



VETERANS DAY

VAMC to host ceremony

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

A salute to veterans will be the obvious, though inspirational, theme Saturday when the West Texas VA Health Care System celebrates Veterans Day.

The program will begin at 11 a.m. in front of the VA Medical Center, located at 300 Veterans Blvd.

"In the spirit of greatness, the VA has launched its Veterans Pride Initiative where we are asking American veterans to proudly wear their military medals and decorations on Veterans Day," said Iva Jo Hanslik, community relations coordinator for the VA Medical Center.

"Our goal is to inspire the American people to recognize and honor the military service of their fellow citizens and to engender a greater sense of pride and satisfaction on the part of the veterans for what they did for our country," she added.

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Yvette Villarreal, secretary for the food and nutrition department at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, tells of her time spent in the U.S. Navy during a special presentation honoring women veterans at the facility Thursday morning.

Women veterans speak of their unique sacrifices

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Officials with the Big Spring VA Medical Center took a look at the role women have played in the armed forces over the years Thursday afternoon during a special recognition day program honoring female veterans.

Michael L. Bell, interim director of the Big Spring VA Medical Center, said women's role in the military began long before the first woman actually donned a uniform.

"The history of women in service is as old as the country itself," said Bell. "I was reading a little bit recently about Martha Washington. Although she wasn't really a part of the Continental Army, she wintered with them

at Valley Forge. The soldiers at Valley Forge said if it weren't for Martha's care and guidance, they weren't sure if they would have made it.

"The spirit of women in the service goes all the way back to the beginning, to the seeds of our pride and our freedom. And I think that has been true of every generation, in every conflict and in every peacetime period of service when women have proudly served their country."

Elizabeth Lowery, who has been an employee of the VA Medical Center for more than five years, said it's important to remember the sacrifices women have made through the years during

"I learned quickly that I had to work harder and smarter being a female in the military. It was hard. I wasn't trying to prove that I was better, just that I belonged. I had to make sure my shipmates had no doubt."

—Yvette Villarreal,
U.S. Navy veteran

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Relay out to recruit some super heroes

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Under Dog was at the Howard-Glasscock Counties Relay For Life kickoff meeting Tuesday, but it wasn't because the stellar unit is an underdog when it comes to fund-raising. Anything but.

No, Vicki Denton, Team Recruitment Committee chairperson, was dressed up like the fumbling but loveable cartoon hero to emphasize this year's Relay theme — Super Heroes.

It's a fitting premise for the American Cancer Society's No. 7 Relay team in the nation, per capita, and the No. 1 ranked team with a population between 30,000 and 34,999. The local effort raised a net \$191,550 in the fight against cancer this year, a figure that

Crossroads residents invited to take part in major research study

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Do you want to cure cancer? Not just witness a cure in your lifetime, but actually participate in bringing about a cure? The answer, researchers say, isn't as difficult as you might think.

The Howard-Glasscock Counties Relay For Life has been chosen as one

of only two Relay events in West Texas to participate in CPS-3 or Cancer Prevention Study 3.

The American Cancer Society's Department of Epidemiology and Surveillance Research is recruiting 5000,000 adults throughout the nation for the new study.

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comes out to \$5.76 for every man, woman and child in Howard and Glasscock counties. Super hero stuff in anyone's book.

Next year's Relay For

Life goal — set for May 18-19 at Big Spring High School's Blankenship Field — is \$185,000.

Another goal, however, is

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Vicki Denton, left, who is in charge of team recruitment for the Howard-Glasscock Counties Relay For Life, portrays the cartoon character Under Dog during a skit at the annual American Cancer Society event kickoff meeting Thursday. Also pictured are Barbi Jones, center, ACS executive director from Midland, and Amy Vidal, community relations director with West Texas Centers for MHMR, which will be fielding a new team for Relay in 2007.

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ISD board begins studying survey

Problems need to be addressed; process will take time, board told

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

As expected, Big Spring Independent School District trustees spent much of a relatively routine meeting Thursday discussing facility needs in the wake of a recent study by Dr. Paul Trautman, who recommended major renovation or replacement of virtually every one of the district's

campuses.

While BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes made it clear that actual renovation work or campus replacement is not imminent, but rather a long-term prospect, there was clearly no question that the board will be taking a long, hard look of all its options.

