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Latin music feature for symphony's season-opening concert Saturday

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

"An Evening of Latin Music .. Latin Fire," featuring Adam Holzman on classical guitar, will be the season-opening concert Saturday night for the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra.

John Giordano, a favorite for Big Spring audiences, will return as guest conductor for the show. Among the works listed on the program are "Aranjuez" Rodrigo;

from "Carmen" by Bizet; Dances" "Estancia by Ginestara; and Dance Suite from "The Three Cornered Hat" by Falla.

Dr. Keith Graumann, the symphony's music director and conductor, said he believes Saturday's concert will be an enjoyable one for the audience.

"This is going to be an extremely fun concert to listen to," Graumann said Thursday afternoon. "The composers are

countries - Spain, Mexico, Argentina and even Brazil. Much of the music draws on the rhythmic excitement of Latin dances and it's easy to hear the influence of the mariachis and other Latin folk music."

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, located at the corner of Third and Nolan Streets.

Tickets for the concert —

"Huapango" by Moncayo; Suite all from what we consider Latin priced at \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students — will be available at the door.

For additional information concerning the concert or others on the symphony's schedule this season, call 264-7223 or visit the symphony's website at www.BigSpringSymphony.com.

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HOLZMAN

HERALD photo/Thomas Jankin Barbara Brumley, Keep Big Spring Beautiful Banquet Committee President, welcomes those in attendance to the annual awards banquet Thursday evening at the Big Spring

KBSB recognition: There's more work to be done

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The men and women of Keep Big Spring Beautiful came together Thursday night at the Big Spring Country Club for the organization's annual awards banquet, and to spread the word of "clean and green."

"We're very excited about where this has come and where it is KBSB going," said Banquet Committee resident Barbara Brumley. "There are a whole lot of people out here in the audience that are not part of our regular Keep Big Spring Beautiful group, and that's really exciting, we want you to learn more about our group and what we're doing, and we hope you get excited about what we're doing and we hope you'll be active in what we're doing."

Brumley said she was reminded how important it is to spread the word about KBSB in the community thanks to a few ladies enjoying a game of bridge earlier in the day. "Today, while we were setting up here at the (Big Spring) Country Club, it was kind of funny because the ladies were here playing bridge," said Brumley. "A couple of them were looking at all this stuff we were bringing in and asked who we were. And we told them we were with Keep Big Spring Beautiful and they asked what we did. And we explained that we try to clean up and beautify, and they asked us how we

did that. "It was funny because it reminded me of how many people in this community have no idea about this organization and how many people out there would really be interested in helping this organization if they just knew. How can you say no to an organization that wants to make Big Spring better? You live in Big Spring and you want to make it better? I bet you

Among the awards KBSB members gathered to celebrate were:

· Certificate of Merit, Governor's Award for 2006 for Keep Big Spring Beautiful

 Certificate of Merit, Government Award for the city of Big Spring

 Media Award, KBST Radio and Mike Henry Sadie Ray Graff **Educator** Award for the 2006 Education and Recycling Chairperson

Loyce Phillips Outstanding Volunteer Service Award, Jan Hansen

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 Rookie of the Year Award, Barbara Brumley Outstanding Business Volunteer and Gold Star Affiliate awards, Pat **Simmons**

· Above and Beyond Volunteer Award, Debbie Wegman

Guest speaker Mayor Russ McEwen, who has been a major supporter of KBSB, said he's proud of the group, but there's still plenty of ground to cover.

"We can pick up all the trash in the world," said McEwen. "We can do everything we need to do

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Float and Fly this weekend at Comanche Trail Lake

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

If buzzing between water and the blue skies of Comanche Trail Park sounds like a good time, the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association has the perfect weekend event in store Saturday and Sunday.

The 14th Annual Don McKinney Float and Fly is expected to take to the skies of the park from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday, offering model aircraft pilots and enthuoff from the waters of Comanche Trail Lake.

Don McKinney, who the event was named after several years ago, said the annual BSMAA event is chock full of fun for everyone in the family.

"The Float and Fly is a two-day event," said McKinney. "The Big Spring Model Aircraft Association is putting the event on. There will be exhibitions with all sorts of planes, including flying off of the water.

"At noon on both days we'll have a brisket

siasts the chance to take lunch, which is being prepared by Robert Walker, who just does an outstanding job with the brisket. He knows just what to put on them and how long to cook them. Plates are \$5 and we want to invite the public to come out and have lunch

with us." McKinney said the Float and Fly is also an excellent chance for people to learn more about the hobby.

"We welcome anyone who is interested in it to

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A model aircraft makes its landing on the waters of Comanche Trail Lake during a past Big Spring Model Aircraft Association Float and Fly. The annual event is set to take off Saturday and Sunday.

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IT'S UW DINE OUT DAY

LaPosada Restaurant, 1206 NW Fourth St., is the Dine Out Day restaurant today for United Way of Big Spring and Howard

A portion of the restaurant's proceeds that day will be donated to United Way which serves 15 local agencies: 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.

LVFD FUNDRAISER SLATED

Dancing for firemen? You bet! Four Way Gin will be the site for the annual Lenorah 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.

ALZHEIMER'S SEMINAR SET

The Alzheimer's Association is planning an seminar on "Alzheimer's Disease: The River's End," to be held at Dora Roberts Community Center.

The seminar, which deals with latestage, end-of-life issues, will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14.

Pre-registration is required and event must have a minimum of 10 participants. The seminar is free, unless continuing education units are needed. There is a \$21 fee for CEUs.

To register for the seminar, call the Alzheimer's Association Star Chapter in Midland at (800) 272-3900 or (432) 570-9191.

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and

western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featur-

ing Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior

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

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

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the

• 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

· Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the

Archeology Society for Howard and Borden coun-

ties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library

Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at

• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacleants

meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that

10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

Big Spring High School band hall.

a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-

Herald news room at 263-7331 or email

editor@bigspringherald.com

the Big Spring Country Club.

citizens are invited.

SATURDAY

more information.

Obituaries

Roland Dale Hammack



Roland Dale Hammack passed away Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006, in Conrad, Mont., following a sudden illness. He and his wife Joy were en route from their home in Chitna, Alaska, to their recently purchased ranch in Gatesville.

Roland was born on Feb. 9, 1943, in Hamilton. At an early age, his family then moved to Alabama and later to North Carolina. In 1959, his family settled in Big Spring, where Roland attend-

ed Forsan High School through graduation in 1961. He then enlisted in the United States Navy and served five years.

In 1965, Roland moved north to Soldotna, Alaska, where he started and operated Hammack's Guide Service. He obtained his pilot's license and took numerous hunters from around the world on Alaskan hunts. Roland also worked offshore for Parker Drilling Company until his retirement.

Roland was a very kind man who risked his own life many times to help save others. He genuinely loved his family and life itself. He marveled at God's handiwork in nature. He loved the mountains and wilderness of Alaska. He was very well known in many communities in Alaska and could not walk down the street without a warm greeting from everyone who passed him. He was a hard working man with so many abilities. Roland built his house and guest cabin in Chitna, Alaska, and was always open to visitors. He and his wife Joy had planned to spend their summers in Alaska and winters at their new ranch in Gatesville. Roland had already started getting his house and barns ready and was looking forward to ranching.

Roland was a man of few words but he was the type of person that you always wanted to be around. He will be greatly missed but never, never forgotten.

He is survived by his loving wife and friend Joy; his mother, Ernestine Hammack of Midland; four sisters, Rebecca Foster of Coden, Ala., Rosie Lee Barkman and her husband, Larry, of Cleburne. Roberta Riley and her husband, Robert of Midland and Ruth Bronson and her husband, Ted, of Whitefish, Mont.; six brothers, R.L. Hammack of Alice, Ronnie Hammack and wife, Vicki, of Augusta, Mont., Roger Hammack and wife, Mary, of Purmela, Randy Hammack and wife, Mary, of Spokane, Wash., Rodney Hammack and wife. Ann, of Plano and Ralph Hammack and wife, Mickey, of Harper.

Roland and Joy did not have children of their own but he worshiped his many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. He taught them many lessons and instilled the love of nature in their lives as well. He always brought smiles to their faces, especially with his famous saying to them, "I'm glad you got to see me again!"

He was preceded in death by his father. Rex Hammack.

Services have been scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, at Ellis Funeral Home" Chapel in Midland.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy., Midland 79701 (432) 683-5555. To place on-line condolences visit www.mem.com.

Jim George

Jim George, 80, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• RESERVATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED for the Sands/Ackerly Homecoming 2006 which will be held Saturday, Sept. 30. Registration will begin that day at 1:30 p.m. followed by a program and a business meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Later, there will be a catered meal served in the cafeteria. To make reservations for the meal, notify Sissy Jones at 432-267-7732 or Dorothy Rogers at 432-399-4312. The deadline is September 20. Sands Mustangs will be playing Klondike Cougars at 7:30 p.m. at Mustang Field.

