



Cookoff!

Cossacks fundraiser to benefit 'Bykes for Tykes'

□ Planned Saturday at local clubhouse.

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**

Managing Editor

Members of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club will be kicking up their heels with good music and food Saturday in an effort to raise money for their annual "Bykes for Tykes" Christmas Run project during their annual Halloween Party and Brisket, Ribs and Chili Cookoff.

"It's just an opportunity for people to get together, have a little fun competing to see who cooks the best barbecue and chili and then enjoy some great food and live music," explained Cossacks spokesman Kenny Bearden.

Scheduled from noon until 10 p.m. Saturday, the cookoff and other festivities will take place at the Cossacks Permian Basin Clubhouse located at 1610 N. Birdwell Lane.

"We're hoping we get a lot of bikers from outside the area coming in to attend the party," Bearden added, noting that flyers publicizing the event have been sent to other motorcycle clubs and groups.

Entry fees for the brisket, ribs and chili cookoffs are \$10 per category. Admission will be a \$10 donation for the Bykes for Tykes Run, while couples will be admitted with a \$15 donation.

In addition to the cookoff, several other activities are planned and vendors will be on hand, as well. Bearden said a disc jockey will be playing music all day and the Wild Texans Band will take over and provide live entertainment from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Anyone needing additional information concerning the cookoff and party can contact Cossacks club members by calling 270-4890 or 432-517-0368.

CELEBRATING A DRUG-FREE LIFESTYLE



A few hundred balloons head skyward at Washington Elementary Thursday afternoon. The balloon launch was an annual event as part of the school's observance of Red Ribbon Week.

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CISD bond proponents: Communication is key

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

COAHOMA — To paraphrase a line from an old Paul Newman movie, what they had in Coahoma last year was a failure to communicate.

Proponents of the \$13.9

million bond issue can point to several issues in explaining why last year's effort failed, but the major reason they believe voters nixed the May 2005 bond is a lack of communication.

"People were not properly informed in the last

election," said Coahoma Mayor Bill Read, a member of the citizen's committee supporting the bond.

"I've lived here for the past 45 years, and last year was the first bond to fail since I've been here," he added. "I don't think

we did a good enough job talking about what needed to be done."

Communication is one problem the committee has worked overtime to address, Read said.

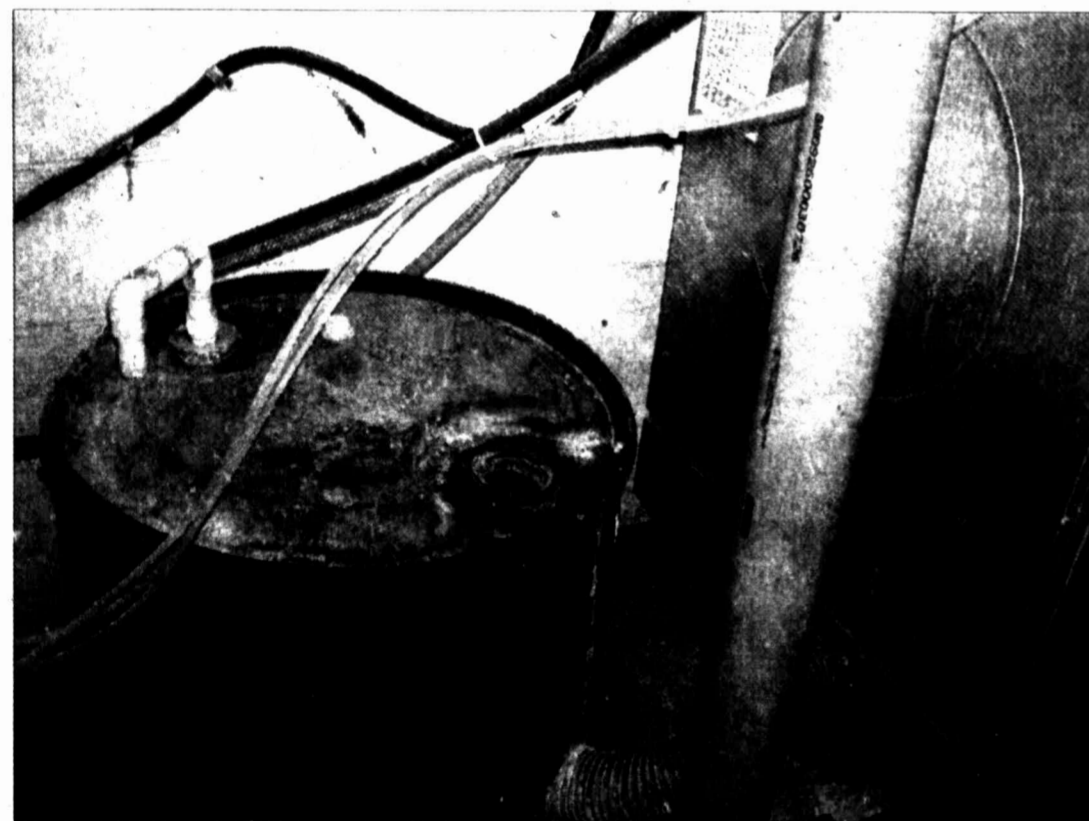
"I think everyone from the superintendent on down is working as hard

as they can to see this bond pass," he said. "I know I am."

The biggest fact supporters are trying to communicate is just how much this bond will cost district taxpayers. The answer: A lot less than some might think.

If voters approve Proposition 1, the \$13.9 million package, proponents say the tax rate during the first year of the bond issue would be \$1.45 per \$100 valuation, an 8-cent increase from this

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Wastewater coming from washing machines in the Coahoma Junior High field house must first go through this 55-gallon barrel because there is not adequate drainage through existing pipes.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Behind the scenes

Outdated, inadequate plumbing, heating, electrical systems plague district's buildings

□ Early voting is going on now through Nov. 3 at the Howard County Courthouse.

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

COAHOMA — A major problem many proponents of the Coahoma school bond have is that many of the major problems are not apparent to the naked eye.

When one takes a walk through Coahoma ISD campuses, first glances are usually favorable.

But bond supporters say you have to take a closer look.

Many of the problems the district seeks to fix lie behind the walls or beneath the floors or just above the ceiling tiles. That's where the plumbing, heating and electrical systems are, and that, bond supporters say, is why this

bond is needed.

Coahoma school district supporters will decide Nov. 7 whether to support up to \$13.9 million in bonds to finance construction and renovation at all major school buildings.

Voters will decide between two options.

Proposition 2, the smaller of the two packages, would finance the following:

- High School — This is where the major portion of the work will be done. There, 20 classrooms — two wings at the campus — will be razed and replaced and a new library/media center will be constructed. The agriculture shop would also be renovated.

Renovation of the building's heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning systems also is scheduled.

- Junior High School — Projects there

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'FUTURE SHOCK' SLATED

The Workforce Network and many local businesses have teamed up for "Future Shock" from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at the employment office, located at Fourth and Owens.

Youth ages 16-21 can discover everything the Workforce Network has to offer and win prizes at the same time. More than a thousand dollars in prizes will be given away, and it is free to attend. For more information call Tim Larson at 432-263-8373.

TexasWorkforce

TAILGATE PARTY TONIGHT

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club will be hosting its 5th Annual Tailgate Party tonight at the Frenship Tigers vs. Big Spring Steers home game.

Members will be selling brisket burritos, which will include a cookie and a drink for \$6. Serving will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the west side, north end parking lot of Memorial Stadium.

Tickets are available from any of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club members or at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds from this event will go to help sponsor the Junior-Senior Alcohol-Free After-Prom Party of Big Spring ISD.

TIME FALLS BACK

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday. Remember to set your clocks back one hour upon retiring Saturday evening.

If you're confused because of legislation signed last year that extends DST, don't feel alone. You're correct; it just doesn't take place yet. Here's the scoop: On Aug. 8, President Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005. According to that Act, beginning in 2007, DST will begin on the second Sunday of March and end the first Sunday of November. Meanwhile, it's DST as usual.

Obituaries

Paul Chappell



Paul Chappell, 90, of Oklahoma, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, in Choctaw, Okla. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, Big Spring, with the Rev. Jerry Kolb and the Rev. Darrell Hendrickson officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Big Spring.

He was born Oct. 2, 1916, in Arcadia, Okla. and married Virginia Stage on Aug. 25, 1946, in Oklahoma City. She preceded him in death on Nov. 18, 2005.

Paul served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and in Japan after the war.

He attended Anderson University in Anderson, Ind., and received a bachelor's degree in theology. He received a bachelor of music degree from Trinity University in San Antonio and a master's of education degree from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

Paul lived in Big Spring for 43 years and taught American History at Rannels Junior High School, retiring after 29 years.

Paul devoted his life to Christian and music ministry. He was a member of First Church of God.

Survivors include two sons, Melvin Chappell and wife Marilyn of Houston, and Sam Chappell of Mobile, Ala.; a daughter, Jennie Valtinson and husband Daral of Choctaw, Okla.; a brother, Romaine Chappell of Columbia, Mo.; nine grandchildren, Nathan Good, Aaron Valtinson, Gary Valtinson, Adriana Valtinson, Jason Chappell and wife, Jennifer, Angela Maxwell and husband, Steve, Joey Chappell, Tiffany Chappell, and Mason Chappell; and two great-grandchildren, Beckham Chappell and Brittany Maxwell.

The family suggests memorials to a charity of choice.

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

Paid obituary

Gerald Buck

Gerald Edward "Jerry" Buck, 63, formerly of Big Spring, died Oct. 19, 2006 in Dundee, N.Y.

He was born Feb. 8, 1943, and married Phyllis Jean Haff on Oct. 23, 1968. She preceded him in death on April 20, 1991. He married Ramona Cantu in July 1991. She preceded him in death on Oct. 6, 1999.

He is survived by four sons, Andrew and wife Candace, of Hamlin, N.Y., Robert and wife Courtney and Scott and wife Sheli, all of Big Spring, and Gerald Jr., of Geneva, N.Y.; brothers Erwin and wife Rose, and Jimmy, all of Hammondsport, N.Y.; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services under the direction of Vedder and Scott Funeral Home, 534 Church St., Odessa, N.Y.

Paul Alexander

Paul Alexander of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Albuquerque, N.M. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-9-11-20. Bonus Ball: 33.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.
Prize: \$200,000.

Winning ticket sold in: Dallas.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-15-17-21-26.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-3-4

Weather

Tonight...Clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Saturday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. West winds around 10 mph.

Saturday night...Clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 50.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 80.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Cooler. Highs in the upper 60s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

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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:

• **JAMES WATSON**, 29, of 1901 S. Scurry Street Apt. A, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **JESUS JIMENEZ**, 24, of 2505 Ent, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1300 block of Madison.

• **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION** was reported in the 3300 block of Duke.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported:
- in the 1700 block of First Street.
- in the 200 block of FM 700.

• **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 1700 block of First Street.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 600 block of Colgate.

• **ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

• **DANIEL RYAN HULL**, 20, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, driving while license invalid, possession of a controlled substance (two counts) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **ERIK PAUL WAYNE QUALES**, 41, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.

• **EVERISTO TREVINO JR.**, 45, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• **TERRI DEEANN ALLEN**, 36, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - second offense.

• **MARGA DELGADO MORALES**, 43, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

• **JUAN ALBERT LOPEZ**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger.

• **TONY LANE PAINTER**, 46, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **JERRY DON DUFFER**, 19, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence.

• **JOHNNY LOPEZ**, 27, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.

• **KEVIN BRENT MATTESON**, 46, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Fourth Street and Goliad. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of South Fifth Street in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1300 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4100 block of South Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

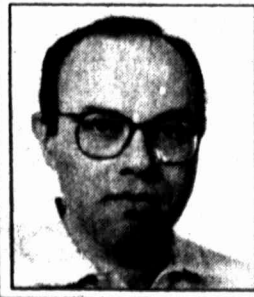
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

TUESDAY

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

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TODAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club.

• 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

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

MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 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.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

• Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

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Take Note

• **A MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUN FOR ESTHER LOPEZ** has been established at Howard College by J.O. and Annabel Barker. To make a contribution, contact Jan Foresyth at 264-5051.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL'S ROMEO AND JULIET** will be held Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Proceeds will benefit the drama department's one act play in the Spring.

• **VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) POST 2013** will offer an Oktoberfest from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday, featuring a number of German dishes including bratwurst, sauerkraut, German rye bread, potato salad and many other fixings. Plates are \$6 with carryouts available. For more information, call 213-0670.

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

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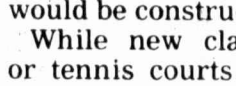
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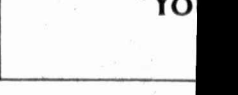
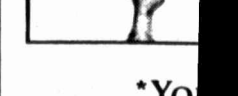
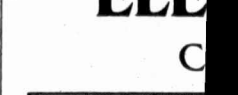
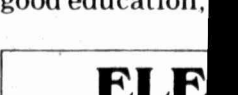
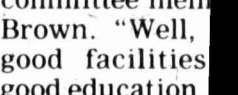
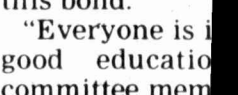
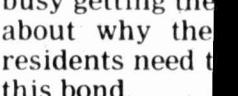
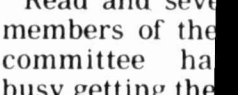
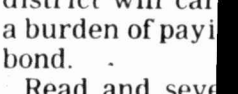
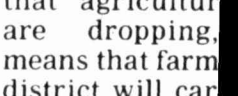
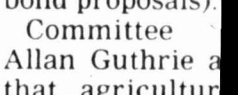
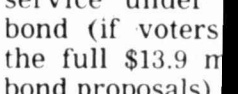
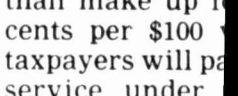
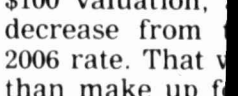
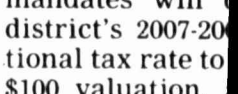
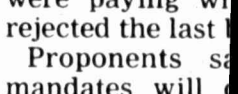
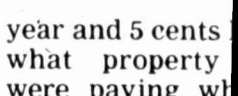
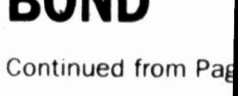
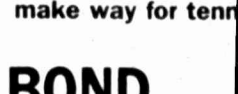
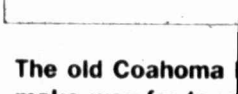
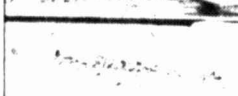
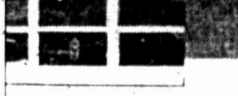
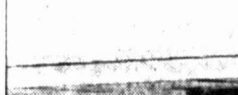
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The old Coahoma make way for tennis



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include improvements to the fire alarm and other safety systems, electrical upgrades, new heating and air conditioning and complete bathroom renovations.