One of the first things trustees have to look at is the process of considering what

avenues to take in addressing facility needs involving how grade levels are split between campuses.

Currently, students attend elementary schools from kindergarten through the fourth grade. Fifth- and sixth-grade students attend Gollad Intermediate School. Seventh and eighth graders attend Big

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The local Community Angels program is asking area residents to click their heels together Saturday, but it has nothing to do with Kansas.

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Obituaries

Maudine Majors Kasch



Maudine Majors Kasch, 80, of Big Spring, passed away Nov. 9, 2006, in Ruidoso, N.M. "Maudie" as she was known by her friends, was born in Jacksonville March 29, 1926. She was the daughter of J.E. and Lillian Majors. She attended public schools in Bryan. She married A.F. (Fred) Kasch in Bryan July 18, 1946. The couple moved to Big Spring in 1949 and were married 30 years when Mr. Kasch passed away in 1976.

Mrs. Kasch is also preceded in death by her daughter, Karen Kay (Katy) Bailey of Snyder; two sisters, Jo Douglass and Billie Garner; and a grandson, Tobin Kasch Lain of Kingsville.

Mrs. Kasch is survived by her son, Don Kasch and wife, Marlene, of Midland; her daughter, Cheryl Koen and husband, Billy, of Ruidoso, N.M.; her sister, Libby Hale and husband, Air Force Retired Lt. Colonel Ira Hale of West; three granddaughters, Stephanie Lain of Austin, Adrienne Bailey Smith of Huntsville and Courtney Lain of New Orleans; her three great-grandchildren, Cora Correia and twins, Kiera and Kyle Smith; and several nieces and nephews including Debbie Douglass of Odessa.

Throughout her adulthood, Mrs. Kasch was an avid bridge player and was an accomplished Life Master. She was beloved and will be missed by her many friends and her family. She was affectionately known as "Nanny" by her grandchildren.

The family would like to express its deepest gratitude to the nurses and staff at the Mescalero Care Center in Mescalero, N.M.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with Rev. Jim Wright, officiating. Honoring her as pallbearers will be Mr. Scott Smith, Mr. Billy Koen, Mr. Ira Hale, Mr. R. H. Weaver, Mr. Noel Blake, Mr. Dwight Warren and Mr. Wally Slate. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Tobin Kasch Lain Endowment Fund at Texas A&M University in Kingsville c/o Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 2202, Kingsville 78363.

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

Paid obituary

Yvonne Ray



Yvonne Ray, 77, of El Paso, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, in El Paso. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel, with Rafor Dunagan officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

She was born Dec. 10, 1928, in Padgett and married Roy Ray on Feb. 18, 1947, in Big Spring. Yvonne moved to Big Spring in 1937 and resided here for 58 years before moving to El Paso to be near her son and his family.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Ray of El Paso; her son and daughter-in-law, Grady and Cherie Ray of El Paso; her sister, Betty Smith of Big Spring; and two grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Parkinsons Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Ste. 1509, New York 10018 or on-line at www.pdf.org

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

Cora Lee Partlow

Cora Lee Partlow died Thursday, Nov. 2, 2006, at the St. Lukes Nursing Home in Spencer, Iowa. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Pastor Scott Jordan, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

A time of reflection will be had at Bellview Baptist Church in Midland after the memorial service.

She was born Feb. 15, 1923, in Itasca and married Y. G. Partlow Sept. 13, 1941, in Grandview. He preceded her in death Jan. 17, 1992.

Cora Lee was a long time resident of Andrews and Big Spring and had resided in Webb, Iowa, for the last seven years. She was a member of Eastside Baptist Church in Big Spring and had attended the Riverside Presbyterian Church in Linn Grove, Iowa.

Survivors include two daughters, Francis Davis and husband, Jimmy, of Midland and Kathy Somers and husband, Denny, of Webb, Iowa; one son, David Partlow and fiancée, Trina Broesder, of Spencer, Iowa; seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Leon Walker, Lewis Walker and Billy Walker; and one sister, Florine Sessums.

The family suggests memorials be made to East Side Baptist Church, 1108 E. 6th, Big Spring 79720 or to Bellview Baptist Church, 1710 N. Big Spring, Midland 79701.