- 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 COL-

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

- · ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.
- NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Christ is holding a soup Ritchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

Support Groups

MONDAY

 Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-

TUESDAY

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

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WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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Police blotter

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

• BRANDON ECTOR JARAMILLO, 20, of 1305 Lexington, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant.

 JOE EDWIN JOHNSON, 35, of 1425 E. Sixth Street Apt. 2, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• DEBRA JANE MOLINA, 51, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 225, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• THEFT was reported:

- in the 200 block of Marcy. - in the 200 block of Eighth Street.

- in the 900 block of Willia.

 POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 1600 block of Nolan. ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1600 block of Nolan.

Sheriff's report

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

 MANUEL BENNIE TARANGO, 40, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of theft of service.

· SABRINA FAYE RIVERA, 34, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for burglary of a habitation.

· RANDY DEAN ULRICH, 31, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of attempted unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and burglary of a vehicle.

 LARRY DALE KING, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

 MELISSA KAY FINCHUM, 38, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

• DAVID WAYNE BLEDSOE, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

• RIOS PORFIR, 43, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license expired and violation of a promise to appear.

 ADAM MAURICIO TORRES, 32, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke community supervision for criminal mischief (two counts) and a Nolan County warrant for injury to a child.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2300 block of Gatesville.

Fire/EMS

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

· MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 3700 block of Wright. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of Scott.

Service was refused. TRAUMA was reported in the 4000 block of Bryan.

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• TRAUMA was reported in the area of FM 821. One person was transported.

Weather

Today - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Tonight — Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Saturday — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance

of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Sunday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of

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Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday

night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-22-23-26. Bonus Ball: 15. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$1 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-18-26-33-36. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night, in order: 1-3-0

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday afternoon, in order: 7-8-1

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Anita Massey recognized for her Memorial Day poem

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

For years, Anita Massey has written poems about things that were important to her. Recently, a poetry group decided her work was important to them.

The International Society of Poets recently awarded local resident Massey their "Poet of Merit" award for a recent verse she wrote about Memorial Day. The work will be included in a ISP publication, as well as an audio CD soon to be released by the group.

"I couldn't believe it," Massey said. "I've always liked to write, but to have them publish my poem and put it on a CD. that just awed me."

Massey was recently invited to read her poem, "Memorial Day Event," at an ISP symposium in Las Vegas, but scheduling conflicts prevented her from attending.

She has been writing poetry for several years now, but didn't seriously pursue the craft until after her youngest child left home.

"I write about all kinds of subjects - my kids, veterans, the feelings I'm experiencing, just the of emotions the moment," she said. "Something strikes me, and I can feel it and I write about it.'

"Memorial Day Event" arose out of just such an



Anita Massey displays the awards she recently received from the International Society of Poets in recognition of a poem she wrote on Memorial Day. The poem will be published this fall in an ISP magazine and recorded on an audio CD.

"I was watching television during the Memorial weekend," Vietnam veteran said. "They were talking about Memorial Day sales, Memorial Day this, Memorial Day that, but not what Memorial Day was all about. It sort of ticked me off.

"People don't remember the veterans," she added. "It's all about sales and bargains, but not about the real reason for the holiday."

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

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to clean up our community. But we will never be successful until we, as a group and a community, change the attitude of the people in Big Spring. Because until we can get people to quit throwing out trash, we can not succeed. We clean up trash Saturday morning, and

by Saturday afternoon the trash is back in some of those locations. And I know that's frustrating.

"I talked to a young lady and she had been gone from Big Spring for a long period of time. She came back and looked around, and she told me when she left Big Spring six or seven years ago, it was a trashy town. It was an ugly town. And when she came back, she said it's

because we're better today than we were six or seven years ago, and I submit to you that we're not as good as we will be six or seven years from Contact Staff Writer

better than it's ever been.

That is a hat off to the

people in this room,

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

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come visit with us," he said. "You can get a new plane for about \$300 to \$350, or if you find a used one, even cheaper. The newer, electric planes have also become very popular, and we're expecting to see several of them at the event.

"It's a family-oriented club. The entire organization is set up for youngsters and adults. The rules that we use don't allow any alcohol or drugs in it, so it's a really good hobby for the entire

family to enjoy."

McKinney said the funds raised help cover the operating costs of the model aircraft association, and offers area residents the chance to learn more about the hobby.

"The funds we raise will go to the operation of the club," said McKinney. "This is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year and it helps us perpetuate things. If someone is interested in flying, they will get the chance to talk to people who have been involved with model aircraft for

sometime. "We don't normally put

people on trainer cords also called buddy boxes when we're flying out over the lake because there are so many people around. I've never had a plane crash in all of the years I've been instructing people, but you just never know. We want to keep things safe so everyone can enjoy it."

For more information on the Float and Fly, contact McKinney at 399-4793, or fellow BSMAA member Charles Busby at 263-0021.

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



TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

TV tower owner

WACO (AP) — Relatives of three soldiers killed in Army helicopter crash, including the Black Hawk's pilots, have sued the owners and operators of a television tower.

Seven soldiers from Fort Hood died in November 2004 when their helicopter plummeted to the ground after apparently striking cables supporting a TV transmission tower near Wacol

The crash into the 1,800tower's cables occurred on a foggy morning in rural McLennan County, about 20 minutes into the two-hour flight to the Red River Army Depot near Texarkana. The tower's flashing red warning lights were knocked out in a storm the week before.

The lawsuit, Wednesday in state district court in McLennan County, names Centex Television Limited Partnership, which owns KXXV-TV in Waco; KSWO Television of Texas Inc., an Oklahoma corporation and member of the partnership; and KSWO Television Co. Inc., which owns all

of shares Television of Texas Inc.

Suit filed against

The defendants should have known the lights were not operating and in need of repair, according to the suit. Sheriffs group gets \$5 million from feds

DALLAS (AP) — An organization of Texas sheriffs patrolling the border with Mexico received nearly \$5 million from the federal government Thursday, a grant that should keep the group going through at

> The \$4.9 million grant represents the first federal commitment to the Texas Border Sheriffs Coalition, said Rick Glancey, its interim executive director. The coalition had previously received about \$9 million in state funding for Operation Linebacker, a program designed to catch drug smugglers and other criminals in border

least November 2007.

The additional patrols have markedly decreased crime in 16 border counties, Glancey said.

Reserve officer spun carjacking yarn

TYLER (AP) reserve officer with the Kilgore Department told authorities a tale of kidnapping and assault that stretched from East Texas to Oklahoma City.

One problem: Investigators say it isn't

John Michael Cannon Jr., also a former member of the Gladewater school board, was arrested Wednesday and charged with filing a false report to a peace officer during the course of an investigation, a class B misdemeanor, Lt. Larry Wiginton of the Smith County Sheriff's Office

He was released on \$500 bond. He did not immediately return a phone message left by **Associated Press.**



MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME

& CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

Florida McCalister, 82, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with burial at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

Troy Gregory, 76, died Monday. **Funeral** Services were at 10:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Johnny Ray Gardner,

died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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hand at Four Hearts, and North leads the five of hearts. You win South's nine and return a high heart. North eight, which you win, South having discircles two diamonds. How would you play the hand?

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you cannot make the contract, so you must assume South has the ace. However, it would be wrong to

lead a spade at this point because South would win and most likely return a diamond. You would then be faced with the critical question of whether to take the diamond finesse or rely on a 3-3 heart break instead

- and you would have no way of You can avoid this dilemma by

first cashing the A-K-Q of hearts. If the suit divides 3-3, you cash the fourth heart and then force out the ace of spades to assure nine tricks. If the hearts turn out to be divided 4-2, you can then fall back on the diamond finesse to try to make the con-

By testing the hearts before attacking spades, you give yourself two chances to succeed instead of just

2. There is a possibility of scoring the rest of the tricks by taking a club finesse, but there is also the possibil-ity of going down if the finesse loses to the queen and South returns a spade, putting you in position to lose two spade tricks.

You can guarantee the contract against any lie of the cards by crossng to dummy with a diamond and leading a low spade toward your low and you lose the ten to the

This is no great hardship because whatever North returns, you win and next force out the ace of spades, establishing dummy's jack as a trick on which you can discard a club. The most you can lose with this approach is a heart and two spades.

