



Sen. Seliger to speak at United Way luncheon

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

State Sen. Kel Seliger will be the keynote speaker Tuesday as United Way of Big Spring and Howard County organizers officially get the 61st campaign under way Tuesday with a luncheon at Garrett Hall.

"I'm going to talk about the very important role that United Way plays in agencies in every community," said Seliger, for-



Seliger

mer mayor of Amarillo. "People's support for the United Way is support for their community."

The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. and is hosted by the Big Spring Rotary Club as its weekly

meeting. Spokespersons from several agencies will explain what the

donations they receive from United Way mean to their agency.

The meal will be catered by Al's & Son Barbecue.

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County serves 15 local agencies.

They are the American Red Cross, West Texas Division; Boy's Club of Big Spring; Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America; CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging;

Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; Howard County Humane Society; Isaiah 58; Northside Community Center; Salvation Army, Victim Services; Westside Community Center; Westside Day Care Center; Girl Scouts; and YMCA of Big Spring.

Tickets, \$10 each, are available at the United Way office at 808 Scurry; Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce; and First Bank of West Texas loca-

tions in Coahoma, Big Spring and Loraine.

The event will conclude by 1 p.m. and Seliger promised no one would be bored by his speech.

"They will love my speech because it will be short and to the point," he said with a laugh.

Garrett Hall is at First United Methodist Church, at 400 Scurry.

GOP cannot name county judge candidate

Secretary of State says write-in only way to add candidates at this date

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

If voters will have a choice to make in the race for Howard County judge in November, it will have to come in the form of a write-in candidate.

That's the ruling handed down by the Texas Secretary of State's Office this week, as local Republican officials scramble to find a candidate to replace Mark Morgan, who announced last week he was dropping out of the race.

"Officials from the state

called late Wednesday evening and said there's nothing we can do except support a write-in candidate," said Margarita Durand-Hollis, chairman of the local Republican party. "The candidate would have to run as a write-in and could not run as a Republican. They would have to run as an independent."

While the party won't be able to nominate a new candidate, Hollis said they will be able to offer support for the right

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GETTING READY FOR THE SEASON



Herald photo/Steve Reegan

Coahoma High School Head Football Coach Ken Cates talks to his team prior to the start of practice Thursday afternoon. The Bulldogs scrimmage at Rotan tonight before opening the regular season Sept. 1 at home against Reagan County.

Post office making it easy to obtain a passport

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

When most people think of the United States Postal Service, the thing most likely to come to mind is, of course, the mail.

How about passports? "A lot of people don't realize they can get their passports right here at the Big Spring Post Office," said local

Postmaster Gary Crittenden, who, along with his staff, will be holding a "Passport Fair" Saturday.

"Starting Dec. 31, a passport or other secure accepted document will be required for all air and sea travelers crossing borders to and from Mexico and Canada," said Crittenden. "The fair will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the lobby of the Post



Crittenden

Office, located at 501 S. Main Street. Extended hours on a Saturday will offer those customers who cannot leave work during the week an opportunity to apply for a U.S. passport.

"We'll have different stations for people to visit, with everything from passport

photos to informational booths. Normally, the process would take approximately 30 minutes per person. However, by doing it this way, we can cut that time down to about 10 to 15 minutes per person."

Crittenden said citizens filing for a passport for the first time will be required to:

- Apply in person. Minors under 14 years of age must also

apply in person with both parent and guardian.

• Complete application form DS-11, which is available at the post office. However, applicants should not sign the form.

• Bring proof of U.S. citizenship, which can include a previous U.S. passport, a certified U.S. birth certificate or a cer-

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United Way hoping to make a splash Saturday

□ From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Comanche Trail Park.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will kick off its

annual fundraising campaign Saturday, not with a bang, but with a mighty splash.

The group will be holding Splash Day for United Way Saturday at the city pool, located in Comanche Trail Park, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

And while the local charity will be kicking off its annual fundraiser,

local United Way board of director member Kim Howell said the day's focus will be on fun, not money.

"I know everyone expects to hear about a fundraiser when we talk about the annual United Way campaign, but all of this is free," said Howell. "Admission to the pool will be free. The food will

be free. It's going to be a lot of fun for everyone."

Howell said the event will be very similar to the Memorial Day Splash-In held each year at the municipal pool, which is sponsored by local radio station KBST.

"We're working with them to make the day very similar to their annual Splash In," said

Howell. "They will be broadcasting live from the city pool, and the wonderful people from the local Rotary Club have agreed to handle cooking free food, which is being donated by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, for everyone. We'll most likely have something simple, like hot dogs and drinks.

Howell said event coordinators are preparing for a large turnout Saturday, and are taking steps to help alleviate any crowding.

"One of the things we've done to prepare for such a huge turnout is to spread things out a little more. We'll have the swimming

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LVFD FUNDRAISER SET

Dancing for firemen? You bet! Four Way Gin will be the site for the annual Lenora Volunteer Fire Department dance and barbecue, set for Saturday, Sept. 23.

All funds raised at the event — admission is by donation — go to help the volunteer fire department. LVFD Fire Chief Dusty Wells said they are expecting 300 to 400 people at the fund-raiser, which begins at 7 p.m. with the serving of brisket and continues with the dance from 9 p.m. to midnight. He said the department normally responds to 30 fires by this time of the year, but has been called out 58 times already in 2006.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Hebrew Jones Jr., named Hangar 25 Air Museum's Veteran of the Month for August, will be recognized in a reception slated for 6 p.m. Thursday in the museum briefing room.

Jones is Vietnam veteran who served under presidents Kennedy and Johnson. He served in the U.S. Army.

The public is invited to pay tribute to Jones during this informal event.

HAWK TAKE OFF

The Crossroads community and students are invited to a Hawk Take Off rally from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Wear red or a Howard College shirt and get a free hot dog and a drink.

There will be prizes, games, contests, a live radio broadcast and more.

Everyone is invited to meet this year's athletes and coaches.

The coliseum is located at 1001 Birdwell Lane on the college campus and is the home court for the Hawk basketball teams.

The coliseum doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Saturday night.

Obituaries

Arnold Tonn



Pastor Arnold "PaPaw" Tonn, 75, died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2006, at his home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at the First Baptist Church with Terry Miller from Manitoba, Canada officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Arnold was born on Sept. 8, 1930, in Big Spring to C.A. and Mary Ola Tonn. He graduated from Big Spring High School. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving from 1949-1955.

He married Mona Lue Walker on May 29, 1952, in Big Spring. For the last 21 years, he willingly devoted his life not only as pastor of the Spring Tabernacle Church offering spiritual guidance, but also to their food and clothing ministry to the entire Big Spring community and especially those in need.

He is survived by his wife, Mona Lue Tonn of Big Spring; two daughters, Jerre Ann Clark and her husband, Tom of Houston; and Gena Kay Ray, of Big Spring; one son, Johnny Allen Tonn and his wife, Jeanie of McKinney. He was also survived by seven grandchildren, Casey Burden of New York City, Daniel Burden and Cody Burden both of Houston, Hank Wennik and Jamie Daniels, both of Big Spring, Jason Daniels of Midland and Kanji Adams of Plano; seven great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Bert Bostick and Mary Ellison, two brothers, J.C. Tonn and C.A. Tonn Jr.

Pallbearers will be Casey Burden, Daniel Burden, Cody Burden, Jason Daniels, Danny Burden and John Arista.

The family suggests memorials to the Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright Street, Big Spring. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Santos Faye Wilson

Santos Faye Wilson, 90, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Aug. 24, 2006, in Odessa. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• **POWER HOUSE CHURCH WILL SERVE BARBECUE** Saturday at 1311 Goliad. Plates are \$6 and include brisket, chicken, ham or sausage, potato salad, beans, cole slaw, bread and a dessert. Delivery is available by calling 263-6239. In addition to the barbecue there will be pecan pies for \$7, chocolate cake for \$6 and coconut cream pies for \$6.

• **THE ACKERLY LUNCH BUNCH** will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1200 E. Fourth. Lunch will be served at noon for \$6.25 per person. Lunch will be Mexican food, including dessert and drink

• **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.

Police blotter

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

- **JODY DAWDY**, 42, of 1406 Young, was arrested Thursday on a Potter County warrant.
- **ANNA CRUZ**, 29, of 1207 Johnson, was arrested Thursday on a local capias warrant.
- **GUADALUPE DIAZ**, 32, of 701 N.W. Ninth Street, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported:
 - in the 200 block of Third Street.
 - in the 1100 block of Lancaster.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 400 block of Seventh Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 800 block of Gregg Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- **JAMIE LEE ATKINSON**, 37, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of terroristic threats.
- **JODY WAYNE DAWDY**, 42, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **JOHN PATRICK ROBERTS**, 35, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- **STEVE ALAN HANNABASS**, 48, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of burglary of a habitation (two counts) and bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid.
- **RALPH GUTIERREZ RODRIQUEZ**, 42, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for delivery of a controlled substance.
- **JUANITA DELORES BOWERS**, 50, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of no liability insurance and driving while license invalid.
- **JUAN MANUEL RIVERA JR.**, 19, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **JAMESON WAYNE BEARDEN**, 20, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2700 block of Williams.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3000 block of Sherman Road.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 400 block of Texas.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4000 block of Dixon. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Fourth Street and Gregg Street. Four people were transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to University Medical Center in Lubbock.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard. One person was transported to University Medical Center in Lubbock.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamar. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of East 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

Bulletin Board

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

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

SATURDAY
• Passport Fair at the Big Spring Post Office, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Get your passport at 501 S. Main St.
• **CORRECTION:** The Ackery Lunch Bunch will not meet at 10 a.m. this day. The group will meet Saturday, Sept. 23.
• Splash Day for United Way, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., swimming at the pool in Comanche Trail Park and food at the park's Old Settler's Pavilion. Free admission.
• Hawk Take Off community and student rally for Howard College, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Prizes, games, contests, meet the coaches and athletes.
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-9677 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.
• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Southeast winds around 10 mph.
Sunday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.
Sunday night...Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.
Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.
Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.
Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 4-9-29-32-34.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$29,602.
Winning ticket sold in: Houston.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 9-12-23-24. Bonus Ball: 30.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$450,000.

