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BSISD shopping for teachers

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Parents aren't the only ones doing some last-minute shopping in preparation for the new school year. Big Spring school district officials are also shopping — shopping for teachers, that is.

Personnel matters highlighted a short meeting of the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees Monday night at the high school.

Every year as the school year approaches, there are invariably

some last-minute personnel vacancies that need to be filled, making Assistant Superintendent Rey Villarreal the busiest man at BSISD. "When you get this

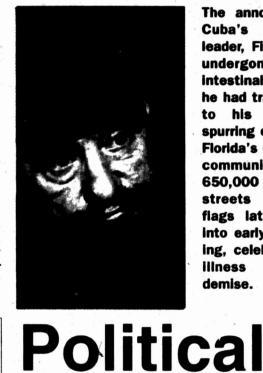
close to the new school year, it gets harder and harder to find teachers

who fit our needs, because there's fewer of them out there, of course." Villarreal said. "So we make a lot of phone calls and cull through our applications."

Resignations accepted by trustees See BSISD, Page 3

during Monday's meeting included: Marcy Elementary teacher Debbie Churchwell, Goliad teacher Sheila Hall, BSHS physics/chemistry teacher Ramsaroop Ramkhelawan, Goliad teacher Linda Heidelberg, high school vocational ag teacher Robin Senter and junior high counselors Jackie Swinney and Christa Tucker.

Hirings approved by the board included: Goliad teacher Chrisi Erwin, junior high counselor Sheila Hall, high school teacher



The announcement that Cuba's communist leader, Fidel Castro, had undergone surgery for intestinal bleeding said he had transferred power to his brother Raul, spurring crowds of South Florida's Cuban-American community of about 650,000 to take to the streets waving Cuban flags late Monday and into early Tuesday morning, celebrating Castro's illness and possible demise.

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David Coslow, and employee with a local contractor, replaces a conventional water meter with a new AMR (Automated Meter Reading) unit. Once operational, the unit will allow city officials to gather more accurate water readings simply by driving by and collecting the information wirelessly.

Water meter replacement going smoothly, officials say

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

With more than 400 water meters already replaced with AMR (automated meter reading) units, the city of Big Spring is expected to

billing zone Aug. 9.

"The replacement process is going very smoothly, and we're hoping to be able to finish the zone before we begin training on how to use the new system on Aug. 14,"

complete replacement of its first said Peggy Walker, finance director for the city of Big Spring. "We'll be able to do a full-scale trial run during training, from reading the meters to the actual

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earthquake Cubans in Florida cheer

news that Fidel Castro temporarily relinquishes power

By ADRIAN SAINZ

Associated Press Writer

HIALEAH, Fla. — When Gladys Morales heard that Fidel Castro had temporarily given up power,

she woke her 70-year-old mother to celebrate with other Cuban exiles dancing in

the streets. women, who came to the **United States** from Cuba in 1970, cheered Castro's illness in this heavily Cuban-American city northwest

Miami as if the communist leader many consider ruthless dictator

hope."

already were dead. "The first thing I thought of when I heard about Fidel is that I only wish my Luis was here to see this," Mirta Morales said of her husband, who died in April 2004. "He would have been here with us, laughing and cel-

ebrating with his people." South Florida's Cuban-American community of about 650,000 is the largest segment of the state's fast-growing Hispanic community and its influence is felt across Florida. Crowds of cigarsmoking, pot-banging, cheering celebrants took to the streets waving Cuban flags late Monday and into early Tuesday.

"My first reaction was disbelief. My second reac-

tion was hope," said Armando Tellez, who sat on the hood of his red truck watching as hundreds of cars clogged the streets of Hialeah. "This is a singular event in

Cuba's history because "My first reaction there been never was disbelief. My anything second reaction was that given hope. This is a people much hope." singular event in Officials Cuba's history said Tuesday there were because there has no arrests never been anything but Miami-Dade that has given the County Emergency people so much Operation

-Armando Tellez

tus, monitoring the situation and activating a rumor control

hot line. Coast Guard officials said they were on standby but reported no significant increase in activity in the Florida Straits during the night. U.S. officials have long had plans in place to head off any possible mass exodus from Cuba by sea in case that the government suddenly opened the island's borders as occurred in

1980 and 1995. The announcement that Castro had undergone surgery for intestinal bleeding said he had transferred power to his brother Raul.

The transition of power would reshape Cuban-American politics, said

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Five earn all-state journalism staff status

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Five Big Spring High School students were recently named to the **University Interscholastic** League All-State Journalism Staff.

Nathan Booth, Alyssa

Rains and Taylor Parks, who will all be seniors this school year, were joined by junior Michelle McMurtrey and sophomore James Bowen as BSHS' representatives on

the all-state staff. Leland Mallett, journal-



at BSHS, said the students were nominated for all-state honors based on the number of points they acquired at

ism instructor academic competition this past school year, plus the ratings given to school publications. All five of Mallett's nominations made the all-

state staff.

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RICKETTS OPEN HOUSE

Mallett

Dr. Robert Ricketts, Ph.D., Democratic candidate for the District 19 congressional seat, will meet with area voters from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. tonight at 300 Washington Blvd. in a special meet-the-candidate open house.

Ricketts will face District 19 incumbent Randy Neugebauer and Libertarian Fred Jones in the November general election.

Rickettes is the former director of accounting programs and holds an endowed chair in taxation at Texas Tech University, where he has taught since 1988. He is a CPA, certified in the state of Texas in 1984 and has bachelor's, masters' and Ph.D. degrees in accounting.

GLIDER FESTIVAL COMING

The Hangar 25 Air Museum will hold its first Big Spring Hang Gliding and Flight Festival Saturday, Aug. 12, on the Hangar apron in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

The festival will include limited plane rides from the U.S. Flight Academy, game booths, classic cars and plenty of vendors.

Several contest events are also planned, including a pet and owner look alike contest, peanut spitting contest, singers and dancers, horseshoes, washer pitching and much more. The festival will feature a garage sale, with booth space available for \$25. Deadline to sign up has been extended to Friday. For more information, contact Hangar 25 at 264-1999.

FISD BOARD TO MEET

FORSAN — Forsan school trustees will adopt a proposed tax rate for the coming school year when they hold a special board meeting at 7 p.m. today in the administration building board room.

Trustees are expected to adopt a tax rate of about \$1.49 - \$1.37 in maintenance and operations and 12 cents in debt service. That will represent a decrease of about 17 cents from the previous year, Superintendent Randy

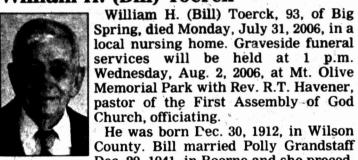
Johnson said. Also tonight, trustees will consider:

2006-07 salary schedules.

 Reports on 2005-06 TAKS results. Goal setting for the new school year.

Obituaries

William H. (Bill) Toerck



He was born Pec. 30, 1912, in Wilson County. Bill married Polly Grandstaff Dec. 29, 1941, in Boerne and she preceded him in death on Aug. 19, 1972. He later married

Mary Ann Love on Dec. 21, 1983, in Big Spring.

Mr. Toerck had lived in the community since 1936. World War II and had worked as an electrician for ther own. many years until his retirement. He was a member of First Assembly of God Church where he served as a

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Toerck of Big Spring: three step daughters, Henrietta Chapman of Big Spring, Sue Coldiron of Kingsland, and Retta Caldwell and husband Don of Big Spring; one step son, Warren E. Moore and wife Pauline of Surprize, Ariz.; a sister, Edna Higgons of Seagoville; and a niece and her spouse, Martha and Morris Crittenden of Big Spring.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, E.H. and Mary Lee Toerck; four sisters, Mattie Sarah Hobbs, Ida Mae Noce, Lillie Gregory and Grace Grandstaff; and two brothers, John Alton Toerck and Sylvester Toerck.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Assembly of God Church, 310 West Fourth Street, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Kitty Andrews



Kitty Andrews, 81, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 30, 2006, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Feb. 18, 1925, in Bearden, Ark., and married J. A. Andrews. He preceded her in death on

Kitty came to Big Spring in 1958 from Arkansas and had worked as a volunteer at the V.A. Hospital for a number of years. She was a member of the Baptist Temple Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Sue Crispin and Ann Pope, both of Big Spring; one granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Dr. Shannon and Dr. Stephen Dobranski of Atlanta, Ga.; her beloved Tinker; a brother, Lester Ables of Magnolia, Ark.; and Debbie Tucker of Big Spring, whom she considered a daughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Richard Ables.

