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# Safety first: Lock up your firearms, sheriff says

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

For most Americans the idea of having a front door without a lock would seem insane, a premise the Howard County Sheriff's Office is trying to apply to firearms.

For the fifth year in a row, the HCSO will be offering free gun



firearm owners, part of a nationwide firearm safety pro-

"We've participated in the program over the last three years," said Sheriff Dale Walker. "We keep a box of the free gun locks

neighborhood watch meetings and the annual fair." Touting special gun locks and storage. designed to fit every make and model of firearms, from shot-

over the past year we've handed

local in our office for the public, and ChildSafe, an expansion of education is having a very pos-Project HomeSafe, will distribout hundreds of them to gun ute millions of free firearm owners. We also give them out safety kits this year as part of a at community events, such as nationwide initiative to raise awareness about safe and responsible firearm ownership

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itive impact on the nation.

"Project ChildSafe become the most comprehensive firearm safety education program in America," said Doug Painter, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation. "The combination

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# A mixed blessing

School curriculum getting tougher; more funding to be available for some

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

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Curriculum requirements are about to increase for Texas high school students, but so are efforts by the state and local school districts to help those students graduate and move on to college.

Starting with the 2007-08 school year, incoming freshmen will be required to complete four years of science and math courses in order to graduate, according to guidelines recently adopted by the Texas State Board of Education.

In math, students will have to successfully com-Algebra Geometry, Algebra II and a fourth course in which Algebra II is prerequisite,

such as trigonometry.

Likewise, students will have to complete at least one advanced science course before graduating, Big Spring Superintendent Michael Downes said.

Downes noted that the new requirements are a mixed blessing.

"On the plus side, there's no question that high school graduates will be better prepared for post-secondary education," he said.

The new guidelines do pose two potential problem areas — finding enough qualified teachers and lab space.

"The additional class requirements demand additional teachers in science and math. These are two of the most critical shortage areas right now, and the situation will only get worse," Downes said.

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"And as the number of science classes increase, the need for more lab space will increase, as well.'

only get worse."

While state officials have increased curriculum requirements, they have also provided extra revenue to districts for use in high school completion and college readiness programs.

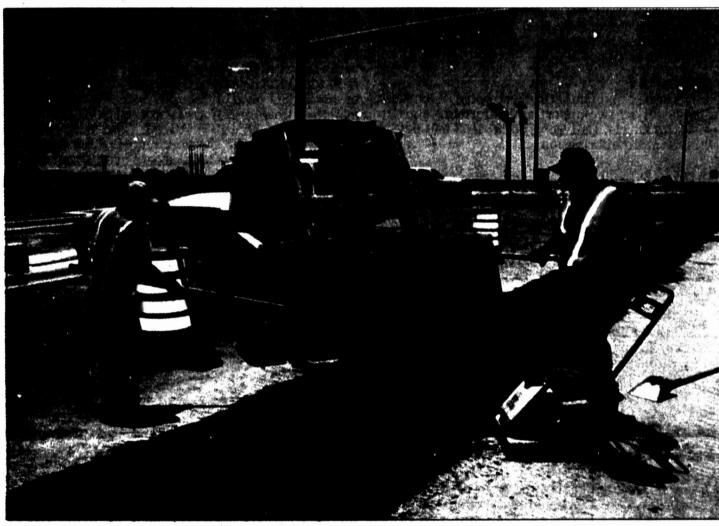
Downes said the money, which was included in the state legislature's recent school finance reform bill, will have various applications.

Specific uses of the money won't be finalized until guidelines are adopted by the Texas Education Agency in early August.

"One possible expense is that we could pay for all our high school students to take the SAT and ACTcollege-entrance exams," Downes said.

"Another possibility is that we could use the money to help pay tuition and fees for students taking concurrent courses,' he added

# Working on the Roadway



A construction crew from Albany-based Tenpenny Construction fills in the roadway after removing an Island on the Interstate Highway 20 North Service Road, located in front of the Travelcenters of America truck stop. The landscape development project will include the construction of concrete sidewalks and planting of trees and other vegetation along the frontage road.

# Splash out to raise awareness of United Way's benefits to city

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

While the annual KBST Splash In ushered in the summer and the opening of the city pool, the United Way of Howard County will be using a similar event to "splash out" the season and raise awareness for its annual fundraising campaign.

Set for Aug. 26, the event will be similar to the annual summer festival, but with a slightly different message, according to Kim Howell, a local United Way board of directors member.

"This isn't really a fundraising event we're planning. We won't be trying to raise money, we'll be trying to raise awareness," said Howell. "Each year we've kicked off the campaign the same way, with a luncheon at Garrett Hall. This year we're doing things a little different. This year we're working on planning an entire week of kick-

one of them.' Howell said officials with local

radio station KBST have agreed to support the event.

> Food, fun planned at Comanche Trail Park swimming pool Aug. 26.

"We're working with them to make the day very similar to their annual Splash In," said Howell. "They will be broadcasting live from the city pool, and the wonderful people from the local Rotary Club have agreed to handle cooking free food, which is being donated by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, for everyone. We'll most likely have something simple, like hot dogs and drinks.

"I know everyone expects to hear about a fundraiser when we talk about the annual United Way cam-

off activities, and this splash out is paign, but all of this is free. Admission to the pool will be free. The food will be free. It's going to be a lot of fun for everyone.

Howell said if the campaign kickoff seems slightly different from previous years, it should come as no surprise.

"We're so lucky to have Clay Grizzle as the campaign chairman this year," said Howell. "He's so good at looking at things from a different angle and thinking outside the box. I really feel like this is going to be a good campaign."

Agencies assisted by the United Way include: YMCA, Victim Services, Girl Scouts, Westside Day Care Center, Westside Community Center, Salvation Army, Northside Community Center, Isaiah 58, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging, Buffalo Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America, Big Spring

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#### ESSAY CONTEST HELD

Children, can you explain why freedom of speech is important?

Hangar 25 Air Museum is sponsoring an essay contest for children age 5-14. All you have to do is write a 250- to 500word essay on tyhe topic, "Why freedom of speech is important to me and to the country."

The winner will receive a backpack and a \$50 gift certificate toward school supplies in time for the 2006-2007 school year.

The deadline to enter is Aug. 4. For more information, contact the Hangar 25 Air Museum at 264-1999.

#### Dog dip

Benefitting the Howard County Youth Horseman Club

> 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Pretty Pets Bed & Bath 4510 S. U.S. Highway 87

Cost is \$10 for large dogs and \$7 for all others

For more information, call 264-9797

#### ICE CREAM CONTEST SET

The public is invited to enter an ice cream eating contest Saturday during the Farmers Market in downtown Big

The contest will begin at approximately 10:30 a.m. There is no pre-registration, no entry fee and no age limit. The winner will receive two tickets to Schlitterbahn Waterparks.

At 10 a.m. there will be an ice cream making demonstration, using all Texas ingredients. Samples of the homemade ice cream will be available to those who attend. Farmer's Market is located in the Heart of the City Park.

# **Obituaries**

#### **Margaret Ann Nichols**

Margaret Ann Nichols, 72, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, July 12, 2006, in a Midland nursing home. A private family graveside service will be held at Trinity Memorial Park.

Margaret Ann was born June 11, 1934, in Eastland. She was a graduate of North Texas State University, with degrees in music and education. She moved to Big Spring in 1937. She taught school in Lockney, San Antonio and Knott.

She was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ. Survivors include a sister, Connie Kothari of Nacogdoches; a brother, Gary Dale Nichols Sr. of Altus, Okla.; and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Aubury and Hazel Nichols.

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

# **Support Groups**

· Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

#### **TUESDAY**

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. The next meeting is March 28. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

#### WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Tena at 267-1883 or Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

#### **THURSDAY**

· Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• 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.

· 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.

# Around Town

- · HERITAGE MUSEUM is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.
- HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.
- POTTON HOUSE, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

# Take Note

- AMERICAN LEGION POST 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, will hold a fish fry from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday. Food will be delivered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Plates are \$7 each; carry outs are welcome.
- NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information
- SANDS-ACKERLY **EX-STUDENTS** HOMECOMING 2006 will be Sept. 30. The committee is in the process of updating address files. Contact Dorothy Rogers at 1608 W. FM 2230, Big Spring, or call 432 399-4312. We need correct maining addresses for the homecoming letters. We would also like to have exteachers' addresses.
- · 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.
- 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

# **Coronado Hills Apartments**

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# **Police blotter**

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m.

• LANCE WADE BROCKMAN, 20, of 2911 West Highway 80 Apt. 123, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone.

• ANDREW JUAREZ, 17, of 411 Trades, was arrested Friday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage. • UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.

• **THEFT** was reported: - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

- in the 1800 block of FM 700.

 RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANS-PORTATION was reported in the 200 block of Marcy. ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 100 block of 19th Street.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported:

- in the 800 block of Lorilla - in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

# Sheriff's report

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

• MISTY GAYLE MARTIN, 27, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check. • STARLA MARIE MENDOZA, 27, was arrested

Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify.

· JOHNNY LOPEZ, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.

• DAVID R. GONZALES, 35, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

• RUBEN LEE TREVINO, 28, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for possession of a dangerous drug, bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and bondsman off bond for driving while license

• ELADIO ZUBIATE, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury - sentence/judgment.

JOSEPH MICHAEL COOK, 27, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of forgery of a financial instrument (two counts).

• MCKINLEY HASKIN, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of sexual assault of a child. • FRANK LEE JACKSON, 47, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of crim-

• MELISSA ANN OLIVER, 38, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of filing a false statement for property/credit.