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



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Howard County burn ban lifted

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Thanks to considerable rainfall over the past few months, Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart signed an order lifting the county-wide burn ban he originally set into effect in mid June.

"Since Howard County has

received substantial rainfall during the last two weeks and there is no longer the threat of disaster from wildfire, the emergency regulation imposed... has been rescinded," said Lockhart in an order issued this week.

Despite the lifting of the ban, state officials urge area resi-

denis to use extreme caution in the coming months, as conditions are expected to once again dry out.

"About 90 percent of the fires we see are caused by humans," said Apodaca. "It ranges from people riding the rim of their car on a flat tire to people pitching their cigarette butts out the

window. Fireworks is another major cause of fires, along with exhaust pipes and catalytic converters on vehicles driving over the brush and grass.

"If you have to pull off the road, be sure to look for a gravel area and stay away from areas where the grass is tall enough to come into contact

with your vehicle's exhaust system. It only takes a few minutes of being parked there to start a small fire that can grow quickly. We see it pretty often on ranches and farms as well."

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office hopeful.

"If the candidate were a Republican, we would support and possibly even endorse them," said Durand-Hollis. "However, they cannot specify they are a Republican candidate in the race."

Durand-Hollis said the party is currently considering candidates, but no choice has been made at this time.

"We're very fortunate the state was able to get back to us so quickly," said Durand-Hollis. "We have until Tuesday to find a write-in candidate, so we've been throwing some names around and listening to some suggestions."

It's unclear whether Morgan's name will appear on the ballot despite his public announcement he intends to drop out of the race, according to Howard County Election

Administrator Sandra Bloom.

"Mr. Morgan has picked up the forms necessary to withdraw from the race, but he hasn't yet turned them in," said Bloom. "The deadline to turn those forms in is 5 p.m. Friday (today). If he meets that deadline, his name will be removed from the ballot. However, if he doesn't meet the deadline, his name will be on the ballot in November and voters will be able to not only vote for him, but

to elect him.

"If Morgan were to win the election, even though he has announced he was dropping out, it would be up to the commissioner's court to appoint a replace-

ment to fulfill the unexpired term, which would be two years."

For more information on becoming a write-in candidate for the November race, contact

Durand-Hollis at 264-0973.

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tificate of naturalization or citizenship.

• Proof of identity, which includes certificate of naturalization or citizenship, a current, valid driver's license or government or military ID. Minors must also show proof of identity.

• Two identical passport photos, which will be provided by the Post Office for a \$15 fee. However, if

the picture is taken at a different location or ahead of time, it must meet strict government requirements.

Applicants will also be asked to pay a fee of \$97 for anyone 16 years old or older, and \$82 for children age 15 or younger, according to Crittenden.

"The new requirements were developed by the U.S. State Department and Department for Homeland Security," said Crittenden. "A lot of people don't even know they

can get their passport through the post office. However, more than 80 percent of all the passports issued by the State Department come through the post office."

For more information on passport requirements or the fair, contact the Big Spring Post Office at 267-7391.

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SPLASH

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and the radio broadcast at the pool, but we're planning to have the food and drinks at the Old Settler's Pavilion," said Howell. "We're also looking at having some of the inflatable games in the island that's between the pavilion and the pool. That should help keep crowding near the pool to a minimum."

And while the pool-based bash will herald the beginning of the local United Way's annual fundraising campaign, raising money isn't the focus for the day, according to Howell.

"This isn't really a fundraising event we're planning. We won't be trying to raise money, we'll be trying to raise awareness," said Howell. "Each year we've kicked off the campaign the same way, with a luncheon at Garrett Hall. This year

we're doing things a little different. This year we're working on planning an entire week of kickoff activities, and this splash out is one of them."

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

Chapter.

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

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Celia Girby, 61, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Arnold Tonn, 75, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at First Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:30 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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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:

- Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school districts for receiving Adequate Yearly Progress status under a federal evaluation system created by the No Child Left Behind Act. The evaluations involve passing rates in reading and math, graduation rates and attendance rates.

- Big Spring school administrators, who have decided to use some state funds to pay tuition, fees and book charges for high school students who decide to take concurrent (college) courses while in high school. It's a great incentive for young students and a major cost savings for parents or students themselves, who would foot the bill.

- By the same token, we salute Moore Development for Big Spring for providing \$15,000 to help develop a new vocational training program for Big Spring High School.

- Joyce Crooker, for her service on the Moore Development for Big Spring board, and to newly-elected director Frank Parker.

- Howard County 4-H and agent Amanda Toerck for offering new programs for area youth.

- State Sen. Kel Seliger, for graciously agreeing to be the keynote speaker at this year's United Way of Big Spring and Howard County luncheon this coming Tuesday.

- Hebrew Jones Jr., who has been named Veteran of the Month for August by the Hangar 25 Air Museum. He will be honored in an informal reception at 6 p.m. Thursday in the museum briefing room.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May our belief in You, Lord, be on display for all to see.
Amen

Yeah, but what if Joe wins?

What if Joe wins? Slowly but surely, that is the question the chattering class is beginning to ask itself.

Joe is Joe Lieberman. Wins in Connecticut. His Senate seat. A few weeks ago, who-dathunkit?

We've figured out all the things it proves if he loses, but what if he wins?

Does that mean Hillary was right? Does that mean the left was too far left?

Does that prove what they used to say about the Democratic primaries pushing you too far left, and then the middle being back in the middle?

What about the power of the blogs and the Internet?

There is, to be sure, a long way from here to there, but the latest polls have former Democratic Vice Presidential candidate and former Democrat Joe Lieberman now running as an Independent, 12 points ahead of Ned Lamont, the Democratic nominee, as the race settles in, with the Republican candidate Alan Schlesinger not considered to be a factor in the race.

In the fine tradition of good government, you've got one group trying to kick Joe Lieberman off the ballot and another trying to kick him out of the party, which makes sense given that he's running 12

points ahead at the polls.

I kid you not, of course: They really are trying to kick him out of the Democratic Party, even though he's promised to caucus as a Democrat if he's elected, and kick him off the ballot altogether for creating a "fake political party."

Which is to say, it's a long way till November, but it couldn't look that great for Lamont.

It helps that Joe is finding his voice, coming out, for instance, for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's departure, while President Bush opts to stay out of the state completely, creating the perfect storm for a Democratic defeat.

And it doesn't hurt that the precarious situation in the world and the dangerous situation in the Middle East both play to Joe's strengths.

But maybe that isn't such a coincidence.

The world is, after all, a dangerous place, and likely to be so and feel that way at any particular point in time.

Which may make Hillary's positioning in the middle of the security spectrum pretty clever in the long run.

You know it's a slow, hot, August week when Time magazine puts Hillary on the cover for — no reason at all, except they need a cover.

For an unscientific test to see if she is still polarizing?

Hello.
Is this a serious question? Or a

way to sell magazines?

Are there Hillary haters out there?

Sure.
Does it matter?

Not unless they are 51 percent of the voting population, which they aren't. Last time I checked, the Bush haters didn't stop him.

But there is a larger issue behind the question of polarization.

At some point, women, especially women like her, have to recognize that they have a stake in a Hillary candidacy, whether they choose it or not.

If Hillary wins, it will be seen as a major victory for women.

In offices and boardrooms across America, in a moment, things will be different because there is a change at the top.

And if Hillary loses?

What will they say then? That it had absolutely nothing to do with the fact that she was a powerful woman?

That none of this hatred for her has anything to do with her being a powerful woman?

That it's all personal?

That people who have never met her, don't know her, hate her for reasons that have nothing to do with what she has in common with you and me?

Get serious.

If we have so much to gain, and so much to lose.

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Is fear card losing its power?

A recent analysis of President Bush's popularity poll numbers startled me: It noted, with apparent surprise, that Bush's approval rating didn't rise noticeably after the announcement that the British had foiled a terrorist plot to destroy 10 transatlantic passenger jets in flight from England to America.

I wondered, "Was it supposed to rise?"

The notion that Bush's popularity should grow as the threat of terrorism rises remains a powerful one, particularly with Vice President and chief White House ideologue Dick Cheney. If news reports are correct, Cheney both pressured the British to reveal their investigation earlier than they felt necessary, then used this prior knowledge to try to frighten U.S. voters inclined to support anti-Iraq War candidates like Ned Lamont, who upset Sen. Joe Lieberman in Connecticut's recent Democratic primary.

This perception is built on the premise that a frightened, trembling America is a pro-Bush America. It certainly seemed so in the period after 9/11, when most Americans gave Bush high marks for his war on terror, and — as reflected by a compliant Congress — carte blanche to use whatever tactics he thought necessary to fight it.

But that was back when most Americans hadn't yet grasped that conventional warfare isn't the prescription for fighting terrorism. Kicking butt militarily felt real good for a while — before it became clear the extremist enemy had devised a counterstrategy previously tested against the Soviet Union: bog down the opposing mil-

itary machine far from home, then wear it down psychologically through expensive and bloody attrition.