The family suggest memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, C/O Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721; or to The Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, P.O. Box 133, Big Spring 79721.

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Paid obituary

Nativad Urias

Nativad Urias, 80, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 01, 2006, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Severa "Tia Sarah" Roman



Severa "Tia Şarah" Roman, 73, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 30, 2006, at her residence. A rosary will be held Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2006, at 7 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, at the St. Thomas Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park. She was born May 4, 1933, in Big

Spring. Severa was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Survivors include a sister, Sulema Delgado of Big He served in the United States Army Air Corps during | Spring; four nephews and one niece who she loved as

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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Margaret Jean Becker Atwell



Margaret Jean Becker Atwell, 73, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 30, 2006, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Sept. 28, 1932, in Belen, N.M. Mrs. Atwell came to Big Spring in 1936 with her family where she grew up and was a lifelong resident of the community. She was

a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Janet Harrington of Niederwald; three grandchildren; a brother, George Becker of Snyder; and two sisters, Mabel Chute of Big Spring, and Vada Pittman of Sanger, Calif.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley Atwell; a grandson; her parents, Albert and Mattie Becker; six brothers and three sisters.

The family suggest memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, PO Box 2121, Big Spring 79721.

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Glenn Dower



Glenn Dower, 83, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 30, 2006, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2006, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Steven King, pastor of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, officiat-

He was born Sept. 5, 1922, in Electra and married Oleta Wilson on Feb. 27, 1943, in Lacrosse, Wisc.

Mr. Dower served in the United States Army during World War II. He worked in the oil fields in the West Texas and New Mexico areas, and came to Big Spring in 1966 from Snyder. He retired in 1985 from Small Fishing and Rental Tool. He attended Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Oleta Dower of Big Spring; a son, Kenneth Dower of Big Spring; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Adrian Brown of Snyder; eight grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Allen Wayne Dower; and a brother, Shirley Wayne Dower.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

 MARCUS LAMON COLE, 19, of 715 Tulane, was arrested Monday on a Howard County warrant for theft.

 JOSHUA ANTHONY YANEZ, 18, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of no driver's license.

• SUSIE LEDESMA, 21, of 501 N.E. Eighth Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of theft.

 ALFREDO HINOJOS HARPER, 17, of 501 N.E. Eighth Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- in the 1100 block of Sixth Street. - in the 800 block of Willia.

 BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 4200 block of Birch.

Sheriff's report

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

 MARCUS LAMON COLE, 19, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a Howard County warrant.

• FABIAN RIOS, 32, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a parole violation.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 400 block of College.

 ANIMAL CRUELTY was reported in the 3100 block of South Anderson Road.

Fire/EMS

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

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Princeton. One person was transported to SMMC. · TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of

Northwest First Street. Service was refused. · MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of

Lajunta. One person was transported to SMMC. · MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of West

Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC. · MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Northeast Eighth Street. One person was transported

to SMMC.32 5.
• DUMPSTER FIRE was reported in the 4000 block of Parkway.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 15-16-18-24. Bonus Ball: 34. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball:

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: **\$450,000**. Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-10-22-23-34. Number matching five of five: none. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-0-8

A Gold Mine in Bedroom Drawers

Newswire: People are selling their old scrap gold that is gathering dust for its cash value because gold prices are so hig! With the price of gold at a 25 year high (over \$650.00 per ounce), it makes sense. ScrapGold.com, a gold recycler, offers free insured recycle kits so people may cash in their scrap with 24 hour service and guarantee satisfaction. They accept

broken and outdated items like chains, charms, rings and more. "Everyone has bits of gold just lying around which can be turned into cash" says Richard Zakroff, VP of marketing: "Even old dental gold has value." ScrapGold.com processes over 10,000 recycle Kits per month. People can get a free GoldKit at 1-800-283-4700 or ScrapGold.com.

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It's me, honest! WESTLAKE, Ohio (AP) - Abar waitress checking to see if a customer was legally old enough to drink looked down to see a familiar photo.

It was her own.

The 22-year-old waitress, whose name was not released. called police last week and said she had been handed her own stolen driver's license by a woman trying to prove she was

The woman, who became suspicious of the delay as the waitress went to call police, fled the Moosehead Saloon, but her companion provided her name.

Maria Bergan, 23, Lakewood, was charged Sunday night with identity theft and receiving stolen property. She was arrested at her home in suburban Cleveland. The waitress said she had lost

her wallet July 9 at a bar in Lakewood. "The odds of this waitress

recovering her own license defy calculation," police Capt. Guy

Turner said Monday.

Detective mom

NORCO, Calif. (AP) - The teenagers who toilet-papered Katja Base's home may now be regretting it.

Base, a mother of six, was unwilling to let the teens get away with it, saying she began trying to track them down to teach her kids about accountability.

Base awoke one February morning to find her front lawn strewn with toilet paper, damaged landscaping, broken light fixtures and ruined finishes on two cars. Dog food and flour covered the lawn.

Realizing the sheriff's department has better things to do than track down teen pranksters, Base decided to do some detective work.

Base persuaded supermarket managers to tally daily toiletpaper buys for the week and discovered there was a run on bathroom tissue two days before her home was vandalized.

At 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17, someone bought 144 rolls of toilet paper; cheese, dog food, flour and plastic forks - the same items found on her lawn and house. It was a cash transaction, making it difficult to trace, but the store had video surveillance.

The video showed four teens making the purchase, one of them wearing a Norco High School letterman's jacket with a name stitched across the back. Base then borrowed a Norco High yearbook and went online to get the name and addresses of the teens on the tape.

Six youths are now facing vandalism charges.

"Her work was instrumental in helping us to identify the suspects," said Lt. Ross Cooper of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

Carded at the bar

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Inspired by the yellow and red cards flashed by football referees, some New Zealand bars are using color-coded cards

to help curb excess drinking.

A yellow card is shown to imbibers who may be heading toward trouble during a night at the pub, while a red card removes them from the bar, said Hospitality Association of New Zealand chief executive **Bruce Robertson**

In a dozen bars using the cards in the North Island cities of Auckland and Wellington, a yellow card means no alcohol is served to the recipient for a specific period of time.

"If you're giving them the red card you're saying 'I'm sorry, you are too affected by alcohol for us to serve you any more, or have you on the premises. I'm afraid you're going to have to go," he said.

Patrons who leave with "good grace" are entitled to return another time and present their red card for a free drink. Robertson said.

"It wouldn't work in all bars, but in some bars that have perhaps got a sporting focus, that may be appropriate," he said.

ALL-STATE

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"It was really surprising to get all five of them on the allstate staff," Mallett said. "Usually, we only get one or two ... Five is a nice surprise."

The UIL all-state journalism staff is comprised of the best journalism students in Texas, regardless of school classification, Mallett said.

McMurtrey won district and regional championships in feature writing this past school year and placed fourth during the UIL Class 4A competition in May.

Mallett was understandably proud of the quintet's accomplishments.

"They just really enjoy writing, and they're competitive really competitive," he said. "This was a good outlet for them."

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

CASTRO

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Dario Moreno, a political science professor at Florida International University.

"In Miami, this is a political earthquake," Moreno said. "The Cuban-Americans are going to be pressuring their political officials. There's going to be a lot of pressure on Cuban-American elected officials to deliver.'

Others said they weren't

ready to celebrate because the transition to Castro's the Cuban government's policies.

"Raul Castro will give the Cuban people nothing but business as usual," said David Sandoval, 28, lead singer of the Cuban-American funk band Delexilio and a New York City lawyer.

"It is only through nonviolent, democratic elections that a legitimate government and meaningful change can take hold

in Cuba."

