



VFW, auxiliary sponsoring Patriot's Pen competition

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The pen really is mightier than the sword, especially when the pen is wielded by a patriot.

That's the message Commander Leo Engle of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2013 is delivering, as the group — along with its Ladies Auxiliary — announced the beginning of the annual Patriot's Pen Essay Competition and the Voice of Democracy audio-essay contest.

According to local VFW spokesperson Leo Welch, the Patriot's Pen is open to



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area youth in Grades 6 through 8, while the Voice of Democracy contest is aimed at high school students. "Students entering the Patriot's Pen contest have the chance to compete for and win thousands of dollars in U.S. Savings Bonds," said Welch. "They also have the opportunity to win a trip to the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Community Service Conference. "Students begin competing at the local Post level, with Post winners advancing to District competition. Winners that

make it past District will go on to state competition, where they will compete for more than \$70,000 and an all-expense trip to Washington, D.C."

Welch said approximately 130,000 students participate in the annual Patriot's Pen program. Contestants are required to write a 300-400 word essay on the theme "Citizenship in America." The deadline to enter is Nov. 1.

Students that want to be a little more vocal in their approach will be able to do so through the Voice of Democracy competition, which provides more than \$3 million in scholarships annually.

"The first-place winner for the Voice

of Democracy receives a \$30,000 scholarship, which is paid directly to the winner's American university, college or vocational/technical school," said Welch. "Beside competing for the top scholarship prize, as well as other national scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$16,000, each department's winner receives an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C., which is sponsored by Target."

"This year's theme is 'Freedom's Challenge.' Students can enter by submitting the required entry form, along

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BSISD

Trustees begin discussions on facilities needs

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Facilities — and what to do about them — likely will be a major topic of discussion among Big Spring school officials for many months to come.

The state of Big Spring ISD infrastructure was the major topic of discussion during the school board's regular meeting Thursday night.

Discussion centered around a facility evaluation conducted by the Texas Association of School Administrators that concluded that almost all of the school district's buildings were in need of some form of refurbishment, and that two campuses — Bauer and Washington elementaries — should be closed outright.

With such stark recommendations in hand, trustees must now decide what, if anything, to do about them.

BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes cautioned anyone from drawing any immediate conclusions.

"This report will probably be a component of every board meeting in the near future," Downes said. "I know that some people will look at this and say that Big Spring ISD is getting ready for a bond (election), but that's not the plan. The plan is to decide what we need to do and go forward from there."

Two factors — age and architectural style —

District's financial condition 'superior'

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District has once again received a clean bill of (financial) health from state education officials.

For the fourth straight year, BSISD was awarded a "Superior Achievement" rating in its Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report by the Texas Education Agency.

The FIRST report financially grades school districts on 21 indicators, including debt service, reserve funds, operating expenditures and audits.

Earning a superior rating meant that BSISD received a positive rating on each of the 21 areas.

This is the fourth year of the report and the fourth year that the

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weigh heavily against BSISD buildings in the study.

The majority of school district building were constructed in the 1950s and 1960s as a result of the Webb Air Force Base-fueled building boom. That means that many campuses are pushing 60

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Police vehicles block off a section of Sixth Street Thursday afternoon following an altercation between two women that sent one to the emergency room. HERALD photo/Brian Ivanchak

Woman hospitalized after being dragged by another's vehicle

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Officers with the Big Spring Police Department are investigating an altercation that took place Thursday afternoon in the 1500 block of Sixth Street that sent a Big Spring woman to the hospital.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, a local woman was struck by a vehicle when an afternoon dispute turned violent.

"We received a call at approximately 1 p.m. that there was an

altercation between the two females. One was inside her car, while the other was outside the vehicle," said Everett. "The female subject inside the car tried to leave the scene, and the second woman tried to hang on to the car. She was taken to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center."

Everett said the injuries didn't appear to be life threatening, but did note the woman was admitted to the hospital for treatment.

"No criminal charges have been filed as of yet," said Everett. "This is one of those situations where

we're going to have to bring in everyone that was involved and get statements to get to the bottom of it."

Everett declined to release the names of the females involved in the altercation, which he said is still under investigation.

A section of Sixth Street was blocked off following the incident, part of normal police procedure, according to Everett.

"Any time we have an altercation involving a vehicle where someone

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Deadline for AgExpo booths approaching

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A deadline is looming for area businesses looking to reach producers and ranchers, as the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce prepares for the 2006 Ag Expo and Appreciation Luncheon.

The expo, which is slated for Sept. 28 and is being held in conjunction with the Howard County Fair, will feature a num-

ber of booths for area businesses to show off their wares. According to Nancy Newell, executive assistant for the local Chamber of Commerce.

"This is their opportunity to promote their businesses to the farmers and ranchers who will be participating in the annual expo," said Newell. "We're really looking forward to working with everyone on this and making the expo a really

good time for everyone."

Newell said booths — approximately 10 feet by 10 feet in size — will be available for \$100, and include two tickets to the ag appreciation luncheon, as well as exhibitor badges.

"If that's not enough, additional tickets can be purchased for \$10 per meal," said Newell. "The expo and luncheon will be a one-day event, starting at 7:30 a.m. with a special

breakfast and class and going until 3 p.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds, in conjunction with the county fair.

"The luncheon is set for noon under the fair's entertainment tent. Set up for the expo will begin that morning at 7:30 a.m. and continue through 10 a.m., and will be open to the public beginning at 11 a.m."

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LVFD FUNDRAISER SLATED

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

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

LOVE OUR LAKE CLEANUP

Volunteers are needed for Keep Big Spring Beautiful's "LOVE OUR LAKE" Clean-up set for 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23.

Sign-ups will be at the tennis building north of the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Participants are asked to bring their own gear if possible. Disposable gloves and trash bags will be available.

The group could use two or three paddle boats or boats with small motors (10 hp) to assist cleaning on the lake while other volunteers work the shoreline.

For more information, call Debbie Wegman at 263-8235 or 916-9179.

TODAY UW DINE OUT DAY

Al's & Son Barbecue, 1810 Gregg St., is the Dine Out Day restaurant today for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

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.

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Obituaries

Mark D. Young



Mark D. Young, 65, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006, in Africa. Graveside funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 18, 2006, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Rev. Mike Couch, officiating. He was born Feb. 4, 1941, in Murray, Utah and married Edna Nichols Sept. 12, 1981, in Big Spring.

Mr. Young had been a resident of Big Spring since 1981. He worked as a masonry and building contractor retiring in 2002. He served in the United States Navy and was a graduate of the University of Arizona. Mark loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Young of Big Spring; one son, Weldon Nichols of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Marcie and Micah Goza of Liberty Hill; five grandchildren; his mother, Eunice P. Young of Salt Lake City, Utah; four sisters, Joyce Miller of Tucson, Ariz., Gayle Jones of Colorado Springs, Colo., Edith O'Halloran of Patagonia, Ariz., and Renee Watts of Salt Lake City, Utah; and two brothers, Richard D. Young and Lincoln D. Young both of Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Monika Young; his father, Lamont D. Young; and three brothers, Sterling Young, Logan Young, and Stewart Young. The family suggests memorials be made to Circle Six Ranch, 2784 Highway 137 West, Stanton 79782, or a favorite charity or church of choice.

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

Eddie Ward

Eddie Ward, 54, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services will be held at a later date in San Angelo. He was born July 15, 1952, in San Angelo to Velma and Lonnie Ward. He had lived most of his early life in San Angelo, then he went to Oregon, and then moved to Big Spring. He had worked at Jiffy Car Wash and currently was a driver for Raudin-McCormick Limousine Service.

He is survived by two brothers, William Ward of San Angelo and Robert Ward of Cleburne; one sister, Myrna Burks of Griffin, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Suzanne. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Michael Bigham

Michael "Mike" Bigham, 44, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services will be held at a later date in Mariposa, Calif.

He was born Nov. 4, 1961, in Salinas, Calif. to Phyllis and Joe Bigham. He moved to Big Spring in 2001 from California. He was a machinist and worked at CMC Machine Shop.

He is survived by his mother, Phyllis Joan Norton of Mariposa, Calif.; father, Joe Bigham of Big Spring; and two nieces.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, David William Bigham and Scott Allen Bigham.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Lupe H. Garcia

Lupe H. Garcia, 94, of Sugarland, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel, led by Teresa Rocha. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born December 12, 1911, at Toyah to Sostena and Catarino Hinojos. She married Andrew Garcia on June 22, 1933, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on August 12, 1946. She was a longtime resident of Big Spring and was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Delia Puga and her husband, Joe A. of Sugarland; three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

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Take Note

• **AMERICAN LEGION POST 506** Fish Fry is Saturday from noon until 3 p.m., delivery 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 3203 W. Highway 80. Eat in or carry out. Plates are \$8 a piece. For more information, call 263-2084.

• **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 COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carri-

Police blotter

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

- **JOHNNY JUAREZ**, 24, of 1308 Tucson, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.
- **JOSE CANTU**, 24, of 1500 E. 11th Place, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of marijuana and driving while license invalid.
- **BOBBY HUTCHESON**, 23, of 106 Algerita, was arrested Wednesday on four local citations.
- **FRANK JACKSON**, 47, of 107 W. 19th Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of disorderly conduct-language.
- **ANDREW AGUILAR**, 37, of 1615 Canary, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROGELIO ALONSO**, 49, of Mexico, was arrested Thursday and held for immigration.
- **DAVID LEE HELMUM**, 33, of 803 Anna, was arrested Thursday on four local warrants and a Howard County warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS IN A DRUG FREE ZONE** was reported in the 400 block of Owens.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 100 block of Second Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- **JOSE T. CANTU**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana and driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **JOHNNY LEE JUAREZ**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.
- **TERESA LYNNE CHRISTON**, 43, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **SPARKLE AMOUR LETT**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify.
- **LARRY DEAN WHITE**, 34, was arrested Thursday on charges of open alcohol container and violation of a promise to appear.
- **DARRELL SCOTT SHULTZ**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3900 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1500 block of East Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 100 block of East Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of East 13th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

FRIDAY
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

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 398-5239.

ers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

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Bulletin Board

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

SATURDAY
• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
• Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY
• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
• "Meet the Mayor," 3 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria. This is a kick off or the hospital's United Way campaign.
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.
• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Event Center, 1607 E. Third St.
• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.
• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

Weather

Today - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.
Tonight - Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower-90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday night - Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Sunday - Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 30 percent.
Sunday night - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.
Monday - Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Not as warm. Highs in the lower 80s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.
Monday night - Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. The chance

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 10-16-19-20-37.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-5-11-30. Bonus Ball: 11.
Number matching four of four, plus bonus ball: None.
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$1.35 million.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night, in order: 1-6-6

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday afternoon, in order: 2-0-8

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State Board may boost high school graduation requirements

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN — Graduating from high school is about to get tougher in Texas.

The State Board of Education on Thursday voted tentatively to increase the necessary number of credits needed to graduate from 24 to 26. That means students will have to take about two more classes over their high school careers.

