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Trustees learn facilities need major facelift

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Dr. Paul Trautman minced few words when addressing the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees Thursday night.

Trautman addressed the board on his recently-completed facilities survey of BSISD campuses, and there were few happy highlights in his presentation.

Simply put, all local campuses are in need of at least some sort of renovation, and a few buildings, in Trautman's estimation, are lost causes.

Many campuses are plagued by age and have too-small classrooms on too-small sites, Trautman said, and the problems aren't going away anytime soon.

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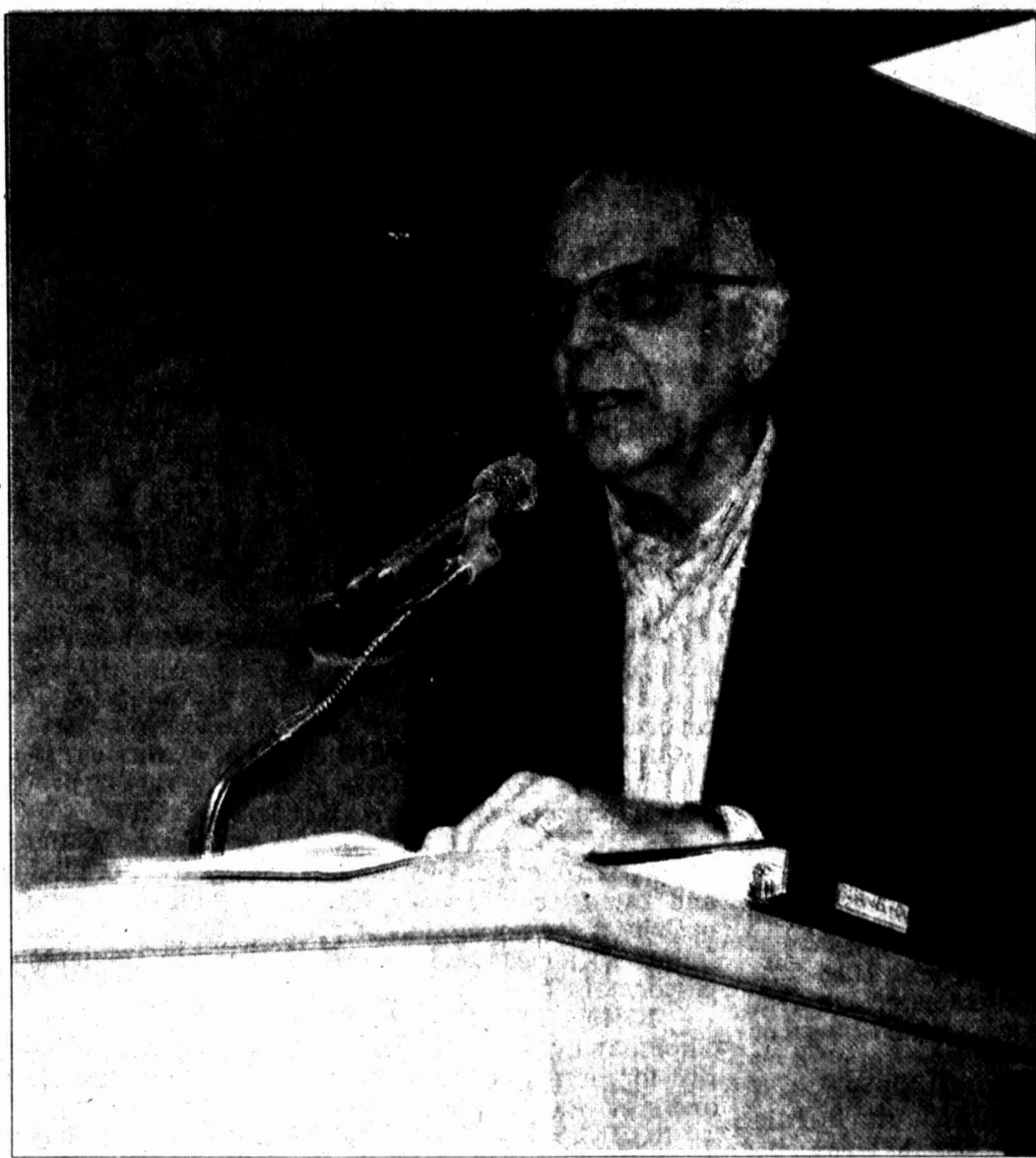
—Dr. Paul Trautman

district. Of particular concern to Trautman was the condition of BSISD's elementary campuses, especially Bauer Magnet and Washington. Those two schools have "reached the end of their useful lives" and should be closed as soon as possible, he told trustees.

"They're both old campuses ... Students have to go outside if they want to go anywhere, which raises safety concerns," he said. "They're not handicapped-accessible and they're both in need of major refurbishment, but it's not worth the money needed to refurbish them."

Other elementary campuses received barely-passing grades in Trautman's study. Even the highest-rated elementary — Kentwood — has problems that need addressing, he said.

The district's newest campus, 10-year-old Big Spring Junior High,



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Dr. Paul Trautman, a facilities consultant with the Texas Association of School Administrators, discusses results of his survey of Big Spring Independent School District facilities with local school board members Thursday night.

received the highest rating in the survey, but even it didn't get by unscathed in his report.

"It was built on a site too small for its needs," he said. "There's no space on campus for practice fields ... and athletes have to cross busy streets to get to the practice facilities."

The high school's major problem is that the site is too small to accommodate much-needed expansion and renovation, Trautman said.

"Classrooms are too small (by state standards), labs are too small, almost everything is too

small," he said. "Most of the classrooms can't be improved ... and even if you could do something with them to bring them to state standards, you'd probably lose a third of the classrooms in the process."

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Military: push in Baghdad has failed

By **CHRIS BODEEN**

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S. military acknowledged Thursday that its two-month drive to crush insurgent and militia violence in the Iraqi capital had fallen short, calling the raging bloodshed disheartening and saying it was rethinking its strategy to rein in gunmen, torturers and bombers.

The admission by military spokesman Maj. Gen. William B. Caldwell came as car bombs, mortar fire and shootings around the country killed at least 66 people and wounded 175. The dead included the Anbar province police commander, slain by gunmen who burst into his home in Ramadi.

The U.S. military also announced the deaths of three U.S. troops in fighting, raising the toll for American troops in October to 74. The month is on course to be the deadliest for U.S. forces in nearly two years.

The high death tolls this month for both Americans and Iraqis have pushed the long and unpopular war back into the public eye in the United States, forcing the Bush administration and the military to address difficult questions in the final weeks of the midterm U.S. election campaign.

Vice President Dick Cheney said the United States was not looking for a way out of Iraq. "I know what the president thinks. I know what I think. And we're not looking for an exit strategy. We're looking for victory," Cheney said in an interview posted on Time magazine's Web site Thursday.

Caldwell told reporters the U.S.-Iraqi bid to crush violence in the capital had not delivered the desired results, with attacks in Baghdad rising by 22 percent in the first three weeks of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan when compared to the three previous weeks.

"In Baghdad, Operation Together Forward has made a difference in the focus areas but has not met our overall expectations in sustaining a

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UW officials optimistic about reaching goal

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

You can tell a lot by body language, and the smiles and relaxed posture of local United Way officials are saying as much as the actual numbers.

That optimistic body language was on display early today when UW directors held their mid-campaign breakfast at Greg's Grill.

At the midway point of the 2007 campaign, officials have raised a little more than \$139,000 of its



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support the optimism.

For starters, this year's drive is far ahead of last year's effort. Cynthia Scott, executive director

stated goal of \$300,000.

And while that is not quite half-way to the goal at the midway point of the drive, campaign directors are feeling a lot more confident about reaching their goal than last year.

There are reasons to

for the local United Way, said about \$100,000 had been raised at the mid-point of last year's campaign.

Scott also noted that the majority of money raised during a campaign is usually received during the latter stages of the drive.

Traditionally generous contributors such as Howard College, Cornell Corrections and several local banks have not concluded

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Campaign report

Breakdown of money received by campaign divisions are:

- Out of Town — \$6,636.
- Commercial — \$18,251.
- Community — \$2,275.
- Pacesetters — \$26,500.
- Professional — \$5,600.
- Dine Out Day — \$2,045.
- Loaned Exec. — \$77,814.

West Texas Centers to honor, bid farewell to two advocates

Special to the Herald

Longtime advocates Letha Nixon and Kaye Wylie will be honored Monday by the West Texas Centers for MHMR for their contributions to the center.

Both women are longtime volunteers for the Association of Retarded Citizens. Wylie serves as executive director of the Arc of Howard County, and Nixon serves as president.

A come-and-go reception recognizing their contributions will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Claude Craven Complex, 808 Birdwell Lane.

"We are inviting Letha's and Kaye's friends of which there are many, to come by, visit, enjoy some refreshments, and most of all, wish them well in their new endeavors," said Shelley Smith, LMSW, West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO.

Wylie and Nixon are relocating outside of Howard County and will no longer be able to provide the much-appreciated hands-on support they have given, Smith said.

"We will miss Letha and Kaye, but we know they will be a wonderful asset to another community and will continue helping individuals with disabilities," Smith said.

Nixon and Wylie became

involved with mental retardation issues when their children were born. They started Howard County Arc to assist in the implementation of the Special Olympics program and the building of a vocational workshop, Smith said. In nearly 40 years, they accomplished their early goals and many more.

"Since 1969, they have grown

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ANGELFOOD MINISTRY

Angelfood Ministry pickup will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane. November orders will be taken at this time, if desired.

Orders for November delivery will also be taken Oct. 28 at the Westside Community Center, 1311 W. fourth from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and at North Birdwell United Methodist Church Thursday, Nov. 2, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call Madeline Boadle at 267-2203. Leave a message if necessary. Angelfood Ministry is a food ministry for the Big Spring area.

ANGEL TREE SIGN UP

Applications for the Salvation Army Angel Tree program are being taken through Oct. 27. The program helps to ensure that all young children in Howard County will receive Christmas gifts.

Applicants should bring a picture ID for all of the adults in the home, Social Security cards for all of the household members, birth certificates for children 12 and under and proof of income.

They also need to include a copy of all of their expenses, as well as a list of what their children might want for Christmas, including clothes sizes and shoe sizes.

Applications are made at 811 W. Fifth St. Call 267-8239 for information.

WORTHY HONORED

Local veteran Jerry Worthy, a crew member of a U.S. Air Force bomber in the Korean War, was honored as the October Veteran of the Month during a special ceremony held Thursday evening at the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

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Obituaries

Jimmie L. Parrish



Jimmie L. Parrish, 61, of Big Spring died on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, in Wichita Falls. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor of First Assembly of God Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 tonight, Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, at the funeral home.

He was born on Feb. 12, 1945, in Amherst and married Floretta Rau on June 7, 1968 in Big Spring.