White House spokesman brother Raul Castro Peter Watkins said the would have little effect on administration was monitoring the situation. "We can't speculate on Castro's health, but we continue to work for the day of Cuba's freedom,' Watkins said.

The Cuban population in Florida is hardly unified, with hard-line exiles urging a tough stance against Castro and a younger generation of Cubans who were born in the United States more likely to support engagement with Cuba.

In Hialeah, 34-year-old Orlando Pino steered his bicycle with one hand and waved a Cuban flag with the other. He said he wants to return to Cuba when Castro dies.

"There's a lot of people in Cuba who are home crying," said Pino, who arrived in the Miami area two years on a religious visa. "There's a lot of confusion over there because many people loved him.

"It's all a process for the Cuban people to wake up from their sleep. It's a lot

And while the new

of time under one person and they have become accustomed to that, good or bad."

Miami-Dade College sociology professor Juan Clark, who specializes in Cuban affairs, said he was surprised that the announcement of Castro's illness was done so publicly.

Clark noted that when Castro had a well-publicized tumble in 2004, shattering a kneecap and breaking an arm, he did not delegate power to his

actually using,"

"Either he is in very, very serious condition or he may have already passed away. They might well be preparing gradually for that succession that they want to take place," Clark said.

Associated Press writers Laura Wides-Munoz, Jessica Gresko, Jennifer **Kay and Matt Sedensky** in Miami contributed to this report.

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Nativad Urias, 80, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



METERS

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billing cycle. That way we can work out any bugs in the system."

The replacement program is part of a energy and utility conservation contract the city council recently approved with Building Siemens Technologies.

The program is expected to save the city more than \$5.6 million over the next 15 years through improvements to various aspects of the municipalities including operations, lighting systems, plumbing and heating and air conditioning.

"The biggest part of the savings will come from the improvements made to the city's water system,

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The latest round of hir-

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which includes the automatic meter reading system," (AMR) said Siemens Account Executive Chad Nobles. "Approximately 60 percent of the savings we've projected will come from this system at an annual rate of approximately accomplished through more accurate meter

reading." Walker said replaceof residential ment meters is expected to take approximately 15 minutes

to complete, while commercial meters could take between one and four hours, depending on the conditions of the job site.

Todd Darden, director of public works for the city, said the program has drawn few complaints from customers that tem-\$397,000 a year. This is porarily find themselves without water

"We've had a few complaints, but most of the people are very understanding once we explain to them what we're doing," said Darden.

meters are expected to be more accurate than their predecessors, Darden said he has seen what happens when customers are charged for the amount of water they are actually using.

"I've talked with cities that have put this type of system in, and they said the only complaint they get is from people whose meters weren't being read or weren't reporting correctly, and now they have to pay for what they are

age out and be more steady because they will be read every time.' Walker said questions regarding the meter replacement program should be directed to the city water department by

Darden. "However, in the

end their bills will aver-

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new staff at BSISD to 59 for the coming year. Villarreal said 47 new teachers have been hired, along with 12 paraprofessionals.

Villarreal noted that the

district still needs to hire two teachers and three paraprofessionals before the start of school Aug. 14. other business, In

trustees approved the new budget for the County Howard Appraisal District. Contact Staff . Writer

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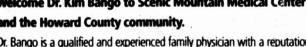
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John A. Mosele Managing Editor **News Editor**

OUR VIEWS

Have a message to get out? Well, rent a fair booth

t's time to be thinking about the Howard County Fair. And as we noted last week, it's a time to show off your product, sell crafts or get the word out about your candidacy or bond issue. Whatever you have to present to the public, one of the best ways to reach a lot of people in a short amount of time is through a booth at each year's fair.

The fair is scheduled Wednesday, Sept. 27, through Saturday, Sept. 30, and again feature lots of activities that organizers believe are certain to attract a large number of visitors.

Among the offerings are musical entertainment, a tractor pull, Kountry Kids contest, Battle of the Cheerleaders, livestock shows and a nightly carnival. There are, of course, all of the traditional contests for baked goods, vegetables, artwork, photographs, arts and crafts and more.

Also attracting folks to the fair will be the Ag Expo and appreciation luncheon, which will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28, at the Howard County Fair Barn this year instead of at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

That weekend is also homecoming for Big Spring High School, ensuring even more visitors to the city, and therefore to the fair.

Fair booth spaces are \$150 for an 8-foot by 10toot area and are reserved on a tirst-come, first served basis. You can bring your own tables and chairs or rent them. One table and two chairs rent for \$10.

Booths can be set up between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, or 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27. The fair officially opens at 4 p.m. Wednesday. Each booth will be given four weekly passes. Additional passes, if needed, can be purchased at the fair office.

One other important note — extension cords are not provided by the fair association and some outlets are located overhead, so we suggest you plan accordingly.

For more information, call 432 353-4448.

And remember, if you are a local businessman or a politician running for office, that larger than normal crowd of visitors expected at this year's fair are potential customers and voters.

Seems to us like making sure you have a fair booth is a real "no-brainer."

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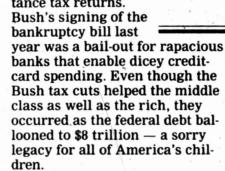
by K. Rae Anderson

May we put our energy in heavenly areas for our lives, Lord.

Dems' dream: Something for nothing

he center-left Democratic Leadership Council rightly has figured out that the American middle class feels it is too low on the Bush totem pole, and so the DLC has devised an American Dream Initiative that promises to relieve the middle class in ways that would never occur to the Bushies while helping to elect more Democrats.

On the politics, the American Dream Initiative is brilliant. The Bushies clearly don't understand how it looks to the heartland when the administration tries to get rid of half of the IRS auditors who investigate inheritance tax returns.



On the policy, the DLC Dream is not that impressive.

Iowa Governor and DLC Chairman Tom Vilsack was in San Francisco last week touting the DLC Dream, and he showed a solid understanding of where Washington is going wrong. He complained that everyone talks about the "death tax," while he wants to do something about the "birth tax," that is, the \$156,000 that is each American's share of

the federal debt burden. Hosanna.

But the DLC goes too far in pushing an initiative that, sort of, promises a European-style welfare state — but, since we're Americans, we don't have to pay steep European taxes. That is, thank you very much, more something for nothing.

The Dem Dream promises to make health care and education cheaper, with this kind of language: "Every American should have the opportunity and responsibility to go to college and earn a degree, or to get the lifelong training they need."

Responsibility to go to college? What does that even mean? Is everybody supposed to go to college? I ask.

Vilsack responds that one of the saddest things he has to deal with as a governor is meeting young adults who tell him, "I really want to go to College X, but we can't afford it, so I'm either not going to college or I'm going to the community college down the road." Vilsack is also upset that his son had to borrow six figures to finish law school and thinks the government should step in so that students can go to the university or law school of their choice and still not shoulder a huge loan that prevents them from buying a home

until their 30s. The government can, should and does offer loans and grants for students, but I don't think waitresses and janitors should pick up the whole tab for someone else's law school of choice.

As it turns out, neither does the DLC. The American Dream Initiative promises a 10-year, \$150

billion block grant for states that work to make college more affordable. The blueprint also calls for a \$3,000 tuition-tax credit for college and graduate students - which would be welcome relief for families, even if it is not a free education at a pricey Ivy League institution. The plan also calls for help for nontraditional students.

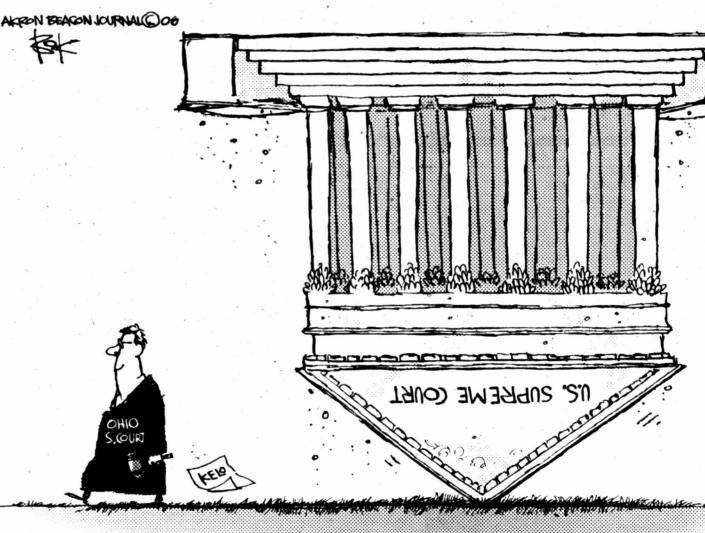
How would the DLC pay for its package, which features not only tuition-tax credits, but also a \$500 savings bond for every baby born in America, universal heath care for children and a matching fund for low-income earners who save up to \$2,000 a year?