The plan, which will be up for a final vote Friday, would dovetail with a new state law requiring every graduate to have four years of math and science beginning in 2011. That's one more year of math and science than is now required.

The board decided to boost the credits so that students can take the extra math and science classes without being discouraged from pursuing electives.

"Not every child wishes to be an engineer or mathematician," said Robert

Senator suggests putting admissions rule on hold

By LIZ AUSTIN PETERSON

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — A powerful advocate of the state's top 10 percent university admissions law signaled on Thursday that he may be willing to consider lifting the requirement for a few years to give schools the chance to prove they can build a diverse student body without it.

State Sen. Royce West said a two- to three-year moratorium on the law could give its top critic, the University of Texas at Austin, the flexibility it says it needs in its admissions process.

Preliminary data shows 71 percent of this year's UT-Austin freshmen who are from Texas were admitted under the law, university President William Powers told the Senate subcommittee

on higher education.

That ties the hands of admissions officials who'd like to consider students who aren't at the top of their class but have special talents or unique personalities, he said.

"I know we have good people over there, good intentions," West said of UT-Austin. "I don't want to go as far as doing away with top 10 percent, but I want to address your issues with capacity and flexibility."

Under West's proposal, the moratorium would be extended if university officials can show they've made a good faith effort to improve the racial, socioeconomic and geographic diversity of their student bodies. If they can't, the top 10 percent law would go back into effect. Universities would be evaluated individually, he said.

Toups, director of band and fine arts at Canton, a small school district east of Dallas.

Requiring two more classes will "ensure students a continued opportunity to participate in fine arts or other electives," he said, adding that allowing at-risk stu-

dents to pursue their own interests offers an incentive to stay in school.

The law will apply to students who take the recommended course curriculum plan, starting with next year's freshman class.

After some debate, the 15-member board decided

to allow eighth-graders taking Algebra I to count the class toward their four years of math.

Some teachers and school administrators told the board that more qualified teachers and laboratories might be needed to teach additional math and science courses.

"We have to think about the fact that there is going to be some burden on schedules and budgets and resources," said Cindy Chapman, a math teacher in Whiteface. "This is in the best interest of the students, so we will find those resources." Others testified that requiring more math and science courses could tempt some students to take easier classes or even to drop out.

"If you restrict choices within the public school system you might create a situation where people look for choices outside the public school system," said Richard Kouri, a lobbyist for the Texas State Teachers Association.

Students are automatically enrolled in the recommended course plan, but can opt to take the easier minimum plan, which only requires 22 credits to graduate, with parental permission. Students also can choose a tougher plan.

For science credits, stu-

dents would take a biology, chemistry and physics class, and can choose from a list of 15 lab-based classes.

For math, students will be required to take algebra I, algebra II and geometry, followed by another math class selected by the student, such as statistics or pre-calculus.

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local school district has been rated as superior, officials said.

In other business, trustees:

- Decided not to pursue purchase of property lots adjacent to the softball complex at Goliad and

Eighth streets.

Those lots had been offered to the district, but a lack of clear titles to those properties would entail extra expenses, and trustees decided to pass on the purchase at this time.

Officials had intended to use the properties to building parking lots to alleviate traffic flow in the area.

- Approved the sale of portable buildings adjacent to the College Heights building for \$6,000.

- Approved an administrative regulation that will prohibit district employees from using their private vehicles to transport students to and from school activities outside of Howard County.

- Learned that the dis-

trict will spend approximately \$100,000 this year paying tuition, fees and book costs for BSISD students attending concurrent classes at Howard College during this school year.

The district will receive about \$200,000 in state aid this year specifically earmarked for college-preparation efforts, Superintendent Michael

Downes said.

In addition to paying for concurrent classes, the district also will spend about \$100,000 to purchase graphing calculators for use by high school math students.

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years of age — with some past that already.

"One of the problems is that so many buildings were built within a 10-year span," Downes said. "So we have all these buildings growing old at the same time."

Downes also pointed out the 1950s-era buildings

are ill-suited for 21st century education demands.

"When those buildings were built, we didn't have requirements for computer technology, or special education, or dyslexia services and speech therapy," he said. "All these special services we're providing in closets and corners and what have you ... it's definitely a make-do situation."

Another factor causing

the district's building problems is student population. Although total enrollment has trended downward the past several years, enrollment at the elementary levels is heading in the opposite direction, meaning classroom space at the elementary level will be more at a premium, Downes said.

So, for the next several months, trustees and school officials will look

at possible solutions — both long-term and short-term.

"I want us to be prepared so that we're able to make good, informed decisions," trustee Phil

Furqueron said.

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

CONTEST

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with their essay and recording to the Post."

Welch said area students with questions

about the contests need only pick up their phones.

"Students and teachers that are interested should contact VFW Post 2013 at 264-7979, or write to P.O. Box 1921, Big Spring 79721," said Welch.

"There is also more information on the Internet at www.vfw.org."

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BOOTHS

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Newell said the expo and luncheon will feature a number of annual awards.

"The luncheon always draws a large crowd,"

said Newell. "We're very excited about it. We will be announcing the ag producer of the year and the ag business of the year. We'll also have a guest speaker, which we plan to announce later."

Booths must be reserved no later than Sept. 20,

according to Newell.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 263-7641.

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HURT

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is injured like this, we have to take diagrams of the scene," said Everett. "We had to block the roadway so we could bring in a laser to do that."

As of Friday morning, Everett said no arrests had been made.

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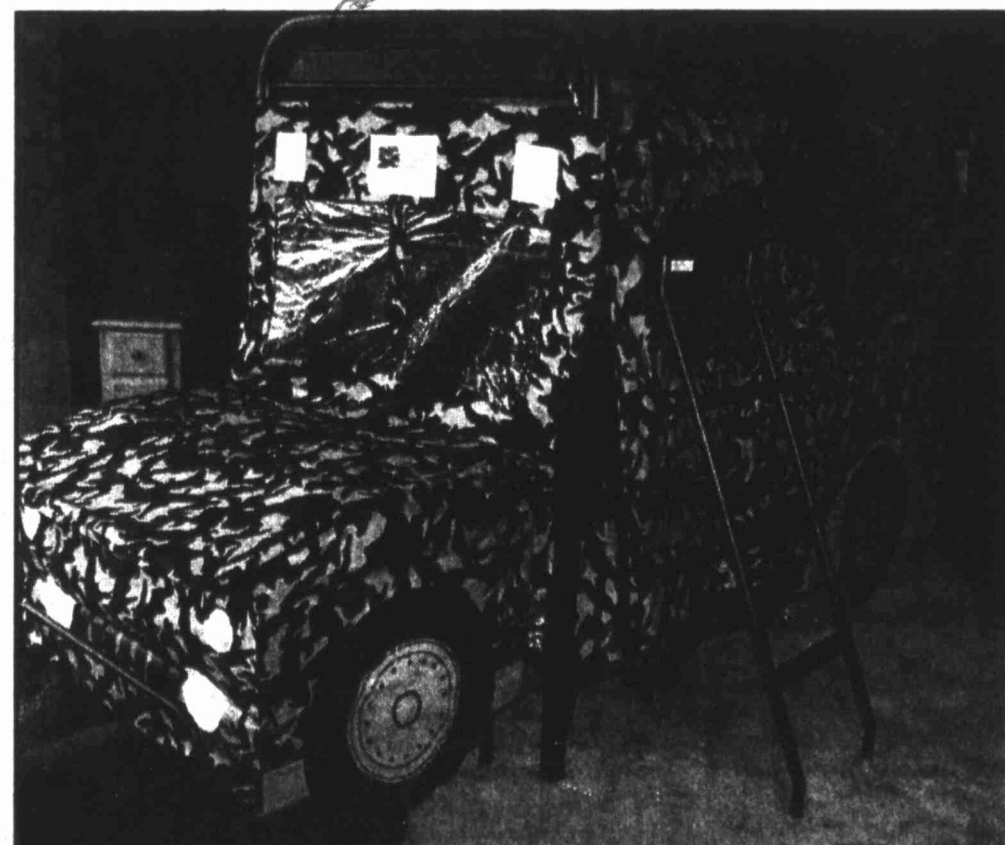
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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments. We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Hebrew Jones Jr., who has been honored as Hangar 25 Museum's Veteran of the Month for August.
- All those who took part in observances honoring those who lost their lives during the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., on Sept. 11, 2001. Solemn ceremonies were conducted at the Big Spring VA Medical Center and at the Hangar 25 Air Museum.
- The third graders at Kentwood Elementary School who took part in the school's sixth annual Grandparents Appreciation Celebration.
- Bridgette Rodrigues and Ricky Dominguez, who were named Big Spring High School's band sweetheart and band beau during half-time of the Big Spring-San Angelo Central football game.
- Members of the Big Spring Model Airplane Association who took part in the 14th annual Float and Fly at Comanche Trail Lake.
- Brenda Concienne, Willia Ledford, Todd Darden, Ellen Austin, Perry Hall, Washington Elementary School, the Big Spring Junior High School Honor Society, Cornell Corrections and TexaStone Quarries — the local award winners honored by Keep Big Spring Beautiful during the group's annual banquet.

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.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May our caterpillar lives, Lord, turn into beautiful butterfly lives as we study Your word.

Amen

Strange dreams... Dream on

Many of the high-class readers that follow this column know that I spent the month of July on a mission's trip in India. It was incredible to say the least but something worth noting began to happen I'd like to tell you about.

Being the terrible caffeine addict that I am, my nights tend to be more full of red eye than shuteye.

I've been a terrible insomniac for years and any real sleep I can get is anticipated like the annual weavers convention in Itasca.

In the last few days I was working in India, my precious REM time was invaded by terrible dreams of people yelling at me in Indian languages I couldn't understand.

When I awoke I would stare at the ceiling and be amazed that I had not been there quite a month and was already dreaming in a foreign language.

Chalk that one up for the weird file.

Brewer's Battle of the Bulge
Now when I got back I began a crash diet and started a hard core



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exercise program through Metroflex Gym in Arlington. I am 30 pounds down but really bizarre dreams have begun to plague my night visions once again.

When a man from Johnson County goes on a diet he begins to dream not in English or in Spanish but in Tex-Mex.

The doorbell rings and an enclada is at my door. I try to run but can't because I am sinking in queso.

I go through entire days where I am ashamed to look at my wife because I dreamed I cheated on her with a beautiful chicken fried steak.

God help me.

Dream On

It's important to dream. I'm not just talking about the ability to view scenes when you sleep. I am really referring to the God-given gift to hope for things much bigger than you.

I believe that pursuing God-given dreams is more important today than ever before.

Jesus is famous for saying without a vision people will perish. To perish means to decline into decay and eventually to rot away.

I think people that just give up and settle for how the world has ripped them off will do just that — perish.

We fickle human beings are happiest when chasing after God-given dreams and in pursuit of much better things.