Jimmie had worked as an aircraft and high voltage electrician, was self-employed doing sealcoating, paving and dump truck work. He was a truck driver. He loved being with his wife, children, grandchildren and his granddogs. He attended the First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include his wife, Floretta Parrish of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Will Smith of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmy Joe and Chrys Parrish of Florence, Ky., and David and Andrea Parrish of Big Spring; one brother and sister-in-law, J.W. and Shirley Parrish of Garland; six grandchildren, Lauren, Miranda, Aubrey, Bryson, Blake and Ashley; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Odell Parrish and Todd Parrish; and one sister, Laverne Moorhead.

The family suggests memorials be made to Chaplain Services of the Wichita Falls Police Department or to First Step Shelter, P.O. Box 4843, Wichita Falls 76308.

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

Paid obituary

Laura Kate Harris

Laura Kate Harris, 88, of Big Spring died on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006, at Trinity Memorial Park with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating.

She was born on Feb. 28, 1918, in Cross Plains and married Howard O. Harris on June 10, 1934, in Palo Pinto. He preceded her in death on May 6, 1993.

She worked as an accountant at Webb Air Force Base, retiring in 1972. She was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ and the American Business Women's Association.

Survivors include two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was also preceded in death by one son, Eddie Don Harris in 1966, and a sister, Suana Hand.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Patricia Hoffman

Patricia Hoffman, 53, of Big Spring died on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006, at the Nalley Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Nick Portocarrero officiating. Graveside services will be at noon at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 tonight, Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, at the funeral home.

She was born on Aug. 27, 1953, in Odessa and married Ed Huntley on Aug. 29, 2003, in Big Spring.

She was a member of Christ Community Fellowship. Survivors include her husband, Ed Huntley of Big Spring; one son, Scott Carson of Ozona; one daughter, Misty Johnson of Big Spring; her father, Nathaniel Broadway of Stanton; her mother, Georgia Powell of Big Spring; and one brother, Lee Powell of New York.

She was preceded in death by step-father, Kenneth Powell.

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

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.

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.

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Police blotter

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

- **ROBERT RAMOS**, 30, of 4100 W. Highway 80, was arrested Thursday on charges of burglary of a building (two counts).
- **AMADO VALLE**, 36, of 118 Davis Road, was arrested Thursday on a Howard County warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Sixth Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 1300 block of Shepard.
 - in the 1300 block of Tucson.
 - in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 2600 block of Ent.
 - in the 1600 block of Stadium.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1300 block of Shepard.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 700 block of Fourth Street.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 1200 block of Lancaster.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Stadium.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 61 inmates at the time of this report.
- **FRANCIS MORENO RODRIGUEZ**, 40, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for forgery of a government instrument.
- **DORIS VALENTINE**, 45, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of theft and Taylor County warrants for a motion to revoke probation for possession of cocaine, theft by check, failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **JOHN GAINES PEARCE**, 38, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for forgery of a financial instrument (two counts) and credit/debit card abuse.
- **RODNEY RAYFORD**, 34, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- **DAVID MORENO SALAZAR**, 43, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **TIMMY WAYNE ROGERS**, 27, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **ROBERT RAMOS JR.**, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of burglary of a building (two counts).
- **MIGUEL FRANCO JIMENEZ**, 51, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary.
- **JOHN HINOJOSA III**, 21, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- **RAYMUNDO HERNANDEZ**, 43, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of no driver's license.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of East 22nd Street. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2700 block of Crestline. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1600 block of Donley. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• **AMERICAN LEGION POST 506** will hold a Fish Fry Saturday from noon until 3 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80. Plates are \$8. Deliveries will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 263-2084.

• **POWER HOUSE CHURCH** barbecue plate sale Saturday which includes barbecue beef on a bun, potato salad, baked beans, onions pickles, \$5. German chocolate cake, \$6. The church is located at 408 North East 11th. Call 263-5621.

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

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

SATURDAY
• 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
• 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.
• 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.
• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics.

Weather

Tonight—Clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.
Saturday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon.
Saturday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
Sunday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. East winds around 10 mph.
Sunday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.
Monday—Partly cloudy. Highs around 70.
Monday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.
Tuesday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.
Tuesday night—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.
Wednesday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.
Wednesday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 13-20-22-33. Bonus Ball: 1. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$625,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-4-5-20-21. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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Hangar

Jerry Worthy
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By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Local veteran Jerry Worthy may have humorous stories from his time in the Air Force, but he's not ready to share them with the public. Worthy, a former bomber pilot, had no trouble entertaining a crowd at the Hangar Museum Tuesday evening.

Worthy, who named the museum the October Veteran Museum during a ceremony sponsored by the reading aloud of his personal journal, he penned while a crew member on a bomber during the Korean War.

As an officer in the Air Force, Worthy flew dozens of missions over Korean soil, and plenty of whizzing and trying times during the most memorable



A young Jerry Worthy

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

This week we salute:

- All of those who participated in activities during Make A Difference Day last Saturday, despite damp weather.
- The city of Big Spring, for its efforts to help keep the community clean by continuing its large-item trash collection today in District 6.
- The Rev. James Liggett and St. Mary's Catholic Church for conducting the annual Blessing of the Animals.
- Howard College, Big Spring Convention & Visitor's Bureau and the Rural Community College Initiative for sponsoring the Vaughn Grisham Conference, "Extraordinary Results in Ordinary Communities."
- The Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club, which has been giving woodcarving classes all week and winds up its annual show and sale Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. If you haven't made it out to see these works of art, you still have time to do so. Go between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- The hard-working volunteers with the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, who are well on their way to the goal of accumulating \$300,000. Thanks too, of course, to all of you who have donated to this very worthy cause.
- Speaking of worthy, hats off to Jerry Worthy, selected as this month's Veteran of the Month by the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We have the perfect combination, Lord, when we include You in our lives.

Amen

On inspection, it's the real deal

If you ever make it out to our neck of the woods, come to visit Open Door Ministries; but not on the third Sunday because that's when we break out the rattlesnakes ... just kidding.

Last week, an elderly couple came to visit our church and the brother said, "I wanted to see for myself what kind of a church would have a guy like you pastoring it."

I understood. It's hard to know what to expect when you visit a church, especially an independent church like ours.

So, I thanked him for coming and then invited him to our semi-annual whiskey and handgun night.

Of course, I was only joking, but his inspection was real and I have been sipping on the whole idea of inspection ever since.

Is This Guy for Real?

When Jesus showed up after the resurrection, He encouraged the disciples to "handle him" and to see for themselves how real He was. When He invited Thomas to put his finger through the hole in his hands, He also set a standard for all those that follow Him to either put up or shut up.

This is one of the greatest challenges we Christians face, especially church leaders.

It's the ability to walk among our peers and invite them to proverbially "test our circuits" for

authenticity. Like it or not, accountability is part of the Christian package.

Smoke and Mirrors

I sure hope that I'm real. I strive for the authentic and the genuine. I can't stand a spiritual drugstore cowboy or a preacher that lives differently from how he advertises. In truth, I'm afraid of the potential I have to be a phony. I know how to fake it and I know I could easily fall into a lifestyle that justifies the counterfeit.

On the other hand, I am much more encouraged by the potential I have to actually be the man God has called me to be.

There are a couple of points I try to keep in mind when measuring the accuracy of my Christian witness, so here's a few sips of wisdom from the Master's cup.

Dogs and Ponies

Public performance is much easier than private devotions. It's so easy to put on a good show and so much harder to make right choices when nobody can see it but you and the Lord. To be real, you have to do what's hard even when nobody is there to applaud it.

Status Quo

You will catch a lot less flack when you walk in tradition than you will if you walk in truth. People understand when you put on a robe and blow smoke on a rope, but they don't understand it when you do things outside the box.

To be real you sometimes have to be willing to go against the

grain, no matter what the polls say about you.

Who You Know

Knowing the Bible comes a whole lot easier than actually living how the Bible says we should live. I know about Harrison Ford and Tom Cruise but I am not married to either of them. A lot of people know about God, but are not in relationship with Him.

It is not enough just to know about something. God wants us to be a living example of the knowledge He gives us. To be real, I have to be willing to live what I am commanded and not just take pride in the little knowledge I have of those commandments.

The Enemy (In-a-me)

God forgive us for the pompous, hypercritical Pharisee that wants to jump out of our chests like the alien did from John Hurt. I hope we can find the God given courage and the character to be the real deal long enough for God to get some good mileage out of us and to make a difference in the lives of those around us.

May we be real enough so that others around us can actually examine whatever victory we say we walk in.

May we also be real enough to be able to admit when we do not have our act together, while we boldly point to the One who does.

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Mark Foley? Let's blame the liberals

"Res ipsa loquitur, sed quid in infernos dicet?" That's what should be Mark Foley's excuse, according to Rick Scarborough, "The devil made me do it."

How unoriginal of Scarborough, president of Vision America, a Christian activist organization based in Lufkin, to raise the "devil" defense for Foley, the page-poaching panderer.

Foley is the recently resigned-in-disgrace Republican congressman from Florida, exchanger of sexually explicit communications with underage male congressional pages, and current resident of rehab, the American hideout du jour for wimps and whiners.

Scarborough is just one of too many self-appointed prophets of the higher being of his choice (Does God really need another spokesman?) leading the faithful to the polls to vote Republican, the blind leading the stupid.

A little sushi, a little sun, a pedicure or two, a mea culpa and more, and Foley will emerge a redeemed soul-saved by his power divine.

Foley will be sprung from rehab when this brouhaha settles down and the November elections are a distant, but hopefully not a futile, memory for his party.

Republicans find atonement in the public spotlight for their sexual sins. After all, conservatives have a monopoly on morality (said tongue in cheek) but Democrats are doomed to political purgatory for their indiscretions.

"I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Ms. Lewinsky,"

our former president said. It's Bill Clinton's most memorable quip of his presidency, but at least she was a consenting adult, as the vernacular goes.

Since time began in a garden, or whatever evolutionary theory to which you subscribe, human beings have been blaming the next-in-line guy, or gal. Eve accused the serpent for enticing her to eat of the tree of good and evil.

Adam impugned Eve — "it's that woman you gave me, Lord" — for leading him astray with her cunning. She said, he said — and at that point, Adam and Eve were without options of where to point fingers — but not so for Foley. Foley has a list of convenient scapegoats, including a former clergyman who allegedly molested him as a youth and yes, the all-encompassing but entirely trite boogey man, the political left.

It's me; it's me, O Lord; standing in the need of somewhere to pass the buck.

For Foley, we need look no further than liberals, according to Scarborough. In a recent email to ministry supporters, Scarborough said, "Liberals have created the climate in which such sickness flourishes," referring to Foley's conduct.

Whew, I was worried there for a moment that Scarborough was going to start sermonizing about personal responsibility and calling Foley down from the pulpit, demanding an accounting before a political excommunication. It's the three-step program for Republicans to find forgiveness: Repent, confess your sins, and ye shall be saved — or in this case, returned to the conservative fold.