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

Rhonda Anne Cozart

Rhonda Anne Cozart, 58, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, died at Medical Center Hospital Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006. Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, at Acres West Funeral Chapel, 8115 W. University Blvd., from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Memorial service will be held in the Acres West Chapel Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006, at 3 p.m.

She was born in North Platte, Neb., Dec. 1, 1947. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Cozart of Odessa; three sons, Joseph Lael Miller and wife, Tammy Michelle, and Billy-Joe Duane Cozart, all of Odessa, and Joe-Eddie Wayne Cozart and wife, Crystal Lynn of Midland; two daughters, Vonnie-Lynn Ruth Creel and husband, Jessy and Robba-Lee Christine Cozart, both of Odessa; one brother, Robert Duane Jackson of Wolforth; one sister, Beverly Mae Jones and husband Jerry of Iowa Park; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Boy Scouts of America.

Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel of West Odessa.

Police blotter

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

- **ESPERANZA PORRAS**, 51, of 2500 Dow, was arrested Wednesday on a local citation and a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 42, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ADRIAN YANEZ**, 18, of 1501 Wood, was arrested Thursday on four local citations.
- **ERIC SMITHWICK**, 17, of 709 Aylesford, was arrested Thursday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **KALYNN HOMPFLD**, 31, of 6305.5 E. Midway Road, was arrested Thursday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
- **CHAD WRIGHT**, 20, of Abilene, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 80.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 100 block of 19th Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 4000 block of Highway 80.

Take Note

• **FLU SHOTS** will be available to enrolled veterans at the VA Medical Center Outpatient Clinic Monday, Nov. 13. Veterans residing in the area may report to the VA Outpatient Clinic during the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Veterans must check in with the clerk and request "flu shot clinic."

Veterans currently enrolled in VA Health Care will be required to show their VA identification cards in order to receive their shots. Flu shots will be administered to all veterans interested in receiving their immunization.

• **BARBECUE PLATES** will be offered at 408 NE 11th St. Saturday for \$6 each. Plates include brisket, chicken, sausage, potato salad, cole slaw, bread and a dessert. Chocolate cake is also available for \$6. The meals are catered by Clyde Clark. For delivery, call 263-5621.

• **ST. PAUL LUTHERN CHURCH WILL HOLD A BAKE SALE** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 18 at the church, 810 Scurry. All proceeds will go to the Howard County Bible Class Fund. Among the items will be pies, cakes, cookies, bread and jam. Also available will be cookbooks for \$10 each.

• **FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF OLGA OLEYA SOLIS** will hold a benefit car wash from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Advance Auto Parts, 701 Gregg St. All proceeds from the event will go to assist Solis with medical expenses she has incurred in her battle with cancer. For more information, contact Yolanda Ruiz-Mendoza by calling 264-2260.

• **THE COAHOMA SENIOR CITIZENS** will have Thanksgiving dinner at the Coahoma School Cafeteria, Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 11:15 a.m. All area seniors are invited.

• **A MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND 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.

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The church service is not a convention to which a family should merely send a delegate.

Randy Cotton
Pastor

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Service broadcast Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
over KBYG 1400 AM Evangelistic Service.....6:00 p.m.
on your dial Wednesday Service.....7:00p.m.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY
• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens 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.
• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• 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.
• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
• Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

Support Groups

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.

Weather

Today — Sunny. Cooler. Highs in the upper 60s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Veterans Day — Sunny. Highs around 60. Northeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs around 70. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Monday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

Monday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Tuesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Wednesday — Sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

Wednesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

Thursday — Sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 14-26-30-32. Bonus Ball: 29. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$250,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 8-9-11-17-30. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night, in order: 7-2-0

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

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Take time to thank a veteran

With Veterans Day just a day away, I find myself beginning the annual routine of gathering up the usual suspects — members of the Vietnam Memorial Committee, Big Spring VA Medical Center, Disabled American Veterans, just to name a few — to report what ceremony will be where, what speech will be delivered by whom.



THOMAS JENKINS

And while I consider this a noble enough cause, it forces me to stop and take a moment to think of the thousands of men and women right here in Big Spring we won't hear a peep from during this holiday.

As reporters, we have our favorites. Each of us has a list of the representatives from each local veteran group that will give us the best quotes, tell the best stories and answer the best questions come Veterans Day. It's just a normal part of the business.