The American people aren't falling for this "only more war can protect you from the evil terrorists" routine quite as easily as they once did, judging from Bush's abysmal popularity poll figures hovering in the one-in-three range. It has taken 3-1/2 years, the deaths of 2,600 U.S. military personnel and the wounding of 19,000 others, the waste of \$400 billion perfectly good dollars, escalating worldwide terrorism and a virtual civil war in Iraq, but the polls suggest even patriotic self-delusion eventually wears thin in the absence of evidence and results.

The foiled terrorist plot against transatlantic jetliners should have reminded Americans that yet another of the Bushian rationales for war in Iraq has fizzled. Bush and his cohorts have said it's better to "fight the terrorists over there than have to fight them over here." Leaving aside the astounding gall of such a remark — "Let's go trash someone else's country and cause the deaths of tens of thousands of its people so we can live, shop and play in peace" — the comment is illogical.

Terrorists don't fight over territory, as do conventional armies. They seek targets — people — and thus could strike anywhere people live or travel. All our efforts in Iraq failed to deter this plot; only the domestic vigilance of the British prevented this replay of 9/11. It's past time we faced facts: the U.S. invasion of Iraq, and our continued presence there, have done absolutely nothing to enhance American security — and almost certainly have made us and the rest of the world less safe.

The neo-conservative propaganda machine maintains that only supporters of the Bush team truly want to fight terrorists, while

Democrats and progressives, for some mysterious reason, don't. Slowly, the American people are seeing that the issue isn't — and never was — who in America wants to fight terrorism, but rather, who among us understands the true nature of the fight. The neo-con-controlled GOP opted for global military domination, but all that did was raise worldwide fears about America's desire for global military domination. That played right into the propaganda hands of our fundamentalist foes, and disenchanted many of our friends and allies.

The more promising strategy would be to hunt down terrorist operatives worldwide using police-style tactics, while cooling domestic passions, working in concert with allied nations and patiently making friends of civilians around the world, thus encouraging them to repel the terrorist organizations seeking to hide among them. I'm not sure we're quite ready for this approach — we're not a patient people, and we've been so inculturated with fear and belligerence that the next successful terrorist strike against us will no doubt inspire renewed calls to bomb somebody, anybody. Already, the most virulent neo-con warmongers are subtly trying to prep the nation for the full-blown global war on Islam they covet — so a sea change to a more productive course of action will take time.

But for the first time since 9/11, I see signs America is gradually coming to its senses, like the addicted gambler who, instead of continuing his doomed search for a game he can win, finally begins to wonder if the real problem is his presence in the casino.

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Church News

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Salem Baptist Church

Please join us this Sunday for Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning service and Children's Church at 11 a.m., and evening service at 6 p.m. Our Wednesday evening prayer service is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m. Salem is located at the corner of Old Colorado City Highway and Salem Road and pastored by Bro. Monroe Teeters. For further information, please call 394-4655.

First United Methodist Church

The congregation of First United Methodist Church would love to welcome you to our services. We regularly meet on Sunday morning for worship at 8:30 a.m. and again at 10:50 a.m. Our senior pastor, Dr. Shane Brue, preaches both services. This Sunday his message, "Keep Asking" is based on scripture found in Luke 11:5-13, which is the third of a series based on Jesus' parables in Luke. Sunday school for all ages will begin at 9:45 a.m. Centered in Praise Ensemble will practice at 3 p.m. A combined youth group will meet Sunday at 6 p.m. Project Light Class will be held Sunday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday at 5:30 p.m., PPRC meeting; at 6 p.m., the Education Committee meeting.

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 this church.

Wednesday and Friday begins with Children's Day Out at 9 a.m. Noon lunch/Bible study will meet this 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.

Kid's Club begins Sept. 12 for first through fourth graders and will be every Tuesday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Your children are invited to attend. Women's Bible Study begins Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. A 10-week Beth Moore Bible Study is in the planning and will be announced later. The annual Lord's Acre will be held Oct. 7. Mark your calendars for a great day with Family Fest and Live Auction. There will be a retreat in Stanton on

Oct. 20, "Discovering God's Call." Contact the church office for more information.

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

Catholic Churches of Howard County

If you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith, our traditions, and how they are based on Holy Scripture, please join us. We begin our sessions Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

The Catholic communities of Howard County continue to provide RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) for non-Catholics who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith. We also welcome Baptized Catholics who wish to receive the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist or Confirmation.

Fully initiated adult Catholics are also needed as sponsors. Sponsors learn more about their faith and share their life journey with those inquiring about the faith.

We meet every week, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1009 Hearn St., at the house between the church and school.

For more information, call Elfi Tucker at 816-6247 or 393-5313. You may also call any of the church offices. St. Thomas Church at 605 N. Main, 263-2864; Sacred Heart Church, 263-7884; Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 267-4124; or St. Joseph Church on South Street in Coahoma, 267-4124.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Join us this Sunday for a "traditional" worship service. We personally invite you to come and celebrate the life, death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Worship is at 11 a.m. Our small group Bible studies start at 9:45 a.m. for every age. We have a free nursery for your children. This Sunday, prove to yourself that your treasure is the Lord Jesus. Pastor Rex Clayton invites you personally to come and worship with the church that meets at 401 East Fourth St.

First Church of the Nazarene

The members and friends of First Church of the Nazarene extend a warm, friendly welcome to all to worship with us this Sunday at 10 a.m. and

6 p.m. in an encouraging and uplifting atmosphere of praise and worship with a blend of contemporary and traditional music that will minister to all ages. Our senior pastor, the Rev. Byron W. Brown, will begin a three-part series of messages on Raising G-rated Kids In An X-rated World. The First Church Children's Ministry will be taking a special lead in the morning service and children will be promoting to the next higher grade class. Everyone in attendance will receive a pencil to remind us all to pray for our school children and teachers.

This Sunday morning's service will also feature the First Church Celebration Singers under the direction of the Rev. Dana Brown, our executive pastor.

The Youth Ministry meets at 6 p.m. in the Salt Shaker for a time of worship and word with our new pastor to students and families, Brad Larpenteur. The youth also have another special meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

The PrimeTimers (Senior Adults) are gearing up for a homemade ice cream fellowship following the evening service Sunday at 6 p.m. The PrimeTimers meet monthly for a special time of fun and fellowship.

A coffee and donut gathering takes place in the foyer/commons area of the main building each Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. prior to the morning service as we get to know the First Church Family.

The First Church of the Nazarene continues to celebrate a rich 78-year history in Big Spring. For more information or for transportation call 267-7015.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church is located at 810 Scurry Street. Pastor is Wayne K. Frost. Our phone number is 267-7163. Worship services are at 9 a.m. with Sunday school and Bible classes at 10:15 a.m.

There are a number of Bible classes during the week, call the church for more information.

Tutor training sessions for Marcy school are Sept. 7 at 6 p.m. in the Marcy Library with Ms. Dunham, Marcy principal, as teacher.

Operation Summer Support continues with powdered drink mixes being this week's item. Hard Candy is the treat for August. A thank you letter has been received from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait — Chaplain

Frank E. Wismer III for the items that have already been received.

14th and Main Church of Christ

All women are invited to a Beth Moore study of "The Patriarchs" beginning Sept. 6 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the fellowship hall located on the north side of the building. The course will continue each Wednesday evening for one hour until completed.

Participation is encouraged no matter your religious affiliation. Please call the office at 263-1303 to register. Each person attending will receive a workbook.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

A special invitation is extended to all our friends and neighbors to come and worship with us at the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Elder John Horner of Nacogdoches will be guest

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minister for Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 27.

Bible Study is held each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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

First Baptist Church

Sunday is "Extended Session Worker's Sunday" at First Baptist Church. We appreciate those volunteers who give their time keeping the children birth to 4 years of age.

Our pastor's sermon Sunday morning is "Picking Up the Jesus Habit of Responding." The service begins at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday afternoon at 5, our Sunday school leadership will meet for training. Evening worship will start at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We will share a meal and homemade ice cream.

Thursday, our senior adults will meet for an ice cream social at 6 p.m. in our dining room. All senior adults are invited.

If you don't have a church home, why not give First Baptist Church a try? We are located at 705 W. FM 700.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

Saturday, the Northwest Texas Conference Round-Up will be held at the first United Methodist Church in Lubbock. Call the church for more information, if needed.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. followed by worship services at 11 a.m. Choir rehearsal will be at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, youth will meet at the church at 6 p.m. for fellowship.

Coahoma UMC is at 401 N. Main. The pastor is the Rev. Donita R. Lea. Our phone number is 394-4432.

Baptist Temple Church

We are located at the crossroads (11th Place and Goliad) for the crossroads in your life. We would like for you to come join us Sunday as we gather for Bible study at 9:30 a.m., Children's Church between 10:30 a.m. and noon and worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

We offer Bible study classes for all ages Wednesday at 7 p.m.

We have a Spanish mission called Iglesia Bautista Roca Eterna. Our Spanish pastor is Luis A. Pena Sr. They have a separate Sunday school and worship, and have home Bible studies.

The week of Sept. 17-20 we have evangelist Crox Qunitanilla coming to speak to us. He is a man who experienced a life of crime as a deputy constable.

God delivered him from a terrible life and now Crox tells how God can deliver anyone.

For more information about Baptist Temple, call 267-8287, check out our Web site at www.baptist-templechurch.org or come meet with us. We hope to see you Sunday.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from John 6:56-69 at Sunday worship service Sept. 3. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten is at 10:35 a.m.

Wednesday, Bible study at 5:17 p.m. and youth group from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church is between Seventh and Eighth streets. Call 263-4211.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend the worship service at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy communion will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Father Liggett's sermon for Sunday is "Whom Will You Choose?"

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www.stmarys-bst.org. St. Mary's is at 1001 South Goliad.

Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

The Mt. Bethel Women's Missionary Society will host its 34th Annual Women's Day program at 3:30 p.m. Sunday. The Rev. B.J. Choice of St. John Baptist Church in Hobbs, N.M., will be the guest speaker. A work-

shop will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Speakers are Sharon Jones and Ivivian Reed. The theme will be "Our Work is Not Finished if We Quit."

Mt. Bethel is located at 630 Sgt. Paredez (NW Fourth Street). The Rev. William Vaughn Jr. is the pastor.

We invite you to join us for worship each Sunday for Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., Bible study at 5 p.m. and Women's Missionary Society each Monday at 6 p.m.

Youth Ministry meets each Sunday at 5 p.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m.

First Christian Church

Parents and young people — grades 4 through 12 — are invited to join us as we meet to start a new youth ministry program.

The meeting will happen at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in the youth lounge. We will discuss employing a youth minister, as well as fall activities. Pizza and drinks will be furnished.

Our pastor, Dr. Ken McIntosh, will be installed in a special service of worship at the church Saturday morning, Sept. 9, beginning at 10:30 a.m. A luncheon featuring the Gospel Jubilees will follow.

We currently have two different hymnals available for free to another congregation. We have 50 copies of "Hymnbook for Christian Worship" and 200 copies of "Favorite Hymns of Praise." Call the church office for pick-up.

Join us Sunday mornings. Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. and worship begins at 10:50 a.m. We are located at 911 Goliad.



Evening Lions Club swears in new members

On Monday, Aug. 7, 2006, the Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, under the leadership of Shirlene Sulatan, welcomed eight new members. The 2A1 District Governor, Marshall Twombly, inducted Amanda Hernandez, Michelle Kukoly, Patsy Tercero RN, Darlene Hildebrand, RN, Nancy Reed, RN and Ronel Sulatan, RN. Other newly inducted members included Helen S Davis, RN and Johnny Mata, LVN (not pictured).

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Glasscock County will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.99 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on September 1, 2006 @ 5:30 PM and September 5, 2006 @ 6:30 PM Glasscock County Courthouse.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Jimmy Strube, Mark Halfmann, Marck Schafer and Michael Hoch
AGAINST:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT: W. E. Bednar

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditures categories:

Maintenance and operations	8.03% (increase) or _____% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00% (increase) or _____% (decrease)
Total expenditures	8.87% (increase) or _____% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$687,628,950.00	\$811,547,830.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$395,610.00	\$540,010.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$551,282,290.00	\$675,044,490.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$358,960.00	\$473,610.00

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Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$0.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$412326 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$362300 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$.050026 per \$100 in value

Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year: 12.12% Increase OR 12.12% Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$39179.00	\$39572.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$6014.00	\$5969.00
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$33165.00	\$33703.00

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$138.97. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$122.11. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be a decrease of \$16.86 in taxes.

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
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IN BRIEF

Steers scrimmage set for Lubbock

The Big Spring Steers' preseason scrimmage will be held today in Lubbock vs. Pampa. The scrimmage, which will feature the respective schools' ninth grade, junior varsity and varsity squads, will be held at the Lubbock Monterey High School practice field.

Freshmen and junior varsity will scrimmage at 5 p.m., followed by the varsity at 7 p.m.

There is no admission to the scrimmage, but officials urge people planning on attending to bring their own chairs, as there are no bleacher facilities at the Monterey practice field.

The Steers open the regular season at home against Odessa High School Sept. 1.

Coahoma Booster Club sets event

The Coahoma Booster Club will hold its annual Meet the Bulldogs Night for 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

Youth volleyball sign-ups under way

Registration for Youth Volleyball League play has started at the YMCA.

Families with children in Grades 3-6 are eligible to play.

The registration fee is \$45 per player and the deadline to register is Saturday.

Players will be divided into two age groups — third- and fourth-graders in one division and fifth- and sixth-graders in the other.

Teams will be formed Aug. 31 at a coaches meeting and clinic and league play begins Sept. 16.

For more information, call 267-8234.

Quarterback Club meetings slated

Big Spring High School's Quarterback Club will meet at 7 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.

For more information, call Tissue at 816-3458.

Carson Palmer ready to play

(AP) With his rebuilt knee holding up in practice, the Cincinnati Bengals quarterback said that he will play in the next preseason game, stepping on the field and taking a hit for the first time since his injury in the playoffs seven months ago.

Palmer is expected to start against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Sunday night. His left knee will be his biggest test yet.

Rookie helps Rangers avoid sweep

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Robinson Tejeda gave the Texas Rangers a big lift heading into a key series.

Tejeda won his second consecutive start since being called up from minor leagues and Carlos Lee hit a solo homer, helping the Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 4-3 Thursday night and avoid a four-game sweep.

"It's the second time he's gone out and pretty much did everything he could to give our offense some breathing room," Rangers shortstop Michael Young said.

Tejeda (3-3) gave up two runs and five hits in a career-high 7 2-3 innings. He was recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma on Saturday to make a start that day and earned a spot in the rotation after giving up one run over 6 2-3 innings in a 3-1 win over Detroit.

"I don't go into the game thinking about pitching to win," Tejeda said. "I just try to go inning by inning, hitter by hit-

ter, trying to do the best I can." Tejeda is 2-0 against the Devil Rays this season. He also beat Tampa Bay in his Texas debut on May 2.

Lee hit a two-out drive and Hank Blalock had an RBI double to put the Rangers ahead 2-0 in the first, and Texas never gave up the lead.

Akinori Otsuka pitched the ninth and got his 27th save for the Rangers, who are seven games behind AL West-leading Oakland. Texas hosts the Athletics in a three-game series beginning Friday night.

"It's already forgotten," Young said of the Tampa Bay series. "We have a new challenge in front of us. We're playing a team that's leading our division, so we have to come out and play our best baseball. We're confident we can respond well."

Carl Crawford led off with a triple in the ninth and scored on Greg Norton's sacrifice fly. Travis Lee and Jorge Cantu sin-

gled with two outs before Otsuka struck out Russell Bryan on a 3-2 pitch.

"We hung in there, and I felt us coming back," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said. "I really felt that happening again. It was there and we just (didn't do it)."

Brayan was traded after the game, to San Diego for minor league pitcher Evan Meek.

Lee's homer was his third in 109 at-bats with the Rangers. Acquired from Milwaukee on July 28 in a six-player deal, he had 28 homers in 388 at-bats with the Brewers.

Tim Corcoran (4-6) allowed four runs and five hits in six innings. He is 0-6 in his last eight starts.

Young scored on Dioner Navarro's passed ball and Mark Teixeira had a sacrifice fly that extended the lead to 4-0 during the third.

"I think Texas has got a very good ballclub," Maddon said. "They have among the best position players in the league, man-

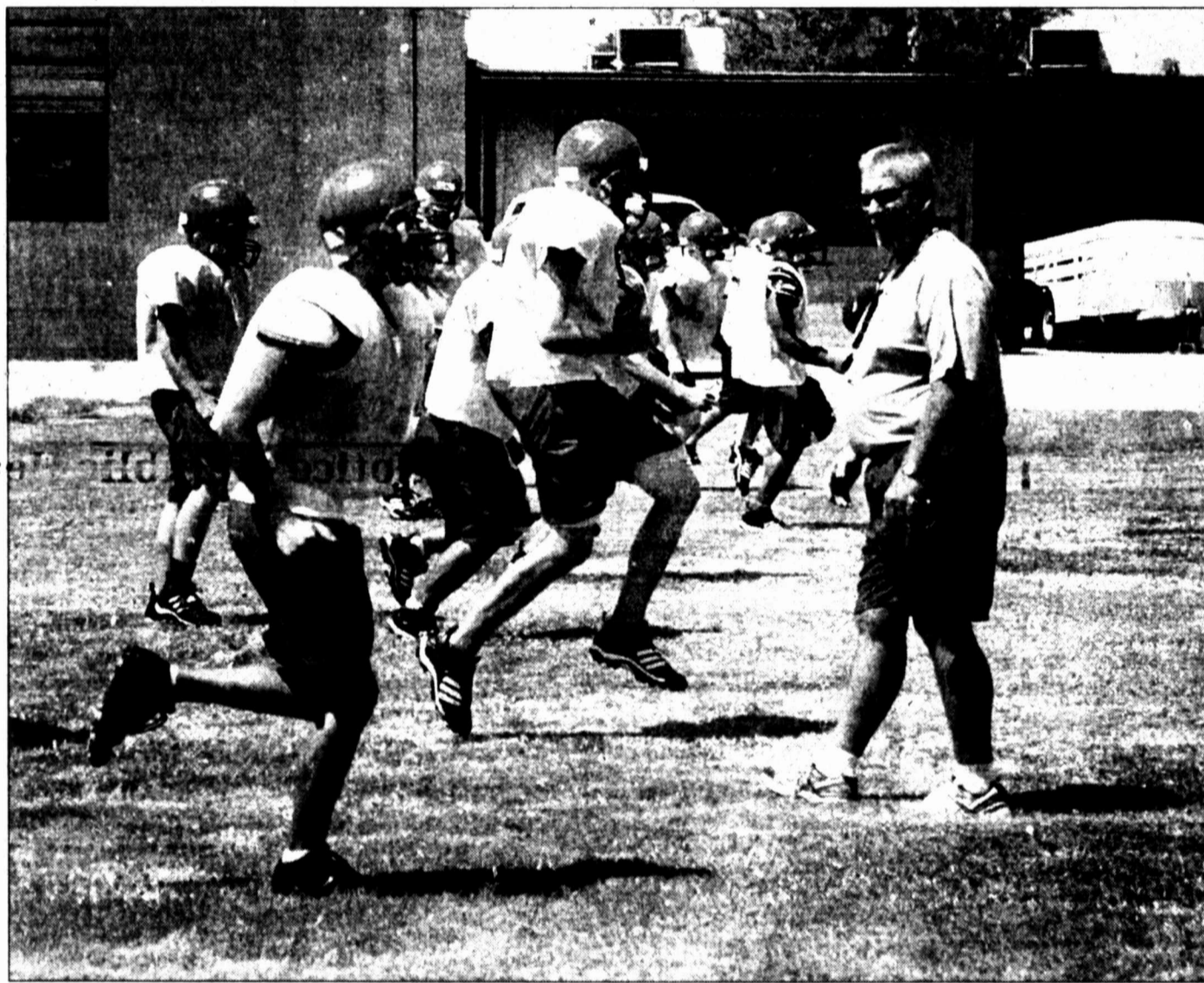
for man. I think their pitching has gotten better. They have a nice club."