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OUF 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:

- · Eulaine McIntosh, a somewhat recent transplant to our community from Fort Worth, who is currently teaching classical ballet through the community education course offerings at Howard College.
- Big Spring High School Principal Mike Ritchey and Assistant Principal Tim Tannehill on recently being named Principal of the Year and Assistant Principal of the Year, respectively, by the Region 18 **Educational Service Center.**
- Delmer Batte, Joe Hawlak and members of the Havlak-Batla Polka Band who perfe during Saturday's Germanfest at Heart of the City Park. Kudos also go out to all the others who make the Germanfest celebration a
- Big Spring State Hospital Patient Rights Officer Woody Jumper recently was recognized by the Texas Public Employees Association with the President's Award and as the organization's top recruiter.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Please help us, Lord, by pointing us in the right direction through our study of Your word.

Dog people' and 'cat people'

ne way I see it there are tlog people and cat people. Dog people tend to be bewildered that cat lovers will share their home with an arrogant and selfish creature that can't be taught a single trick besides how to rub its butt on you when it is hungry.

Cat people object to the high maintenance slobbering of a canine and it's over compulsive willingness to please its owner though it is never deserved. Dogs tear things up; stink things up and bark all the night.

taste like chicken.

BREWER According to a 2001 survey by the **American Pet Products** Manufacturers Association, there are 68 million "owned dogs" and 73 million "owned cats" in the USA. For the record, though, I should add that I like both dogs and cats. Dogs because they are loyal, protective and make good companions and cats because they

Truth be told, I have never had much use for cats. We raised Great Danes growing up and cats did not dare enter our beloved six acres of big dog paradise. That's why it was a really big deal for me to agree to take a cat in several years ago.

My little girl, Rhema, (Pronounced Ray-ma) started feeding a stray and before long it was her baby. Up until then "Daddy, I

want a cat" was as out of the question as "Daddy, I want to be a mime" or "Daddy, I want a tattoo like all the other ten year olds." But dang it, she took such good care and she loved it so much. Any way for the past three years I have reluctantly been somewhat of a cat person.

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Thursday Night is UFC fight night at the Brewers' residence and my glorious combat sport was interrupted by a frantic meowing at the front door. When my wife opened the door the cat was standing over a newborn bunny rabbit. Sometimes a really cool cat will bring an offering to its owner and I thought this was the case except for the baby was completely unhurt. It meowed until we picked the baby up and then it went half way across the yard and meowed some more. My kids followed it down the street like the cat knew they would and she led them strait to a rabbit hole full of brand new bunnies, but all in serious crises. The den was infested with fire ants and just moments from death the bunnies were covered with these terrible bugs.

The kids began pulling baby bunnies out and as soon as they did the cat was literally licking ants off of them. The drama of the whole event was a big stir in the Brewer camp that night. We were feeding baby bunnies with an eye drop bottle and once they were all safe, the cat, a female, wanted to sleep with the babies. I was

amazed that this stray cat brought that baby all the way from down the street, hollered for our attention, showed us the rabbit and then led us to the others that were in certain peril. I have seen that same cat kill and eat adult rabbits which just goes to show you that a cat is a cat but a mama is a mama. Wow!

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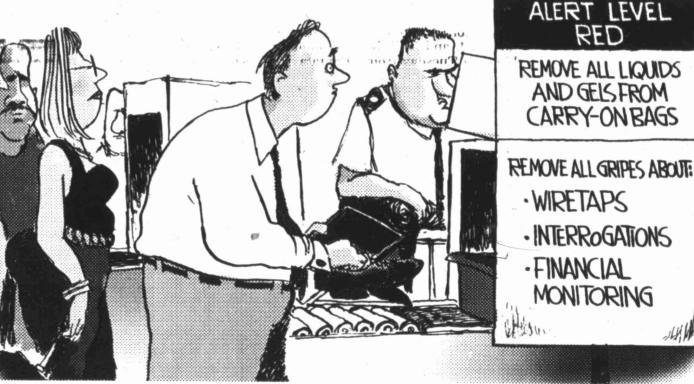
Several thousand years before this happened here, God almighty spoke to his precious people through a prophet named Isaiah. God wanted to use an illustration they would understand to express how much He deeply cared for His people. He likened His love for us to a mama with a baby.
But Zion said, "The LORD has

forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me." Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! Isaiah 49:14-15

For what it is worth, I hope that you know God says He will not forget about you. He will not abandon you and go on to other bigger and better things. He loves ya. He cares about you and won't leave you covered in proverbial fire ants or any other thing that wants to cover you in fatal and hostile mis-

Troy Brewer welcomes your comments. He can be e-mailed at freshfromthebrewer@opendoorministries.org by telephone by calling





Agriculture needs drought assistance

his summer brings back the hard memories of the drought of the 1950s for Texas farmers and ranchers. Even if Mother Nature were to bless us with a slow, soaking five-inch rain statewide tomorrow, it would be too little, too late for producers dependent

on income from crops that never made. It will take years to recover for ranchers forced to sell because feed is either too scarce or too expensive to

maintain their herds. In the first seven months of this year, **Texas Cooperative Extension economists**

estimate drought losses in Texas have reached \$4.1 billion, overshadowing by far the \$2.1 billion mark set in the

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drought of 1998. Few parts of the state have been left untouched. Drive down any country road and you'll see crops struggling to survive or barren pastures burned by the relentless heat. Crop losses statewide are estimated at \$2.5 billion and live-

stock losses at \$1.6 billion. That doesn't take into account the rising economic impact on rural communities. When farmers and ranchers have no money to spend, schools suffer, churches suffer, grocery stores, car dealer-

ships and those that supply equipment and services to agriculture, suffer. With the Texas agriculture economy in the dumps, the Extension economists estimated an \$8 billion loss when the agribusiness impact is included.

Even in the midst of ruin, farmers and ranchers are forced to look to the future. For many, that future looks bleak. Bank notes on this year's crop will soon come due. There is no income to pay them. Plans need to be made for next year's crop. Money will be hard to borrow.

The \$780 million in drought assistance announced recently by **Agriculture Secretary Mike** Johanns holds few new funds to aid farmers and ranchers. Most is an acceleration of funds they would have received anyway. There is an addition of \$50 million in block grants for livestock producers — with some \$13 million earmarked for Texas — that will provide a little relief in this disaster of enormous proportions. Let me make clear, I'm not complaining about the Secretary's action. Any and all relief is appreciated.

What is striking in this year's disaster is the lack of interest in Congress. Again, we are thankful for the \$500 million that Congress recently provided for farmers in areas affected by hurricanes, but producers hit hard by the drought both last year and this year-in a natural disaster that dwarfs the

damage caused to agriculture by the hurricanes — have beenleft high and dry.

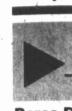
Farmers and ranchers need help from Congress in this summer of ruin. There are all kinds of questions and all kinds of concerns raised by various individuals and groups when farmers and ranchers ask for help in real times of need.

But when you come right down to the nuts and bolts of it all. every American has a stake in the success of farmers and ranchers in this country. Without them, the safe and affordable food supply we take for granted would be in ques-

Without some kind of aid, many Texas farmers and ranchers, along with their brethren in much of the country, will park the tractor and sell the cows. If they drop out of agriculture, the scars left on rural communities will be permanent.

The need for disaster aid is real. Economic help is needed and needed soon. Mother Nature let the agricultural producers of the Lone Star State down this year. We sincerely hope that Congress when it comes back into session in September, will see fit to breathe a spark of life into an industry that is literally hanging on by a thread.

Kenneth Dierschke is a cotton farmer in San Angelo and president of the Texas Farm Bureau.



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At the 11 a.m. service during September and October, the Rev. Dwayne Wheat is continuing the series on Strengthening Family Life.

This Sunday, Sept. 10, he will begin the second part of the series with a four-week focus on "Communication: Opening the Door." The emphasis of the message for this week is Barriers to Communication.

On Sunday evening, the service will focus on the Week of Prayer for Texas Missions and the Mary Hill Davis Offering. The theme for 2006 is "Every Day, Everywhere." WMU Director Mary Odell is in charge of the program

Berea Baptist is located at 4204 Wasson Road. Bible study begins at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. A nursery is available for children through age 3. For transportation call the Berea office at 267-8438. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. If there is no answer, please leave a message and we will return your call.

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

Guest minister for Sunday morning worship service will be Elder Barry Brown of Aledo. Visitors are always welcome.

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

Anyone desiring additional information on either of these services may contact John Wayne Metcalf, at 394-4067 or Dennis Walker at 1363

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Our St. Paul Operation Summer Support was a great success! We sent many boxes of needed items to our troops in the Middle East this past summer things like socks, batteries, lots of personal toiletry items, not to mention tuna, hard candy, gum, snacks and soft drink mixes.

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We are also gearing up to send St. Paul volunteer tutors to Marcy School again this year.

We invite you to start your Sunday morning with us in worship at 9 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

We, the congregation of First United Methodist Church, would love to welcome you to our services. We regularly meet on Sunday morning for worship at 8:30 and again at 10:50. Our senior pastor, the Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, preaches both services.

This Sunday his message — "Where's the Life?" — is based on scripture found in Luke 12:13-21, which is the fourth of a series based on Jesus' parables in Luke.

Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:45 a.m. The Worship Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. The Centered in Praise Ensemble will practice at 3 p.m.

This Sunday, in Abilene at the First Baptist Church, Dr. John Campbell will give a organ recital at 4 p.m. There will be an Immersed Youth Gathering at 6 p.m.

Project Light Class, an ESL course offered through this church, will be held this Sunday, Tuesday and Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This Monday, Women's Bible Study, Beth Moore's "Believing God," begins at 7 p.m., and on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Kid's Club begins this Tuesday for children in Grades 1-4 and will be held every Tuesday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Your children are invited to attend.

Reba Thomas Bible Circle, UMW, will meet for lunch Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at Serendipity in the Big Spring Mall.

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 Wednesday in the Men's Bible Class. There will be Youth Break-Out groups at 6:30 p.m., with the junior high class at

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A Joint Area Worship will be held Sunday, Sept. 24, at the Coahoma First United Methodist Church.

The annual Lord's Acre will be held this year on Oct. 7. Mark your calendars for a great day with Family Fest and Live Auction.

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

Coahoma United Methodist Church

The church will be "Celebrating 100 Years of Ministry" Saturday. Setup and rehearsal for 100th celebration ceremony will be at 1 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

There will be no Sunday School classes this week the Celebration Ceremony in thet for 10:30 a.m. at church sanctuary. The special service will honor long-time members Eleanor Garrett, Dick and Fran Bartlett, Buddy and Betty Barr, Don and Nan McKinney, Ruth and Bill Bates, Flovell Thomas, Leland and Gerald Marie Wallace, Edith Haney and Tennie Hays. A music celebration is to follow at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary with reception following.

On Wednesday, youth worship will be at 6 p.m. followed by Praise Band rehearsal at 7 p.m.
Community-wide Choir

Community-wide Choir Cantata rehearsal is set for 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Coahoma.

Reba Thomas Bible Salem Baptist Church

The Salem Baptist Church will be holding "Cowboy Church" this Sunday with a "chuck wagon" fellowship meal to follow the morning worship service. This special service is being held to remind members and visitors that contributions given to Texas Missions covers many different kinds of outreach programs

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worship 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.
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Salem is pastored by the Rev. Monroe Teeters and located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway.

For more information, call 394-4655.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The members of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church invite you to worship with them at 1512 Birdwell Lane.S unday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday. A nursery is provided.

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

First Christian Church

Even though he began serving the congregation earlier this year, First Christian Church will officially install the Rev. Dr. Ken McIntosh as its newest pastor in a special service of installation this Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

In addition to elders and deacons from First Christian, outside guest participants include: the Rev. Byron Brown, Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene; the Rev. Wayne Frost, St. Paul Lutheran; the Gospel Jubilees and Jubilees Juniors; St. Johns' Missionary Baptist, San Jose, Calif.; Betty Lee, House of Way, Odessa; the Rev. Matt Miles, First Presbyterian Church; the Rev. James Liggett, St. Mary's Episcopal; the Rev. Dwayne Wheat, Berea Baptist Church; Dorothy King, Sue King and the Rev. Roy King of

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New Yorkers gather at ground zero to discuss health problems

Associated Press Writer NEW YORK - Angry residents gathered near ground zero to denounce the government's handling of Sept. 11-related health problems, saying

they have been ignored

Their complaints were likely to be echoed during a congressional committee hearing Friday morning in New York where lawmakers intend to grill federal officials about the absence of medical treatment for thousands who were exposed to the World Trade Center ruins.

damage, "Collateral that's what I feel like,' tenant group leader Diane Lapson said at a meeting held at a church across the street from the World Trade Center site.

Tom Goodkind, a 52- sibility of forcing debris wreckage did not wear year-old accountant, complained that while help programs existed for those who worked on the debris pile, little was done for people who lived near-

"I don't think that any of these groups have looked at the children of our neighborhoods," he

Dr. John Howard, the federal coordinator of Sept. 11 health programs, told the crowd Thursday he would make sure officials in Washington, D.C., heard their complaints.

"I am doing the best I can to make sure they know how you feel," he said. The protest came as for-

Environmental mer Protection Agency administrator Christie Todd Whitman said the respon-

The Vestry will meet at

6 p.m. Monday in the

pile workers to wear protective gear lay with the city and not the EPA.

Whitman told CBS' "60 Minutes" that EPA did not have authority over the site. She also said she provided an accurate assessment of the air quality following the attacks, distinguishing between air in lower Manhattan and that near the wreckage.

The readings (in lower Manhattan) were showing us that there was nothing that gave us any concern about long-term health implications," she said in the interview to air Sunday. "That was different from on the pile itself, at ground zero. There, we always said consistently, 'You've got to wear protective gear."

Many working in the

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masks, and Whitman conceded there may have been confusion over the message.

"It's hard to know when people hear what they want to hear and there's so much going on, that maybe they didn't make the distinction,' she said.

In Washington, the **Bush administration said** Thursday it will continue to help sick Sept. 11 workers, but would not say what their long-term health needs might cost.

Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt, who met with members of New York's congressional delegation and other lawmakers and advocates, said that by the end of October, Sept. 11 health programs would receive

"If the \$75 million proves to be inadequate. the federal government will be part of a coordinated effort to solve whatever the balance of the problem is," Leavitt said. We have a responsibility. We will meet it."

Public pressure for government greater action on Sept. 11 health problems began building this year after an autopsy concluded that a New York police detective's fatal respiratory disease was caused by exposure to toxic dust and fumes at ground zero.

Reps. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., and Vito Fossella, R-N.Y., said \$75 million is a good start but won't come close to providing all the treatment needed for those suffering with lung problems, gastroin-

testinal disease and mental health woes.

The treatment money was originally part of the **Bush administration's \$21** billion aid package to New York after Sept. 11 but became embroiled in a yearlong legislative battle when congressional leaders decided to take it

"We've been down this road before," said Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y. "We've heard a lot of promises, and they haven't always been fulfilled, but we are very hopeful that now we will see action."

Tuesday, Mount Sinai released a study concluding that nearly 70 percent of ground zero workers suffered lung problems, and many of them would likely be sick for the rest of their lives.

CHURCHES

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Pampa; the Rev. Tony Salisbury, Central Area, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Abilene; Gloria McDonald, Big Spring's pro-tem; and mayor Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of

A special feature of the service will be liturgical dance by Eulaine McIntosh and her daughter, Mariah. A luncheon following the service will feature entertainment by the Gospel Jubilees.

This Sunday, the morning worship will have a dual emphasis, celebrating Grandparents' Day, and commemorating not only the horrible loss of life five years ago when the towers were destroyed by terrorists, but alo remembering the great courage and selfless sacrifice exhibited by firefighters, police officers and passengers of Flight 93 for the safety of others. Worship begins at 10:50

This Sunday also marks the beginning of a new Sunday School class for pre-teen and teenage boys. Taught by Janice Bond, the class will start approximately 9:40 a.m. each Sunday.

St. Mary's **Episcopal Church**

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Father James Liggett's sermon for Sunday is "Children and Church."

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Baptist Temple

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Bible study is at 9:30 a.m., children's church is between 10:30 a.m. and noon, and worship is at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. We offer Bible study classes for all ages Wednesday night at 7.

Our Spanish mission is called Iglesia Bautista Roca Eterna. The pastor is Luis A. Peña Sr. The mission is conducting home Bible studies for those who are interested.

Evangelist Quintanilla will speak Sunday through Wednesday, Sept. 17-20. He is a man who experienced a life of organized crime as a deputy constable. He dealt drugs out of the constable's office, owned a bar and was a drug addict. He was involved in insurance fraud, home invasions and was for hire as a mur-

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East Side Baptist Church

Teaching and worship services are 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 a.m. on Sundays. Youth meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday and Bible study follows at 7. This Saturday at 6 p.m. is a Newly Wed Group activity (couples married less than 10 years.) This meeting is at the Fellowship Building. A nursery is provided for each service.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from Mark 7:24-37 on Sunday at worship service. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and worship service is at

11 a.m. Following worship on Sunday, there will be a congregational meeting to select a nomination committee for church officers for the class of 2009. Immediately following that meeting there will be a farewell reception to honor the Huffman family which is moving. Mrs. Huffman has served as church secretary for several years.

Activities for the week include: On Wednesday



from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., the youth will meet; 5:17 p.m. is Bible study; and at 6 p.m. choir practice and worship committee will meet. On Thursday. Working Women's Bible study will be held at 7 p.m. in the parlor. All the women of the church are invited to come and bring a friend. Plans are being made

for the annual church picnic to be held on Sept. 16 at the Guthrie Farm in

Coahoma. The men of the church will be cooking the meat for Sunday's church barbecue luncheon and they will also cook whatever members choose to bring to eat at the picnic on Saturday.