The Bible also says that when we defer or put off hope for another time it makes our heart sick. In other words, the longer we go without hope for better things, the sicker our hearts get.

I just want to encourage you to have the guts to dream for much better things in spite of it all.

The Brewer double dog dares you to believe your best days are not behind you, and God wants to take your life into the new and improved version of your life.

One last thing, don't just wait for your ship to come in or hope to win the spiritual lotto somehow.

The proof that you believe it can happen is in the pudding of the action you take toward your God-given dream.

God blesses pursuit, not folks on the couch.

Faith without works is dead and so is a dreaming without taking steps toward making them come true.

Troy Brewer can be e-mailed at FreshfromtheBrewer@OpenDoor Ministries.org or call him at 817-297-6911.

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Bleak future for Texas schools

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For the times they are a-changin'."*
Bob Dylan,
"The Times They Are A-Changin'"

My son, with his white skin and blond hair, is not the future of Texas. The future of the state is the growing Hispanic population, the three beautiful dark-haired, dark-eyed daughters of my best friend. The times they are a-changing', Steve Murdock, the state's demographer, said in a recent report, and Hispanics—both legal immigrants and undocumented workers — will be the majority population in another 20 years. The times they are a-changing', but Texas's politicians — especially those on the right — are refusing to heed the call of the looming education crisis in the Latino demographic.

Here is the doomsday prediction for Texas, according to Murdock. Without improvements to the state's public education system, future household incomes will decline, and tax revenues will be insufficient to meet the demands for state services. But, it's an election year, so politicians, want-to-be ones, and imposters alike would rather ignore or delay discussing any substantial, i.e., realistic, able-to-be implemented edu-

cational reform — or ways to increase achievement for all of Texas students, especially Hispanics.

Hispanic students comprised 45 percent of the public school enrollment statewide, but the dropout rate of their demographic averages around 48 percent. In the state's major urban school districts, Hispanics make up at least 90 percent of student enrollment. Scores from the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test for 2004 to 2005 show a nearly 60-point differential between Anglo and limited-English students.

The talking heads are on the campaign trail — from small town Rotary Clubs to big city country clubs — spouting their Norman Rockwell version of Americana — mom, apple pie, baseball, and the proverbial stump-speech favorite, improving public education. They are polishing their education credentials by reading to kindergartners and updating their resumes with teacher endorsements.

More money for public schools? Sure, I'm for it. If I'm for it, who can be against it? he draws rhetorically, smiling into the camera. Improving educational achievement? Let's just privatize public schools with vouchers and create a for-profit public school system, he says as he slyly rakes in campaign contributions from the deep-pocket donors on the right.

Teachers' raises? It was my idea from the get-go, she says, taking credit where it is not due. And while we're dreaming of pie-in-the-sky hypothetical scenarios, let's just have state government pay for every high school graduate to attend the vocational-technical school or community college of their choice, she suggests. After all, the cash would be limitless if we would just follow the not-so-

novel suggestion of a not-so-serious candidate to use gambling proceeds — "sin" taxes by any other name — to fund public education.

Quaint campaign quips rarely make good public policy, though. Listen, voters, and you will hear the deceiving words the triumvirate of Rick Perry, Carole Keeton Strayhorn, and Kinky Friedman wants us to hear.

Remember that intent is measured by actions, not words, and reality is often different from the rhetoric; in this case, much different.

The school finance reform adopted earlier this year by the Republican-dominated Texas legislature, under state Supreme Court order to find a different method than Robin Hood's of funding public education, and blessed by Perry, will make it more difficult for school districts to generate revenue. Local school board action will determine tax increases, and the mood statewide is a no go on new taxes for public schools.

"Read our lips. No new taxes," the electorate says unmistakably. Republican lawmakers deregulated secondary education tuition rates, causing them to skyrocket. Not-too-coincidentally, the legislature failed to increase financial aid to middle- and low-income students during the same time period. Deny, deny, deny is the strategy of Perry, et. al., when it comes to discussing and implementing education financing and reform.

Reality, though, always comes back to slap you in the face. The times they are "a-changin'," and my son will soon be in the minority here in Texas.

Cynthia Hall Clements has worked for the legislatures of both Tennessee and Louisiana and was most recently a columnist for the Lufkin Daily News. She is currently attending law school.

St. Paul Lutheran

Worship for 9 a.m. and Bible at 10:15 a.m. Confirmation has begun Sunday.

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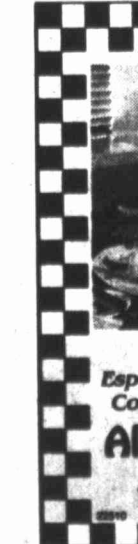
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St. Paul Lutheran Church
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Salem Baptist Church
Salem Baptist Church invites you to join us this Sunday for Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning service and Children's church at 11 a.m., and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer meeting is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

Salem is located at the corner of Salem Road and Old Colorado City Highway and pastored by Bro. Monroe Teeters. For further information, please contact the church at 394-4655.

First Church of the Nazarene

The members and friends of First Church of the Nazarene extend a warm, friendly welcome to all to worship with us this Sunday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. as we begin revival services with the Rev. Dr. Charles and Shirley Johnson from Meridian, Miss.

Dr. Johnson has been the senior pastor in the same church for 45 years. Revival services run Sunday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

The Kids First Children's Ministry and the Youth Ministry will join the adults for worship in both services this coming Sunday.

Sunday morning's service will also feature the First Church Celebration Singers under the direction of the Rev. Dana Brown, our executive pastor. You will enjoy the refreshing and soul stirring music of these singers as they help lead the church in worship each week.

A Coffee and Donut

Gathering happens in the foyer/commons area of the main building each Sunday morning from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. prior to the Sunday morning service as we get to know the church family.

You are always welcome to attend and become involved in the exciting ministries geared for the whole family. For more information or for transportation, call 267-7015. The Church of the Nazarene: Our church can be your home.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The members of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church invite you to worship with them at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Midweek Services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Nursery is provided.

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

First United Methodist Church

We, the congregation of First United Methodist Church, would love to welcome you to our services. We regularly meet on Sunday morning for worship at 8:30 a.m. and again at 10:50 a.m. Our Hispanic Missioner, Augustin Ypina, will preach both services this Sunday. Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:45 a.m.

The Hispanic Missions will provide a Mexican lunch after the second service.

The Centered in Praise Ensemble will practice at 3 p.m. This third Sunday of the month, there will be a Youth Kaos at 6 p.m. Project Light Class, an ESL course offered through the church, will be held this Sunday, Tuesday and Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Kid's Club for first through fourth graders and will be every Tuesday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Your children are invited

to attend.

Wednesday and Friday begins with Children's Day Out at 9 a.m. Noon Lunch/Bible Study will meet this Wednesday. Also this Wednesday, Women's Bible Study, Beth Moore's "Believing God," begins at 9:30 a.m. and another one starts at 7 p.m.

Handbells meet Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Bell Room on the second floor of the education building. New members and visitors are welcomed.

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 Junior High at 2505 Rebecca and Senior High at 416 Dallas. Chancel Choir meets to practice at 7 p.m.

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

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

The annual Family Festival/Lord's Acre will be held this year on Oct. 7. Mark your calendars for a great day with Family Fest and live auction. The Family Festival with free and fun booths for children, bake sale, silent auction and Grannie's Attic starts at 10 a.m. on that Saturday. The live auction and silent auction begins at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited.

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

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend the worship service at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy communion will be at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Father Liggett's sermon for Sunday is "Touching and Learning."

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on text from Mark 8:27-28 at Sunday worship service. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten starts at 10:35 a.m.

A church wide picnic will be held on Saturday at the Guthrie farm. Members are instructed to bring their hamburgers, steaks or hot dogs to be cooked by the men of the church who will be cooking barbecue for the annual church barbecue to be held on Sunday after church. On Sunday each family is instructed to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share - the meat will be provided.

Other opportunities for the week include: On Monday, Encouragers and session meetings at 6 p.m.; on Wednesday at 7 a.m. is the monthly men's breakfast; from 5 to 7 p.m. in the evening youth group will be held; Bible study is at 5:17 p.m. and choir practice is held at 6 p.m.

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

Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

The Mt. Bethel church family invites the public to join us as we celebrate our pastor's First Appreciation Service on Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

The theme for this service is "Anointed to Build This House." The Rev.

John F. Campbell of New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Midland will be guest speaker.

Mt. Bethel is located at 630 Sgt. Paredes St. (N.W. 4th). The Rev. William Vaughn Jr. is pastor.

We invite you to worship and fellowship with

us for Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and Bible study at 5 p.m. each Sunday; as well as Women's Missionary Society each Monday at 6 p.m. Youth Ministry meets each Sundays at 5 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

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Survey finds nation more active in religion than thought

By RACHEL ZOLL
AP Religion Writer

More Americans are active in religious groups than previously thought, and many others without ties to congregations still believe in God or a higher power, according to a broad survey of faith in America released Monday.

The study also found that most traditional Christians reject the label "evangelical," preferring to describe themselves as "Bible-believing" or "born again."

The survey was conducted by the Baylor University Sociology Department and the Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion as the

first in a series on the spiritual life of Americans.

Researchers found that only 10.8 percent of Americans have no ties to a congregation, denomination or faith group. Previous surveys had put that figure at 14 percent, overlooking about 10 million people involved in some form of organized

religion, the Baylor report said.

Other surveys have also overlooked millions of evangelicals, because respondents who belonged to nondenominational groups or megachurches would often report that they had no denomination and

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Club News

The Big Spring Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, Sept. 18, in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Galen Harrison will speak on southern flags. All retired school personnel are invited to attend the meeting.

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Religious leaders across Mideast rage against pope's comments on Islam

By SUZAN FRASER

Associated Press Writer

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey's ruling Islamic-rooted party joined a wave of criticism of Pope Benedict XVI on Friday, accusing him of trying to revive the spirit of the Crusades with remarks he made about the Muslim faith.

Muslim leaders elsewhere in the world also expressed dismay, with Pakistan's parliament unanimously condemning the pope.

The Vatican said the pope did not intend the remarks — made in Germany on Tuesday during an address at a university — to be offensive.

Benedict quoted from a book recounting a conversation between 14th century Byzantine Christian Emperor Manuel Paleologos II and a Persian scholar on the truths of Christianity and Islam.

"The emperor comes to speak about the issue of jihad, holy war," the pope said. "He said, I quote, 'Show me just what Mohammed brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached.'"

Benedict did not explicitly agree with the statement nor repudiate it.

The comments raised tensions ahead of his planned visit to Turkey in November — his first pilgrimage to a Muslim country.

Salih Kapusuz, a deputy leader of Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's party, said Benedict's remarks were either "the result of pitiful ignorance" about Islam and its prophet, or a deliberate distortion.

"He has a dark mental-

ty that comes from the darkness of the Middle Ages. He is a poor thing that has not benefited from the spirit of reform in the Christian world," Kapusuz was quoted as saying by the state-owned Anatolia news agency. "It looks like an effort to revive the mentality of the Crusades."

