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HERALD photos/Troy Hyde
The rodeo parade kicked off the 73rd edition of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Thursday evening. Clockwise from above: 1) Children throw candy to spectators; 2) Halven Rushing, 5, picks up some of the candy; 3) Several clowns were on hand. This particular clown is shown throwing candy to kids; 4) A member of the Odessa Shrine Club shows off his trick car to the crowd. The opening night of the rodeo was postponed until 10 a.m. this morning after heavy thunderstorms hit Big Spring.



WASHED OUT

Rain rides herd over would-be start to rodeo

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Pageantry, pomp, parade — and puddles. Rodeo Week in Big Spring started to mixed reviews Thursday, with its kickoff parade being held under brilliant sunshine and cooler than expected temperatures.

But the first session of the 73rd annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo was a washout — literally. Heavy rains that swept through Howard County forced postponement of the Thursday night's performance. Events were begin at 10 a.m. today at the Rodeo Bowl, as well as tonight's regularly scheduled session at 8 p.m.

But rain was the last thing on anyone's mind when the annual rodeo parade wound its way through downtown Big Spring under sunny skies Thursday afternoon.

Led by a Big Spring Police Department honor guard, Hardin Simmons University's famed Six White Horses and parade grand marshal Jody Nix, the parade announced that Rodeo Week had officially arrived.

"Rodeo's a tradition in this part of the country, and this one's been here



for 73 years," said Nix, who's been on the board of directors for the rodeo the past 14 years. "We like putting it on."

Celebrating this area's Western heritage is a big reason to enjoy the week's activities, said fellow director Steve Osborn.

"Some of us grew up identifying with cowboys and wanting to be cowboys," Osborn said. "Most of us who grew up around it just love it ... and the Western way of life."

The National Weather Service office in Midland is predicting a 40 percent chance of more rain this evening.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.



Old Settlers to mark 82nd gathering Saturday

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

One of the area's longest-running events take place Saturday when families and friends gather for the Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion at the county fair barn here.

It will be the 82nd gathering of the settlers — their descendants, anyway.

"You are considered an old settler if you have lived in Howard County or Glasscock County for at least 25 years," said Nancy Raney, director of the Heritage Museum, which handles the get-together these days.

Technology and mobilization have taken their toll on the reunion, which once lasted several days and included dances

and major activities. Now, the reunion is a simple, half-day event. An opportunity to sit and visit with good friends and family members.

Registration begins at 9 a.m., followed by visitation until 11 a.m. — and time for the dessert auction.

"The ladies work very hard making cakes and pies, brownies and other desserts. It's all

very good," said Raney.

Lunch is served around noon. The fare is hamburgers, chips and cobbler, and except for the \$1 drink, it's free.

"It's a way of giving something back to the community," Raney explained. "It's worked out real well this way."

Two families are always recognized. This year, the Howard County Pioneer Family of the

Year is the Weaver family. The Glasscock Pioneer Family of the Year is the Burns family.

"We hope you can come out and join us Saturday," said Raney.

And keep the tradition alive.

Contact Bill McClellan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com

Friedman, Strayhorn on ballot as independents

AUSTIN (AP) — It's official. The Texas governor's race got crowded and quirky with the confirmation that independent candidates Kinky Friedman and Carole Keeton Strayhorn will be on the November ballot.

Texas Secretary of State Roger Williams made the announcement Thursday, setting up a historic election with the two independents, Republican Gov. Rick Perry,

Democrat Chris Bell and Libertarian James Werner.

Friedman, a joke-cracking musician and writer, and Strayhorn, the state comptroller who calls herself "one tough grandma," each will try to become the first independent elected Texas governor since Sam Houston in 1859.

"The Texas revolution, I think, is really rolling. I don't think anybody's



Kinky Friedman



Carole Strayhorn

going to stop this one," Friedman said. "The most satisfying thing, I think, is that we've really given the people of Texas a choice, a real choice, and we trust them."

While Friedman praised the fact that two independents made the ballot, Strayhorn kept insisting the governor's race is a two-person contest between her and Perry.

"I am the only challenger with the resources,

and the history of getting people to the polls, who can and will end Rick Perry's regime for a special few," Strayhorn said.

Both Strayhorn and Friedman turned in far more petition names than the 45,540 required by the May 11 deadline. The signatures had to be from registered Texas voters who did not cast ballots in the Republican or

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COAHOMA CLEAN UP

COAHOMA — Community officials here have announced that the next city-wide cleanup effort will be held Saturday morning.

Persons interested in participating are asked to meet at the Coahoma Volunteer Fire Department station on First Street at 7:30 a.m.

Cleanup crews will be given their assignments at that time.

Officials said the cleanup effort will include large item pickup, as well as lawn mowing and edging services.

This is the latest in a string of community clean up efforts hosted by the Rural Community College Initiative.

RUNOFF IS SATURDAY

The District 2 runoff election between Big Spring City Council hopefuls Donna Gamboa and Manuel Ramirez Jr. will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

District 2 runs from the northeast part of the city through the center of town, south of the 1600 block of Lancaster, east to State Street, with several blocks zig-zagging in the area, including the area surrounding Big Spring High School and Big Spring Junior High. Anyone not sure of their voting district should check their voter registration card — city council district is located on the right side in the box labeled 'city' — or call 264-2273

PRECIOUS PETS CONTEST

Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is holding a "Precious Pets Photo contest" to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Entry is \$5 per pet and all proceeds will go to the network, which is an alliance of children's hospitals.

Winners will be selected by the credit union employees. All photos will be displayed, and entrants do not have to be a member of the credit union to participate.

Registration and photos must be received by Friday, July 29, at 1110 Benton in Big Spring.

For more information, call (432) 263-8393.

Obituaries

Cherie Dorton



Cherie Dorton, 60, of Big Spring died Thursday, June 22, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 24, 2006 at Coahoma Cemetery with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 19, 1945, in Arkansas to Rosemary and Ralph Krueger. She was employed at the Big Spring State Hospital for 27 years, retiring due to ill health. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County and was a member of The First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by four sons: Louis Dorton and his wife Virginia of Lubbock, Paul Krueger of Fort Worth, and Shon Krueger and Michael Krueger, both of Big Spring; a daughter, Kristina Hembree of Big Spring; parents Roy and Rosemary Collins of Lubbock; and eight grandchildren.

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

Edith Haney

Edith Haney, 83, of Big Spring, died Thursday, June 22, 2006 in Midland Memorial Hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Lucille Thomas

Lucille R. Thomas, 92, of Big Spring, died Friday, June 23, 2006, at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Take Note

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.

• **COAHOMA FREEDOM PARADE** begins at 10 a.m. July 1 at the football stadium and continues to the park. Prizes for floats will be awarded in several categories. Booth spaces for vendors are free and available by contacting Shyrlee Reid at 393-5545.

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STEER BAND 10-YEAR REUNION** for classes 1970 to 1980 is planned July 28-29. Send name and addresses to Steer Band Reunion P.O. Box 103 Big Spring, 79721 or go to the Web site www.bigspringsteerband.org. For more information or to leave a message, call 263-2205.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1986 20th REUNION** needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Kelly at 816-4540.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1996 10th YEAR REUNION** needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Mindy at 267-6524 or 267-7631.

• **FORSAN EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ALL-CLASS REUNION** is Aug. 5. Names, addresses and class years for Forsan exes are needed. Submit information or pictures for a newsletter before June 15 to Ida Lou Raney, 5216 Dawson Dr., Big Spring or call 432 267-2414, Jimmy Anderson at 432 267-6143 or Opal Stout at 325 574-2150, or e-mail hiraney@crcom.net.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977** is gathering addresses for the 30th reunion. Mail contact information to Emily Boyd, 10817 Sandpiper Lane, Dallas or e-mail emilyboyd1@aol.com.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES** to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the

Police blotter

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

- **ARTHUR DEE NANNY JR.**, 47, 1901 Morrison, was arrested on a capias warrant.
- **CUAUHTHEMOC GARCIA**, 37, Greenville, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, over five pounds but less than 50 pounds.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1500 block of Johnson.
- **FRAUDULENT USE OR POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.
- **INTOXICATED MANSLAUGHTER WITH VEHICLE** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:

- **RENE PEREZ-SALAZAR**, 20, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of resisting arrest or transportation.
- **BENITA PEREZ**, 52, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of failure to identify and hindering apprehension.
- **MICHAEL RENE ROBLES**, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **DAVID W. O'BRIEN**, 27, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- **MAURICIO GARCIA HERNANDEZ**, 30, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of Tulane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 700 block of Matthews. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway. Service was refused.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported behind the old Wal-Mart Building on S. Gregg.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1600 block of Lark.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

• Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, 8 p.m. at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

SATURDAY

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MONDAY

• 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. in the First Christian Church, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Enter through the south side door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

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

• 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.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• 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.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Weather

Tonight...Decreasing clouds. A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Saturday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable. The chance of Rain is 20 percent.

Sunday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Light and variable winds. Becoming east 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

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

Monday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 17-21-28-34. Bonus Ball: 21. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$675,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-6-16-24-33. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-2-9

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Contract Bridge

Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has gone:

West	North	East	South
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What would you bid with each of the following five hands?

1. ♠AK983 ♥Q74 ♦762 ♣J8
2. ♠A107 ♥JS ♦KQ9 ♣KQJ63
3. ♠10 ♥Q863 ♦A65 ♣AQJ83
4. ♠AJ762 ♥KJ6 ♦— ♣KJ985
5. ♠KJ8753 ♥9 ♦J83 ♣972

1. **Two hearts.** The best way to show heart support, which you have, is by raising hearts. A two-spade bid (not forcing) would not suggest support for hearts, and there is no reason to assume that spades would be a better trump suit. Partner did not open the bidding — he merely overcalled, indicating a strong five-card or longer suit in a hand of frequently less than opening strength — and a two-spade bid could easily lead to the wrong contract.

2. **Three notrump.** Partner must have values of some sort for his bid — whether in high cards, distribution or both. Game must be reached, whatever the nature of his hand. Although three notrump appears to

be the right spot, partner might have other thoughts and retreat to four hearts — which your well-rounded hand can also support. The important point is that you can't bid only two notrump or three clubs, neither of which is forcing.

3. **Four hearts.** If this hand doesn't yield at least 10 tricks, you'd better get yourself a new partner. An alternative choice is three diamonds, a cuebid, to indicate slam possibilities.