Why, with efficiencies, of course. The American Dream Initiative would be funded by cutting the number of government contractors by 100,000 and "cutting wasteful corporate subsidies.'

Now why didn't I think of that? I liked Vilsack's focus on making government work better. I sorely wish Bush had more of that attitude. Also, I like the DLC blueprint's focus on robust regulation of pensions and mutual funds. I even liked Vilsack's call for a special commission to eliminate wasteful federal spending. (As Vilsack put it, "It gives people cover, but you know what, I'd rather give them cover and get the job done.")

Still, when it comes to promises of more government without raising your taxes, well, that must by why the DLC called it a "dream" initiative.

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The not-very-big difference between Christie Brinkley and a 20-pound bass

or most women over age 19, the Christie Brinkley thing finally boils down to this: Does the fact that one of the world's most beautiful women can't find a decent guy (four times) mean that the rest of us are even more doomed? In other

words, if love eludes a swimsuit-issue cover girl, what can the rest of us nonblond, brownie-eating, one-tooth-turning-a-funny-gray-color gals possibly hope for?

Or is this the tabloid story of the summer precisely because it bodes so well for the rest of

womankind? After all, it's the twotiming jerks who go for the goddesses. Doesn't that leave the shorter, sweeter guys for the rest

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Yes! And yes. Yes, we normal-looking women will never have the pool of guys to choose from that Brinkley had -

or probably already has again.

And yes, we are luckier for it. Maybe it's my grayish tooth talking, but it really does seem like the men who chase models are the men that everyone — models included — should avoid.

For guys like that, marrying a model is right up there with reeling in a 20-pound bass: a way of inspiring oh-so-sweet envy. Does the man care if the bass is smart or funny? Heck no — all he cares about is whether there's a photographer around to snap his picture with the thing. Then he can dump her for a cuter, younger bass who wants to sing and doesn't see anything wrong with sleeping with the married fisherman to jump-

start her career. Ahem. What I mean is: The guys who actually go out and pursue models are generally not thinking of these women as individuals. They're thinking of them as future fish stories. And I think we can all agree: No woman wants to be

treated like a great piece of bass. Now, those of us who are the herring in life know that when someone wants us, it's because of who we are, not what we look

like. That means that we also stand a very good chance of not getting thrown back when we

have the temerity to start aging. Older women are not high status in our society, but it's even harder to be an older woman once known for her looks. I got an e-mail the other day listing a whole lot of great beauties and their ages: Gina Lollobrigida, 79, Brigitte Bardot, 71, Ann-Margret, 65, etc. The tagline read, "I remember them all as beautiful."

As if they couldn't possibly be beautiful anymore.

As if anyone still pining for Gina and Brigitte isn't getting pretty prunish himself.

In Brinkley's case, she's still beautiful at 52, but she's not 19. Anyone who finds that a failing rather than a fact of life is the kind of guy it's best to avoid. Fortunately for us with a grayish tooth or two, that's usually not too difficult.

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News briefs

9-year-old boy dies from drill injuries

LONGVIEW (AP) - A 9year-old boy has died from injuries he suffered when a drill allegedly thrown by his stepfather pierced his chest, police

Ruben Mata, Longview, died Sunday at a Dallas hospital after being hurt July 24. Ruben caught the cordless drill thrown by Fredrico Garcia in the family's backyard, but the drill bit pierced his chest, police said.

Police on Monday continued to search for Garcia, 30, who has been charged with aggravated assault. The charge was filed before Ruben died and will be reviewed, said Sgt. Shaun Pendleton, a Longview spokesman.

Pendleton said police would pursue charges against Garcia whether or not he intended to hurt his stepson.

"Even if you don't injure the child intentionally, you may do so with reckless behavior. If you drive a car and a passenger gets killed, even though it's an accident, you can still be charged," Pendleton said.

Garcia was dismantling old refrigerators in the family's backyard when injury occurred, police said.

Mabank fire burns downtown buildings

MABANK (AP) - A downtown fire burned at least three buildings Monday in Mabank, city officials said.

The blaze began about 4 p.m. in a coin-operated laundry, City Administrator Louann Confer said. The cause was not immediately

Firefighters had the fire mostly out by Monday night and were monitoring a few hot spots, a Mabank police official said. The fire burned the cleaners, a beauty shop and an insurance office.

"The ladies that worked in the cleaners came out and said it was on fire," Confer said Monday evening. "It's already spread to at least two oth-

No injuries were report-

About five other volunteer fire departments were helping Mabank firefighters battle the blaze, Confer said.

Mabank is in Kaufman County, about 50 miles east of Dallas.

Flight diverted to Tulsa after onboard altercation

TULSA, Okla. (AP) - ASouthwest Airlines flight headed for Arkansas made an unscheduled landing in Tulsa on Monday afternoon after an altercation between two passengers, authorities said.

396, which Flight departed Las Vegas with 129 passengers, landed at International Tulsa Airport about 2 p.m. after one passenger "threatened another one with a ball point pen," Dallasbased Southwest Airlines spokeswoman Marilee McInnis said.

'The authorities met the flight and once the men were questioned by authorities, the flight continued on to Little Rock," McInnis said.

McInnis said there were no reports of injuries, but

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FBI officials said one of the passengers was treated by emergency medical personnel and released.

Airport police took Danny Hughey Jr., 33, into custody and the North Little Rock, Ark., resident was later arrested, the FBI said in a news release.

Gunman shoots rec center employee in robbery attempt

DALLAS (AP) - A Mesquite mother of three was in stable condition Monday after a gunman tried to rob the Pleasant Grove recreation center where she works.

Cheryl Lydick was in the center's office when a man wearing a black scarf around his head came in and demanded she open the safe. Police said she told the man she didn't have access to the safe, and then he shot her several times.

The suspect, who police say fled without taking anything, also assaulted a maintenance worker.

Lydick had surgery Monday and was recovering at Baylor University Medical Center.

Schepps Dairy announced a \$10,000 reward in connection with an arrest and grand jury indictment in the robbery and shooting.

Dallas police Lt. Rick Watson said the crime is unusual and he doesn't remember any similar incidents at a recreation

Women charged with murdering homeless men for insurance

LOS ANGELES (AP) -Two women in their 70s were charged Monday with having homeless men killed in hit-and-run car crashes to collect more than \$2 million in

Olga Rutterschmidt, 73, and Helen Golay, 75, were each charged with two counts of murder and two counts of conspiracy to commit murder for financial gain.

The charges make the women eligible for the penalty. Prosecutors will wait until the case moves closer to trial before deciding whether to seek executions, Deputy District Attorney Shellie Samuels said in a statement.

The women are accused of arranging hit-and-run

killings in alleys using drivers whose identities are unknown. Vados, 73, was killed in November 1999 and Kenneth McDavid, 51, was killed in June 2005.

The women were arrested in May and initially charged with federal mail fraud. They are awaiting an October trial on those charges, but in light of the murder allegations authorities are considering dropping the fraud counts for now, said U.S. attorney spokesman Thom Mrozek. He added that those charges could

be refiled later. The women befriended the transients, paid for them to stay in apartments and obtained their signatures before taking out three dozen life insurance policies on them, authorities say.

They had them killed and then collected while falsely claiming to be relatives, according to the complaint.

Some insurers found the circumstances suspicious

and refused to pay. An investigation began last year when police looking into McDavid's death found similarities to the Vados case, authorities said. Blood was found in a car Golay reportedly had towed from near where

McDavid was killed.