And while these people, most noble in their cause of representing local veterans and helping them get the help and care they most certainly deserve, deserve their time in the spotlight, I'm reminded of the men and women — much like my father — who have spent decades trying to forget their military service.

I'm not sure what age I was when I realized the tidbit of a war that found its way into American history books — otherwise known as the Vietnam War — had played a major role in making the man I call Pop into who he is now. As children, we have a tendency to ignore such things.

I can, however, remember the first time I ever asked my father about his service in Vietnam. The

hurt, pained look on his face will forever hold a place in my mind, as if he was thinking, "My God, why would you ask me that?"

I didn't get an answer to my question at that time, and the curiosity faded almost as fast as our study of the war in school ended. It still amazes me that a war that consumed so many American lives was only afforded a few paragraphs in our history books at that time. It makes me wonder what will be written about the current war in Iraq.

Many, many years later, my father began to open up about his wartime service, which spanned both the Korean Conflict — that's just a fancy word for war — and the Vietnam War, sharing small stories here and there.

As a staff sergeant in the Air Force, he didn't have the kind of stories you saw in the movies, with Marines creeping up on the enemy in the dead of night, dispatching VC warriors with little more than a whisper. There were no stories about how he carried a wounded friend 14 miles through enemy territory to save his life.

But there was just as much hurt in his voice as I had heard over the years from other Vietnam vets.

He told me about pilots he became friends with who never came home. He told me about the deplorable living conditions and how plenty of cooked carrots served in Vietnam attributed to his hatred of them today (Honestly, I can't stand them either).

He told me about the conflicts between the military men and women themselves, and how it wasn't safe to walk from

"While one pilot may be awarded the Flying Cross for his bravery high above the fields of battle, we risk forgetting it's the men and women — mechanics, technicians and the like — who allow him to stay in the air and fight the good fight."

one side of the base to the other — not because of enemy snipers, but because of other American soldiers.

He told me about the drug abuse that ran rampant through the jungles of Vietnam, as American soldiers developed tastes for various drugs and alcohol that would shape their lives, and eventually, their deaths.

Over the years, the stories became more and more detailed. I suppose he felt like I was something of a man myself, having joined the Air Force at the age of 18, and could handle the details.

And while I cherish each and every one of the stories he's told me, quietly filing them away in the back of my mind, I know in my heart there are thousands of other tales he hasn't — and never will — tell his only son.

When the news footage rolls onto your television screen Saturday night, depicting the different ceremonies and other gatherings in honor of Veterans Day, my father — and thousands like him — will be quietly absent.

Why, you ask? That's something I spent many years trying to understand, and it's

only now that I feel like I've begun to get a handle on.

While one man receives the Congressional Medal of Honor for dragging his commanding officer to safety in the middle of a fierce firefight, we risk forgetting he could have never done so without the 10 or 15 soldiers behind him laying down cover fire.

While one pilot may be awarded the Flying Cross for his bravery high above the fields of battle, we risk forgetting it's the men and women — mechanics, technicians and the like — that allow him to stay in the air and fight the good fight.

It's the soldiers in the background who make it possible for those brave men and women to do what they do.

This Veterans Day I would challenge everyone in Howard County — even West Texas — to take the time to say thank you to a veteran for the service they have given to their country.

Go out in your community and look for the veterans who aren't part of a high profile group or committee. You might be surprised at just how many people you see throughout your daily routine that have put on the uniform at one time or another.

Take the time to say thank you to the men and women who spent years "behind the scenes," making it possible for this country to be the best it can be.

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



A color guard is pictured during a 2003 Veterans Day program in Big Spring.

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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:

- Hangar 25 Air Museum on the showcasing of its latest addition, a restored F-100 jet fighter.

- We've said it before, but it bears repeating. We salute the 32 percent of Howard County registered voters who took the time to cast a ballot in the November election. Our congratulations, also, to the winners.

- Organizers for the Shop Stanton Late Quilt Show, held last Thursday. The annual event is always interesting and fun — and free!

- The West Texas VA Health Care System, known better as the VA Medical Center, on its tribute to women veterans, held Thursday.

- John Tyler Breyman and the Bailey family, winners of the Forsan Rural Community College Initiative slogan contest for their entry: "Forsan — Built on energy, Education and Family: Where the Buffaloes Roam and the Folks are Down Home."

