Medinah, Ill.

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



Tommy Armour III (left) flares his back foot a bit more to increase his hip turn, a good idea if flexibility is a problem. Darren Clarke (right) looks so comfortable because this is his natural flex point, perfectly matched to his flexibility and body physique.

A perfect setup

Every golfer has the ability to set up like an expert, so there are no excuses when it comes to getting this part of your swing down pat. The term "setup" is a good one because that's just what this portion of your preshot routine does — it sets up your whole swing.

Here, from bottom to top, are five checkpoints for a perfect setup. Our models for this analysis are Darren Clarke and Tommy Armour III, pictured above. All references are in relation to the target line, that imaginary straight line connecting your ball and the target.

1. Feet

Your left foot should be turned out about 25 degrees (a quarter of a turn). This makes it easier to rotate your left hip and knee correctly as you swing through the hitting zone.

Your right foot is as perpendicular to the target line as your flexibility allows, setting up a post around which you pivot during your backswing. Armour (left above) flares his back foot a bit more to increase his hip turn, a good idea if flexibility is a problem.

The width of your stance is measured from the inside of your heels, not from your toes. Take your stance and, without moving your feet, mark the inside of your heels with two tees, then move away and check your width.

Note: For a driver, Armour's heels are about shoulder-width

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apart, but as the club gets shorter, his heels will move closer together until, for the short irons, the heels are hip width.

2. Knees

Your knee flex should match the knee bend of your normal walking stride just as your forward foot flattens on the ground. Darren Clarke (right above) looks so comfortable because this is his natural flex point, perfectly matched to his flexibility and body physique.

Note: If you can see your shoelaces, you have too little flex; if you can't see your toes, you have too much.

3. Hip Joints

The tilt of your upper body toward the ground ranges anywhere from 10 to 35 degrees. Please notice that both our tour models bend from their hip joints and not their waist because when you bend from your waist, you de-

activate your centers of rotation (your hip joints lock up), forcing you to slide instead of turn.

When you assume the correct set position, your abdomen is retracted upward and inward, and your fanny protrudes. To get the feeling, imagine that you're about to sit on an above-the-waist, three-legged stool.

Note how neither of our tour models looks squatty.

4. Shoulders and Arms

Your arms should hang straight down from your shoulders with your upper arms adhering lightly to your body. Clarke could open his hands and drop the club to the ground and his arms would hardly change their angle of hang.

5. Head

Your head should be positioned in the middle of your shoulders with your chin held high in the proud position. If you let your chin rest on your chest, it will block your shoulder turn. The proud position requires you to "pcep" at the ball with the bottom of your eyes, as Clarke is doing, rather than stare at it with a droopy head.

Note: Don't wear bifocals when you play golf because they force you to drop your head to see the ball.

Run through each checkpoint from bottom to top every time you take your setup and in no time your setup will become automatic.

FITNESS

Here's the ultimate: Lose weight while you enjoy yourself playing golf. Is it possible? You bet, if you know your numbers.

According to most experts, the best way to lose weight is slowly — only 1 or 2 pounds per week. If you burn 3,500 more calories than you take in during a week, you'll lose a pound. Sounds like a good excuse for a lot of golf.

You can control the number of calories you burn playing golf by either riding or walking. Ride in a cart and you'll use up about 1,000 calories; walk and carry your clubs and the number increases dramatically.

Calories burned per hour

	Body weight of 140 pounds	Body weight of 195 pounds
Golf, carrying clubs	350	487
Golf, pulling clubs	318	443
Golf, using power cart	222	310
mini golf or driving range	191	266

Source: <http://atoz.iqhealth.com>

The above caloric data was derived from research in The Journal of the American College of Sports Medicine.

TEERING OFF

Technique prevents anger from ruining your golf game

The ability to change from an associated state to a dissociated state gives you a modicum of control over your anger on the golf course.

In the associated state, your emotions reign, and a bad shot or an unlucky bounce floods you with anger. The dissociated state is one of objectivity and dispassion: You are involved in a particular event as an observer and evaluator, but you do not allow major-league emotions to affect your performance.

Associated imaging is a technique that will help you switch states when you feel yourself losing it during a round. Here's how.