# Fire/EMS

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

 MEDICAL was reported in the 3900 block of Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 4900 block of Ratliff

Road. Service was refused. • STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 500 block

of Northwest Eighth Street. Fire was extinguished. • TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of Scott. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

#### 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.

• THE COAHOMA ALUMNI REUNION WILL BE **HELD AUG.** 5 in the Coahoma Elementary School Cafeteria.

9:30 a.m.- Coffee and donuts

10 a.m.- Business meeting 10:30 a.m.- Visitation

Noon- Lunch with keynote speaker C5 Galaxy Pilot Major Helm (Class of 86) 2:30 p.m.- Awards and memorials

3 p.m.- Auction to benefit the community scholarship fund for High school seniors

4 p.m.- Concert by Jody Nix (Class of 70) and the **Texas** Cowboys

5 p.m.- Class meetings

Tickets covering the meal and all activities are \$10 for alumni, \$7 for spouses and \$5 for children. Early ticket sales will end July 22, but tickets will

also be available at the door. Send check to Rae Nell Best, PO Box 77, Coahoma

Undates are available at www.coahomaisd.com. For more information, contact Bob Fishback at 457-2264.

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# **Bulletin Board**

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#### **TODAY**

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

#### **SATURDAY**

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

 American Legion Post 506 fish fry, 3203 W. Highway 80. Noon to 3 p.m.; delivery, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 263-2084. Plates \$7 each, carry outs

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

#### **MONDAY**

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

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

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

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

at 610 Abrams St. · Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

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

at 221 Main.

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

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

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend. • Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m.

# Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 70s. Southeast winds around 10 mph...

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

# Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday

Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-20-28. Bonus Ball: 5. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing:

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-6-13-14-26.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$29,807.

Winning ticket sold in: Arlington. Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-4-7

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#### Woman accused of kidnapping baby freed on bond

LUBBOCK (AP) - A woman accused of posing as a nurse to steal a newborn baby posted bail Thursday after a district judge reduced her bond by half.

Stephanie Lynn Anderson Jones, 33, had been in Lubbock County Jail since June 5 on charges of abandoning a child, kidnapping and theft by check.

District Judge Cecil G. Puryear lowered her bond from \$150,000 to \$75,000 despite a request by her lawyer to lower the bond to \$5,000, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported for Friday editions.

Police say Jones posed as a nurse in hospital scrubs last month before kidnapping then 5-day-old Priscilla Nicole Maldonado from the baby's home. Jones was arrested the next day, and detectives found the baby in a car seat abandoned beneath a carport in 104degree heat.

Erica Ysasaga, the baby's mother, told police that a woman in medical scrubs began visiting her hospital room and offered to drop by her home with a swing and some baby clothes. Police say when Jones visited the house, she fled with the baby while Ysasaga was momentarily distracted with her 2-year-old son.

#### Officer's girlfriend gets 62 years over his death

DENTON (AP) - A jury ordered62 years in prison for the girlfriend of a Little Elm Police officer who was found guilty of killing him.

Denise Miller, 40, of Little Elm was sentenced Thursday, one day after being convicted of murder in of Officer Jonathon Wayne Irby, 38. the process of breaking up with Miller when he was killed.

The defense had claimed the fatal shooting was an accident. Little Elm is about 20 miles north

#### **FEMA** ordered to allow money to go for utility bills

HOUSTON (AP) - A federal judge Thursday ordered the Federal Emergency Management Agency to let hurricane refugees in its temporary housing program spend unused portions of their rental assistance on utility bills.

The number of evacuees who could benefit from the preliminary injunction is uncertain, but it is likely "in excess of six figures," said attorney John Scofield, who is representing Hurricane Katrina refugees in a class-action suit against the agency.

FEMA is reviewing the order and "determining what ramifications it has for the agency and FEMA's housing policy," FEMA spokesman Aaron Walker said.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge David Hittner would help refugees pay utility costs when the amount of rental assistance they're eligible to receive exceeds their actual rent. The difference in most cities is typically around \$100, Scofield said.

#### Wildfire forces evacuations, threatens wind turbines

ABILENE (AP) - Crews were working late Thursday night to contain a wildfire near Abilene that scorched 500 acres, forced the evacuation of a dozen homes and threatened to burn about 50 large wind turbines.

Windy and dry conditions quickthe December 2004 shooting death ly spread the blaze, which started around 4 p.m., said Traci Weaver, a Prosecutors have said Irby was in spokeswoman for the Texas Forest

"We've got two helicopters on it and several fire departments on it as well," she said. "It's pretty rugged terrain."

Weaver said she didn't know if the fire damaged the turbines, which are used to generate electric-

"It burned around them, but they haven't reported any damage yet,' she said.

Investigators have not determined what caused the fire, which began about 15 miles southwest of Abilene in Taylor County. By 10:15 p.m., the fire had burned a small hunting cabin and was only about 10 percent contained, Weaver said.

Taylor County Judge George Newman told the Abilene Reporter-News that the fire burned from south to north "from juniper to juniper." The flames were about 35 to 45 feet tall, he said.

#### Death of 1-month-old Abilene child investigated

ABILENE (AP) - A preliminary autopsy on a 1-month-old boy whose death and burial wasn't reported showed he died of traumatic asphyxia, Abilene police said Thursday.

Police said the baby's 31-year-old father told authorities the child died July 7 and that the death and burial weren't reported because of the family's religious beliefs. The child's parents allegedly buried him in an undisclosed site in Callahan County.

No charges have been filed in the case. Authorities began investigating Monday after a call to the Child Protective Services Hotline reported a child's death.

Trail said investigators convinced the father to bring the baby's body to the police station. Police do not know the burial site.

#### **LOCKS**

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of free gun locking devices, an in-depth safety education component and distribution efforts in all 50 states will significantly enhance public awareness of the importance of proper gun storage in the home.'

The safety kits include a cable-style gun lock and a safety brochure that discusses safe handling and proper storage procedures.

Walker said although the program is annually sponsored by Project ChildSafe, his office keeps the locks on hand throughout the year.

"I think this program is very important," said Walker. "The locks can go on any firearm, so no one has the excuse that it won't fit, and if a child gets access to the gun somehow, you know it will be unloaded and unusable. This can prevent a lot of accidental shootings."

And while the locks are

### **UNITED WAY**

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Humane Society, Boy's Club of Big Spring and American Red Cross, West Texas Chapter.

For more information on the United way and the upcoming campaign, contact local United Way Director Cynthia Scott at 267-5201.

a definite step in the right direction for gun owners, Walker said it's important to remember the law.

"It is a criminal violation to leave a firearm within the reach of a child," said Walker.

For more information, contact the Howard County Sheriff's Office at 264-2244.

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

#### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Ellihue "Possom" Magers, 83, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Ray McKinnon, 86, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 10:30 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 8:00 until 9:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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#### Israel increases attacks on Lebanon, Better Plants, Better Prices! hitting capital, striking transport routes people in Lebanon and 10 sure the Shiite Muslim BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)

 Israel tightened its seal on Lebanon, blasting its air and road links to the a region already trauma- Wednesday and push the outside world and bring- tized by the ongoing bat- militants away from ing its offensive to the tles in the Gaza Strip Israel's northern border. capital for the first time Friday in order to punish Hezbollah — and with it, the country — for the capture of two Israeli soldiers.

Warplanes again smashed runways at Beirut's airport with hours of airstrikes, trying to render it unusable, and destroyed mountain bridges on the main highway to Syria. Warships blockaded Lebanon's ports for a second day.

Smoke drifted over the capital after strikes exploded fuel tanks at one of Beirut's two main power stations, gradually escalating the damage to Lebanon's key infrastructure.

Lebanese guerrillas responded by firing a barrage of at least 50 Katyusha rockets throughout the day into northern Israeli towns.

The death toll in three days or fighting rose to 61 between Israel and Hamas.

Israel's pressed ahead with several goals. Its strikes on the airport and roads and naval blockade all but cut off Lebanon from the world, while hits on infrastructure aimed to exact a price from its government for allowing Hezbollah to operate freely in the south.

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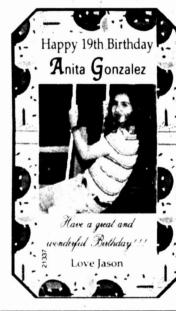
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in Israel. The violence guerrillas to release the sent shock waves through Israeli soldiers captured But there were fears —

acknowledged offensive President Bush — that the Israeli assault could bring down the Westernbacked, anti-Syrian government of Lebanon.

Bush, in Russia for the G-8 summit, spoke by phone with Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Saniora and promised to pressure Israel "to limit damage to Lebanon ... and At the same time, to spare civilians and innocent people from including ones targeting harm," according to a its leadership in south statement from Saniora's









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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:

- Everyone who took part in Saturday's (and Tuesday's) Farmers Market at Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring. It was great to see the market start up again. Make plans to visit this Saturday for the annual ice cream eating contest at 10:30 a.m.
- The good folks in Martin County on another pleasurable Old Settler's Reunion last Saturday and all those who participated. The reunion parade really is one of the most interesting small-town parades we've ever witnessed, complete with its own announcer. It's a "must see" (and hear) event.
- Lou Ann Atkins, director of the Big Spring VA Medical Center for the past couple of years, who is being transferred to Ann Arbor, Mich. Thank you, Ms. Atkins, for all you've done, including helping us through some troubling times with the CARES process. We wish you all the best.
- This one is a little in advance since it begins today, but we feel confident in saluting the good people of St. Thomas Catholic Church, who are holding their annual festival through Saturday. Plan on stopping by at 6:30 p.m. and having some great food, good fun and enjoyable music. It's all for a wonderful cause.
- And finally, three more that not everyone will agree with, but that's what makes things interesting .

 Howard County Commissioners Court, for discussing — and we hope soon implementing — better control during meetings. It's important to give the public an opportunity to speak, but it's being way misused at this point.