4. **Three diamonds.** Here, also, you must get to game — and conceivably a slam — and the proper way of suggesting both possibilities is by a cuebid. Partner might cooperate by cuebidding in his own right to show interest in slam. If he merely bids three hearts, you carry on to four hearts.

5. **Pass.** Here there is the real danger of a misfit, so the wisest thing to do is to pass. Two spades might work out well in a given case, but all too often it would lead to serious trouble. If partner does not have spades, the opponents might begin doubling and collect a fat penalty. There is a fundamental rule that in misfit hands, you drop out of the picture as soon as possible. Here, that time is now.

Tomorrow: Putting all the clues together.
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Howard College play set tonight, Saturday

Herald Staff Report

The Howard College Theatre, under the direction of Clay Grizzle, will be performing "Kids Say the Darndest Things" today and Saturday.

The shows will take place at the Practical Arts Building No. 105 and will

start at 6:30 p.m. They will end just before 8 p.m., allowing those who want to see both the play and attend the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo at the Rodeo Bowl.

The play is based on Art Linkletter's "House Party" TV show and the remake done by Bill

Cosby. The show reveals actual things that children — Howard's presentation is performed by adults — said on the show.

"It's just a celebration of being a kid and features things that kids have actually said on the show," said Grizzle.

The show, which is free to the public, features 10 adult actors, including Jaycee Sautter, Julie Alley, Marsha McNew, Cheryl Schultz, Vanessa Parra, Clay Vickers, Leann Brumley, Janice Bishop, Lisa Currie and Terry Nix.

Menchaca family fund established here

The family of Christina Menchaca, the wife of Army Pfc. Kristian Menchaca, who was taken hostage by Iraqi insurgents and murdered, are asking those who wish to send flowers or messages do so by contacting local florists.

"The family wants to thank all those who've expressed their concerns and offered their prayers," said the Rev. Joel Miller, a spokesman for the family. "They hope people will understand their

need for privacy at this time."

Miller also announced that a fund has been established at State National Bank to help family members travel to the funeral.

"The military will pay for Christina and her parents to attend the funeral, but there are a number of other members of this large family that want to attend the funeral and simply don't have the money necessary to travel," Miller explained. "As of right now we

don't know where the funeral will be or when, but it will probably be held in the Houston area."

Those wishing to make contributions to the fund can make donations to the Kristian Menchaca Family Benefit Fund, Account number 5327849 at State National. For electronic transfer, the routing number is 1113-02370.

For more information, call Miller at 213-1221.

RACE

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Democratic primaries this spring.

Petition-signers could only sign up with one of the independent candidates.

Strayhorn submitted about 223,000 signatures, and Friedman submitted about 170,000.

Williams said his agency's preliminary review shows Friedman's petitions contained more valid signatures than Strayhorn's. A total of 137,154 of Friedman's signatures met state requirements, while 108,512 of Strayhorn's did, he said.

Further checks will be made of the signatures deemed invalid, but the totals are not expected to change, according to the agency.

Perry's campaign seized on the Strayhorn signature total, saying the low percentage of her signatures deemed valid shows that Texas voters are abandoning her.

"It is obvious that her shrill act is wearing thin with Texans because now even Kinky Friedman has more support than Carole Strayhorn," said Perry spokesman Robert Black. Bell's campaign offered a similar view.

"She can't win this race, and getting fewer valid signatures than a novelty country singer is just the most recent example of why," said Bell's spokesman, Jason Stanford.

Strayhorn, whose campaign rivals Perry's with the most money to spend, said her political staff verified that 183,439 of her total signatures were valid under state law.

"The secretary of state can play any game he wants to play. It doesn't matter. We are on the ballot. We have the broad-

"She can't win this race, and getting fewer valid signatures than a novelty country singer is just the most recent example of why"

—Jason Stanford, spokesman for Chris Bell

based support of the people of Texas," she said.

Friedman said he believes he got more valid voter signatures because his were collected mostly by volunteers, as opposed to Strayhorn's large number of paid petition circulators.

"Our people, what they did they did with all their

heart," Friedman said.

The next big decision by the secretary of state when it comes to the independents is whether Strayhorn will be able to list herself on the Nov. 7 ballot as Carole Keeton "Grandma" Strayhorn. She says that's how she's been known for several years.

All year, Strayhorn has been at odds with Williams, who was appointed secretary of state by Perry.

In March, she sued Williams, claiming that his plan for examining the independent candidates' voter signatures individually was discriminatory. Strayhorn's campaign wanted state election officials to do a faster statistical sampling of signatures, in which only a portion of the total names would have to be scrutinized.

But federal Judge Lee Yeakel rejected that request and said the state's method for examining the petitions was reasonable and not discriminatory.

"Our method of verifying every signature is the most accurate, has been

upheld by the courts and was done faster than in years past," Williams said Thursday.

Republicans schedule immigration hearings

By SUZANNE GAMBOA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — House Republican leaders Thursday scheduled five new hearings on immigration and said they still hope to send a border security bill to President Bush before 2007.

"We want to make sure the Congress gets this done the right way and not be rushed just because it's an election year," said Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois.

For many Republicans as well as some Democrats sensitive about public opinion in an election year, the right way is without provisions in a Senate-passed bill that would bestow legal status on millions of illegal immigrants.

"We can send an immigration bill to the president this year," Hastert said.

At a news conference, Hastert and other senior House Republicans referred to the Senate bill as the "Reid-Kennedy" bill, referencing Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada and liberal Democrat Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Kennedy and Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona were the chief architects of the Senate bill.

It became known as the Hagel-Martinez bill, after Sens. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., and Mel Martinez, R-Fla., developed a compromise that, while allow-

ing millions of illegal immigrants to stay, would make millions of others leave. Bush supports letting some illegal immigrants stay and eventually become citizens.

"Two thirds of the votes that passed the bill came from Senate Democrats," House Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said in explanation.

Republican-led House committees held two hearings here Thursday, one on non-citizens voting in elections and the other on the Labor Department's oversight of high-tech workers in the U.S. on temporary visas.

A hearing on intelligence and border security is scheduled next Wednesday in Washington.

Also on the schedule are hearings July 5 in San Diego and July 7 in Laredo, on "Border Vulnerabilities and International Terrorism."

The House Education and Workforce Committee will hold a field hearing outside Washington in mid-July on making English the nation's official language and how enforcement of immigration laws affects U.S. workers. The location and date haven't been set.

And the House Government Reform Committee plans a hearing the week of Aug. 14 in Arizona focusing on costs to local, state and federal government "caused by an unsecured border."

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- The Texas Department of Transportation and contractor Tenpenny construction, on working to spruce up the intersection of U.S. Highway 87 and Interstate 20.

- Heritage Museum for the hard work on Legends and Legacies and to Katie Cathey, board president, who was named the facility's first Volunteer of the Year.

- Tristian Rangel, on being selected by the regional board of the Make-A-Wish Foundation to go to Disney World in Florida.

- Jody Nix, on being chosen to serve as grand marshal of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo parade.

- Krista Chesworth, who after a sterling high school career, opted to stay home and accept a scholarship offer from Howard College.

- Coahoma Bulldogettes head softball coach Robby Dickenson, who was named Coach of the Year for Class 1A, Class 2A and Class 3A by the Texas Girls Coaches Association. Dickenson was honored after leading Coahoma to a record eighth appearance at the state softball tournament. He had previously won the honor in 2002.

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

May we not be just treading water, Lord, but swimming strong-ly with You.

Amen

A crazy kind of mercy offered

This last week we took our Praise Band on a little road trip for some gigs in Fort Wayne, Ind. Yes, the Brewer makes coffee and plays guitar. Anyway, we were about to go on stage at this really cool place when I was approached by the great big guy that looked like a teddy bear.

He was tall, big and had really long hair with a scruffy beard, but behind the rough appearance was a sweet looking baby face that always smiled.

"So where are you guys from?" He asked with a Northern accent.

"Texas," I replied.

"Oh really, where at in Texas?" "A little town called Joshua. It's just south of Fort Worth."

"Oh Cool," he said. "I live on 17th Street."

So being polite I asked, "Where at on 17th Street?"

"Um, All Over." He said sheep-ishly then without missing a beat he explained, "I live on 17th Street."

The teddy bear was homeless and he was a hoot.

Some men are a magnet for women, others for money. I attract crazy people.

The Bible says "deep calls unto deep" so I know it's my fault, but none the less every where I go I can't help but make friends with people that everybody else is afraid of.

For instance, on a missions trip to London I invited a whole alley full of homeless guys into a

McDonalds for breakfast one morning. They were a rough bunch and it was hilarious. The manager came out and yelled at us and I informed him that McDonalds was considered something like an American Embassy and we were claiming diplomatic immunity.

At this, all my refugees began shouting for their rights and he called the cops.

While in San Francisco I made friends with this guy that jumps out from behind bushes and scares people for a buck. He was awesome! It was the biggest thrill I had at Fisherman's Warf.

As we giggered around Ft. Wayne last week, the teddy bear would show up and sit somewhere near the stage so that we would know he was there.

We patiently let him tell us the same stories over and over again and we hugged him every time he offered, even though he smelled like a Johnson County moonshine still.

All of us prayed with him after our last show, gave him some food and I probably won't see him again until the Great Day. I am back in Joshua and he is somewhere on 17th Street.

The world is an amazing place.

This week's cup from a highly-caffeinated Christian is full of encouragement to have mercy on people. Mercy is a wonderful thing and the point I want to close on is that you don't have to be in agreement with somebody to have mercy on them. You don't have to approve what people do or how they do things, mercy is a choice and a mandate from God.

You don't pre-qualify people for

mercy. God has mercy on you and me, and in no way is it a stamp of approval on our conduct. It is a trait of His character. That's good enough reason for us to have mercy and compassion on people that do not pass the litmus test of what makes sense to us.

Come on... I dare you to love on somebody that doesn't look like you, act like you or live the same way that you like to live. That's what God does every time He has anything to do with any of us. To me, that makes God crazier than any other person I have ever met anywhere. Thank God He doesn't think like us.

