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This hang glider pilot hangs on as his glider is "tugged" into the air by an ultra light aircraft Thursday during the U.S. Hang Gliding Championship at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. Below, a pilot takes to the air.

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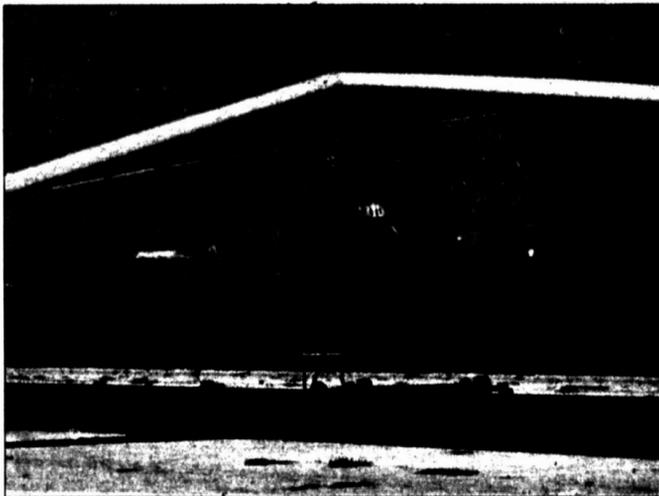
## Traffic control

*Good communications ensure pilot security during championship*

"We have twice as many pilots as last year and 14 different nations represented, so it's a really colorful and fun group of people."



Little



By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Running an airport can be a complicated business, with different types of aircrafts coming and going throughout the day and night.

So, what happens when you throw the U.S. Hang Gliding Association National Championship — which includes hundreds of take-offs and landings each day — into the mix?

Col. Jim Little, U.S. Air Force retired, said keeping the skies safe during the championship is easier said than done when you have larger aircraft — even jets — coming and going at the air terminal.

"Safety is our ultimate concern. Anything that looks like it might be a hazard is stopped at that point," said Little. "That's a key concern, both for the hang glider pilots and those of us operating the airport."

"We've worked it out so we don't

have to keep anyone from landing or taking off here that needs to do so. We're launching on the north and south end of the field, and the taxiway that gives the planes access to the main runway is left open. So anyone that needs in or out can use that midfield taxiway and have access to both the terminal and Lone Star Aviation."

Little said one of the most important aspects of avoiding an accident during the competition is making sure pilots traveling through the Big Spring area are well informed.

"We issue notices to airmen that is published throughout," said

Little. "So anyone that's flying into Big Spring would normally check the notes to see what's happening at the airport. We also have an AWOS (Automatic Weather Observing System) system here that the pilots can dial in and pick up the frequency and find out what's happening here. So, any pilots flying out or coming in will know what to expect."

"There's always the chance that an aircraft may still be coming in uninformed, so when they radio us and let us know they intend to land, we advise them of the activi-

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## Budget bonanza

*Administrators beam over financial package*

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

If silence is assent, people are well satisfied with Big Spring Independent School District's proposed budget.

District trustees held a budget and tax rate public hearing as part of their regular meeting Thursday evening and no one spoke either for or against the financial package.

While limited or no public comment is common at school district budget hearings, trustees and other district officials were disappointed at the lack of public input.

"We wanted to talk about this budget," Superintendent Michael Downes said.

The package, which features about \$27.8 million in expenditures, is shaping up as a rare fiscal

jewel for the district.

A unique combination of factors have conspired to make this budget one of the most memorable in recent school district history.

Increases in state aid and property valuations mean that the district will lower its property tax rate per \$100 valuation and still collect more money than the previous year.

With that extra money, trustees will finance pay raises for all district personnel — including more than \$2,500 in annual pay hikes for teachers — and a variety of other long-delayed renovation projects.

The biggest chunk of

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## U.S. officials: it is safe to fly

By LARRY MARGASAK  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A top White House counterterrorism official tried Friday to reassure the public that it's safe to fly even as she acknowledged that investigators weren't sure they had swept up all of the players in a thwarted plot to blow up airliners over the Atlantic Ocean.

"People ought to feel safe about traveling because of all the precautions we're taking," said Frances Fragos Townsend, President Bush's homeland security adviser.

Though British authorities have rounded up two dozen alleged plotters, Townsend did not rule out that more might be at large, and possibly in the United States.

"We are looking for con-

nections between anyone in the United States and the plotters in the U.K., but we don't have any evidence that there is an active threat or cell here," Townsend said during a whirlwind round of interviews on the network talk shows.

More will be learned about the plot in coming days, White House officials say. In the meantime, the U.S. airline system remains on high alert, with tougher passenger inspections expected Friday.

Details continued to emerge about the alleged plot, which officials said they had been tracking for months. A congressman briefed by intelligence officials, who did not want to be identified because of the sensitivity of the investigation, said U.S. intelligence had intercepted terrorist chatter and British intelligence helped thwart the plot through undercover

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### MAKING GOOD ON A DEBT

PALM HARBOR, Fla. (AP) — William Fogarty just forgot to pay a parking ticket. When he finally realized it, the 86-year-old mailed in a money order — to pay a \$1 ticket he got 60 years ago.

Fogarty got the ticket in Norfolk, Va., in May 1946. Soon after, he bought a \$1 money order to pay the fine but forgot to send it in. About a month ago, he discovered a wallet with the money order inside. So he wrote a letter to the police department and included the money order.

"At my age, I don't want to owe anyone a dime," he told the St. Petersburg Times. Police said the money order won't be cashed but will be framed and displayed.

### FLIGHT FESTIVAL COMING

Hangar 25 Air Museum will hold its first Big Spring Hang Gliding and Flight Festival on Saturday at the Hangar apron.

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

Several contest events are also planned, including a pet and owner look alike contest at 10:30 a.m., peanut spitting contest at 1 p.m., horseshoe pitching at 3 p.m. and various other entertainment.

It's not too late to sign up to show your talent. To do so, or for more information, contact Hangar 25 at 264-1999.

### GASOLINE UP 2 CENTS

HOUSTON (AP) — The statewide average price of gasoline edged up 2 cents this week to reach \$2.93 per gallon, AAA Texas reported Friday.

"Problems with the Alaskan pipeline, ongoing violence in the Middle East, and the latest threat to airline security have all added to the uncertainty in an already complicated fuel market," said Rose Rougeau, spokeswoman.

Corpus Christi had the lowest average price for self-serve regular, at \$2.85 per gallon. Fort Worth had the highest average, at \$2.93 per gallon. The national average is \$3.03, up 3 cents.

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## Obituaries

### Larry L. Brott



Larry L. Brott, 52, of Victoria, died Friday, Aug. 4, 2006, in a motorcycle accident in DeWitt County.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, in the chapel of Lunn Funeral Home with Scotte Clark, minister of Hamilton Street Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow in the Restland Cemetery under the direction of Lunn Funeral Home.

Larry was born June 6, 1954, in Long Beach, Calif., to Fred and Dora (May) Brott. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He and Melissa Drennan May were married April 21, 1995, in Olney. Larry was a manager for Alcoa Business System in Victoria, had previously owned and operated his own Tae Kwon Do business in Fort Worth and was a Tae Kwon Do instructor at Howard College in Big Spring. He was a third-degree black belt.

Survivors include his wife, Melissa Brott of Victoria; children, Larry E. Allen of Texas, Tamara Berner of Big Spring, Clifford S. Brott of Alaska, Paul B. Brott of Big Spring and Harley May of Victoria; and six grandchildren and mother-in-law, Sarah Drennan of Olney.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.lunnfuneralhome.com](http://www.lunnfuneralhome.com).

### Helen Louise Davidson Palmer

Helen Louise Davidson Palmer, 83, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006, in Abilene. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel Big Spring with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends on Saturday from 1 p.m. until service time at the funeral home.

She was born Aug. 4, 1923, in Westbrook and married Roy Ernest Palmer on Aug. 11, 1942 in Abilene. He preceded her in death June 14, 2001.

Helen was a longtime resident of Big Spring and was a homemaker. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Wilson of Abilene; a step daughter, Margie Kissan of Nevada; two step sons, David Palmer of California, and William Palmer of Nevada; 13 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; three sisters, Irene Carpenter of California, Virginia Rice of Arizona and Earlene Wilzycynski of Pennsylvania; and two brothers, Bill Davidson, of Arizona, and Ernest Davidson, of Iowa.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Martha Peacock; one son-in-law, Gene Wilson; one sister, Opal Dunbar; and five brothers, Chester Ray Davidson, Jack Horace Davidson, Cloyce Davidson, Floyd Davidson and Cleward Davidson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, 1682 Hickory St., Abilene 79601.