Big Spring Independent School District trustees on approving pay raises for local ISD employees.

 Big Spring City Council on taking steps to further control convicted sex offenders in this community. We realize they have rights and we want to respect that, but we also must insure the safety of our children.

#### How To Contact Us

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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#### A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we use our faith in You, Lord, every day.

Amen

# 'Look for a funky green mailbox.

ver had to stop and ask for directions? If the person actually knew the way (and even when they didn't), they probably gave it their best shot:

"Sure, EVERYBODY knows where that is! Let's see. Hmmm. First, you go that way to the stop sign, and turn left. No, go right! Then go to the third stop sign, and turn right. Then, quick, take another right. Watch for the second ... no, it's the

GARY CRITTENDEN third gravel road on your left. No, it's on the right. Yeah, right! Now go right on past it. Keep an eye out for a big tree on the left? No, it's on the right! Then you'll see a funky green

the street. You can't miss it!" Right! But, of course, you did. And now you get a map and directions and study them before you head out to an unknown destination, right?

mailbox with birds painted on it.

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correct, and you include the important details so the U.S. Postal Service can deliver the cards, letters and packages you

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- First, if you're writing the address by hand, print legibly, in permanent ink, and in capital letters if possible. When using a computer or typewriter, use 10- or 12-point type and a sans serif font (such as Arial). Avoid typefaces with swirls or other ornate features. If it can't be read, it can't be delivered.
- Always include the apartment or unit number, building number, and any other information that helps distinguish the destination. Put the apartment or suite number on the same line as the street name and number where possible (1330 Main Street, Apt. G7).

 Sometimes a directional (N, E, SW) is the only thing that distinguishes the destination from another address just like it that may be clear across town (310 SMITH ST N vs. 310 SMITH ST S).

 Put the city, state and ZIP Code on the last line. If you know the ZIP+4 code, use it. Zip codes and the + 4 are available from usps.com. Use the two-letter state abbreviation if you know it.

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Gary Crittenden is postmaster of Big Spring. His weekly column provides information concerning the history and services offered by the United States Postal Service.

## Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

On Sunday, July 9, I noted in the People in the News section of the Midland paper a brief article regarding the significant influence the Not-So-Honorable Senator from Utah, Orrin Hatch, had in the successful release of an American record producer from prison in Dubai.

It seems that the producer, Dallas Austin, was apprehended for carrying more than a gram of cocaine with him when he entered Dubai on May 19 to attend a birthday celebration for the model Naomi Campbell. For this, he was convicted and sentenced to four years in prison.

I for one, and from the lack of coverage by the media including the Big Spring Herald, perhaps the only one, am outraged at this obvious misuse of position by a United States Senator. Sen. Hatch comes across in the media as a sanctimonious, holier-than-thou, highly religious, highly principled representative of the people in the very conservative state of Utah.

And now this — to me, this action shows the Senator's true colors regardless of what he says. Where are his standards now? His sense of morality? Perhaps he is moderating his strong stance against crime? His strong support of the war on drugs? I doubt it. It's just another example of a bought and paid for representative of the rich and powerful doing their will.

Oh, yes, Sen. Hatch did remark that he was certain Mr. Austin had learned a lot by his experience. Uhhuh, I'm certain he did. I learned a lot, too.

> JOHN RHEINSCHELD **BIG SPRING**

TO THE EDITOR:

bers of hard of hearing people, have hear. Don't shout nor scold. Help. "strange" notions about people who have trouble hearing.

"Oh, Uncle Joe just hears what he

wants to hear."

Now, isn't that ridiculous? How would he decide what he wants to hear?

If a person is hard of hearing, you have to shout at him/her. Many people, I included, have little problem with volume. In fact, if the sound is turned too high, I have much trouble with that. The main problem I have is with pitch and quality of tone.

One of the rudest things you can do to a hard of hearing person is to just dismiss them. If they say something to the hard of hearing person and he/she says, "I didn't understand," they will say something like, "Never mind!" with an aggravated look on their face.

There are many other things to talk about but to sum up, respect should be shown no matter the age Many people, even family mem- of the hard of hearing. Help them to

WILLIAM O. ADAMS

# Offering up more 'bad science

onsider this another example of how the left throws science out the window when it suits its philosophy. Death-penalty opponents have been fighting lethalinjection executions because, well, they oppose the death penalty. Enter the so-called

scientific community. Last year, the British medical journal The Lancet reported that after being injected with the three drugs used to execute convicted murderers in America, some

inmates might experience "awareness and suffering during execution." This,

opponents claim, violates the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution because it is "cruel and unusual punishment."

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The anti-death penalty left's bad science is working for them: It is winning execution delays. In June, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling to delay the execution of Clarence Hill, a convicted Florida cop killer. The court's ruling took no side on the pain controversy. It focused instead on an obscure legal question as to whether a condemned prisoner could use the civil rights acts to fight lethal injection.

It is hard not to see the ruling as a reward for bad medicine. In February, U.S. District Judge Jeremy Fogel effectively delayed the execution of convicted killer Michael Morales so that Fogel could review the state's lethalinjection protocol.

The Lancet article, based on post-mortem drug testing of executed inmates, gave credence to the bogus pain claims. It warned, "It is possible that some of these inmates were fully aware during

their execution."

Fully aware? There is little reason to believe this. It turns out that the researchers for the Lancet article took blood samples as long as two days after inmates died, not within the first hours after death. That allowed time for the drugs to diminish in the blood — which maybe was the intent. Meanwhile, the media uncritically reported the article's findings.

So, in a sense, death-penalty opponents have aped the behavior of critics of evolution. They don't have to prove their thesis, they just have to establish doubt.

Let me acknowledge that some injection executions have not proceeded perfectly. In 2003, a North Carolina inmate convulsed and gagged before he died, but that doesn't mean he suffered. Surgeon Jonathan I. Groner of Ohio State University complained of technicians who took as long as 40 minutes to insert a catheter into a vein — which he considers to be "needle torture."

That said, the injection protocols are designed to prevent pain. California, anesthesiologist Mark Dershwitz of the University of Massachusetts noted in a declaration for the state, administers a dose of 5 grams of sodium pentothal during lethal injection. The textbook dose for starting surgery is 300 to 400 milligrams — which means that executioners are administering a dose of at least 12.5 times that given to patients to begin invasive medical property dures.

Dershwitz believes that if protocols are followed - if prison officials administer the right dose of the right drugs in the right order into a working intravenous tube — "there's essentially no chance that an inmate will suffer."

On the other side, Groner argued that the second drug, a paralyzing agent, can cast "a chemical veil"

that hides the pain the inmate might feel during the execution. Dershwitz responded, chemical veil "is not a term that a pharmacologist or anesthesiologist would

Anesthesiologist Robert E. Hertzga, who testified for the California Medical Association in Sacramento, Calif., against allowing doctors in the execution chamber, hasn't heard of the term, either.

Do inmates feel pain during execution? Hertzga said that California dosages "would induce a coma" for several minutes. "It's inconceivable to me that that protocol done properly" would cause pain in the way that we all think of perceiving pain."

Groner and Lance Lindsey of Death Penalty Focus have convinced me on this: Judges have erred in issuing rulings that insert doctors into the execution process. While well-intended, this mandate makes no sense. Doctors are healers, not executors; you don't need a doctor to execute someone.

Dane Gillete of the Callifornia Attorney General's office argued, "The fact that there may be some incidental pain that's associated of a minor nature in and of itself does not make the procedure unconstitutional."

Me? I don't want killers to suffe during execution, but if it happer inadvertently, I can accept it. Sometimes bad things happen to bad people.

for certain, it is that death-penalty opponents will file essentially frivolous appeals because they believe it is moral to do so. Which is why judges have a moral responsibility not to fall for their bad science.

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#### **First United Methodist Church**

We, the congregation of First United Methodist Church, would love to welcome you to our services. We regularly meet on Sunday morning for worship at 8:30 a.m. and again at 10:50 a.m. Our senior pastor, Dr. Shane Brue, preaches both services. This Sunday his "Family message, Resemblance," is based on scripture found in 2 Corinthians 3:12-18. Sunday school for all ages will begin at 9:45 a.m. Centered in Praise Ensemble will practice at 3 p.m. There are no combined youth activities planned for this week, as the UM Army (Senior High Mission Trip) is scheduled to leave this Sunday and be back July

Ad. Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Pathmaker's room. The Open Door class meets Monday at 7 p.m. for Fun Night.

Tuesday, the Mission Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. Also this Tuesday and Friday, the Project Light Class will meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tutors are needed.

Wednesday and Friday begin with Children's Day Out at 9 a.m. Noon lunch/Bible study will meet Wednesday. The Hispanic Ministry will have Bible Study at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Men's Bible Class. Chancel Choir meets to practice at

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

Upcoming events to plan for include Vacation Bible School "Set Sail" to be held July 24-28, from 9 a.m. to noon. Refreshments and craft materials are

requested. "Rock the Desert," a Christian rock event, will be held in this area July Contact Jason Archuleta at the church

for more details. Kids Club is in need of volunteers; if interested, contact the church.

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

## Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church will have Joe Whitten and His Children, a prison

ministry, Sunday. They will perform during the morning worship service. A fellowship meal will follow. Sunday school

begins at 10 a.m., morning service at 11 a.m. and evening worship is at 6 p.m. The Wednesday evening service is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

Sunday, July Stormie Barrett will be making a presentation to the church on her recent trip to the Amazon.

Pastored bу Monroe Teeters, Salem Baptist is located at the corner of Salem Road and Colorado City Highway. Contact the church at 394-4655.

#### Philadelphia Primitive **Baptist Church**

Elder James Allen of Florida 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

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East 24th St. For more information, call John Wayne Metcalf at 394-4067 or Dennis

#### First Presbyterian

Walker at 264-1363.