Jesus put it this way in that famous Sermon on the Mount:

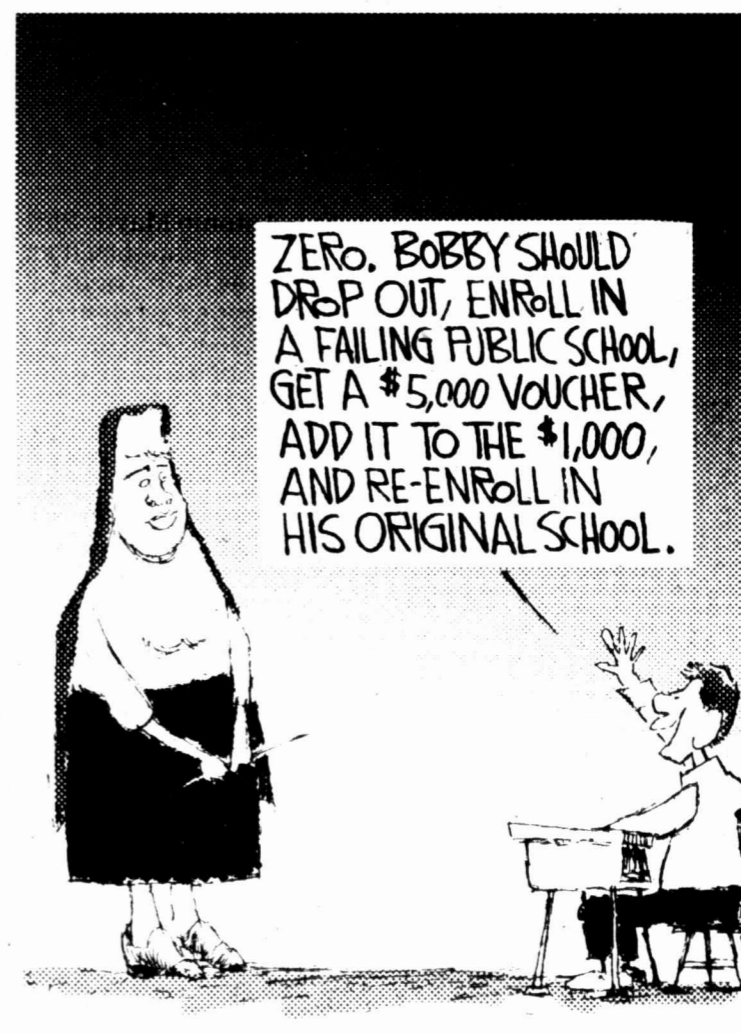
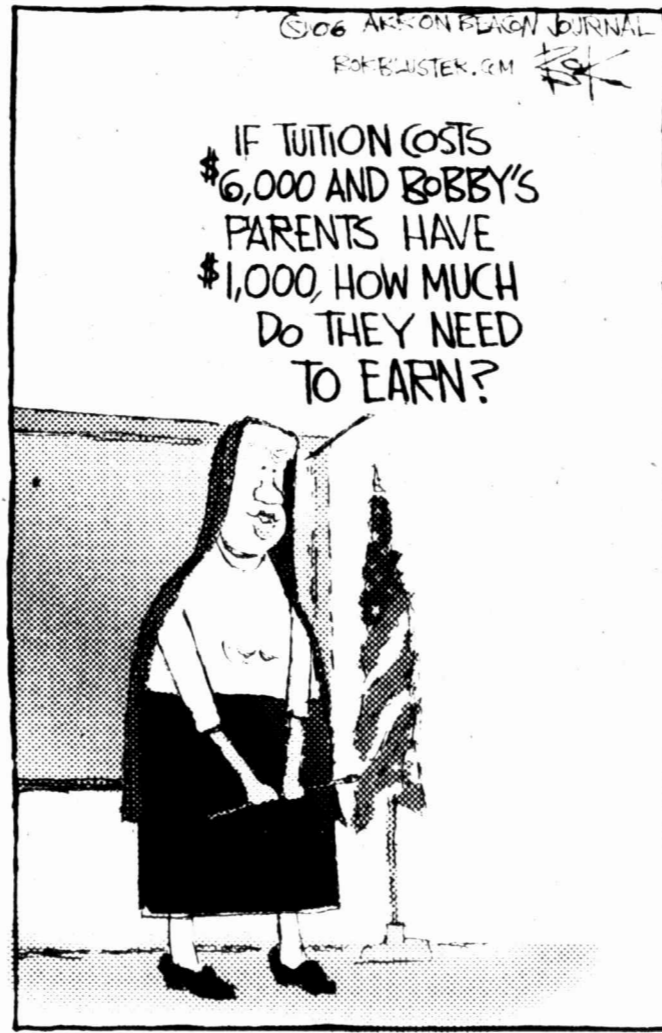
"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Matthew 5:43-48

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TROY BREWER



WHY PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS ARE GOOD IN MATH

A perfect memorial ... already built

In the year 113, the Roman Emperor Trajan dedicated a marble column depicting his war with the Dacians.

Not that I have any idea who the Dacians were (you probably don't either). But thanks to this colossal carving of raging soldiers, rearing horses, Dacians begging for their lives and Dacians being trampled under foot, anyone who is even passing by can tell: 1) This was a huge, horrible war. And, 2) Trajan won.

That's the beauty of classical art. It tells a story. And almost 2,000 years later, we get it.

In another 2,000 years, people will also get the message of the bronze memorial unveiled across the street from the World Trade Center last weekend. The privately funded bas-relief covers one side of the local fire station and depicts the Sept. 11 firefighters in all their humanity — which only makes them more heroic.

Here is a fireman struggling under the weight of the hose. Here's another, shouting commands. Here are two kneeling at a

hydrant, washing off. Or are they weeping?

Absence is not reflected here. Presence is depicted, clear as a fire bell, along with the names of the department's 343 dead.

"What I like about it," said French-born Michele Ahearn, visiting the site with her husband, "is the fact that it keeps on the tradition of many memorials in other cities. It's something people can relate to in 50 years, 100 years."

It's something that people can relate to today, too. "It brings it all back," is what people kept saying.

"It's amazing how sad it is," said Dale DeCost, a tourist.

Seeing the towers on fire again — this time in textured bronze — is almost more affecting than watching the video one more time. Video is for news stories. Bronze is for the ages.

And in 2,000 years, who's going to have a TV, anyway? Whether we advance to undreamed-of technology or return to the Stone Age, TV will have gone the way of the nickelodeon (and my VCR, for that matter). Bronze will remain imposing, inspiring.

I have no idea whether the actual World Trade Center memorial

— if and when it's built — will have this kind of impact. The twin pools may prove every bit as affecting as their inspiration, the Vietnam Memorial. Or they may turn out to be Vietnam Lite — a Maya Lin knockoff that will seem opaque and meaningless as the years go by and new generations can't visualize what happened there.

At the Vietnam Memorial, it seemed like a giant "duh" when vet groups insisted a sculpture of actual soldiers be added. Who needed it, when that black marble wall said it all?

The firehouse bronze does not seem fated to become that kind of asterisk.

Like Trajan's Column — its supposed source of inspiration — the bronze will bring future generations right back to our day. Like the firemen at the hydrant, they, too, may weep.

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LENORE SKENAZY

Seven indicted in alleged plot against Sears Tower

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A group of young men seized in a Miami warehouse have been charged in a federal indictment with conspiring with al-Qaida to "levy war against the United States" by committing acts of violence including blowing up Chicago's Sears Tower.

The seven individuals indicted by a federal grand jury were taken into custody Thursday when authorities swarmed the warehouse in the Liberty City area, removing a metal door with a blow torch. The indictment also alleges plans to blow a federal building in Miami in conjunction with the al-Qaida terrorist network.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and other top-level Bush administration officials scheduled a news conference for later Friday and a similar briefing was in Miami. The seven were expected to appear in court later Friday.

According to the indictment handed up Thursday, a young man identified as Narseal Batiste, beginning in November 2005, recruited and trained the others "for a mission to wage

war against the United States government," including a plot to destroy the Sears Tower.

To obtain money and support for their mission, the conspirators sought help from al-Qaida, pledged an oath to the terrorist organization and supported an al-Qaida plot to destroy FBI buildings, the four-count indictment charged.

Batiste met several times in December 2005 with a person purporting to be an al-Qaida member and asked for boots, uniforms, machine guns, radios, vehicles and \$50,000 in cash to help him build an "Islamic Army" to wage jihad," the indictment said. It said that Batiste said he would use his "soldiers" to destroy the Sears Tower.

In February 2006, it said, Batiste told the "al-Qaida representative" that he and his five soldiers wanted to attend al-Qaida training and planned a "full ground war" against the United States in order to "kill all the devils we can." His mission would "be just as good or greater than 9/11," the indictment accused Batiste of boasting.

The seven defendants were charged with conspiring to "maliciously damage and destroy by

U.S. gets access to banking records in fight against terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — A secret Bush administration program to track people suspected of bankrolling terrorism drew protests from Democrats in Congress Friday while Republicans defended the effort as vital to waging a global war against terrorism.

Treasury Department officials acknowledged that in the weeks immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks they obtained access to an extensive international financial data base in order to track down the sources of terrorist financing.

The information was obtained through use of subpoenas, which Stuart Levey, Treasury's undersecretary for terrorism and financial intelligence, called a "legal and proper use of our authorities."

Treasury Secretary John Snow insisted that

the effort was not "data mining or trolling through the private financial records of Americans. It is not a fishing expedition, but rather a sharp harpoon aimed at the heart of terrorist activity."

Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass. and co-chairman of the Congressional Privacy Caucus, said Friday that there were disturbing similarities between the bank monitoring program and the secret surveillance program for telephone calls that was revealed last year.

"Like the domestic surveillance program exposed last December, the Bush administration's efforts to tap into the financial records of thousands of Americans appear to rely on justifications concocted without regard to current law," Markey said in a statement.

means of an explosive" the FBI building in North Miami Beach and the Sears Tower in Chicago.

They were also charged with conspiring "to levy war against the government of the United

States, and to oppose by force the authority thereof."

Residents living near the warehouse said the men taken into custody described themselves as Muslims and had tried to

recruit young people to join their group. Tashawn Rose, 29, said they tried to recruit her younger brother and nephew for a karate class.

She said she talked to one of the men about a month ago. "They seemed brainwashed," she said. "They said they had given their lives to Allah."

Residents said FBI agents spent several hours in the neighborhood showing photos of the suspects and seeking information. They said the men had lived in the area for about a year.

Benjamin Williams, 17, said the group sometimes had young children with them. At times, he added, the men "would cover their faces. Sometimes they would wear things on their heads, like turbans."