"I plan on handling the case and winning because there was no murder and there is no evidence of murder," Golay's attorney, Roger Jon Diamond, said Monday.

Boy's body found on golf course; sex offender arrested

BALTIMORE (AP) An 11-year-old boy missing since last week was found slain early Monday on a golf course near his home, and a twice-convicted child sex offender was arrested in his death, police said.

Hours after finding the body, police arrested Melvin Jones Jr., 52, inside a downtown fast food restaurant after they got an anonymous tip that he was there. He was charged Monday night with first-degree murder and other crimes.

Col. Fred Bealefeld, chief of detectives, described Jones as the Harris family's friend and said there was "every indication" that Irvin's mother knew about Jones' 2002 conviction for having sex with a teenage

boy.
"I'm blaming myself right now," Irvin's mother, Shanda Harris, told WBAL-TV.

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The constant chatter of young kingbirds is the highlight of baby season for anyone working with birds. The two pictured above are the nestlings Bebe McCasland speaks of raising.

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Bird Poop Raising kingbirds rewarding but takes lots of care, too

wooping over the front lawn, the juveniles flew in tandem behind the ate the warmth of someparent bird. When she thing living. When I elevated, they followed moved, the baby instincupward motion. tively Landing on the grass opened its under the red oak, the bright yelmother was quickly low mouth joined by her two offfor a feedspring. She had already ing. The forcaught a rather large

insect. As they waited to mula vinced be fed, the adult kingbird carefully and quickly well. pecked the cicada and gave each youngster a portion. The remainder fell asleep. she saved for herself. Within the With that necessity out of the way, the mother hour

took flight again to the yard across the street. With her maturing young in close pursuit, she landed in a live oak. All enjoyed the safety of the canopy of leaves. To witness the success

of the young kingbirds young boy had brought reminded me that the me. Telling him I would month before had been put his youngster in with the beginning of "baby season" for this species. Arriving one morning, a weak nestling had been

found in someone's yard. Cuddled in the palm of my hand, with closed eyes, it seemed to appreci-

conit that all was The kingbird immediately

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detected the constant chatter and call of a very hungry baby. Only the doorbell delayed me.

"Another nestling to be a sibling for the first kingbird," I thought when I saw the baby bird a another I had received that morning, I anticipated the work to come.

Nestlings require regu-

lar feedings from early morning until dark. These kingbirds would graduate from formula to small crickets quickly. Soon they were out of the nest I had provided. The branches in their enclosure were in use as soon as the birds learned to balance. They greeted us with loud pleas for more insects. The hardest part began.

Teaching birds to be self-feeding can take days. Hunger is the best motivator. When a youngster has to be in a certain place to be fed, it learns readily not to dally. With consistent demands that the two play my game, I was finally rewarded with one of them taking food without my suggestions. The other followed this same behavior the next day. That battle was won.

Next came a large cage to encourage more flight. As soon as the kingbirds discovered the length of the cage, I was all but forgotten. Every day they flew from one end to the other, and came down

only to eat. Their faint yellow-colored chest feathers were deepening, and their tails grew

longer. The morning arrived when it was time to get them to the aviary at the wildlife center. They had to be ready to migrate. When I entered their cage to capture them, the kingbirds landed on my hand after days of totally ignoring me. If birds could say "thank you" and "goodbye," then this must have been their parting ges-

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when a situation arises where you can afford to mislead partner without causing your side any injury. Here is a typical case. Assume

you're East and partner leads the king of hearts against four spades.

You can tell from the bidding that declarer will make the contract with normal play. The most you can hope to score on defense are two hearts and a trump trick.

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But you shouldn't be willing to concede the contract without putting up a fight. You might be able to throw a scare into declarer that will cause him to lose a trick he would not ordinarily lose.

So, with this in mind, you play the eight of hearts on West's king and the two when he continues with the ace. By playing the 8-2 in this fashion you indicate that you would like partner to lead still another heart.

When West continues with the three, South, who has observed your high-low, is very likely to conclude that you asked for the suit to be continued because you started with a doubleton heart. Since he has no good reason to doubt this, he is apt to ruff with dummy's jack of trumps

and if he does, you've got him! When you follow suit to the third heart, South will realize he's been had, but it's then too late for him to do anything about it. He cannot prevent you from scoring two trump tricks, and the apparently certain contract goes down the drain.

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City championship tournament set

The Big Spring City Golf Championships, sponsored by the Big Spring Herald, are set for Saturday and Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fees are \$40 per play and do not include cart rental.

For more information, call 264-2366.

Quarterback Club schedules meeting

Big Spring High School's Quarterback Club has scheduled its first meeting of the season for 7 p.m. Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Mark Tissue, the booster club's president, encourages all parents of BSHS football players and fans of the Steers to attend.

Quarterback Club meetings will be held every Monday night at 7.

For more information, call Tissue at 816-3458.

New volleyball coach sets parentplayer meeting

New Big Spring volleyball coach Amanda Whitaker has announced a parent player meeting with anyone planning on being involved with the high school volleyball program this upcoming season.

The meeting, which is for high school students only, will take place at 7 tonight at the Athletic Training Center.

For more information, call coach Whitaker at 325-864-1467.

Big Spring ISD sets dates for buying football tickets

Fans of the Big Spring Steers football team who have had season tickets in the past can begin purchasing tickets for the upcoming season at the Big Spring High School ATC.

Previous ticket holders have until Aug. 10 to purchase tickets. The general public may purchase tickets on Aug. 14.

Tickets can be purchased through Kay Cook at the ATC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Monday Thursday.

For more information call Cook at 264-3662.

Junior high football equipment hand out

Junior high football coach John Richard Sparks announced that foot enth and eighth grade will be issued equip ment Aug. 9-10.

The eighth grade th grade will go t second day at the same time.

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IN BRIEF Twins' Hunter, Silva too much for Rangers

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS Hunter is back, Carlos Silva was impressive.

Maybe the Minnesota Twins didn't need any help from trades after all.

Hunter had a homer and four RBIs in his return from the disabled list and Silva pitched seven strong innings to lead the Twins to a 15-2 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

Josh Rabe had a homer and three RBIs and Nick Punto had four hits, four runs and three RBIs to back Silva (7-9), who gave up one run and six hits and struck out four.

It was the kind of performance the Twins are going to need a lot more of from Silva if they are going to contend for the postseason. Johan Santana Francisco Liriano are aces at the top of the rotation, but Brad Radke's shoulder is ailing and Silva and Scott Baker have struggled for most of this season.

"He's the key," Hunter said of Silva. "We know what Liriano

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Minnesota Twins runner Michael Cuddyer is caught in a rundown between third and home in the first inning by Texas Rangers catcher Gerald Laird. The Twins defeated the Rangers 15-2 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis

Trades provide Wells from Pirates, Stairs from Royals

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON - The Texas Rangers wanted to add a pitcher before the trade deadline, and had been watching Kip Wells.

Confident the right-hander is finally healthy, the Rangers acquired Wells from the Pittsburgh Pirates for a minor leaguer in the final hour before Monday's deadline.

Wells is 1-5 with a 6.69 ERA in seven starts since being activated from the disabled list June 18. But he has allowed only four earned runs over 19 2-3 innings for a 1.83 ERA his last three starts, with seven shutout innings Saturday at San Francisco for his first victory since October.

"We feel like he's fully back and healthy," Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said. "The

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Bullet in Davis' thigh also punch line

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — Watching Dallas Cowboys safety Keith Davis go through training camp, you wouldn't know he's running around with a bullet lodged into his thigh from a freak shooting only a few weeks ago.

Well, there is one way you'd know — if you were close enough to hear his teammates tease him about it.