The Rev. Matthew Miles will speak on text taken from Mark 6:14-29 at worship service on Sunday. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten starts at 10:30 a.m.

Activities for the week

include: Engcouragers meeting at 6 p.m. Monday and the session meets at same time. Wednesday, the men's monthly breakfast begins at 7 a.m. That afternoon, Bible study is held at 5:17 p.m. and choir practice follows at 6.

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

#### St. Mary's Episcopal

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Father Liggett's sermon for Sunday will be 'What's in your bag?"

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have its monthly meeting and breakfast this Saturday at 8 a.m. in the chapel.

The Pastoral Committee will meet Monday at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

For more information about Mary's

Episcopal, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

#### Church of Christ, West Highway 80

The Church of Christ, 3900 W. Hwy 80 (Business 20) will hold an organization and government workshop at 10:45 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. It is facilitated by Willie Cox. For more information, call 267-6483. The public is invited.

#### First Christian

First Christian Church's Vacation Bible School will happen next week starting Monday and run through Friday at 6 each evening.

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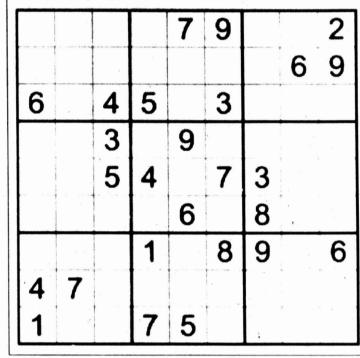
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July 19 \* Wednesday Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 AM

Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 AM

July 20 \* Thursday • Mall Walking - 8:00 AM Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 AM July 24 \* Monday Games - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

July 25 \* Tuesday

• Mall Walking - 8:00 AM • Supper Club "Cowboy's" - 5:30 PM

July 26 \* Wednesday

Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 AM

 Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 AM Lunch-N-Learn- 11:30 AM

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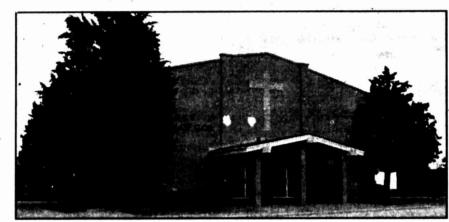
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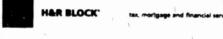
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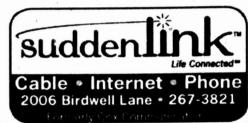
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IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

# Take time to slot the club

By T.J. TOMASI Cox News Service

When your swing gets off, the first place you see its effect is in the transition from backswing to forward swing. The key is to make sure you give your club time to change directions at the top of your swing.

During the transition at the top, your club head not only reverses its direction and starts back toward the target, but if you give it enough time, it also will drop down and behind you before it starts targetward — just as our tour stars have done in the photos here.

This slight deepening of the club head just as you start down, called "slotting," puts it into a perfect position to come at the ball from inside the target line, an approach that ensures a powerful striking angle.

Because slotting occurs very close to impact, it is difficult to judge exactly how to do it, so instead of trying to focus on it while you swing, do it in slow motion in front of a mirror. Seeing yourself slot the club as you tell yourself why it's so important speeds learning.

Remember that your brain is an expert at taking individual concepts and stitching them together to form an overall pattern that then can be used as a template that encourages con-

For hard-to-feel moves such as slotting the club, write out each one, then think about them just before you go to sleep at night. Once they are all in your brain together, these "home base concepts" will merge to give you an overall understanding of what you are trying to accomplish when you swing your golf club. They will form a braided network that will give you the unconscious competence necessary to support great golf.



It's not surprising that two of the great players in the world, Tiger Woods (above) and Annika Sorenstam (below), look similar when the lead arm is parallel to the ground just before impact. Note how they retain the 90-degree angle formed by the lead arm and the club shaft. If you drew a line down each club shaft, it would end at the ball, showing that the shafts are on the plane angle with only a moment left until contact. From this highly leveraged position, all that is needed for success is to keep everything that's moving mov-

Also note that they have both saved the majority of their body rotation for use through impact; the average player starts the downswing by turning the chest so it faces the ball much too early. I'd estimate that expert golfers expend only 25 percent of their total chest rotation by the time the lead arm is parallel with the ground, saving 75 percent for the rest of the swing. Most golfers fritter away their power with a chest turn from the top.



ALLEN EYESTONE / Cox News Service

One concern about the FedEx Cup format is that up-and-coming stars, such as Camilo Villegas, will not get as many chances to become tomorrow's golf heroes

# 'A new era' or a big mess?

PGA officials excited about FedEx Cup, but purists not sold

By CRAIG DOLCH Cox News Service

West Palm Beach, Fla. pending upon whom you talk to, the PGA Tour's plan to go with a NASCAR like, season-ending FedEx Cup in 2007 is either a stroke of brilliance or a figurative triple-bogey waiting to happen.

Starting next year, the PGA Tour will shorten its "official" season from 47 to 33 events, and then have a four-tournament playoff for \$35 million, with the winner getting \$10 million, the largest prize in sports. The theory is, the fewer tournaments there are, the more often the top players will play against each other, thus improving network ratings.

PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem, while announcing most of the FedEx Cup details recently in New York, called it "a new era in golf." Finchem pointed out golf. unlike most major sports, doesn't have an end-of-year playoff format for the interest to increase, but instead its season is built on the four traditional majors held throughout the year.

"In virtually every other sport what's generally referred to as the regular season pales in comparison to the value and the attention the playoff part of the season gets," Finchem said. "We wanted to access that kind of enthusiasm and excitement, if we could, in our season.

Superstars such as Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson have been appealing to Finchem for years to shorten the schedule. Before the 2005 Ford Championship at Doral, Woods said: "I've really been try ing to get into Finchem's ear about [that]... We have an 11month season and that's too long. There's no other sport that plays 11 months of a year.

Indeed, under the new plan. the FedEx Cup would bring an official close to the season in mid-September, before the PGA Tour's weekend TV ratings take a pummeling against college and pro football. There would then be an "off-season" consisting of six or seven unofficial events.

But golf traditionalists see the



Critics say that the new format favors stars such as Phil Mickelson (left) and Tiger Woods. During the season, there would be 11 all-star or invitation-only

events.

FedEx Cup as contrived competition and another step away from what makes the sport appeal to many of its fans. Namely, golf is one of the purest sports around. where everybody shows up at the first tee and the competition is decided structly by the results.

"The idea is to bring the upper echelon of the Tour together on a more frequent basis," said Olin Browne, a three-time PGA Tour winner. The problem for some is almost a third of the season are 11 all star events [the four majors, four my nationals and three World Golf Championship stops] where not exervone can get into The deel is tabled to accommodate the star

Others are worried that by shortening the season to show case today's stars, the PGA Tour might be shortchanging the pursuit for terre frow's heroes. How much would we have heard about up and comers such as Camilo Villeg is JB Holmes or Bubba Watson this year if, because there's nave fewer events, they wouldn't have gotten so many early season starts.

The PGA Tour is capable of stagir g a quality event no matter whether Woods or Mickelson are in the field. Neither played recently in Hartford, Conn., but watching hometown hero J.J. Henry win the Buick Championship was one of the

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year's feel-good stories.

"I think the most challenging thing was finding a reluctance to change," said Henry Hughes, the Tour's Chief of Operations. "You could easily argue that our Tour has prospered, our television ratings have significantly increased over the years. But all sports are taking a little bit of a leveling out now, so we thought it was important that we take a look at our product

The FedEx Cup is clearly still a work in process. Finchem admitted that many of the final details have not been worked out. It's not even a certainty the \$35 million will be hard cash or deferred money. It's likely the system will continue to be tweaked the next

Some already have questioned why the top 144 players in points will advance to the playoffs. After all, traditionally golf has rewarded just the top 125 players on the money list with their playing privileges for the next year, But 144? That's almost like all 30 NBA teams qualifying for the post-season plus several top college hoops teams.

And what if Woods or Vijay Singh matched their recent ninewin seasons? They could dominate, the PGA Tour all season and watch someone else take ome the biggest paycheck.

Some players are willing to verlook some of the details and také a wait-and-see approach.

"I think it's something we clearly needed to do," said Joe Ogilvie, a member of the Tour's Advisory Board. "We have some holes in our schedule, weeks that traditionally don't get a strong field. Hopefully with a yearlong point structure. I think some of those holes will be filled.

But will they? Whether the FedEx Cup becomes a success depends upon the same thing: Will the top players decide to play in more tournaments? Woods never has played in more than 21 PGA Tour events in a year, and he says he doesn't expect that number to

There will no doubt be some major changes on the PGA Tour in the recent future. But Buick winner Henry pointed out when players get to the first tee, nothing has changed.

"It's still golf," Henry said. "It's not like we're playing tennis here. You're still going out trying to win a golf tournament.'

#### **SCHEDULE**

All Times EDT **PGA TOUR** John Deere Classic · Site: Silvis, Ill. Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. • Course: TPC Deere Run (7,193 yards, par 71). • Purse: \$4 million. Winner's share: \$720,000. • TV: USA (4-6 p.m., Thursday-Friday) and ABC (2-4 p.m., Saturday-Sunday).

#### LPGA TOUR **Jamie Farr Owens Corning**

Classic · Site: Sylvania, Ohio. · Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. • Course: Highland Meadows Golf Club (6,408 yards, par 71). · Purse: \$1.2 million. Winner's

share: \$180,000. • TV: ESPN2 (2-4 p.m., Friday-Saturday; 3 5 p.m., Sunday).

#### **CHAMPIONS TOUR** Ford Senior Players Championship

· Site: Dearborn, Mich. • Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. · Course: TPC Michigan (7,069 yards, par 72).