Managers of the Sears Tower, the nation's tallest building, said in a statement they speak regularly with the FBI and local law enforcement about terror threats and that Thursday "was no exception."

Security at the 110-floor Sears Tower, a Chicago landmark, was ramped up after the Sept. 11 attacks, and the 103rd-floor skydeck was closed for about a month and a half.

"Law enforcement continues to tell us that they have never found evi-

dence of a credible terrorism threat against Sears Tower that has gone beyond criminal discussions," the statement said.

In Chicago early Friday, people headed to work in the Sears Tower knew about the potential threat but didn't plan to change their routines.

In addition to Batiste and Augustin the defendants were identified as Patrick Abraham, or "Brother Pat"; Stanley Grant Phanor, or "Brother Sunni"; Naudimar Herrera or "Brother Naudy"; Lyglenson Lemorin, also known as "Brother Levi" or Brother Levi-El; and Rotschild Augustine, or "Brother Rot."

The indictment described the alleged scheme this way:

At a meeting on March 16 at a warehouse in the Miami area, the seven defendants discussed a plot to bomb FBI buildings in five cities, it said, adding that each swore an oath of loyalty to al-Qaida there with the purported al-Qaida representative.

San Antonio seventh on list of largest U.S. cities

By ELIZABETH WHITE
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — It's cowboys over sunbathers, the Alamo over that "world famous" zoo and the Spurs over the Chargers.

Population estimates released this week by the U.S. Census Bureau show San Antonio is now larger than San Diego — by just 969 people — and has leaptfrogged to seventh on the list of the 10 largest U.S. cities. San Antonio's overtaking of San Diego was the only change among the top 10, the figures show.

San Antonio's population of 1,256,509 leaves it far behind Houston, the fourth-largest city in the nation and home to 2,016,582. Dallas is in ninth place with 1,213,825 people.

But the city-population estimates for July 1, 2005, are just that. Firmer figures won't be out until the 2010 Census, considered a complete count of the U.S. population.

As far as metropolitan areas go, San Antonio's is way down the list at No. 29, with Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Diego all ahead of it.

Still, said Texas state

demographer Steve Murdock, "San Antonio has the economy to support the growth and the physical space to offer expansion."

San Antonio Mayor Phil Hardberger said the city's growth was a double-edged sword.

"It's a good problem to have, but it's a problem," he said. "Getting bigger is not as much of a challenge as getting better."

He said the city is falling behind on the amount of green space it offers, has to work to maintain social services and education, and is concerned about other urban problems.

On the upside, Joe Krier, president and chief executive of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, said being one of only a handful of cities with more than 1 million people helps lure businesses.

"The good news of it is, it gives increased attention to our city when we are selling the city ... when we are visiting with people we want to move here," Krier said.

He noted that San Antonio has never really been a manufacturing city but nevertheless has

attracted a Toyota plant, set to open this year, and the thousands of jobs that come with it.

Barbara Johnson, president of the San Antonio Conservation Society, said the need for bigger and better infrastructure can encroach on history and amenities like parks.

"We know that growth is inevitable," she said. "It's how we manage that growth so we don't look like every other city in America."

San Antonio's downtown area is already distinguished by the River Walk, a series of restaurants, shops and stone pathways that line the winding San Antonio river. The city is considering blocking some chain businesses to maintain the River Walk's look. Just blocks away stands the Alamo, more than 200 years old.

San Antonio's growth has swung up and down since its start in the early 1700s, said James Schneider, associate professor of history at the University of Texas-San Antonio. The city was once the biggest in Texas and remained so into the 20th century. But then San Antonio "lost its

Fort Worth, in 19th place, and El Paso, in 21st place, round out the Texas cities among the 25 largest. Texas has more cities on the top 25 list than any state.

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News in brief

Panhandle sandstorm causes fatal pileup

LUBBOCK (AP) — A sandstorm blinded drivers on a Panhandle highway Thursday evening, causing a series of accidents that left one dead and 12 injured, the Department of Public Safety said.

James Brown, 71, of Lubbock, was killed when his car crashed into a tow truck that had stopped to assist with an accident on U.S. Highway 62/82 about five miles north of Brownfield, the DPS said.

DPS spokesman John Gonzalez said the fatal crash was one of 27 wrecks that occurred in an 11-mile stretch of the highway shortly after 5 p.m.

Twelve people were taken to area hospitals. The extent of their injuries was unknown.

"We had a domino effect," Gonzalez said in Friday editions of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "We had crashes from the Hockley County line to five miles north of Brownfield."

The National Weather Service reported wind gusts at 60 mph in Lubbock and 70 mph in other areas of the South Plains. The storm also dropped about a quarter-inch of rain on Lubbock, meteorologist Gary Skwirra said.

"Winds were fairly intense," he said.

2-year-old killed in apparent animal attack

EL PASO (AP) — A 2-year-old girl who wandered from a home was found dead Thursday after an apparent animal attack, El Paso County sheriff's investi-

gators said. The girl's body was found Thursday morning near a dog house more than a quarter of a block from the home in the eastern portion of the county.

"Officers arrived at the scene, began to search the area, and when they located the child they said she had been attacked by an animal," sheriff's spokesman Eddie Placencia said in a story in Thursday's online edition of the El Paso Times.

Deputies shot and killed a large dog that charged them in "an aggressive manner" before they took the girl's body to a safe area, according to a news release.

Sheriff's spokesman Rick Glancey wouldn't confirm that the dog had killed the girl.

"We're going to wait for an autopsy," he told The Associated Press. "We're not going to go with what appears to be an obvious sign. ... We're not going to rush to judgment."

Neither the girl's nor her parents' names was released because only one parent has been notified of the death, Glancey said.

Relatives said the girl was being watched by a neighbor before the attack. The woman taking care of the girl was not her normal caregiver, they said.

Conference aims to recruit youthful church ministers

AUSTIN (AP) — As the daughter and granddaughter of Presbyterian preachers, Laura Elly Hudson knew plenty about the ministry growing up — mostly that she didn't want any part of it.

The low pay was one reason. And the

long hours. Not to mention she was terrified of having to answer the most vexing spiritual questions at the toughest times in people's lives.

Experts say those and other concerns are discouraging young adults from pursuing careers in church ministry and have led to a 20-year decline among mainline denominations in the number of clergy under 35.

Churches, denominations and religious organizations are now trying to reverse that trend to ensure a new generation of pastors are ready to replace the many Baby Boomer ministers preparing to retire.

About 150 college and seminary students are gathering in Austin through Sunday to explore what it means to pastor a church — and what it doesn't. They're participating in a conference sponsored by the Fund for Theological Education, an ecumenical group that tries to recruit and support young ministers.

Jury selected for Yates retrial

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury of eight men and seven women was selected Thursday to hear the second trial of

Andrea Yates, who has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity in the drowning deaths of her children five years ago this week.

The 15-member panel includes three alternates, who will be released before deliberations in the capital murder trial begin.

Defense attorneys said they were pleased with the jury, calling it a diverse, intelligent group. They said they were not surprised that all 120 in the jury pool said they had heard about the case, including about three dozen who said they couldn't be impartial based on what they had already heard.

"I think you'd have to be living in a cave not to have heard about this case," said Wendell Odum, one of Yates' attorneys.

Prosecutors declined to comment after the jury was selected. Opening statements were set for Monday.

Yates' 2002 conviction was overturned on appeal last year because of some erroneous testimony.

If convicted of capital murder, Yates, 41, will be sentenced to life in prison. After the first jury rejected the death penalty and decided on a life term, prosecutors could not seek death again because they did not find new evidence.

House sends estate tax reduction bill to the Senate

By MARY DALRYMPLE
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON — The House kicked an estate tax reduction into the Senate's court, hoping to score points with voters before the November elections.

President Bush and other Republicans who want to kill the tax entirely have settled instead for reducing it after a vote earlier this month in the Senate showed there wasn't enough support to abolish it.

Just reducing what opponents of the tax call the "death tax" will require some help from Senate Democrats.

"It takes 60 votes to get things done around here," said Eric Ueland, chief of staff for Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. "When we act, we want as little lead in our shoes as possible going for the slam dunk."

"It's going to be close," said Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss.

The House voted 269-156 on Thursday to cut taxes on inherited estates and relieve thousands of heirs from paying the tax collector. Beginning in 2010, estates worth up to \$5 million for an individual and \$10 million for couples would escape taxation.

The White House said that while the bill falls short of complete repeal, it "provides significant relief from the death tax."

The bill restores estate taxes in 2010, the one year that they had been repealed under Bush's first tax cut. The bill cuts the estate tax in years after.

Congressional tax experts estimated that if the changes become law, only 5,100 estates would face taxation when the changes are fully in effect in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2011. The Internal Revenue Service levied taxes on more than 30,000 estates in 2004, the most recent figure available.

The \$5 million and \$10 million exemptions would increase automatically each year to keep pace with inflation.

After the exemptions, estates worth up to \$25 million would be taxed at rates equal to those on capital gains, currently 15 percent but scheduled to rise to 20 percent in 2011.

The remainder of any larger estates would be taxed at rates twice that of capital gains, or 30 percent at first and 40 percent when the scheduled capital gains tax increase takes effect.

The bill would let a sur-

living spouse take any unused portion of a deceased spouse's exemption, but it also would eliminate the federal deduction for estate and inheritance taxes levied by states.

Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation estimated the tax reductions amount to roughly \$283 billion from 2006 to 2016.

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CHURCH NEWS

Baptist Temple Church

Sail into Vacation Bible School at Baptist Temple Church June 26-30 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The loud music, exciting Bible stories, yummy food and fun crafts are perfect summer boredom-busters. The kick-off party Saturday is from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kids 4 years through sixth grade are welcome.

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship is at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday night services, Mission Friends, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, youth, adult and prayer service are at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact the church office at 267-8287 or visit the Web site at www.baptist-templechurch.org.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Tuesday, the Senior Saints have a fellowship and game night in the multi-purpose center from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and at 5 p.m. Midweek service is at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

For more information or a ride to church, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

Berea Baptist Church

Vacation Bible School at Berea Baptist Church,

which was to begin Monday and continue through June 29, has been cancelled. The team from Calvary Baptist Church in Oak Cliff will not be here because of illnesses within the leadership family.

The church members very much appreciate the investment this church has made in Berea during the past several years. Members are praying for a speedy recovery for their pastor, Bro. Ted Kiser. Church members are also praying for God's care and comfort in the life of one of the families. A lady who has been a leader and encourager at Calvary is gravely ill.