Elementary — Installation of a sprinkler system, plus upgrades to the plumbing, electrical and heating systems.

Proposition 1, totaling \$13.9 million would finance all those proposals, plus finance construction of a new high school field house, renovation of the band hall and high school auditorium, demolition of the old primary building and renovation of the administration building to include the district technology department, which is currently housed in the old primary building.

In addition, tennis courts and parking spaces would be constructed.

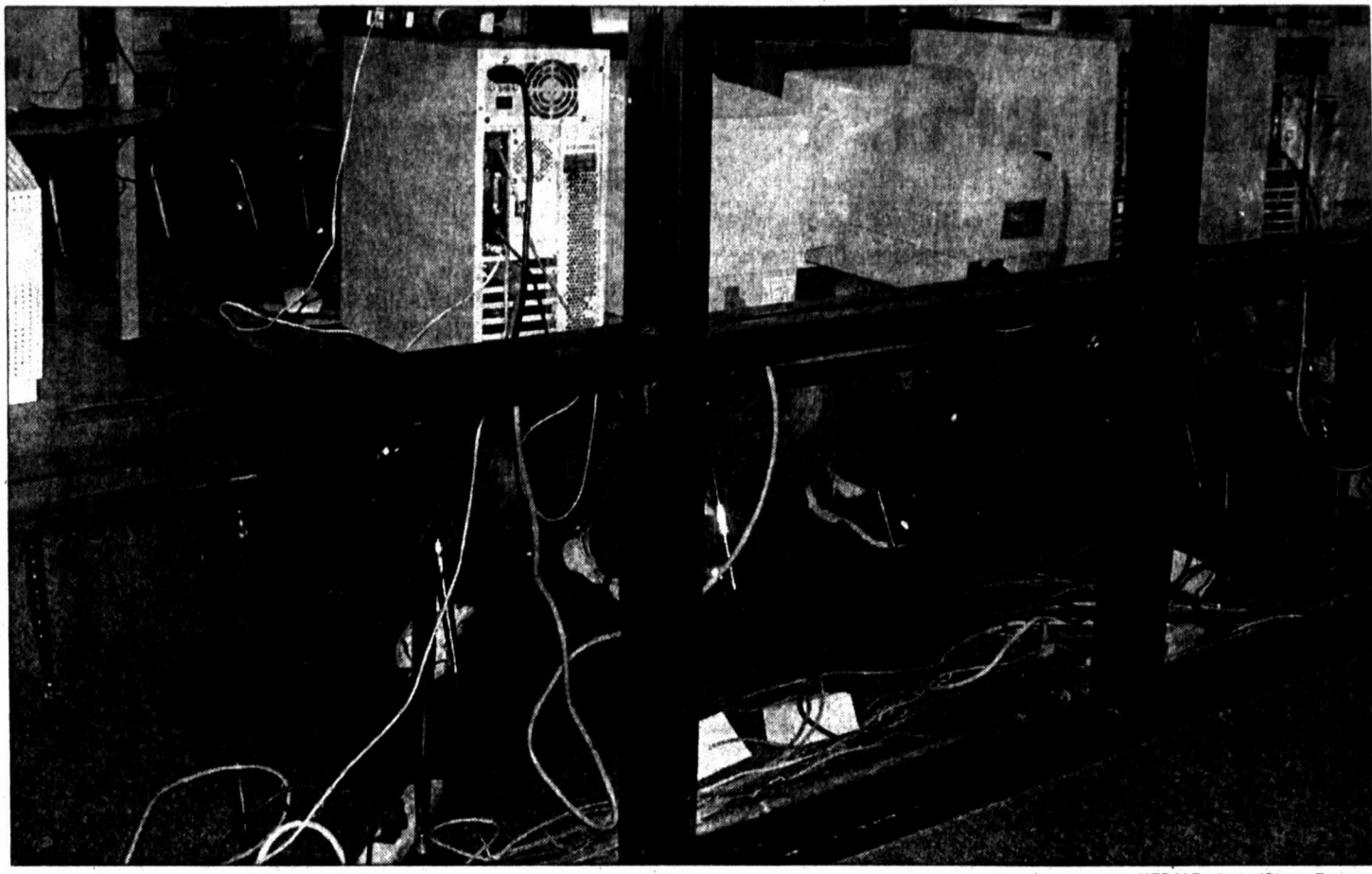
While new classrooms or tennis courts or field houses will surely catch

people's eyes, that's not the major emphasis on the renovation project, supporters say.

"The utilities have to be upgraded," said Craig Ferguson, a member of the citizen's committee supporting the bond. "People have to work on the plumbing or electricity at their houses all the time. It's the same thing here."

Plumbing is an especially sore spot at the three campuses. Drainage problems plague the two field houses, to the extent that athletes taking showers at the junior high often stand in ankle-deep water and the whirlpool in the high school won't drain, Athletic Director Kim Nichols said.

At the junior high school field house, wastewater from the washing machines must first go through a makeshift drainage system consisting of a 55-gallon drum with a hose attached because the existing drainage system can't handle the volume, Principal Dean Richter



Because of inadequate electrical capacity, many Coahoma Elementary computers must share power strips, which taxes the building's circuit breakers, officials say. An electrical upgrade for the school is included in a \$13.9 million bond issue.

said.

Similar plumbing problems exist throughout the campuses, officials said.

The major utility concern, however, is electricity. Supporters say the current situation at CISD

is inadequate to handle today's technological demands.

Elementary Principal Patricia Bennett said students must run several computers off one power strip, which taxes the building's circuit breakers and creates a potential fire hazard.

Also for safety's sake, supporters want to use part of the bond money to install a sprinkler system at the elementary.

Security is another reason renovations are needed at the high school, supporters said.

As part of the remodel-

ing, the high school office will be situated so that staff can monitor entrances. As things stand now, none of the campus entrances are visible from the office.

"Our people can't monitor the entrances at the high school," local resident Loma Jean Wynn said. "Someone could sneak in and practically do whatever they intended to do before anyone spotted them."



The old Coahoma Primary School building, which currently houses the district's technology department, will be razed to make way for tennis courts and parking spaces if voters approve a \$13.9 million bond issue Nov. 7.

BOND

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year and 5 cents less than what property owners were paying when they rejected the last bond.

Proponents say state mandates will drop the district's 2007-2008 operational tax rate to \$1.04 per \$100 valuation, a 45-cent decrease from the 2005-2006 rate. That will more than make up for the 41 cents per \$100 valuation taxpayers will pay in debt service under the new bond (if voters approve the full \$13.9 million in bond proposals).

Committee member Allan Guthrie also notes that agriculture values are dropping, which means that farmers in the district will carry less of a burden of paying for the bond.

Read and several other members of the citizen's committee have been busy getting the word out about why they believe residents need to vote for this bond.

"Everyone is in favor of good education," said committee member Kirby Brown. "Well, you need good facilities to have good education, and that's

why we need to vote for this."

The changing face of education — and an increasing reliance on computer technology — demands that the district upgrade its facilities to meet those needs, said Loma Jean Wynn.

"Nothing stays the same," she said. "You've got to keep up with technology and maintenance." Committee members realize that nobody is happy at the prospect of paying millions of dollars for the renovations. But they say this is a case of need outweighing expense.

"People obviously don't want to pay more on their

taxes than they have to, but these improvements are really needed," said Craig Ferguson.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Big Spring High School band, on receiving a Division I rating at the University Interscholastic League Region 6 Marching Contest in Odessa.

- We're tootin' the horn, too, for the Forsan High School Marching band, which also earned the highest possible rating — a Division I.

- Just Say Yes to area schools, which have been participating in Red Ribbon Week for the past five days. Thank you, educators and administrators, for realizing the importance in getting this message out to our children, and making it an entertaining one.

- Everyone who took time to cast a ballot in the early voting period this week. For those who didn't, you still have next week or Nov. 7, election day. Remember, your vote counts.

- Forsan Independent School District, on the celebration of completion of a vast remodeling project, celebrated with a ribbon cutting Monday. Congratulations, Forsan ISD residents. It shows real pride in your community and your dedication and desire to place your children in the best learning environment is commendable.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not look down upon others who have less than us, but pray for Your Lord, for them.

Amen

Eating grass and a wide load

Some people have the gut of a billy goat. The Brewer has historically been one of those people. Besides being a highly caffeinated Christian, it is a fact that I tend to overeat. I don't wear a big belt buckle anymore because it is inclined to turn over and disappear between my bladder and kidneys. It's sad because I have to wear a belt now that I am older. If I don't, what should be around my waist ends up south of my ankles.



TROY BREWER

My six-pack has turned into a keg, but it's not because I have a beer belly — it's more like a chicken coop. Pray for me.

When it comes to food, not only do I not care what it is (besides black licorice or Rye bread), but I don't really care how it's cooked either. Like "Bubba" from the movie Forest Gump, I'll eat it boiled, fried, baked, sautéed, grilled, en flambé etc., etc. I have eaten locusts in Uganda, monkey in Rwanda and a batter dipped, deep fried candy bar in Scotland. I have eaten things completely unrecognizable in India and something that looked back at me from a soup bowl in Costa Rica.

I proverbially have to eat crow often and have been known to insert my foot into my mouth on frequent occasion. Again, pray for me.

This last week I was on the Rio

Ranchito near the YO Ranch in Kerrville. I had gone on a "radical sabbatical" with a ministry called Fellowship of the Sword. A brother on staff there gave a testimony of how he had adopted five little girls from Russia. His eyes lit up like a blowtorch when he spoke of them.

Quite often his family likes to go to a little Italian joint near their house and not really for the spaghetti but because of the homemade vinaigrette. Being Russian born children they love salad and fruit so the local restaurant with the homemade dressing has become some kind of a staple diet.

While chowing down, one of the girls casually stated that her salad tasted like the grass in Russia. He thought it was a funny thing to say and asked her if she had fallen down and tasted grass. Over the next few minutes his daughter began to open up and relate that a big part of being an orphan in Russia was learning to cope with starvation.

In her tiny little voice she recalled that she and the other little girls would sneak out of the orphanage at night to eat grass in the fields. They were so hungry one Christmas that they had actually eaten the green off of the Christmas tree.

All of his daughters had stories of the things they had eaten while they were starving and helpless. This Mom and Dad sat crying as they patiently listened to each story and shook their heads in recognition. Their daughters are safe now, but there was a long

period in their lives when they had eaten grass just to survive.

Over the next few months the Lord did a work in my new friends life in that he decided as a Dad, his family would never eat grass again, naturally or figuratively. He said "It made me wonder how many times has my wife needed my encouragement, my love, my affection but because I was tired or mad I refused to feed her."

I sat listening to him and it made me afraid that at times I have emotionally and spiritually forced my family to "eat grass." My wife and kids have never starved for food, but there have been times when I should have fed them as the man I am supposed to be and didn't do it.

One more time, pray for me. I came home and repented to my kids and said, "I am sorry for the times you should have been fed but were forced to eat grass."

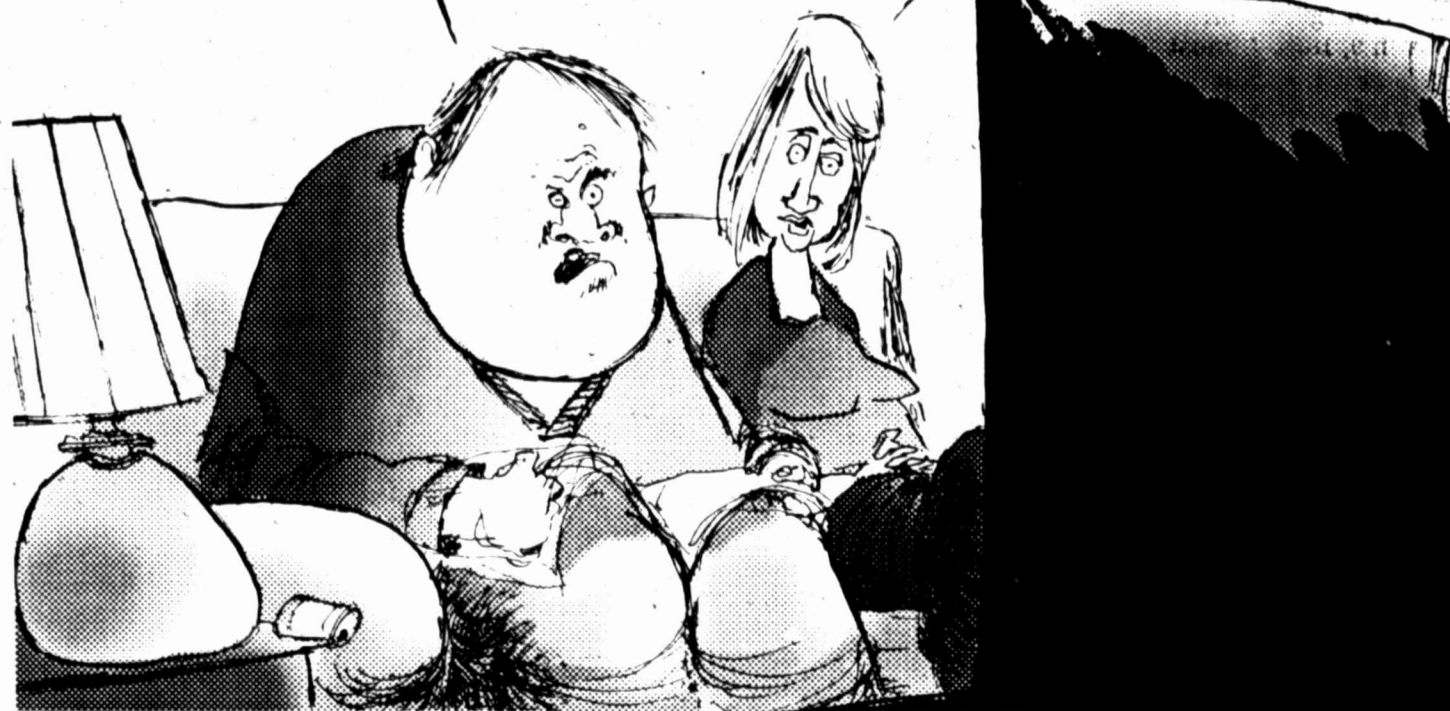
My thirteen year old boy didn't understand what I was saying and tried to encourage me by saying "Dad, it's OK, I eat grass just because I like it." Yes, he's a little savage, but I'm proud of him.