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

## Take Note

**KENTWOOD ELEMENTARY IS INVITING PARENTS** to "meet the teacher" from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Monday in their student's classroom. Also, parents are invited to an open house and burger bash from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school cafeteria.

**BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS** will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the high school band hall. If your student is a band member, you are a band booster. See you there.

**SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER REFLECTIONS UNIT**, 1601 W. 11th Pl., will host a Business After Hours from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17. Business After Hours is a Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce program designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors. Everyone is invited to exchange business cards. Door prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served.

**CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

**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 Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

**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

**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).

**SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

## Police blotter

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

- **JOSIE RODRIGUEZ**, 22, of 5010 Wasson Road, was arrested Friday on a local warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 300 block of Gregg Street.
  - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **CODY RYAN CHANDLER**, 17, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of reckless driving.
- **AMANDA JANELLE PARKER**, 22, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- **NICHOLAS CRAIG MILLS**, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid.
- **ERIC SVEN THOMSEN**, 51, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession of a stolen firearm.
- **SAMMY FERRELL**, 44, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of violation of a protective order and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **RAY ALVARADO**, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury.
- **STERLING DONALD MCINTOSH**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
- **JAMES WELDON WATSON**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a dangerous drug obtained by fraudulent means and possession of a controlled substance.
- **JAY ANTHONY MALEY**, 44, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- **HARVEY DICK HARMON JR.**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid/suspended.
- **TERESA A. MORGAN**, 46, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of interfering with an emergency phone call.
- **THOMAS BRADFORD FERRELL**, 34, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for reckless driving.
- **JOEL RUDY PEREZ**, 25, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of violation of parole and bondsman off bond for assault.
- **ALLEN DAVID GILBERT**, 32, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole.

## Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Galveston. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Lloyd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.

## Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Saturday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds around 10 mph.

Sunday...Mostly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

Monday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Highs in the mid 90s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Lows in the lower 70s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Highs in the mid 90s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Lows in the lower 70s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Highs in the mid 90s.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Lows in the lower 70s.

## Bulletin Board

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

### 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

• Big Spring Flight Festival, 8 a.m. until 7 p.m., on the Hangar 25 Air Museum apron. Dog and master look alike contest, peanut spitting contest, horse-shoes, airplane flights and hang gliding flights, talent show, food and game both vendors.

• 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.

## Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-18-27-35. Bonus Ball: 9. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 10. Prize: \$700,000.

Winning tickets sold in: Arlington, Bowie, Houston, Katy, Midland, Odessa, Round Rock, San Antonio. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$200,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-15-17-26-28.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$29,990.

Winning tickets sold in: Henderson.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-9-9

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# Contract Bridge

## Bidding Quiz

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

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
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What would you now bid with each of the following four hands?

- ♦KJ64 ♥QJ9852 ♦AK ♦3
- ♦832 ♥AK964 ♦J5 ♦K3
- ♦95 ♥AQ8753 ♦AQ ♦Q102
- ♦AJ ♥KJ7542 ♦93 ♦K86

1. Four spades. The value of a hand goes up and down as the bidding progresses. Take this one, for example. When you open the bidding, your hand is considerably better than a minimum opening bid. Although you have only 14 high-card points, the 4-6-2-1 distribution increases the value of the hand by two or three points, pending subsequent developments in the bidding.

When partner responds two clubs, your hand certainly does not improve and actually shrinks somewhat in value. The club response doesn't help your hand one bit, and about all you can count on at this stage is your 14 high-card points.

But when partner next bids spades, the situation changes again. Your hand is now worth an additional three or four points in distributional values, and you show this by jumping to four spades to inform partner about the improved nature of your hand.

2. Three hearts. Here you have no choice but to stick to your story that you opened with minimum values, since neither of partner's responses has helped you at all. Partner might go on, depending upon his hand, but you've done your duty by hoisting a red flag.

3. Three notrump. The two-heart bid on the preceding round was a slight underbid, and you now make up for it by jumping to three notrump. A two-notrump bid at this point would make it appear that you started with a bedrock minimum, which is simply not the case.

4. Three clubs. All you can do here is to indicate a preference for partner's first suit. You started with a relatively weak hand, and you have to bid weakly in order to try to slow partner down. If partner proceeds in the face of two signoffs, he does so at his own risk.

Tomorrow: Steppingstone to success.  
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## BSISD

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expenditures — about \$14.3 million — is targeted for instructional purposes. The next largest expenditure is for district operations (plant maintenance, transportation and food services), which will account for roughly \$6 million.

The district's reserve fund — emergency operational money set aside in case of a sudden loss of state or local revenue — is projected to be \$5.2 million, which would finance almost three months of normal operations at BSISD, said Business Manager

## Waggoner.

District figures show BSISD will spend roughly \$4,000 per pupil on instructional purposes this school year.

Formal adoption of the budget will occur later this month.

In other business, trustees: • Learned that the district will end the current fiscal year with a surplus exceeding \$750,000. Waggoner said there were two reasons for the surplus.

"We budgeted that we would lose 100 students (during 2005-06) and we didn't. We came out pretty even with the previous year," she said. "And state funding is based on

how many students we have ... so that amounted to about \$500,000."

She added that the district received almost \$300,000 in Medicaid reimbursements it was not expecting.

That surplus will be rolled over into the reserve fund, Waggoner said.

• Approved continuation of a program in which Big Spring provides disciplinary alternative education services for all three Howard County school districts.

• Approved continuation of an agreement between BSISD and Coahoma in which Coahoma High School students can attend build-

ing trades classes at Big Spring High School.

• Approved the hiring of Tami Martin as a special education teacher and coach at the high school; and Morris Pirtle as a teacher/coach at the high school.

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

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Terry Bailey, 34, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Curtis Wood, 95, died Wednesday. Funeral Services were at 10:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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ty and what they need to do to avoid the hang gliders."

Little said despite a rather wet start during the beginning of the week, the weather has been phenomenal.

"It's going great. Except for one day, we've had excellent weather," said Little. "Wednesday, the pilots saw some of the best flying weather any of them have ever seen. The thermal conditions were great and had a lot of people that made their goal for the day, which was a triangular pattern. Thursday they went out on more of a long distance goal toward Oklahoma. Of course, when they do those type of long distance goals they don't land back here at the airpark."

Little said the hang glider pilots seem more focused this year, most likely in preparation for the World Hang Gliding Championship, slated for Big Spring in 2007.

"This year has really been great in the number of participants that are here," said Little. "We have twice as many pilots as last year and 14 differ-

ent nations represented, so it's a really colorful and fun group of people. They seem more disciplined in this event than they did last year, so it's been a little bit easier for me."

The U.S. Hang Gliding Championships will continue at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark through Saturday.

For local residents that would like to see the sport first-hand, take-offs are slated tentatively from noon until approximately 2 p.m. each day, north of the airpark's Airport Terminal.

Pilots will spend several hours in the air before landing back at the airpark or another designated site.

For those a little more daring, tandem flights can be arranged between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. each morning of the competition. Flights are also available after 5 p.m. For more information on tandem scheduling and costs, call 847-922-2824 or the Big Spring Air Terminal at 264-2362.

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

## Four-way debate set for governor's race

AUSTIN (AP) — The fast-talking, cowboy hats, wavy hair and one-liners of the Texas governor's race will get jammed into a single room in October when the four main candidates gather for a one-hour televised debate.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry, Democratic nominee Chris Bell and independents Kinky Friedman and Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn will square off Oct. 6 from 7-8 p.m.

The debate will be sponsored by Dallas television station WFAA. Station Manager Mike Devlin said it will also be carried live by Belo Corp. stations KENS in San Antonio, KVUE in Austin, KHOU in Houston and the TXCN cable network. He said a location for the debate has not yet been chosen.

Other stations outside those markets will be able to access a live feed for broadcast. It will also be available on the Internet on Belo-owned Web pages, Devlin said.

He said it will also be offered statewide for radio.

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work.

British authorities arrested 24 people Thursday based partly on intelligence from Pakistan, where authorities detained up to three others days earlier. More arrests were expected, an official said.

For the U.S. traveling public, already heavy security restrictions got even worse. Thursday night, British Airways banned carry-on bags from all flights between the United States and Britain. On Friday, passengers in the U.S. will be subject to a second security check at airport gates to prevent anyone from carrying onto planes liquids that could be used in an explosion, airline officials said.