Tejeda cruised through the first four innings, throwing 34 pitches and allowing one hit. He gave up two runs in fifth on Lee's RBI single and a sacrifice fly by Cantu. Center fielder Gary Matthews Jr. kept Cantu from getting an extra-base hit by making a running catch on the warning track.

Tejeda departed in the eighth after allowing a two-out double to Ben Zobrist and hitting Rocco Baldelli with a pitch. Wes Littleton ended the threat by inducing a grounder by B.J. Upton.

"Robbie was outstanding," Texas manager Buck Showalter said. "He commanded the fastball again and established that early. He's got a nice tempo about him. He's an aggressive, confident-looking guy out there. Not only do we see it, but the other team sees it."

'DOGS ON THE RUN



Coahoma High School Head Football Coach Ken Cates oversees running drills during team practice at the high school Thursday. The Bulldogs scrimmage at Rotan tonight before opening the regular season at home Sept. 1 against Reagan County.

Astros fall to Pirates

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Houston Astros are running out of time to start their late-season charge.

Houston fell a season-worst eight games under .500 and lost for the 10th time in 13 games Thursday night, 5-3 to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"It's not easy when you're in a run like this," outfielder Luke Scott said.

The Pirates used a four-run sixth inning to rally for their third consecutive win. Jason Bay had three hits, Chris Duffy had two hits and two runs scored and Ronny Paulino and Jose Castillo each had two hits and an RBI for Pittsburgh.

"Another very well-played game, very similar to the last two nights ... in that it was a collective effort," Pirates manager Jim Tracy said. "We got some timely hits when we needed them."

The Astros didn't, going 1-for-8 with runners in scoring position. The only bright spots for the defending NL champions were that Willy Taveras extended his club-record hitting streak to 27 games with two hits and Chris Burke hit his eighth home run. Neither changed the fact Houston remains in fourth place in the NL Central.

As late as June 9 of last season, Houston was in last place and was just a game above .500 at the All-Star break. But the Astros were the NL's best team in the second half to earn the wild card and advance to the World Series.

The signing and debut of Roger Clemens in June fueled optimism that Houston would repeat that success this season.

Still within seven games of division-leading St. Louis and the wild card, the Astros' season isn't effectively over — yet. The Cardinals lost to the New York Mets Thursday night, a fact Garner took little solace in.

"We're not playing against them," Garner said. "We're playing against ourselves. We're trying to get to .500 and we're not doing a very good job of that."

Rice set to end career as a 49er

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Jerry Rice spent some of his favorite days on the green practice fields next to the railroad tracks that run behind the San Francisco 49ers' training complex.

That's where Rice honed his game over countless hours as he became the NFL's most prolific receiver — and that's why he felt those fields were an appropriate place to say his latest goodbye to the sport he revolutionized.

Rice signed a one-day contract to retire with the San Francisco 49ers on Thursday, officially ending the receiver's matchless career back where it began.

Rice, who scored more touchdowns than anyone in league history, shed no tears during a short signing ceremony on the fields at the training complex opened in 1988 by the 49ers, his team for the first 16 of his 20 seasons.

The receiver wore his ring from the 49ers' 1989 Super Bowl championship team on a chain around his neck as he



Pro football great Jerry Rice signed a one-day contract to retire with the San Francisco 49ers Thursday afternoon.

hugged his wife, Jackie, and shook hands with San Francisco owner John York.

"I would like to put the uniform on and run on that football field, but I think it's time to move

on," Rice said, gesturing toward the fields where the current 49ers were practicing. "I feel welcome here. I feel like this is my home, and this is something I'll never forget."

Rice, who will turn 44 in October, hasn't played since parting ways with the Broncos before last season, holding his first retirement news conference last September in Denver. He spent three seasons in Oakland after leaving the 49ers, then played a final year with the Seattle Seahawks.

"He played with a burning passion that the NFL had never seen before," York said. "It's great to see him back with the 49ers."

Rice became a vagabond in his final years, still searching for another chance to prove he hadn't lost a step in his 40s. But San Francisco fans still remember Rice in his incredible prime, when he made most of his 197 touchdown receptions while playing for several powerhouse teams and three Super Bowl winners.

"This is where I got my start," Rice said. "This is where my legacy is at. This is where my heart got started, and this is where I'm going to end it."

Battier ultimate role player on U.S. hoops squad

SAPPORO, Japan (AP) — Shane Battier had a quick response when he was asked to define his role on Team USA. "See these floor burns?" he said, motioning to a nasty red spot on his forearm. "That's my role."

Battier doesn't make many highlight shows. But he's become an important part of the U.S. team as it prepares for the second round of the FIBA world championships. The U.S. completed a five-game sweep of Group D with a 103-58 victory over Senegal on Thursday night. The Americans face Australia in the second round Sunday in Saitama. A victory in that game could set up a show-

down with Germany and Dirk Nowitzki in the quarterfinals. Battier is averaging 5.8 points per game through five games, all victories. He has 11 rebounds, five assists and three steals. Those numbers don't jump off the stat sheet. But numbers don't begin to tell the story of the 27-year-old's contribution — unless they start tallying bruises.

On a star-laden team, Battier is the guy most likely to incur bodily harm. The Americans' 121-90 victory over China here this week featured a typical Battier performance. He scored the U.S.' first five points and didn't

make another bucket the rest of the night. But afterward, his teammates were buzzing about how Battier stood his ground when China's Yao Ming barreled through him. Yao, who was called for a charge, and Battier will be teammates with the Houston Rockets next season.

"I love playing with Shane because he does all the little things, like taking charges, chasing the ball, playing great defense," U.S. forward Elton Brand said. "When you look at this guy, he may be scoring seven, but he's responsible for numerous points as well as good defense. I really appreciate what he

does." Brand played with Battier at Duke in 1998 and 1999. Back then, Battier was more star than the workman. In 2000-01, he was the consensus National Player of the Year after leading Duke to the national title. Battier's scoring average increased each season in Durham, peaking at 19.9 points per game his senior year. Vancouver picked him sixth overall in the 2001 draft. After he averaged 14.4 points per game in his rookie season, Battier's scoring average dropped in his second and third years, to a career low of 8.5 points per game in 2003-04.

A role player was born. No longer considered a scorer, the 6-8 Battier found other ways to make himself useful. And that got the attention of U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski, who loved to rave about Battier when he coached him at Duke. "Shane is the ultimate role player," Krzyzewski said here this week. Even on the talented U.S. team, which features star captains LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Carmelo Anthony, there's a place for a guy who

knows his role. Battier, who has represented the U.S. in four other competitions, is enjoying every minute of the experience. "It probably has been one of the best basketball experiences I've had in my life," he said. "Unbelievable opportunity. A chance to play with some great players and be around some great people for a great country. The pictures I've taken on this trip and the memories I have will be with me forever."


Great Scott: Aussie continues his roll

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Typical of most players coming off a major championship, Adam Scott felt as if he was on vacation at the Bridgestone Invitational. He only played nine holes in a practice round and didn't grind as hard on the practice range. Even the first six holes he played in the first round Thursday were nothing special.

It all changed quickly, and Scott felt as if he was back at Medinah. Starting with a 5-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole, the 26-year-old Australian ran off nine birdies over his final 12 holes for a 7-under 63, giving him a two-shot lead over Jason Gore and four shots clear of defending champion Tiger Woods. "That was my hope coming into this week, to keep playing like I did last week," Scott said. "I just tried to keep working on the same stuff and got it going a little today. I hit a lot of good iron shots and really took the pressure off my putting by hitting them so close."

No one has played better the last two rounds. Scott made a Sunday charge in the PGA

Championship, closing with a 5-under 67 despite bogeys on two of the last three holes. But it was too late in the major, and he had no serious chance of catching Woods. Four days later, he was nearly flawless off the tee and aggressive with his irons for a 63. He played his best golf too late at Medinah. And they don't hand out trophies on Thursday at Firestone. But he had few complaints with his start. The last player who opened with a 63 at Firestone was Stewart Cink in 2004, and he wound up with a wire-to-wire victory. "If you're playing from the fairway, it's a lot easier," Scott said. Gore, who got into this World Golf Championship by winning the 84 Lumber Classic last year, played with an old friend from his junior golf days in California — Woods — and settled in quickly with a birdie-eagle-birdie start. The highlight was a 4-wood that he aimed toward the center of the green on the par-5 second hole. He pulled it slightly left, and it wound up 2 feet from the hole.