"Benedict, the author of such unfortunate and insolent remarks, is going down in history for his words," he said. "He is going down in history in the same category as leaders such as (Adolf) Hitler and (Benito) Mussolini."

Turkey's staunchly secular opposition party also demanded that Benedict apologize to Muslims before his scheduled visit to Turkey.

"The pope has thrown gasoline onto the fire ... in a world where the risk of a clash between religions is high," said Haluk Koc, deputy head of the Republican People's Party, as a small group of protesters left a black wreath in front of the Vatican's embassy in Ankara.

On Thursday, Turkey's top Islamic cleric, Ali Bardakoglu, asked Benedict to apologize for the remarks and unleashed a string of accusations against Christianity.

In Beirut, Lebanon's most senior Shiite Muslim cleric denounced the remarks Friday and demanded the pope personally apologize for insulting Islam.

"We do not accept the apology through Vatican channels ... and ask him (Benedict) to offer a personal apology — not through his officials — to Muslims for the false reading (of Islam), Grand Ayatollah Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah told worship-

pers in his Friday prayers sermon.

After Benedict returned to Italy on Thursday, Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi said, "It certainly wasn't the intention of the pope to carry out a deep examination of jihad (holy war) and on Muslim thought on it, much less to offend the sensibility of Muslim believers."

Lombardi insisted the pope respects Islam. Benedict wants to "cultivate an attitude of respect and dialogue toward the other religions and cultures, obviously also toward Islam," he said.

In a significant development Friday, the pope appointed Archbishop Dominique Mamberti, a French prelate with experience in the Muslim world, as the Vatican's new foreign minister.

But anger still swept across the Muslim world, with Pakistan's parliament unanimously adopting a resolution condemning the pope for making what it called "derogatory" comments about Islam, and seeking an apology from him.

"Anyone who describes Islam as a religion as intolerant encourages violence," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Tasnim Aslam said.

"What he has done is that he has quoted very offensive remarks by some emperor hundreds of years ago," she added. "It is not helpful (because) we have been trying to bridge the gap, calling for dialogue and understanding between religions."

Aslam said Muslims had a long history of tolerance, adding that when the Catholic kingdom of Spain expelled its Jewish population in 1492 they were welcomed by Muslim nations such as

the Turkish Ottoman Empire.

Indonesia, which has more Muslims than any other in the world, had no immediate response to the pope's comments, but religious groups were quick to protest, condemning the words as insensitive and damaging.

"A respected religious leader like the pope should not say such things, especially as nations across the globe are struggling to find ways to bridge differences between faiths and build understanding," said Ma'rif Amin, a member of Indonesia Council of Clerics, the country's highest Islamic body. "Such words hurt Muslims all over the world," he said.

The head of Britain's largest Muslim body said it was disturbed by the pope's use of a 14th century passage.

The Muslim Council, which represents 400 groups in Britain, said the emperor's views were "ill-informed and frankly bigoted."

"One would expect a religious leader such as the pope to act and speak with responsibility and repudiate the Byzantine emperor's views in the interests of truth and harmonious relations between the followers of Islam and Catholicism," said Muhammad Abdul Bari, the council's secretary-general.

Elsewhere, Syria's grand mufti, the country's top Sunni Muslim religious authority, sent a letter to the Pope saying he feared the comments would worsen interfaith relations.

In Cairo, Egypt, about 100 demonstrators gathered in an anti-Vatican protest outside the al-Azhar mosque, chanting

"Oh Crusaders, oh cowards! Down with the pope!"

Benedict, who has made the fight against growing secularism in Western society a theme of his pontificate, is expected to visit Turkey in late

November.

He was invited by the staunchly secularist Turkish President Ahmet Necdet Sezer, who said the invitation was part of an effort to strengthen dialogue between religions.

Contract Bridge

Bidding Quiz

You have the following hand:

♠ AKQ4 ♥ 102 ♦ J73 ♣ AQ85

1. You are the dealer. What would you bid?

2. Your partner deals and bids One Diamond. What would you respond?

3. Your left-hand opponent bids One Diamond, and your right-hand opponent responds One Heart. What would you bid?

4. Your partner bids One Heart, and the next player doubles. What would you bid?

5. Your partner bids One Heart, you respond One Spade, and partner rebids Three Diamonds. What would you bid now?

6. Your left-hand opponent bids One Club, and your right-hand opponent responds One Spade. What would you bid?

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1. One club. Despite 16 points and balanced distribution, it's better to open one club rather than one notrump without a stopper in either red suit. As usual, with equal length in clubs and spades, you open with the lower suit in order to preserve bidding space.

2. One spade. Game is certain, but that doesn't mean you should make an immediate jump-response to announce it. A jump to two spades (a jump-shift) would suggest a probable slam, and your values are not quite

good enough for that. Change one of your hearts into a spade or a diamond and you'd then have a proper two-spade response. One spade is, of course, 100 percent forcing.

3. Double. This indicates the values for an opening bid and support for both unbid suits. It would be wrong to overcall with one spade, which would indicate greater spade length and fewer high cards.

4. Redouble. This guarantees 10 or more points in high cards. You plan either to get to game eventually or to double the opponents for penalties.

5. Four clubs. A small slam is already certain, since partner's jump-shift promises at least 19 points, and you're on the verge of a grand slam. Four clubs is merely a waiting bid allowing partner to further describe his hand. He may have: ♠ J983 ♥ AKQ74 ♦ AK85 ♣ — or ♠ 10 ♥ AKJ763 ♦ AKQ95 ♣ 7 or other similar holdings. You'll have to wait to see what happens over four clubs.

6. Pass. The value of a hand changes as the bidding progresses, and with the opponents bidding clubs and spades, your hand has greatly diminished in offensive strength. Before the bidding started, you had reason to hope that partner might have length in either or both of these suits. That hope is now largely dissipated. The best policy is to keep quiet and hope the opponents get too high.

Tomorrow: Seven to six.
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STUDY

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were wrongly counted as unaffiliated, the study's authors say.

Baylor researchers found that one-third of Americans are evangelical Protestant, just under one-quarter are mainline Protestant, one-fifth are Roman Catholic and 5 percent are black Protestant. Jews comprise 2.5 percent of the population, while 5 percent of Americans belong to other faiths.

The rest, who are not involved in religious groups, are not fully secular, researchers aid. More than 60 percent of the unaffiliated say they believe in God or a higher power, and nearly one-third say they pray at least occasionally. Eleven percent believe Jesus is the son of God.

Among the more religiously observant Christians, the term "evangelical" is unpopular, according to the study. Nearly 70 percent of evangelical and black Protestants say "Bible-believing" better describes their views. Nearly as many liked the term "born-again."

Only 15 percent of all respondents called themselves "evangelical" and within that group just 2 percent said it was the best description.

The study also looked at the market for religious goods, including books and movies.

One-fifth of respondents have read either "The

Purpose Driven Life" by pastor Rick Warren or the "Left Behind" series of apocalyptic novels, the survey found.

Yet, even more — 28.5 percent — had read "The Da Vinci Code," the best-selling mystery novel that Christians condemned as an affront to their faith. Still, the study found that the book had little impact on churchgoers.

Asked whether God favored the United States, only one-fifth of respondents said they agreed. Evangelical Protestants were the most likely to agree, with 26 percent saying they think God favors the country.

Researchers also examined Americans' conception of God and found the greatest share — about 31 percent — think of God as "authoritarian," deeply involved in people's lives and world events, angry and capable of punishing

those who are unfaithful.

Nearly one-quarter consider God a "distant" force that set the laws of nature in motion, but is not active in the world, the study found. About the same percentage view God as "benevolent," active in their daily lives, but less willing to condemn or punish.

And about 16 percent consider God "critical," an observer who views the state of the world unfavorably and will mete out punishment in another life.

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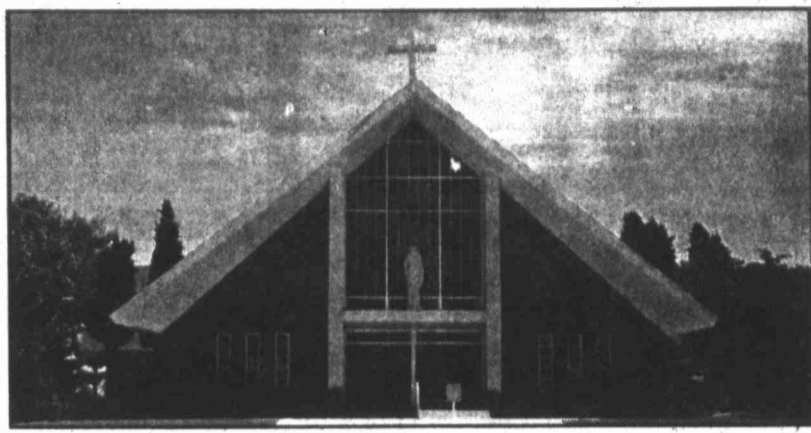
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CHAD CAMPBELL

- Age: 32.
- World ranking: 20.
- Ryder Cups: 2004.
- Ryder Cup record: 1-2-0.
- PGA Tour victories: 3.
- Majors: None.

STEWART CINK

- Age: 33.
- World ranking: 23.
- Ryder Cups: 2002, 2004.
- Ryder Cup record: 2-4-1.
- PGA Tour victories: 4.
- Majors: None.

CHRIS DIMARCO

- Age: 38.
- World ranking: 15.
- Ryder Cups: 2004.
- Ryder Cup record: 2-1-1.
- PGA Tour victories: 3.
- Majors: None.

JIM FURYK

- Age: 36.
- World ranking: 2.
- Ryder Cups: 1997, 1999, 2002, 2004.
- Ryder Cup record: 4-9-2.
- PGA Tour victories: 12.
- Majors: 1.

J.J. HENRY

- Age: 31.
- World ranking: 62.
- Ryder Cups: Rookie.
- Ryder Cup record: 0-0-0.
- PGA Tour victories: 1.
- Majors: None.

ZACH JOHNSON

- Age: 30.
- World ranking: 40.
- Ryder Cups: Rookie.
- Ryder Cup record: 0-0-0.
- PGA Tour victories: 1.
- Majors: None.

PHIL MICKELSON

- Age: 36.
- World ranking: 3.
- Ryder Cups: 1995, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2004.
- Ryder Cup record: 9-8-3.
- PGA Tour victories: 29.
- Majors: 3.

VAUGHN TAYLOR

- Age: 30.
- World ranking: 59.
- Ryder Cups: Rookie.
- Ryder Cup record: 0-0-0.
- PGA Tour victories: 2.
- Majors: None.

DAVID TOMS

- Age: 39.
- World ranking: 14.
- Ryder Cups: 2002, 2004.
- Ryder Cup record: 4-3-1.
- PGA Tour victories: 12.
- Majors: 1.

SCOTT VERPLANK

- Age: 42.
- World ranking: 34.
- Ryder Cups: 2002.
- Ryder Cup record: 2-1-0.
- PGA Tour victories: 4.
- Majors: None.