Scarborough has had a divine revelation from the holy one himself, or herself: "It's not just about Mark Foley, my friends, but the

atmosphere in which such creatures thrive." Line up the Boy Scouts, gay marriage advocates, and reproductive rights supporters, and brand them with the scarlet "L," for all things liberal, and burn them at the stake.

Without that insidious tolerance and acceptance-far better hypocrisy, presumably preached by the left, Foley would still be in the closet and that would be OK, according to Scarborough.

After all, doesn't the Bible say that sins done in private will never be revealed? (It's a rhetorical question, in case you are wondering about the answer).

"It's that culture that must be challenged and that ethos that must be exposed and opposed," Scarborough warns.

That's right, now is the time, when "pastors must encourage people of faith to take their Biblical convictions into the polling places, voting the rascals out," urges Scarborough. This nation needs, Scarborough suggests, "God-fearing, Christ-honoring, values candidates," and he calls for "a national moral revival."

The way to combat child sexual predators, obviously, is to elect more Republicans to office to protect our national standards of "Christian" morality. But isn't Foley a Republican?

Maybe someone should teach Scarborough how to read Latin. The thing speaks for itself, and we know what the bleep it is saying.

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Shiite militia seized
BAGHDAD, Iraq — anti-American cleric took control of the southern one of the boldest country's powerful police said.

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News in Brief

Shiite militia seizes control of Amarah

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The Shiite militia run by anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr seized total control of the southern Iraqi city of Amarah on Friday in one of the boldest acts of defiance yet by one of the country's powerful, unofficial armies, witnesses and police said.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki dispatched an emergency security delegation that included the Minister of State for Security Affairs and top officials from the Interior and Defense ministries, Yassin Majid, the prime minister's media adviser, told The Associated Press.

The Mahdi Army fighters stormed three main police stations Friday morning, planting explosives that flattened the buildings, residents said.

About 800 black-clad militiamen with Kalashnikov rifles and rocket-propelled grenade launchers were patrolling city streets in commandeered police vehicles, eyewitnesses said. Other fighters had set up roadblocks on routes into the city and sound trucks circulated telling residents to stay indoors.

Fighting broke out in Amara on Thursday after the head of police intelligence in the surrounding province, a member of the rival Shiite Badr Brigade militia, was killed by a roadside bomb, prompting his family to kidnap the teenage brother of the local head of the a-Madhi Army.

The Mahdi Army seized several police stations and clamped a curfew on the city in retaliation.

Maltese diocese to investigate case of priest who said he was naked with Foley

ROME (AP) — The diocese of Gozo said it was opening an investigation after a Roman Catholic priest on the Maltese island said he was naked in saunas with

Mark Foley when the former U.S. congressman was a boy in Florida.

The Rev. Anthony Mercieca, 69, also acknowledged in an interview with The Associated Press that he went skinny-dipping with Foley, but denied that the two had sex.

Foley, a 52-year-old Florida Republican, resigned from Congress last month after the release of his sexually explicit e-mails to young male pages.

After Foley's resignation from Congress, his lawyer said that Foley was an alcoholic, gay and had been molested as a boy by a "clergyman." Foley's civil lawyer, Gerald Richman, said the alleged abuser was a Catholic priest whose name he shared with Florida state prosecutors.

A statement from the diocese of Gozo, a small Mediterranean island off Malta, said that its bishop, Mario Grech, contacted the Archdiocese of Miami on Thursday evening seeking further information about the case. The statement, issued late Thursday evening, said the diocese had learned of the case for the first time in the international press.

Kentucky couple suspected of kidnapping baby in slain social worker case jailed

CHICAGO (AP) — After four days on the run, a Kentucky woman and her boyfriend are in police custody in Illinois, accused of kidnapping her 9-month-old son from a social worker, later found dead, who had taken the child to visit the mother.

The infant was examined by a doctor and found in good condition, FBI agent John Stafford said at a news conference Thursday at the Alton Law Enforcement Center, where the couple were being held.

FBI agents arrested Renee Terrell and her boyfriend, Christopher Wayne Luttrell, about 8:30 p.m. Thursday

in a rural area near Godfrey, about 35 miles north of St. Louis, Stafford said. The baby, Saige, was with them.

Stafford could not say when Terrell and Luttrell would appear in court for an extradition hearing for their return to Kentucky.

Sgt. John Nevels of the Henderson, Ky., police department said the couple were caught hiding in a camper where they had sought shelter after their car apparently broke down and got stuck in mud.

Utility workers find human remains that look to be World Trade Center victims in manhole

NEW YORK (AP) — Human remains that appear to be from World Trade Center victims were found by utility workers in a manhole at the northern edge of the site, a Port Authority official said.

A Consolidated Edison crew doing excavation of the manhole at street level found the remains, some as big as arm or leg bones, said Steve Coleman, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the site.

Con Ed said it entered the site Wednesday to remove material from two manholes that had been damaged and abandoned after the 2001 collapse of the twin towers.

Crews hauled the excavated materials Wednesday to a work center more than a mile away, as is customary, Con Edison said. On Thursday morning, a contractor working for the Port Authority realized the materials contained remains, Con Edison spokesman Chris Olert said, and the medical examiner's office was contacted.

Five years after 2,749 people died in the Sept. 11 World Trade Center attacks, families of about 1,150 victims still do not know whether their loved ones' remains were recovered.

Club News

Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, DAR

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, DAR, met Oct. 4, 2006, at the Big Spring Country Club. Regent Charlene Ragan presiding. Ten members and

guest Freda Johnson were present.

Newly printed year-books and handouts on Emergency Preparedness, Labels for Education and Junior Membership were distributed by the regent. To commemorate the

225th anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown, where General Cornwallis surrendered the British Army, Mary Schuelke presented an informative and entertaining program. She presented the facts as a journalist embedded with the American troops might have done. This news was interspersed with "hot" news flashes about various people and topics.

Carole Lawson reported on the Constitution Week Luncheon held at the Petroleum Club in Midland on Sept. 19, 2006.

Regent Ragan announced that Schuelke and Sue Ann Damron were the only two DAR members in all of Division VIII to receive certificates for their work on NSDAR's Descendants Project.

The Pochantas Chapter in San Angelo has extended an invitation to a tea on Oct. 28 for DAR members in the area to meet the new slate of state officers who were installed this spring at State Conference.

The regent presented information on pins available from the Calvin Associates, who are slated to take national offices next July in Washington, D.C.

Ragan won the door prize, a 225th

Anniversary Battle of Yorktown lapel pin.

The next meeting will be held Nov. 9, 2006, at noon at the Big Spring Country Club.

Permian Basin Historical Society

A tale by historian/author Patrick Dearen of Midland about "riding the rails" during the Great Depression will be featured on the program when the Permian Historical Society meets at the Community Building, at 100 Park Street, in Iraan on Saturday.

Other program highlights include a paper about cartoon character Alley Oop and his creator, Iraan native Vincent T. Hamlin, to be given by Betty Cash, the society's program chairman.

Louie Jones and Annette Lopez Lane will present a dialogue of integration memories in Crane schools and Charles Stroder will tell about growing up in an oil camp in Wink.

The public is invited free of charge to the meeting/program, which begins with coffee time at 9:30 a.m. at the Community Building in Iraan. The barbecue lunch will be \$12.50 paid

at the door, or an advance reservation may be made for \$10 by calling Peggy Kelton, the society's president, at 432-652-8738.

The society is dedicated to recording and preserving the history of the Permian Basin and West Texas. The organization meets twice a year, in the spring at the Petroleum Museum in Midland and in the fall at an area

town. Membership fees of \$15 per year pay for the annual publication which includes papers presented at meetings as well additional articles of area interest.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker Test Your Play You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts, and North leads the jack of clubs. You play the queen from dummy and win South's king with the ace. When you cash the A-K of hearts, North turns up with the Q-10-8, so you must lose a trump trick. How would you proceed from here? West East ♠ K 6 ♠ A Q 5 ♠ A K 6 4 3 ♠ J 7 5 2 ♠ A J 6 ♠ K Q 10 4 ♠ A 6 3 ♠ Q 8 Obviously, you must try to dispose of both of your club losers before North can gain the lead with the trump queen to cash the setting trick in clubs. If all goes well, you can deposit one club on a spade and another on dummy's fourth diamond. The only problem is which of the two suits to play first. Strangely enough, the proper method of play calls for tackling the diamonds first. There is an excellent reason for this, as can be demonstrated by assuming that the North hand looks something like: ♠ 8 4 ♠ Q 10 8 ♠ 9 7 3 2 ♠ J 10 9 4 If you started by playing the K-Q-A of spades, North would ruff the third one and cash the ten of clubs to

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First United Methodist Church

Sunday will be Laity Sunday. Dr. Scott Van Pelt will deliver our message. We regularly meet Sunday morning for worship at 8:30 a.m. and again at 10:50 a.m. Sunday school for all ages will begin at 9:45 a.m.

This Sunday is Night Out for young adults from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Garrett Hall. Childcare is provided.

On Tuesday, the Senior Adult Ministry, better known as SAM, will hold its last hotdog supper of the year beginning at 6 p.m. in Garrett Hall. There will be a brief program with explanations and/or instructions regarding physician's directive forms. Those attending are asked to bring a new stuffed animal for the chaplaincy program.

The Singing Men of West Texas will present a special concert in the sanctuary of First Methodist on Thursday at 7 p.m. The public is urged to attend what should prove to be a delightful musical treat.

And for those who like to sing, you are invited to take part in this year's production of The Living Christmas Tree. Rehearsals start Monday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 28, from 9 a.m. until noon.

First United Methodist Church is located in downtown Big Spring at Fourth and Scurry. Open doors, Open minds, Open Hearts.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday

school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Father James Liggett's sermon for Sunday will be "What is Greatness?"

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

The Episcopal Church Women will hold their meeting Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in the library.

For more information about St. Mary's, call 267-8201 or visit www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 100 South Goliad.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The members invite you to worship with them at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship services are 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The youth will be going to the Hallowed House Saturday in Midland from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This is a Christian Alternative Youth program for Halloween. Youth ages 10 and older are invited to attend.

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

Immaculate Heart of Mary

IHM Youth Group will host a Halloween dance on Friday, Oct. 27, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall, 1009 Hearn, for the 7th through 12th grade age group. Admission is \$3 per person. Halloween costumes are welcomed.

For more information, call Anthony at 267-7127 or Merlinda at 394-4641.

Friends of Unity

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First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from mark 10:35-45. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten is held at 10:35 a.m. worship service starts at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, youth group meets from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., evening Bible study at 5:17 p.m. and choir practice begins at 6 p.m.

Members are reminded to bring non-perishable food items for the food drive to help the community's less fortunate during this time and through the upcoming holiday season.

First Presbyterian Church is located on Rannels between Seventh and Eighth.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell UMC Angel Food Ministries distribution day is Saturday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. If you placed an order for October, please pick it up during this time. Orders not picked up will be donated. Please bring boxes to place your order in.

The November menu is available and orders will be taken Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. Also, Madeline Boadle will be at the West Side Center Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to take orders. The final day for orders to be received (with cash payment) is Nov. 3. There will be someone at the church to take orders from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on that Friday.