- Howard College and the Howard College theater department for putting on the Shakespeare Festival going on now through Wednesday at the Hall Center for the Arts on campus. Performances are at 8 p.m. each night except for Sunday and admission is free.

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

Let us not be wishful thinkers about You, Lord, but know our future through our study of Your word.

Amen

'The doctor made me do it'

This week's confession from a highly caffeinated Christian comes loaded with insults and sarcasm against doctors that set up appointments and then see their patients three to four hours late. I advise extreme caution before going any further. Sip carefully.

This last week I was taken over the edge. The setting was not in Arizona's Snake River but in South Fort Worth at a doctor's clinic that I will hereafter refer to as HELL.

Let me start off by saying that my appointment was at 8:30 a.m. but what they should of scheduled me for was "12ish." No, this is not the language from the "Lord of the Rings." I am referring to sometime after noon.



TROY BREWER

The Waiting Game

While I was killing four valuable hours of my short life, the insult demon landed on my shoulder like a dropping from a Canadian goose. I mean if this doctor is so smart then why doesn't he know how to tell time? How competent could he really be? If he thinks it's OK to be four hours behind schedule, he probably also thinks that menopause is a button on his VCR.

"I bet he couldn't pass his own blood test!" I scribbled in my journal sometime in hour No. 2.

As I mentally and emotionally ran off my Christian reservation, I began to pen down intentionally

rude statements into my journal that is usually reserved for scriptures and inspiration. As Flip Wilson used to say, "The Doctor made me do it."

Diary of a Mad Man

Hour one: "This doctor is so stupid I bet he thinks Taco Bell is the Mexican national phone service."

Hour two: Following crude sketches of musclemen and cars with 50 engines I write, "This doctor is so stupid he thinks that the TV guide is a map to his wide screen."

As the names of people were called that had come in after me, the torments of medical hell began to increase at the same tempo as my blood pressure.

I then noticed that the lady several chairs over did not believe in shaving her armpits. As I chocked down my cud, I pictured Don King in a headlock.

Disturbing.
Hour three: Just to the left of a mushroom cloud drawing and penciled nuclear fallout symbols I write, "This doctor is so incompetent it would take him three hours to watch '60 Minutes.'"

I am sorry to confess these thoughts but the waiting room of an ear, nose and throat specialist apparently is a cauldron of demonic activity.

Dr. Do Nothing

I finally got to see the doctor. He walked right into the room without ever saying, "I'm sorry for being four hours late. I am sorry for treating you like a red headed stepchild. I am sorry for causing the voices to return." Nothing!

What I did receive was nine minutes and 30 seconds of "brilliant" counsel, which cost me \$450!

He poured salt into my emotional open wound by having bright yellow teeth that made me think of "I can't believe it's not butter."

I politely encouraged him to pick up a copy of the local paper and read this week's column.

He said he would.
Dr. Parkay, it's only the grace of God that keeps me from calling you by name.

You know who you are, sir, and on behalf of the thousands you have made sit and read out dated issues of People magazine, I publicly rebuke you!

We don't mind coming in at noon if that's what time you need to see us, but don't tell us 8:30 if you don't mean 8:30! Human beings in the civilized world are not supposed to treat people like that.

You need a spanking for making already hurting people go through another miserable experience.

And brush your teeth, dadgummit!

The poor people that have had to go into deep space hibernation in order to survive the long wait in your office have never had a voice or way to vent — until now.

Get a clue! You are in the people business.

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute." Proverbs 31:8

Troy Brewer welcomes your comments. He can be e-mailed at FreshFromTheBrewer@OpenDoor Ministries.org or call him at 817-297-6911.



Madonna deserves praise, not scorn

Grow up in Malawi and you can expect to live for approximately 36 fairly miserable years. You'll most likely pass that decidedly short life working as a subsistence farmer, earning less than \$1 a day while wondering exactly how you might scrape together enough food to eat that night.

You'll also have to avoid becoming one of the estimated 30 percent of the population infected with HIV as well as suffer through droughts, political unrest and a particularly unpleasant climate. Your prospects for dating a supermodel, becoming famous or even having a shingled roof also will be decidedly bleak.