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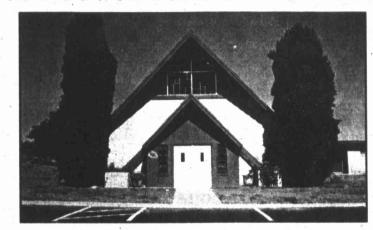
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IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME How to practice

If you don't practice, it's highly unlikely you're going to improve. I'm guessing you don't have enough time to actually play a round every day of the week. You're probably lucky to get out once every two weeks or so, but if you can steal the odd 30 minutes now and again, and you have a definite goal in mind, you'll see some positive results.

There's an old saying about practice that has been used to the point that it's a clich, but it's true: Practice doesn't make perfect; perfect practice makes perfect.

Those 30 minutes you manage to sneak aren't going to be of any use if you dump a bucket of balls on the ground and just lock, load and fire. When you're not engaged in a goal-directed activity, your mind wanders, making it easy for you to tinker yourself right out of a good golf swing. And with no goal, you ingrain bad habits and/or mechanics to the point that it will take a monumental effort to rid yourself of

But be realistic — your goal is to play decent golf, not to win the Masters, so the idea of being "perfect" just isn't realistic. Let's modify it a bit so that your goals are applicable to you.

There are four basic goals for any practice session. You can use them in any combination that seems good to you on a given day, depending on how much time you have or what type of mood you're in. Just make sure to pursue one

1. Warming up: Every practice session, even if lasts only 10 minutes, should include some type of warm-up. Think of your body as a machine. It makes sense that you wouldn't just turn it on and go because an engine needs some time to get the gas flowing through the lines, reach the optimal performance temperature, etc. One good exercise is to swing two clubs back and forth slowly to get loose — and the emphasis is on "slowly."

2. Putting the fun back into fundamentals: If you're a beginner, you need to practice the fundamentals such as grip, stance and posture. If you've been playing the game long enough to have a basic understanding of what you're supposed to accomplish with the fundamentals, you need to integrate them into a coherent whole so that you think of them as a unit rather than individual items on a checklist. Experts like Notah Begay and Bill Glasson, in the photos below, hone the fundamentals by working on their timing, i.e., "what" they do and "when" they do it.

3. Target orientation: In this type of practice, you work on hitting shots to a designated target, focusing only on the target. Prior to striking any ball in this type of practice, you should work through your entire pre-shot routine, including the very powerful element of visualization. This type of practice is the vital link that helps you take your game from the range to the course.

4. Practice as if you're playing: You can actually play a round of golf right there on the practice range, using your imagination to lay out the course, going through your pre-shot routine, then hitting the shots required given the situations you create in your mind.

More than a few tour players do this prior to teeing it up in a competitive round. They know the course they're going to play, so they go through a dry run on the practice tee, hitting the shots in order just as they would on the



When PGA Tour pro Bill Glasson arrives in this position on the practice tee, he looks to make sure the club face is square to his path.



An important goal of any practice session is getting zoned in on a target, as Notah Begay is doing here.

Does PGA Tour need drug tests?

Opinions vary widely on whether 'sport of gentlemen' should test for banned substances

By CRAIG DOLCH Cox News Service

West Palm Beach, Fla. erformance-enhancing drugs have been a hot and dirty topic for several years, but one of the largest sports organizations in the world has had no scandal and still has no drug policy.

That status might be about to change for the PGA Tour, whose commissioner and superstar player each weighed in with opposing views about drug testing last

A day after Tim Finchem said he has no plans to start testing players, no less a resounding voice than Tiger Woods said the tour should almost immediately implement a drug policy.

And Woods isn't alone in his be-

"Drugs are a problem in every sport today," World Golf Hall of Famer Nick Price said. "Why should golf be any different?"

Finchem counters that golf is different in so many ways because of its self-policing nature. In other sports, athletes are encouraged to take a few liberties with the rules - a phantom tag of second base, a slight but significant push off by a wide receiver — while even the mere thought of cheating goes against the principals of golf.

"I don't know of other sports where players have come in and made a mistake on their score card or called a penalty on themselves that's cost them hundreds of thousands of dollars," Finchem said to reporters at the Bridgestone Invitational.

That happens every year on the PGA Tour. So the culture and the history is somewhat different, and I'm not prepared to throw all that out just because somebody is waving their hand and saying, 'Gee whiz, all the other sports are testing, why aren't you?'

But count Woods, and another Hall of Famer, Greg Norman, among those who are waving their

'We should be proactive instead of reactive," Woods said. "I just think we should be ahead of it and keep our sport as pure as can be. This is a great sport, and it's always been clean.

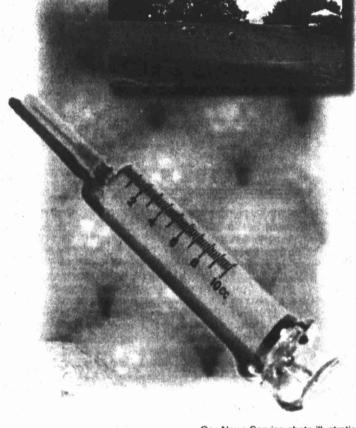
Norman, who said he has heard rumors of drug use on the PGA Tour for 20 years, has stronger words about the absence of a drug policy

"Of all the major institutions in sports, we're the only ones not to have a drug policy," he said. "Just have a rule there. I'm not saying guys are using them, but if I was starting off today, I would do whatever I could to maximize my abilities, if it's allowed.

'You do apything to take advantage and be the best player you can

A former touring pro said there's plenty of drug use taking place on the PGA Tour — both the performance-enhancing and recreational type — and the reason Finchem doesn't want drug testing is "he's afraid of what he may find.'

'There's no question there's plenty of guys on the PGA Tour who are taking illegal drugs," said the former player, who didn't want his name used because he still works in golf. "He (Finchem) is admitting there's a problem by not having a drug-testing plan. When you're playing for \$5 million every



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week, guys are going to find a way dread. I don't think there's any coto get an edge. incidence that when I stopped taking them, I started playing the best **Blocking out the nerves** golf of my career.' The Royal & Ancient Golf Club,

which sets the rules for every-

where in the world except the

Team championship in South

Africa in October. Peter Dawson,

the R&A's chief executive, said at

the British Open he doesn't think

golf has a problem with perform-

ance-enhancing drugs, but that he

would support drug testing if nec-

In most sports, athletes use sub-

human growth hormone to build

strength and muscle mass, or to

319 yards on drives, 30 yards far-

ther than John Daly's top average

of 288.8 in 1996. But most players

and observers doubt that the pros-

would use drugs to improve power

because the game demands so

like steroids are for sprinters,'

more than the body.

much more, including a delicate

touch and feel around the greens.

"There's no super drug in golf

The former touring pro, speak-

ing anonymously, said the trend is

for substances that affect the mind

Beta blockers, he said, are the

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about the advantages of beta block-

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But there's plenty of debate

blockers from 1985-89 because of

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"Beta blockers are the worst

thing an athlete can take because

you can't get excited," he said.

"When I took them, I felt like

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True. Bubba Watson is averaging

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Yet studies have shown beta blockers are effective at enhancing performances for musicians because of their calming effect, said Paul Doering, a pharmacy professor at the University of Florida.

"There's research out there in the last 10 to 15 years that shows music virtuosos who take beta blockers are better poised to show case their talents and demonstrate their abilities," said Doering, who has been on UF's athlete drug-testing committee for 15 years. "One thing that concerns me is we know a lot of our pharmacy students will take some Inderal before class, so when a professor calls on them, they'll be calm enough to give the answers."

Doering, who said he plays golf but isn't very good, doesn't believe beta blockers would be as effective for athletes because they provide the opposite effect of adrenaline. Most athletes say they rely on adrenaline to keep their energy lev-

els heightened. "I'm very skeptical that taking beta blockers would make you a better golfer," Doering said. "I would suspect that once you're good enough to make it to the PGA Tour,

you're past the jitters stage." The former pro agrees — to a

"Nobody gets on tour using these things," he said. "You get there on talent and ability. But there comes a point in your career where the nerves aren't as good. That's when you start using them.'

'A testy issue'

Banning beta blockers would be a problem on tour because many players use them to deal with health issues such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol or attention-deficit disorder.

The late Payne Stewart said he took beta blockers to deal with his attention-deficit problems.

"I work with eight guys on tour who have attention-deficit," sports psychologist Richard Coop said. They take medications for life-enhancing things such as being able to read or carry on a conversation. How do you separate what these medications do to improve their life, or their ability to concentrate on a golf course? That's a testy

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9:30-11:30 p.m.).