Bush said the foiled plot showed the nation was "at war with Islamic fascists who will use any

means to destroy those of us who love freedom, to hurt our nation."

"This country is safer than it was prior to 9/11," Bush said Thursday in Green Bay, Wis. "We've taken a lot of measures to protect the American people, but obviously we're not completely safe. ... It is a mistake to believe there is no threat to the United States of America."

The evidence uncovered so far shows the plot aimed to cause unprecedented casualties.

"The terrorists intended a second Sept. 11," Townsend said.

Bush's spokesman earlier had declared "it is safe to travel." The president urged Americans to be patient with the many inconveniences that will result from the increased threat level that the plot prompted him to approve.

The plot unfolded while Congress was on vacation, but that didn't prevent some lawmakers

from engaging in the same partisan sniping that has poisoned much of the congressional session.

Ron Bonjean, communications director for House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said Democrats have voted against strengthening the intelligence tools "that saved the day" in the current plot.

West Virginia Sen. Jay Rockefeller, the top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Bush administration policies of the last five years "have done more to inflame extremism than to diminish it."

"The administration's record on homeland security is one of insufficient funding and mismanagement," he said.

Authorities said terrorists were only days away from carrying out the plan to blow up as many as 10 airliners flying from Britain to the United States.

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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:

- All of the participants in the U.S. Hang Gliding Association Championship. We hope you are having a great time!

- Howard County officials and others who have worked hard on bringing the jail into state compliance. Your efforts received strong praise from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

- Big Spring City Council, on considering a no-smoking ordinance for public places. While we are not necessarily convinced our community needs such an ordinance, it is always good to have discourse on topics such as this.

- Howard College officials on their decision to hold off on a bond election this November, acknowledging the fact that yet another bond election this year — the county, city and Coahoma Independent School District are already planning ones — would be detrimental to everyone involved.

- Everyone who helped donate supplies or money to the Salvation Army back-to-school program. More than 300 Howard County children will be helped this year.

- The Keep Big Spring Beautiful organization for handing out free pocket ashtrays. We admire their efforts to help our community look better.

- The members of St. Paul Lutheran Church and pastor Wayne Frost, who got together earlier this week and served breakfast burritos to 120 hang gliders and their teams taking part in the U.S. Hang Gliding Association Championships at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we hear clearly Your will for our lives, Lord.

Amen

# Vengeance from a Boy Named Sue

The year was 1969 and people heeded an escape from the mess of the day. Nixon was president and Vietnam was a full-blown muddle of chaos. Golda Meir became the prime minister of Israel and Yasser Arafat became the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Eisenhower died after a long illness and Ted Kennedy's girlfriend died when he drove her off a bridge.

It was the year that the Beatles made their last public performance and Led Zeppelin released its first album. Mickey Mantle retired and the Boeing 747 made its debut.

It was a changing time and big messes tend to come with extreme change. Hurricane Camille was killing people in Mississippi while the Manson family was killing people in California.

Astronauts and scientists in Houston made a lot of noise as Apollo 11 touched down on the moon. Hippies and dopers made a lot of noise in upstate New York at a festival called Woodstock.

The bottom line is that 1969 was a turbulent year full of all kinds of messes and people needed an escape. One of the ironic places that millions of people ran to was a prison called San Quentin. That's right, because that's the year Johnny Cash released his infamous "Live From San Quentin" album that year and Texans couldn't get enough of it.

### The Mud, the Blood and the Beer

I remember being little bitty and bouncing up and down in my grandfather's seat as we listened to a song called "A Boy Named Sue."

It was a masterpiece song that was really a poem about a man who wanted to kill his father for giving him a feminine name. When he finally catches up with his notorious sire the song goes like this.

"Well, it was Gatlinburg in mid-July

And I just hit town and my throat was dry,

I thought I'd stop and have myself a brew.

At an old saloon on a street of mud,

There at a table, dealing stud,

Sat the dirty, mangy dog that named me 'Sue.'

Well, I knew that snake was my own sweet dad

From a worn-out picture that my mother'd had,

And I knew that scar on his cheek and his evil eye.

He was big and bent and gray and old,

And I looked at him and my blood ran cold

And I said, "My name is 'Sue!' how do you do! Now you gonna die!"

### A Dish Best Served Cold

I am going to be very honest and tell you that the Texas part of me very much likes the idea of vengeance. If you bring a knife, I want to bring a gun. If you bring a gun, I want to bring a rolling Hummer with mounted twin 50s on top. If you can match that, I fully subscribe to pushing whatever button I have to that will make you and the sorry people that spawned you glow in the dark for several million years.

That's Texas. You do me wrong I will do you worse.

While that may be Texas and very much a part of my cultural DNA, it is not Jesus and it is also not something that is going to make me happy.

"Get-even-ism" is an idea that says you will feel better and sleep

better once you exact your vengeance on the dirty mangy dog that named you Sue. It is also a lie.

It is amazing what people will do because they think it will make them feel better. They will gamble and lose their money, drink and lose their license, sleep around and lose their marriage.

The fact of the matter is that getting back at somebody does not make you feel better; it only makes you a thief.

### For Official Use Only

Vengeance doesn't belong to us. It belongs to God and when we use vengeance, it's like using somebody else's car to drive around town. We call that hijacking.

Even if the circumstances dictate that you really need that car, if it doesn't belong to you, you are not allowed to take it away from the person it does belong to.

That's the way it is with vengeance. It doesn't belong to us and no matter what the circumstances, it's not OK to use it.

"O Lord God, to whom vengeance belongeth;

O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself." — Psalms 94:1

So even if you finally ran into the man that named you Sue, I would encourage you leave the repaying to the Lord.

Vengeance doesn't work for us. It never makes us feel any better and it only creates more problems when we do

"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath:

For it is written, 'Vengeance is mine; I will repay,' saith the Lord." — Romans 12:19

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# Thoughts on a murder in Georgetown

He was a young political activist who had come to Washington, D.C. to volunteer in a presidential campaign and learn about political fundraising. He was 27, just starting out, a former student leader. His parents must have been very proud.

He was walking a friend home from the movies.

It's the neighborhood in Washington where my kids' dad and I courted, the neighborhood the Kennedys lived in, the fancy section called Georgetown. It was 2 a.m. when the three approached them, armed with a gun and a knife.

According to the police reports, he didn't fight back until they started to try to rape her. Then they stabbed him and slit his throat. She escaped unharmed.

Three men and one woman have been arrested. The woman was apparently driving the car in which they escaped. The youngest man is 15, but prosecutors have announced that he will be tried as an adult.

People in Washington are scared. It's one of those crimes. Of course, you'll hear that it's because of the race of the suspects (black) and the victim (white), and the location; and that's part of it. If that

weren't enough, there's a local scandal because one police officer reportedly made a remark with racial overtones, telling local residents to be on guard against people who looked out of place. Most violent crime is intraracial, but this one wasn't. Most violent criminals commit crimes in their own neighborhoods; this group didn't.

But it's also the random, senseless nature of the violence. Why slice a person's throat open, kill him in cold blood, for no reason at all? It reflects a level of depravity so low as to take your breath away.

Who raises kids to think of life as so cheap, so worthless? Is it drugs, or just the total denial of humanity?

People who kill like animals are not easily deterred by the prospect of future punishment, nor are they going to be promising prospects for rehabilitation when they are finally arrested and convicted. The four arrested here, if convicted, will likely spend life in prison.

But where are the next four? In D.C., police are noting that criminals are traveling greater distances to commit their crimes, which is, understandably, increasing fears in sections of the city unaccustomed to evening gunshots. Once crime stops being local, it starts getting much, much scarier. Three recent shootings in Los Angeles haven't gotten the same kind of attention because they happened in South Los

Angeles.

Yet even in the city often referred to as the Murder Capital of the United States for leading the homicide-rate rankings in recent years, murder rates are half what they were in 1990, when the title was richly deserved.

Overall, the national homicide rate has dropped close to the levels of the 1960s, although, obviously, major cities are more dangerous and some have seen a spike of late in killings.

But it almost doesn't matter what the numbers are. Crime is lurking as a major political issue, and the fear of crime takes its own economic and emotional toll, regardless of ultimate victimization.

What makes the issue so salient is not only the occasional story that grips a community, as the murder of Alan Senitt does, but the fear of terrorism that is with us every day. The concern with security, which is so paramount in our lives, cannot help but overlap from national security to personal security; the sense that we are not safe cannot help but contribute to a more localized fear.