Grow up at Madonna's house and you can expect to live a normal lifespan with all the world's resources available to you. While you might have to adopt a fake British accent and suffer through Kabbalah services, you are unlikely to die from a treatable illness, go hungry or face political persecution.

This makes it surprising that a variety of human rights groups have protested Madonna's adoption of a boy from Malawi.

These busybody activists contend that the pop singer/lousy actress bought her way around the country's strict adoption laws and did not live in the country for 18 months for observation.

These strict laws seemingly protect the country's children from being adopted by sweatshop own-

ers, pedophiles and other child-seeking villains. Those intentions seem noble enough, but logic would dictate that a global superstar whose every action gets covered by the media would be an obvious exception.

If Malawian officials truly fear for the child's safety and seek to keep an eye on him for 18 months, they could do so by subscribing to "People."

Madonna may be a bit of a kook, but she's not going to be able to mistreat the child or use him as slave labor without it becoming front-page news.

Before Madonna adopted the boy, he had been placed in an orphanage by his father. The young Malawian, like many of his peers, had tuberculosis and very limited life prospects.

It's hard to imagine any scenario under which staying in Malawi would have been a better life than the one he could experience as the child of a wealthy and, by all accounts, loving, international celebrity.

In addition to taking responsibility for one child, Madonna donated millions of dollars to build better orphanages for his countrymen. She also pledged to bring the boy back for visits and to help him grow into a spokesperson for the plight of his people.

You would think that this generosity, on top of Madonna rescuing a child from abject poverty, would earn the pop singer universal praise. Instead, she has faced near-constant attacks, from some groups angry that she didn't follow the rules and others who claim the adoption is little more than a publicity stunt.

While Madonna has literally walked down the street naked in order to get publicity, it seems pretty far-fetched to think she would exploit a child simply to get into the newspapers. Unlike many stars, she has never forced her children into the spotlight and has largely kept them out of view.

If Madonna wanted publicity, she could have done any number of simpler things to get media attention. Simply by having dinner with Dennis Rodman or insulting the Pope's hat, she would get a lot of coverage without making the lifelong commitment of raising a child.

Tying yourself to a cross in a mockery of Jesus is a publicity stunt. Taking an orphan into your home and spending millions helping his homeland is an act of compassion. Any publicity this act generates won't benefit album sales, but it might draw attention to just how miserable life in Malawi must be for so many. Maybe it will even lead others to help.

As for the charges that Madonna has broken the rules, we should only hope that more millionaires try to break this particular rule. Malawi laws might be well-intentioned, but not making an exception in this case seems absurd. Madonna's money most likely did help her get around the law, but her money will also help her adopted child, and a countless number of his countrymen, live better lives.

Daniel B. Kline is the author of "50 Things Every Guy Should Know How to Do." He can be reached at dan@notastep.com.

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Poinsettia's being offered

With many seeking to make Big Spring known as the "Poinsettia City" during the Christmas season, local resident Nick Roberson has resumed making the poinsettia's like those displayed during the Festival of Lights. Roberson's new business, Roberson Wild Creations, is offering 18-foot flowers like those displayed in the park, as

well as smaller flowers that are 6 to 7 feet in diameter. The poinsettias come complete with lights attached. He is also creating a "mother flower" that includes not only the five red leaves, but has four to five green leaves underneath the red petals. Those interested can contact Roberson by calling 264-6371.

Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, Nov. 6 in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Barbara Brumley, president, presided and Lee Emerson gave the invocation. After the minutes and financials were approved, discussion centered on our pilot project, Cigarette Litter Prevention. This will be an ongoing effort to remind the public about proper disposal of used cigarettes. Pat Simmons gave a glowing report on Make a Difference Day and Jan Foresyth said the Grisham Conference was a huge success. Visitors were especially complimentary about the bus tours to acquaint them with our county landmarks.

Debbie Wegman reported for the education/recycling committee. We are pleased about the \$1,700 grant from H-E-B, helping to fund our recycling efforts. Students and faculty of Goliad Middle School will do the hands on work on this project. The public is invited to deposit aluminum cans on the south edge of the campus near the Cans for Classes banners. Nominations for new officers were announced, to be voted on at the December meeting. That will be a special time because we will have the president of the San Angelo unit speak, giving us tips on how they beautify their city. Training opportunities to be held in our area were highlighted for the convenience of members. Three new members were welcomed.