Berea is located at 4204 Wesson Road. The schedule of services is Sunday morning Bible study at 9:45 a.m. with worship at 11 a.m. The evening service is at 6 p.m. For more information or to request transportation, call 267-8438, or e-mail bereabaptistchurch@crcom.net.

Salem Baptist Church

Sunday school is at 10 a.m., morning worship is at 11 a.m., and evening worship is at 6 p.m. A nursery is available for those with young children. A special children's service is held during the morning worship service for pre-k to 12 years of age. Wednesday evening service is at Parkplace at 6 p.m. Salem is located at

the corner of Old Colorado City Highway and Salem Road. The pastor is Bro. Monroe Teeters. Contact the church at 394-4655.

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, our new pastor, Dr. Shane Brue's sermon topic will be "The Heart of Worship" based on Mark 12:29-31. This week the Emmaus Women's Walk No. 43 Music Team will be featured.

There will be an old fashioned ice cream social in Garrett Hall Sunday evening at 6 p.m. for the congregation to meet with our new pastor, his wife and family.

Tuesday evening the Hispanic Ministry will again sponsor the Project Light class featuring English instruction. More computers are needed for this increasingly popular class which meets from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Bible Study and luncheon will be held at noon Wednesday in Garrett Hall.

Wednesday, phone-

tographs for the new church directory will begin to be taken. Appointments are still available; call the church office at 257-6394.

First United Methodist Church will hold Vacation Bible School for children pre-K through fourth grade from 9 a.m. to noon July 24-28.

For additional information on these and other programs and activities, contact the church located in downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry streets.

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

Elder Joseph Wyles of the Luling PBC, is scheduled to be the guest minister at the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church for the Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Bible study is each Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

Visitors are always warmly welcomed to both services.

Church location is 201 East 24th St. For more

information, call John Wayne Metcalf at 394-4067 or Dennis Walker at 264-1363.

First Presbyterian

The text for Sunday is taken from Mark 4:35-41. Brenda Deily will be leading worship service. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten is held at 10:35 a.m. Worship service will be held in the Chapel due to construction in front of the sanctuary.

The church-wide camp out begins Friday at Davis Mountain State Park. Activities conclude noon Sunday following worship service. On Wednesday, Bible study is 5:17 p.m., youth group begins at 5 p.m. and choir practice is at 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church is located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth streets. For more information, call 263-4211.

Friends of Unity

Everyone is invited to watch a video about contemplative prayer called

"Be Still and Know That I Am God" at 2 p.m. Sunday at the center. The center is located in the East Boxcar in the Railroad Plaza in downtown Big Spring.

First Assembly of God

Joe Whitten Prison Ministries will be presenting "His Children" in concert this Sunday evening at 6. The service will include many testimonies. Whitten Prison Ministry is doing work for the Lord in this very needed field labor. According to a recent report, the United States now has a greater number of prisoners per capita in our prisons than any other nation in the world.

The American Correctional Association endorses the Joe Whitten Prison Ministries. It is a nondenominational, non-profit organization under the direction of Joe Whitten. He is a native of Oklahoma with a Texas education. He is a graduate of West Texas State University with a master's degree from the University of Texas.

California Episcopal priest resigns over past sex abuse allegations

CLAYTON, Calif. (AP) — Pressed by his bishop and public protests, an Episcopal priest is leaving the clergy over a sexual relationship with a 14-year-old girl decades ago.

The Rev. John Bennison, 58, of St. John's parish in Clayton near San Francisco, who is married with two children, admitted to the past sexual relationship while serving in the Los Angeles Diocese.

A 1993 church investigation said the relationship lasted four years and was one of several alleged affairs.

Unity announces selection of a new president

UNITY VILLAGE, Mo. (AP) — Charlotte D. Shelton has been named president and chief executive officer of Unity, a religious movement based in suburban Kansas City.

Shelton, a department chair in the school of management at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, has been involved in Unity for more than 30 years. She will assume leadership over the next nine months and succeed Tom Zender, who retires next February.

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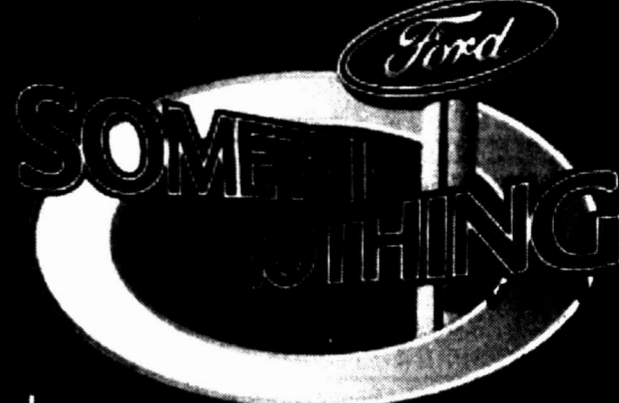
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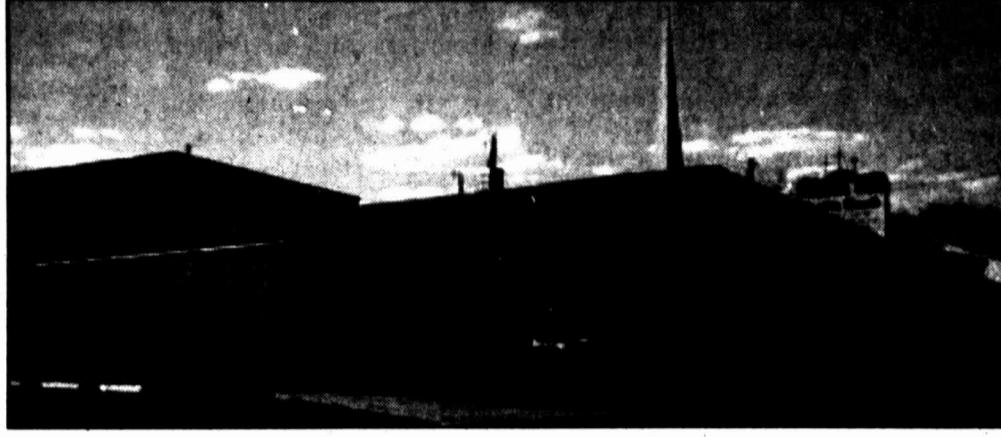
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IN BRIEF

Softball tourney set for July 15-16 at Cotton Mize Park

The first-ever Ball Busters Softball Tournament will take place July 15-16 at Cotton Mize Field inside of Comanche Trail Park.

The tourney costs \$125 per team and trophies and T-shirts will be awarded to the top three teams. There is also a six home run limit.

For more information, contact Amador Rios at 432-466-1128, Pete Carrillo at 432-816-1245 or Abel Rios at 432-213-2115.

Sandlot softball tourney set for first weekend in July

A softball tournament hosted by the Big Spring sandlot softball team will be held July 1-2 at Cotton Mize Park inside of Comanche Trail Park.

The top three teams will receive trophies, the top two teams get T-shirts and there will also be MVP and golden gloves honors awarded as well.

For more information, contact Ben Flores at 267-4226 or 816-1262.

BSGSA to hold ragball tournament

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association (BSGSA) will be having its annual co-ed ragball tournament June 30 and July 1 at the Roy Anderson Complex.

The cost of the tourney is \$110 per team and each team will play at least six games.

Interested participants can register at the complex between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. June 30. The first game starts at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Ron Shafer at 432-213-3747.

Comanche Trail sets 'best of rest' golf tournament

The Comanche Trail Golf Course has announced that its annual 'best of the rest' golf tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday.

The entry fee for each two-person team is \$160. There will be free food on the course for all participants.

For more info, call 264-2398 or fax team info to 263-2563.

BSGSA announces softball camp for middle of July

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association (BSGSA) will be having its annual softball camp for middle of July.

The camp will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 15 and 16 at Cotton Mize Park.

For more information, contact Amador Rios at 432-466-1128, Pete Carrillo at 432-816-1245 or Abel Rios at 432-213-2115.

Rice's offense disappears as OSU advances to finals

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Jonah Nickerson pitched 7 2-3 shutout innings in his second outstanding start in four days, leading Oregon State to a 2-0 victory over Rice Thursday night and into the championship round of the College World Series.

Oregon State (48-15), which advanced from the losers' bracket after falling to Miami on the tournament's first day, will take on North Carolina (53-13) in a best-of-three series starting Saturday night. The matchup assures

there will be a first-time national champion: Neither school has won the College World Series. Nickerson (13-4) took the ball for the Beavers after going seven strong innings in a 5-3 win over Georgia on Monday. The junior right-hander

allowed two hits, struck out nine and walked three in this one, and was replaced by star closer Kevin Gunderson after fanning pinch-hitter Adam Zornes. Gunderson struck out Tyler Henley, and pitched a perfect ninth for his

19th save, tying him with Kansas' Don Czyz for the national lead. Rice (57-13) was shut out by Oregon State for the second straight game after falling 5-0 Wednesday. Rice failed to score in a CWS-record 23 consecutive innings.

Ghana ends U.S. run at World Cup

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer NUREMBERG, Germany — There was no glory for the United States at this year's World Cup, only frustration and failure.

The Americans were eliminated in the first round, losing to Ghana 2-1 Thursday in a game they had to win to advance to the tournament's knockout phase.

With thousands of red, white and blue-clad fans cheering them on in Franken-Stadion, the Americans fell flat against a Black Stars team that was stronger and faster.

Surprising Ghana advanced along with Italy from Group E.

It was a bitter ending for the United States, which carried high hopes — and a No. 5 world ranking from FIFA — onto soccer's biggest stage. Four years ago, the Americans made the quarterfinals of the World

Cup. Haminu Draman put the Africans ahead in the 22nd minute, breaking in alone on goalkeeper Kasey Keller after colliding with Claudio Reyna, who crumpled to the ground in pain.

The United States, which has never won a World Cup game in which it trailed, tied it when Clint Dempsey scored in the 43rd minute with a smashing 10-yard shot off a perfect feed from DaMarcus Beasley. But Ghana captain Stephen Appiah converted a penalty kick in the second minute of first-half injury time after American defender Oguchi Onyewu was called for a foul in the penalty area.

The Black Stars out-fouled the Americans 32-16.