So, hopefully, does the recognition that beyond the usual stupid debates about liberal vs. conservative, or big vs. small government, the only thing that really counts is effectiveness.

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# Church News

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy communion will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Fr. James Liggett's sermon for Sunday will be "Manna."

St. Mary's Vestry meets Monday at 6 p.m. in the church office.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit [www.stmarysbst.org](http://www.stmarysbst.org). The church is located at 1001 South Goliad.

## Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Sunday worship is 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek service is at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. If you need information or a ride to church call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

## First United Methodist Church

Sunday morning worship is at 8:30 a.m. and again at 10:50 a.m.

Senior pastor Dr. Shane Brue preaches both services. This Sunday his message, "Discipleship Decisions" is based on scripture found in Luke 6:37-42, which is the first of a series based in Jesus' parables in Luke. Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:45 a.m. At 1:30 p.m. this Sunday, there will be a Worship Committee Meeting. Centered in Praise Ensemble will practice at 3 p.m. A combined youth group will meet this Sunday at 6 p.m. Project Light Class will be held this Sunday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Also Tuesday and Friday, the Project Light Class will meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tutors are needed. Project Light is an English as second language course offered through our church.

There will be Children's Day Out this following week. Noon lunch/Bible study will also meet Wednesday. The Hispanic Ministry will have Bible study at 6 p.m. on this Wednesday in the men's Bible class. There will be a combined youth Bible study at 6:30 p.m. Chancel choir meets to practice at 7 p.m.

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

This coming Saturday the United Methodist Women's District meeting will be held in Midland.

Kids Club is in need of volunteers; if interested, please contact the church.

Northwest Conference RoundUp 2006 will be held in Lubbock on Aug. 26. Sign up early and registration starts at 9 a.m. The annual Lord's Acre will be held this year Oct. 7.

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

## Coahoma United Methodist Church

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and worship service is at 11 a.m. Tuesday, the 100th Anniversary Planning Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. Call the church office for the location of the meeting. Wednesday, the Youth will

meet at 6 p.m. at the church for fellowship and study. Thursday, the CUMC Administrative Council will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Coahoma United Methodist is located at 401 N. Main. The phone number is 394-4432. Pastor is the Rev. Donita Lea.

## East Fourth Street Baptist Church

One of our fastest growing Sunday School classes is our young couples class. It begins at 9:45 a.m. and is taught by the pastor's wife. We have activities for every age and are planning many activities and studies to coincide with back to school. All Sunday schools begin at 9:45 a.m. and our morning worship begins at 11 a.m.

Evening activities include mission organizations for every age as well as choir that practices at 5 p.m. in the auditorium. A revival will be held in October as well as the "Singing Women of Texas," in November. The pastor of the church is Rex Clayton. The church is located on Fourth Street beside City Hall and across the street from the Big Spring Police Station.

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul is located at 810 Scurry St. Pastor is Wayne K. Frost. Worship services are at 9 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m.

Operation Summer Support continues with donations for special small items to help our service people as chaplains minister to them. This week's item is batteries (AA orAAA)

The treat for the month is hard candy. All items must be ship-able and carry-able.

Tutoring at March Elementary continues this year. A training session with Ms. Dunham, principal, will be Sept. 7. There are many ways to help the kids, the teachers and our community with this project.

A new Lutheran Service Book has been designed and more information will be coming out soon.

Workshops will be held in Abilene on Sept. 23 and in Midland on Oct. 7.

For more information, call 267-7163.

## Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

The guest minister at Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church for Sunday morning worship service will be Kenny Venable of Lubbock P.B.C. Service time is 10:30 a.m. Bible study is each Wednesday night at 7. The church is located at 201 East 24th St. For more information, call John Wayne Metcalf at 394-4067 or Dennis Walker at 264-1363.

## East Side Baptist Church

Sunday morning the church congregation meets at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday evening service is at 6.

The church offers a three-to-eight-week home Bible study. Beginning Sept. 3, Sunday evening service will begin at 1:45 p.m. A nursery is provided for all services.

## North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, located at 2702 North Birdwell, will begin the fall season of activities with an Administrative Council meeting Sunday following a pot-luck luncheon. The meeting will be to schedule fall events for the church including participation in the Howard County Fair, a community meal and other mission projects.

The following Sunday, Aug. 20, at 6 p.m., North Birdwell will host the first of the fall area-wide Methodist meetings, a time for the members of the area Methodist churches to gather for worship and fellowship. The scheduled speaker is Dr. Shane Brue of the First UMC in Big Spring. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Pastor Joel Miller and North Birdwell members cordially invite you to attend all services and activities offered by the church. Regular services include Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday school classes are available for all ages at 10:30 a.m. Bible study is held the first and third Wednesday beginning at 6:30 p.m. and United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

## Friends of Unity

Meeting times at the Center in the Downtown Railroad Plaza are 2 p.m. on Sundays for a group study of the 12 powers and noon on Tuesday with the Rev. Jim teaching.

## Club News

### Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, DAR

Regent Charlene Ragan and past regents Lora Mae Pollard, Sarah Tipton, Carole Lawson and Sue Ann Damron attended the West Texas Regents' Council annual meeting Aug. 4, 2006, at the Petroleum Club in Midland.

Council president Vene Gregg of the Pocahontas Chapter in San Angelo presided. TSDAR Chaplain Betty Bell of the Mary Garland Chapter in Brownwood gave the invocation.

Gregg Distributed the state packets to the regents and introduced the workshop speakers. Sandra Franke, state chairman for the State Regent's Project, presented a Regents' Trouble Shooting Guide with information needed for a regent's successful term of office. Barbara Barrera, state chairman for DAR Museum, spoke about DAR protocol measures, giving examples that arise at local, state and national meetings.

President Gregg introduced the state officer, state chairmen and state vice chairmen present. Each reported on their duties and expectations. Sue Ann Damron, vice chairman of genealogical records, also spoke for local member Anne Witherspoon, state chairman of the outstanding junior contest.

After nominations from the floor, the following officers were elected for the coming year: president Ruth Ann Edny of Odessa, vice president Melinda Young of Andrews and secretary-treasurer Dorothy Driscoll of Midland.

Incoming Division VII chairman Vene Gregg presented the outgoing chairman Barbara Barrera with a gift from the council for her many hours of service.

Charlene Regan won the door prize.

The Nathaniel Davis Chapter of Odessa invited all the chapters to attend their 50th Anniversary luncheon next spring.

DAR Museum state chairman Barbara

Barrera announced that the traveling trunk show, sponsored by the DAR Museum in Washington, D.C., will be at the Texas State Conference in Houston next March.

### Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met at La Posada on Aug. 7. President Barbara Brumley worded the invocation and welcomed new member Jesse Collins.

It was announced that Debbie Wegman would finish the year as secretary due to the resignation of Cindy Lopez. Lopez will be working in other communities. Reports were given on Pops In the Park and Under West Texas Skies, which were very successful.

The awards banquet is planned for Sept. 7, at the country club. Workers were assigned for the Hangar 25 Flight Festival and dates for the Howard County Fair and RCCI Conference were noted. We will soon offer Litter Grabbers for sale and will

furnish car litter bags to the public.

Our pilot program for cigarette litter was discussed. Proper receptacles will be solicited for

our target area and small personal holders will be available to the public.

Finally, the awareness campaign for the Fall conference was approved

with a target date of September for several videos to begin running. The next regular meeting will be the awards banquet Sept. 7.

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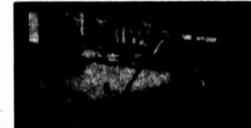


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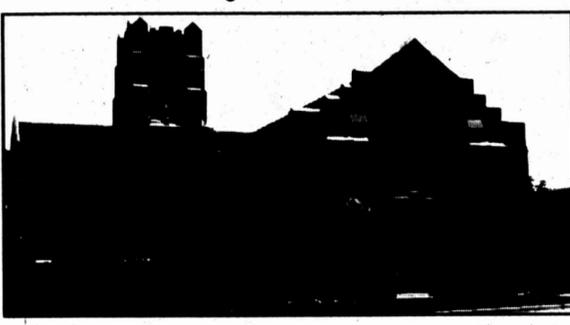
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## IN BRIEF

### CGA schedules

#### tourney for Sunday

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring has scheduled its regular monthly tournament for Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Players must sign up before 9:30 a.m. Play will begin at 10 a.m.

For more information, call 264-7166.