The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club has selected a high school senior as its Youth of the Month. Pictured left to right are Gwen Danson, club vice president; Blake Roach, Rotary Youth of the Month, and Blake's father, Henry Roach.

BSHS senior named Rotary Youth of the Month

On Nov. 3, the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club named Big Spring High School senior Blake Roach as its October Rotary Youth of the Month. Each month our club recognizes a student from one of the three local school districts. They are selected by the school administration for their excellent leadership skills and are presented a handsomely engraved plaque bearing their name and the Rotary logo. We are

proud that Blake was our first recipient. Blake is the son of Henry Roach and Diane Thomas. He is a member of Bakers Chapel A.M.E. youth group, president of the BSHS Student Council, Homecoming King for 2006, member of the French Club, debate chairperson, community service chairperson and a junior counselor at the Angelo State University Student Council Summer

Workshop. He is a recipient of the Rotary Camp RYLA Award, a National Forensic League member and a Texas Forensic Association member. He attended the National Association of Student Council Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., this summer. After graduation, he plans to attend Stephen F. Austin University.

Newcomers

John Fisher, wife, Sonia, son Johnny, 18, daughter, Tina, 16, of Alpine. He is a criminal justice professor at Howard College.
David D. Long of DeLeon. He is a doctor.
Joan Owens, grandson, Ricky, of Apple Valley, Calif. She is retired.
Carol Golding of Madera, Calif. She is a hair dresser.
Jerry Barraza of Lubbock. He works for Big Spring Collision Center.
Amy Hill, daughters,

Debra, 15, Daisy, 12, of Arkadelphia, Ark.
Dennis Ali, wife, Alicia, son Mark, 9, of Elkins, W. Va. He is a retired truck driver for J.B. Hunt.
Brandon Copeland, wife, Elizabeth, daughters, Chesney, 2, Jade, 1, of Ranger. He works for Sudden Link.
Jerry Copeland, wife, Paula, of Ranger.
Wayne Parum of Brownwood. He is a retired farmer.
Brian Johnson, wife, Melissa, son, Dylan, 3, of

Council Grove, Kan. He works for Robinson Drilling.
Mozelle Carter of Houston. He is employed as a soil conservationist for the U.S.D.
Robert Dudley, wife, Patricia, of Gulf Port, Miss. He works in construction.
Tracy Bowman of Hemet, Calif. She is a phlebotomy technician.
Dennis Olivas, wife, Erica, daughters, Deaja, 5,

Alyssa, 2, of Lovington, N.M. He works for M&M General Contractors.
Al Moore, wife, Rebecca, daughters, Chrisina, 16, Kelsie, 14, of Folkston, Ga. He is the

facility maintenance manager for Cornell Corrections.
Mike Miller, wife, Amy, of Lampass. He works for Solitaire Homes.
Jacob Eastham, wife,

Corrina, of Enid, Okla. He works for Key Energy.
Michael Grimes of Houston. He is the sports editor for the Big Spring Herald.

Howard College hosting free Shakespeare Festival

Howard College is hosting a Shakespeare Festival through Wednesday in the Hall Center for the Arts, 1001 Birdwell Lane. All performances begin at 8 p.m. and are free to the public. Western Texas College will present "Twelfth

Night" this evening and Saturday. Monday, Big Spring High School will take the stage with "Romeo and Juliet." On Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, Howard College theater department will present "As You Like It."

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Trinity Baptist to celebrate 75th anniversary Sunday

Trinity Baptist Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary Sunday. The church will start by honoring special members for their dedication over the years during the 11 a.m. service.

At the 6 p.m. evening service, there will be a DVD presentation on the history of the church, immediately followed by a reception in the Claude Craven Annex. There will be fellowship along with cake and punch.

The church has met in four different locations since it began. The first one was at 1007 W. Third (sometimes referred to as the Mule Barn). Next, it

moved to 207 Goliad until the tabernacle was built at 309 Benton. In the late 1940s, the church bought the property at 810 E. 11th Place. Then in May 2000, the Claude Craven Annex was added which expanded the property to include both the 800 and 900 blocks of East 11th Place.

The church was first organized Nov. 12, 1931, with 20 charter members as the Missionary Baptist Church. In June of 1934, the name was changed to the Fundamental Baptist Church until the final change to Trinity Baptist Church on Sept. 12, 1941.