• Purse: \$2.5 million. Winner's share: \$375,000.

• TV: USA (2-4 p.m., Thursday-Friday) and ABC (4-6 p.m., Saturday-Sunday).

#### PGA EUROPEAN TOUR **Barclays Scottish Open**

· Site: Luss, Scotland. Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. · Course: Loch Lomond Golf Club (7,139 yards, par 71).

 Purse: \$4.42 million. Winner's share: \$736,040. • TV: The Golf Channel (10 a.m.-1 p.m., 9:30-11 p.m., Thursday; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 9:30-11:30 p.m., Friday; 8:30-11:30 a.m., 9:30-11:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday).

#### NATIONWIDE TOUR Scholarship America Showdown

· Site: Byron, Minn.

· Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. • Course: Somerby Golf Club (7,209 yards, par 72) • Purse: \$550,000. Winner's

share: \$99,000. • TV: The Golf Channel (5-7:30

p.m., Thursday; 2-3:30 a.m., 5-7:30 p.m., Friday; 2-3:30 a.m., 4:30-7 p.m., Saturday-Sunday; 2-3:30 a.m., Monday)

#### **LEADERS**

#### **WORLD RANKINGS** 1. Tiger Woods 16.77 2. Phil Mickelson 9.62 3. Vijay Singh 8:43 4. Retief Goosen 7.09 5. Jim Furyk 7.04 6. Adam Scott 5.95 7. Geoff Ogilvy 5.73 8. Ernie Els 5.53

#### **MONEY LEADERS**

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9. Sergio Garcia

10. David Howell

PGA TOUR										
Player	Money									
1. Phil Mickelson	\$4,057,243									
<ol><li>Geoff Ogilvy</li></ol>	\$3,919,394									
<ol><li>Jim Furyk</li></ol>	\$3,784,126									
4. Vijay Singh	\$3,328,970									
5. T. Immelman	\$3,030,746									
6. Tiger Woods	\$2,925,083									
7. Stuart Appleby	\$2,903,211									
8. Adam, Scott	\$2,534,959									
9. Chad Campbel	1\$2,406,661									
10. David Toms	\$2,400,544									

#### LPGA TOUR

Player	Money					
1. Lorena Ochoa	\$1,446,641					
2. A. Sorenstam	\$1,261,614					
3. Karrie Webb	\$1,197,433					
4. Juli Inkster	\$964,611					
5. Mi Hyun Kim	\$834,724					

CHAMPIONS TOUR								
Player	Money							
1. Jay Haas	\$1,383,186							
2. Loren Roberts	\$1,352,491							
3. Brad Bryant	\$1,156,267							
4. Gil Morgan	\$1,011,614							
5. Allen Doyle	\$906,285							

#### THE GOLF DOCTOR

#### Focus on focus

The golf course is a multisensorial experience, with myriad sights, sounds and feelings. And while this barrage of sensory stimulation makes the game exciting, it also makes it hard to focus on the target.

You won't often have to deal with the gentle hum of a passenger jet 1,000 feet above your head, as they do at Doral, or 10,000 spectators on the move after Tiger holes out, but even in recreational golf, you have to be ready for almost anything. Here are some keys to focusing.

· First develop a good preshot routine that includes both physical and mental elements. Physical in that you should do the same things in the same order every time - such things as taking practice swings and soling your club head behind the ball before you set your body in position. Your mental routine involves things like constructing a plan and imaging the shot your plan calls for.

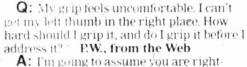
 The good preshot routine is like an avalanche that carries you along, insulating you from most distractions. But if you are interrupted, train yourself to step away from the ball and start the process again. Reprocessing is so important that some tour players take starting over to the rith degree by putting the club back in the bag

 Practice imagery both on and off the course so when you call up the target on your mental screen the image is so clear that your mind and body are on the same page. If all you can see is the target, who cares if a plane is about to land on the tee!

Your major goal: Lock onto the target to the exclusion of all else.

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#### ASK THE PRO



handed and therefore are asking about your arget (left) hand. The target thumb should fit in the canal formed by the trail thumb and its fat pad. Your hands should mold together as closely as possible, and you should not be able to see your target thumb once

you have completed your grip on the club. The canal of the trail hand should cover the top joint of the target thumb and should be the only pressure point in your grip. Pressure anywhere else will prevent the proper cocking of your wrists on the backswing.

You should "milk" your trail hand down on that thumb joint until it completely covers it. This will prevent tension from building and allow you to make a smooth take-

While you are learning the new grip, put your hands on the club as follows before you take your stance: Using your trail hand only, hold the shaft

in your fingers at its midpoint, extending the club at arm's length in front of you so that the shaft forms a 45-degree angle with the ground.

Then wrap the fingers of your target hand around the grip and position your thumb down the side of the shaft. Now simply slide the fingers of the trail hand down the shaft until they reach your other hand

You can use the interlock, the overlap or the 10-fingered grip — it doesn't make any difference. The key is that the only pressure point is the one just described, and the grip is in the fingers.

### **CHURCH**

Continued from Page 5A

and Laura Sickles; and one for adults, led by the Rev. Ken McIntosh.

Each evening will come to a close after gathering the three groups together for one last song and prayer.

To help us plan for dinners, please call the church office at 267-7851 if you and your children would like to join us for this year's VBS.

Sunday, we will have the Rev. Paula Brooks as our guest pastor, as our minister will be attending church camp with some of our youth. Sunday

school takes place at 9:30 a.m., followed by worship beginning at 10:40 a.m.

#### **East Side Baptist**

Saturday, July 29, East Side Baptist will celebrate its 18th anniversary with a gospel concert at 7 p.m. Earley Praises, Marvin Stewart and Rosie O'Toole from the Fort Worth area will perform.

Activities Sunday include Fun Time at 9:45 a.m.; family praise and worship, 10:45 a.m.; prayer meeting, 5:30 p.m.; and praise and worship, 6 p.m. Nursing home services are 2:30 p.m. at Parkview each third Sunday of the month and 3 p.m. at Mountain View the last Sunday of each month.

#### **Baptist Temple**

Baptist Temple will be hosting a Saturday Summer Splash this Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 400 E. 11th Place. Activities include a dunking booth, water slide and water games. This is open to children in Pre-K through sixth grade and their families. Kids are asked to wear old clothes and bring a towel. Boys and girls must wear a shirt at all times.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. and worship service is at 10:45 each Sunday. For more information, visit www.baptisttemplechurch.org or call the church office at 267-8287.

#### First Church of God

First Church of God will be hosting a Jesus Jubilee July 22 for any child who is able to come. The church is located at 2009 Main St. This is a one-day event from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. All children under 12 years of age are welcome to attend this free, fun activity. There will be games, food, crafts, songs and fellowship. For a ride, call 816-1270 or 264-0160.

#### Coahoma United **Methodist Church**

Join CUMC at 11 a.m. Sunday for our regular worship services. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m.

Monday is "Funday Monday" for the youth from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. All youth are invited to attend. Meet at the church for fun and fellowship.

Wednesday will have youth activities and Praise Band worship from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, all youth are invited to meet at the church at noon for lunch and fellowship. Bring \$5 for pizza.

Youth camp is quickly approaching, July 24-28, at Ceta Canyon. If you have not signed up, there is still time. Contact the church at 394-4432 for more information.

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# Club News

#### Sand Springs **Lions Club**

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Monday, July 3, with President Phillip Reid presiding.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Bob Madigan and the opening prayer worded by Ben was Boadle.

President Reid announced we will be discussing the International Campaign Sight First II in the near future and the action to be taken.

District Lion Governor Marshall Twombly will be the guest speaker for the July 17 meeting. A meal will be served.

Betty Franklin made a motion to buy glasses for Kristian Rose.

motion was approved. An appointment has been set for July 18 with Dr. Seymore. The transfer application of Connie Alvarado of the Evening Lions Club was approved.

The club's annual family picnic will be held the second Monday in August at the Coahoma City Park.

Award certificates and a Springs patch were received by the president from the Road in Sand Springs, at Texas Lions Camp, RSVP and the Western Texas Lions Eve Bank Alliance and a thank you from the Jimmy Earnest family.

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6:30 p.m. All interested Community Center, 131 Scout Hut persons are welcome to attend.

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#### Growth of Christianity in developing world tests Jewish-Christian ties

By The Associated Press

The world used to be much smaller for Jewish groups trying to win Christian friends.

Interfaith relations once were a matter of Jewish leaders shaking hands at the Vatican, seeking out mainline Protestants in the United States and Europe, and forging ties with American evangelicals over Israel.

But the landscape of Christianity is transform-

ing, creating a new challenge in the drive for mutual acceptance: Christian churches are growing fastest in the developing world, and within a generation or two, will eclipse their northern counterparts in size and influence.

In Africa, where the Christian population grew from about 10 million to 423 million over the 20th century, many feel an affinity for Jews

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#### **BSHS announces** baseball camp for upcoming week

Big Spring head baseball coach Clint Clayton, along with his assistant coaches, will be having a summer baseball camp Monday through Thursday.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon daily and is for first through ninth graders. It also costs \$25 per participant.

For more information, call coach Clayton at 214-801-2782 or the ATC at **264**-3662.

#### **Hunter education**

course scheduled A hunter education class has been scheduled for July 22-23 at the Big Spring Area Chamber

Commerce building. The cost of the class, which will be held at 8 a.m. each day, is \$15 per person.

For more information or to register, contact Steve Poitevint at 264-7033 during the evening hours.

#### Reds try to fix pen with huge trade CINCINNATI (AP)

The Cincinnati overhauled their rickety bullpen, getting Gary Majewski and Bill Bray in an eight-player trade that sent outfielder Austin Kearns and shortstop Felipe Lopez to the Washington

Nationals. The Reds also acquired shortstop Clayton, infielder Brendan Harris and pitcher Daryl Thompson.