Eddie Johnson entered in the 61st minute as the United States pressed, and Brian McBride nearly tied it again in the 66th, but his diving header inside the 6-yard box



USA fans are dejected after the Americans lost to Ghana, 2-1, in the World Cup Thursday in Nuremberg, Germany. The Americans failed to advance out of Group E, but recorded its first point in World Cup action played on European soil.

clanked off the near post. A minute later, Onyewu sent a header off Landon Donovan's corner kick just over the crossbar.

In order to advance, the Americans needed a victory and some help.

They got the needed assistance when Italy defeated the Czech Republic 2-0 in a game

played simultaneous in Hamburg. But the United States (0-2-1) didn't come through and finished the tournament with one point — its first in a World Cup played in Europe, but not enough to escape the basement in Group E.

Italy (2-0-1) won the group with seven points

and Ghana (2-1) advanced with six points.

Reyna was taken off the field on a stretcher, grimacing, but returned in the 26th minute, just about the time Italy went ahead of the Czechs. Still looking pained, he was replaced by Ben Olsen in the 40th minute and went to the bench.

Texas avoids sweep with close victory

• Rheinecker allows two earned runs, moves to 3-1 on year

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer ARLINGTON — Michael Young got the go-ahead hit and the Texas Rangers beat the San Diego Padres 5-3 Thursday to avoid a series sweep and a losing homestand.

Young's two-run single in the fifth inning gave the Rangers a 3-2 lead before Hank Blalock's two-run double, when Mark Teixeira scored the second run on a disputed call.

Teixeira was clearly tagged out by catcher Josh Bard before sliding across the plate. But when Bard gathered himself and reached up to show his mitt, the ball rolled out and umpire Tim McClelland signaled safe.

Padres manager Bruce Bochy was ejected after



KRT photo/Richard W. Rodriguez, Fort Worth Star-Telegram Texas Rangers' Ian Kinsler forces out San Diego Padres' Josh Barfield at second base. The Rangers defeated the Padres, 5-3, at Ameriquest Field in Arlington Thursday.

coming out to argue. San Diego then pulled starter Clay Hensley (4-6), who didn't allow a hit until Young singled leading off the fourth.

Rod Barajas had an RBI double after Jason Botts' leadoff walk in the fifth for the Rangers, who finished 5-5 on their homestand. Gary Matthews Jr.

had a one-out walk in the inning before Young's second hit, and Teixeira walked.

John Rheinecker (3-1) allowed 11 hits over 5 1-3 innings, but the Padres managed only two runs against him.

Akinori Otsuka worked

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Rocket's debut ends with Houston defeat

• Twins' rookie hurler Liriano sharp in win against Clemens

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer HOUSTON — Roger Clemens was upstaged by a rookie almost half his age.

Francisco Liriano, Minnesota's 22-year-old phenom, pitched seven scoreless innings to lead the Twins to a 4-2 win over the Houston Astros Thursday night in Clemens' big debut.

Beginning his 23rd major league season, Clemens (0-1) was looking for his 342nd win. But instead it was Liriano, only 7 months old when Clemens started his big league career, that earned his eighth victory.

The 43-year-old Clemens, a seven-time Cy Young Award winner, left after throwing 100 pitches in five innings. It was his first major league start since leaving Game 1 of the World Series exactly

eight months ago with a strained hamstring. He allowed six hits and two runs while striking out four and walking two.

Liriano (7-1) gave up just four hits in eight innings and didn't allow a run until Jason Lane's two-run homer in the eighth, helping the Twins to their ninth win in 10 games and their fourth straight series victory.

Joe Nathan worked the ninth for his 11th save. The sellout crowd of 43,769 was the largest in the history of Houston's ballpark.

Clemens, who wears jersey No. 22, re-signed with the Astros on May 31 for a one-year contract worth \$22,000,022. Since he's joining the team late, he'll get a portion of that amount. He had three tuneup starts in the minors before joining the Astros.

Early on, he showed his signature pinpoint control. Two of Clemens' first three pitches were 91 mph fastballs for strikes.

Knicks fire Brown, GM Thomas takes over as coach

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer NEW YORK — Isiah Thomas spent around \$125 million of James Dolan's money to assemble one of the worst teams in Knicks history.

On Thursday, Dolan decided it was time for somebody to pay for the fiasco — and it wasn't Thomas.

Instead, Larry Brown was fired and Thomas was rewarded with even more responsibility, becoming the new coach

on top of his duties as team president and general manager.

The long-expected move came more than a month after it was first reported in the New York papers, and two months after Thomas vowed that Brown would return next season with a changed roster.

Dolan decided he preferred to change coaches again, and fired Brown from his "dream job" with four years and a reported \$40 million left

on his contract.

Thomas becomes the Knicks' fifth coach in the last three years. Don Chaney left during the 2003-04 season, and was followed by Lenny Wilkens, Herb Williams and Brown.

Dolan and Thomas didn't speak to the media Thursday, but issued a statement.

"Larry has had a long and storied career. We hired him last summer with the expectation that he would be with the

Knicks for a long time," Dolan said. "Sometimes decisions work and sometimes they don't."

"After careful consideration, despite the best intentions from everyone involved, this current structure did not work for us last season and I did not think it was going to improve next season."

It couldn't have gotten any worse: With a 23-59 record, the Knicks matched the franchise record for losses in a season, and Brown barely

surpassed the worst record of his Hall of Fame career.

"There will be a day when I have my full say," Brown told the *Daily News*.

"I don't think today's an appropriate time to comment on everything that's gone on. But I'm just going to say this: Nobody gets to say that I came to New York, and to the Garden, and didn't want to win."

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Mavericks move on after loss in finals

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Don't worry Mavs fans: Dirk Nowitzki was bored, not despondent, when he took a razor to his head the day after the NBA finals.

"It's summertime," Nowitzki said Thursday, showing off a clean-shaven face and head. "Sitting home yesterday, I was disappointed, obviously, frustrated. I had to do something."

On the day the Dallas Mavericks were hoping to host a winner-take-all Game 7 against the Miami Heat, everyone instead was getting on with their lives.

From Nowitzki sporting his new haircut to Marquis Daniels flashing a diamond grill in his mouth to Darrell Armstrong showing up in golf attire and a bucket hat, the change from championship mode to summer vacation was stark.

Banners were coming down around the arena and seats that had been removed for the media were being bolted back in. Instead of using an interview room with NBA logo backdrops, players were asked to stand on a makeshift podium of four boxes of programs shoved together by TV cameramen seeking better angles.

"This ain't the NBA finals any more," Jason Terry said, laughing, when told he really was

supposed to step up there. In the locker room, coach Avery Johnson gave one last talk to the entire team. Terry said it included a final huddle with everyone stacking hands in the middle.

"We had to do it twice," he said, "because it just felt like there was another game to play."

Instead, players said their goodbyes to each other, then headed for their cars. Guys left carrying signed team placards, a framed team photo from their tux-and-tennis gala, and bags full of gear — some leaving for only a few weeks, some never to return as Mavericks.

The business of the off-season begins next week with the draft, then the start of free agency. Terry is the marquee Mavs player on the market and he continued saying how much he'd like to remain in Dallas. Johnson and entrenched teammates Nowitzki and Josh Howard all said how much they hope Terry returns.

"I'm going to do whatever is humanly possible to make sure that we keep this thing going in the right direction," Johnson said. "But I feel we're close. You watched it. We're not a team that's far off. I think we have a lot of solid pieces. We had a good foundation. We have a championship-quality product that our fans can be proud of."



Courtesy photo
The Big Spring 12U all-stars were recently selected by coaches of the Big Spring Softball Association. Front row, from left: Gabi Torres, Angelina Castillo, Mari Carrillo, Meagan McElroy and Marissa Islas. Middle: Kimberly Mier, Ashley Buzbee, Belle Feaster, Kirsten Marquez, Keyv O'Brien and Robyn Castle. Back: Coaches Marian Buzbee, Alicia Buzbee, Stan Feaster and Eddie Castillo. The team will participate in the West Texas All-Star Tournament in Midland July 16.

RANGERS

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the ninth for his 14th save in 16 chances.

The Padres had seven hits before finally scoring on Vinny Castilla's sacrifice fly in the fourth. Josh Barfield followed with an RBI double. Giles had a run-scoring single in the seventh.

Hensley retired his first eight batters before walking No. 9 hitter Jerry Hairston in the third. After shortstop Khalil Greene made a nifty play on a grounder with two on to end the fourth, Hensley couldn't get out of trouble the next inning.

Hensley, 0-3 in his last four starts, allowed five runs and six hits over 4 1/3 innings.

IN BRIEF

Base Club sets date for car wash

The Big Spring Base Club will be having a car wash Saturday at Jiffy Car Wash on West Fourth Street from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The organization is charging \$10 for cars and \$15 for SUVs. The club will wash the outside of the vehicle and give it a spot-free rinse.

The money raised will be used to give away scholarships and for the group's family banquet at the end of the year.

KNICKS

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But it may not have been the losses that sealed Brown's fate. His public criticism of players, especially Stephon Marbury, probably bothered Dolan just as much.

So now Thomas gets another shot at coaching. He went 131-115 with three playoff appearances in three seasons with the Indiana Pacers before Larry Bird fired him after becoming president of basketball operations in 2003.

Thomas joined the Knicks' front office later that year, but hasn't distinguished himself as an executive. Despite the league's highest payroll this season, New York hasn't made the playoffs since 2004 and hasn't won a postseason game since

2001. Chants of "Fire Isiah!" were heard last season at Madison Square Garden.

He came under even more fire in January when Anucha Browne Sanders, the Knicks' former senior vice president of marketing and business operations, filed a sexual harassment lawsuit against him.

Brown was supposed to help turn around his hometown team. He led the Pistons to the finals in both seasons in Detroit, winning the title in 2004.

But his tenure came to an ugly end when the Pistons, tired of his career-long flirtation with other jobs, bought out his contract last summer. The Knicks hired him for five years and a reported \$50 million, but never could have imagined how poorly things would turn out.



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Opening night of the 73rd annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo was postponed Thursday night due to heavy thunderstorms in Big Spring, but the annual parade went on as scheduled. Clockwise from left: 1) Briana Walton, 4, shows off candy she picked up from parade participants; 2) Members of the Odessa Scooter Patrol wave to the crowd; 3) Rodeo clowns throw candy and wave to the people; 4) A participant in the parade shows off his American spirit while driving in his "little" antique vehicle. Thursday night's rodeo was made up this morning at 10 a.m. Tonight's portion of the rodeo will begin at 8 p.m. with the grand entry. The gates to the event open at 7 p.m.