North Birdwell UMC is located at 2702 North Birdwell Lane. For more information, call 267-2203 or 267-4082.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

On Oct. 31, between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., the church parking lot will be filled with cars and trunks open, pickups with tailgates down or people sitting beside their vehicles with treats for area children. "Tailgate Trick or Treat" offers a place for parents to bring their children for an evening of safe trick or treat. If you would like to bring your car and your treats and join in, call 267-4082.

The members of North Birdwell and Pastor Joel Miller invite you to visit during any of the activities or services. Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday school classes are at 10:30 a.m. Bible study is the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Thursday at 4:30 p.m. Remember: "God loves you and there is nothing you can do about that!"

Coahoma United Methodist Church Please join us Sunday as David Elmore leads us in worship on Laity Sunday.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., followed by the worship service at 11 a.m.

The church-wide Fall Festival will be held Wednesday, Oct. 25, from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Everyone plan to come and participate in the booths, challenges and pumpkin contest. The youth will be sponsoring a hot dog dinner for all.

Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe. — St. Augustine

St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry St. in Big Spring, will hold worship services at 9 a.m. and Sunday school and Bible classes at 10:15 a.m. Holy Cross Lutheran

Church in Midland dedicates their new sanctuary with worship at 10 a.m. and a meal at 11:30 a.m. Open house will be from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Don't forget — LWML is selling cookbooks for \$10, sponsoring Christmas Child shoeboxes and packing them on Nov. 9 for shipment on the 15th.

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The LWML Fall Rally will be in Big Spring on Oct. 28 with registration at 9:30 a.m.

LWML-sponsored bake sale will be Nov. 18.

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1. Ohio St. (63)
2. Michigan
3. USC
4. W. Va. (2)
5. Texas
6. Louisville
7. Tennessee
8. Auburn
9. Florida
10. N. Dame
11. California
12. Clemson
13. Ga. Tech
14. LSU
15. Arkansas
16. Oregon
17. Nebraska
18. Boise St.
19. Rutgers
20. Oklahom
21. Wisconstr
22. B. College
23. Tx. A&M
24. Missouri
25. W. Forest

Others team votes: Pitt Georgia 63 Florida St. Tech 6, Alec 1, Purdue 1

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Sports Editor Mike Grimes at 263-7331, ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

IN BRIEF

Big Spring basketball officials are needed

The Big Spring basketball Officials Association is looking for officials at this time. Anyone interested in officiating the upcoming 2006-07 season for Junior High, Freshman and Sub - Varsity basketball games should contact Adam Rodriguez at 517-0300 or 263-8731.

Golf tournament at Commanche Trail

Family and friends of Juan Ortega will be hosting a benefit tournament to help cover his medical expenses.

Tomorrow there will be a four-man scramble (it's a pick your team event) at the Commanche Trail Golf Course.

Play is scheduled for a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Entry fees will be \$25 per player and will include the noon meal.

For additional information, call Linda at 264-2366, or email her at Linda@CTCG.com

Men's softball/washer tournament notice

On Nov. 11 and 12 there will be the End of the Season Fall Bash, softball and washer tournament held at Cotton Mize Field.

The cost is \$135.00 per softball team and \$20.00 per washer team.

There will be a break between the tournaments if you are interested in competing in both events.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Anthony Herrera before the Nov. 8 deadline at (432) 935-4588.

Youth basketball tournament update

The Mid America Youth Basketball Winter Tournament, covering 7 states, are now taking applications.

The local tournaments are available for a \$125.00 discount package.

Anyone interested should contact MAYB at (316) 284-0354 or email mayb@mayb.com for more information.

AP Top 25

Football Poll

The Top 25 teams in the Associated Press College Football Poll.

1. Ohio St. (63)	7-0
2. Michigan	7-0
3. USC	6-0
4. W. Va. (2)	6-0
5. Texas	6-1
6. Louisville	6-0
7. Tennessee	5-1
8. Auburn	6-1
9. Florida	6-1
10. N. Dame	5-1
11. California	6-1
12. Clemson	6-1
13. Ga. Tech	5-1
14. LSU	5-2
15. Arkansas	5-1
16. Oregon	5-1
17. Nebraska	6-1
18. Boise St.	6-0
19. Rutgers	6-0
20. Oklahoma	4-2
21. Wisconsin	6-1
22. B. College	5-1
23. Tx. A&M	6-1
24. Missouri	6-1
25. W. Forest	6-1

Others teams receiving votes: Pittsburgh 75, Georgia 63, Iowa 61, Florida St. 30, Virginia Tech 8, Alabama 4, BYU 1, Purdue 1, Tulsa 1.

St. Louis advances to World Series

Unlikely hero emerges; Cardinals defeat New York Mets 3-1 in game 7

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — The first long drive to left field wound up in the webbing of Endy Chavez's glove as he crashed against the wall.

The second one sailed clear over his head. And that's what sent Yadier Molina and the St. Louis Cardinals to the World Series.

Molina's tiebreaking homer in the ninth inning and another Game 7 gem by Jeff Suppan helped St. Louis overcome Chavez's astounding grab, giving the Cardinals a 3-1 victory over the New York Mets on a rainy Thursday night for the NL championship.

"I think this is the best team — and we proved it," Molina said.

Adam Wainwright wriggled out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the ninth, striking out St. Louis nemesis Carlos Beltran to end it and leaving a stunned crowd in deflated silence just moments after it had Shea Stadium shaking.

With that, the Cardinals earned their second pennant in three years and a date with the Detroit Tigers on Saturday night in Game 1 of the World Series.

Hey Motown, here come the Cards.

"I'm just so happy for Yadier. What a big hit for us," slugger Albert Pujols said.

A .216 hitter with only six home runs during the regular season, Molina drove the first pitch he saw from reliever Aaron Heilman into New York's bullpen for a 3-1 lead in the ninth.

"I just left it up," Heilman said. "I was just trying to throw it down and away. Instead it stayed right over the middle of the plate."

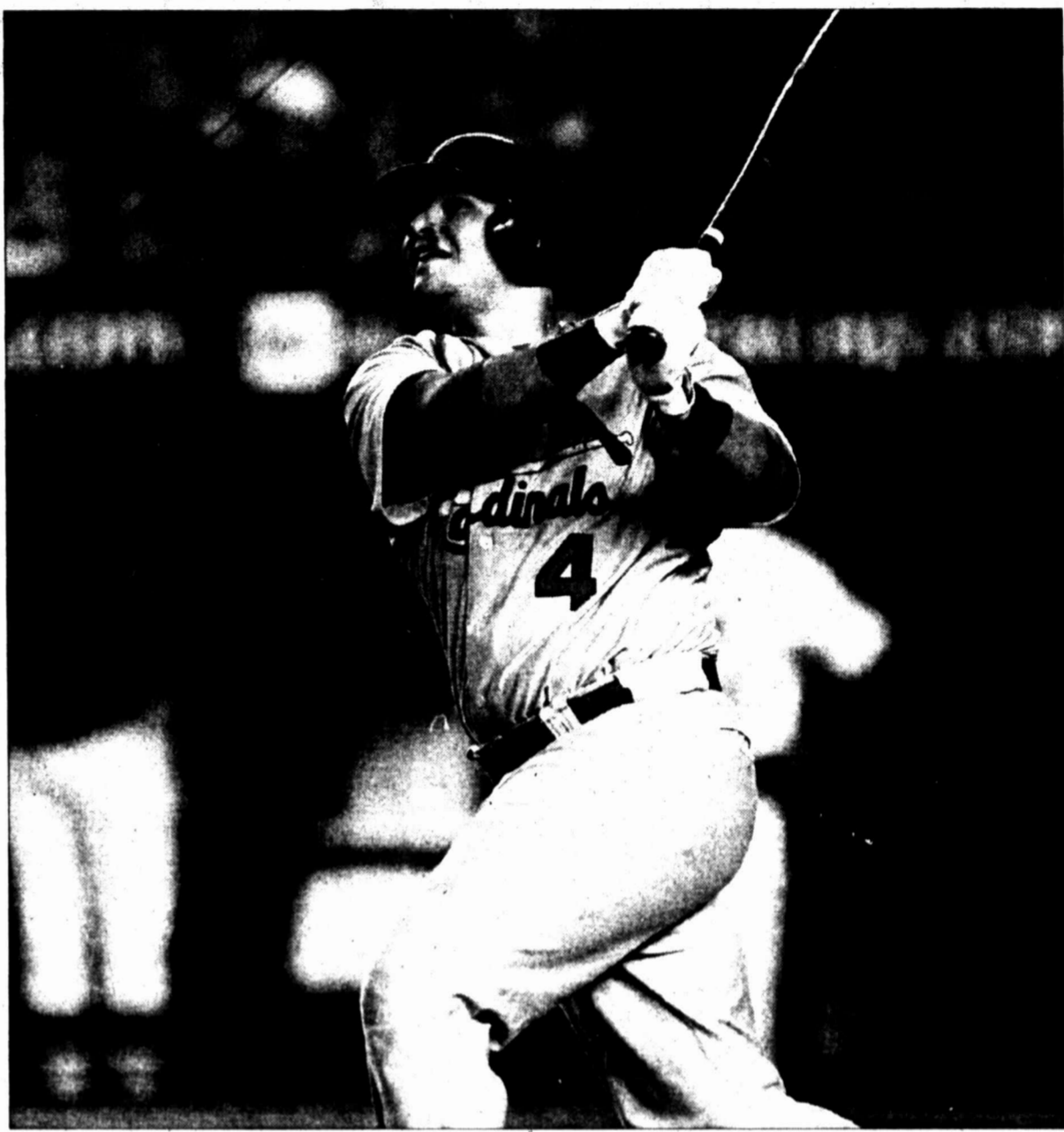
Chavez, who made one of the most memorable catches in postseason history just three innings earlier, could only stand and watch at the fence as the Mets' title hopes were dashed.

"Everybody said I don't hit, and I proved them wrong," said Molina, a standout defensive catcher.

Scott Rolen, robbed of a homer by Chavez in the sixth, started the St. Louis rally with a single.

But the Mets, resilient throughout their stirring season, nearly came back in the ninth.

Jose Valentin and Chavez singled before



MCT photo/Chris Lee/St. Louis Post-Dispatch
St. Louis Cardinals' Yadier Molina homers to left in the ninth inning during Game 7 of the National League Championship Series between the St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Mets. The Cardinals will now face the Detroit Tigers in the World Series.

pinch-hitter Cliff Floyd struck out looking. Jose Reyes lined to center for the second out, and Paul Lo Duca drew a walk that loaded the bases.

That brought up Beltran, who homered three times in the series after hitting .417 with four home runs for Houston in the 2004 NLCS against St. Louis.