### Registration starts for youth football

Sign-ups for the Crossroads Youth Football Association will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration for the league, which is open to players and cheerleaders in grades K through 6, will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the mall.

Other registration dates are:

- Friday, Aug. 18 — 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Saturday, Aug. 19 — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Daphne Coates at 714-4888.

### Soccer sign-ups begin Saturday

Youth Soccer League registration for players between the ages of 4 and 13 is scheduled to begin Saturday and continue through Aug. 19 at the Big Spring Mall next to Serendipity.

Registration will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Hunter education class this weekend

The next hunters education course will be held Saturday and Sunday, beginning at 8 a.m. in the Big Spring Area of Commerce building.

Cost of the course is \$15 per person.

State law requires that persons wishing to hunt in Texas who were born Sept. 2, 1971, or later must successfully complete a hunters education course.

Students must be 12 years of age to be certified.

For more information, contact Steve Poltevin at 264-7033 after 5 p.m.

### Over 80 Scramble slated at BSCC

An Over 80 Scramble benefiting the Big Spring Shrine Club has been scheduled for Aug. 12 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The combined fees of each two-person team must be \$100.

## Abilene QB one of six players in ESPN reality series

LUBBOCK (AP) — Though not vying to be quarterback in Texas Tech's high-flying aerial offense this season, redshirt freshman Taylor Potts is still getting plenty of air time.

Potts is one of six Division I players appearing in the ESPN reality show "Summer House," which he said is about preparing athletes for what to expect when they get to college.

The Abilene High standout,

who threw for 6,052 yards and 53 touchdowns in his last two years, was also recruited by Texas, Notre Dame and Michigan.

Joining Potts as contestants in the show are Jarred Fayson of Florida, Princeton's Cart Kelly, Cody Hawkins of Colorado, UCLA's Terrence Austin and London Crawford of Arkansas.

The players spent eight days in Chicago this summer filming the show, which airs Tuesdays on

ESPNU, a channel that spotlights college sports.

Potts said he doesn't know how he was selected but after a phone call, producers flew to Abilene to interview him.

Chris Spielman, a former NFL linebacker, plays "house dad," Potts said.

The morning wake-up calls from Spielman were the worst, Potts said.

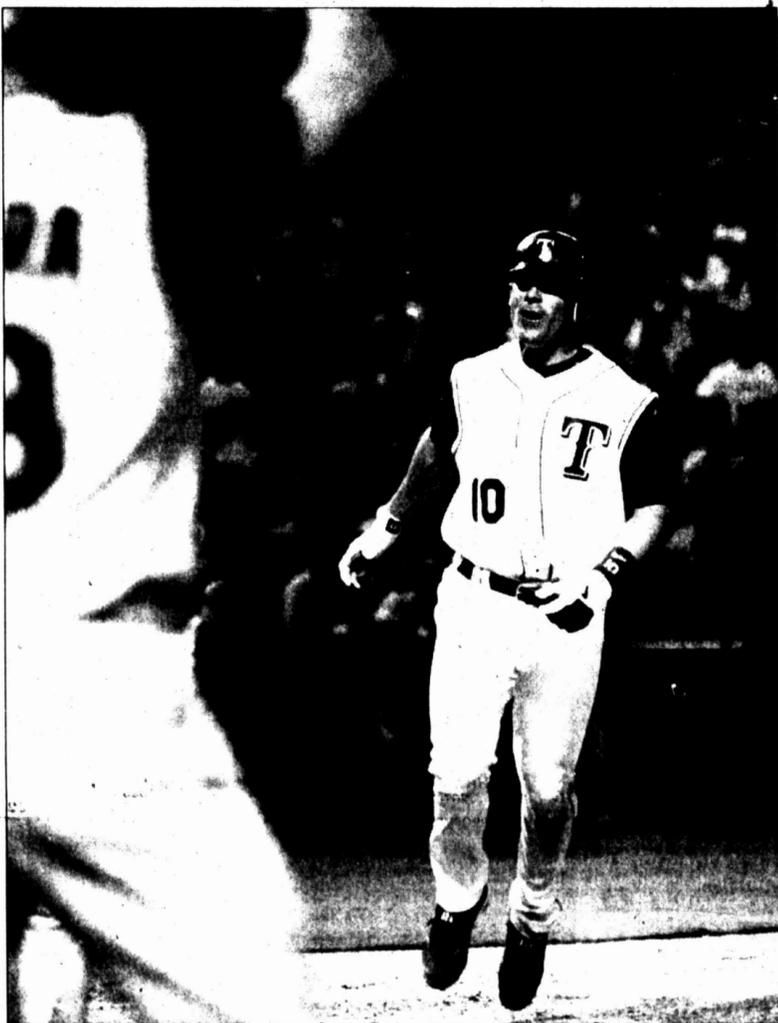
"He'd come in every morning

yelling at us," he said. "He wouldn't yell anything bad, like he was mad at us. He just kept yelling to get us up. I didn't like that one bit."

Earlier this year, ESPN came to Tech to film "Knight School," a reality show featuring Hall of Fame coach Bob Knight and 16 students.

One, Tyler Hoffmeister, was selected to have a chance to walk on the 2006-07 team.

## Young powers Rangers past A's



Michael Young of the Texas Rangers crosses home plate after hitting a triple that scores three and then makes it home on a throwing error by the Seattle Mariners at Ameriquest Field in Arlington Thursday. The Rangers won 8-2.

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Michael Young knew what the Seattle Mariners were hoping to do when they intentionally walked the batter in front of him. The Texas shortstop spoiled the plan.

Young hit a three-run double and then scored on an errant relay throw, and the Rangers won 8-2 Thursday night to move a game ahead of Seattle and out of last place in the AL West.

"Pitch to the really good left-hander ahead of me with runners on second and third and less than two outs, or bring in the guy from the bullpen who's a really good sinker-slider guy and shoot for the double play," Young said. "I would have done the same thing."

With Young standing on deck with one out in the seventh, Mariners starter Joel Pineiro (7-10) intentionally walked leadoff hitter Gary Matthews Jr. to load the bases. Julio Mateo then took over on the mound.

"If Mateo throws the ball the way he can, we have a good chance to get out of the inning," manager Mike Hargrove said.

Instead, Young hit a double into the left-field corner.

"Mike takes the emotion of the at-bat, like he's playing whiffle ball in the back yard," Rangers man-

ager Buck Showalter said.

Young had already grounded into a team-high 22 double plays. But the three-time All-Star is also 7-for-9 with 18 RBIs when the bases are loaded this season, and 26-for-65 (.400) in his career.

Matthews ran through third-base coach Steve Smith's stop sign, prompting shortstop Yuniesky Betancourt's errant double-clutch throw that got past catcher Kenji Johjima and went into a camera well. That allowed Young to score as well.

An inning earlier, Mark Teixeira's three-run double put the Rangers ahead 3-2, and extended his on-base streak to 34 games. In other American League action, it was: Kansas City 5, Boston 4; Chicago 5, New York 4; Toronto 5, Minnesota 0; and Cleveland 14, Los Angeles 2.

In National League games, Houston beat Pittsburgh 5-2; Los Angeles topped Colorado 4-3; New York stopped San Diego 7-3; St. Louis defeated Cincinnati 6-1; Milwaukee beat Chicago 8-6 and Florida downed Washington 9-6.

Adam Eaton (2-2), who threw only 18 pitches in his start Sunday before being ejected, went six innings in only his fourth start for the Rangers since coming off the disabled list. He allowed four hits, including a pair of solo homers.

## Parcells leaning toward starting Romo Saturday

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — Bill Parcells says "there would be a pretty good chance" that Tony Romo will start at quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys in their preseason opener against Seattle on Saturday night.