#### Desperate for a fifth starter, Yanks sign Ponson

NEW YORK (AP) -

ioney Ponson is about to get another chance, this time with the New York Y ankees Ponson was cut by the St. Louis Cardinals last week and the Yankees, desperate to find a fifth starter, expect to sign the talented-but-trou-bled pitcher Friday. Ponson's career was erailed by alcohol roblems. Baltimore sed him last

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ar contract.

# Wie again struggles to compete on men's tour

 Four men tied for lead at Deere Classic

By ANDREW SELIGMAN

**AP Sports Writer** 

SILVIS, Ill. — She hit bushes and trees, water and weeds. Michelle Wie hit them wide right and left, long and short, everywhere but the fairway.

She let out an "argh!" as a tee shot sailed off to the right, into the trees. And she put her right hand over her mouth as another floated wide right, this time landing on a hill.

This was Michelle Wie? "No, it was just my evil twin sister playing," she said.

The Wie who showed up

round of the John Deere Classic bore little resemblance to the one who was 1 under after the first round last year.

Trying for a fifth time to become the first woman since 1945 to make a cut in a PGA Tour event, the 16-year-old shot 6-over 77 and was in a three-way tie for 149th place, 13 strokes off the lead. Only Bob May and Mike Springer trailed her.

J.P. Hayes, John Senden, Daniel Chopra and local favorite Zach Johnson were tied for the lead at 7-under 64, one stroke ahead of Joe Ogilvie and Kris Cox.

Thursday for the first Defending champion Sean O'Hair was 2 under.

> "I didn't make the cut shooting 1 under on the first (day), so maybe shooting 6 over might do it," Wie said, referring to last year's opening round.

Wie is trying to become the first woman since Babe Zaharias in 1945 to make the cut. And if ever there was a time the teen phenom was going to do it, this appeared to be it.

She missed the cut at last year's Deere Classic by two strokes, blowing her chance at history with two bad holes late in the second round. A year older and wiser, she arrived playing the best

golf of he career. In the first three LPGA Tour majors, she's finished a combined five shots out of the lead.

. She'd already made the cut at one men's event, too, finishing 12 shots off the lead in the Asian Tour's SK Telecom Open.

But Wie got off to a rough start Thursday and never quite got back on track. She hit seven of 14 fairways and six of 18 greens in regulation, only one in the first nine. She took four drops, three in the first five holes.

Heavy fog delayed the start of the first round by 2 hours, 10 minutes, and Wie passed the time read-

ing and sleeping at the home where she's stay-

"It was nice," she said. Her first few holes were anything but.

Wie started on the 10th tee, where about 2,000 fans greeted her with loud applause, and she ran into trouble on the 11th, when bugs hovered as she addressed her ball. She stepped back five times, throwing her head back in frustration the final

She pushed her tee shot so far right it was lost in a thicket of trees and she had to take a drop. She

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# Rangers soar past **Orioles**

 Teixeira homers three times in Texas' win over Baltimore

By DAVID GINSBURG

**AP Sports Writer** 

BALTIMORE - Mark Teixeira hit a career-high three homers and drove in seven runs, and the Texas Rangers hit six home runs Thursday night in a 15-1 rout of the **Baltimore Orioles.** 

Teixeira hit a sacrifice fly in the first inning, a solo homer in the sixth, a two-run shot in the eighth and a three-run drive in the ninth. The seven RBIs tied a career

Teixeira has 12 homers, including four in his last two games. It was his 12th career multihomer game, the first this sea-

Texas totaled 19 hits and reached a seasonhigh in home runs.

Brad Wilkerson hit his 14th homer and drove in four runs, and Rod Barajas also homered for the Rangers, who got at least one hit from every starter. Mark DeRosa went 3-for-3 with a home run and two walks.

Vicente Padilla (9-5) gave up one run and four hits in seven innings to win his third straight start. The right-hander struck out three and walked three.

The game was tied at 1 before Texas got seven hits in the six-run sixth.

Teixeira hit a leadoff homer and Ian Kinsler drew a one-out walk before Kevin Mench hit a ground-rule double. Wilkerson then chased Daniel Cabrera (4-7) with a two-run double.

Wilkerson was tagged out at the plate trying to score on Barajas' single off Chris Britton, but Gary Matthews Jr. followed with a single and DeRosa hit a three-run shot to left.

Wilkerson's two-run homer in the seventh off

Sendy Rleal made it 9-1. Cabrera allowed four runs, six hits and five walks in 51-3 innings. He is 0-5 in his last six starts and leads the AL with 75

walks in 85 2-3 innings. Cabrera received some fine defensive support in the fifth. After Fahey made a nice running grab of a foul liner hit by Matthews, DeRosa singled before Brian Roberts snapped up a sharp grounder by Michael Young and started a 4-6-3 double play.



MCT photo/Elizabeth Malby, Baltimore Sun

Baltimore Orioles' catcher Ramon Hernandez looks down as the Texas Rangers celebrate a two-run homer by Brad Wilkerson in the seventh inning. The Rangers defeated the Orioles, 15-1, at Orioles Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore, Md., Thursday. Texas hit six home runs in the game.

# Huff homers in debut as Astros beat Marlins

By ADRIAN SAINZ

**Associated Press Writer** MIAMI — Aubrey Huff

hit a three-run home run in his Houston debut and Lance Berkman had three hits to lead the Astros to a 5-1 victory over the Florida Marlins Thursday night.

Huff, who was acquired in a trade with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Wednesday, homered to right-center in the eighth reliever Randy

the Astros a 5-1 lead.

Houston broke a threegame road losing streak. while the Marlins lost for the fourth time in their last 13 home games. Huff's homer was part

of a four-run eighth. Willy Taveras singled to lead off the inning and advanced to third as Chris Burke reached when first baseman Mike Jacobs failed to handle a low throw by shortstop Hanley Ramirez. Berkman drove

Messenger (1-5) to give in Taveras with a single Astros' Roy Oswalt and to right, and Huff followed with his homer, his second hit of the game.

> The 30-year-old Huff hit .283 with eight home runs and 28 RBIs in 63 games for the Devil Rays this season. The third baseman hit safely in 20 of his last 23 games with Tampa Bay, batting .433 with 13 doubles, five homers and 16 RBIs during the stretch.

The game began as a pitcher's duel between the See ASTROS, Page 2B

the Marlins' Dontrelle Willis — but neither figured in the decision.

Oswalt pitched 6 1-3 innings, allowing one run and six hits while striking out four. He pitched at least six innings for the 17th time in his past 18

Willis, who began the season 1-6, entered the game having won five of his last six decisions.

# Astros place all-star Ensberg on 15-day DL

 Scott gets called up from Round Rock to fill roster position

MIAMI (AP) — The

**Houston Astros Thursday** 

15-day disabled list, retroactive to July 10, with a bruised right shoulder.

Ensberg originally hurt the shoulder June 9 against the

Morgan Ensberg on the Braves and had been home run since June 9. laboring with the injury for a month, Houston manager Phil Garner said.

> Ensberg was hitting .236 with 19 homers and 44 Atlanta RBIs. He has just one

The Astros called up outfielder Luke Scott

from Triple-A Round

Scott hit .188 in 34 games for the Astros last

# placed third baseman Barbaro continues to fight for life after injury

 Race horse develops severe case of laminitis in back foot

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT

AP Racing Writer KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. -Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro was fighting for his life Thursday

after developing a severe case of laminitis, a potentially fatal disease brought on by uneven weight distribution in the limbs.

Dean Richardson, the chief surgeon who has been treating Barbaro since the colt suffered catastrophic injuries in the Preakness May 20, called the Derby winner's chances of survival "poor."

Rock.

"I'd be lying if I said anything other than poor," Richardson said Thursday. "As long as the horse is not suffering, we're going to continue to try (to save him).

"If we can keep him comfortable, we think it's worth the effort."

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went seven innings, allowing one run and six hits while striking out five.

Astros manager Phil Garner pulled Oswalt in the seventh after Jeremy Hermida and Miguel Olivo reached with singles Chad Qualls (4-2) came on and got Reggie Abercrombie to ground into a fielder's choice and pinch-hitter Cody Ross to pop up.

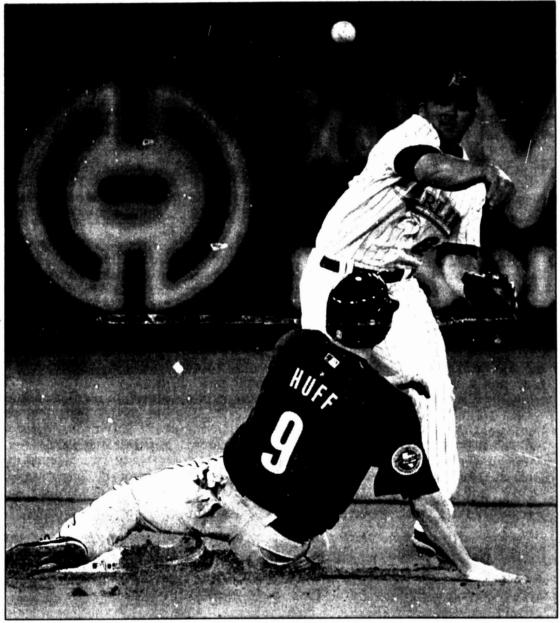
Willis hit Burke with a pitch in the sixth. Burke advanced to third on Berkman's single.

After Huff struck out, Preston Wilson singled up the middle to drive in Burke and give the Astros a 1-0 lead.

Jacobs tied the game in the sixth with his 12th homer, a drive into the stands in right.