 Site: Sandy, Utah. · Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. • Course: Willow Creek Country Club (7,104 yards, par

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When it comes to holding the club, there shouldn't be any 'squeeze" to it at all. If you can feel even a modest amount of pressure in your forearms, you're squeezing the club too hard.

To combat forearm tension, imagine you're holding a sandwich that's the proper amount of grip pressure. Anything greater prevents you from cocking your wrists and creating the 90-degree angle between your front arm and the shaft.

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Looking ahead

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• Sept. 21-24: Valero Texas Open, LaCantera GC, San Antonio

• Sept. 22-24: Ryder Cup, Kildare G&CC, Kildare, Ireland

• Sept. 28-Oct. 1: Southern Farm Bureau Classic, Annandale GC, Madison, Miss.

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turday-

:30 p.m.;

By STEVE REAGAN

Consistency, that early

season bugaboo for many

teams, is an concern for

the Big Spring Lady

The Lady Steers started

strong but faltered late,

dropping a 25-23, 25-18, 25-

17 decision to Odessa

Permian in non-district

Thursday in Steer Gym.

Big Spring had the edge

through most of the first

game, pushing its lead to

four points on one occa-

sion. But Permian rallied

behind the play of Kayli

Cooper and Sarah Otwell

to take the first game, and

the Lady Panthers never

Permian's front line

kept Big Spring from

establishing any kind of

effective rhythm in the

last two games. The clos-

est the Lady Steers came

to the lead in game 2 was

when Andrea Claxton and

Mallory Kennedy spurred

a four-point run to cut

The Lady Panthers,

however, responded with

a four-point run of their

own to regain control,

and never let Big Spring

back to within five points

before closing out the

Game 3 was much the

same story. Permian

raced to an early lead,

then fended off the Lady

their deficit to 11-8.

game.

action

Staff Writer

Steers, as well.

volleyball

looked back.

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BSHS spikers fall to Permian

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Dodgeball tourney slated for Saturday

A dodgeball tourns ment benefiting Relay for Life has been sched-uled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Goliad intermediate School ymnasium

Teams will be composed of four male and four female members. Entry fees are \$5 per person to play. The tournament is

eing sponsored by The ellow Dogs. For more information, contact Angel Sosa a 64-4108.

Quarterback Club meeting is Monday

Big Spring High School's Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. dondays at the BSHS Training Mark Tissue, the

booster club's president, encourages all parents of BSHS football players and fans of the Steers to For more information,

all Tissue at 816-3458.

CGA, Knights to host scramble

The Chicano Golf Association, in conjuncn with the Knights of Columbus, will host the 10th Annual Father Delan y Tournament Sunday, Sept. 17 at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Format is a four-per-Registration deadline is 9:45 a.m. the day of the tournament.

Lady Steer boosters to meet

contact 264-7116.

For more information.

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers Booster Club will hold its first meeting of the year at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training Center adja-cent to BSHS.

The booster club backs all BSHS girls sports, including baske all and volleyball. This will be an organizational meeting for the

For more information, contact Leslie Whitten at 264-2504 or 816-6764...

Senators make tasty wager

AUSTIN (AP) - Two U.S. senators are raising the stakes o Saturday's Ohio State Vexas football game If Texas wins, Sen Vike DeWine, R-Ohio vill deliver his wife's nomerhade Buckey andies to Sen. Ka failey Hutchison, R xas, If Ohio Stat W. Hutchison will be DeWine some o xas' own Blue Bell io

ly kids and grand

By BEN WALKER **AP National Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) -James Blake merely said what the whole tennis world already thought.

Beaten on yet another amazing shot by Roger Federer, Blake shouted across the net Thursday night.

"You're too good!" he called out.

Federer looked every bit the best player on the planet, turning back Blake and tuning out a partisan crowd for a 7-6 (7), 6-0, 6-7 (9), 6-4 victory

Federer 'too good' for Blake

at the U.S. Open that put him into a record-tying 10th consecutive Grand

seeded Federer said. "It turned out to be a thriller."

player to win a set from

ment. And after going 0-12. Blake finally won a set

Still, it wasn't nearly enough

"Did his heart rate ever go up above about 60?" Blake said. "He doesn't look too worried to me." Federer next plays

3, 6-4, 6-4. In the other See OPEN, page 2B



Steers' counter-attacks to take the match.

For Big Spring coach Amanda Whitaker, the night exemplified the Lady Steers' search for a consistent rhythm to their play.

"It's all about holding on and fighting the whole game," Whitaker said.
"When they're all in the right frame of mind, they do their jobs just fine. But when they're not, that's when things get a bit tough.

That's not to say all was dark and dreary for the Lady Steers. Whitaker technical some improvement from her team.

"Their passing and hitting are much better (than earlier in the season)," she said. "It's just a matter of holding on to get the win."

The Lady Steers return to action Saturday when they face Wink and Andrews in a dual meet in Andrews. Game time is

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during their non-district volleyball game Thursday in Steer Gym. Permian defeated Big

The shock that saves

BSISD receives first portable defibrillators

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer A fundraising drive by Big Spring High School sports medicine personnel is beginning to bear

fruit. For most of the past year, BSISD Athletic Trainer Andy Rankin and his students have been actively raising funds to

purchase portable heart

defibrillation units. Rankin said he has tried to secure the devices, known as Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for some time, but a tragic incident last year spurred him and his charges into greater

action. "A gentleman had a heart attack at a (BSHS) baseball game last spring," he said. "That kind of lit a fire under our efforts."

After several months of

civic groups and the general public, as well as participating in a variety of fundraisers, the group secured the first two of what they hope will be about 20 of the devices for

Spring, 25-23, 25-18, 25-17.

the district. "We're trying to get at least one for every building and athletic venue in the district," Rankin said. "And they cost about

\$1,900 apiece." AEDs work just like hospital defibrillators "except they're foolproof," Rankin said. "They're simple enough a child could use it. They're specifically designed for use by a lay person."

Simply opening the case the device is carried in activates the AED. From there, illustrations instruct users as to its proper operation. the Rankin said

Big Spring ISD Athletic Trainer Andy Rankin examines one of the new Automated External Defibriliator units secured by the school district. Rankin hopes to purchase 20 of the devices for use at school buildings and athletic venues.

machine will even tell the user whether another shock is needed or now much voltage is required to be administered.

One of the new units will remain at the school **Athletic** district's Training Facility, while another travels with Rankin to BSHS athletic

events. More units are needed,

however. "Our athletic facilities

are pretty spread out," Rankin said. "Then, we have five elementaries, a middle school, a junior high and a high school, all of which would benefit by having an AED."

For more information, or to contribute to fund, contact Rankin at the **BSISD Athletic Trainers** office at 264-3647.

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

Steelers open title defense with victory over Dolphins

U.S. OPEN

Slam semifinal. "The score says it all. The match could have been easier. Could have been tougher," the top-

Sure, the fifth-seeded Blake became the first Federer in the tourna-

against him.

derail Federer's bid for a third straight Open title.

Saturday against No. 7 Nikolay Davydenko, who rallied to beat No. 14 Tommy Haas 4-6, 6-7 (3), 6-

By ALAN ROBINSON

PITTSBURGH Referee Walt Coleman stood waiting patiently for the red flag he sensed was coming from the Miami Dolphins' sideline. A minute or so before, the Steelers had gone ahead on a scoring play that may have taken tight end Heath Miller out of bounds, and there

AP Sports Writer

was no reason not to challenge. Still, the challenge flag remained firmly in Dolphins coach Nick Saban's hand. Even as the teams lined up for the extra point. Even as center Greg Warren leaned over the ball before snapping it to holder Chris Gardocki.

flag Finally, the requesting a replay review fluttered to the turf, only no official was watching as Jeff Reed converted the kick.

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Furyk, Rose shoot 63s to top Canadian Open leaderboard

AP Sports Writer

LANCASTER, Ontario - Jim Furyk and Justin Rose figured they would like the Hamilton Golf and Country Club course after listening to their peers rave about the 90-year-old gem on the rim of the Niagara Escarpment.

They were right. And the traditional layout even appeared

to be built for their precision games Thursday in the first round of the Canadian Open.

Taking advantage of perfect scoring conditions, Furyk and Rose shot the lowest rounds in professional play on the course, 7-under 63s that left them a stroke ahead of Brandt Jobe, Nathan Green and Frank Lickliter II on the rain-softened layout.

"It's as beautiful and as great a golf course as what I expected it to be," Rose said. "It's playing really well considering all the rain. ... I like the look of every hole out there."

Furyk, the 2003 U.S. Open champion at historic Olympia Fields, won the Wachovia Championship in May at old-

tour title. He also won the 2003 Buick Open on another traditional course - tree-lined Warwick Hills in Grand Blanc, Mich.