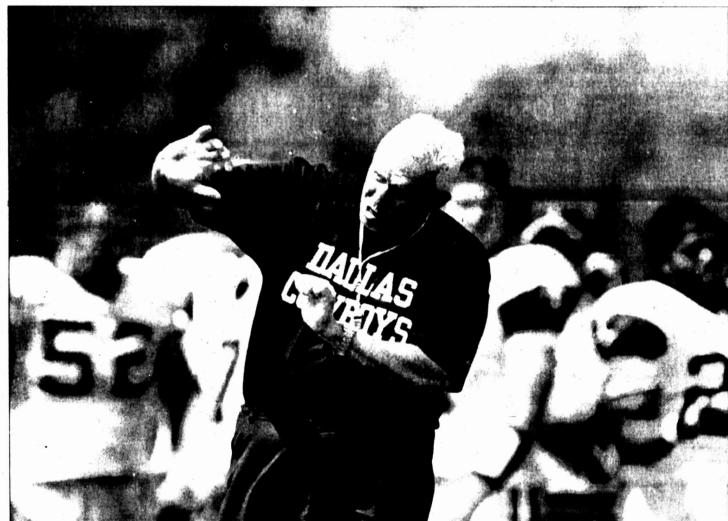
"We tell him, 'We're not going to the huddle because we don't know if we're coming back," cornerback Terence Newman said. "I've been trying to catch him asleep and dig (the bullet) out so I can put it on eBay. But every time I touch his leg, he wakes up.

"It's all just fun and games," Newman added. "He just laughs. He knows he was a victim, it could've happened to anybody. He's taking it real well.'

Davis was driving on a Dallas highway early July 16 when he was hit by two shots from another car. One bullet grazed his head, the other became lodged in his thigh. He was hospitalized for only two days, returning to full strength in time to join his teammates for the start of training camp.

Davis later changed some of the details of the story he gave police — he was leaving a party, not driving home from visiting family in Louisiana so he could go to church. What mattered most to the Cowboys is that he truly was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time, and coach Bill Parcells said an investiga-

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MCT photo/Ron Jenkins/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells at work during the Cowboys' training camp in Oxnard, Calif.

Madden going into NFL's Hall of Fame game, recognition some line for the announcing reached 100 wins faster

By CONNOR ENNIS

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Before the video games, the athlete's foot commercials, the announcing booth and the six-legged Thanksgiving turkeys,

ball coach. And, as Madden the announcer might put it, he was a pretty darn good

John Madden was a foot-

Saturday, Madden will enter the Pro Football Hall of Fame 28 years after coaching his final

might say is long overdue for a man that has become, especially for PlayStation lovers, the face and voice of the NFL.

"It means everything to me," said Madden, who was elected by the Seniors Committee. "It's just something that humbles you and excites you more than you've ever been excited."

Madden was only 32 when Al Davis hired him to coach the Oakland Raiders in 1969.

Before leaving the side- Halas and Curly Lambeau more attitude.

booth in 1978, Madden led Oakland to a 103-32-7 regular-season record and a victory in the 1977 Super Bowl. Oakland never had a losing record under Madden, winning seven

division titles and mak-

ing the playoffs eight

Current broadcast partner Al Michaels likens Ken Madden's short career as a coach to that of Hall of Fame pitcher Sandy Koufax. Only Hall of Fame coaches George

than Madden. His 759 regular-season winning percentage stands as the highest ever among coaches with 100 career victories.

And his Raiders teams stand as some of the most successful, and colorful, in league history.

With players such as Stabler, Fred Biletnikoff, Gene Upshaw, Art Shell and Willie Brown, the Silver and Black had plenty of talent _ and maybe even

Landis' backup test result to be released Saturday

By JEAN-LUC COURTHIAL

Associated Press Writer

PARIS — The result of Tour de France winner Floyd Landis' backup doping test will be announced Saturday.

The analysis of his "B" sample is expected to take place Thursday through Saturday at the Chatenay-Malabry lab outside Paris, International Cycling Union spokesman Enrico Carpani said Tuesday.

Landis tested positive for an elevated ratio of testosterone to epitestosterone following the 17th stage of the Tour de France

in the Alps, where he made a thetic, putting his defense into 2 1/2 days, he said, and the lab remarkable comeback after a poor performance the day before.

If the "B" sample is negative, Landis would be cleared. If it is positive, which Landis' lawyers say they expect, he could be stripped of his Tour victory and

banned two years. The American cyclist has said his body's natural metabolism not doping — caused the result, and he would undergo further tests to prove it.

The New York Times reported Monday that tests on Landis' "A" sample show some of the testosterone in his system was syn-

question. The report cited a person at the UCI with knowledge of the result.

times.

UCI president Pat McQuaid said Tuesday he had not seen the lab findings and could not confirm the report. He said the cycling organization had asked the French lab to speed up its

analysis. "The longer it goes until the 'B' sample is tested, the more speculation, and the more denial and the more of everything that goes on," he told The Associated

Analysis of the B sample takes

closes this weekend for August vacation.

Landis' lawyers in Spain filed an official request for the "B" test late Monday. But Carpani said the UCI had already filed its own request earlier Monday because of concerns about the case dragging on.

Landis' Swiss-based team, Phonak, wants the results as quickly as possible.

"The sooner that's done, the better it will be for the team," Phonak team manager John Le'angue said. He declined to answer any other questions.

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tion by NFL security verified that.

Still, the incident raised evebrows because something similar happened to him three years ago.

Of course, that's also why he's being teased so much.

Davis takes it all in with his usual easy smile. Considering how much worse it could've been, why wouldn't he?

"I'm truly blessed to be out here," Davis said Monday. "I'm having fun.

I feel fine. Everything's going well. No limits."

Parcells cut Davis after his 2003 shooting, in part because the coach had just arrived and was trying to set a tone. He'd told players to avoid dangerous places and Davis' incident occurred in the parking lot of a topless club.

Davis' roster spot is more secure this time. The team's top special teams player, he started 15 games at free safety last season and earlier roughly \$3 million, practices, then was all

including about \$2 million in bonus and salary this season, after New Orleans tried prying him away with an offer sheet.

Still, Davis sees nothing special about his quick return to action.

"This is what I do," he said. "I mean, this is my job, to come out here and perform on the football field. Everybody has been very supportive, since Day 1. It's good to be out here, good to be playing football."

He's been playing well, this summer received a too. He had several intertwo-year contract worth ceptions in the first few

over the running game Monday morning; two of his hits even led to brief scuffles.

"That's what we expect him to do," fellow safety Roy Williams said.

Davis needs a big camp because Parcells has talked openly about free safety being up for grabs. Other candidates are veteran Marcus Coleman and rookie Pat Watkins, whose 6-foot-5 height intrigues Parcells.

"I think I know pretty much what I have with Keith," Parcells said. "He's an aggressive player. He's fought his way

onto this team and I have respect for him.'

After all the bullets he's dodged off the field, Davis figures he can handle this competition.

"I feel like if I go out there and do what I do. then I'll be fine," Davis said. "Nothing against the other guys, but I just go out there and do what I'm supposed to. I bust my tail every day doing the little things to make me a better football player."

Extra points: The Cowboys signed punter Tyler Fredrickson and released WR Ahmad Merritt, LB JJ Horne and CB Byron Parker. With three roster spots now open, more signings are likely. ... Frederickson's presence will ease the load on incumbent Mat McBriar. His best chance of making the team, though, is as a kickoff specialist. New kicker Mike Vanderjagt hasn't even attempted one yet. ... Parcells said he plans to play second-string QB Tony Romo a lot this preseason. "I've got to decide where he is," Parcells said. Romo has been in the league three years without throwing a pass in the regular season.

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can do, we know what Santana can do. ... We need him."

Silva was there Monday night, helping to hand the Rangers their seventh loss in eight games. The slide dropped them into last place in the AL West and has prompted general manager Jon Daniels to do some wheeling and dealing at the non-waiver

trading deadline. Daniels acquired All-Star left fielder Carlos Lee from Milwaukee last week, then got Pittsburgh starter Kip Wells and Kansas City's Matt Stairs for a couple of minor leaguers on Monday.

The Twins jumped all over John Rheinecker (4-5) in the first, getting a little help from the Metrodome in a five-run inning.

Lee lost a bloop by Joe Mauer in the lights and Justin Morneau's lazy pop fly dropped among Lee, center fielder Gary Matthews Jr. and shortstop Michael Young for an RBI.