BRETT WETTERICH

- Age: 33.
- World ranking: 65.
- Ryder Cups: Rookie.
- Ryder Cup record: 0-0-0.
- PGA Tour victories: 1.
- Majors: None.

TIGER WOODS

- Age: 30.
- World ranking: 1.
- Ryder Cups: 1997, 1999, 2002, 2004.
- Ryder Cup record: 7-11-2.
- PGA Tour victories: 53.
- Majors: 12.

TEAM EUROPE

PAUL CASEY

- Age: 29. • Country: England.
- World ranking: 27.
- Ryder Cups: 2004.
- Ryder Cup record: 1-1-0.
- Career victories: 6.
- Majors: None.

DARREN CLARKE

- Age: 38. • Country: Northern Ireland.
- World ranking: 21.
- Ryder Cups: 1997, 1999, 2002, 2004.
- Ryder Cup record: 7-7-3.
- Career victories: 15.
- Majors: Majors.

LUKE DONALD

- Age: 28. • Country: England.
- World ranking: 10.
- Ryder Cups: 2004.
- Ryder Cup record: 2-1-1.
- Career victories: 4.
- Majors: None.

SERGIO GARCIA

- Age: 26. • Country: Spain.
- World ranking: 8.
- Ryder Cups: 1999, 2002, 2004.
- Ryder Cup record: 10-3-2.
- Career victories: 13.
- Majors: None.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON

- Age: 35. • Country: Ireland.
- World ranking: 17.
- Ryder Cups: 1999, 2002, 2004.
- Ryder Cup record: 7-4-1.
- Career victories: 14.
- Majors: None.

DAVID HOWELL

- Age: 31. • Country: England.
- World ranking: 12.
- Ryder Cups: 2004.
- Ryder Cup record: 1-1-0.
- Career victories: 5.
- Majors: None.

ROBERT KARLSSON

- Age: 37. • Country: Sweden.
- World ranking: 44.
- Ryder Cups: Rookie.
- Ryder Cup record: 0-0-0.
- Career victories: 7.
- Majors: None.

PAUL MCGINLEY

- Age: 39. • Country: Ireland.
- World ranking: 52.
- Ryder Cups: 2002, 2004.
- Ryder Cup record: 2-1-3.
- Career victories: 8.
- Majors: None.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE

- Age: 43. • Country: Scotland.
- World ranking: 16.
- Ryder Cups: 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2004.
- Ryder Cup record: 19-8-5.
- Career victories: 33.
- Majors: None.

JOSE MARIA OLAZABAL

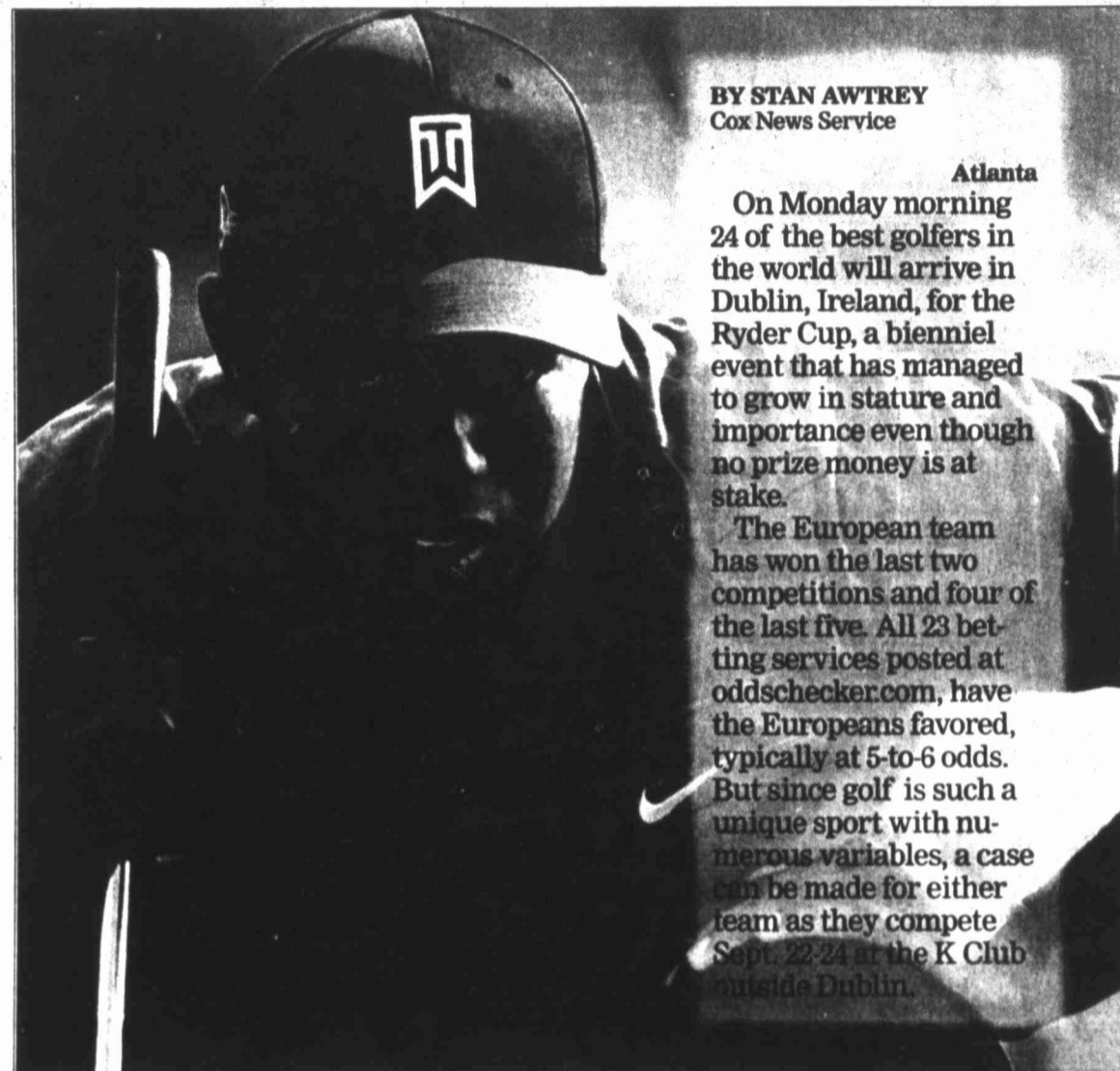
- Age: 40. • Country: Spain.
- World ranking: 18.
- Ryder Cups: 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1997, 1999.
- Ryder Cup record: 15-8-5.
- Career victories: 29.
- Majors: Masters (1994, 1999).

HENRIK STENSON

- Age: 30. • Country: Sweden.
- World ranking: 11.
- Ryder Cups: Rookie.
- Ryder Cup record: 0-0-0.
- Career victories: 4.
- Majors: None.

LEE WESTWOOD

- Age: 33. • Country: England.
- World ranking: 47.
- Ryder Cups: 1997, 1999, 2002, 2004.
- Ryder Cup record: 11-8-1.
- Career victories: 26.
- Majors: None.



BY STAN AWTREY
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Atlanta
On Monday morning 24 of the best golfers in the world will arrive in Dublin, Ireland, for the Ryder Cup, a biennial event that has managed to grow in stature and importance even though no prize money is at stake.

The European team has won the last two competitions and four of the last five. All 23 betting services posted at oddschecker.com, have the Europeans favored, typically at 5-to-6 odds. But since golf is such a unique sport with numerous variables, a case can be made for either team as they compete Sept. 22-24 at the K Club outside Dublin.

CURTIS COMPTON / Cox News Service

Tiger Woods has been on a such a hot streak lately that he may be able to single handedly lead the U.S. team to a victory in the 36th Ryder Cup.

Why the United States will win

1. Tiger Woods is actively engaged in the process and wants to win. Never before has the world's No. 1 player been so fired-up about the Ryder Cup. Despite his first-round loss in the World Match Play Championships, would anyone be surprised if he won all five of his matches?
2. Tom Lehman is properly handing the captaincy. Unlike Hal Sutton and his "bag of hammers" approach, Lehman has gone about the job the right way. He's talked to the players throughout the selection process and is a calming influence.
3. The pressure is off. For the first time, the Americans are the underdogs. They can approach the matches with a nothing-to-lose attitude, which should reduce the tension early in the week.
4. There's a rash of dissension among the Europeans. Colin Montgomerie was yammering at Jose Maria Olazabal. Thomas Bjorn had some harsh words about not being a captain's choice. And captain Ian Woosnam is a wee ticked about former European captain Bernhard Langer offering advice to Lehman. Unity, always a European strength, seems to be eroding.
5. The rookies will be assets, not liabilities. Zach Johnson, Brett Wetterich, J.J. Henry and Vaughn Taylor have all won on the PGA Tour. What they're missing is a losing history in regards to the Ryder Cup; they've never been on the losing team.

Why the Europeans will win

1. Europe has won five of the last six matches contested overseas. The last time the U.S. won a road match was 1993 at the Belfry. Think Alabama wants to lose to Auburn in Tuscaloosa? Same thing.
2. The crowds will be battler than ever, with Ireland's national pride at stake. The presence of three Irishmen (Paul McGinley, Darren Clarke and Padraig Harrington) should also stoke the jingoistic tones of the galleries.
3. The Europeans have uncovered several successful pairings over the years and are likely to keep them together. Clarke and Lee Westwood — both captains choices — are 4-2 when paired together. Montgomerie and Harrington are 3-1.
4. This is a major championship in the mind of Montgomerie. He's never closed the deal at the Masters, the U.S. Open, the British Open or the PGA, but he's deadly in the Ryder Cup. He's 19-8-5 overall and 5-0-2 in singles. His victims include David Toms, Scott Hoch, Payne Stewart, Ben Crenshaw and Lee Janzen. You don't want to meet Montie on the teebox on Sunday.
5. The win-one-for Darren campaign. All golf fans are aware that Clarke's wife, Heather, succumbed to breast cancer a month ago. This could turn into a misguided, although effective, motivational factor.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- Event: 36th Ryder Cup matches.
- Dates: Sept. 22-24.
- Venue: The K Club (Palmer Course).
- Defending champion: Europe.
- Series: U.S. leads, 24-9-2.
- Streaking: Europe has won four of the last five times.
- Format: Four foursomes (alternate shot) and four fourballs (better ball) matches each of the first two days. Twelve 18-hole singles matches on Sunday. One point for each victory, a half-point for a tie. Because Europe holds the cup, it needs only 14 points to win.
- Captains: Tom Lehman (United States), Ian Woosnam (Europe).
- Television (all times EDT): Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., USA Network. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., NBC Sports. Sunday, 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., NBC Sports.