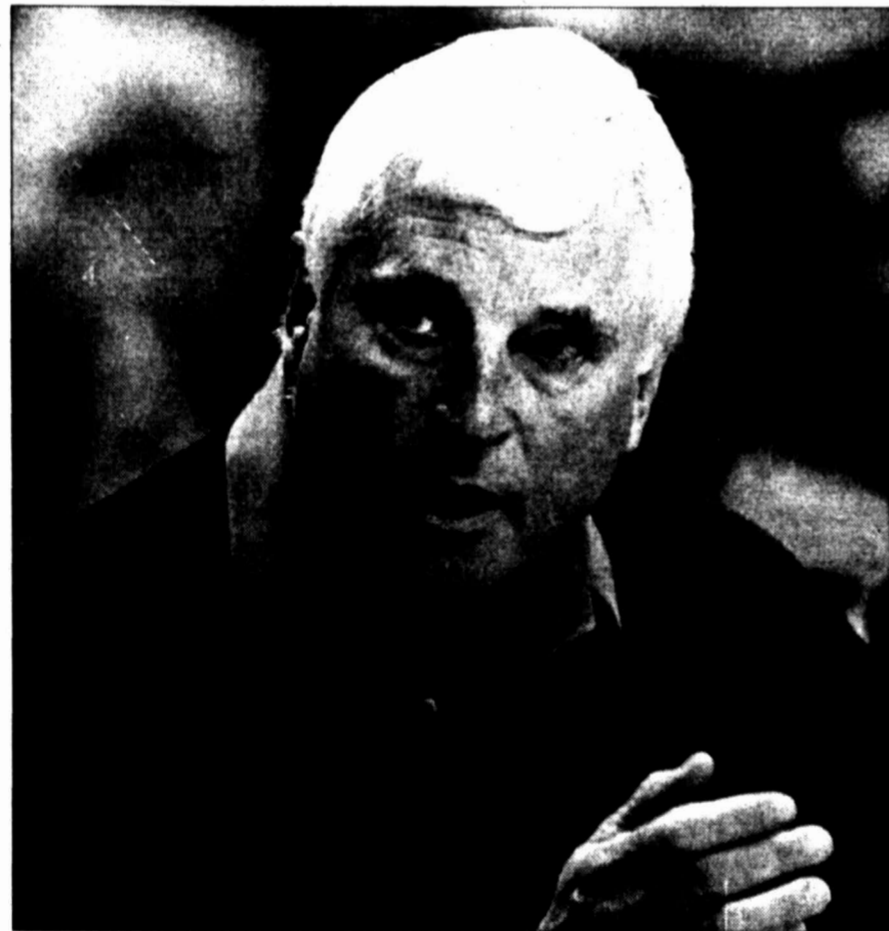
Wainwright, a rookie filling in for injured closer Jason Isringhausen, got ahead in the

count immediately and froze Beltran with a curveball for strike three.

"I can't let my team down right there," said Wainwright, who has three saves in the postseason. "Our team deserves it. We battled so hard in the playoffs."

The Cardinals, with their 17th pennant in hand, charged out of the dugout and mobbed

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MCT photo/RON JENKINS/FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
Red Raider head coach Bob Knight watches from the bench during the second period of their game against Baylor University. Knight has been offered a contract extension by Texas Tech.

Knight given extension at Texas Tech University

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Texas Tech coach Bob Knight has agreed to a contract extension that would keep him with the Red Raiders through 2012.

Knight, who needs 11 wins this season to pass Dean Smith's 879 to become the winningest men's coach in NCAA Division I history, has not yet signed the extension, Tim Knight, an assistant athletic director at the university and Knight's son, said Thursday.

The contract, which also needs to be approved by the university's board of regents, would be for \$300,000 a year with a guaranteed \$600,000 in outside income, athletic director Gerald Myers said.

"It's not a done deal," Myers said. "We're still in the process of getting it done."

Myers said he believes that once the paperwork is signed that Knight has every intention of staying through the contract period.

"But he's never really talked about when he's going to retire," Myers said. "He feels good, he's energetic, he still enjoys it. I'm glad he's going to continue on coaching. He's doing an outstanding job."

Knight has a career record of 869-350 in 40 seasons of coaching at Army, Indiana and Texas Tech. He is 105-61 in five seasons at Texas Tech.

Knight won national titles at Indiana in 1976, 1981 and 1987. Last season, when Texas Tech went 15-17, was the second losing season of his career. His first came in his final year at Army in 1971, when his team went 11-13.

"I may coach another 10 years; I don't know," Knight said at Big 12 media day Thursday.

Last year Bob Knight's son, Pat Knight, signed a contract naming him coach-designate at Texas Tech. Pat Knight will take over the team when his father retires.

Kubiak expected tough year with Texans

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Gary Kubiak said his first year as a head coach has been difficult so far, but he knew it would be when he took over the Houston Texans.

"It's exactly what I thought it would be," he said. "I've been around this league long enough to know they don't let you flip the switch real quick in this league. It's hard to do."

But he's convinced that things will improve for the Texans (1-4).

"We have our work cut out for us here and we're working our tail off to

turn this thing around and we'll continue to do that until it happens," he said.

Kubiak, a former Texas A&M and Denver quarterback, spent the past 11 years as the Broncos offensive coordinator. The Broncos haven't had a losing season since 1999, and Kubiak had just one losing season in his nine-year playing career.

Houston, on the other hand, has never had a winning season or even reached 500.

Kubiak said losing has been hard for him, but that one of the reasons he wanted to come to Houston was to see the team through their struggles and watch them improve.

"That's why we do what we do," he said. "I know that's why I do it."

He's already had a positive influence on quarterback David Carr, who has the best completion percentage for a starting quarterback this season.

"The offense he installed is quarterback-friendly," Carr said. "If you put in the time in during the offseason and are on top of your reads, there is always a place to throw the football. I just feel more confident when I go out there on Sundays."

Wali Lundy probably will see some time at run-

ning back Sunday and possibly get a chance to help in the return game as well.

That's fine with the eager rookie. In fact, he wouldn't mind if the team asked him to do other things as well.

"If they want me to, I'll get involved in anything," he said. "I'll pass the ball if they want me to."

That attitude is one reason coaches like the sixth-round draft pick out of Virginia. He started the first two games after a good showing in the preseason but hasn't played the last three games as Kubiak gave Ron Dayne a chance to start.

Dayne hasn't been able

to revive Houston's lackluster running game, so Kubiak's going back to Lundy.

Lundy said he would be prepared to return kicks and punts if necessary, and that he works on catching them before practice most days.

He has three kick returns for 61 yards but might see more work there after this week's release of Phillip Buchanon, who handled a lot of those duties.

Rookie middle linebacker DeMeco Ryans leads the Texans in tackles with 47 and has 1 1/2 sacks for the year.

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Golf Insider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

After the takeaway — the peel

By T.J. Tomasi
Universal Press Syndicate

At the end of the takeaway, the "Y" formed by the arms and club shaft at address is still perfectly intact, with the club shaft running directly along the foot line. It is now time for the peel, the act of setting the angle of the shaft correctly depending on how you're built.

The Arc player (thin-chested and flexible) keeps the Y and continues upward, delaying the wrist cock until the hands are about mid-chest high. The Leverage player (medium chest/medium flexibility) sets the wrists at waist height so the club shaft is slanted toward the target line while the hands remain on the toe line. And the Width player (large chest/minimum flexibility) sets the club more vertical with both hands slightly below waist height and the shaft still on the toe line.

The Arc Peel

In the golf swing, some movements are sequential while others are simultaneous. The Arc player's takeaway is a perfect example of a simultaneous movement in which the club,



hands, arms, shoulders and chest start away from the ball as a unit. In a one-piece takeaway, everything in your upper body, including the club, moves away from the ball in harmony.

At waist height, the toe of your clubface should be tilted slightly forward toward the target line, matching your spine angle, with your hands and the clubhead

the same height.

Your takeaway is dedicated to creating height by folding your right elbow and cocking your wrists as late as possible on the backswing. Note that your flexibility is an asset only when it's used correctly to access your power source — the height and length of your swing arc.

The Leverage Peel

As a Leverage player, you want your shaft down the toe line, parallel to the target line at the end of the takeaway. When you set or cock your wrists, you create a 90-degree angle between your left arm and the golf club. The club sets in response to the momentum of the swing and the folding of your right arm.



Your right wrist (for right-handers) bends back toward your forearm, thereby creating wrinkles across the top of the wrist on the plane. Thus, during the peel, the club is set correctly without the hands being drawn inside the toe line, a move that often causes the error commonly referred to as "over-the-top."

Once your peel is completed and your wrists are cocked, the relationships you need to complete your backswing are in place. All you have to do now is continue your arm swing, a motion that will turn your shoulders and create the coil.

The Width Peel

During the takeaway, when the hands reach a point just above the right knee, the heel pad of your left hand pushes down on the club handle to cock your wrists.



This motion sets the club shaft on a slightly more upright angle than standard, just above your back shoulder.

In conjunction with your left hand action, your right hand pushes down on the knuckle of your left thumb to extend your arms away from your body, creating the necessary width. This forces the

butt of the club down and away from the chest and pushes the club away from your body, with the right palm operating like a stiff arm in football.

This the key to your swing because it gives your clubhead height but leaves your hands low and wide — a more comfortable and appropriate position for your large chest.

For more on how body type affects your swing, visit www.tjtomasi.com.

THE GOLF DOCTOR

A strategy for turning fives into threes

For professional golfers, par-5 holes are scoring opportunities because they can reach the green in two shots and two-putt for birdie. While you might not possess the same skill combination of length and accuracy, with a different strategy, par-5s can be birdie holes for you, too.

Using clever course management, you can turn every par-5 into a 100-yard par-3. Here's how: Instead of automatically blasting your driver then fairway wood, calculate a two-shot combination that will put you 100 yards from the green, reducing the hole to an easy 100-yard par-3.

With four of these 100-yard par-3s per round, you're bound to make some birdies and lots of pars. Plus, using this ap-

proach, the average course has eight par-3s — which should make it easy pickings!

Of course, you have to make sure your 100-yard shot is fine-tuned, but this is far easier than trying to knock the ball on in two.

To master the 100-yarder, take one more club for the shot than you normally would, e.g. to ensure more control of the ball, select a 9-iron if you usually use a pitching wedge.

To shorten the distance the club produces, grip down 2 inches. And for ultimate control, shorten your swing so that your hands stay beneath your shoulders both back and through the shot.

— T.J. Tomasi

COMMENTARY

The last tear falls for Arnie

By FURMAN BISHER
Cox News Service

Atlanta
Well, there he goes, off into the sunset of his glorious career, with a tear in his eye. Coincidentally, Arnie departs tournament golf as Freddie Fender departs life, leaving behind his mournful melody "Before the Next Teardrop Falls."