Michael Cuddyer also had an RBI single before Rabe capped the big inning with a three-run homer to left for a 5-0

In other AL games, it was: Seattle 10, Baltimore 5; Tampa Bay 7, Detroit 3; Boston 9, Cleveland 8;

Chicago 8, Kansas City 4; and Oakland 3, Los Angeles 1.

Morneau and Punto each had run-scoring singles in the second to push the lead to 7-0, chasing Rheinecker after 1 2-3 innings. Hunter followed with an RBI single off Joaquin Benoit for the Twins' 10th hit of the game and an 8-0 lead after

"It kind of snowballed on him," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "We didn't play that well defensively and probably should've gotten out of those first couple innings with only one or two runs. It's a place that things like that seem to happen."

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last couple of starts, his velocity was back, he had a good breaking ball, the slider was good, the changeup was there. He was throwing strikes and getting groundballs."

Wells, who last season led all major leaguers with 18 losses, missed most of spring training and began this season on the DL after surgery for a blocked artery near his right shoulder.

The Rangers finally landed a starting pitcher three days after getting two-time All-Star outfielder Carlos Lee from Milwaukee in a six-player

deal. Texas sent righthander Jesse Chavez to Pittsburgh.

The Rangers also acquired first basemanoutfielder Matt Stairs from the Kansas City Royals on Monday for minor league right-hander Joselo Diaz.

Wells, a Houston native, was drafted by the Chicago White Sox 16th overall in 1998 out of Baylor _ about a 90minute drive from Arlington. He is 56-74 with a 4.45 ERA over 195 career appearances (175 starts) for the White Sox (1999-2001) and Pirates (2002-06), and can become a free agent after this season, when he is making \$4.15 million.

He joins a rotation that includes Kevin Millwood and Vicente Padilla, both 10-game winners who have each lost their last two starts. Wells will likely replace one of the rookie left-handers, John Rheinecker or John Koronka.

Adam Eaton, acquired in an offseason trade from San Diego, is scheduled to make his second start for Texas on Tuesday after missing the first 100 games because of surgery on the middle finger of his pitching hand.

Manager Showalter said Wells could start as early as Wednesday in the finale of the three-game series in Minnesota.

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GRADY GRASSHOPPER AND BIG THEODORE TOADFROG

rady Grasshopper was sitting on blade of grass that day, enjoying the warm sunshine. He had just eaten a



big meal and his little grasshop-

tummy was full. There was nice green grass all around and if there was but one thing he loved, it would have to be green grass. He was getting just a little bit lazy, and about to drift off to sleep. Grasshoppers like to take naps. Do you? I'll bet you don't like to eat grass. Do you?

As Grady's eyes were just about completely closed and he was getting into the part of sleep where you are not quite asleep and are not quite awake, a loud noise jolted him to his grasshopper feet. Now, he was wide awake and wondering what was making all that racket. He looked to his left. Nothing there. Can you look to your left? Let me see you do it. I thought you could. He looked to his right. Nothing there. Can you look to your right? I thought you could do that, too! He looked behind him. Nothing there. Can you look behind yourself? Let me see you do it. I thought you couldn,t!

Then Grady looked straight ahead, and waited, and then, there was the awful noise again. It was coming from a little pond down by the bottom of a hill, just past the. nice green grass. The noise sounded again. It sounded of like "Croooooaaaaakkkkk", then followed by a "Ribbit, Ribbit."

"That noise can only come

from one thing," Grady

thought, "And that one thing

has to be a frog! And, with all the noise he is making, he must be a really big

frog. Grady hopped down to the pond where there was indeed a great big frog, sitting on a lily pad, singing his frog songs. "Do you have to be so loud?" asked Grady, "Can't you make that noise just a little quieter?" "My voice is beautiful," said the



frog. "It is much prettier than yours. I can even do everything better than you." "I can sing better. I can swim better. I can catch bugs better." Catch bugs! Grady did not care if the frog could catch bugs better for he sure wasn't going to even try to catch nasty bugs like the frog does. "And," said the frog, "I can hop better than you!"

If there was one thing Grady did not like, it was a braggart. Do you know what a braggart might be? Will you look in a dictionary tomorrow and find out? Good! Well, on with the story. Grady was not going to let the frog and his bragging ruin his day. But when that frog said that he could hop higher and farther than Grady, well, Grady just had to say something to the frog about that! We all know what Grady knows.

Grasshoppers can hop, too! "What is your name?" Grady

asked the frog. "Theodore," answered the frog, "Theodore Thaddeus Toadfrog, and why do you want to know?" "Because I always want to know-the name of the frog that I am going to beat in a hopping contest," said Grady. "I will have a hopping contest with you," Grady went on to say, "If you agree that the loser must do something nice for someone else." "I will agree to it," said Theodore Toadfrog, "For no one can sing better, swim better, catch bugs better, or hop better than me!"

"See that log over there?" Grady asked Theodore, pointing to a big old dead tree that had fallen many years ago, "Can you hop over it?" Now, Theodore had jumped over that log many times before, but he was much closer to it. He wasn't sure that he could jump that high or that far, but he was a proud frog and he had to try, especially now that Grady Grasshopper was watching him. Theodore leaned back, way back, and with a mighty thrust of his legs, jumped with all his might. He didn't hop over the log. He didn't even reach the log. Grady did not laugh at him. Grady was too nice.



"Okay, you try," said Theodore, "Let's see if you can hop that far and that high." Grady did not even lean back. He did not look as he was even going to try. Then he hopped. As he was going over Theodore's head, he looked down and smiled. He smiled even more when he landed on the other side of the log! "Maybe I shouldn't brag so much," thought Theodore. Grady can jump much higher and further than

"You won, fair and square," Theodore said to Grady, "What must I do that will be nice for someone?" "Just look around you," Grady said to Theodore," There are many other frogs and grasshoppers that need help. Just find one that is not as lucky as you and I and

help him or her."

Theodore did not have to look very hard or far to find someone who needed help. He helped another frog catch bugs. Yuck! Then he helped a grasshopper find some nice green grass. Then he helped a hedgehog, then, a warthog! I don't know what he helped them do! He found out that instead of bragging all the time to make himself feel good, helping others made him feel much better! And he never bragged again.

As for Grady Grasshopper, he went back to his nice green grass. He was feeling so good after helping Theodore by actually beating him in a hopping contest. He never did finish his nap. But he is going to now. His eyes are almost closed. He is in the part of sleep where he is not quite awake and he is not quite asleep again. His eyes opened for a moment and he said to tell you "Good Night" There were no more loud noises. He drifted off to

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in Woman's Day magazine.

Embarrassed by dad? Too many chores? Storms freaking you out?

How to survive a stressful summer

BY EMILIE LE BEAU Chicago Tribune

t's summer, but your break is anything but relaxing. First, Mom enrolled you in early morning swimming lessons even though she knows you hate submerging yourself in cold water. Then you came home to a long list of chores. And now Dad is walking around the backyard in a Speedo. How embarrass-

Vacation is supposed to be fun, but summer stress can make school look appealing. So before you start counting the days until it's time to go back, here are some ways to fix those summer

SUMMER STRESS: Your parents are so weird. Mom sings aloud while she gardens. And Dad wears his grossest Hawaiian shirt with shorts and black socks while he does yardwork. How can they be so embarrassing?

Solution: Mom and Dad might be embarrassing to you, but they can get embarrassed too. Karen Judson, author of "Resolving Conflicts: How to Get Along When You Don't" (Enslow Publishers, \$31), says kids should not snap at their parents or laugh at them in front of friends.

Instead, take your parent aside at a different time. Start the talk off with

something positive. For

example, if Dad wears a teeny swimsuit to the pool, tell him how much you like going swimming with him. Then say how you wish he wouldn't wear a Speedo. "Offer to tell him what is cool,"

Judson says. "Like, 'You know, all the guys are wearing baggy swim shorts. I'd be happy to go shopping with vou."

But don't freak out if your parents won't change their weird ways. Zahra L., 15, says most other kids don't notice any-

way. "I don't

really

think it's a big deal. I don't think anybody cares — everyone is so busy with what they have to do," Zahra says. "Paying attention to (other people's) parents is not important."