Parents, don't make your families eat grass. Give them what they need.

If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 1 Timothy 5:8

Troy Brewer welcomes your comments by e-mail at freshfromthe-brewer@pendoorministries.org or

WHAT'S THIS EARMARKING I KEEP HEARING ABOUT... IS THAT ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE SICK PERVERT THINGS THEY DO?



Our nation's women postmasters

Over the course of its history, the United States Postal Service has employed women as postmasters — from a single woman at the birth of our country in 1775 until, today, when more women than men head United States Post Offices. Of the nation's 25,410 postmasters, almost 58 percent — 14,671 — are women.



GARY CRITTENDEN

Although sometimes popularly referred to as "postmistresses," their official title always has been "postmaster." Promoting women as managers is a commonplace corporate agenda today; the Postal Service has done it for centuries. During the colonial period, several women, including Elizabeth Hubbard Franklin, Sarah Updike Goddard and Lydia Hills, may have served as postmasters under the British postal system in North America.

Franklin, sister-in-law of Benjamin Franklin, is thought to have temporarily handled postmaster duties in Boston from her husband's death until the next postmaster was appointed.

Goddard may have handled the postmaster duties in Providence for her only son, William

Goddard, after he moved to New York and, later, to Philadelphia to establish a newspaper business and print shop.

Hill served for many years as postmaster at Salem, Mass., before her death in 1768.

The first woman postmaster in the United States was Mary Katherine Goddard — Sarah's daughter and the only female postmaster in office when the Second Continental Congress appointed Benjamin Franklin as the first Postmaster General of the United Colonies in 1775, making her the first female postmaster in the United Colonies, and soon, the United States.

She also was a printer, the first to publish the Declaration of Independence in 1776; ran a bookshop and published The Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser, the only newspaper in Baltimore from July 1779 to May 1783. In November 1789, Postmaster General Samuel Osgood removed Goddard from office.

Osgood, a strict financial manager, wanted to install his own postmaster and reorganize Baltimore's postal accounts under his control. More than 200 citizens of Baltimore petitioned the Postmaster General to reinstate Mary Katherine Goddard but he refused, claiming the right to exercise his own judgment. Goddard wrote directly to both President

George Washington and the U.S. Senate to petition for reinstatement and her back salary, but neither intervened on her behalf.

When she left office, the only woman listed as postmaster in Post Office Department Ledger A was Elizabeth Creswell, appointed at Charlestown, Md., in 1786.

Sarah DeCrow became the first woman appointed postmaster under the U.S. Constitution when she was named postmaster of Hertford, N.C., on Sept. 27, 1792 — although she kept trying to resign because the pay was so low. Assistant Postmaster General Charles Burrall acknowledged her concerns in a letter addressed to her on Nov. 29, 1794, appealing to a sense of public service by writing:

"I am sensible that the emolument of the office cannot be much inducement to you to keep it (the postmastership), nor to any Gentleman to accept of it, yet I flatter myself some one may be found willing to do the business, rather than the town and its neighbourhood should be deprived of the business of a Post Office."

Several months later, a gentleman did take over the office. The second woman to serve as postmaster of Lancaster, Pa., had no such problem with her compensation. Mary Dickson, who served

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Lots of opportunities for fun this Halloween season

From the scariest of haunted houses to less frightful but eventful fall festivals, Howard County has lots of choices for celebrating the season.

Here is a list and brief description of at least some of what's going on:

IHM youth group will host a Halloween dance tonight 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 816-7127 or Merlinda at 394-4641.

The annual Senior Fun Fest opened this morning at Dora Roberts Community Center. The event continues Saturday evening at Canterbury South with food and entertainment. A chili supper is set for 6 p.m. and a dance will begin at 7 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m. RC Entertainment will be performing.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay For Life Team is having its third annual Haunted House today and Saturday from 7 p.m. to midnight and Monday and Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Malone and Hogan Clinic. Admission is \$5 per person. There will be a child waiting area where parents can leave their little ones while attending the haunted house. The event has been remodeled with 13 rooms. All proceeds go to Relay For Life.



One spooky place to be the next few nights is the Malone Hogan Clinic where Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay For Life team is hosting a haunted house.

Kentwood Elementay School's PTO will host its annual Fall Festival on Saturday. Doors open at 5 p.m. to purchase food and 6 p.m. for games and activities. There will even be a haunted library. Tickets are 25 cents each. Wear

a non-gory costume and join in the fun.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2013 will offer an Oktoberfest from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday, featuring a number of German dishes including bratwurst, sauerkraut, German rye bread, potato salad and many other fixings. Plates are \$6 with carryouts available. For more information, call 213-0670.

The second annual Haunted Hangar will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Hangar 25 Air Museum. The Halloween alternative event is open to children of all ages. Admission is \$2. There will be a pumpkin carving contest. Bring your own carved pumpkin between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for judging. Among the activities will be 15 games booths, face painting, dance and costume contests and a performance by the Dance Gallery's Danzation at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Heather Wallace at 264-1999.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church will give out candy and "spiritual food" in its parking lot from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday.

A Relay For Life spook house will be sponsored by the Big Spring Independent School District Yellow Dogs from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Old College Heights School. Admission is \$5 per person.

Coahoma Church of Christ will host Trunk or Treat from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 1. Everyone is invited.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church will had out goodies in its parking lot from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 31

First Baptist Church in Big Spring will hold a Fall Festival for children at 7 p.m. Oct. 31 in the Family Life Center. Participants are asked to avoid scary costumes.

Candy and popcorn balls will be handed out at the Charles and Bettye Parrish residence, 410 College St., in Coahoma, on Halloween, Oct. 31. This has been a tradition for 26-plus years. Last year, family and friends sacked up 2,000 popcorn balls for all ages.

H-E-B will host its first Halloween Safe Stop from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 31.

The grocer will provide "safe and fun" trick or treating. Children can have their photo taken with HEBuddy and the Keebler Elf.

There will be a "best and scariest" costume contest with a \$50 gift card from H-E-B to be given away.

Big Spring Mall will host Halloween on Oct. 31 with a costume contest for children (6 months-24 months, 2-5 years, 6-9 years, 10-12 years) at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 31. Merchants will distribute candy to children from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Dance Gallery's Danzation will perform at 6:30 p.m.

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from April 11, 1829, until 1850, earned a salary of \$1,305.37 in 1847, the fifth highest in the state. Only the postmasters of Erie, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh earned more.

The appointment of women as postmasters was not always unchallenged. Controversy surrounded the appointment of Rose Wright, who became postmaster of Harrisburg, Pa., on March 9, 1814. Almost three weeks earlier, on Feb. 17, Postmaster General Gideon Granger wrote to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

"My feelings would lead me to appoint Mrs. Wright in conformity to the wishes expressed in her recommendation, but the Post Office Law has been revised and altered since the appointment of Mrs. Moore and a doubt has been suggested to me from a source that I ought to respect as to the strict legality of appointing a female and on careful examination of the Law I incline to believe that the doubt may be well founded."

The law referred to was passed in 1810 and contains no specific provision prohibiting the appointment of women postmasters. However, all pronouns substituted for "postmaster" in the Act are in the masculine case, so the Postmaster General may have taken this to mean women should not be appointed postmasters.

Despite Postmaster General Granger's doubts, Wright was chosen to head the Harrisburg Post Office less than a month after he wrote the letter. She served more than eight years. By the end of the

19th century, women managed slightly less than 10 percent of the country's 70,000 Post Offices. Pennsylvania had more female postmasters — 463 — than any other state, although Virginia was a close second with 460. The Post Office at Indianola, Miss., was the first known to be headed by an African-American woman, Minnie M. Cox. She was appointed postmaster on Jan. 16, 1891, and served until April 1893; she was appointed postmaster again on May 22, 1897, and served until Feb. 1904.

In "The Story of Our Post Office," published in 1893, Marshall Cushing estimated there were 6,335 women postmasters at that time:

"A whole book could be written about the many admirable women who work away with all their tact and business prudence ... trying to please their patrons and the Department alike, and pleasing both because they try ... Sometimes they are the most important persons in their towns," he wrote.

Cushing gave brief biographical sketches of several:

Mary E.P. Bogert, postmaster at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who "kept a general supervision of every

department of the office, giving personal care to all details, stimulating each employee to give to his work the best that was in him ..."

Mrs. Flora H. Hawes at Hot Springs, Ark., "a remarkable woman ... [whose] family is among the most notable and influential in that state."

Mary Sumner Long, at Charlottesville, Va., "a lady of marked social and literary tastes and acquirements, as well as of great business capacity."

Lucy S. Miller, at Mariposa, Calif. (When the "... mail reaches Mariposa at five in the morning, summer and winter, ... Mrs. Miller is faithfully at her post."

E.A.S. Mixson, at Barnwell, S.C., "one of the brightest [women postmasters] ... in the whole service"

Women postmasters began setting new records in the 1920s. Appointed postmaster of Tampa, Fla., on Jan. 26, 1923, Elizabeth D. Barnard became the highest paid female postmaster on record with a salary of \$6,000 at a time when the average annual salary for postal employees was just \$1,870.

During World War II, the number of female postmasters increased significantly — to more

than 17,500 out of 12,680 in 1943. After World War II, the overall number of women postmasters decreased slightly as men returned from the war and reclaimed their jobs.

In August 1949, more than 40 percent of the nation's 11,575 postmasters were women. On Feb. 3, 1958, the Post Office Department issued a press release on "lady postmasters," proud to announce the department employed "the largest number of women branch managers of any business-type operation in the world."

According to then Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield, "With our near 16,000 women postmasters representing close to half of our entire management staff, we believe it is fair to say the American Post Office Department ... recognizes the management abilities of women perhaps more than any other private or governmental organization anywhere."

The same release noted that several women postmasters headed offices with more than \$1 million in annual receipts.

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New technology and the growth of the service industry after World War II caused women's lives to change. Women went to work at all sorts of jobs, including the Post Office Department.

Today, in the 21st century, women head a majority of Post Offices throughout the country, including those serving

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For more information about St. Mary's, call 267-8201 or visit www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Golias.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from Mark 10:46-52 at worship service on Sunday. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. Take Ten follows at 10:35 a.m. and worship service starts 11 a.m.

After church on Sunday, the monthly pot luck luncheon will be held. Members are to bring their favorite meat, vegetable, salad or dessert to share with other members.

On Wednesday, the youth group meets from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Bible study is at 5:17 p.m. and choir practice follows at 6 p.m.

Members are encouraged to continue bringing canned goods and non-perishable food to be given to less fortunate members of the community during the approaching holiday season.

First Presbyterian Church is located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

First Baptist Church

Next Tuesday, the First Baptist Church is sponsoring a Fall Festival for all of the children in Big Spring in our Family Life Center at 7 p.m. There is no admission, but if you would like to contribute to the food pantry, you could bring one canned good per child. Please, no scary costumes.

Our pastor, the Rev. Dennis Teeters, will continue his sermon series on the things that he wished Jesus had never said by addressing the subject of hating our parents. (No, there is no "not.") Sunday evening, the children will be in concert at 6 p.m.

For more information about our church, call 267-8223.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

Coahoma United Methodist Church is located at 401 N. Main.

Join us Sunday as the Rev. Donita Lea leads us in weekly worship service. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., followed by the worship service at 11 a.m.

On Sunday, CUMC will be taking a group of adults and youth to the free Shane & Shane concert at Mid-Cities Church in Midland. A caravan will be leaving the church at 3 p.m. Youth and adults alike are encouraged to come — you'll only need money for food as the concert is free of charge.

The youth will hold their weekly "Study Hall" at 5 p.m. in the fellowship on Wednesday. This gives the youth an opportunity to support one another in their academic studies. Following Study Hall, the youth will have a time of worship at 6 p.m., followed by Praise Band worship at 7 p.m. All youth are invited.

Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church invites you to join us this Sunday for a day of fellowship and music. We will begin the morning with a light fellowship breakfast before Sunday school. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m., morning service is at 11 a.m. with Young People's church following special music.

Instead of regular evening church, there will be the Fifth Sunday Sing beginning at 6 p.m. A fellowship meal will follow the service. Nursery services are available for all Sunday services. Our Wednesday evening service is held at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

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

East Side Baptist Church

Regular Sunday services are 9:45 a.m., Sunday School; 10:45 a.m., morning worship; and 1:45 p.m. Sunday afternoon praise and worship. On Wednesday evening, youth meet at 6 p.m. and Bible study is held at 7 p.m.

We will be taking a group to Midland this Sunday to see the Hallowed House. A Family Fun Night is planned for Tuesday evening at 6 p.m., to help keep kids off the streets

and safe.

A nursery is available for all services.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

We are hosting our third annual Trunk or Treat at East Fourth Street Baptist Church. We will be on the parking lot this Saturday, at 401 E. Fourth St., from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. We will be giving out great candy and a little bit of spiritual food as well. This will be a great chance for those little ones to be out before Halloween night to get their treats for their stomachs and for their spiritual lives as well.