For most of his life, "Arnie" was all that was needed to identify Arnold Palmer. He won 62 PGA Tour events and many more tournaments on one continent or another, but his career is more entwined with the Masters than any other, for it was at Augusta National that in 1960 the two rose to glory hand in hand. Significantly, or peculiarly, the course on which he struck his last official shot is named Augusta Pines, located in a Houston municipal appendage named Spring. It was on the fourth tee in the Administristaff Small Business event, and after two shots found water, Arnie made his official departure from tournament golf with this benediction:

"I've been doing this for a long time, and to stand out here and not be able to make something happen is very traumatic. The people want to see a good shot, and when you can't give them that, that's when it's time." But he played on and finished the round with John Mahaffey and Lee Trevino, with a "WD" by his name.

Frankly, it has been time for a long time, but Arnie loves to play. He loves the galleries, the cozy relationship he has bonded with them since the evolution of "Arnie's Army" at Augusta; the cheers, the adulation, the occasional pars, which were to become more occasional as his game receded.

Let's see, the last time he won a tournament was in 1988, the Crestar Classic, on the Senior Tour before it became Champions. The last time he won on the PGA Tour was in 1973, the Bob Hope Classic, but he later won three times outside these borders. The last time he finished in the top 25



BRANT SANDERLIN / Cox News Service

Golfing legend Arnold Palmer, shown above signing autographs at the 2005 Masters Tournament in Augusta, Ga., withdrew after the first round of the Administristaff Classic on Oct. 13, saying it would be his last competitive round of golf.

was 1996, but he played on, though he managed to collect only pocket change, mainly just for being there. Obviously, money was not hard to come by, for by that time he was in high demand by advertisers — remember Pennzoil and that old tractor? — and in golf course design, with his partner, Ed Seay.

This was Palmer's very, very last farewell to competition, for he had gone through this before at the Masters in 2004. Chairman Hootie Johnson had bent the age rule and invited him back for a curtain call, and each green became a stage, and after the round, emotionally frayed, Arnie said, "I'm through. I've had it. Cooked. Washed up. Finished, whatever you want to call it."

In Spring, Texas, of all places, it was all of that. The finale. "I made every move in the bag today, and it wasn't very successful," and then, the last teardrop fell.

Arnie was not the first Palmer on tour, and I bring this up because the original passed away almost a month ago to the day. Johnny Palmer came from Badin, N.C., where the biggest thing in

town is a huge hydroelectric dam. He was quiet by nature, mainly self-taught, and his dossier is quite impressive for any era. He won the Canadian Open, the Western Open, the Colonial, and in 1949, when he won the World Championship, a George S. May production, his check was for \$10,000, the largest winning prize on tour at the time. (I should have pointed out that for all those tournaments Arnold won on the PGA Tour, he collected just \$1,861,857, not a lot more than the winner of the Players Championship collects.) Johnny was runner-up to Sam Snead in the PGA Championship in 1949, fourth in the Masters the same year, when he also made the Ryder Cup team, and led at Augusta after the first round in 1952. After it was all done, he went back home to Badin and became the local club pro. You don't see a lot of his kind any more. He was 88 at death.

I might add that the Tour is now down to one Palmer again, Ryan, a 30-year-old from Texas. Under that name, he bears a heavy load.

Two events left to gain PGA Tour privileges

By STAN AWTREY
Cox News Service

Lake Buena Vista, Fla.
He has grown accustomed to performing in the PGA Tour's pressurized environment. But the next two weeks are somewhat different for Brian Bateman. Every time he crouches to read a 5-foot putt or decides to challenge a par 5, Bateman knows it could affect his future on the PGA Tour.

Bateman, who has won \$645,153 this season, is No. 125 on the PGA Tour's money list. With two tournaments remaining in the regular season, Bateman must defend his ground — make the cut and cash a check — or face the likely prospect of returning to the PGA Tour Qualifying Tournament for the fifth time. Meet this year's Mr. Bubble.

"I don't feel like Bubble Boy yet because it's still a week away, but it's been a long year for me," said Bateman, who has battled a knee injury and back spasms this season. "This is the first time I've been in this position. When I kept my card a couple of years back, I was well within the 125. And the years I missed it, I really had to play top-three golf the last tournament."

This is the time when players such as Bateman begin to worry about their playing status for next

year. Anyone in the top 125 keeps their PGA Tour card and is exempt for 2007. Players ranked Nos. 126-150 can bypass the first round of Q School, but all others must suffer the indignity of returning to the first stage, where the odds of getting back to the Tour are longer.

"I hear talk on the range or in the locker room about who is No. 125 on the list, what the number is going to be," said rookie Eric Axley, who went from outside the top 125 to a guy with a two-year exemption after his recent win at the Valero Texas Open. "I think it's not just desperation on keeping your card, but depending on how you're playing, everyone seems to have a goal of where they're trying to get."

There are plenty of veterans trying to catch Bateman and steal a spot among the privileged class: John Cook, a winner of 11 PGA Tour events; former U.S. Amateur champion Bubba Dickerson; three-time winner Duffy Waldorf; two-time winner Jonathan Kaye; and Bob May, who lost in a playoff to Tiger Woods for the 2000 PGA Championship. All four fall between 126 and 150 on the money list, and all are in the field at this week's Funai Classic at Walt Disney World Resort.

The race is close: Cook, playing this week on a sponsors exemption, is \$648 behind Bateman, less

than the amount many professionals tip the clubhouse attendants at the end of the week.

Jerry Smith, 10 spots behind Bateman, needs \$90,947 — the equivalent of one top-10 finish — to catch up.

"I don't look at it shot-by-shot because each week you can go back and find a shot," Bateman said. "And it doesn't necessarily have to be the last five-footer on 18 for going on Sunday that costs you money. That counts just as much as a ball in the bunker on the first hole on the first day."

Other drama remains for the final two weeks. The top 30 qualify for The Tour Championship, as well as the 2007 U.S. Open. The top 40 qualify for the Masters. The top 70 earn a spot in the Arnold Palmer Invitational (formerly Bay Hill). The top 80 earn an invitation to the Bank of America Colonial.

That makes this a potentially big week for Jason Bohn, who is No. 41 on the money list. He's one big finish away from making the Tour Championship and two solid weeks away from earning a return trip to the Masters.

"That's a goal," said Bohn, who was second two weeks ago at the Chrysler Classic of Greensboro. "It'll probably take another top-five finish, so I'm going to play both weeks and see what happens."

SCHEDULE

All Times EDT
PGA TOUR
Funai Classic at Walt Disney World
• Site: Lake Buena Vista, Fla.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
• Courses: Walt Disney World Resort, Magnolia Course (7,516 yards, par 72) and Palm Course (7,010 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$4.6 million. Winner's share: \$828,000.
• TV: ESPN (Thursday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.; Saturday, 4-6 p.m.) and ABC (Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

LPGA TOUR
Honda LPGA Thailand
• Site: Chonburi, Thailand.
• Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
• Course: Amata Spring Country Club (6,392 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$1.3 million. Winner's share: \$195,000.
• TV: None.

CHAMPIONS TOUR
AT&T Championship
• Site: San Antonio.
• Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
• Course: Oak Hills Country Club (6,670 yards, par 71).
• Purse: \$1.6 million. Winner's share: \$240,000.
• TV: The Golf Channel (Friday-Sunday, 6-8:30 p.m., 10 p.m.-midnight).

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR
Malorca Classic
• Site: Pula, Balearic Islands.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
• Course: Pula Golf Club (6,676 yards, par 70).
• Purse: \$2.19 million. Winner's share: \$364,385.
• TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 9 a.m.-noon; Saturday-Sunday, 8:30-11:30 a.m.).

NATIONWIDE TOUR
PalmettoPride Classic
• Site: Charleston, S.C.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
• Course: Daniel Island Club, Ralston Creek Course (7,446 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$500,000. Winner's share: \$90,000.
• TV: None.

LEADERS

WORLD RANKINGS	
1. Tiger Woods	22.89
2. Jim Furyk	8.70
3. Phil Mickelson	8.31
4. Adam Scott	7.26
5. Vijay Singh	6.68
6. Retief Goosen	6.35
7. Ernie Els	6.25
8. Luke Donald	5.55
9. Geoff Ogilvy	5.42
10. Sergio Garcia	5.42
11. Henrik Stenson	4.86
12. P. Harrington	4.83
13. T. Immelman	4.59
14. David Howell	4.36
15. Paul Casey	4.28

MONEY LEADERS PGA TOUR	
Player	Money
1. Tiger Woods	\$9,941,563
2. Jim Furyk	\$6,483,316
3. Phil Mickelson	\$4,256,505
4. Geoff Ogilvy	\$4,228,869
5. Vijay Singh	\$4,163,831
6. Adam Scott	\$3,808,858
7. T. Immelman	\$3,479,746
8. S. Appleby	\$3,230,297
9. Luke Donald	\$2,911,408
10. David Toms	\$2,764,287

LPGA TOUR	
Player	Money
1. Lorena Ochoa	\$2,342,872
2. A. Sorenstam	\$1,906,126
3. Karrie Webb	\$1,889,613
4. Cristie Kerr	\$1,502,190
5. Mi Hyun Kim	\$1,283,802

CHAMPIONS TOUR	
Player	Money
1. Jay Haas	\$2,266,427
2. Loren Roberts	\$2,128,461
3. Brad Bryant	\$1,655,292
4. G. Morgan	\$1,468,107
5. Tom Kite	\$1,362,125



BRANT SANDERLIN / Cox News Service
Par-5 holes can be scoring opportunities. Phil Mickelson goes for a birdie on the par-5 second hole at Augusta National Golf Club during the 2004 Masters Tournament.



Dr. T.J. Tomasi is a teaching professional at Nantucket Golf Club on Nantucket Island, Mass. To ask him a question about golf, e-mail him at TJinsider@aol.com.

ASK THE PRO

Q: I've read a lot about cocking the left wrist (I'm right-handed), and I've even bought a teaching aid to help me use my left hand, but I'm still not sure exactly what I'm supposed to do when I swing.

— N.A., Missouri
A: In golf, the wrists are the clubface. When you change your wrist formation, you automatically change the position of the clubface, which is largely responsible for the direction the ball travels. So the wrists have a huge effect on the quality of impact and, hence, the distance

and direction of the shot.

What is proper left-wrist action? Pretend to make a pistol out of your left hand with your index finger as the barrel and your thumb up in the air as if it were the hammer.

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C **COSTUMES** should be bright enough for others to spot you in the dark.

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D **DON'T** anger your neighbors; cutting across yards is impolite and dangerous.

G & M Auto Care
900 E. 3rd St. 263-1091

E **EAT** dinner before you trick-or-treat and bag up those sweets!

1001 Birdwell Lane
Howard College 264-5000

F **FOLLOW** all traffic laws and signals, and cross streets only at crosswalks.

Faye's Flowers
1013 Gregg 267-2571

G **GO** slow, drivers. Look out for trick-or-treaters while you are driving.

Gale's Sweet Shoppe
1200 E. 4th 432-263-2253

H **HAND OUT** healthy alternatives to candy, like sealed trail mix or raisins.

Harris Lumber & Hardware, Inc.
1515 E. FM 700 267-8206

I **IF** there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.

Neighbor's Auto Sales
1300 E. 4th St. 263-0822

J **JACKETS** provide warmth. Take one with you on a cool Halloween night.