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Golf Insider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Hips and hands: together at impact

By T.J. TOMASI
Universal Press Syndicate

I often see golfers whose hand position at the top of the swing doesn't match their hip action. The most powerful impact occurs not by conscious manipulation but by synchronizing your hips/hands package so that the energy "dump" from the golfer, through the shaft and into the ball occurs on time.

Hips that move laterally before they rotate are in effect "slow" because there is a delay or a wait before they turn — a window of time that gives the hands a chance to catch up.

"Fast" hips rotate early in the downswing with only a touch of lateral movement before they turn. They arrive at their appointed impact position sooner, with minimal delay.

To swing your best, you need to coordinate your hands and hips so they match, slow with slow; fast with fast. You can see that slow hips and fast hands are mismatched unless you like to pull the ball way to the left. The fast hips/slow hands duo isn't any better because your club head will be late for impact, causing the ball to go right of the target.

If you consistently leave the ball to the right of target and you're right-handed, either your hips are too fast or your hands are too slow. Try lowering your hands at the top of your backswing, using what feels like a three-quarter swing. If you're still having problems, combine this with a more lateral hip move to start the downswing.

If you're pulling the ball, do the reverse: Raise your hands a bit and turn your hips a little sooner.



From the top of the swing it's a race to impact between my hands and hips. My hands have a long way to go (about 18 times farther than the hips) from where they are in the first photo, but both my hands and the club head must get back in front of my body in time for impact in the second photo. I have to coordinate my hips/hands package for the club head to arrive at the ball when it should, full of energy and looking down the target line.



THE GOLF DOCTOR

The out force

You can learn something valuable about what happens during your downswing by understanding the principle behind the "out force" — the force that tries to separate your club from your body during your downswing. Imagine you're riding in a golf cart that's moving along a gently curving cart path. Without warning the driver of the cart swerves sharply to the left and suddenly accelerates off in a new direction. If you're not holding on, you'll be thrown out of the cart approximately in the direction

you were going when the driver turned.

The same thing happens to your club during the downswing. Your body is the cart, and if you're not alert when it changes directions and turns back toward the target, your club will be pulled outward toward the ball, causing your arms and hands to fly away from you. The result is a heeled shot or even worse — the hosel rocket.

To prevent this from happening, keep the inside of your upper front arm pinned against your chest while you swing (this is called connection).

This preserves the radius of your golf swing, and even though your elbow bends after impact, it never separates from your upper chest, staying tightly grafted to it as you swing back and through the ball.

To get the feeling of the melding of your front arm and chest, tie some surgical rubber tubing around your chest so that it pins your left arm to your upper chest. The tubing should be flexible enough to allow your left arm to slide across your chest, but tight enough to warn you when your arm tries to separate outward from its hub.

—T.J. Tomasi

COMMENTARY



Phil Mickelson, left, and Colin Montgomerie both double-bogeyed the 72nd hole at the U.S. Open on Sunday, handing the victory to Geoff Ogilvy.

File photos by Cox News Service

Lefty, Monty let it slip away

By ALAN TAYS
Cox News Service

Mamaroneck, N.Y. Both have both worn the irritating crown that sits on the head of the "best player never to win a major," so Phil Mickelson and Colin Montgomerie are no strangers to disappointment. Mickelson's recent success (three majors since 2004) and Montgomerie's advancing age (he'll be 43 next week) have softened their critics, but both are well-versed in the art of taking the defensive in front of a microphone.

Yet after each staged his own personal "Meltdown at Winged Foot" on Sunday, done in by double bogeys on the final hole of a U.S. Open whose crown was within reach, both players reacted with remarkable candor.

Maybe they were just too shell-shocked to play defense anymore. "I am such an idiot" was one of the first statements out of Mickelson's mouth, and though he has been known to be self-deprecating, few had ever heard him say anything so soul-baring.

It wasn't quite Roberto De Vicenzo saying "What a stupid I am" after signing an incorrect scorecard for the final round of the 1968 Masters, but it will be long remembered nevertheless.

Mickelson had the look of — if the cliché fits, use it — the proverbial deer in the headlights. It's not easy to stand up and tell the world how much you hurt, but that's exactly what he did.

"This one hurts more than any tournament because I had it won," he said. "I came out here a week or two ago in the evenings, just spending the evenings on the last four holes thinking that I would just need to make four pars, that there's a good chance if

"This one hurts more than any tournament because I had it won."

PHIL MICKELSON

On his 18th-hole collapse

"This is the first time I've really messed up."

COLIN MONTGOMERIE

Comparing this U.S. Open to other close calls in the past.

I can just make four pars on Sunday, I could do it."

He made pars on the 15th and 17th holes, but bogeyed the 16th and double-bogeyed the 18th. "It hurts because I had it in my grasp and just let it go. As opposed to somebody making a long putt or what have you."

Mickelson calmly answered questions that broached the subject, not in so many words, of the re-appearance of "the old Phil," the golfer who often took foolish risks and usually paid dearly for them.

Was he playing for par or bogey on his second shot on 18? (Translation: Why didn't you play a safer second shot from behind the left-side trees and get to the green in three shots, taking double bogey out of the equation?)

"I was playing for a par," he said. "If I would make par, I would win the tournament. I just thought, 'I can slice this.'"

Did he consider hitting a fairway wood off the 18th tee instead of his driver?

"I didn't have a 3-wood," he

said. "I carried only a 4-wood. I felt like if I hit 4-wood and missed the fairway, I'd be too far back to do any good... I just tried to go to that little bread-and-butter carve-slice, like I used at 13 at Augusta and some other holes, and over-cut that, too."

Inevitably, the questions went back to his disappointment.

"I think the biggest reason why this is so disappointing is that this is a tournament that I dreamt of winning as a kid," Mickelson said. He talked about spending "countless hours practicing, dreaming of winning this tournament.... (I) had it right there in my hand, man. It was right there and I let it go. I just cannot believe I did that."

Montgomerie, who still hasn't won a major or any tournament on U.S. soil, for that matter, seemed quite chipper. Asked to talk about the last hole, he quipped, "The last hole I played was 17 actually, so that was good. Seventeen was a drive outright and a 5-iron, through the trees and a 40-foot putt. That was the last hole of golf I played."

He refused to let the difficulty of the 18th hole mitigate his performance. "It's a very tricky hole," he said, "but it shouldn't be that tricky from the fairway."

Second to Ernie Els twice in previous Opens (1994 and 1997), Montgomerie said this experience was different.

"This is the first time I've really messed up. Other chances I've had, other players have done very well.... You're entitled to a couple of mess-ups along the way."

It's doubtful Mickelson is looking at the Open that way this week. In a few days or weeks or maybe even years, he might. Then he and Montgomerie will have one more thing in common.

SCHEDULE

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• Site: Potomac, Md.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
• Course: TPC at Avenel (7,005 yards, par 71).
• Purse: \$5 million. Winner's share: \$900,000.
• TV: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and ABC (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

LPGA TOUR
Wegmans LPGA
• Site: Pittsford, N.Y.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
• Course: Locust Hill Country Club (6,221 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$1.8 million. Winner's share: \$270,000.
• TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday, 6:30-9 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 3:40-6:30 p.m.; Monday, 3-4:30 a.m.).

CHAMPIONS TOUR
Commerce Bank Championship
• Site: East Meadow, N.Y.
• Schedule: Friday-Sunday
• Course: Eisenhower Park, Red Course (6,989 yards, par 70).
• Purse: \$1.5 million. Winner's share: \$225,000.
• TV: The Golf Channel (Friday, 1:30-4 p.m., 10:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.; Saturday, 1:30-4 p.m., 9:30-11:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1:30-4 p.m., 10:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.).

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR
Johnnie Walker Championship
• Site: Gleneagles, Scotland.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
• Course: Gleneagles Hotel, PGA Centenary Course (7,260 yards, par 73).
• Purse: \$2.58 million. Winner's share: \$429,425.
• TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-noon).

NATIONWIDE TOUR
Chattanooga Classic
• Site: Chattanooga, Tenn.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
• Course: Black Creek Club (7,044 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$475,000. Winner's share: \$85,500.
• TV: None.

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1. Tiger Woods	10.38
2. Phil Mickelson	10.38
3. Vijay Singh	10.38
4. Retief Goosen	7.72
5. Jim Furyk	7.72
6. Adam Scott	5.91
7. Ernie Els	5.91
8. Geoff Ogilvy	5.61
9. Sergio Garcia	5.61
10. David Howell	5.08
11. Luke Donald	4.79
12. Jose Maria Olazabal	4.41
13. Tiger Woods	4.41
14. Chad Campbell	4.04
15. Tiger Woods	4.04
16. Stuart Appleby	3.92
17. Tiger Woods	3.92
18. Tiger Woods	3.92
19. Tiger Woods	3.92
20. Chris DiMarco	3.71

MONEY LEADERS PGA TOUR	
Player	Money
2. Geoff Ogilvy	\$3,919,394
3. Tiger Woods	\$3,919,394
4. Vijay Singh	\$3,147,720
5. Tiger Woods	\$2,489,292
6. Adam Scott	\$2,489,292
7. Tiger Woods	\$2,406,661
8. Chad Campbell	\$2,406,661
9. Tiger Woods	\$2,357,487
10. R. Sabbatini	\$2,357,487

LPGA TOUR	
Player	Money
2. Karrie Webb	\$1,120,500
3. Tiger Woods	\$719,789
4. Mi Hyun Kim	\$719,789

ASK THE PRO

Q: This year will be my second year playing in the member-guest at my club. Last year I invited my best friend, and it didn't work out well. We got into it a few times, so I'm going to invite someone else. My question is how do I pick a partner? It's nine-hole matches with a 18-hole qualifying. —R.L., from the Web

A: There are some players you should think twice about partnering up with. You've already found out about the "best buddy" category, so here are some other things to look out for:

1. If you know for a fact that a guy can't putt, don't take him as your partner. Bad putting will eventually do your team in.
2. Any guy who talks about every shot he hit after the round probably isn't going to make a good partner. Guys who yan-

mer that much about their own games are usually trying to explain that they didn't play that bad, they just couldn't catch any breaks. The sign of a potentially good partner is that other people are always talking about how good he played.