SUMMER STRESS: You're forced to play a sport you hate. Sometimes parents think it's fun for kids to play a sport during the summer. But getting up early for a cold-water swim or leaving the AC for a scorching soccer practice can be anything but a good time.

Solution: First, decide whether this is a big or little problem, Judson says. "The exercise is probably good for you, but if it feels intolerable ... try negotiation," she says.

Kids need to prepare before they sit down to talk with their parents. Judson says kids are more emotional than adults during negotiations. "Emotion can take over, and then you forget everything you want to say. You forget all your good points," she says.

Instead of melting down over morning tennis practice, Judson recommends making an organized list of your thoughts and complaints. Meet with Mom and Dad privately and go over the list. And be prepared: Your parents will most likely argue that the exercise is good for you.

SUMMER STRESS: You're really spooked by summer storms — all that thunder and lightning is scaring you silly.

Solution: Learn the facts — and relax. Lightning is not going to strike you in your bed, says Bob Rauber, a professor of atmospheric sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

To be safe, use a cell phone or a cordless phone instead of a regular phone during storms. And stay away from windows and plumbing, such as the shower, Rauber says. "Plumbing is in the ground, and it's a good conductor (of electricity). Water also is a good conductor," he explains.

It helps to get your mind off the storm, says Katie K., 12. When she was younger, Katie says, "my mom and I would play games (to) keep me focused on the game and not the thunderstorms."

SUMMER STRESS: You have too many chores. While Mom and Dad are at work, you're expected to clean the house. What are you, the maid?

Solution: Get organized so you can get out to play. Katie K. thinks five chores or more are way too much.

She has fewer chores on her list - she has to make her bed, put the dishes away and take out the trash. If she has something important to do, such as swimming, she tries to get her chores done the night before.

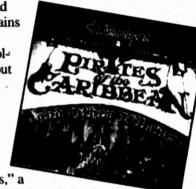
For kids who think they have too many chores, Katie recommends making a schedule so you can plan on time to play. "Make a little day planner. Make a schedule, and take 30 or 45 minutes out of your time and get your chores done," she says.



Rips & Raves

Terrible tunes

Ahoy there, bad guys! Disney villains may not always have the most foolproof evil plots, but darned if they don't have the most charming falsettos. Hear them on "Pirates of the Caribbean and Other Villains," a



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Lend a helping hand

Want to take the time to help someone in need? Start your own volunteer project! Here are some helpful hints to make it happen:

■ First, figure out what your community needs. Ask teachers, parents and friends what they think your neighborhood needs the most. It's possible that they'll mention some things you would have never thought about.

■ Once you identify a problem, learn more about it, and then think about what you can do to help. Use your interests and talents to decide what you want to do. If you are a baker at heart, bake cookies. If you have a knack for crafts,

make something! ■ Make it a group effort. Encourage your family and friends to get involved and help out as a team.

■ Have fun! Meeting new people and knowing that you are making a difference can be a lot of fun.

Here are some things you can do in your neighborhood:

■ Volunteer at a retirement home. Bake goodies for or just spend time with residents. Whatever you do, they'll be happy to spend time with you.

■ Have a bake sale. This age-old tradition is still one of the most popular ways to raise money because it works. Everybody loves to eat! Choose an organization or cause that you want to support. Then hold a bake sale and donate all of the money you make.

■ Clean up. The summer is a great time to enjoy the outdoors, but sometimes the scenery is not very clean. Grab some friends and start cleaning up your neighborhood by picking up papers, cans and trash.

■ Recycle. Every time you have an empty can or a piece of scrap paper, recycle it. In some states, you may even make some money by going to your local supermarket and recycling them yourself. (You can then donate the money to your favorite charity.)

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Today represents a real glass-half-full (or half-empty?) situation! Summer is halfway over - or half underway, depending on your take. While the sun is in expansive. expressive Leo, embrace the dreams you had when you embarked on the season. Did you want to read three books? Learn to barbecue? Teach the kids to snorkel? Do it now!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may be less than thrilled with what happens to your plans now - plainly, it's out of your control. What are you going to do? You can't sue the gods, but you can assume that your best interests will be served in the end.

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It's your day to receive special attention. This sets you apart from the crowd. Lonely? A little - but so what? It's temporary. You can get back to camaraderie later in the week. Enjoy your uniqueness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Matters of finance are overly complicated. This is a fine time to simplify them in your head. The value of money is nothing but what you attribute to it. If you do what you want to do with your day. you're rich.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A good deed (or five) will be completed before the day is over. It's your unflinching tolerance that elevates you to sainthood. When others condemn, you choose to accept.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The magic center of vibration is around you these days, Leo. If you haven't started taking advantage of this fact by promoting your pet project, attracting fans to your cause or simply indulging yourself as never before — start now!. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You're a den mother for the misfits now, and oh, how they flock to bask in your nurturing presence. What's in it for you? A sense of contribution and an evening of good-hearted laughter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The end of a project is near. Before you retrieve your champagne flute, you'll be signing up for the next leg of the journey. It's becoming apparent you should celebrate daily, since the work is never really officially "done."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The late great writer Dylan Thomas was a Scorpio who famously once 'Someone's boring me. I think it's me." Your sentiments exactly, now. Which is who you're apt to do something crazy this evening to break

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec 21). The hit song by the pop act "Train" describes a person with "drops of Jupiter in her hair." Being ruled by the lucky planet, your own drops of Jupiter will be luminous now, attracting fans and inciting a few raised eyebrows. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). The way things are going in the world, it's becoming increasingly easy - mandatory, even - to globalize your efforts. This applies to your business, your love life and your family plans now. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're more open and wel-

coming than others around

you. Then when you receive

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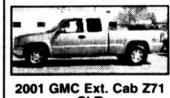
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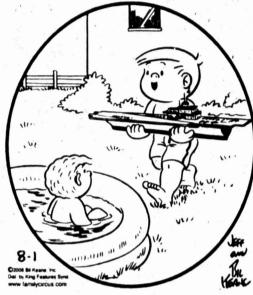
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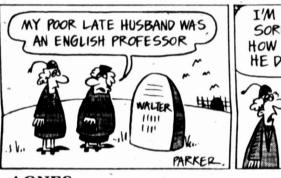








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This Date In History

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Forty years ago, on Aug. 1, 1966, 25-year-old Charles Joseph Whitman went on a shooting rampage at the University of Texas clock tower in Austin, killing 14 people with a high-powered rifle. Whitman, who had also murdered his wife and mother hours earlier, was gunned down by police. On this date:

In 1714, Britain's Queen Anne died; she was succeeded by George I.

In 1894, the First Sino-Japanese War erupted, the result of a dispute over control of Korea; Japan's army routed the Chinese. In 1914, Germany declared

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war on Russia at the onset of World War I. In 1936, the Olympic games opened in Berlin with

a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler. In 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against Nazi occupation, a revolt that lasted two

months before collapsing. In 1946, President Truman signed the Fulbright Program into law, establishing the scholarships named Sen. William

In 1946, the Atomic Energy Commission was established. In 1957, the United States

and Canada reached agree ment to create the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD). In 1981, 25 years ago, the

rock music video channel MTV made its debut. Today's Birthdays: Actor

IN THE TRENCHES by Sally R. Stein

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director Geoffrey Holder is

76. Singer Ramblin' Jack

Elliott is 75. Cartoonist Tom

Wilson (retired creator of

"Ziggy") is 75. Actor-comedian Dom DeLuise is 73. Fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent is 70. Former Sen.

Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., is

Giannini is 64. Blues singer-

musician Robert Cray is 53.

Singer Michael Penn is 48.

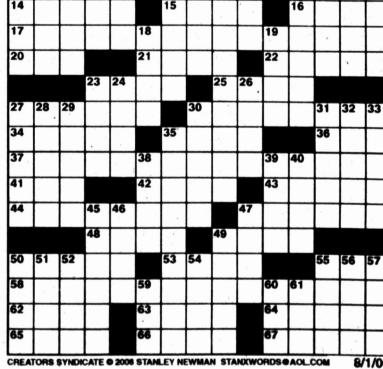
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