Jazzy's
"Simply Beautiful Things"
1712 S. Gregg St. 714-4626

K **KNOW** your parents' or guardians' contact numbers and always keep them with you.

Klassic Cleaners
2107 Gregg 263-7004

L **LIGHT** your jack-o-lantern with a battery-powered light instead of a candle.

Larry Hollar 801 E. FM 700 263-1275

M **MAKE** sure you wear shoes that fit well and are tied tightly.

Medicine Center Pharmacy
1001 Gregg 263-7316

N **NEVER** enter a stranger's house or car under any circumstances.

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O **ONLY** eat candy in sealed wrappers, and have your parents inspect all of your candy.

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P **PROPS** like a toy sword or wand should be flexible, without sharp edges or points.

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Q **QUICKLY** review your trick-or-treating route with Mom and Dad before you leave.

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R **REMEMBER** to walk, not run, from house to house while trick-or-treating.

Wendy's
2311 Gregg St. 263-6663

S **STAY** on sidewalks as much as possible, avoiding streets and empty lots.

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T **TRICK**-or-treat only in familiar neighborhoods close to your home.

Southwestern A-1 Pest Control
2008 Birdwell Lane 263-6814

U **UNFAMILIAR** pets should be avoided. Even pets you know might not recognize you.

Graumann's
304 Austin 263-3787

V **VISIT** only those houses that are well-lit, and never approach a house alone.

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W **WEAR** a watch that lights up, so you can read it in the dark easily.

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BY HOLIDAY MA

This is the eve of the new moon in which this year is the "Hecate's" Moon due to its close proximity to Halloween. Prepare for storms of the soul and whipping winds of the spirit that are the catalyst for change. When all is still, emerge from the cloud as the new of your choosing. ARIES (March 21-19). You're worth and you know it. Brave thing is to it. Once you settle your score, you're back to dreaming major purchase, this time, you're dreaming so much siding.

Annie

Dear Annie: My "Joey," has been three times (he turned 50). Each time he has married the he was cheating with has two children with first wife, one with second and raised daughter with his My mother and had to watch the e and financial tation he wreaked o three women. Joe no remorse whatsoever. We stuck by through it all, b he's cheated on h wife and is with girlfriend. I have respect for Joey a have nothing to his latest fling however, allows girlfriend to stay on weekends with brother visits. I have asked Jo therapy, and he His children have ken to him in 5 years, although year-old stepdaug lives with him. off, he lost his jo ago and has not a to find another. I in with my 80 mother to "take her," even thou in great shape. I Mom does not clean and cook extra people (t weekends), plus free rent, and h find his own pla diately. He got ment, but told daughter it was they had to mo she is angry with we used to be ve I don't unders someone can go life hurting pe had enough. Thi ing friction bet mother and wants me to a new girlfriend, and will not. Am - Fed Up in Cal Dear Fed Up: blame you for v ing from this so but it will no de age your rel with Mom, crea could be a perm and pushing he Joey. Your di will not make y er grow up any decide how estr are willing to b Dear Annie: church where uses incense Sunday. I have lung problems a but as I get lungs have bec sensitive to ir recent mont incense has asthma attac severe coughi and has caused going to chu priest will not

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

This is the eve of the new moon in Libra, which this year is called the "Hecate's Moon" due to its close proximity to Halloween. Prepare for storms of the soul and whipping winds of the spirit that are the catalyst for change.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

When all is still, you'll emerge from the dust cloud as the new person of your choosing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're worth more and you know it. The brave thing is to ask for it. Once you settle a financial score, you can go back to dreaming about a major purchase, except this time, you won't be dreaming so much as considering.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Crossing your t's and dotting your i's doesn't take much time, but, boy, does it make your work easier to read. This is a metaphor for your job. Those you do business with are well-intentioned, but get it in writing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Friends come through for you, solving one problem and freeing you to tackle another on your own. Show proper gratitude, and there'll be more where this came from.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What happens this morning is largely out of your control. Roll with it. Tonight, troubled souls need a little of your exquisite tenderness. This alone can make things all better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you've been in the same position for years, the stars hand out rewards for loyalty. Finally, some appreciation! Ironically,

this is just when you'll feel most like leaving. Hang in there.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Just when you thought you found your niche, you start to notice it's not a perfect fit after all. Such is the life of an ever-growing, ever-improving Virgo. Don't worry. Your next niche is around the corner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Of course you'd rather be arm-in-arm with a partner when you take on the world, but there are juicy rewards for going solo today. You can use alone time to reassess the things you and only you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've been letting loose often enough to wonder whether you really deserve to let loose again tonight. Why not? Soon the season will be so busy, you'll be glad you took advantage of this opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your idea of success changes because of a special example set before you. You're gracious to someone you admire and will be schooled in this person's secrets!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A romantic interlude builds. The love affair is between you and your work. Soon it'll be time to make an important decision, but for now, dance to the music that only the two of you can hear.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You tend to show exceptional sweetness to the underdog. For this reason, people who need a caring advocate seek you out. You may not have the time to deal with this, but you make the time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Much to your credit, you can sync up with a variety of different kinds of people. You and a partner come together to take

care of someone much older or much younger.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: Tomorrow's new moon is like a masquerade ball: hard to tell the person from the costume they wear. ARIES: The special thing you do for the person you're trying to impress (and no one else) goes over like a dream. TAURUS: You honor the object of your affection by hanging on this person's every word — or at least listening well. GEMINI: The overall impression you give is grand, but it's your attention to details that makes it work. CANCER: Someone from your past has lingering sentimental power. LEO: Make sure the thoughtful things you do are real and substantial — loved ones feel the difference. VIRGO: Your words have the power to confuse, distract and enchant your target. LIBRA: You've still got

"it," so work "it" for all "it" is worth. SCORPIO: One way to get rid of temptation is to yield to it. SAGITTARIUS: You're in the mood to exaggerate your qualities, attractive and unattractive, just to see what happens. CAPRICORN: Your vision of a relationship is quickly changing. AQUARIUS: Take a "friendship" up a notch. Dare to get close. PISCES: You don't have only one soul mate, you have several and can learn different lessons from each one.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My brother, "Joey," has been married three times (he just turned 50). Each time, he has married the woman he was cheating with. He has two children with his first wife, one with his second and raised a stepdaughter with his third. My mother and I have had to watch the emotional and financial devastation he wreaked on these three women. Joey shows no remorse whatsoever.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

We stuck by him through it all, but now he's cheated on his third wife and is with the new girlfriend. I have lost all respect for Joey and will have nothing to do with his latest fling. Mom, however, allows the new girlfriend to stay with her on weekends when my brother visits.

I have asked Joey to get therapy, and he refuses. His children haven't spoken to him in over two years, although his 17-year-old stepdaughter still lives with him. To top it off, he lost his job a year ago and has not attempted to find another. He moved in with my 80-year-old mother to "take care of her," even though she is in great shape. I told him Mom does not need to clean and cook for two extra people (three on weekends), plus give him free rent, and he should find his own place immediately. He got an apartment, but told his stepdaughter it was my fault they had to move. Now she is angry with me, and we used to be very close.

I don't understand how someone can go his entire life hurting people. I've had enough. This is causing friction between my mother and me. She wants me to accept the new girlfriend. I cannot and will not. Am I wrong? — Fed Up in California

Dear Fed Up: We don't blame you for withdrawing from this soap opera, but it will no doubt damage your relationship with Mom, creating what could be a permanent rift and pushing her closer to Joey. Your disapproval will not make your brother grow up any sooner, so decide how estranged you are willing to be.

Dear Annie: I attend a church where the priest uses incense every Sunday. I have had minor lung problems all my life, but as I get older, my lungs have become more sensitive to irritants. In recent months, the incense has triggered asthma attacks and severe coughing spells, and has caused me to stop going to church. The priest will not stop using

the incense, and therefore, I am obliged to leave the church I have attended for over 30 years. Is there any other solution? — Can't Breathe

Dear Can't Breathe: Some churches are more attuned to their congregants' sensitivities and withhold the incense at certain masses or set up "fragrance-free" areas. Try contacting the bishop, archdiocese and the American Lung Association in your area. Maybe you can start something.

Dear Annie: This is in response to the letter mentioning MedicAlert bracelets. They are very important. The problem is, medical people have to read them.

We live in northern California. Both of my parents have the bracelets. Not once have any of the ambulance personnel or the nurses and doctors in any of the hospitals looked at the bracelet or asked if they had one. Last time, my mother had to grab the medic's hand and tell him to look at her bracelet. I personally asked an emergency tech to look at my dad's bracelet.

My mother has allergies, a defibrillator and asthma. Certain odors can send her into shock. Is there some way we can get through to these people that you wear this bracelet to save your life? — Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned: Most medical personnel are well educated about MedicAlert bracelets, and we don't know why your parents have encountered so many who are not. Talk to someone in charge at that hospital and suggest a refresher course.

Dear Annie: My 13-year-old daughter, "Abigail," is trying to spread her wings. For the last two years, she has been bombarding me with requests to go with her friends to the mall or the movies, and to visit her male friends at their homes. I'm not a big fan of the mall thing. A group of

young girls looks like an ideal setup for a pervert, older boys or a shoplifting dare. I have allowed her to attend the movies with her friends when I can be assured they won't leave the theater, but my wife (her stepmom) constantly reminds me of what she was doing at 13.

The boy visits are the biggest problem. I have allowed them to come here twice because I can stay on top of what is going on. But I really don't know what to think about these boys' parents. Are they going to safeguard my daughter when she visits? I know I never allowed girls to visit my sons when they were 13, and I would have ques-

tioned the thinking of any parents who would.

Abigail's friends' parents aren't a lot of help. One of them wanted to drop off Abigail and her daughter at a concert last week, by themselves, and pick them up at 10 p.m. I said no. Abigail's mother thinks she deserves to do some of these things because her friends can. Am I too old-fashioned, or is 13 just a little early for this behavior? — Confused Dad from Anywhere, USA

Dear Confused: Abigail is a teenager and testing the boundaries. She needs to understand your concerns so she can earn your trust.

A bunch of friends at

the mall is OK, provided you set a time limit. Movies are OK if you approve the movie and pick them up at a set time. Concerts are OK if a responsible adult goes along. If you are uncomfortable having her spend time at a boy's house, get to know the parents and make sure there is appropriate supervision, or tell Abigail that you prefer the boys come to your home.

It's good that Abigail knows her father cares enough to keep an eye on her, but teen years are also when she must learn, with your loving guidance, how to be independent and responsible.

Dear Annie: Lately, I've

been invited to several weddings. I find it strange that there are four or five hours between the wedding and reception. Can you tell me why? It's an inconvenience. What are guests supposed to do in between, especially if you come from out of town and don't know the area?

Please shed some light on this. — Confused and Amazed in Pennsylvania

Dear Confused: Actually, while not common, it is perfectly permissible to have a reception several hours after the ceremony. Ask your hosts for suggestions on where to park yourself in between. You might even acquire some good stories to tell at the reception.