Come and trick our trunks in the safety of a ring of fortified cars with people ready to treat your little ones.

Remember that on Sunday we have Sunday school for all ages starting at 9:45 a.m. and worship for the whole family following at 11 a.m. Come, let us worship the Lord Jesus together at East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

First United Methodist Church

The congregation of First United Methodist Church welcomes you to our services. We regularly meet on Sunday morning for worship at 8:30 a.m. and again at 10:50 a.m. This Sunday, Reformation Sunday, our pastor, Dr. Shane Brue, will deliver our message, "Some Considerations Before the Plate is Passed," from 1 Corinthians 16:1-4. Sunday school for all ages will begin at 9:45 a.m. The Youth Kaos Concert in Midland leaves here at 5

p.m. and you are welcome to attend our Joint Area Worship at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary, with the Rev. Eddie Williams from Baker Chapel and the Hand Bell Choir.

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

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

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

Elder Gail Faries of Lubbock P.B.C. is scheduled to be the visiting minister for the Sunday 10:30 a.m. worship service at Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Visitors are always warmly welcomed.

A special prayer meeting will be held Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

For farther information, call John Wayne Metcalf at 432-394-4067 or Dennis Walker at 432-264-1363.

Friends of Unity

Meetings held at the Center, located in the beautiful downtown Railroad Plaza, give opportunity for people to participate in in-depth concentration on spiritual subjects.

Sunday, the Rev. Jim Sims will lead the Celebration of Life service at 1 p.m. A study of the Twelve Powers, gifts from God, will follow at 2 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church is located at 810 Scurry Street.

Saturday at 9:30 a.m., registration will begin for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League's West Texas Area Fall Rally here in our parish hall. Lunch will be provided.

Sunday worship services and Holy Communion take place at 9 a.m. Sunday school and Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m.

Small group Bible stud-

ies are held Sunday night, Monday night, Wednesday noon and Friday night. Call the church for times and locations.

Don't forget, the LWML is sponsoring Christmas Child Shoeboxes. These will be packed Nov. 9 and shipped Nov. 15. Please bring items for children under 14 that will fit into a shoebox.

Items suggested for Operation On-going Support for missionaries to give to our enlisted personnel are hot beverage

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Contract Bridge

Bidding Quiz

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

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass		

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- 1♠7♥AKQJ952♦63♦J8
- ♠KJ♥KQ9872♦Q974♦4
- ♠72♥KQJ9764♦A5♦J6
- ♠AJR♥KJ8743♦A75♦K

1. Pass. There is no good reason to think that four hearts is safer than three notrump. On the contrary, partner will almost certainly be able to take nine quick tricks in notrump, as your hearts are solid and partner should have a stopper in any suit that is led. At four hearts, you could conceivably lose four tricks, particularly with partner having twice shown minimum values after opening the bidding. The hand can stand four losers in notrump, but not in hearts.

2. Four diamonds. This hand does not figure to lend itself well to notrump and is obviously better designed for suit play. Four diamonds (forcing) permits partner to go on to five diamonds, or possibly show belated support for hearts. Minor-suit games are relatively rare, since most hands with a potential for

11 tricks usually produce at least nine in notrump, but here the likelihood of making nine tricks in notrump is too remote.

3. Four hearts. The chance of making four hearts is excellent, while three notrump might prove very precarious. The danger in notrump is that the opponents, having the advantage of the opening lead, might establish their long suit before dummy's hearts can be established.

It might turn out that four hearts and three notrump can both be made, depending upon partner's hand, but in the long run four hearts will prove the safer bet.

4. Four diamonds. It's almost a sure thing that partner can make three notrump, but passing is not right because there is still too good a chance for a slam. For example, six diamonds would be a breeze if partner held

♠K92♥5♦KQ9863♦AJ4

Investigating a slam by bidding four diamonds does not really jeopardize game possibilities. It keeps the avenue open to both a game and a slam, and what you do next depends largely on how partner reacts. Thus, if he now cuebids five clubs, indicating the club ace and interest in slam, you would go right to six diamonds.

Tomorrow: Detective work works well.

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Permian Basin Historical Society

The Permian Basin Historical Society held its Fall Oop Land in Iraan with President P. Betty Cash served as presiding. First Vice Betty Cash served as presiding.

Approximately 100 and guests were in attendance.

The meeting opened with the presentation of the color guard by the Texas Youth Community Camp in Sheffield. National Anthem performed by Michael Iraan. Iraan Mayo welcomed the group.

Presenting papers of significance were read by Texas author Pat who read his story "The Rails: Perseverance the Great Depression."

Charles Stroder, a charter member of the Permian Basin Historical Society gave an interesting story from his experience in and growing up in Wink.

Betty Cash of Iraan presented an interesting inside look at Oop and His Time. The influence of character on its own and on those who read the script.

Jim Collett, a teacher and now of Education Services presented a PowerPoint with photos and people through the delight of the presentation.

The presentation of Schools had to be due to the illness of presenters. Their presentation meeting at the Museum in April.

Catholic

BOSTON (AP) — Julianne Hau began 20 years ago she felt a call to God's word to who needed it.

But these days when running a parish or Managing financial personnel well a mously important and now — prod group of prominent leaders — a ha Roman Catholic ties are offering ment courses church workers gy.

Villanova U has a new summering course, wh

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North Birdwell United Methodist Church

As we prepare the busiest season of the year, we a Birdwell UMC you not forget church each Su are invited to a regular service Sunday worshi a.m. and 5 p.m. school is at 10:30

We are begin third month of Food Ministry going great. Ar purchase a bo items estimated at \$75-\$90 for There is no c The food, incl quality meat

Club News

Permian Basin Historical Society

The Permian Historical Society held its fall meeting at Oop Land in Iraan on Oct. 21 with President Peggy Kelton presiding. First Vice President Betty Cash served as moderator.

Approximately 70 members and guests were in attendance.

The meeting opened with a presenting of the colors provided by a color guard from the Texas Youth Commission Boot Camp in Sheffield and the National Anthem beautifully performed by Michelle Kent of Iraan. Iraan Mayor June Heck welcomed the group to Iraan.

Presenting papers of historical significance was noted West Texas author Patrick Dearen, who read his story on "Riding the Rails: Persevering Through the Great Depression."

Charles Stroder of Crane and a charter member of the Permian Basin Historical Society gave an interesting story from his experience of living in and growing up in an oil camp in Wink.

Betty Cash of Iraan gave an interesting inside look of Alley Oop and His Time Machine and the influence of the cartoon character on its creator's town and on those who appreciate the script.

Jim Collett, a product of Sheffield/Iraan, a former teacher and now on the staff of Education Service Center 18, presented a Power Point of his work with photos of area sites and people through the years to the delight of the audience.

The presentation of the Integration of the Crane Schools had to be postponed due to the illness of one of the presenters. They will make their presentation at the spring meeting at the Petroleum Museum in April.



Courtesy photo
Craig Fischer of San Antonio, a former resident of Big Spring, poses with Big Spring residents Janice Lane and Roger Goertz during the Permian Historical Society's fall meeting in Iraan.

Authors present and signing and selling their books were Patrick Dearen, Mary Lou Midkiff, Charlena Chandler, Ross McSwain and Suzanne O'Bryan.

Books from Cactus Book Shop in San Angelo were on hand with some already signed Elmer Kelton books and other historical books for sale. There were also a few cassettes from Tumbleweed Smith on one of his presentations available.

The winners of the Best Presentation of the Spring Meeting Award were Lee Bennett and Paula Marshall Gray.

Coming in one vote behind was Gordon Hooper.

This gives an insight on the quality and interest of the papers presented at the meetings.

Special certificates of appreciation were presented to author, teacher, cowboy, politician and 97 year old society member Paul Patterson; Nancy McKinley, historian, director of the Midland County Historical Museum and a faithful 93 year old member; and Frances Walker, a most faithful member and one who always participates in the costume part of the meeting with gleeful anticipation and who has reached the ripe old age of 90.

Members and guests came from Boerne, San Antonio, San Angelo, Big Spring, Stanton, Midland, Odessa, Crane, Rankin, McCamey, Dryden, Fort Stockton, Alpine, Carrizo Springs, Ozona and Iraan.

There is always a theme for the meetings and some members come in costume.

Not surprisingly the theme for this meeting was Alley Oop and three members came as Miss Oola, the girl friend of Alley Oop, and one came as an oil field worker representing the Permian area and Iraan in particular.

Lunch was provided by Mesquite Wood Bar-B-Que.

After the meeting, many of the attendees visited the local museum next door.

Curator Snooks Collett took pictures on Dinny the Dinosaur and in front of the huge representation of Alley Oop, completing an exciting visit to Iraan and the Permian Historical Society.

The spring meeting of the Permian Historical Society will be at the Petroleum Museum in Midland in April. The next fall meeting will be in Stanton in

October of 2007.

Big Spring Art Association

Bruce and Bell Schooler invited the BSAA into their studios for the October monthly meeting. Bruce, a photographer, and Bell, an artist, each have a studio side by side. We were able to tour both studios.

Bruce shared some photographing tips with the group. Then some tips on how to sit your model and model yourself for photos. Bruce tells us that most people freeze up and become stiff for a photo, much like how the old photographs of people look.

To help loosen everyone up our clown member, DW attempted to help us forget the camera.

We invite anyone who is interested in art and photography to come join us and share tips and fun with the group. The meeting is the third Tuesday of each month at the Howard County Library. The date may be earlier in December. Tipping of the Brush was won by DW Overman, a photograph of a beautiful sunset.

Several local businesses allow our group to hang on an easel or wall a painting or photograph that usually changes every month. For more information, call 393-5288 or 263-1134.

Sand Springs Potluck Club

The Sand Springs Senior Citizen's Potluck Club will hold their regular meeting Thursday, Nov. 2, at noon in the Lions Club building on Scout Hut Road. Joan Hipp of the Howard County Sheriff's Department will bring the program. All area seniors are invited to attend.

Catholic colleges offer management training to create efficiency

BOSTON (AP) — Sister Julianne Hau became a nun 20 years ago because she felt a call to bring God's word to anyone who needed it.

But these days, that's not the only requirement when running a convent, parish or diocese. Managing finances and personnel well are enormously important skills, and now — prodded by a group of prominent lay leaders — a handful of Roman Catholic universities are offering management courses to lay church workers and clergy.

Villanova University has a new summer training course, which Hau

completed so she could better serve her Baltimore-area religious community. "The religious feel the call from God," she said. "They don't necessarily feel the money part."

Boston College is creating a graduate church management degree program and the University of Notre Dame has long trained students to work for non-profits, though not necessarily church-run organizations.

Lay leaders say using best management practices in administration and finances will mean more efficient use of resources. Some claim it also strikes at the arcane

bureaucracy and secrecy that nurtured the clergy sex abuse scandal.

"It's an area that needs an awful lot of sunlight," said Frances Butler of Foundation and Donors, Interested in Catholic Activities (FADICA), an organization of Catholic philanthropists and charities. FADICA helped create the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, a group of 225 prominent Catholics that are pushing the church to adopt best management practices.

David Clohessy, national director of Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, said he wel-

comes better church management, but he doubts it can touch the problems that led to rampant molestation.

New management practices won't change church leaders' inclination to try to keep abuse cases quiet, he said.

"One can't overestimate the shrewdness of and determination of abusive priests and complicit bishops," Clohessy said. "Where there's a will, there's a way."

Butler believes better management can make a big difference, and said that became obvious to FADICA's membership as the scandal broke and revealed the church's

shaky financial picture, including big, unpaid retirement costs.

Though many dioceses already have strict accounting and personnel rules in place, and most parishes have business managers, there's no requirement for uniformity in human resources or financial practices.

Some churches and dioceses rely on clergy who learn on the job. Others, tap retirees with business backgrounds or volunteers with varying levels of expertise.

That can lead to wasted money, Boston College professor Thomas Groome, who came up

with the BC graduate program, recalled the example of a small Southern diocese that badly overpaid for insurance because it didn't know it could save money by banding with other local dioceses.

"The U.S. Catholic community does an estimated \$100-billion in business a year," said Groome, who directs the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry. "Is this being managed according to the best practices of good management? I don't think anybody would say the answer to that is, 'Yes.'"

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mixes, baby wipes, emery boards, nail clippers and red licorice as a treat. Donations are appreciated. You may also donate for AT&T phone cards so our military can call their loved ones. These will be mailed early next week.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

As we prepare to go into the busiest season of the year, we at North Birdwell UMC ask that you not forget to attend church each Sunday. You are invited to any of the regular services such as Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday school is at 10:30 a.m.

We are beginning our third month of the Angel Food Ministry and it is going great. Anyone may purchase a box of food items estimated in value at \$75-\$90 for only \$25. There is no qualifying. The food, including top quality meats, is all

restaurant quality. If you are interested in participating, call 267-2203 or 267-4082.

Orders will be taken Saturday from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Westside Center and Nov. 2 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Nov. 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the church, 2702 North Birdwell Lane. Friday, Nov. 3, is the last day to

place an order for this month. We are also looking for volunteers to help unload the trailers of food when they arrive. The November distribution day is the 18th. Call 267-4082 if you are interested in helping out.

For a special Halloween outing, try North Birdwell UMC parking lot. Members will gather

in the lot with goodies in the trunks of their cars, on the tailgates of their pickups or just sitting beside the vehicle. This will be held Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., providing a safe place for kids to "trick or treat."

A little advance planning is called for in order to mark your calendars for Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. This

is when the annual Christmas program at North Birdwell will take place. This year, the Gospel Jubilees will perform gospel and Christmas music. This group of young women and girls is an absolute delight. Come hear them as we prepare for the holiday season, celebrating the birth of our Savior.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

If you are unable to attend Sunday services, we offer Bible study on the first and third Wednesday of each month, beginning at 6:30 p.m. United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Thursday at 4:30 p.m., led by Jacquie Mauch.