Step One: Choose a model

Let's say you want to improve your self-control with regard to anger, so you choose the model of Ernie Els or Julie Inkster, emotive players who get mad, but don't let it affect the next shot.

Step Two: Study the model

Use a tape of a tournament your model played in to study the model's behavior. Do this as a dissociated observer until every time you call up the image, it's perfect.

In this example, you watch the tape until you can see Els' image clearly and distinctly. The image is flawless: Ernie, with that sandy hair blowing all over the place, as he misses a crucial putt in the British Open — the look on his face, his posture as he stands on the next tee, his routine when it's his turn to hit, and the end product, which is the same under-control swing he always makes.

Step 3: Alter the model

Next, call up your image, but this time see yourself as the model. Though you're still dissociated, now you're watching yourself hit that shot, calm and under control. Practice this step so that every time you recall that scene, you are the star of the image, under control and ready for the next shot.

Step 4: Become the model

Finally, you become the model by associating with it. You feel the let-down of the missed putt, but it's gone by the next tee. You feel yourself walking to the next tee, beginning to plan your shot as you shed the baggage of the last shot.

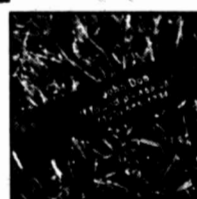
In your journey to the next tee, you are moving from the emotional mode to the analytic, and by the time you get there, you're pacing off yardage, testing the wind and doing all the things necessary to make a plan.

Put another way: If the previous hole were Las Vegas, "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas."

DON'T MISS IT

Lost and found

If you want to protect your investment in your golf clubs, Don't Miss golf club ID labels. I just lost my 9-iron from a brand-new set of Callaway Fusions. It's the first time in 25 years I've lost a club, and it's the last time I'll ever go without labels. See your pro or order online for \$6.95 at www.mavericklabel.com/golf.html.



GOLF SPOKEN HERE

"OVERSEEDING"

As the weather gets colder, warm-weather grass like Bermuda goes dormant. So the greens superintendent will lay down a cold-weather grass (e.g. rye) on top of the Bermuda, timing it just right so that as the Bermuda grass goes dormant, the rye grass grows in. Then, in spring, Bermuda grass will be seeded over the rye grass.

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Matchups made in golf heaven

You can improve your game dramatically by understanding how to customize your golf swing.

Some combinations of swing elements (ball position, grip, club-face position, etc.) match up well and some don't. The problem is that being mismatched creates a "golfing Frankenstein," combining swing parts that just don't fit together.

For example, a forward ball position and a shut club face don't match well, and neither do a weak grip and quiet hands.

Playing with mismatches makes golf hard, so you and your teacher need to scout your swing to make sure you have the correct matchups. The Golf Doctor will outline several of the most common mismatches in the coming weeks.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Most of the guys know where Tiger is going to play. ... I don't know if the guys duck Tiger or not. I'd hate to think that, but it wouldn't surprise me if they did."

Tell-it-like-he-thinks-it-is announcer Johnny Miller



ASK THE PRO

Q: I hit my ball into a water hazard, so I played a provisional in case I got lucky, but one of the golfers in my group said I couldn't do that. Can I play another ball if I think my tee shot is lost? — Brady, from the Web

A: The terms in the rule book are very specific, and you have a couple of concepts mixed up. If your ball went into the hazard, it wasn't lost, according to the rules; it was in the hazard. You have a set of options, depending on what kind of hazard it is (red stakes or yellow), but you are not allowed to play a provisional under these circumstances, so the second ball you hit is the ball in play.

Here's the rule in all its glorious language.

"A Provisional Ball: If a ball may be lost outside a water hazard or may be out of

bounds, to save time the player may play another ball provisionally in accordance with Rule 27-1. The player shall inform his opponent in match play or his marker or a fellow-competitor in stroke play that he intends to play a provisional ball, and he shall play it before he or his partner goes forward to search for the original ball. If he fails to do so and plays another ball, such ball is not a provisional ball and becomes the ball in play under penalty of stroke and distance (Rule 27-1); the original ball is deemed to be lost."

Remember, Brady, to be entitled to a provisional ball, you must announce that you're playing one before you hit.

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