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"NO THANKS. WE ALREADY HAVE A SECURITY SYSTEM. HIS NAME IS RUFF."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Where did you have to go to learn how to be a grandma?"

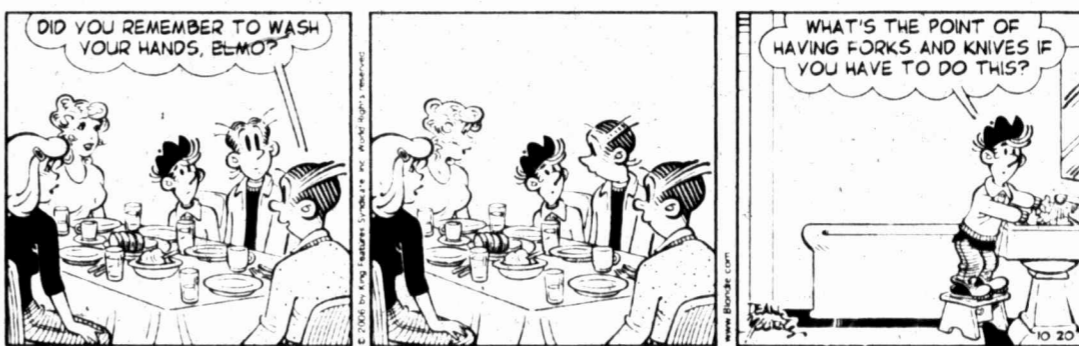
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"WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO WITH THAT?!"

"WHY DON'T WE INVITE SOME PEOPLE OVER AND HAVE A PARTY?"

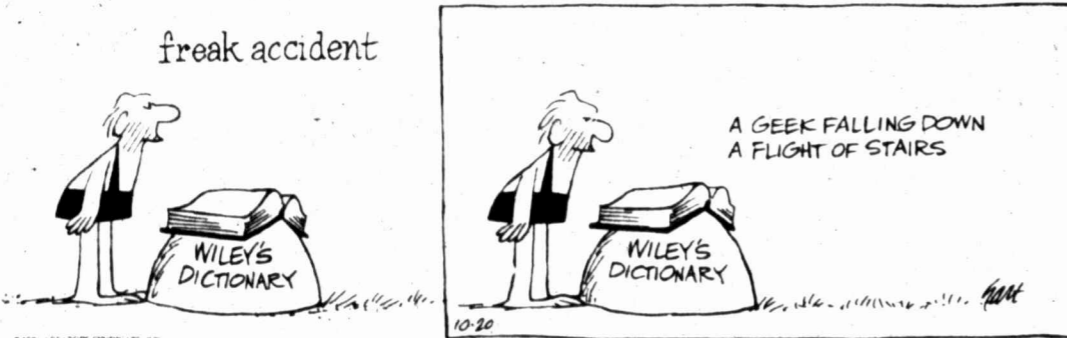
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"DID YOU REMEMBER TO WASH YOUR HANDS, BEMO?"

"WHAT'S THE POINT OF HAVING FORKS AND KNIVES IF YOU HAVE TO DO THIS?"

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freak accident

A GEEK FALLING DOWN A FLIGHT OF STAIRS

WIZARD OF ID



HE'S HOLDING A NOTE!

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

"DON'T SHOOT ME, I'M JUST THE MESSENGER"

AGNES



DOES ANYONE HAVE THE ANSWER TO QUESTION SIX?

WELL I THINK THIS FOCUSES ON THE INTRINSIC BONDS OF HUMANITY.

IT POINTS OUT THAT WE ARE ALL STARS IN THE SAME SKY. WE ARE MORE ALIKE THAN DIFFERENT... WE ARE NOT INDIVIDUAL ISLANDS, BUT UNIQUE PARTS OF A GREATER WHOLE.

THIS IS MATH, AGNES. OH... THAT PART OF THE WHOLE IS NOT IN MY JURISDICTION.

HI AND LOIS



I'LL NEVER AMOUNT TO ANYTHING

RELAX CHIP I FELT THE SAME WAY WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE.

YEAH AND YOU'RE NOT A ROCK STAR! YOU'RE NOT PRESIDENT!

NO BUT I HAVE A GOOD JOB AND A SON LIKE YOU.

I'M DOOMED!

THE OTHER COAST

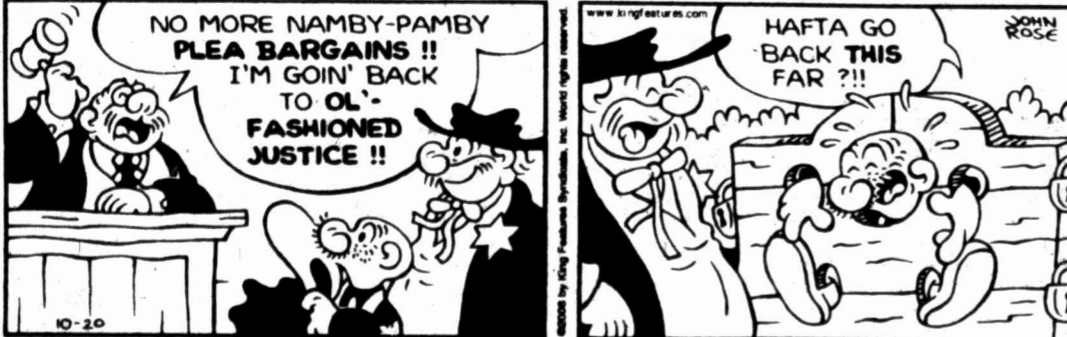


VICKY, IS THERE ANYTHING TO THAT OLD THEORY THAT A WOOLLY CATERPILLAR IS THE SIGN OF A COLD WINTER?

I REALLY THINK THERE'S SOME TRUTH TO THAT, TOULOUSE.

THEN BRACE YOURSELF: WE'RE IN FOR A REALLY COLD WINTER.

SNUFFY SMITH



NO MORE NAMBY-PAMBLY PLEA BARGAINS!! I'M GOIN' BACK TO OL' FASHIONED JUSTICE!!

HAFTA GO BACK THIS FAR?!!

BEEBLE BAI'EY



IT'S TIME YOU GUYS BEGAN TREATING ME SERIOUSLY!

OH, COME ON! YOU CAN DO IT LONGER THAN THAT!

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Oct. 20, the 293rd day of 2006. There are 72 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 20, 1944, during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur stepped ashore at Leyte in the Philippines, 2 1/2 years after he'd said, "I shall return."
On this date:
In 1740, Maria Theresa became ruler of Austria, Hungary and Bohemia upon the death of her father, Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI.
In 1803, the U.S. Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase.
In 1903, a joint commission ruled in favor of the United States in a boundary dispute between the District of Alaska and Canada.
In 1947, the House Un-American Activities Committee opened hearings into alleged Communist influence and infiltration within the American motion picture industry.

In 1967, seven men were convicted in Meridian, Miss., of violating the civil rights of three murdered civil rights workers.
In 1973, in the so-called "Saturday Night Massacre," special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox was dismissed and Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William B. French III resigned.
In 1976, 76 people died when the Norwegian tanker Frosta collided with the ferryboat George Prince on the Mississippi River north of New Orleans.
In 1981, a bungled armored truck robbery in Nyack, N.Y., left a guard and two police officers dead. (Four suspects, members of radical groups, were later convicted and sentenced to 75 years to life in prison; a fifth suspect, Kathy Boudin, was paroled in 2003.)

Today's Birthdays:
Columnist Art Buchwald is 81. Actor William Christopher is 74. Country singer Wanda Jackson is 69. Singer Tom Petty is 56.
Actress Melanie Mayron is 54. Baseball All-Star Keith Hernandez is 53. Actor Viggo Mortensen is 48. Rock musician Jim Sonefeld (Hootie & the Blowfish) is 42. Rock musician David Ryan (The Lemonheads) is 42. Rock musician Doug Eldridge (Oleander) is 39. Rapper Snoop Dogg is 35. Singer Dannii Minogue is 35. Country musician Jeff Loberg is 30. Actor John Krasinski is 27. Actress Jennifer Nicole Freeman ("My Wife and Kids") is 21.
Thought for Today: "Cynicism is intellectual dandyism." — George Meredith, English poet (1828-1909).

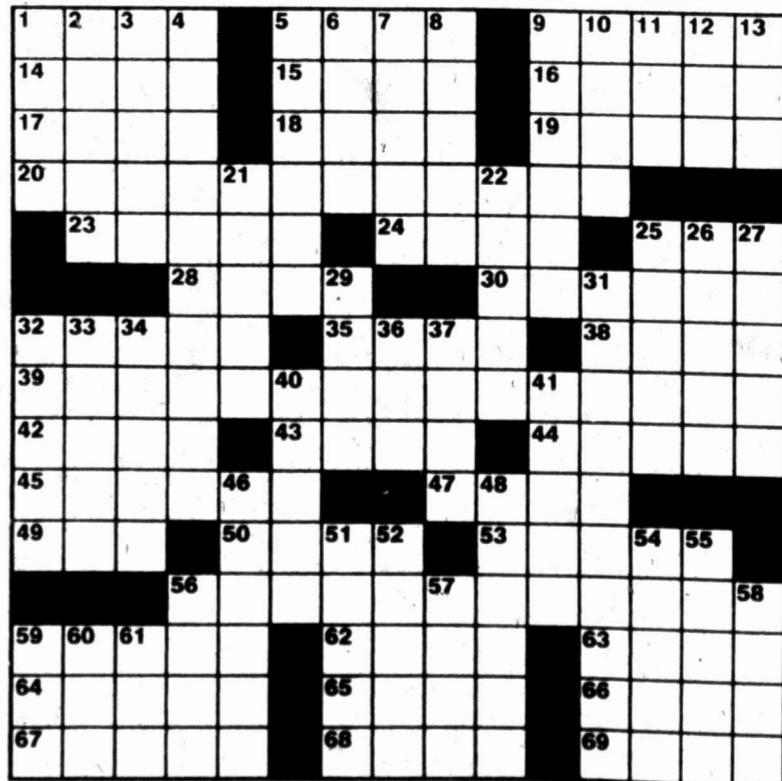
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Newsday Crossword

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- 1 Whiskey ingredient
 - 5 Rheinland road
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 - 16 Value highly
 - 17 Main attraction
 - 18 Army subdivision
 - 19 Sit in on
 - 20 Factor in gas mileage
 - 23 Channel from DC
 - 24 Cargo weights
 - 25 ___pitch softball
 - 28 Binary digits
 - 30 Dullsville
 - 32 Puppeteer Lewis
 - 35 Get ready to fly
 - 38 Not repeatedly
 - 39 NBA's all-time leading rebounder
 - 42 Mayberry boy
 - 43 Not duped by
 - 44 Deceptive handle
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- 63 Put-it-together chain
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 - 31 Its average life span is 22 months
 - 32 Keel over
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 - 46 Way off the mark
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