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Woman gets probation in daughter's death after home surgery

ABILENE (AP) — A woman whose 7-year-old daughter died after she performed surgery on her was sentenced to five years' probation.

Deziree Kay Gideon, who was arrested last year and is thought to be involved with a religious sect called the House of Yahweh, was sentenced Wednesday after she pleaded guilty to injury to a child, according to the Callahan County District Clerk's Office. She faced a maximum punishment of life in prison.

Gideon, 36, used a scalpel to try to remove an infected area off the leg of her daughter, Terri Silas, at a neighbor's home in 2003, authorities said. The girl was taken to an Abilene hospital and later to a Fort Worth hospital, where she died.

The incident occurred at the home of Gideon's neighbor, Rebekah Hawkins, who is to stand trial Monday. Gideon has agreed to testify against Hawkins, who is accused of assisting in the surgery.

The House of Yahweh is an Old Testament-based group that gained notoriety in 1996 when several hundred of its followers changed their last names to Hawkins. That was in honor of the sect's founder, Yisrayl Hawkins, who changed his name from Bill after leaving the Abilene Police Department in 1977.

He founded the group, with headquarters in Abilene and a 50-acre compound in Callahan County, in 1980.

3-year-old killed in crash on fundamentalist sect's ranch

ELDORADO (AP) — A 3-year-old boy was killed and another child was injured Thursday when a minivan they were riding in crashed on a ranch owned by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a polygamist sect led by Warren Jeffs.

Allen Rulon Jeffs was pronounced dead at a local hospital, and 3-year-old Richard Rulon Jeffs was in critical condition Thursday night. Isaac Steed Jeffs Jr., 3, and the driver, Barbara Joy Jessop, were treated and released, the *San Angelo Standard-Times* reported in Friday's editions.

It was unclear if the victims were related to Warren Jeffs, who was arrested in August and is charged with two felony counts of rape as an accomplice. He is accused of arranging a "spiritual marriage" between an underage girl and an older man.

A news release from the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department said the minivan hit a boulder while traveling on a gravel road. The boys weren't wearing seat belts and no charges are expected to be filed, Sheriff David Doran said.

Police find more than 1,000 pounds of marijuana during stop

EL PASO (AP) — A 26-year-old El Paso man remained jailed Thursday on charges that he was driving a truck with more than 1,000 pounds of marijuana inside.

Eduardo Tarazon was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana early Wednesday after a traffic stop Tuesday night. El Paso police spokeswoman Detective Elizabeth Molina said officers stopped the 1997 GMC truck Tarazon was driving because his license plate was not illuminated as he drove along and east El Paso highway.

When the officers questioned Tarazon, Molina said, he began acting "nervous and suspicious." The officers later searched the truck and found several boxes loaded with about 1,065 pounds of marijuana worth more than \$1 million.

Tarazon is jailed on \$25,000 bail.

Higher ed enrollment grows, especially at two-year colleges

AUSTIN (AP) — Enrollment at Texas colleges and universities has grown by more than 27,000 students this fall, with most of the increases coming at two-year schools, state officials said Thursday.

More than 586,000 students are enrolled at community, junior and technical colleges across the state, an increase of about 20,000 from last year, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board said.

About 1.2 million students are enrolled in some type of higher education this fall, the board said.

Although this year's increase is twice as high as the growth reported last year, it trails the amount seen each year between 2001 and 2004.

"Clearly we need even greater increases to achieve state participation goals," said Raymund Paredes, the Texas commissioner of higher education.

He said his staff will try to figure out why enrollment isn't growing more rapidly.

The board wants to increase the number of Texans enrolled in colleges and universities to 1.6 million by 2015.

Crews battle arson fire in California that killed four firefighters; nearly 700 people evacuated

POPPE FLAT, Calif. — Fire crews struggled to protect homes Friday from a wind-whipped wildfire that trapped and killed four firefighters in a wall of flames as it raced across Southern California.

The blaze, which authorities said was arson, blackened nearly 24,000 acres, almost 38 square miles, in the San Jacinto Mountains just west of Palm Springs. It destroyed 10 structures, including at least five homes. At one point, several hundred mountain residents took refuge with campers in a nearby RV park where crews could protect them.

The fire was only 5 percent contained early Friday as more than 1,100 firefighters worked to protect homes and build fire lines. Crews were sent to an area near the fire's western border late Thursday.

"We had a lot of activity overnight," Bill Peters, spokesman for the

California Department of Forestry, said Friday on ABC's "Good Morning America." He said winds, which he described as "squirrelly," were still strong.

"They were changing direction a lot and about an hour and a half ago we had to evacuate some more areas ... south of Banning," he said.

Fire officials were mourning the deaths of four U.S. Forest Service firefighters killed while attempting to protect a home close to where the fire began in Cabazon. The flames came so quickly the five-person crew had no time to retreat to its engine or use portable fire shelters.

Authorities said a \$100,000 reward would be offered for information leading to the arsonist's arrest.

"A deliberately set arson fire that leads to the death of anyone constitutes murder," Riverside County fire Chief John Hawkins said.

Authorities haven't revealed why they think the fire was arson. "But they are certain because they came out with the cause fairly quickly," Peters said. "I think they're going to hold the cause real close to the vest, if you will, because of the deaths."

Three of the firefighters died at the scene and two were taken to the hospital in critical condition. One died several hours later and the other had burns over 95 percent of his body, said Pat Boss, a U.S. Forest Service spokesman.

The surviving firefighter also had severe respiratory damage, according to Dr. Dev Gnanadev, a trauma surgeon at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

"Overall, the chances of

survival are low when you have that bad of an injury," Gnanadev said.

Boss identified his friend, Capt. Mark Loutzenhiser, a 43-year-old father of five from Idyllwild, as one of the victims. The names of the others were not released. All were based in Alandale, a small community near Idyllwild.

It was the deadliest wildfire in the United States since July 10, 2001, when four firefighters were killed in Washington's Okanogan National Forest. They became trapped by flames on a dusty dead-end road.

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World Series update
St. Louis took a commanding 3-1 lead over Detroit. Game 4, scheduled for tonight, is expected to be played in Detroit. See Page 3B for complete coverage.

Big Spring basketball officials are needed
The Big Spring Basketball Association is looking for officials at this time for the 2006-07 season. Anyone interested in officiating the upcoming season should contact Adam Rodriguez at 517-0300 or 263-8733.

Men's softball tournament
On Nov. 11 there will be the Season Fall Softball and W. Cotton Mize Field. The cost is \$13 per washer team. There will be a tournament between the two events if you are interested in competing. Anyone interested in participating, as an individual or a team, should contact Arlene Herrera before the deadline at (432) 4588.

Youth basketball tournament update
The Midland Youth Basketball Winter Tournament covering 7 states, taking application. The local tournaments are available for a discount package. Anyone interested in participating should contact MAYB at 284-0354 or mayb@mayb.com for more information.

Quarterback meeting scheduled
Big Spring School's Quarterback Club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the Spring High Athletic Center. Mark Tissue, booster club's president, encourages all members of BSHS football and the teams' attend. For more information call Tissue at 816-...

- AP Top 25 Football Poll**
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Men's softball/washer tournament

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. per softball team and \$20. per washer team.

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

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

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

For more information, call Tissue at 816-3458.

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16. Rutgers	7-0
17. Wisconsin	7-1
18. B. College	6-1
19. Oklahoma	5-2
20. Nebraska	6-2
21. Ga. Tech	5-2
22. Tx. A&M	7-1
23. Missouri	7-1
24. W. Forest	6-1
25. Oregon	5-2

Sky's the limit for Tannehill

Big Spring QB excels

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

Gunslinger. Competitor. Winner.

On the football field, basketball court or class room, all three describe Big Spring's Ryan Tannehill. With only three games remaining in his high school football career — or more, if he has anything to say about it — Tannehill is committed to being enrolled in college and play football on the campus of Texas A&M before his senior classmates return from winter break.

Before he graduates early, leaves Big Spring and trades in his black and gold for maroon and white, the senior quarterback would like to add to the Steers' win total this year. Up to this point he has guided the BSHS team to only one victory in his final season, but he has stated openly that he is confident, ready, and committed to finishing strong.

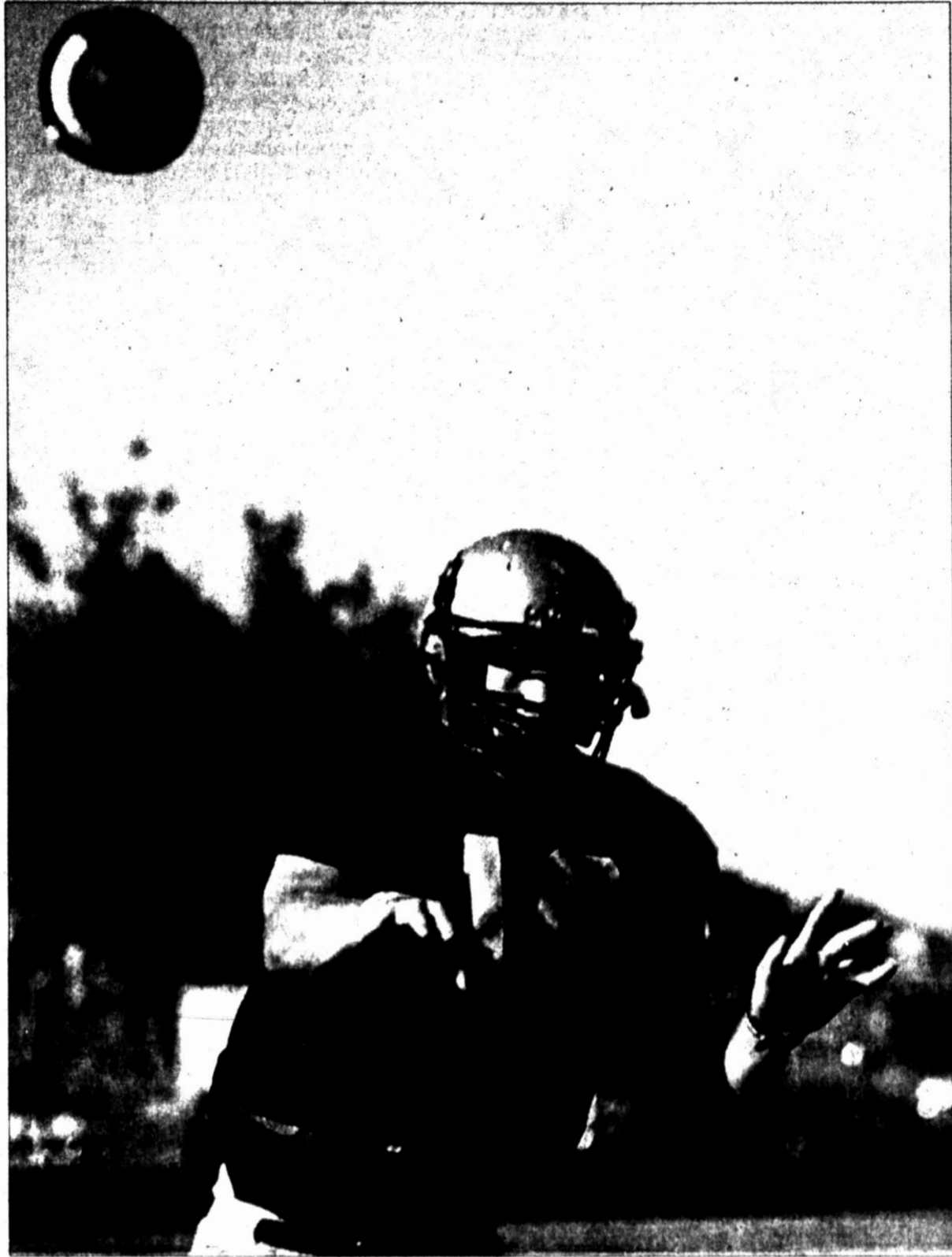
"This year has been tough, and obviously I would have liked to have won a few more games," said Tannehill. "We can still get into the playoffs, and ultimately that was our goal before the season started. If we do what we need to — win at least two out of the next three games — then we will be able to reach that goal. It may not have been prettiest way to do it and it may not have been the way we wanted it, but right now we still have the opportunity to reach that goal."

Depending how the next three games turn out, Tannehill might be throwing it 25 times or tucking it and running 20 plus times like he did so often in 2005. Tannehill said he doesn't care which — that depends upon the defenses the Steers will face. Either way, he said he will be up to the challenge, and that he will do whatever it takes to win.

"What we do on offense depends on the game situation," he explained. "On a third and seven, I'm going to be looking to put the ball in the air. Give me a third and four, we're going to keep it on the ground and run the ball."

On special teams as a punter, or on defense as an inserted specialist for the Steers' prevent defense, Tannehill is always ready to do whatever his coaches ask of him.

"I'm not someone who cares about statistics or any of that other stuff, the only thing that matters is if we win or lose. The final score is the only thing I'm interested in after the game. Sure, I want to watch film after a game and learn from my mistakes, but the object is to win football games. I enjoy playing the game and I want to help my team



Big Spring senior Ryan Tannehill, gets loose during practice. Tannehill will lead the Steers against district favorite Frenship tonight at Memorial Stadium.

win. That's why I play the game the way I do. I just love to compete — offense, defense, special teams, it doesn't matter."

For Tannehill, the competition does not end when the final whistle blows and the

stands clear. Off the field he strives to be the best he can be as well. That's something he credits his parents for instilling in him.

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QB McGee's focus is guiding Texas Aggies to Big XII title

By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M tight end Martellus Bennett said quarterback Stephen McGee is so intense in the huddle, it's scary.

"During games, Stephen's got this mean look on his face, like he's a serial killer," Bennett said.

McGee's numbers aren't flashy — he ranks eighth in the Big 12 in passing yardage and seventh in pass efficiency. But the sophomore has guided the No. 22 Aggies (7-1, 3-1 Big 12) to their best start since 2001 with

the poise and leadership of an upperclassman.

"He's wise beyond his years," said senior defensive tackle Red Bryant. "He's got a confidence about him. A lot of guys look up to him, and he commands a lot of respect."