"I grew up in Pennsylvania on courses built in the early 1900s — old, traditional courses. This has that feel," said Furyk, making his first appearschool Quail Hollow in ance in the tournament since Charlotte, N.C., for his 11th 1999. "I tend to play the golf

courses that fit that bill. And this is definitely that style. It's a very good one. I heard coming up here how good the course was and I think it definitely met expectations.'

"I shot a low number, but I was obviously aided by the weather and the conditions," said Furyk, two weeks away from his fifth straight U.S. Ryder Cup appearance.

OPEN

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semi, No. 9 Andy Roddick takes on unseeded Mikhail Youzhny.

"I'd probably like to play Andy, I guess, but (we're) not quite there yet," Federer said. "We look like the big favorites, but we've seen what happens to favorites sometimes, so we have to be careful."

In Friday's marquee matchup, No. 1 Amelie Mauresmo faces No. 3 Maria Sharapova in the semifinals. women's They'll play after No. 2 Justine Henin-Hardenne takes on No. 19 Jelena Jankovic.

Also on court: Martina Navratilova, in what could be her final pro tournament. The retiring great will team with Bob Bryan in the mixed doubles semifinals after winning Thursday.

Nimble as ever a month shy of her 50th birthday, Navratilova ran for a return and wound up in the third row of the seats.

"You're only as old as you feel, and I certainly don't feel 49," she said.

Sharapova Mauresmo practiced on adjacent courts Thursday. Mauresmo briefly chatted with fans in French while autographing hats and shirts as she exited. A crowd of about 100 gathered to watch Sharapova,

and she signed about a remember much of it," he dozen items without saying a word or looking up.

Sharapova is 0-5 in major semifinals since winning Wimbledon in 2004 at age 17. Mauresmo had never won a major until taking Australian Open and Wimbledon this year; she's also 3-0 lifetime against Sharapova.

With a crowd of 23,712 cheering everything he did, Blake tried to break through in his fifth career match against Federer. Blake had his chances, but missed three points that could've given him the first-set tiebreaker.

Blake barely blinked, and the second set was gone, too.

"It was so quick. I don't

said.

The highest-ranked American saved three match points in the third set, forced a tiebreaker and won, giving his fans a glint of hope. Federer took that away, real quickly.

"I take pride in the way I fought," Blake said. "It's a good feeling to know that I'm close to Roger. ... I guess he's human."

'There are times you just have to say, 'Too good,' and move on," he said. "There's just too many things he does well. He doesn't panic. He plays offense unbelievably well. He plays defense better than anyone I've ever played."

Federer has reached the

semifinals at every major since the 2004 French Open. His streak of 10 in a row matched Ivan Lendl's run from 1985-88 as the longest in the Open era, and Federer is aiming for his ninth Grand Slam title.

Federer improved to 68-5 this season.

There is someone who plays more tennis than Federer, although he doesn't win as often. Davydenko is 54-22 this year after outlasting Haas for more than 3 1/2 hours.

Davydenko Youzhny give Russia two men's semifinalists at a Grand Slam tournament for only the second time in the Open era, which began in 1968. Marat Yevgeny Safin and

Kafelnikov lost in the final four at the 2001 U.S. Open.

Arthur Ashe Stadium was only half-filled for Davydenko's afternoon match. He could understand why.

"Who cares Davydenko?" he figured the fans said. "He didn't win a Grand Slam, was not No. 1."

Davydenko and Haas looked tired as their match stretched on, and the German might have been feeling the effects of going to fifth-set tiebreakers in both of his previous matches. Haas yelled, "Giddyup!" as he emerged from the locker room to head onto the court, but cramps slowed him near the end.

NFL

Continued from page 1B Saban was a moment too late — to challenge to call and, perhaps, to save the game for the Dolphins.

Can a coach be penalized for delay?

"The officials said they didn't see it," Saban said. "Whose fault is that?"

To a few Dolphins fans, the blame for a 28-17 loss to Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh in the NFL's season-opening Thursday night might not rest entirely on the players. No doubt a few were asking themselves, "Why didn't he throw the flag

Miller's 87-yard scoring catch with about six min utes remaining was one of the longest in history by an NFL tight end and gave Pittsburgh a 21-17 lead. The problem was it probably should have been an 85-yard catch, and no touchdown.

TV replays showed Miller going out of

bounds and, if Saban had challenged in time, the Steelers probably would have been forced to try to score from around the 2yard line. The previous time they had the ball 30 quarterback close. Charlie Batch fumbled at the Miami 1 with the Dolphins recovering.

Maybe that's why Coleman seemed as surprised as anyone when he didn't see the flag. By the time Saban tossed it, the officials were focused on the extra-point try.

"After the ball was snapped, we can't go back to the previous snap,' Coleman said. "Once they snapped the ball on the try, there was nothing we could do."

Saban contends threw the flag in time.

"It was well before the kicker kicked it," Saban said. "The official said he didn't see it, and when he said he didn't see it, there was nothing he could do. That shouldn't happen.'

Saban's mistake was the most curious on a night neither team played all that well, but it wasn't the only one by the Dolphins. Daunte Culpepper, the former Vikings quarterback playing his first game since tearing three knee ligaments last year, was intercepted twice following Miller's score. One was a 42-yard touchdown return by linebacker Joey Porter that effectively

ruined Culpepper's debut

game with the Dolphins.

The Super Bowl champion Steelers had plenty of reasons to win their ninth in a row, including backup quarterback Charlie Batch's three touchdown passes, Willie Parker's 115 yards rushing and Porter's big play. Yet they easily could have lost,

cially after falling behind 17-14 in the third quarter on Ronnie Brown's 5-yard touchdown run.

Miller also knows he was lucky his score counted. Asked afterward if he was certain he got in, he said, laughing, "Touchdown. Yeah."

"It didn't go as well as we liked it to. If we had scripted it, it probably wouldn't have been like that," Miller said. "It was scrappy game but we came out on top."

Without Roethlisberger, too, as the quarterback sat out after having his appendix removed on Sunday. Batch took his place and had his first three TD and they knew it, espe- pass game since 2001 with

Detroit. He had thrown only one scoring pass the previous four seasons combined.

"The guys are comfortable with Charlie," said Ward, Hines returned from a monthlong hamstring injury layoff to make a 7-yard touchdown catch that put the Steelers up 14-7.

"You have to remember that Charlie was 2-0 when he was the starter last year." The Steelers don't play

again until a Monday night game Jacksonville on Sept. 18 and, despite Batch's effective play, they are hopeful Roethlisberger can return that night.

The Dolphins also close," Porter said.

expect to come back from this, a disappointing loss in a game they probably $shouldn't\ have\ won-not$ on a night they were outrushed 143-38 — but one they felt they could have won.

"We played well into the fourth quarter, but you can't turn the ball over in this league," Culpepper said. "We're better than that. We know we're better than that."

The Steelers believe they are, too. Maybe that's why Porter planted a kiss on coach Bill Cowher following his first career interception return touchdown. "I try to tell you guys

that me and him are



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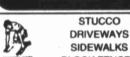
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Mars, the planet of war, has entered Libra, the sign of peace. This has an

of effect opposites, taming Mars aggression and spicing up Libra's neutrality. You can utilize the transit, which lasts through Oct.



HOLIDAY **MATHIS**

23, by looking for something to like in your "enemy," or confronting the unpleasant issues of friendship — the sooner the better.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Take advantage of your solid, purposeful mood by documenting it. There's something about writing that crystallizes your thoughts into guideposts for the future you to use when feeling lost or vague.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're curious. It's wise to read and study other philosophies. Keep in mind, of course, that nobody will be better equipped to develop a philosophy that works for you than you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your eyes are bright, and when you speak, your voice rings out in a major key. Who wouldn't want such a cheerful person on their team? Of course, you can't join every team.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Usually, you like to figure things out as you go. But you could use

regarding this new endeavor of yours. The only thing more costly than paying for a class will be not paying for one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). No matter how specific your goal, cause or passion is, you can find a group that fits your needs today. People who enjoy pickles with peanut butter? Citizens who go boating in ball gowns? No idea is too crazy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your superintelligence is a definite asset, but unless you have enough reasons to succeed in your purpose, you won't get there. The stars illuminate at least 10 more reasons by nightfall.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Heartfelt communication helps you take a relationship where it needs to go. For some, the marriage questions will addressed. Prepare for the arrival of guests or the return of a loved one tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Are you yearning to discover some weighty study, such as art, philosophy or physics? This is your day to start. One person shows you the right doors to open so you can get straight to the heart of the matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You work at a different pace than those around you. Faster isn't better, and slower isn't worse. The thing you can be sure of is that your contributions absolutely valuable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

fully talented student of human nature, and this gives you an edge in anything you choose to do. Opportunity is passed to you. A tired individual gives something up your chance to carry the torch.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have such power over your thoughts now that you can mentally coax yourself into the trouble-free zone. With the right attitude, you could feel as though you have no problems at all and maybe you don't.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Work is a community effort now. You're not even sure that the goal is a reasonable one, but you must attempt the impossible in order to know what's possible.