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Bidding Quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been:

East	South	West	North
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What would you now bid with each of the following four hands:

1. ♠KJ52 ♥AK3 ♦94 ♣AJ65
2. ♠Q43 ♥KQ54 ♦KJ6 ♣AKJ
3. ♠Q6 ♥AKJ86 ♦K3 ♣AQ54
4. ♠QJ95 ♥AQ7 ♦6 ♣AKQ72

1. Two spades. Generally speaking, the double of one diamond shows at least an opening bid and implies support for the unbid suits. If the double is based on minimum values, the doubler should not bid again after his partner has responded at the lowest level in his chosen suit. Thus, if the doubler has 13 to 15 points, he should pass partner's forced response. If he raises partner's suit, he shows more than 15 points. In this hand, the raise to two spades is justified by the 16 high-card points plus the doubleton diamond. Three spades would be a distinct overbid, since partner's one-spade response could be based on virtually nothing. If the five of clubs were changed to

the king, a raise to three spades would be justified.

2. One notrump. The rebid of one notrump after doubling identifies a holding of at least opening notrump strength or better. If partner — who has thus far not promised anything — does not act over this invitational rebid, the chances are there is no game.

3. Two hearts. Bidding a new suit after partner has made a minimal response to your takeout double shows a very good hand, usually 17-plus points as well as a strong suit. It urges partner to bid again, but at the same time allows him to pass with a poor hand. Unless partner can act voluntarily, game is unlikely.

4. Four spades. This is not the type of hand where partner must be consulted about the possibility of making game. It is not a question of how many points partner has, because even with a poor hand he is likely to eke out 10 tricks. Thus, if partner had just five spades to the ten and nothing else, he would probably lose only three tricks. To play him for less than that would be unduly pessimistic.

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IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Mixed emotions

By T.J. TOMASI
Universal Press Syndicate

There are two kinds of motion in the golf swing: up-and-down and around. The problem is that golfers learn by copying, and when you watch a well-blended swing like Annika Sorenstam's, it looks like her arms simply follow her body as it turns. But that's not what happens. The arms do the up-and-down, and the body does the around.

Allocation of duties

Since most golfers don't know about this allocation of duties, they let their arms get in the business of the around, trapping the club head behind their body. Once the club is lost behind you, you have to throw your back shoulder out toward the ball and spin your chest in order to get your club head to the target line in time for impact.

What to do

The solution to this is to train yourself to have a blended swing, where your arms do nothing but the up-and-down, and your body is strictly in the rotation business.

You can see the roles the arms and body play exemplified in the swing of Fred Couples, which most experts describe as "picking the club up" during the backswing. All he's really doing is letting his arms do the up first, then just before he reaches the top of the swing, his body adds the around.

There's a different timing to the blend, but both the body and the arms stick to their appointed tasks, producing the correct blending of the up/down and around.

The blend drill

To make the roles of your arms and body clear, assume your setup using a 7-iron. Position a club on your toe line for reference.

Notice the angle at which your trail forearm is hanging at address. Imagine that it is part of an upright arc much like a Ferris wheel.

Now, without changing the angle, take your trail hand off the club. If your posture is correct, it should be hanging freely suspended over your back foot directly above your toe line.

Next, using only your arm and without turning your body, swing your trail hand up the arc till it's at the top of your swing, about shoulder high. Note that your trail arm is still over your toe line.

Now, simply turn your body as you would in a normal swing, and watch your hand and arm move into a perfect position over your back shoulder.

Composite move

You've arrived at this key position by swinging your arm up and turning your body around, and you'll return to the ball by reversing the process — swinging your arms down and turning your body around, the perfect blend for the perfect swing.

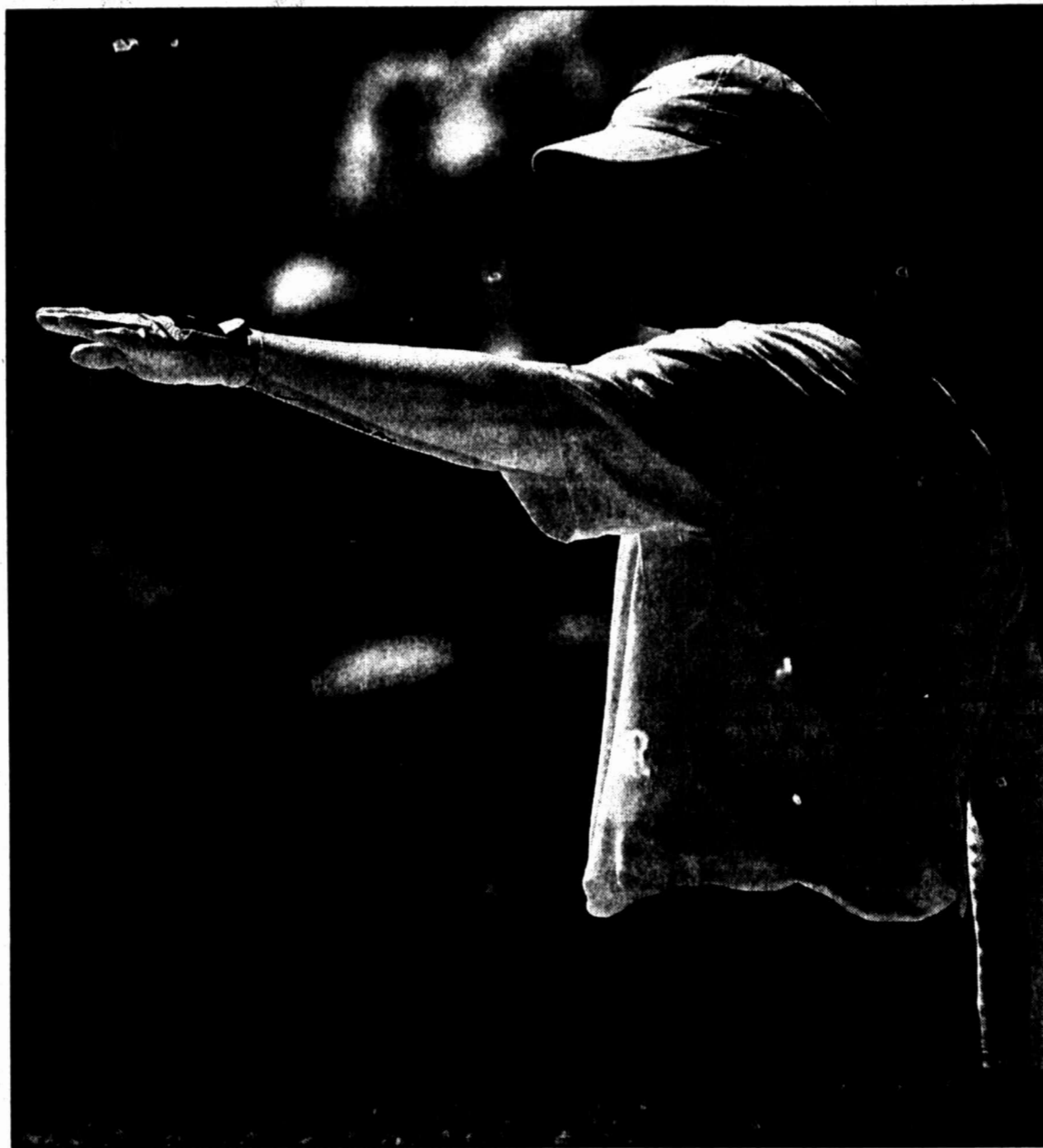
When you practice, do this drill before every swing until you link the concept, the feel and the move. Then, on the course, when your swing starts to go south, do this drill to recapture the correct blend.



Here, Annika Sorenstam swings her arms away from her body until she reaches the end of her takeaway, where her arms switch from swinging "away" to swinging "upward."



Annika's arms have completed their upward climb with a minimal amount of rotation behind her. Note how her hands are between the heel and toe of her back foot. Because her arms swing mostly up and only a little around, she can take a direct route to the ball on her downswing.



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Stewart Cink was among two wild-card selections who will compete on the 2006 U.S. Ryder Cup team. For Cink, shown above during the final round of the 2006 Masters, it will be a chance to improve upon his 2-4-1 record in Ryder Cup competition.

'A matter of heart'

Players will need to be 'tough' to meet Ryder Cup challenge, U.S. captain says

By CRAIG DOLCH
Cox News Service

Toughness is not usually a characteristic used to describe many pro golfers. This isn't a sport where guys have to drag themselves onto the playing field with an arm dangling or push themselves far beyond normal levels of endurance.

But the Ryder Cup isn't your normal golf competition, either. Grit matters. That's why U.S. captain Tom Lehman selected Scott Verplank and Stewart Cink on Monday as his two wild-card picks to complete his Ryder Cup team that will



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try to stop a 1-for-5 slide — including an 18 1/2-9 1/2 blowout loss to the Europeans in 2004 — when the 36th matches are held next month at the K Club in Ireland.

Lehman could have gone the easier route and selected six-time Ryder Cupper Davis Love III or the ever-popular Fred Couples. Both veterans would have made sense after four rookies, including Jupiter's Brett Wetterich, earned automatic spots.

But Lehman knows the atmosphere at the Ryder Cup won't be the typical low-key environment, where fans give a bunch of quiet "golf claps." It will be raucous and rowdy, so he wanted players he feels won't wilt under the pressure.

"What I'm really wanting more than anything is a team that is just tough ... strong, guys that will never give up and who will

RYDER CUP

- **When; where:** Sept. 22-24; The K Club, Kildare, Ireland
- **Captains:** Tom Lehman, United States; Ian Woosnam, Europeans
- **Series:** U.S. leads 24-9-2
- **Last competition:** Europeans won 18 1/2-9 1/2 at Oakland Hills (Mich.) in 2004.
- **The U.S. team:** Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Jim Furyk, Chad Campbell, David Toms, Chris DiMarco, Vaughn Taylor, J.J. Henry, Zach Johnson, Brett Wetterich, Stewart Cink, Scott Verplank.

never quit," Lehman said. "You know how the crowd is going to be, knowing the pressure of the situation. Match play is a bit of a matter of the heart. Almost completely it's a matter of the heart, and the passion that you have, you take it personal."