3. A player who depends on gamesmanship to win is probably not a good partner. The only game you want to play is golf.

4. Back off from someone who calls a lot of rules violations — he probably isn't focusing on outplaying the opponent. You want to play by the rules, not win by them.

These tournaments are great fun if you choose the right partner. Remember, you have to spend an entire weekend with him, so think twice in May before you invite for August.



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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The Gemini moon welcomes Venus into the realm of doubles, where she'll transit through July 18. No matter how settled in a certain groove your love life may be, there's still a wonder of what life would look like if you chose differently. The concept of the "evil twin" may come into play - wouldn't it be great to blame things on such a person? ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everyone thinks you're funny, but be honest - are you masking fear or pain with humor? This is a good day to take an honest look into your heart to check in with your feelings. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your taste is simple - the best of everything. So when loved ones say they don't know how to please you, it's really that they're afraid of disappointing you. Be gentle and provide clues. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're still resisting the notion of taking better care of yourself - silly Gemini! Selfishness isn't always a negative. You'll have so much more to give once you return to a centered, relaxed, healthy state. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Being strong is your "thing." The stars send



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Tomorrow's Horoscope

even more emotionally strapping individuals to help you carry your load. Dare to give up some baggage. Weakness has its charms, too. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Aim ridiculously high. While striving to supernatural heights, you might only land on the level of "great," which has rich rewards. But if you were to aim for "great," you might only land on "adequate" - far less rewarding. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're in control, and it's a good thing, because you're the only one who knows what's going on. Stopping to train others takes too much time, so you're a solo act until the job gets done. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Reading and music are good for your soul. The more you learn, the more interesting tonight's date will be. If you don't have a date for tonight, make one - you'll have a fantastic time. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A person without a sense of humor is like a car without shock absorbers - every bump in the road causes a jolt. Yours will be a smooth ride with lots of laughter. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're the goose who lays golden eggs now, and many people would love to steal you away. Beware of people who are only interested in what you can do for them. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The stars suggest you'll be swept into the

romance of wanting. You're probably not even sure what exactly it is you want, but you want it passionately. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll capture your moments of loveliness. However, don't spoil something gorgeous by trying to make it last forever. Beauty is a temporary state. That's what makes it beautiful. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The more you can do to prove to yourself that you don't need someone, the more they'll feel drawn to you. So run and let them chase. Cat-and-mouse games like this aren't usually your style, but they work now. WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: Venus in Gemini highlights an intellectual love connection. ARIES: A change in your appearance attracts new interest. TAURUS: Not getting what you want is a blessing, and by Sunday, you'll know why! GEMINI: You'll be running from whoever tries to pin you down. CANCER: You want a relationship that's deep and important - but this means something different to everyone. LEO: When you have an issue with a loved one, he or she is the best person to tell. VIRGO: Dare to let someone else lead - you'll love where they take you. LIBRA: Love is wonderful with one who brings out your creative spirit. SCORPIO: The one who changes his/her mind all the time will

finally come to a decision that sticks. SAGITTARIUS: The urge to get close to one who doesn't want to be close is overwhelming - and destructive. CAPRICORN: You're embroiled in an interesting competition for love. AQUARIUS: If what you see is what you get, then it's time to look beyond the superficial and see the endless, unlimited potential in your love situation. PISCES: Stay out of gossip, and don't put anyone in the hot seat, including yourself. COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Cancer and Pisces are two water signs with much in common, including a sixth sense about what the other finds irresistibly sexy. Both enjoy a respectable home and surroundings that include supportive family and friends. Together, they make an enviable and stylish couple. Behind closed doors, they may be critical of one another, but they can usually work out differences. Making up is sublime.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: I am a college student who has found living off campus to be far cheaper than living in a dorm. I live in a five-bedroom house with five other girls. I share a room with "Jane," and the other four girls have their own rooms.

We have been talking to other students who share rooms and realize that many are paying a much smaller share. Jane and I have considered approaching our other roommates about this, but we don't know how much less we should be paying. What is an appropriate way to split the cost of housing if four have their

own rooms and two are sharing? Any suggestions? - Cramped and Poor in Ohio

I have hawked my valuables to give my deserving mother this beautiful bash? - Broke and Broken in Arizona Dear Arizona: Of course not. We truly do not understand why some siblings find it necessary to plan lavish parties in order to show off their wealth and devotion at the expense of their brothers and sisters. In those families, sibling rivalry is alive and well, and there is little you can do about it.

Dear Annie: My mother recently turned 80. My four siblings and I asked her permission to throw a small intimate dinner in celebration, and she agreed, specifying that she wanted nothing elaborate.

My youngest sister, "Kate," has the only home large enough to accommodate the gathering, so she took charge of the planning. It quickly turned into an expensive sit-down dinner. My wife and I live month-to-month with little money to spare. When my younger brother said he couldn't afford this either, Kate and "Louise," another sibling, began bashing him verbally in his presence, and later, behind his back.

When I asked if I could do anything to help with the preparations in order to make up for not contributing as much money, I got the cold shoulder. They talked code in front of me. My wife did help with some decorations, and with the little money we had, we brought some of the food, but my sisters treated us horribly.

We showed up only for the sake of our mother. Kate and Louise barely spoke to me. They gave my mother a card signed by just the two of them, totally omitting those of us who did not share equally in the finances. I am terribly hurt, and they still refuse to talk to me. It has become such a stressful situation that I've chosen to distance myself from them. Should

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Mrs. Jekyll-Hyde," whose husband has vicious temper tantrums a few times a year, stops speaking to her, and then snaps out of it. I suggest that her husband not only see a physician for neurological problems, but also a psychiatrist.

From what she describes, her husband may be suffering from some type of bipolar disorder. The fact that he only "blows up" a few times a year and then goes into a self-imposed isolation are classic signs. Medication can help level his moods and greatly improve the quality of life for both of them. - B.T.

Dear B.T.: Several readers recognized the symptoms of bipolar disorder in this man and recommended seeking therapy. We hope "Mrs. Jekyll-Hyde" will talk to her husband about the possibility.

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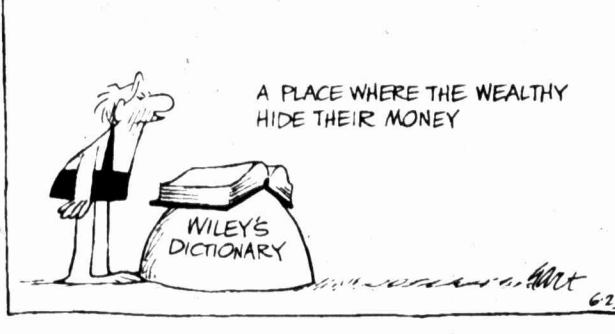
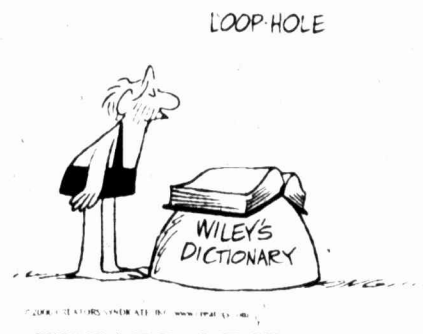
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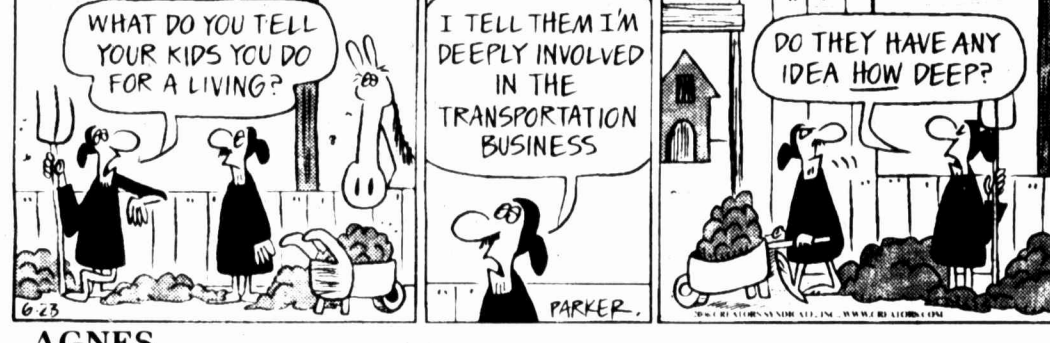
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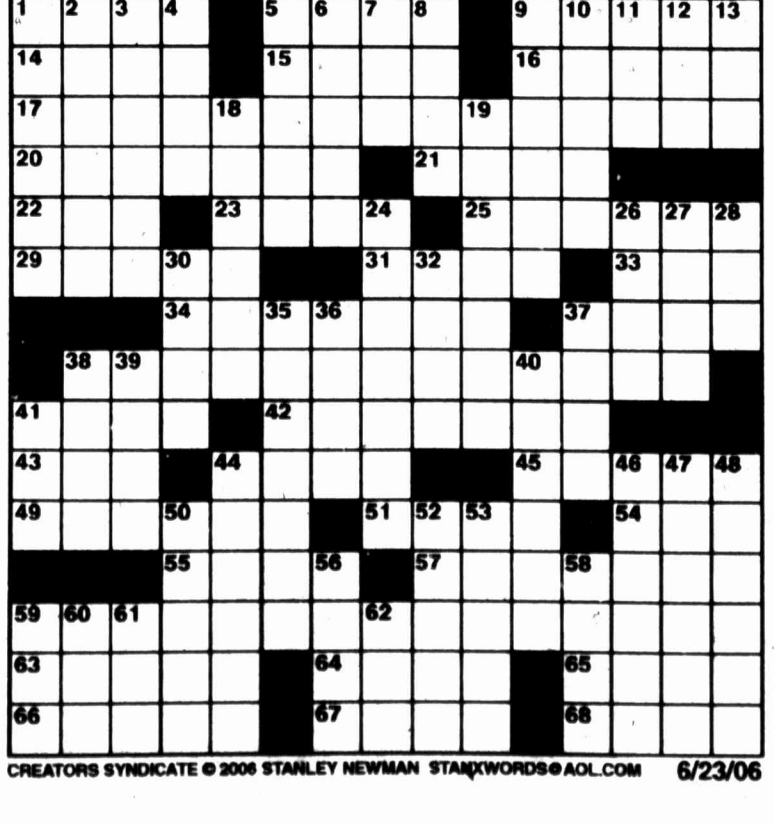
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