WEEKEND FORECAST: Mars in Libra brings tension to romance — which every romance needs to survive! **ARIES: Quality love inter**ests are attracted most to your mind. TAURUS: Plot how to knock down the current block to getting the love you need. GEMI-NI: Your strongest path to passion is probably a silent one — don't talk, let the energy smolder. CAN-**CER**: The more obviously you pursue a person, the more likely they are to run. Be subtle. LEO: You meet the most intriguing person at a big gathering. VIRGO: A relationship with one who does not share your ideology will be very difficult to maintain. LIBRA: A loved one may behave in an immasome formal education Jan. 19). You're a wonder- ture way because you

have struck a nerve in him or her. Be patient. SCORPIO: You know exactly what you have to offer and exactly what you want. SAGITTARIUS: Enjoy loved ones and be continually grateful for what they've brought to your life. CAPRICORN: The best way to get what you want isn't necessarily the first one that comes to mind, so use that wild imagination of yours! AQUARIUS: Love conquers all ... eventually. PISCES: Make a mysterious withdrawal from the object of your affection he or she will be pulled

COUPLE OF WEEKEND: If the zodiac were a neighborhood, Leo and Virgo people would be next-door neighbors. They share a similar aesthetic sense and a desire for status and acknowledgement, but go about achieving this in entirely different ways. Leo plays the showman; Virgo plays the know-it-all. When they get together it feels natural, but they must also work to tolerate one another's style. If they can do this, they're gold-

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Annie's Mailbox -: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I recently witnessed my fiance, "Bob," physically lash out against his teenage sister for blatantly disrespecttheir parents. Although her behavior was completely unacceptable, I was shocked to see Bob turn into a raging bull, forcing her up against the wall, into a headlock and even threatening to hit her with a belt and stab her with a pen.

Bob claims his intention was not to hurt her, but merely to teach her not to mouth off to their parents in his presence. I am concerned about this sudden outburst of anger. Bob has been aggressive with his sister in the past, but never to this We've extent. been together for several years. and he's never directed his anger toward me, but I wonder if these are warning signs of an abuser. Bob has repeatedly told me that he would

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AMERICAN, SELF STORAGE Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, American Self Storage which is located at 3314 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on September 9, 2006, at American Self Storage. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property may be sold item by item or in batches, or by the space. All sales are subject to Texas State Sales Tax. Sale is on the contents of: **Tenant: Carol Giratas** Consisting of: Computer monitor, Tenant: James Milam Consisting of: Misc. items Tenant: George Hernandez Consisting of: Misc. items #5068 September 1 & 8, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE HOWARD COUNTY **TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT** Howard County will submit a 2007-2008 Community Development Fund application to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program for water facilities mprovements in a target area (unincorporated area between Big Spring and Coahoma) in the amount of \$350,000. The application will be available on and after September 22, 2008 for review at the County Judge's Office at 300 Main Street, RM 207 in Big Spring



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never treat me like that unless it was "deserved" (i.e., infidelity).

Please shed some light on this for me. - Bob's

Dear Fiancee: We hope you have your running shoes on. The fact that Bob thinks there are legitimate reasons for him to hurt and threaten you (or anyone else). means he could indeed become abusive to you. Infidelity may be cause for divorce, but not a beating. Bob sounds immature and out of control. When his sister isn't around, who do you think will be next in the line of fire?

We don't know if Bob is capable of understanding his anger and controlling it, but until he can, we don't think he is a good candidate for marriage. Call the **National Violence** Domestic Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233) (ndvh.org) and ask for help. Dear Annie: I have a

friend who has a side business I believe is unethical. "Jack" gets those buy-one-get-one-free coupons from newspapers, and he also gets a lot of coupons from friends and off the Internet. He then uses these to buy large quantities of discounted goods at the stores, and then resells them at a flea mar-

I believe Jack is taking unfair advantage of manufacturers that offer discounts to attract new customers. They are not trying to provide a wholesale outlet to people who would profit from their largess.

I told my wife that I am uncomfortable giving Jack coupons for something I believe is unethical, if not illegal. My wife says I should mind my own business and if the companies had a problem with this kind of activity, they would do something about it. Do you think I'm being silly? - Concerned in L.A.

Dear L.A.: Companies prefer that their coupons be used to attract business and move product, and it also may be illegal for some of these items to be resold for profit. If Jack's extracurricular activities bother you, either use the coupons yourself or offer them to a homeless shelter.

Dear Annie: I am a 46year-old woman. At 22, a freckle on my neck quickly grew to the size of a dime. I was diagnosed with malignant melanoma and told I had only nine months to live. The lymph nodes in my neck were removed, and I had a large skin graft. My scar looks as good as it can without additional cosmetic surgery, which my insurance will not cover. I consider it a badge of courage. Being a cancer survivor

has made me strong, but it is impossible to forget my scar thanks to the thoughtless comments and rude stares I must endure every day. Those comments hurt even more when they come from a loved one. An aunt recently said "thought the doctor did a butcher job" on me. And a friend told me my neck is the first thing everyone notices. What are these people thinking?

whenever Now stranger asks me, "What happened to your neck?" I reply, "What happened to your manners?" Please ask your readers to stop gawking and pointing and making our existence more painful than it already is. — Up to My

Neck in Sunny Florida Dear Up to My Neck: We hope this helps.

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for three years. and I thought we had a very happy and passionate relationship. We are not young — in our early 50s and both previously divorced.

My husband and I share our home computer, and recently, I noticed he had left a dating service site open on the monitor. I discovered he has a profile on the site that says he is "single and looking." The picture he included was a shot I had recently taken in front of our home!

Do I confront him about this? Is this some kind of male menopause thing? I don't want to start an argument, but it's eating away at me. I'm too embarrassed to talk to my friends, so please help. — Hurting in South Carolina

Dear Hurting: By all means, talk to your husband. Happily married men do not advertise their availability on Internet dating sites. Tell him what you found, and ask him to go with you for marriage counseling so you can work on your problems together. If he refuses, go without him. Either he's unhappy or he's a player, and the sooner you find out which, the better.

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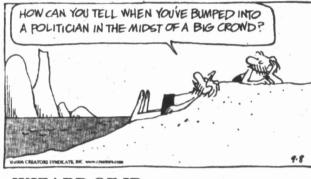
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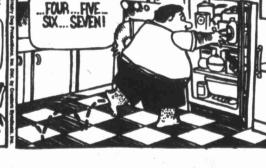
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 8, the 251st day of 2006. There are 114 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 8, 1900, Galveston, Texas, was struck by a hurricane that killed an estimated 8,000 or more people. On this date:

In 1664, the Dutch surrendered New Amsterdam to the British, who renamed it New York.

In 1930, the comic strip "Blondie," created by Chic Young, was first published. In 1934, 134 people lost their lives in a fire aboard

the liner Morro Castle off the New Jersey coast. In 1941, the 900-day Siege of Leningrad by German forces began durifig World War II.

In 1951, a peace treaty with Japan was signed by 48 nations in

In 1971, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts opened in

Washington, D.C., with a performance of Leonard Bernstein's "Mass." In 1974, President Ford

granted an unconditional pardon to former President Nixon. In 1994, a USAir Boeing 737 crashed into a ravine as

was approaching Pittsburgh International Airport, killing all 132 people on board. Ten years ago: Okinawans voted more than 10-1 in

favor of a reduction of U.S. military bases on their islands, in a referendum aimed pressuring Washington to pull out its troops. Five years ago: The World Conference Against Racism

tumultuously as it began, with organizers calling it a success. One year ago: Tropical Storm Ophelia strengthened into a hurricane as it stalled

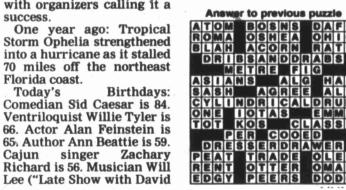
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Birthdays: Today's Comedian Sid Caesar is 84. Ventriloquist Willie Tyler is 66. Actor Alan Feinstein is 65. Author Ann Beattie is 59. Cajun singer Zachary Richard is 56. Musician Will

Letterman") is 54. Singer Aimee Mann is 46. Pop musician David Steele (Fine Young Cannibals) is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Gordon (Levert) is 42. Alternative country singer Neko Case is 36. Actor Henry Thomas is 35. Actor David Arquette is 35. Rock musician Richard Hughes (Keane) is 31. Actor Larenz Tate is 31. Rhythm-and-blues singer Pink is 27. Actor Jonathan Taylor Thomas is

Thought for Today: "It is more important that a proposition be interesting than that it be true." — Alfred North Whitehead, English philosopher and mathematician (1861-1947).

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