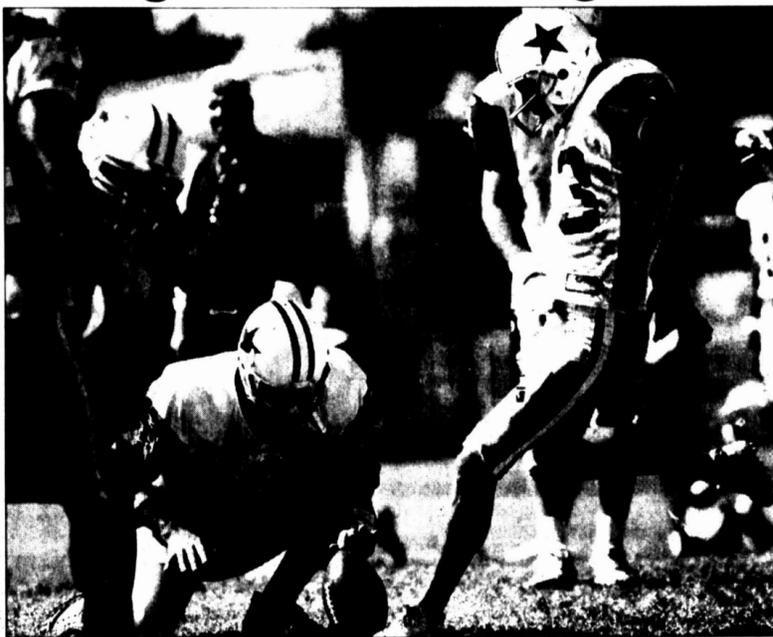
The move has nothing to do with starter Drew Bledsoe and everything to do with evaluating Romo, who is going into his fourth season without having thrown a pass in a regular-season game.

"I need to find out what this guy can do," Parcells said Thursday. "We'll get everybody in tune. It's not like Bledsoe, 34 years old, needs to play a quarter Saturday night to make sure that he's ready for the season."

Romo is entrenched at No. 2 behind Bledsoe, ahead of Drew Henson. The team has discussed signing Romo to a contract extension, further proof of their commitment to him despite not having seen him perform in games that count.

"I know I'm inexperienced in the regular season, but I know about these (preseason) games," Romo said after practice Thursday.

"I'm excited and I'm ready to get out there and play, and with the first-team, it will be nice. You work so hard in these off-



Dallas Cowboys back-up quarterback Tony Romo (9) holds for placekicker Mike Vanderjagt (13) as he kicks a field goal during workouts at their training camp in Oxnard, Calif.

seasons to prepare yourself to play, you want to play. Now, the fun part begins."

Parcells has repeatedly talked about giving Romo plenty of time in the pre-season, and perhaps more than meaningless mop-up duty in the regular season.

"I certainly don't want to put Romo in a situation where Saturday night in Seattle is the defining moment," Parcells said. "I

just want to get the guy into the game and let him run the team and see how it looks. That's really all I want to do."

Parcells stopped short of making a formal declaration because he hadn't spoken with his coaches.

Bledsoe said earlier this week he didn't mind having the night off, even if he would be playing in front of friends and family in his home state. Parcells' decision to sit

Bledsoe could be partly due to new lead receiver Terrell Owens likely missing the game with a hamstring injury.

"I think if you ask any veteran that's been around for a while, we'd much rather see there be two preseason games then get into the meaningful ones," Bledsoe said. "If Bill decides Romo is going to go first, that's fine. I'll wait for another week."

## Is that Lance? No, it's T.O.!

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — Terrell Owens wore his new silver and blue uniform Thursday — just not the one for his employers, the Dallas Cowboys.

This one was for the Discovery Channel pro cycling team, Lance Armstrong's former squad, and he did it as part of a gag poking fun at all the time he's spending on the stationary bicycle.

Owens wore a silver cycling helmet, the jersey and sunglasses for about the first 15 minutes of practice Thursday. It was the eighth day he's been on the bike because of a sore left hamstring.

"Tour de Oxnard," Owens repeatedly said as he began pedaling, smiling wide the entire time.

Later, he called it "my little kickoff for the Tour de T.O. Comeback."

"I'm just trying to have fun, trying to make the most of pedaling on that bike every day," said Owens. "It gets boring. So it's something to get my mind off it."

After two vigorous post-practice workouts Wednesday, Owens still wasn't ready to resume catching passes.

# Golf Insider

## IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

### A window in your takeaway

By T.J. TOMASI  
Universal Press Syndicate

Too many golfers ruin their swing early in the backswing by keeping their arms glued to their sides as they whip their hands directly inside the toe line (an imaginary line connecting the toes that also represents the body line).



Once your hands move inside your toe line during the takeaway, as this golfer's hands have, you'll have no choice but to find empty space for your hands and arms as they come back to the ball during the downswing, and that means shoving the club away from your body. This misuse of space produces the cut-across action so common to slicers.



Tour player Matt Davidson creates a window between his body and his trail arm to prevent him from turning the club head inside too quickly. Note how you can see a bit of light between his arms — light through the window. The key to your takeaway is keeping the hands moving along the toe line. Allowing the back elbow to float prevents the hands from moving inside.



Futures Tour player Jill Finlan-Scally demonstrates perfect form. At waist height, the left arm and wrist are still straight and the club is parallel with the ground, i.e., it has not been elevated by the wrist cock. From here, the arms swing upward and the club is set in position at the top of the swing by the fold of the trail elbow.

It's a truism in the golf swing: That which goes in and then up, must come out and then around. And that's exactly what happens when your hands swing quickly inside your toe line during the takeaway. When your elbow remains fixed to your side, your club will pivot around it, taking the hands inside the toe line, a difficult position to recover from.

A good way to prevent this from happening is to allow your trail elbow to float with the trail arm as the club head moves away from the ball, thereby opening a window between your trail arm and your side.

## THE GOLF DOCTOR

### Talent by the pound

The first salvo in the newest controversy in professional golf occurred last month when the Royal and Ancient, the governing body that controls the rules of golf around the world (except in North America, where the USGA holds sway), announced, "We support the introduction of drug testing in golf."

There are many who think that drugs are about to be a big problem in golf, but that's small potatoes compared to what might happen.

Suppose you could have a cell transplant that helped you play like Tiger Woods or Annika Sorenstam? Would the operation

get you thrown off the tour? Could you play in amateur tournaments with the cells of a British Open champion in your body?

Bizarre questions, to say the least, but it could be possible. Kate Ruth Linton, writing in the *Montgomery College Student Journal of Science and Mathematics* (Volume 2, September 2003), recounts a fascinating case history:

"On May 29, 1988, a woman named Claire Sylvia received the heart of an 18-year-old male who had been killed in a motorcycle accident. Soon after the operation, Sylvia noticed some distinct changes in her attitudes, habits and tastes. She found herself act-

ing more masculine, strutting down the street (which, being a dancer, was not her usual manner of walking). She began craving foods, such as green peppers and beer, which she had always disliked before. Sylvia even began having recurring dreams about a mystery man named Tim L., who she had a feeling was her donor.

"As it turns out, he was. Upon meeting the 'family of her heart,' as she put it, Sylvia discovered that her donor's name was, in fact, Tim L., and that all the changes she had been experiencing in her attitudes, tastes and habits closely mirrored (his)."

How could this be possible? Some authorities now believe that each

cell in our bodies houses information unique to each individual — a history of information that transfers with the cell when it's placed in another body.

Linton continues: "One such scientist is Candace Pert, Ph.D., who studies biochemistry. Her findings helped support one belief which a growing number of scientists have now adopted: 'Every cell in our body has its own "mind" ... and if you transfer tissues from one body to another, the cells from the first body will carry memories into the second body.'"

Might there come a day when instead of taking lessons you simply have a cell transplant? If so, I'll have a pound of Tiger cells, please.

# just a Bump in the road

## Car wreck fails to derail Fiese's career

By STAN AWTRY  
Cox News Service

Atlanta — Two years ago, D.J. Fiese was more concerned with saving his life than he was with saving par. Now, his health fully restored, Fiese has been able to concentrate on restoring his golf game. And he's winning again.

Fiese, a former standout at Georgia State in Atlanta, suffered a near-fatal accident on June 23, 2004. While driving to a tournament in Savannah, Fiese lost control of his Ford Explorer, and it flipped four times. He nearly lost his left arm. Two metal plates, 18 screws and a bone-graft surgery later, Fiese is playing like his old self.

The return to form was evident recently when Fiese, a Smyrna, Ga., resident, won the NGA Hooters Tour's Buffalo Run Casino Classic in Oklahoma. He closed with a 64, finished 24 under, and won by four shots.

"I played flawlessly. I think the best round I have ever played as a professional," he said.

Getting back to that point wasn't easy. After the wreck, he spent nearly 12 months rehabbing three or four hours a day, then won the Touchstone Energy Open in June 2005.

Despite the win, Fiese had unknowingly made some slight alterations to his swing because of the injury. It has taken him most of the past year to eliminate those flaws and get back to where he was before the accident.

"If I hadn't been in that wreck, I don't know if I'd be where I am," he said. "I came back with a chip on my shoulder. I think I had something to prove."