Florida entered the game 12th in the league with 66 errors and added three more by Jacobs, Ramirez and Willis.

Home plate umpire Rick Reed left the game with one out in the bottom of the second inning, with a broken blood vessel in his nose.



Houston Astros' Aubrey Huff is out at second base as Florida Marlins' Dan Uggla makes the double play by throwing to first to get the out on Astros' Preston Wilson in the fourth inning. The Astros defeated the Marlins 5-1 at Dolphin Stadium in Miami, Fla., Thursday.

## WIE

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wound up with a doublebogey after her 20-foot uphill putt stopped at the edge of the cup.

Next up was the par-3 12th, another easy birdie hole. But once again, her tee shot sailed to the right, prompting Wie to yell, "Oh, no! You've got to be kidding me!"

None. That hall disanpeared into trees, too, forcing her to take

another drop from about 90 yards out. But she saved a bogey, running that shot 4 feet past the hole and making the

She rebounded with a 12-footer for birdie on 13. But her recovery was short-lived. Another bad drive on 14 landed in deep weeds up on a hill, and she had to take another drop, her third.

Wie finally got a break on the par-3 16th, chipping in from a valley about 20 yards behind and to the right of the

pin. The crowd whooped and cheered, and a relieved-looking exchanged a fist bump with her caddie.

Otherwise, they had little to celebrate. Wie's tee shot on the

par-5 17th hit one tree and then another, landing in deep rough about 10 yards into the gallery. She tried to punch out, but the ball only moved about 40 yards. When she finally did get on the green, she left a 15-foot par putt short.

After a bogey on No. 1 feel like I can do it."

and another drop on No. 2, Wie had a chance to make up ground. One birdie putt hit the edge of the cup and banged out. Another rolled 3 feet by, and she left yet another 4 feet short.

"I feel like I have a really good round in me," she said. "I feel like if I hit the fairways more, if I was in the fairway I could have a shot a lot under par. I felt like my irons are really good. My putting feels really good and I really

# Landis grabs overall lead at Tour de France

By JAMEY KEATEN

**Associated Press Writer** PLA-DE-BERET, Spain

American Floyd Landis took the race leader's yellow jersey on Thursday on the Tour de France's hardest stage in the Pyrenees, which was won by Russian Denis Menchov.

Landis took the lead from France's Cyril Dessel, confirming himself as the favorite to succeed seven-time champi-

on Lance Armstrong, his former teammate.

Landis, Menchov and Levi American Leipheimer finished in a group together, with the Russian winning a sprint to the line to finish in 6 hours, 6 minutes and 25 seconds.

Landis was third but the three finished far enough ahead of Dessel for the American to take the overall lead. Landis now has an 8 second lead over Dessel.



#### **Bidding Quiz**

You're the dealer, neither side vulnerable, and have opened One Diamond. Partner responds Three Diamonds. What would you bid now with each of the following four

1. ♠ KJ ♥ AQ7 ♠ KQ863 ♠ KJ4 2. ♠ 93 ♥ 84 ♠ AK872 ♠ AJ93 3. ♠ K85 ♥ J7 ♠ AJ94 ♠ KQ82 4. ♠ AQ4 ♥ 83 ♦ J87532 ♣ AK

1. Four notrump. Partner can be expected to have from 13 to 16 points for his three-diamond bid, which puts you in the 33-point zone generally required for 12 tricks. Λ small slam is thus practically certain, while a grand slam is a possibility. The number of aces partner holds is the key to how far to go, so you invoke the Blackwood convention.

If partner responds five diamonds, showing one ace, you pass; if partner bids five hearts (two aces), you bid six diamonds; and if partner responds five spades (three aces), you bid five notrump, asking for kings. If the response to this is six diamonds, showing one king, you bid seven diamonds

2. Four diamonds. Here your opening bid is only slightly above a minimum, and you indicate this by rebidding in minimum terms. If partner next bids five diamonds, you

But if partner evinces interest in a slam by bidding four hearts or four five clubs. This cannot be construed as a strong bid because your previous four-diamond bid announced a minimum hand. Five clubs in this sequence simply indicates firstround control of clubs.

3. Three notrump. This is not a pleasant rebid, considering your weakness in hearts, but three notrump offers a better chance for game than any other contract. It is possible that the best spot is

five diamonds, but there is no sensible way of finding out whether an 11-trick contract is superior without going past three notrump. If partner passes three notrump, the odds favor 4. Four clubs. A slam is decidedly

possible, despite your minimum high-card values, and is surely worth investigating. Partner might have something like: ◆ 83 ♥ AJ5 ◆ AK106 ◆ Q652, and this typical three-diamond response would provide an excellent shot for six.

If partner responds to four clubs with four diamonds, you would be entitled to make still another slam try by bidding four spades. If partner next retreats to five diamonds, ignoring both invitations to slam, you would have to respect his signoffs and abandon the effort.

Note that Blackwood should not be used on this type of hand. Learning how many aces partner has does not tell you whether 12 tricks are availspades over four diamonds, you bid

Tomorrow: Bridge on a high level.

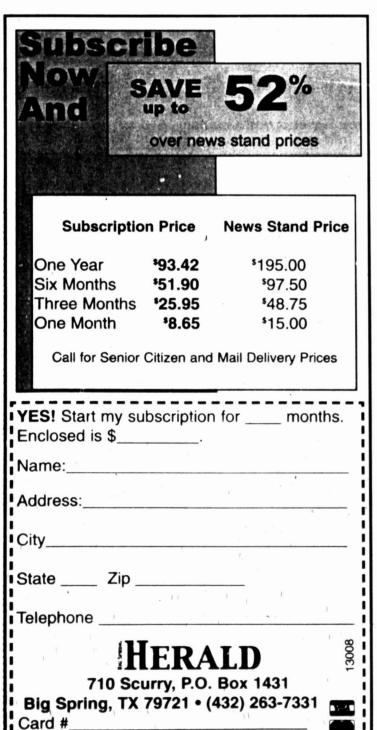
## Cincinnati selects troubled LB **Brooks in supplemental draft**

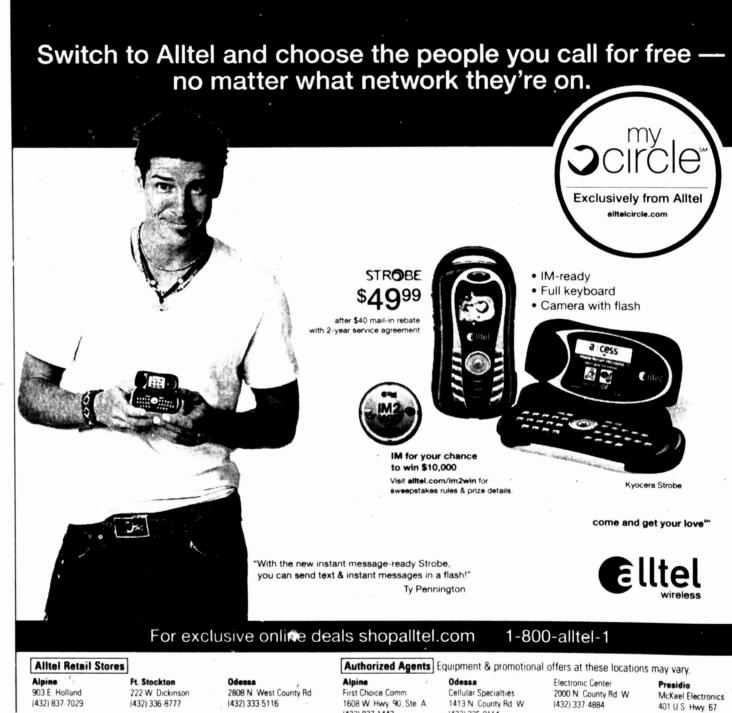
Linebacker Brooks, who starred at Virginia for three seasons but was kicked off the — Louisville coach Bobby team, was selected by the Petrino signed a 10-year Cincinnati Bengals in the contract extension.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're lucky because you take a moment to acknowledge and appreciate the humanity you share with others. This is done subtly — maybe simply through a glance or nod — but the impact is

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Waiting, though it may feel intolerable, is

you need time to process your feelings. You find good fortune when you act instead of REact.

**GEMINI (May 21-June** 21). It may seem daring to imagine that things are perfect as they are, but it also may very well be true. Let go of your minor concerns, and you're able to face (indeed, embrace) your current situation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Love is a push-andpull game; you'll feel better if you push less and let a sweetheart come to you. By making your own happiness a higher priority, you handle problems.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's lucky to alter your plans, especially if you do so because you have a funny feeling. Others benefit from your decisions. Caregivers, Children thrive with more to do and be accountable for.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You outsmart the foxes today! Change your customary responses, especially in regard to advised. The stars suggest loved ones who repeat

surprise interruption in your usual communication flow brings about a brilliant result.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Cherished dreams of the distant past resurface. How did you forget? Now that you're back "in touch," you're also very attractive to anyone who can help you move forward in the direction of making those dreams

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just being around a certain charismatic person makes you feel more engaged in your surroundings. You might be flattered to know that others feel the same way about you — specifically,

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Loved ones need to shine, and you let them. Your graciousness will be long-remembered. Note: This is not a good day to use your cell phone while driving — in fact, maybe it's never a good day for that.

like a scratched CD. The Jan. 19). The stars favor through manuals and investigations of all kinds. Delve into topics of interest, including casual ones like news and gossip. What you learn makes you even more

curious. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Being too legical stunts your growth. Go on a flight of fancy. A break in your routine leads you to an influential person. A Libra offers advice. Even though it's hard to hear, this is the best perspective on your situa-

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You give others the benefit of the doubt — it's your modus operandi. Today, this could be a misstep. The most likely scenario turns out to be true. You don't have to be jaded to make informed decision.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You win a heart by talking in "You" phrases. Try not to use "I" very much. TAU-RUS: Venus graces you with natural appeal, so CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- learning about love you. PISCES: Your attrac-

classes, etc. may feel forced, but there are benefits to doing so. GEMINI: To avoid repeating past mistakes, do something different when you feel vu. CANCER: deja Joining a society, club or class will put you in the middle of a new circle of eligibles. LEO: Skip formalities and get right to the point. VIRGO: Seize every chance to meet and cultivate rapport with those you admire. LIBRA: You make a person feel like a real Somebody around you, so this person wants to be around you all the time. SCOR-PIO: You meet love while satisfying your curiosity. SAGITTARIUS: You're getting in the mix in a bold new way. CAPRI-CORN: Don't worry about meeting your special someone – focus on being a special someone. AQUARIUS: You're drawn to a totally differtion secret is to celebrate what's right about the other person, instead of trying to figure out what is wrong.