McGee has completed 65 percent of his passes and has gone 113 throws without an interception. He also continues to impress coach Dennis Franchione with his speed, rushing for 86 yards in last week's 34-33 win over Oklahoma State.

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Texas A&M quarterback Stephen McGee dives over the goal line for a two-point conversion in the Aggies win over No. 23 Missouri, on Oct. 14, 2006.

Brown says Aaron Ross should win Thorpe Award

By JIM VERTUO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Texas coach Mack Brown says it as often as he can. He thinks Longhorns senior cornerback Aaron Ross should win the Thorpe Award given to the nation's best defensive back.

"He's making game-changing plays," Brown said.

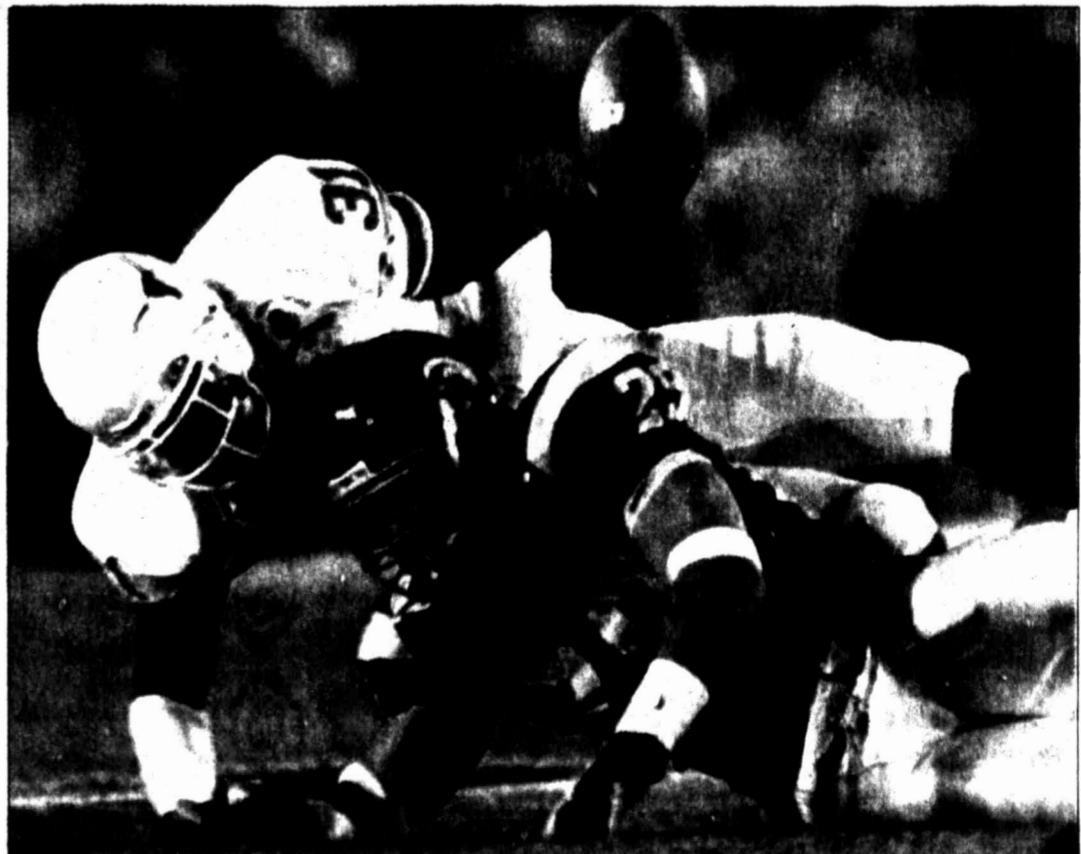
After his three-turnover fourth quarter against Oklahoma (two interceptions and a fumble recovery for a touchdown), Ross made another huge play in last week's win at Nebraska.

His hit on Terrence Nunn late in the fourth quarter forced a fumble that allowed Texas to drive to the winning field goal. Nunn had caught a pass and appeared to have a first down before the hit.

"I honestly just tried to dive in there and hit the ball with my helmet, and it came out," Ross said. "We've just had more opportunities to get the ball the last few weeks, having the ball come our way or getting a big hit. The ball just happened to go our way this time."

Texas safety Michael Huff won the Thorpe last season and was drafted No. 7 overall by the Oakland Raiders.

As good as Ross has been, Brown found himself this week defending senior safety Michael Griffin, who



University of Texas' Aaron Ross breaks-up a pass in the 2006 National Championship game. Ross is the leading candidate for this year's Thorpe Award, given to the nation's best defensive back.

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Jerry Jones is upset because of subpar season

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Jerry Jones is disappointed the Dallas Cowboys are turning to Tony Romo at quarterback, although it's not because he lacks faith in his former backup.

"I'm disappointed at the reason we're having to make this change," Jones said Thursday.

The change has forced Jones to lower his expectations for this season. He and coach Bill Parcells frequently said during the summer they thought this team could be "special," their code word for a team that could go deep in the playoffs.

Now? "I have to be a realist," he said. "I hadn't thought or hoped that we'd be sitting here after the sixth game making these adjustments. I did not want to this year go to an inexperienced quarterback. I wanted to have the benefit of Drew Bledsoe. It hasn't worked out as of today. It just hasn't worked out. That to me is a step back."

Jones was counting on the Cowboys being a lot better than 3-3 and was expecting Bledsoe to be a big part of their success. Instead, the same problems Bledsoe has long faced — sacks and interceptions — are reasons for

Dallas' slow start. Parcells benched Bledsoe at halftime Monday night against the New York Giants and turned to Romo, who'd been with the team since 2003 but hadn't thrown a pass until the previous game.

The former Division I-AA player of the year was 14-of-25 for 227 yards and two touchdowns and ran for a 2-point conversion, but also threw three interceptions. Still, it was good enough for Parcells to announce Wednesday that Romo is now the starter.

He realizes things don't look as good now. The Cowboys have lost to the

three best teams they've played and beaten the three worst, a recipe for mediocrity — something Dallas is trying to shake out of. The club hasn't won a playoff game since 1996 and hasn't made it to the postseason since 2003.

Giving Romo a chance now also could benefit the Cowboys in the long run because they'll find out whether he deserves the job next year. He received an extension through 2007 during the preseason.

Jones was quick to point out that wasn't a reason for this move, saying it is not a sign that "we were junking this

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Texans' second-round pick becomes defensive leader

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — No. 1 pick Mario Williams proclaimed that he would make an immediate impact with the Houston Texans on draft day.

But six games into the season, Williams is still adjusting to the NFL while second-round pick DeMeco Ryans has already become Houston's defensive star.

Ryans, a middle linebacker who was the top pick in the second round, leads the Texans with 53 tackles and his 44 solo tackles are the fifth most in the league.

"He's been exceptional," Texans coach Gary Kubiak said. "I think we can build our football team around him."

At 6-foot-1 and 235 pounds, Ryans was criticized for being too small in the weeks leading up to the draft. But the Texans loved his attitude and playmaking ability and felt lucky to have get him in the second round.

"I had no doubt that he was going to be a good player," said Texans linebackers coach Johnny Holland. "He's playing like a first round draft pick, which we thought he would."

While acknowledging that playing in the NFL is a dream come true, Ryans doesn't seem to be overly affected by his early success. He said the only dif-

ference for him between college and the pros was learning a new playbook.

"It's just football, it's what I've been doing," he said. "It's just fun to me and the game doesn't change. It picked up a little bit, but it's still all fun and games."

Perhaps more impressive than Ryans' play has been his ability to become a leader on the defense as a 22-year-old rookie. It's a role Kubiak encouraged him to embrace.

"This is the role he needed to play for this team," Kubiak said. "He's taken it on and been exceptional. For the future of the team to think that he will be in the middle for this football team for a long, long time, leading this defense, that's very encouraging."

Ryans, who was named Southeastern Conference defensive player of the year after leading Alabama with 76 tackles, feels like it gets easier to be a leader each week.

"I know that's what you expect out of your middle linebacker," he said. "I'm becoming more comfortable with that role as I continue to do it and the guys have taken hold of it more."

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Despite taking extra classes, the senior athlete carries a 4.0 GPA, and is interested in pursuing a career in the medical field when his playing days are behind him. Set to graduate from high school in December, he plans to be a pre-med major in Aggie Land, and one day be an orthopedic surgeon.

Aggie Nation would like for him to perform surgery on a few defenses first.

"Ryan is very goal-oriented," said Tim Holt, Tannehill's head coach. "If you pursue excellence on the football field, Ryan is the guy you choose as your team captain. Right now, he wants our team to be very good, but because he has been hurt

— he should probably be in a sling right now — this has been extremely difficult for him. His future is very bright and he is every coaches' dream as a player. In a nutshell, he is the guy you want your son to grow up and be like."

All of this praise and talk of college does not sit well with Tannehill. He will be the first to tell you that he has unfinished business here in Big Spring, and that before he leaves he wants to take this team on another playoff run.

"When I leave," Tannehill offered. "I'm going to miss my family and friends. I'm even going to miss not playing basketball, but right now I'm still here. When I'm out on the football field, I focus and concentrate on football. When I have an assignment that is due or a test that I need to prepare for, that's

what I do at that time. Right now I'm still a Steer football player, and I know that one day I am going to miss playing football here, so for now I need to worry about getting us into the playoffs."

Talk of the Steers making the playoffs is not something fans would expect to hear after starting the season 1-6.

"If there is one thing I've learned from Coach Holt," said Tannehill, "it's to never give up."

"So don't count us out just yet."

"High school football is something you only get to play once," he added. "I'm going to make the most of it and I'm going to enjoy the rest of this season. Ultimately, my goal and dream is for us to be playing football in December, and for us to have a shot at playing for the state championship."

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"The other night, he kind of appeared like a guy that has started 20 games, or more like a senior, than a guy that's a red-shirt sophomore that's started eight or nine games," Franchione said. "His development is probably as good as a coach could ask for at this point

in time in his career." McGee ranks fourth in the league in total offense heading into Saturday's game at Baylor (4-4, 3-1). He didn't think he'd run so much this season, but isn't surprised by his overall success.

"It's just continuing to progress," said McGee. "I've always had confidence in knowing football because it's what I've always done. It's just a matter of getting more

reps and getting more comfortable and being able to trust everything out around you."

Baylor has the Big 12's worst rushing defense, but Franchione isn't saying how he'll attack it.

"It'll be more of a feel for how the game is going and what's needed at the time," Franchione said. "There's not a magical number of plays or carries that we're thinking of as much as we're just try-

ing to utilize their abilities for what's needed at that point in time."

The Aggies have been uniformly complimentary of Baylor this week.

"I want our players to have respect for the game and respect for their opponents," Franchione said. "I just think that is the best way to handle those situations."

"That's just my belief."

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has struggled to live up to preseason expectations that he would be a top contender for the Thorpe.

Griffin was a key member of the secondary in the 2005 national championship season and had an interception in the Rose Bowl.

He's been inconsistent this season.

Griffin leads the team with 70 tackles but has been out of position or missed tackles on several long touchdowns. He went for a big hit on Cornhuskers receiver Maurice Purify and instead knocked down cornerback Deon Beasley, which allowed Purify to score.

Later in the game, he

bit on a ball fake to run and Nebraska threw a halfback pass for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. Texas ranks 84th nationally against the pass and has given up 11 passing touchdowns, more than all of last season.

"He's been a great player for us. We always ask if a guy's paid for his scholarship. Michael has," Brown said. "I'm never going to get on a kid for being aggressive."

Be smart, but be aggressive."

Griffin's response to critics this week: "Can you do better?"

"Things are going to be said," he told the Dallas Morning News. "But as long as we're winning and we win a Big 12 championship or we make it to the Big 12 game or whatever happens in the future, I'm pretty sure these opinions are going to flip-flop all over the place."

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Cardinals shortstop leads the first inning of Detroit 5-4.

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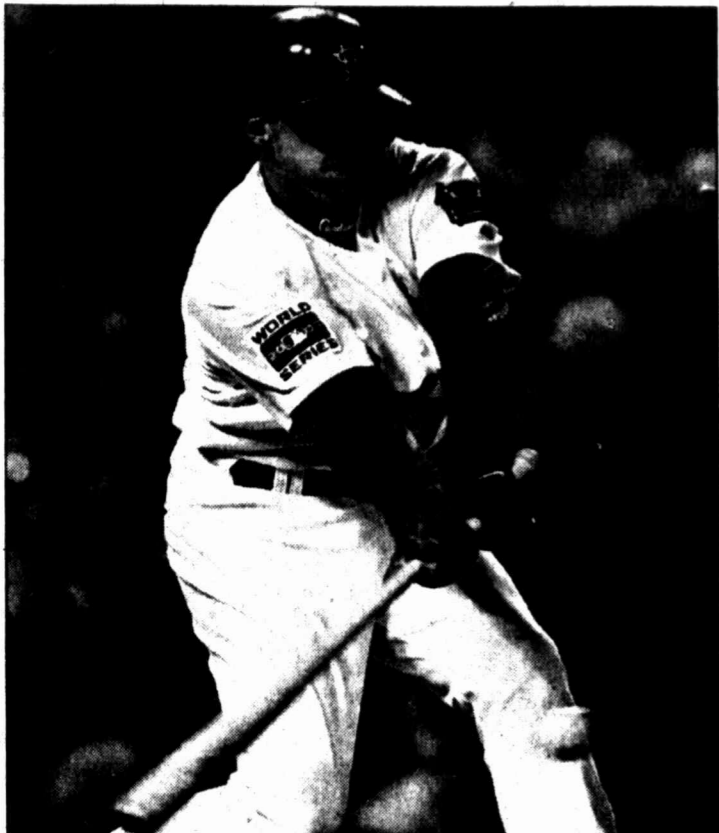
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Cardinals up 3-1; ready to capture 10th World Series title



MCT photo/Chris Lee/St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Cardinals shortstop David Eckstein hits an infield single in the first inning of the World Series. St. Louis defeated Detroit 5-4.