HOLE-BY-HOLE

Hole	Yards	Par	Comment
1	418	4	Most players will use a fairway metal and aim toward the bunker down the left side.
2	413	4	An easy birdie hole, as long as the tee shot can avoid small fairway bunker on the left.
3	170	3	Anything long might find a bunker behind the green, which will make for a tough par.
4	568	5	Any tee shot too far to the right will require a fade around another group of trees.
5	440	4	The prevailing wind is left to right and into the player, so a draw would be ideal off the tee.
6	478	4	Anything in the rough likely will make it tough to get the second shot over the water.
7	430	4	A small bunker is between the water and the green, which has a slope in the middle.
8	173	4	An elongated bunker approaches the green on the left and is the true strength of this hole.
9	461	4	Two bunkers are short and right of the green, and another one is to the left.
10	584	5	A slight dogleg, but otherwise a par 5 that can be reached in two by the big hitters.
11	450	4	There's a sharp dogleg to the right, with trees lining the preferred left side of the fairway.
12	182	3	The putting surface has two tiers and slopes from the right to the left.
13	428	4	Any drive should go about 270 yards to get a good look at the green.
14	213	3	A strong par 3 with no gimmicks. The prevailing wind is into the player's face.
15	446	4	It doesn't look like much from the tee, but birdies might be rare.
16	555	5	The green is some 40 yards long, allowing for plenty of hole locations.
17	424	4	Perhaps no other tee shot will jangle the nerves as much.
18	537	5	The shortest of the par 5s, but it might be the toughest because of the pressure.

Out: Par 35; Yardage: 7,355. In: Par 37; Yardage: 3,784. Total: Par 72; Yardage: 7,335.

PAST RESULTS

Year	winner	Site	USA	Europe/GB
2004	Europe	Oakland Hills CC, Bloomfield Township, MI	9 1/2	18 1/2
2002	Europe	Sutton Coldfield, England	12 1/2	15 1/2
1999	USA	The Country Club, Brookline, MA	14 1/2	13 1/2
1997	Europe	Valderrama GC, Sotogrande Spain	13 1/2	14 1/2
1995	Europe	Oak Hill CC, Rochester, NY	13 1/2	14 1/2
1993	USA	The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, Eng	15	13
1991	USA	The Ocean Course, Kiawah Island, S.C.	14 1/2	13 1/2
1989	Tie	The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, Eng	14	14
1987	Europe	Muirfield Village GC, Dublin, Ohio	13	15
1985	Europe	The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, Eng	11 1/2	16 1/2
1983	USA	PGA Ntl GC, Pim Beach Gdns, Fla.	14 1/2	13 1/2
1981	USA	Walton Health GC, Surrey, England	18 1/2	9 1/2
1979	USA	The Greenbrier, W. Va	17	11
1977	USA	Royal Lytham & St. Annes, England	12 1/2	7 1/2
1975	USA	Laurel Valley GC, Ligonier, Pa.	21	11
1973	USA	Muirfield, Scotland	19	13
1971	USA	Old Warson CC, St. Louis, Mo.	18 1/2	13 1/2
1969	Tie	Royal Birkdale GC, Southport, Eng	16	16
1967	USA	Champions GC, Houston, Texas	23 1/2	8 1/2
1965	USA	Royal Birkdale GC, Southport, Eng	19 1/2	12 1/2
1963	USA	East Lake CC, Atlanta, Ga.	23	9
1961	USA	Royal Lytham & St. Annes, England	14 1/2	9 1/2
1959	USA	Eldorado CC, Palm Desert, Calif.	8 1/2	3 1/2
1957	GB	Lindrick GC, Yorkshire, England	4 1/2	7 1/2
1955	USA	Thunderbird CC, Pim Springs, Calif.	8	4
1953	USA	Wentworth GC, Wentworth, England	6 1/2	5 1/2
1951	USA	Pinehurst CC, Pinehurst, N.C.	9 1/2	2 1/2
1949	USA	Ganton GC, Scarborough, England	7	5
1947	USA	Portland Golf Club, Portland, Ore.	11	1
No Matches played due to World War II				
1937	USA	Southport & Ainsdale GC, England	8	4
1935	USA	Ridgewood CC, Ridgewood, N.J.	9	3
1933	GB	Southport & Ainsdale GC, England	5 1/2	6 1/2
1931	USA	Scioto CC, Columbus, Ohio	9	3
1929	GB	Moortown GC, Leeds, England	5	7
1927	USA	Worcester CC, Worcester, Mass.	9 1/2	2 1/2

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IN BRIEF

Quarterback Club meeting is Monday

Big Spring High School's Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Mondays at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

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

For more information, call Tissue at 816-3458.

CGA, Knights to host scramble

The Chicano Golf Association, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, will host the 10th Annual Father Delaney Golf Tournament Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Format is a four-person scramble. Registration deadline is 9:45 a.m. the day of the tournament.

For more information, contact 264-7116.

Tennis boosters meet Thursday

The Big Spring High School Tennis Boosters will hold their meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the BSHS cafeteria.

Junior tennis league offered

A free junior tennis league will be held every Tuesday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

The league is open to players ages 8 through 12, according to Ted Olesen, Figure 7 tennis pro.

Participants are urged to bring their own tennis racquet, although a limited supply of racquets are available.

For more information, log onto the center's Internet site at bigspringtennis.com.

Hunter education course Sept. 23

A hunter education course will be offered beginning at 8 a.m. Sept. 23 in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building.

Cost for the two-day course is \$15 per person.

If you were born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, you must successfully complete a hunter education course to be licensed in the state of Texas.

Students must be 12 years of age or older to be certified. Those under 17 years of age must have their registration signed by a parent or guardian.

Certification is good in all 50 states.

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

Buzbee places at junior rodeo

Up and coming star Ashley Buzbee recently competed in her first junior rodeo in Clayborne, and all she did was ride out and finish in the top 30 percent in poles, barrels, and flags.

In addition to these events, Ashley also competed in goat tying and steer riding at the rodeo.

Ashley is the daughter of Alicia Buzbee and the granddaughter of Charles and Marjorie Buzbee.

EVERY YARDS COUNTS



Garden City running back Bo Eggemeyer (4) falls forward for additional yardage during the Bearkats' game with Grandfalls-Royalty last Friday. The Bearkats' face Midland Trinity tonight in Midland. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Herald photo/Bruce Schooler

WVU blasts Terps

By JOHN RABY

AP Sports Writer

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. — Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen had already regretted his decision to pull a scholarship offer to Steve Slaton two years ago.

After seeing the sophomore running back play in person for No. 5 West Virginia, Friedgen now believes he missed out on one of the nation's top players.

Slaton rushed for 167 of his 195 yards in the first half and the Mountaineers forced two turnovers in a 28-0 first-quarter blitz on the way to a 45-24 victory over Maryland on Thursday night.

"It was supposed to be a big test and I think I did well," Slaton said.

He scored twice in the opening quarter of his first career action against Maryland, the school that offered him a scholarship, then withdrew it because Friedgen felt he already had enough running backs.

"He's a great player. What more can I say?" Friedgen said. "He's got great speed. He's a fine young man and I hope he wins the Heisman."

Slaton, who has 503 yards this season, used Maryland's snub as incentive.

He had 149 yards against the Terrapins in the first quarter when West Virginia scored on all four possessions.

"I had a lot of motivation to get positive yards every carry. I think I came out and made a statement," said Slaton, who has exceeded 100 yards in the first half in all three games this season, the first two against Marshall and Eastern Washington.

Washington had early TD

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Bush may have received payments while still playing at So. California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — New Orleans Saints running back Reggie Bush and his family appear to have accepted gifts, money and other benefits worth more than \$100,000 from two marketing agents while the Heisman Trophy winner was still playing at Southern California, according to a report posted Thursday on Yahoo.com.

The report says Michael Michaels, a marketing agency investor who wanted to represent the football star, and current Bush marketing agent Mike Ornstein lavished Bush and his family with gifts while he was still at USC, each hoping to entice him to sign with them once he left school.

Bush eventually chose Ornstein, which caused a falling out between Michaels and Bush's family.

Speculation over whether Bush and his family received money arose earlier this year in reports

that his mother and stepfather didn't pay \$54,000 in rent during the year they lived in a house owned by Michaels, who later said the family promised to repay him once Bush went pro.

The NCAA prohibits student-athletes and their families from receiving extra benefits from agents or their representatives. Any improper benefits could lead to NCAA sanctions against USC and retroactively cost Bush his college eligibility and Heisman Trophy.

The report was based on an eight-month investigation by Yahoo Sports, citing documents and interviews with on-the-record sources close to the situation. It lists several instances in which Bush and his family appear to have received financial benefits, including:

— Suits for Bush's stepfather and brother to wear during the Dec. 10, 2005 Heisman ceremony in New

York, a makeover for his mother for the event and limousine transportation all paid for by Ornstein.

— Two hotel stays by Bush, one in Las Vegas and another in San Diego, during March 2005. In both instances, the rooms were paid for by Michaels.

— \$13,000 from Michaels' fledgling firm, New Era Sports & Entertainment, to purchase and modify a car for Bush.

— \$595.20 in round-trip airfare from San Diego to Oakland in November 2005 for Bush's stepfather, LaMar Griffin, his mother, Denise Griffin and younger brother to attend the USC-California game at Berkeley. The charges were put on a credit card belonging to Jamie Fritz, one of Ornstein's employees.

Ornstein said he believes that when Fritz paid for airfare and a

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Rangers fall, 2-1, to Angels

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Jose Molina hit a rare home run, then had an up-close view of why that's all the offense the Los Angeles Angels needed.

The part-time catcher's two-run homer in the fifth inning was enough for the Angels in a 2-1 victory over the Texas Rangers on Thursday night, when three relievers combined for five shutout innings after an injury forced starter Kelvin Escobar to leave the game.

"I don't care about homers, base hits or whatever. I care more about the wins," said Molina, who has four homers in 71 games this season and 15 in 316 career games. "We are in this situation, we need wins. If that helped, I'll take it any time."

The Angels (79-68), a season-high 11 games over .500, won for the ninth time in 12 games to



Texas Rangers manager Buck Showalter has words with home base umpire Laz Diaz during a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels at Ameriquest Field in Arlington Thursday.

move within five games of AL West-leading Oakland. Seven of their last 10 games are against the Athletics.

Escobar left after four innings with tendinitis in his left knee that he said has bothered him all season. The right-hander

expected to have an MRI on Friday.

"My last 15-20 games, I'd feel it some times, and it'd get better," Escobar

said. "Tonight, it got worse. It didn't get better."

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Brian Lawton/Port Worth Star-Telegram/MCT

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runs of 38 and 37 yards. "Steve looked like a human joy stick out there, like he was playing a video game," West Virginia center Dan Mozes said. Pat White threw for a TD and ran for another while Darius Reynaud scored twice, including a 96-yard kickoff return, for the Mountaineers (3-0), who extended their winning streak to 10 games, second in the nation to TCU's 12 in a row.

With scouts from the Orange and Fiesta bowls and 15 NFL teams in attendance, West Virginia took a 38-10 halftime lead in beating Maryland (2-1) for the third straight year, the first time that has happened since 1996-98. The teams have met every year since 1980.