OF THE COUPLE WEEKEND: Taurus and Libra both have an innate appreciation for the sensualities that make life a pleasure. Taurus knows how to quench an appetite for luxury, and Libra is a magnet for the good life. Libra: Remember to always give Taurus plenty of alone time. You'll be the one to structure most of your together time, too. Taurus: Libra needs proof of your love, which should be delivered on a daily basis.

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# Annie's Mailbox •: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My son is 7 and having problems with the few kids who live around us. There is one little boy in particular, "Jamie," who has the mouth of a sailor and is constantly picking on my son. There are other kids who hang out with Jamie and are mean to my son when they are in a group. My son is a very loving and kindhearted boy, but he needs to defend himself and not let these kids convince him to do things that will get him into

I have tried everything from talking to the other moms to grounding him. I don't know how to get my son to understand that he should either stick up for himself or just stay away from Jamie. I don't want him to end up with no friends, but I also don't want him to be the one they kick around. Jamie also picks on my 10-yearold daughter when she visits me, and then she turns around and picks on her brother to get the other kids' approval.

I don't know what to say anymore when my son comes running home crying because they were mean to him. He won't take my advice to stay away. — Troubled Mom

Dear Troubled: Being around these children makes your son feel popular, and he's willing to put up with the negative consequences for the satisfaction of being part of the junior "in crowd." Don't focus too much on Jamie. Instead, get your son involved in other activities so he can meet more appropriate friends and develop some selfesteem. Also, you must teach your daughter the importance of sticking up for her brother. She will be proud of herself later.

Dear Annie: My son and daughter-in-law have been married for seven years. Even though I have given her permission to call me "Dad" or use my first name, she has done neither. She says "Dad" is not appropriate and using my first name would be

disrespectful. I have finally decided to come down to her passiveaggressive level and eliminate using her name. I actually feel better. Do you have a better idea? Our son wants nothing to do with this situation. —

Hi/Bye Guy Dear Guy: Your daughter-in-law doesn't want to call you "Dad" and feels awkward calling you "Joe." In seven years, she



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hasn't found a palatable alternative.

Sometimes this problem is resolved when grandchildren enter the picture and you are "Grandpa" to everyone. If that's not happening, it's time to ask again. She needs to understand how much this bothers you. Tell her if she uses your name regularly, it will become more natural, but she must make the effort.

Dear Annie: My husband died suddenly in April. We would have been married 50 years next month. We had planned a trip to celebrate, but now I feel cheated out of my special trip and am angry and bitter. Then I feel guilty for the anger and bitterness. I realize this is part of the grief process, and I know I should be thankful for the many wonderful years we had together.

Here's the real problem: Several of my friends, as well as my sister, will be celebrating 50th wedding anniversaries this year. Some are having parties or catered dinners to which I no doubt will be invited. I don't want to say or do anything to take away from the happiness of others, but at the same time, the hurt is almost unbearable. How can I handle these situations?

Heartbroken Virginia Dear Virginia: Your grief is still raw, and it's

perfectly understandable celebrations difficult. Do to stop it. not feel obligated to attend parties that are "unbearable." Simply send your regrets, saying you are not quite ready yet. In the meantime, please get some grief counseling to help you weather the loss and adjust to your new situation. Our deepest condo-

Dear Annie: I am the parent of two boys, "Thomas" and "Henry," and I always have been very careful about not handing them weapons to play with. I believe that if they are introduced to violent toys at a young age, they will be more likely to end up using such weapons in real life when they grow up. Most of their friends'

parents understand and dren will take their cues respect my opinion whenever my boys play at their homes. One particular family, however, doesn't.

My children were over at "Jerry's" house recently, and when I went to pick them up, I found them playing with violent toys. I have strongly stated to the child's mother my theory regarding these items and asked her politely not to let my boys use such weapons. They continue to use inappropriate toys at her home, and she always says it won't happen again, yet that you would find such she doesn't try very hard

> I don't want to prevent Thomas and Henry from playing at Jerry's house, but I need the toy weapons to be put away. How can I get through to woman? Nonviolent Midwest

Dear Nonviolent: We understand why you don't want your children playing with toy guns, but you cannot control what someone else's children play with in their own home. You only get to determine whether your children will visit at that home.

Playing with toy guns does not necessarily make your child more violent, or more likely to use real guns. What matters is your attitude toward such play, because your chil-

from you. Explain to Henry and Thomas the harm real guns can do and why you don't like them to play with such toys. (This won't, of course, stop creative children from making guns out of paper, Legos or slices of cheese. Good luck, Mom.)

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aspect of a person, than usually would interest

Dear Annie: I recently attended a luncheon with a group of co-workers. After lunch, we played a game called "Greed," where everyone picks a a table. (We each brought get which was a set of spices in glass containers with its own carrying case.

The co-worker then stated repeatedly that she doesn't cook, that she was going to kick the gift across the room, and that she definitely intended to give it away. I was hurt and humiliated, and so embarrassed that I didn't admit it was my gift.

How do I continue to work with such a rude, inconsiderate person? Salted and Peppered in New York

Dear N.Y.: You pretend it never happened. Your gift was lovely, and someone else would have appreciated it a great deal. The co-worker's infantile iantrum was inexcusable and doesn't

deserve a second thought. Dear Annie: I would like to thank "M.R.," who wrote Hashimoto's Syndrome, a form of hypothyroidism. I, too, have been suffering from hair loss, weight gain and fatigue. I've had my thyroid checked numerous times, but the results always came back normal. My doctors just attributed my symptoms to Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome and insulin resistance.

My mother read your wrapped grab-bag gift off column and urged me to gifts that were no more Hashimoto's. I got my than \$10.) One of my co-results back today, and workers picked my gift, my antibody levels were nine times the acceptable amount! I don't yet know how much my thyroid has been damaged, but I imagine it would have been a lot more if Mom hadn't seen that letter. I honestly can't thank the writer enough. - Greensboro,

Dear Greensboro: We're thankful your mother saw that letter, and glad that you now have a proper diagnosis. Stay well.

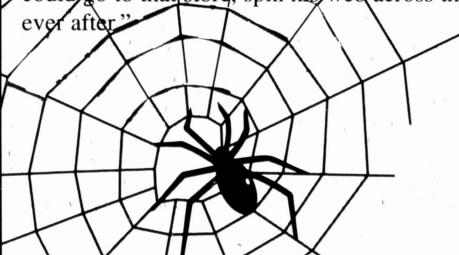
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# The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace



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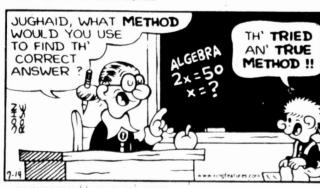
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# This Date In History

Today is Friday, July 14, the 195th day of 2006. There are 170 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On July 14, 1789, during the French Revolution, citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison and released the seven prisoners inside. On this date:

In 1798, Congress passed the Sedition Act, making it a federal crime to publish false, scandalous or malicious writing about the U.S. government. In 1853, Commodore

Matthew Perry relayed to Japanese officials a letter from former President Fillmore, requesting trade relations. In 1881, outlaw William H.

Bonney Jr., alias "Billy the Kid," was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner, N.M.

In 1933, all German political parties, except the Nazi Party, were outlawed. In 1958, the army of Iraq overthrew the monarchy. In 1965, the American space probe Mariner 4 flew by Mars, sending back photographs of the planet.

In 1965, U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson Jr. died in London at age 65.

In 1966, eight student nurses were murdered by Richard Speck in a Chicago dormitory.

In 1976, Jimmy Carter won the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in New York. In 1978, Soviet dissident

Natan Sharansky was convicted of treasonous espionage and anti-Soviet agitation, and sentenced to 13 years at hard labor. (Sharansky was released in 1986.)

Today's Birthdays: Former President Gerald R. Ford is 93. Movie and stage director Ingmar Bergman is 88. Actor Dale Robertson is 83. Actor Harry Dean Stanton is 80. Actress Nancy Olson is 78. Actress Polly Bergen is 76. Former football player Rosey Grier is 74. Country singer Del Reeves is 74. Actor Jerry Houser is 54. Actor-director Eric Laneuville is 54. Actor Stan Shaw is 54. Movie producer Scott Rudin is 48. Country musician Ray Herndon (McBride and the Ride) is 46. Actor Jackie Earle Haley is 45. Actor Matthew Fox is 40. Rock musician Ellen Reid (Crash Test Dummies) is 40. Rock singer-musician Tonya Donelly is 40. Actress Missy Gold is 36. Rhythm-andblues singer Tameka Cottle (Xscape) is 31. Hip-hop musician taboo (Black Eyed Peas)

Thought for Today: "A man must be both stupid and uncharitable who believes there is no virtue or truth but on his own side.' Joseph Addison, English

essayist and poet (1672-1719). ® 2006 The Associated Press.

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