Fiese also credits his coach, Tim Simpson, the former PGA Tour standout, and his teacher, Art Kraft. Fiese was in college when he met Simpson, who was in a neck brace following spinal-fusion surgery. The two hit it off and began working together. Simpson helped Fiese's mental game, as well as his mechanics. Simpson even caddied some for Fiese and helped him improve on



PHIL SKINNER / Cox News Service

Two years after a horrific car crash, former college standout D.J. Fiese is back to pursuing a career on the PGA Tour.

course management.

It all came together again as Fiese persevered through the Oklahoma winds and heat for the victory. He won \$20,468 and now ranks 17th on the earnings list.

"I'd practiced and prepared for that moment and was able to execute under the gun," he said. "All day I kept telling myself, 'One shot at a time.' It's very easy to get ahead of yourself out there." Fiese will continue to compete

on the Hooters Tour through the end of the season. He will participate in the PGA Tour qualifying school's first round, either in Florence, S.C., or Durham, N.C., this fall. A year ago, he missed advancing to the second stage — where they hand out the Tour cards — by three strokes.

"It was great to win out there," Fiese said. "It would be nice if it got you something, but hopefully I can carry that over and build on it."

## ASK THE PRO

**Q:** I see a lot of tour players on TV wearing sunglasses. Do you recommend them? -- T.L., from the Web

**A:** Yes, I do, but it has nothing to do with playing golf. One of the things that's so great about golf is that you're out in the sun. That's the good news. The bad news is that you've got to protect your eyes when you're in the sun or you're liable to get cataracts.

Researchers say frequent sun exposure can increase your chances of developing vision-obstructing cataracts later in life. Cataracts account for 50 percent of the cases of blindness worldwide, and surgery to correct them costs the Medicare system billions an-



Dr. T.J. Tomasi is a teaching professional at Nantucket Golf Club on Nantucket Island, Mass. To ask him a question about golf, e-mail him at: [TJInsider@aol.com](mailto:TJInsider@aol.com).

nually. Cataracts affect 9 percent of men and 12 percent of women aged 60 to 69, and in those over age 80, more than 60 percent of men and 70 percent of women have cataracts.

Those who spent a lot of time in the sun are more than twice as likely to develop cataracts as those with less sun exposure. There are three types of cataracts, and wearing a quality pair of sunglasses can reduce the risk of developing

at least one type of cataract by 40 percent. The other two types don't appear to be affected by sunglasses.

Since eye damage is cumulative, exposure starts in childhood, and the more overall time you spend in the sun during your lifetime, the higher your chances of developing cataracts.

The three most important preventive strategies are:

- (1) avoiding exposure to the sun at midday when its effects on the eye are the strongest;
- (2) limiting the amount of time overall that you spend in the sun; and
- (3) wearing a high-quality pair of sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat.

## SCHEDULE

All Times EDT  
**PGA TOUR**  
**The International**  
• Site: Castle Rock, Colo.  
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday  
• Course: Castle Pines Golf Club (7,619 yards, par 72)  
• Purse: \$5.5 million. Winner's share: \$990,000.  
• TV: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

**LPGA TOUR/ROYAL CANADIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION**  
**Canadian Women's Open**  
• Site: London, Ontario.  
• Course: London Hunt and Country Club (6,611 yards, par 72).  
• Purse: \$1.7 million. Winner's share: \$255,000.  
• TV: None.

**U.S. GOLF ASSOCIATION**  
**U.S. Women's Amateur Championship**  
• Site: North Plains, Ore.  
• Schedule: through Sunday.  
• Course: Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club, Witch Hollow Course (6,416 yards, par 71).  
• TV: The Golf Channel (Wednesday, 7-9 p.m.; Thursday-Sunday, 3-4:30 a.m., 7-9 p.m.; Monday, 3-5 a.m.).

**PGA EUROPEAN TOUR**  
**KLM Open**  
• Site: Zandvoort, Netherlands.  
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday  
• Course: Kennemer Golf and Country Club (6,862 yards, par 72).  
• Purse: \$2.06 million. Winner's share: \$343,500.  
• TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-noon).

**NATIONWIDE TOUR**  
**Xerox Classic**  
• Site: Rochester, N.Y.  
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday  
• Course: Irondequoit Country Club (6,720 yards, par 70).  
• Purse: \$575,000. Winner's share: \$103,500.  
• TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday, 1:30-4 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-3 a.m., 1:30-4 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 1-2:30 a.m., 1:30-4 p.m.; Monday, 1-2:30 a.m.).

**CHAMPIONS TOUR**  
• Next event: Boeing Greater Seattle Classic, Aug. 18-20.

## LEADERS

WORLD RANKINGS	
1. Tiger Woods	18.98
2. Phil Mickelson	9.69
3. Vijay Singh	7.83
4. Jim Furyk	7.74
5. Retief Goosen	6.97
6. Adam Scott	6.05
7. Ernie Els	5.73
8. Geoff Ogilvy	5.69
9. Sergio Garcia	5.27
10. David Howell	4.98

MONEY LEADERS	
PGA TOUR	
Player	Money
1. Tiger Woods	\$5,127,563
2. Jim Furyk	\$4,692,916
3. Phil Mickelson	\$4,123,005
4. Geoff Ogilvy	\$4,013,369
5. Vijay Singh	\$3,434,570
6. T. Immelman	\$3,030,746
7. Stuart Appleby	\$2,903,211
8. Adam Scott	\$2,712,183
9. C. Campbell	\$2,424,507
10. R. Sabbatini	\$2,411,584

LPGA TOUR	
Player	Money
1. Lorena Ochoa	\$1,675,774
2. Karrie Webb	\$1,647,433
3. A. Sorenstam	\$1,381,450
4. Mi Hyun Kim	\$1,180,814
5. Jill Inkster	\$1,114,448

CHAMPIONS TOUR	
Player	Money
1. Loren Roberts	\$1,843,472
2. Jay Haas	\$1,578,010
3. Brad Bryant	\$1,381,267
4. Gil Morgan	\$1,285,410
5. Allen Doyle	\$915,535

## UPCOMING PGA EVENTS

- Aug. 17-20 — PGA Championship, Medinah CC, Medinah, Ill.
- Aug. 24-27 — WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, Firestone CC (South Course), Akron, Ohio
- Aug. 24-27 — Reno-Tahoe Open, Montreux G&CC, Reno, Nev.
- Sept. 1-4 — Deutsche Bank Championship, TPC of Boston, Norton, Mass.
- Sept. 7-10 — Canadian Open, Hamilton G&CC, Ancaster, Ontario
- Sept. 14-17 — 84 Lumber Classic, Nemacon (Mystic Rock Course), Farmington, Pa.
- Sept. 21-24 — Valero Texas Open, LaCantera GC, San Antonio
- Sept. 22-24 — Ryder Cup, Kildare G&CC, Kildare, Ireland
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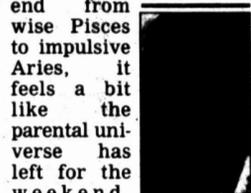
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BY HOLIDAY MATHS

With the outer planets still retrograde and the moon shifting this week-



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end from wise Pisces to impulsive Aries, it feels a bit like the parental universe has left for the weekend, giving us over to the care of a teenage babysitter. The urge to horse around, play jokes, eat too much sugar and play loud music may be too strong to resist.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Beating yourself up over the littlest mistake has become second nature to you. Bad habits aren't always easy to break, but kicking this one will feel a lot better than kicking yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're not working for money. You're working for a successful outcome for your company, your project, yourself. With this in mind, you'll make your mark. Capricorn and Virgo people are supporters.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You look forward to connecting with a special someone and have every confidence that your expectation of the relationship will be happily met. That's why tonight's events go so well.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Transformation requires power. How much? Enough to complete the change. So plug into new sources if you