You knew resilience was important when Lehman chose Corey Pavin as one of his assistant captains — and then almost took him as one of his wild-card choices.

Few golfers are tougher than Verplank, 42, a diabetic who also has had to deal with serious elbow, arm and foot injuries during his 20 years on the PGA Tour. In his other Ryder Cup appearance in 2002, Verplank was one of just two Americans to win their singles match at the Belfry (and he beat local favorite Lee Westwood).



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Few golfers are as tough as Scott Verplank, who has battled physical problems throughout his career.

"I've kind of had to fight the odds most of my career with different health problems or different scenarios," Verplank said. "So to me, there's nothing like going on the road and winning at somebody else's house. That's the ultimate in sports."

This will be Cink's third Ryder Cup (he has a 2-4-1 record), and although he doesn't have the reputation as a grinder, he has a pugnaciousness about him that should serve him well. Cink is a straight hitter and straight shooter who isn't afraid to point a finger at himself for some of the Americans' struggles in recent years. That was obvious Sunday when he was asked whether being a captain's pick in 2004 would improve his chances of having that happen again on Monday.

"Well, I got picked last time and we lost by one of the heaviest margins ever, so I don't think that helps," Cink said. "Not that it was all my fault, but I didn't play exactly great."

That's the kind of accountability Lehman wants.

SCHEDULE

WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
Bridgestone Invitational
• **Site:** Akron, Ohio.
• **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday
• **Course:** Firestone Country Club, South Course (7,360 yards, par 70).
• **Purse:** \$7.5 million.
Winner's share: \$1.35 million.
• **TV:** ESPN (Thursday-Friday, 2-6 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday, 2-6 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30-6:30 p.m.).

PGA TOUR
Reno-Tahoe Open
• **Site:** Reno, Nev.
• **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday
• **Course:** Montreux Golf and Country Club (7,472 yards, par 72).
• **Purse:** \$3 million. Winner's share: \$540,000.
• **TV:** The Golf Channel (Thursday-Sunday, 10:30 p.m.-1 a.m.).

LPGA TOUR
Wendy's Championship for Children
• **Site:** Dublin, Ohio.
• **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday
• **Course:** Tartan Fields Golf Club (6,515 yards, par 72).
• **Purse:** \$1.1 million.
Winner's share: \$165,000.
• **TV:** ESPN2 (Friday-Saturday, 2-4 p.m.; Sunday, 3-5 p.m.).

CHAMPIONS TOUR
JELD-WEN Tradition
• **Site:** Aloha, Ore.
• **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday
• **Course:** The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club (7,150 yards, par 72).
• **Purse:** \$2.5 million.
Winner's share: \$375,000.
• **TV:** The Golf Channel (Thursday, 6-9 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-4 a.m., 6-9 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 1:30-3 a.m., 6-9 p.m.; Monday, 1:30-3 a.m.).

U.S. GOLF ASSOCIATION
U.S. Amateur
• **Site:** Chaska, Minn.
• **Schedule:** through Sunday
• **Course:** Hazeltine National Golf Club (7,473 yards, par 72)
• **TV:** The Golf Channel (Wednesday, 4-6 p.m.; Thursday, 3-5 a.m., 6-9 p.m.; Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and NBC (Saturday-Sunday, 4-6 p.m.).

NATIONWIDE TOUR
National Mining Association Pete Dye Classic
• **Site:** Bridgeport, W.Va.
• **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday
• **Course:** Pete Dye Golf Club (7,309 yards, par 72).
• **Purse:** \$600,000. Winner's share: \$108,000.
• **TV:** The Golf Channel (Thursday, 1:30-4 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 4:30-6 a.m., 1:30-4 p.m.; Monday, 4:30-6 a.m.).

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3. Jim Furyk	7.87
4. Vijay Singh	7.32
5. Retief Goosen	6.49

MONEY LEADERS PGA TOUR	
Player	Money
1. Tiger Woods	\$6,351,583
2. Jim Furyk	\$4,734,016
3. Phil Mickelson	\$4,217,005
4. Geoff Ogilvy	\$4,178,369
5. Vijay Singh	\$3,434,570

LPGA TOUR	
Player	Money
1. Kristi Woods	\$1,876,791
2. Lorena Ochoa	\$1,675,774
3. Annika Sorenstam	\$1,381,450
4. Mi Hyun Kim	\$1,220,882
5. Juli Inkster	\$1,185,540

DRILLS FOR SKILLS

Perfect putting

The purpose of doing drills is to repeat the feeling of the skill you're trying to learn and to override old habits through repetition.

Here are some drills that will help you perfect your putting stroke once you know exactly what you should be doing when you stroke a putt.

Look at the Hole: Once you've taken your stance, simply stroke your putt while looking at the hole instead of your ball. This will help you to stay focused on the target instead of thinking too much about the mechanics of your stroke.

Pendulum Driver Drill: Place the grip end of your driver against your stomach about 4 inches below your sternum. Slide your hands down the shaft to

match the length of your putter and align your forearms with the grip end of the shaft. Bend from the hips until your driver soles on the ground.

Make your putting stroke, keeping the butt of the grip in your stomach, and feel your arms and shoulders stroke the ball without any flipping of your wrists. This drill is great for eliminating wrist action.

Ball Curve Drill: This drill teaches you how to control distance and direction, and how to read breaks. Choose a putt about 15 feet long that has a noticeable break. Putt one ball to get the line of your putt. Then position seven balls along the line of the putt, each 2 feet apart. Putt the closest ball into the hole and work backward, putting each ball over the spot where the previous ball lay. — T.J. Tomasi



Simple drills can help you improve your putting stroke.



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ASK THE PRO

Q: I've lost a lot of power on my drives, and I'm even popping some up. Is there something I can do to get my power back?

— Don E., from the Web

A: Golfers lose power when the front arm collapses at the elbow/wrist, creating a narrow swing where the club head is too close to the body just after impact, a weak position that indicates a major power leak. This can also lead to hitting under the ball and creating one of those dreaded balloon tee balls.

To hit the ball a long ways, build a swing that has maximum width just after impact

with both arms fully extended. In this position, the club head is as far away from the center of your chest as it can get.

To get the feel of the width necessary for power, take a swing and let your right hand come off the club just after contact. Be sure to keep your body and arms moving through impact into a full finish.

To get the timing, practice at first without a ball. Then do a few with a ball at half speed. Once you're comfortable, let it rip and feel the width after impact that power hitters feel.



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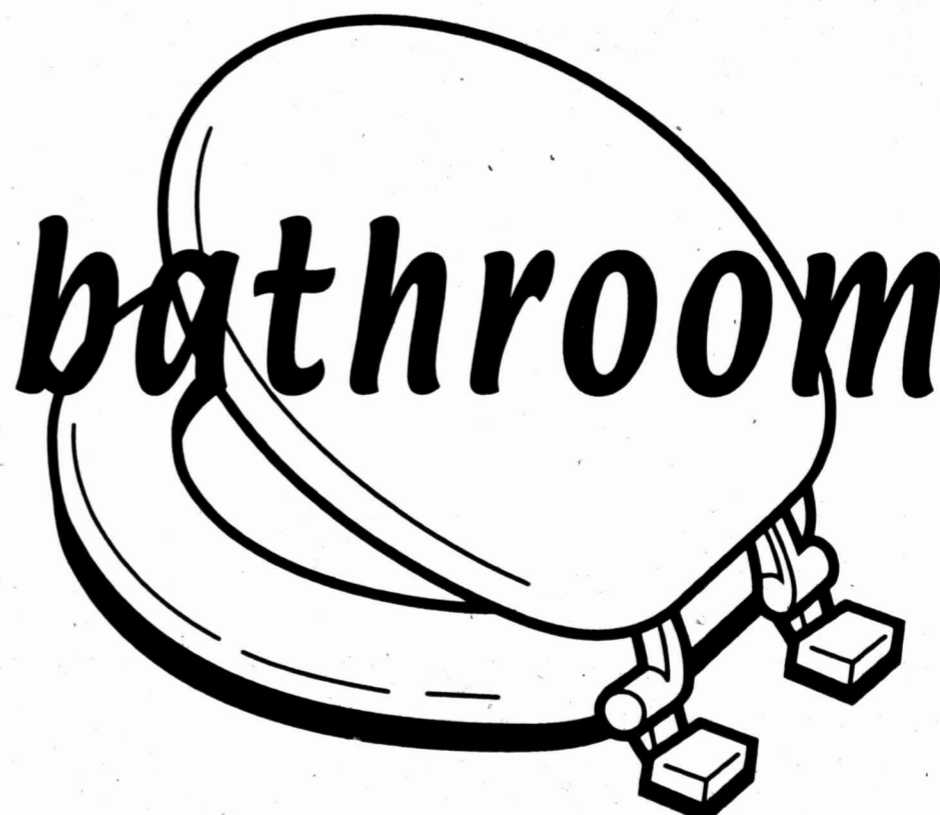
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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Why just say your words when you can be them? The sun and Mercury decide to play for the same team in the great softball game in the sky, suggesting that the closer your words and deeds match up, the better. The key to happiness may be knowing when to hold back, promise nothing and say very little.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It'd be fabulous if loved ones would discover your delicious talents and considerable virtues without help from you. Today, they won't. Go ahead and point them in the right direction — you need, and deserve, attention!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're attracted to complex problems and people. Flirting in this territory is dangerous. Don't get too close to those with mysterious motives. It's better to be kissed by a fool than fooled by a kiss!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The loving thing to do isn't always the easiest thing to do. This is a fine time to pause and do nothing while you consider all your options, especially the option of taking the high road.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've thought of new wishes and are ready to articulate them to someone who can actually do something about it. Virgo and Taurus people are your genies in a bottle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Love conquers all. Unfortunately, love's conquering style can be slower than other, more reactive and destructive, forces. Be patient. If you're flowing love from your heart, change will occur naturally for the best.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The planets illuminate the paradox of you, like the way you show your weakness and bring someone powerful to his knees, or the way you put yourself last and become the leader.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As the great egalitarian of the zodiac, you make an effort to treat everyone the same. This is harder when others don't act in a courteous and respectful manner toward you. For karmic extra credit, uphold your end, regardless.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may be unaware of your true priorities, though they're reflected in how you spend all of the moments you have. The stars alter your perspective, perhaps through travel, to give you perspective.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You easily manifest more than you need. Is it any wonder that family members are hitting you up for money? If you can afford it, you would do well to spread the wealth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Most of your day is spent doing more than what is asked of you, and better. Your decency is an influence, raising the level for everyone around you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The public-relations sector of your chart lights up with activity. Your reputation is more important than money in the bank. Make sure it's being favorably upheld.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). You'll spend time with people very much like yourself — it may feel as though you're hanging out with a mirror. Everything you like about the other person is a quality that you also possess or could possess.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: The Virgo sun favors love that motivates you to be your best. **ARIES:** Hang with those who are smart and funny and have a unique point of view. Avoid the others. **TAURUS:** Someone needs you for things they've never needed you for before. **GEMINI:** When you're with people who understand you, you're the highlight of the social swirl. **CANCER:** Just because you love someone doesn't mean that you have to love everything they do. **LEO:** Though you love to glibly joke around, tenderness will heal your soul. **VIRGO:** You're flying high on the wings of love. Just make sure you have enough fuel to stay in the air, i.e. real things in common. **LIBRA:** Love thrives to travel, silliness, frivolity and anything to do with children. **SCORPIO:** Candor is your trademark, but curb it in favor of keeping the peace. **SAGITTARIUS:** your head-turning style attracts new prospects. **CAPRICORN:** Romance springs from a choice to join friends (instead of keep working), see new places (instead of stay home) and spend some cash. **AQUARIUS:** A relationship has gotten lazy — better to admit this and get to work. **PISCES:** Say what's bugging you, or it's only a matter of time before you "go off."