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Baseball Writer
ST. LOUIS — Almost every ball David Eckstein hit was trouble for the Tigers.

Helped by a soggy field, St. Louis' scrappy shortstop delivered two key doubles that gave the Cardinals a firm grip on a World Series that's quickly slipping away from Detroit.

Eckstein's tiebreaking double to left field glanced off the glove of a diving Craig Monroe in the eighth inning, and the Cardinals capitalized on Detroit's sloppy defense for a 5-4 victory Thursday night in Game 4.

"I just needed to find some holes," Eckstein said. "It's nice to actually have a little luck involved."

But St. Louis manager Tony La Russa says it's much more than that.

"He's the toughest guy I've ever seen in a uniform," La Russa said.

After Curtis Granderson slipped in center trying for an earlier ball hit by Eckstein, rekindling memories of Curt Flood in the 1968 Series between these teams, St. Louis took a 3-1 lead to move within one win of its first championship in 24 years.

Jeff Weaver can wrap it up Friday night at Busch Stadium when he pitches against rookie Justin Verlander. Each lost his first Series start.

One word of caution, Cardinals rooters: St. Louis had a 3-1 lead in '68, too, before Detroit rallied to win behind lefty Mickey Lolich.

The decisive hit that time came when Flood, a Gold Glove center fielder, slipped on Jim Northrup's two — out, two — run triple off Cardinals ace Bob Gibson

to break a scoreless tie in the seventh inning of Game 7 — right across the street, where the old Busch Stadium stood.

This time, the 5-foot-7 Eckstein hit three doubles and a single as St. Louis overcame an early 3-0 deficit in a wild comeback and closed in on its 10th World Series title. The last team to squander a 3-1 Series lead, however, was the 1985 Cardinals against Kansas City.

After a rainout Wednesday night, only the second World Series washout in 20 years, showers were expected again Thursday. But the heavy stuff stayed away on a 53-degree night and much of the back-and-forth game was played in

a light mist that obscured the Gateway Arch beyond center field.

The mist got heavier in the sixth, though, and the Tigers began to struggle with the elements.

With St. Louis trailing 3-2 in the seventh, Eckstein hit a drive to right-center that Granderson appeared to have in his sights before he slipped to the slick turf, kicking up a huge divot. The ball fell for an easy double.

"I went to plant my feet and they just went out from under me," Granderson said. "It was just a freak thing. If I stand up, I catch it easily."

"It wasn't just wet," he added. "It was wet and soft."

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season and just putting the team together for the future."

Romo will be the ninth starting quarterback for Dallas since Troy Aikman. Romo is the biggest long shot to make it up the depth chart, having outlasted Jonep-picked candidates Quincy Carter, Chad Hutchinson and Drew Henson, plus old Parcells favorites Vinny Testaverde and Bledsoe.

Jones, who carries the dual role of owner and general manager, defended his quarterback carousel, noting that he's "consciously tried not to go to the top of the draft

to get a quarterback" and acknowledging that might have to change if Romo also isn't the answer.

"Part of the responsibility I have is how you address the long-term situation at quarterback," he acknowledged.

Jones is still optimistic about Romo.

"I think he's a top athlete," Jones said. "I like his approach to competing. He's got a natural leadership quality about him. ... He's pocket sensitive. He's got a good feel of where it's coming from, the pressure."

Jones said he and Parcells have talked about the quarterbacks in "probably 50 percent of the conversations we have had."

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Easygoing and laid back, Ryans plays with the confidence of someone who has been in the NFL for years. There didn't seem to be a rookie learning curve for Ryans, who made 13 tackles in his first game and has led the team in tackles since.

confidence that you can do it, you're going to struggle," he said. "Because you'll always be thinking about it...instead of just going out and doing it and being yourself and letting loose."

Ryans also has 1 1/2 sacks, but worries about the handful of times he has gotten to quarterbacks but wasn't able to take them down on a blitz.

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Exemptions ease money list worries

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West Palm Beach, Fla.

Question: What do Nick Price, David Duval, John Daly, Mark Calcavecchia, Paul Azinger, Mark Brooks, Steve Elkington, Larry Mize, Lee Janzen, Steve Jones and Bernhard Langer all have in common?

Obvious answer: They're former major champions on the PGA Tour.

More appropriate answer: They're all outside the top 125 on this year's money list. And with just two full-field events remaining, that's not a great place to be. But it's not the worst place, either.

Even though it's becoming harder to finish in the top 125 because more international players are competing on the PGA Tour, being outside the top 125 isn't as scary as it used to be for these veterans because there are other ways to get into future events.

Daly (192nd on the money list) is so unconcerned about his status, he didn't even enter the Funai Classic at Disney World or this week's Chrysler Championship.

You can blame his absence either on a hand injury, a season in which he's posted only one top-25 finish or general indifference (he's already said he won't go back to the PGA Tour's Qualifying Tournament).

"It's just been one of those years where nothing has gone right," Daly said.

But Daly has a safety net. Since he has won a PGA Tour event (he's won five, including two majors), he's considered a Tour mem-

ber and can receive as many sponsor's exemptions as he wants.

With his popularity, Daly figures to get more than enough exemptions to fill out his schedule, and he's also free to take appearance fees by playing overseas.

Calcavecchia (128th) doesn't have to worry about next year's status because his victory in last summer's Canadian Open carries a two-year exemption. The only drawback is he's not currently exempt for The Players Championship.

Duval's five-year exemption for winning the 2001 British Open expires this season, but he can take a one-time exemption for being in the top 25 on the tour's career money list (he's 24th with \$16.6 million).

Because he's guaranteed of finishing in the top 25, he'll be eligible to take a future exemption for being in the top 50 in career earnings.

Price also can take a one-time exemption for being in the top 25, but he turns 50 on Jan. 28 and will play some on the Champions Tour as he continues to cut back on his playing schedule. Bob Tway (175th) also can use his top-50 exemption to keep playing a full schedule next year.

Azinger (122nd), Janzen (147th) and Mark O'Meara (197th) used their top-50 career money status to keep playing this year, so they don't have that option again. O'Meara won't need to — he turns 50 on Jan. 13.

Langer (145th) also turns 50 next year, but not until Aug. 27. That explains why he's played the last five weeks.



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Although he's outside the top 125 on this year's money list, John Daly, shown above during the 2006 Masters, can fill out his golf schedule through exemptions.

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Bermuda grass is no vacation

By T.J. TOMASI
Universal Press Syndicate

Bermuda grass is famous for "eating up" clubhead speed, which is why the vast majority of pitches and chips from Bermuda roughs fall woefully short of target. It gives new meaning to the phrase "short game."

Bermuda is a very difficult grass to pitch out of because it grows straight up, and the ball can either sink to the bottom, stay on top of the grass or settle somewhere in between. The player is forced to adjust the stroke, depending on which situation is in play.

To combat this, always take a practice swing or two in grass of a similar texture near the ball to figure out how hard to swing.

In the first photo below, Futures Tour player Jee Hee "Pony" Lee uses her left arm to judge the length of her backswing. For this shot it points to about 8:30 on the clock. When the ball lies at the bottom of the grass, it will require a much harder swing to cut a path to the ball. In that case, Pony would probably swing her guide arm (her left) back to 10:30 to provide enough force to pop the ball out.

Whatever distance her guide arm swings back to, she must take care to match that distance on the follow-through in order to preserve her acceleration through impact.

Otherwise, Pony will fall prey to the dreaded "decell shot," where the ball falls well short of target.

The opposite lie, where the ball sits on top of the grass, looks easy, but it isn't — in fact, it's one of the hardest shots in golf. You should use your sand wedge for maximum loft, but since it has a large flange on the bottom, it flattens out the grass behind the ball as you approach impact. This can cause the ball to ride up the face of the club too much and — you guessed it — the ball falls well short of target.

To prevent this, hover the club over the ball instead of soling it behind the ball as you normally would, then make sure your swing is a bit flatter (more around) than usual.



Jee Hee "Pony" Lee judges the length of her backswing with her left arm — about 8:30 on the clock here. She figures out how hard to hit the ball by eyeballing the distance of the pitch and evaluating her lie.



Note here how low Pony's clubhead stays through impact — no trying to lift the ball in the air with this swing. And the back of her left hand is firm with the left arm and shaft in a perfect straight line, indicating that her core is moving the clubhead rather than her hands.

Lehman puts focus back on his game

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Cox News Service

Lake Juena Vista, Fla.

It's been weeks since Tom Lehman walked away from The K Club, a plot of soggy Irish soil soaked by rainfall and the celebratory champagne sprayed by the victorious European Ryder Cup team.

With his U.S. Ryder Cup captaincy behind him, Lehman is ready to resume his most successful season as a player on the PGA Tour since 2001.

"It's been a very hectic last couple of months," Lehman said last weekend during the Funai Classic. "It's nice to be out here playing again."

Lehman has won \$1.681 million



LEHMAN

on tour this year, ranked 40th. He'd like to qualify for the Tour Championship next month. He has not participated in the season-ending event since

2001, when he won \$1.9 million and ranked 20th on the money list.

Looking rested and relaxed, he acknowledged that the adjustment from Capt. Lehman to citizen Lehman wasn't easy to make, not that he believed it would be easy to walk away from an event that consumed him for two years. He took two weeks off after the Ryder Cup before deeming himself ready to

return to competition. And he has purposely kept a low profile since the Ryder Cup.

"It took a couple of weeks to get everything all sorted out," Lehman said. "Get back home, get reorganized, that sort of thing."

"It definitely took a little while. You put so much into it for so long, it's not like you can just turn it on and off and move on. It took a little bit of an adjustment."

Lehman's game has been good this year. He lost to Dean Wilson in a playoff at the International and nearly played his way onto the Ryder Cup team. He still drives well and is among the top one-third in greens in regulation.

"Now I've got to get ready to play and work on my own game," he said.

Woods won't claim 7th Vardon Trophy

When Tiger Woods didn't enter this week's Chrysler Championship, that made it official: He won't win his seventh Vardon Trophy for low scoring average because he'll fall one round shy of reaching the minimum 60 rounds.

Woods was asked last month how much the Vardon means to him. "Not much," he said. "Overall consistency ... yes. I've had a good year. But if you don't play enough rounds, you don't play enough rounds."

With Woods (68.11) out of consideration, Jim Furyk likely will win his first Vardon Trophy. He's at 68.94, which should keep him in front of Adam Scott (69.03).

Annika Sorenstam also missed out on the Vard Trophy two years ago when she didn't play enough rounds on the LPGA Tour.

— Craig Dolch, Cox News Service

PGA Tour aligns with NASCAR

RICK MINTER
Cox News Service

Atlanta

Golfer Davis Love III took a few fast laps around Atlanta Motor Speedway with Denny Hamlin earlier this month, and the PGA Tour jumped on the NASCAR bandwagon by announcing that Hamlin's No. 11 Chevy will carry a FedEx Cup logo during Sunday's Bass Pro Shops 500.

Love, who first rode with Hamlin then drove himself, likened the PGA's new four-tournament playoff format, which begins next year, to NASCAR's Chase for the Nextel Cup.

In both, points are earned by competitors during the regular season, then the points are reset for the play-

offs. In NASCAR, the Chase begins after the first 26 races of the season and is run during the final 10 events. On the PGA Tour, the FedEx Cup begins after the first 36 tournaments and is played over four events, ending with the Tour Championship at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta.

Love, a longtime NASCAR fan and friend of driver Kyle Petty, said he believes golf fans will learn to like the new format.

"We'll have our playoffs, we'll have our Chase for the Cup, and it'll be an exciting finish," Love said.

Love also gave Hamlin a few golf tips. Hamlin said he's not about to try to switch sports. "I'm going to stick with what I know how to do," he said.



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Davis Love III hits some balls at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

SCHEDULE

All Times Eastern
PGA TOUR
Chrysler Championship
• Site: Palm Harbor, Fla.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
• Course: Westin Innisbrook Resort, Copperhead Course (7,340 yards, par 71).
• Purse: \$5.3 million. Winner's share: \$954,000.
• TV: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m., Saturday, 3-6) and ABC (Sunday, 2-5 p.m.).

CHAMPIONS TOUR
Charles Schwab Cup Championship
• Site: Sonoma, Calif.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
• Course: Sonoma Golf Club (7,111 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$2.5 million. Winner's share: \$440,000.
• TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Sunday, 5-7:30 p.m., 9-11 p.m.).

LPGA TOUR
Kolon-Hana Bank Championship
• Site: Kyungju, South Korea
• Schedule: Friday-Sunday
• Course: Mauna Ocean Golf & Resort (6,381 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$1.35 million. Winner's share: \$202,500.
• TV: None.

NATIONWIDE TOUR
Micosukee Championship
• Site: Miami
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
• Course: Micosukee Golf and Country Club (7,200 yards, par 71).
• Purse: \$500,000. Winner's share: \$90,000.
• TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday, 1:30-4 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-3 a.m.; Saturday, 1:30-4 p.m.; Sunday, 1:30-4 p.m.; Monday, 1:30-4 a.m.).

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR
Volvo Masters
• Site: Sotogrande, Spain
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
• Course: Valderrama Golf Club (6,952 yards, par 71).
• Purse: \$5.01 million. Winner's share: \$835,200.
• TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Saturday, 9 a.m. noon; Sunday, 8-11 a.m.).