Maryland, which had wins over Division I-AA William & Mary and unheralded Middle Tennessee State, watched the Mountaineers compile more than 300 yards rushing for the third straight game.

West Virginia's young defense, pressed to force more turnovers, also delivered, finishing with five takeaways. Maryland's Sam Hollenbach was intercepted twice and the Terrapins fumbled the ball away three times, twice by Josh Wilson on kickoffs.

After Slaton's early TD runs, a fumble recovery on a kickoff set up Reynaud's 5-yard scoring catch from White and Jay Henry's interception led to another first-quarter score for West Virginia. Slaton ran 52 yards to

the Maryland 2. He fumbled on the next play, but tight end Brad Palmer pounced on the rolling ball just before it went out of the end zone for his first career touchdown and a 28-0 lead.

The 28 points were the most allowed in a quarter under Friedgen, the Terps' sixth-year coach.

"That's not the greatest way to start the game off," Friedgen said. "Everything that could go wrong did go wrong."

Including letting Slaton slip away. "It's frustrating. We prepared all week and we know what's going to happen and we just couldn't get it done," Friedgen said.

Maryland drove 80 yards to start the second quarter with Hollenbach throwing a 6-yard TD pass to tight end Joey Haynos in blown coverage. It was the first TD allowed by the Mountaineers in eight quarters.

After the teams traded field goals, Reynaud picked up his own fumble at the 4-yard line in the final minute of the half, took off up the middle and scored West Virginia's first kickoff return for a touchdown in 31 games.

Lance Ball's 11-yard TD run early in the third quarter pulled Maryland within 38-17, but the Terrapins got no closer.

West Virginia has outscored opponents 139-37 in three home games and heads on the road for four of its next five games.

"I just want to win," West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez said. "Everybody's worried about scores, but if you get the wins, the rest will take care of itself."

BUSH

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limousine for the Bush family's trip to the Cal game, the money was eventually paid back. Asked whether he was aware that such loans could constitute an NCAA violation, Ornstein told Yahoo: "I have no idea."

A phone message left by The Associated Press for Bush's attorney, David Cornwell, and Ornstein were not immediately returned late Thursday. Ornstein denied to Yahoo any wrongdoing on

his and Bush's behalf. "Reggie Bush never received an extra benefit from Mike Ornstein other than what he was allowed to get from the NCAA when he worked with us," Ornstein told Yahoo. He added Bush was an intern at his marketing company in the summer of 2005. "I feel pretty damn good about that."

The NCAA and Pac-10 are investigating whether any rules were broken when Bush's family lived in the home owned by Michaels. Cornwell also said earlier this summer that FBI agents interviewed him about "potential federal crimes" by

phone in June. The FBI would neither confirm nor deny whether a federal investigation was under way. The NFL players union also is investigating the rent payments.

In a statement released by USC counsel Kelly Bendell, the school said it is cooperating with the probe but "cannot comment on any matter that is the subject of an ongoing NCAA and Pac-10 investigation."

Saints spokesman Greg Benseal told the AP the team would not comment on matters involving Bush when he was in college.

"It doesn't involve the Saints," he said.

The allegations would have no effect on Bush's professional football career, a person within the NFL with knowledge of Bush's standing in the league told the AP.

The source asked not to be named because of the sensitivity of the situation.

Bush was expected to be the No. 1 overall pick in the NFL draft, but the Houston Texans bypassed him and took North Carolina State defensive end Mario Williams. Bush went to New Orleans with the second pick.

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Los Angeles and Texas played for the first time since Aug. 16, when there were three hit batters, a bench-clearing brawl and four ejections at the end of a contentious series between the AL West rivals. Both managers and five players (three Angels, two Rangers) were suspended the following day.

Rangers leadoff hitter Gary Matthews Jr. was hit by a pitch in the first inning Thursday night by Escobar. After Matthews

was hit on the upper leg, there were no other pitches that came close to hitting batters.

"That was more ironic than anything," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "He wasn't trying to throw at anybody. That was an accident, definitely."

Hector Carrasco (6-3) replaced Escobar to start the fifth, and pitched 2-3 scoreless innings with three strikeouts and one walk. After Scot Shields pitched an inning, Francisco Rodriguez got the last four outs for his major league-leading 42nd save in 45 chances.

"Their bullpen is top shelf," Rangers shortstop

Michael Young said. "Our pitchers did a great job, but one home run and that was the ball game."

Texas rookie Edinson Volquez (1-5) lost his fourth straight start despite allowing only two runs and six hits over five innings. He struck out two with no walks.

Rodriguez took over after Shields walked two in the eighth. The closer got out of that jam by striking out Ian Kinsler, then struck out the first two batters in a perfect ninth.

"The bottom line is we need to start scoring runs," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "We are not going to be able to

keep tapping into the resources of (the bullpen). ... There's a lot riding game to game and we're going to need our bullpen intact if we're going to make the run we hope to."

Five of the Angels' last six games have been decided by one run. They haven't scored more than four runs in that stretch, but won three games.

Mark DeRosa's RBI single in the fourth gave Texas a 1-0 lead.

Adam Kennedy, who charged Scott Feldman in the ninth inning of the last game to start the brawl, had a one-out single in the fifth and scored on Molina's homer.

Tiger's streak ends at World Match Play

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Write VIRGINIA WATER, England — Tiger Woods spent two months compiling the longest winning streak of his career.

All it took was one day for it to end.

The only script Woods followed at the World Match Play Championship on Thursday was the way he left the course when it

was over. Just like the previous five tournaments, he removed his cap and shook hands with the guy trying to beat him.

But there was no fist pump. No smile. And unlike his British Open victory that started this winning streak, there were no tears.

Most of all, there was no trophy.

In an abrupt end to a

streak that restored some of his mystique, Woods looked like a mere mortal against Shaun Micheel, a former PGA champion who is No. 77 in the world and hasn't won since his major victory at Oak Hill three years ago.

Micheel won four straight holes in the morning session of the 36-hole match to put Woods in a hole, then waited to see if the world's No. 1

player could climb out. The last chance came on the 15th hole at Wentworth, when Woods had a 15-foot birdie putt to extend the match and keep alive faint hopes.

Typical of his day, it wasn't even close.

"I felt like he was due to do something special because he really hadn't done anything," Micheel said. "He didn't have too many fist pumps today."

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MULTI. FAMILY: 3606 Calvin, Saturday 8:00-? Baby clothes, twin bed, furniture, knick-knacks, household items and lots more.

PATIO SALE: 1518 Stadium Ave., Saturday 8:00-12:00. Bicycles, baby bed, dinette set, TV-VCR, linens, weight bench, AB lounge, dog house & crate, clothes and more.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE STATE'S FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING FOR COAHOMA ISD. Coahoma ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. September 21, 2006 in the Administration Building Board Room, 600 N. Main Street, Coahoma, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Coahoma ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system. #5081 September 15, 2006.

Legal Notices Howard College is requesting proposals from interested and qualified contractors for performance contracting and maintenance improvements at Howard College. All qualified firms interested in providing these specified services should contact Howard College to obtain the required information package. Information packages must be completed and returned to Chris Olson no later than October 12, 2006 by 2:00 P.M. For information, contact: Chris Olson Howard College 1001 Birdwell Lane Big Spring, TX 79720 432-264-5167 #5082 September 15, 2006

"It Pays To Read Big Spring Herald Classifieds"

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus, the love goddess of the zodiac, has never been one to project that "it's all good." Romance has its particularities. There are specific and important reasons why we might be attracted to one quality or person over another. As Uranus is in vehement opposition to Venus, those preferences are more pronounced.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be negotiating for what you want. Knowing that you can walk away from the table at any time gives you tremendous leverage and raises your prestige in the eyes of others. This is true in love and in the business world.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Doors you thought were locked now swing open. Proceed with caution, and be prepared to change direction at a moment's notice. The best support and advice comes from a Cancer friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You enter into the spirit of those around you. It's fun for you to try on the mood and manner of new people. In doing so, an essential part of you is imprinted on them as well.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Instinctively, Crabs know that the essence of knowledge lies in emotion, not thought. It's

not often that your intuition leads you astray. Now friends rely on your guidance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you're quite pleased with yourself, changing one small habit raises your you-to-you rating. For example, resolve not to eat peanut butter straight from the jar, or fill up the gas tank before there's only a quarter of a tank left.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People have the feeling that they're getting you to do their bidding, when, in fact, you hold the most influence. By letting others feel in control, you're controlling them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's something about you only a select few people know. Your stars present a chance to take this information public. There are fantastic benefits to doing this, if you're feeling brave enough.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Coming up against the stubbornness of human nature, you don't complain or waste time feeling misunderstood. Instead, you try to see the world as your stubborn counterpart does, thus breaking down his resistance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You quickly distinguish the good opportunities from the ones that have only marginal benefit for you. You're also too smart to snobbishly discount something just because it's common. Pop culture offers you gems of wisdom.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Those sneaky doubts about your position and work aren't a given today, but rather, you may choose whether or not to engage them. Insecurity is but a habit — and one you've decided to do without!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your role as a rebel is highlighted. Note that the one who seeks your opinion really wants your approval. Tonight, if you give in to a partner's whim, the favor will be returned.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Dominating forces in your life will now have to be reckoned with. You are, after all, capable of thinking for yourself, though you may have been bullied into believing otherwise.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: The opposition of Venus and Uranus brings surprises. ARIES: Anyone can insist on how much they care for you, but the one who listens carefully to you really cares. TAURUS: When a noble move is what's called for, you'll make a noble move. GEMINI: Giving up too easily is a habit you don't want to get into. Hold on tenaciously to love. CANCER: If you were to analyze a current relationship, it might not seem so good. Your heart sees beyond what can be reasoned. LEO: Being swept up in the spirit of amore, you do funny things! VIRGO: When your object of affection resists you, this is a sign that he or she is emotionally involved in

the game. Try an alluring tactic. LIBRA: Dates go beautifully. You're lovely and amusing! SCORPIO: You're seeing life from someone else's point of view, which changes your expectation. SAGITTARIUS: Your attachment grows deeper. CAPRICORN: You're not worried about seeming silly. You put your heart on the line. AQUARIUS: If you encounter prickly behavior from a love prospect, it's only a test. Show strength. PISCES: Pretty words may woo you for a time, but if they're not backed up with action, the affect quickly fades.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Gemini and Cancer people can achieve greatness with one another's support. Both signs need plenty of stimulation and constant validation that their intimate feelings are returned. Affection flows easily between the two and often softens the blow of criticism. Ultimately, these two inspire one another to attain higher goals than they imagined were in their grasp.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I need your advice. My husband of almost four years was married before. That marriage was nearly a decade ago, and his ex walked away from the marriage after only eight months. However, since the divorce, she continues to use my husband's last name. It didn't really bother me until I gave birth to our first child, and also started a new career in which the two of us have crossed paths.