If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail.

Dear Annie: I am 24 years old and have been married for five years to a man in his 40s. I don't love him and don't think I ever really did. I was underage when I met "Jerry." I hated living with my stepfather and wanted out. Jerry came along and promised to take care of me. I knew he had been married twice before and couldn't have more kids, but thought I was OK with that. When I realized I wasn't, he tried to get his vasectomy reversed, but that didn't work. Jerry won't consider adoption. Last year, Jerry needed back surgery. This year he quit his job and started a business, but it is a flop. We have no money. He has gout. I just can't stand it anymore. I want to have children and not be married to an old man who isn't able to support me. He bores me to death. We don't like any of the same things. And I hate his mother. She is an old witch.

Everyone told me not to marry Jerry, but I wouldn't listen. The last time I tried to leave him, I thought he was going to kill himself so I went back. I don't know what to do. I want out so bad. Do you have any advice? — Asking for Help in Georgia

Dear Georgia: Honey, you are a walking warning label. It's time to see a lawyer. You are too young to be married, and you are with Jerry for all the wrong reasons. You also may have valid grounds for an annulment since Jerry cannot have children and refuses to adopt. Jerry can get counseling to help him deal with your leaving. And you should take the time to learn how to be self-sufficient and independent before you attach yourself to anyone else.

Dear Annie: I started a new job a few weeks ago and feel like I'm back in high school. That is, I am mortified every time I go

Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

into the cafeteria. I feel like an outcast, with no one to sit with, and worse, I don't know how to change it.

I have tried to sit with others, especially someone sitting alone, but the conversation goes nowhere and it seems like I'm intruding. I am too shy to sit with a group. The people in my department all take staggered breaks, and I can't eat lunch with them. Sometimes I just wander in the halls or hide out in the bathroom.

I have considered suggesting that my company designate a "friendship table" for the many new employees, but I worry they would wonder what kind of reject they hired. Please help, because, apparently, I need new social skills. — The New Person

Dear New Person: Within a company, it is not unusual to be unfamiliar with anyone other than your immediate co-workers. No one expects you to join a group at the cafeteria table. Go out to eat, bring a book or newspaper to read, or stop at someone's table, saying, "I hope you don't mind if I join you. Which department do you work in?" If the conversation lags, pull out the crossword puzzle. (By the way, your "friendship table" idea is cute, and the company might think you are both clever and perceptive to think of it.)

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Legals

Public Hearing
The District Judge will conduct a public hearing on the salaries of the Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and Court Reporter. Citizens are invited to attend and comment. The hearing will be held at 9:00 am on September 5, 2006, at the 118th District Court Building, 312 Scurry Street, Big Spring, TX. Signed: Jackie Olson County Auditor #5037 August 25, 2006

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

THE STATE OF TEXAS & COUNTY OF HOWARD'S
By virtue of an ORDER OF SALE issued out of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, pursuant to judgment rendered in 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said Court, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I did on the 15 day of August 2006, at 10:00 a.m., levy upon and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction on the 5th day of September, 2006, being the first Tuesday of said month beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day, at the North Courthouse door of said County, all the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to wit:
CAUSE NO. T-4576
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Darrell Fulton
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION .840 acre out of the SE/4, Section 41, Block 32, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4576
STYLE Howard County, et al vs. Darrell Fulton
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION .180 acre out of the SE/4, Section 41, Block 32, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4586
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Charles E. Bradley and Josephine Bradley
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 2, Block 4 Bowser Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4586
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Charles E. Bradley and Josephine Bradley
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 1, Block 6, Mesa Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 1, Block 37, Cole & Strayhorn Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4621
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Robert Dale Little, Jr.
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 12, Block 23, College Park Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4649
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Frank Luera, and his wife, Sandy Luera
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 5, Block 3, Indianola Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4669
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Carlos Flores and Catalina Flores
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION 50'x150', Tract 24, William B. Currie Addition, SE/4, Block 32, T-1-N City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4750
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Juanita M. Marquez
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION E/40', W/140', N/23 1/8', Block 6, Mesa Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4674
STYLE Howard County, et al v. C.F. Coates, Sr.
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION E/2 Lot 6, Block 2, Earles Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4674
STYLE Howard County, et al v. C.F. Coates, Sr.
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION W/2 of Lot 6, Block 2, Earles Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4724
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Anthony Dawson and Stacey Dawson
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 12, Chaney Subdivision of Block 39, College Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4727

STYLE Howard County, et al v. Alfonso L. Rodriguez and wife, Modesta T. Rodriguez
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION A 6.00 acre tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4847
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Tomm Mauldin
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 7, Block 1, North McEwen Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4858
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Daniel P. Rios and Victoria P. Rios
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lots 19, 20, 21 & 22, Block 3, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4877
STYLE Howard County, et al v. George Von Hassell, et ux, Rose Marie Von Hassell
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 34, Block 13, Douglass 2 Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4971
STYLE Howard County, et al v. Arnulfo Hernandez, Jr.
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 6, Block 4, Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-5126
STYLE Howard County, et al v. John E. Digby
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION 1.015 acres out of Section 4, Block 32, T-1-N, Tr. 4, William F. Currie Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs. Witness my hand this 15 day of August, 2006.
Dale L. Walker
SHERIFF OF HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS
By: Dean Frestell, Deputy #5058 August 18, 25 & September 1, 2006.

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"IF YOU ASK ME, AN EGG SITTING ON A WALL IS JUST ASKIN' FOR TROUBLE."

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press Today is Friday, Aug. 25, the 237th day of 2006. There are 128 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 25, 1944, during World War II, Paris was liberated by Allied forces after four years of Nazi occupation. On this date: In 1825, Uruguay declared independence from Brazil. In 1875, Captain Matthew Webb became the first person to swim across the English Channel, getting from Dover England, to Calais, France, in 22 hours. In 1916, the National Park Service was established within the Department of the Interior. In 1921, the United States signed a peace treaty with Germany. In 1943, U.S. forces overran New Georgia in the Solomon Islands during World War II. In 1950, President Truman ordered the Army to seize control of the nation's railroads to avert a strike. In 1956, human sexuality researcher Alfred Kinsey died in Bloomington, Ind., at age 62. In 1981, the U.S. spacecraft Voyager 2 came within 63,000 miles of Saturn's cloud cover, sending back pictures of and data about the ringed planet. In 1985, Samantha Smith, the schoolgirl whose letter to Yuri V. Andropov resulted in her famous peace tour of the Soviet Union, died with her father in an airliner crash in Maine. Today's Birthdays: Actor Van Johnson is 90. Actor-producer Mel Ferrer is 89. Game show host Monty Hall is 85. Actor Sean Connery is 76. Actor Page Johnson is 76. Talk show/game show host Regis Philbin is 75. Actor Tom Skerritt is 73. Jazz musician Wayne Shorter is 73. Movie director Hugh Hudson is 70. Actor David Canary is 68. Movie director John Badham is 67. Filmmaker Marshall Brickman is 65. Rhythm-and-blues singer Walter Williams (The O'Jays) is 64. Actor Anthony Heald is 59. Rock singer-actor Gene Simmons is 57. Actor John Savage is 57. Country singer-musician Henry Paul (Blackhawk) is 55. Rock musician Geoff Downes (Asia) is 54. Rock singer Elvis Costello is 52. Movie director Tim Burton is 48. Actress Ally Walker is 45. Country singer Billy Ray Cyrus is 45. Rock musician Vivian Campbell (Def Leppard) is 44.

Newsday Crossword

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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