LEADERS

WORLD RANKINGS	
1. Tiger Woods	22.30
2. Jim Furyk	8.66
3. Phil Mickelson	8.26
4. Adam Scott	7.20
5. Vijay Singh	6.65
6. Fletief Goosen	6.38
7. Ernie Els	6.04
8. Luke Donald	5.93
9. Sergio Garcia	5.75
10. Geoff Ogilvy	5.45

MONEY LEADERS

PGA TOUR	
Player	Money
1. Tiger Woods	\$9,941,563
2. Jim Furyk	\$6,483,316
3. Vijay Singh	\$4,325,406
4. Phil Mickelson	\$4,256,505
5. Geoff Ogilvy	\$4,228,869
6. Adam Scott	\$3,808,858
7. T. Immelman	\$3,562,546
8. Stuart Appleby	\$3,258,242
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	\$1,539,306
5. Mi Hyun Kim	\$1,290,910

CHAMPIONS TOUR

Player	Money
1. Jay Haas	\$2,315,227
2. Loren Roberts	\$2,207,395
3. Brad Bryant	\$1,655,292
4. Gil Morgan	\$1,482,050
5. Tom Kite	\$1,389,348

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Low hands in high grass

When your ball is buried in the grass, your clubhead should rest on its heel, with the toe of the club off the ground. By setting the club on the heel, the bounce of the club is increased along with the potential hitting surface. This increased surface area helps your clubhead plow through the grass, giving you the best chance to make solid contact.

When you stand farther from the ball to do this, your hands hang lower, presetting your wrists and creating a steeper angle of attack so that the grass behind the ball has less effect on the shot. Also, by lowering your hands, your shoulders tilt more as they swing, producing a more upright backswing that adds to the cutting action

of the swing, just what you need to carve your ball out of the grass.

When your club is on its heel, be sure to position the ball in the middle of the club face to avoid any possibility of catching it on the neck of the club (aka shank).

There are two additional adjustments in deep grass:

(1) Since deep grass tends to grab the neck of your club, it can twist your clubface into a closed position at impact. This causes a pulled shot left of target, so aim to the right (left for lefties) to compensate for the pull.

(2) And of course, because of the resistance of the grass, you have to swing harder than you normally would with a firmer grip pressure that helps you retain control of your club.

— T.J. Tomasi



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

ASK THE PRO

Q: I took up the game two months ago and don't know much about the water and sand that I always seem to be in. What do I need to know? — Dora B., from the Web

A: Dora your question is about "hazards," which include permanent water areas such as ponds, brooks and ditches, whether filled or dry, and the exposed sand or soil in a bunker.

Water: The boundaries of regular water hazards are defined by yellow stakes. When your ball is in a water hazard, you have three options: (1) play it as it lies, (2) take a one-stroke penalty and drop a ball behind the hazard in line with the hole and the point at which the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard, (3) take a one-stroke penalty and replay the shot from where your original ball was hit. If it was from the tee, you may re-tee.

Lateral water hazards are defined by red stakes.

Generally, a lateral hazard runs parallel to the line of the hole. In a lateral hazard, you may choose any of the options for a regular water hazard plus two additional: You may drop a ball within two club lengths of the point where the ball last crossed the line of the hazard, or drop a ball within two club lengths on the opposite margin of the hazard at a point that is equidistant from the hole.

Bunkers: Sand bunkers are also considered hazards, and you must play the ball as it lies in the bunker without touching your club to the sand when you address the ball.

In fact, when your ball lies in any hazard, you can't touch the ground (sand or water) with the club until you are making a forward swing.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT
PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 80047

APPLICATION Farmers Cooperative Association, Stanton, Texas, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 80047 which would authorize continued operation of the Cotton Gin located at 12802 West FM 818, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and particulate matter (including particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter.)

The application was submitted to the TCEQ on October 03, 2006. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Howard County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ PUBLIC MEETING

You may submit public comments or request a public meeting, or request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list of this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING

You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive di-

rector may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 30-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/ permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from Farmers Cooperative Association, Stanton, Texas, 12802 West FM 818, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or by calling Mr. Kelley Green, P.E. Director of Technical Services, Texas Cotton Ginners Association at (512)476-8388. Issuance Date: October 13, 2006 #5139 October 27, 2006

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Venus, Mars and the sun all get cozy together around the Libra/Scorpio border. Our identities are so wrapped up in what others think of us — a human condition exacerbated by these stellar conjunctions. You can overcome the need for approval by approving of yourself first. Strongly, vehemently, endorse your own right to be.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're contemplating something you're not sure you can afford. Once you take the leap, you find the money for it. Also, there is great potential in your dealings with a Virgo.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you want to be there for your friend, you must first stay true to your own plan. When you're on track with what you want to do, everyone else falls into your schedule quite nicely.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're readying yourself for a wonderful weekend. Attention to your environment renews your senses and your spirit. For instance, tear out the dusty rug and install the clean tile floors of your dreams.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's the perfect time to make a career adjustment. If the 9-to-5 grind is

making you ill, look deep inside yourself to find your true occupational calling. Also, a keen investment allows you to make money in your sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The stars highlight your need to nurture other life forms. Just because you've killed a few plants in your time doesn't mean you're an enemy to flower- and fauna-kind. Try again.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You get what you expect. So keep those expectations high, and more importantly, let the people around you know exactly what they are. A Capricorn person is a valuable resource for more than financial help.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A dear one has something to tell you, but is keeping quiet for fear of your reaction. Be available for all communication. Knowing is better than not knowing. Tonight brings a soothing touch.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You feel out of communication with someone even though you see this person all the time. Getting back in touch is your key to productivity, since part of your brain is working on this issue constantly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're all about efficiency. Get it done, get it right and get it out. Your manner is impressive to higher-ups. Tonight you get the feeling that you're readying yourself for something big

— and you are!
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Nobody is perfect, though most people do look perfect in the warm glow of infatuation. A relationship is growing more real. You're now aware of the pluses and minuses — all in all, a positive shift.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Take preventive measures. A little attention now ensures a smooth ride later. Besides, repairs and organization efforts were never so fun! Love and laughter surround you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What others believe to be a lost cause could turn out to be a real winner if someone like you gets behind it. You find funding where you least expect it. A Cancer person is involved.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: Make this weekend's Mercury retrograde work for you — be mysterious.

ARIES: You're the center of attention, so don't deflect. Soak it up. TAURUS: Invite loved ones to speak up — feelings in the pressure cooker get blown out of proportion.

GEMINI: Flirty and fantastic all weekend, you'll land a few spur-of-the-moment dates. CANCER: You realize the value of your home base and how important it is that the people who live and love there feel free there. LEO: When faced with the problem of calling or not calling, just wait. VIRGO: Avoid hanging in the

background or playing a self-sacrificing role. You're meant to sparkle. LIBRA: The ideal personal life is not exactly handed to you, but with a little willpower, you can wrangle your heart into a satisfied state. SCORPIO: The weekend includes a lot of saying no to people who are hard to say no to. SAGITTARIUS: There are a few gems to be found among your friend's friends. CAPRICORN: If you make time for love, it's abundantly there for you. AQUARIUS: Couples bond over a secret. PISCES: Strongly consider an outrageous proposition.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Adventurous Sagittarius is difficult for anyone to resist. This sexy independent is a rebel with a cause — an inspiration to anyone with worldly ambitions and cultural proclivities. Pisces is presently in need of motivation and could be lifted into action by the Sagittarian touch. Once Sagittarius knows that Pisces can take care of him or herself, Sagittarius is more than willing to share all.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have no friends and am not sure if I want any. Yet I read all the time about how important it is to have friends in your life.

I have a wonderful husband with whom I do lots of things, and we enjoy being together. I also have two marvelous daughters I see often, and sisters and in-laws with whom I share news, holidays and special events.

On the other hand, I have no non-related friends. I recently started a new job and haven't tried to fit in with the crowd there. I have not kept in touch with any of the people I knew at my old job. I don't belong to a church or club or organization, and I don't want to. Things I enjoy, like shopping, going to movies, taking long walks, bike-riding and traveling, I do on my own or with my husband.

Still, I am sometimes envious of people who have lots of friends and a large social circle. The telephone never rings for me, and I sometimes wish it would. No one outside my family would know or care if it was my birthday, or if I was sick and in the hospital.

So, Annie, my question is, is it OK not to have friends if you are otherwise content and at peace with your life? And if I am truly content, why am I writing to you? It's because I worry it means something is wrong with me. You will probably tell me to see a therapist. But before I do, please tell me if not having friends is in some way abnormal or unacceptable in today's society. — Friendless in the Midwest

Dear Friendless: Honey, you DO have friends — your husband, your children, your sisters and in-laws. The fact that they are related is irrelevant. The reason friends are important is because they provide social contact and are a source of emotional support, and this is what your family gives you. Are you capable of cultivating a friendship if you



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actually wanted one? If so, you are perfectly normal.

Dear Annie: I've been invited to visit several friends in Florida this winter. Should I assume they mean for a week or just a few days? Also, should I offer to contribute to the food budget? I want to be a good guest.

These friends live in various areas of Florida. I wasn't planning to rent a car, but feel awkward asking for transportation to the "next stop." What's the right thing to do? — E.

Dear E.: How considerate of you to ask. Each invitation is different. Some friends may want you for a weekend, others may expect you for a month. If the length of stay wasn't included with the invitation, it is perfectly OK to ask how long they are willing to have you. Bring a house gift. If you are staying for a weekend, treat them to a meal at a restaurant. If you are staying longer, make at least one trip to the grocery store and pay for the supplies. Explain that you will be going on to Tampa after your trip to Orlando, and could they please drop you at the train station or bus stop. If they offer to drive you, by all means, accept. And be sure to send a thank-you note when you get home.

Dear Annie: I enjoy reading your column and am writing regarding the counseling service contacts you provide for your readers. Your readers also can find counselors through the American Counseling

Association (ACA) at 1-800-347-6647.

Other providers are counseling clinics at local colleges and universities, which may take county residents. Payment is based on a sliding scale according to income. Readers can also find a counselor through nbcc.org and Licensed Professional Counseling (LPC) Board websites in their state.

Please mention these professionals when recommending someone for counseling. — Robert B. Mayhew, M.S., Ed.S, NCC

Dear Robert Mayhew: With pleasure. Thank you for your assistance.

Dear Annie: I grew up in a very large family. As children, we were never hugged, cuddled, praised, encouraged or told we were loved. We had no physical contact with our parents except when we got into trouble and received a spanking or a beating. None of us was spared from my father's explosive temper. He disciplined us with his fist, belt or a board. We were brought up to fear him.

My mother was an immaculate housekeeper and good cook. Her whole life revolved around my father, and all of us had to be sure the house was in good shape so my father would be content and visitors would be impressed.

Mother has often manipulated, distorted and lied about events to make herself the victim. She pits us siblings against each other and our father against his children. Needless to say, we are not one big, happy family.

However, when we go to family functions, my mother is the life of the party. She hugs everyone. She jokes (although these jokes are vulgar and embarrassing to us), she laughs loudly, and everyone thinks she is such a wonderful, happy person.

But this is not the mother we know. At home she is the opposite. She is vindictive, gossips, exaggerates, mocks the family and neighbors, and has nasty nicknames for people. She keeps the family

in constant turmoil with accusations and lies. Most of my siblings will not visit or have anything to do with my parents. For self-protection and self-preservation, I have little contact. How do I deal with my parents at public gatherings? — If People Only Knew

Dear If People Only Knew: You are polite and civil, no more, no less. If someone compliments your parents to you, put a forced smile on your face and say nothing. Surely friends and relatives have an inkling that the family is not close, but airing your dirty linen might actually garner sympathy for your parents. Your relationship with them is no one's business but your own. (P.S.: We hope you are getting therapy.)

Dear Annie: I have two daughters who are middle-aged. One is confined to a wheelchair, and the other is a career woman and mother with a busy, crazy life. "Edie" barely has time for her sister or me, and devotes herself to the latest "love of her life." Her children get little quality attention, and the oldest is all but ignored.

Edie's two-minute visits leave us depressed and feeling that we're not worth her time. I'm tempted to tell her not to bother, but my heart is so sad from her indifference that I'm not sure what route to take. Any ideas on how to wake her up? — Sad. Mother in Massachusetts

Dear Sad: You cannot force Edie to be a better person or a more attentive daughter. Don't sit around waiting for her to show up. Find things that keep you busy and entertained so Edie's visits will carry less weight. That way, you will enjoy the two minutes she spends with you and won't mind so much when she leaves. Meanwhile, do her children have a father? It sounds like he ought to become more involved in their lives.

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"ME AN' YOU HAVE A LOT IN COMMON, MR. WILSON. I DON'T HAVE A JOB, AN' YOU DON'T EITHER."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Shh!"

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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Oct. 27, the 300th day of 2006. There are 65 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 27, 1787, the first of the Federalist Papers, a series of essays calling for ratification of the United States Constitution, was published in a New York newspaper. In 1795, the United States and Spain signed the Treaty of San Lorenzo (also known as "Pinckney's Treaty"), which provided for free navigation of the Mississippi River. In 1904, the first rapid transit subway, the IRT, was inaugurated in New York City. In 1922, the first annual celebration of Navy Day took place. In 1938, Du Pont announced a name for its new synthetic yarn:

"nylon." In 1947, "You Bet Your Life," starring Groucho Marx, premiered on ABC Radio. (It later became a television show on NBC.) In 1967, Expo '67 closed in Montreal. In 1978, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin were named winners of the Nobel Peace Prize for their progress toward achieving a Middle East accord. In 1986, the New York Mets won the World Series, coming from behind to defeat the Boston Red Sox 8-5 in Game 7 played at Shea Stadium. Today's Birthdays: Actress Nanette Fabray is 86. Baseball Hall-of-Famer and sportscaster Ralph Kiner is 84. Actress Ruby Dee is 82. Former Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher is 81. Actor-comedian John Cleese is 67. Country singer Lee Greenwood is 64. Producer-director Ivan Reitman is 60. Country singer-musician Jack Daniels is 57. Rock musician Garry Tallent (Bruce

Springsteen and the E Street Band) is 57. Author Fran Lebowitz is 56. Rock musician K.K. Downing (Judas Priest) is 55. Actor-director Roberto Benigni is 54. Actor Peter Firth is 53. Actor Robert Picardo is 53. Singer Simon Le Bon is 48. Musician J.D. McFadden is 42. Rock musician Jason Finn (Presidents of the United States of America) is 39. Rock singer Scott Weiland is 39. Actor Sean Holland is 38. Actress Sheeri Rappaport is 29. Actress-singer Kelly Osbourne is 22. "Thought for Today: "The man who does not learn is dark, like one walking in the night." — Chinese proverb

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