Tomorrow's Horoscope

must, but don't give up now. You're more than halfway through. Keep going until you see the change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The stars are loving your largesse. Thinking huge has obvious benefits, too. If your attitude is big enough and your plans are big enough, your outrageous goals suddenly don't seem so outrageous at all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Love is your area of expertise now. Apply yourself there and win. As far as your financial life goes, shiny things are everywhere, and yet, you've seen better. Hold out for the really primo merchandise at the right price.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The stars suggest this is a day of extremes — or extreme feelings, at least. If you're not in the center of the drama, it seems to you that you're at the outer edge of the earth, where at least there's quiet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). RE: status quo. The statistics and averages may point to the fact that you're doing fine. You're worth more than fine, and you know it. The brave thing is to ask for it. Consider a major purchase, like a new car or home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You know better than to wait for things to happen. You're the reason and the cause of "things" happening. A relationship heats up when you create romantic situations. Expand your horizons: learn, travel or invest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No matter how you did things before, this is a new day, and you could potentially become an entirely different person, with new habits and, it follows, new results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your open-minded approach to health brings healing. Medicine isn't magic, and magic isn't medicine, but the two could combine to inspire a miracle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). No one has ever stood exactly where you're standing now, nor seen what you see in this moment. That's why different experts use the same information to draw vastly different conclusions. Your way is a good way. Believe in it.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: It isn't unreasonable to ask that your partner not criticize or tell you how to do things at all. TAURUS: Call the people you haven't connected with in a while — in an indirect way, it brings heat to your love life. GEMINI: A like-minded individual helps you unravel mysteries about yourself. CANCER: Your secret is safe, as long as you keep it. The hidden part of you is an attraction magnet. LEO: Beautiful connections with fellow fire signs (Sagittarius and Aries). VIRGO: There's no bee in the room — that buzz you hear is people talking and thinking good things about you. LIBRA: You're successful in love when you take a "show, don't tell" approach. SCORPIO: Sometimes, it's

easy to forget that everyone is human, with weaknesses and needs. Love means tolerating this in a partner and in yourself. SAGITTARIUS: Romantic entanglement spurs creativity, but be careful. It's your heart on the line. CAPRICORN: Whether it's the gym, a hiking club or a cooking class, you'll meet others there with the same values as you. AQUARIUS: You're lucky in love when you base your fantasy life in reality, and vice versa. PISCES: Traditional expectations in the world of love get turned upside down.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: In a Sagittarius/Cancer relationship, the main quandary is usually staying in versus going out. Sagittarius people are invigorated by travel and exploration, while Cancers are restored by creating a comfortable environment at home. What do they have in common? Passion. Both signs have oodles to lavish on the other person. A simple commitment to sharing and growing together is all they need.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Both my boyfriend and I are over 40. He has two teenage children, and so have I. We plan to marry early next year, and I will be moving into his house because it's paid for and there are enough bedrooms for each child.

The problem is, his children are very lazy. They don't pick up after themselves, and the place looks like a tornado hit it. I figured when it got dirty enough, someone would clean it, but that never happens. Sometimes I go over there and want to faint.

I will not accept this slovenly behavior when their father and I marry. What can I do? Give me some ideas, please. — Not Domestic Help

Dear Not Domestic: First, don't come on like gangbusters. They will resent it and can make all kinds of problems for you. You need to develop a solid, loving relationship with these children, and it would be best if house-keeping did not become a major source of conflict.

You and your boyfriend should make a list of chores that are distributed equally among all members of the household. He should be primarily in charge of monitoring his children, at least initially. You can remind them, gently, that it's Child A's turn to do dishes, or Child B needs to pick up his clothes, but don't call them slob or yell about the mess. Check out the National Stepfamily Resource Center (stepfamilies.info) for more suggestions.

Dear Annie: My husband's parents and four younger siblings live in the same town we do. It's a close-knit family. Sometimes too close. We celebrate every holiday and birthday together, go to ballgames together and even vacation together. One doesn't go anywhere without the others. Sometimes we'd like to invite only his parents



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over, or my husband would like to ask his younger brother to go golfing, just the two of them, but it's out of the question. We have talked to the family about this, but my mother-in-law says this is the way it has always been and will continue to be. They make us feel selfish for asking.

Is there anything we can do to help them understand that we just want time together to form individual relationships? — Daughter-in-Law in Maine

Dear DIL: Some families love this closeness, which is fine, but it's a bit much not to permit you to form individual relationships with any family members. What are they afraid of? If every one of your in-laws follows this party line, there is not much you can do, although we suspect things will change when the siblings marry. Until then, keep issuing the invitations, ignore the guilt-trips, and if the entire family shows up to golf with your husband, so be it.

Dear Annie: I read with great interest the letter from "Struggling in Wisconsin," who is dealing with a bipolar daughter. What a great opportunity for you to have mentioned the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

I am a new member and have just completed a free, 12-week course called "Family to Family," which teaches

families about mental illness and helps them share their difficulties and experiences. It has been a great support and comfort.

My nephew was denied the type of treatment he needed and deserved for his mental illness. However, after he was charged with a crime committed while he was psychotic, they made sure to treat him — hospitalizing him in a state mental facility for the purpose of making him well enough to sentence him to death.

I urge any family member to check out NAMI and join the nation's voice on mental illness. Please get the word out about this great organization. — Angry Uncle

Dear Uncle: We have mentioned NAMI many times in this space, and we appreciate the opportunity to do so again. Mentally ill adults in this country often fall between the cracks, and this is a national scandal. The website is www.nami.org or call 1-800-950-NAMI (1-800-950-6264).

Dear Annie: My husband, "Harry," and I have been married for 11 years — it's a second marriage for both of us. Things were fine at first, but have gone downhill so quickly that I just don't know what to do anymore.

Harry has not come close to me for at least six years — I mean no touching, kissing, hugging, sex, nothing. We live in an area for seniors where we have everything in the world to do — play golf, swim, dance, do ceramics — yet Harry does not participate. Many of us are not athletic, but we ride in the golf carts, play in the pool, try our hand at shuffleboard, etc. Harry will not do any of these things. I go with the other couples, but I feel strange because I am the only one whose husband refuses to join in. Any time I've tried to talk to him about it, he

starts yelling and blaming everything on me. I am never right. I love Harry, and I want to stay with him. We go to church together, and the preacher speaks about the importance of married couples doing things together, but Harry never seems to hear the sermon. I tried to get him to see our minister, but he says the minister and his wife fight all the time. I have no idea where he got this information.

My husband reads your column every morning and always has a comment, usually positive. Your help on this matter would be really appreciated. — Need Advice

Dear Need Advice: It's possible Harry is concerned about a physical ailment, or he may be depressed (or both). He believes if everyone will just leave him alone, he'll be fine. But when your marriage is affected, it's not fine, and it is likely to get worse. Ask your husband if he will get a complete physical and then go with you to a counselor outside your community. Ask him to do it as a favor to you, for the health of your marriage. And, Harry, if you are reading this — GO.

Dear Annie: You recently said one of the first uses of the word "callipygian" was by Thomas Pynchon in his book "Gravity's Rainbow." I remembered seeing the word as a kid, so I did some research in my Oxford English Dictionary and found that the word was used at least as early as the 1640s by Thomas Browne. Since Pynchon's book came out in the 1970s, you were just three centuries off. — D.W.M.

Dear D.W.M.: Thanks for the correction. My, how time flies. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

FRIDAY

Table with 27 columns representing different TV channels (WFAA, KMD, UNI, KPEJ, KOSA, KYLE, KWES, WTBS, KMLM, KPBT, DISC, AMC, SPIKE, TNT, BET, DISN, ESPN2, ESPN, SCIFI) and rows for time slots (6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30) listing various programs.

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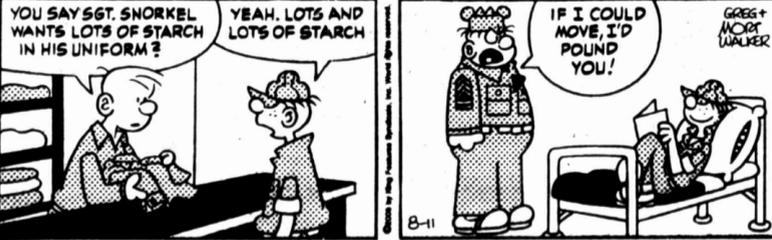
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 11, the 223rd day of 2006. There are 142 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Aug. 11, 1956, abstract painter Jackson Pollock, 44, died in an automobile accident on Long Island, N.Y.

In 1962, the Soviet Union launched cosmonaut Andrian Nikolayev on a 94-hour flight. In 1965, rioting and looting that claimed 34 lives broke out in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword puzzle grid with the words LAMAS, DELLA, PLV, OZARK, EVIAN, EVA, SUMMITTALKS, AIR, ERMA, RANTO, SKIN, READMITS, TECH, AAA, FADEOUT, JOT, KLINE, INURE, ABOVE, RAT, FERNS, MOPES, ABACI, SBT, BESIDES, HER, EINOS, PHASEDIN, ARC, CLAIM, TONE, MAR, GROWN, PRICE, EVE, DOMED, PROUD, NET, EWERS, MERRY.

Newsday Crossword

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