It makes me extremely uncomfortable to be at the same event she is and have everyone ask if we are related. I am not catty, nor do I like to focus my attention on something like this, but there is no reason for her to still be using his last name. She does not need it for career reasons, nor did they have children together. How do I deal with this? — Three's a Crowd

Dear Crowd: There is really nothing you can do. It is perfectly legal for the ex to keep her previous husband's name. So, you need to be less bothered. If someone asks if you are related, simply say "no." Or, if you wish to elaborate, you can say, "She was married to my husband for a few months and became attached to his name." People are curious, not making judgments, and it truly has nothing to do with you. Let's hope the ex remarries a man whose

name she likes better. Soon.

Dear Annie: Could you please give your opinion on whether a small home is easier to clean than a large one? I need a lot of space. My husband is a minimalist. The less space, the better.

I vote for a beautifully decorated home with some pieces of interest for conversational reasons and because it provides a much homier atmosphere. I think a larger home is easier to clean because fewer items have to be moved in order to dust, and clutter would be less of a problem due to more available space.

My husband looks at this differently. He believes if there is less space, there is less to clean regardless of what the decor is. What do you say? — Florida

Dear Florida: Two rooms are more upkeep than one room, even if both rooms are empty, but no one keeps two empty rooms. People tend to expand into their available square footage. If you have extra space, you will eventually accumulate spare knick-knacks and auxiliary kitchen gadgets. Your argument boils down to clutter. A clutter-free home is easier to clean and maintain regardless of the size of the house or the number of rooms.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Confused in Illinois," the 12-year-old girl whose classmate, "Benny," teases her about her flat chest. I hope you will let her know that what Benny is doing is a form of sexual harassment. It needs to

stop now and should be reported to her school counselor or principal.

Often the perpetrator and the victim (as well as the parents) are not aware of the definition of sexual harassment. When the harasser believes it is just teasing, educating both students about the potential seriousness of the behavior will stop the problem. If education does not help, then, of course, other actions would need to be taken.

I realize that both are young, but now is the time to help them learn what is and is not acceptable and/or legal. I further realize that some people will think my comments are an overreaction, but they are not. Times have changed a great deal since I was in school. What was considered "teasing" then is totally unacceptable now. — Retired School Counselor

Dear Counselor: You are right, of course. It makes us sad that the equivalent of dipping-pigtails-in-the-inkwell has become so controversial, but we agree that grade-school students are not too young to understand the negative impact of such actions. Thanks for writing.

Dear Annie: I have been married for 30 years to a man who has a voracious appetite for sex. It's a nightmare. We can't drive anywhere without his bugging me to sit topless in the car so he can ogle me and fondle my breasts. It's such a turn off, I can't stand it. Sometimes I oblige simply to keep the peace, but it really makes me angry. He's even I need to

suggested it when our grandchildren are sleeping in the back seat.

He complains that I don't initiate sex very often and that on the few occasions I do, all I want is to make love in bed. He prefers going outside. By the way, I use the term "make love" loosely. I don't believe he's ever made love to me. In my view, his fantasies make it something less than love.

I need to know if this is normal behavior for a 55-year-old man. —Tired of It All in the Midwest

Dear Tired: Has your husband always been like this? If so, his aging will not slow things down unless he develops a medical problem. After 30 years of "keeping the peace," he has every confidence that you will eventually cooperate, and he undoubtedly thinks you should be flattered that he still finds you sexually exciting.

If everything else in your marriage is good, we'd tolerate a certain amount of this (although you risk being cited for indecent exposure if you are topless in your car, and we say absolutely NO such shenanigans with the grandchildren in the back seat). However, if your resentment is overwhelming or indicative of other problems, it's time to discuss it with a counselor who will help your husband understand that his public ogling and fondling make you feel like an object instead of a loved one.

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6	3PM News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	Heridas de Amor	King of the Hill The Simpsons	News Entertainment	Vuda de Blanco	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond Raymond	Dr. McDonald John Hagee	News-Laher	Shurt Junkies Shurt Junkies		CSI: Crime Scene Investg.	Without a Trace (CC)	Live (CC) Movie: Hair	Ken. Montana That's-Raven	X Games (CC)	MLB Baseball: Boston Red	Sci-Fi (CC)
7	3PM Franklin Graham	Franklin Graham	La Faa Mas Bella	Nanny 911 (CC)	Ghost Whisperer	Tierra de Pasiones	Datinale NBC (CC)	Movie: Cheaper by the Dozen (CC)	Update/Local Alan Granger	Wash. Week NOW (CC)	Futureweapons	Movie: She, Ing With	CSI: Crime Scene Investg. Vol. 1 (CC)	Movie: Kill Bill: Vol. 1 (CC)	Show (CC)	Movie: The Cheatah Girls	College Football: Kansas at Toledo (CC)	College Football: Kansas at Toledo (CC)	Night Stalker (CC)
8	3PM Men in Trees (CC)	Men in Trees (CC)	Barera de Amor	Calabity Duets (CC)	Close to Home (CC)	Amores	Las Vegas (CC)	the Dozen (CC)	Light of the Southwest	AIR: America's Road Trip Nat.	Dirty Jobs (CC)	the Enemy (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investg.			2 (CC)	45 Movie:		Stargate SG-1 (CC)
9	3PM 20/20 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Casos de la Vida Real	Becker (CC)	NUMB3RS (CC)	Decisiones	Law & Order (CC)	Friends (CC)		Tavis Smiley InnerVIEWS	Survorman	Movie: The Fly II	Gridiron Gang Disorderly Con.	10 Movie: Kill Bill: Vol. 1 (CC)	Comicview (CC)	The Cheatah Girls 2 (CC)		Baseball Tonight	Stargate Atlantis (CC)
10	3PM News (CC)	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show-	Noti-Telemundo Titulares y Mas	News Tonight Show	Movie: Sister Act (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Shurt Junkies Shurt Junkies		Real TV (CC)		Jamie Foxx Jamie Foxx	That's-Raven	Quile Frantly With Smith	SportsCenter (CC)	Stargate SG-1 (CC)
11	3PM The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Final Score Jimmy Kimmel	El Grito de Mexico	King of the Hill Malcolm-Mid	Letterman Late Late	Laura W Rojo Vivo!	Late Night		Global Force Betty Swann	Sign Off	Futureweapons	15 Movie: Species II (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investg.	20 Movie: MRC Blind Date	The Crow (CC)	BET After Dark (CC)	Proud Family Sister, Sister	Mike Tyson's Greatest Hits (CC)	Stargate SG-1 (CC)
12	3PM Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC)	Sonadoras	My Wife-Kids Divorce Court	The Insider	Programa	Conan O'Brien Core Rhythms	Family Guy Futurama	Update/Local CCM Ministries		Dirty Jobs								

DENNIS THE MENACE



"So, champ... do you still think it was a good idea to teach Dennis how to box?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I guess Humpty Dumpty didn't have his wallbelt fastened."

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BETLE BAILEY



This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 15, the 258th day of 2006. There are 107 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 15, 1789, the U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.
On this date:
In 1776, British forces occupied New York City during the American Revolution.
In 1821, independence from Spain was proclaimed for Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador.
In 1917, Russia was proclaimed a republic by Alexander Kerensky, the head of a provisional government.
In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship and made the swastika the official symbol of Nazi Germany.
In 1940, during the Battle of Britain in World War II, the tide turned as the

Luftwaffe sustained heavy losses inflicted by the Royal Air Force.
In 1950, during the Korean conflict, United Nations forces landed at Incheon in the south and began their drive toward Seoul.
In 1963, four black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. (Three Ku Klux Klansmen were eventually convicted for their roles in the blast.)
In 1982, Iran's former foreign minister, Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, was executed after he was convicted of plotting against the government.
One year ago: President Bush, addressing the nation from storm-ravaged New Orleans, acknowledged the government failed to respond adequately to Hurricane Katrina, and urged Congress to approve a massive reconstruction program.
Birthdays:
Bluesman Snooky Pryor is 85. Actor-director Jackie Cooper is 84. Actor Forrest Compton is 81. Comedian Norm Crosby is 79. Actor Henry Darrow is 73.

Baseball Hall-of-Famer Gaylord Perry is 68. Football Hall-of-Famer Merlin Olsen is 66. Opera singer Jessye Norman is 61. Actor Tommy Lee Jones is 60. Movie director Oliver Stone is 60. Rock musician Mitch Dorge (Crash Test Dummies) is 46. Football Hall-of-Famer Dan Marino is 45. Rap DJ Kay Gee is 37. Rock musician Allen Shellenberger (Lit) is 37. Actor Josh Charles is 35. Singer Ivette Sosa (Eden's Crush) is 30. Actress Amy Davidson is 27. Britain's Prince Henry of Wales is 22.
Thought for Today: "My heart is a lonely hunter that hunts on a lonely hill." — "Fiona MacLeod" (William Sharp), Scottish author and poet (1855-1905).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Stinging insect
- 5 Undistinguished
- 9 Beyond low
- 14 Author Wiesel
- 15 Radiant quality
- 16 Long time follower
- 17 Churl
- 18 Nation on the Caspian
- 19 Romanov rulers
- 20 Cruise pastime
- 23 Skater's jump
- 24 How ages are measured
- 28 Julius Caesar conspirator
- 32 Cancel out
- 33 Tea quantity
- 36 So far
- 38 Sculptor's funding org.
- 39 Better than average, after "a"
- 42 Bug on a farm
- 43 Tennis pro Mauresmo
- 44 Is shy
- 45 ___ del Fuego
- 47 Anchor position
- 49 ___ Politti (pop-music group)
- 51 Work station
- 54 NBC game show
- 59 Good spirits
- 62 Woodwind instrument
- 63 Fantasy villain
- 64 Black tea
- 65 Safari attire
- 66 See red
- 67 Turn topsy-turvy
- 68 Loser's weepers
- 69 Phobia
- DOWN**
- 1 Fly catchers
- 2 Greeting from McGarrett
- 3 ___ Falls, SD
- 4 Type of bet
- 5 Cost of leaving
- 6 Entice
- 7 Saudi citizen
- 8 City on the Red River
- 9 Tournament cost
- 10 16 Blocks star
- 11 Pro bono TV spot
- 12 Thrice, in prescriptions
- 13 "Certainly!"
- 21 Ala. neighbor
- 22 One more
- 25 Better-than-excellent collectable condition
- 26 Hall of Fame shortstop
- 27 Descriptive numbers
- 29 Leaf pores
- 30 Pirate hideout
- 31 A Passage to India character
- 33 Gets lost
- 34 Carthaginian
- 35 Member of the weasel family
- 37 Busy
- 40 Like Smetana's bride
- 41 Enclosed, in a way
- 46 Travel atop
- 48 Inaugural response
- 50 Preceder of "Paris" or "Lucy"
- 52 Follow smoothly
- 53 Buddhist concept
- 55 Take direction from
- 56 Went up
- 57 Lacrosse needs
- 58 Villainous look
- 59 PC's brain
- 60 Far from square
- 61 Wring (out)