There have been 11 pastors

since the church was first organized. The first pastor was Horace Goodman, who served until Jan. 31, 1934. He was followed by Pastor George Burnside, who served from March 4, 1934, until Feb. 23, 1936. On March 25, 1936, Ben Johnson was called as pastor, but later declined, so Horace Goodman was again called. He served as pastor from April 29, 1936, until July 30, 1939.

After this, the church called Dr. Louis Entzminger as pastor on Aug. 17, 1939. He accepted the pastorate but asked to call a co-pastor since his schedule was very full. The Rev. Eugene Davis was called the same day

as co-pastor. He became the full pastor later since Dr. Entzminger was unable to come because of responsibilities at the college in Fort Worth where he taught.

Later, the church called Roland King, followed by E. Best. Dates for their pastorates are unavailable.

The Rev. Marvin Clark was next, serving as pastor from 1947 until 1951. He was followed by Jack Power, who was pastor from 1951 until 1965. Then, the church called Dr. Claude Craven as pastor. He served from 1965 until his retirement at the end of 1992.

The current pastor is Randy

Cotton, who took the church on Jan. 1, 1993. In addition to Bro. Cotton, the church has Associate-Pastor Joey Bacon, Minister of Music Steve Moses and Youth Pastor TJ Lipham.

After 75 years, Trinity Baptist Church still has a growing and vibrant congregation with a wide range of ministries. The congregation plans to continue serving the community as a local fundamental New Testament Baptist church until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

All former members and visitors are welcome to come reminisce with old acquaintances and new friends.

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Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church invites you to join us for Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning service and Young People's church at 11 a.m., and again at evening church at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening services are 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 additional information, call 394-4655

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The members invite you to worship services Sunday at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. A nursery is provided.

There will be an International Thanksgiving Missions Dinner this Sunday. There will be missionaries giving testimonies and bringing God's message in word and song. Pray for the missionaries around the world.

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

First United Methodist Church

Saturday, rehearsals for the Living Christmas Tree continue in Garrett Hall beginning at 9 a.m. Volunteers will be working on the new greenery for the tree in the Pardee building beginning at 9 a.m. Choir rehearsals will continue on Monday evening at 6:30.

Sunday services will be led by the Rev. Jim Wright, who will preach at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. services.

Following the late worship service, the youth of the church will be serving their annual Thanksgiving dinner

with turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Garrett Hall will be set up for the festive meal, which is the primary fund-raiser for the church's youth department.

Everyone is urged to attend this special holiday fellowship.

The Project Light classes continue through the week on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information on these classes which teach reading and speaking the English language, contact Agustin Ypina, pastor of our Hispanic ministry.

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

Christ's Community Fellowship

The Elders at Christ's Community Fellowship are proud to announce Nick Portocarrero as the new pastor. The church welcomes Nick and his wife Griseldina and children Nicholas, Brandon and Abigail.

Christ's Community meets Sundays at 10 a.m. for Sunday school for all ages with services at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m. We offer home groups on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and youth for 7th through 12th grades Wednesdays at 7 p.m. with Janae Giles, youth minister.

Christ's Community has a food bank and normally assists more than 300 families monthly. You can contact Karen Allen at 263-5683 and leave a message.

The food bank is open Wednesdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We welcome everyone to come visit Christ's Community Fellowship at 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring. Phone 432-263-LOVE (5683).

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from Mark 12:38-44 at worship service Sunday.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten starts at 10:35 a.m.

Opportunities for the week include: Sunday is commitment Sunday.

Members are encouraged to bring their pledge card.

The monthly men's breakfast will be held Wednesday at 7 a.m. Youth group is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study is at 5:17 p.m. and choir practice is at 6 p.m.

Members are reminded to bring non-perishable food to donate to less fortunate families during the holiday season.

These items are to be placed in the grocery basket in the Narthex.

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

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Fr. Liggett's sermon topic will be "The Widow's Mite."

St. Mary's vestry will meet Monday at 6 p.m. in the library.

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

First Assembly of God

Teen Challenge is coming to First Assembly of God this Sunday morning at 10:45 for a wonderful service of ministry and worship.

Teen Challenge is an International Organization ministering to both men and women around the world who have had problems in

their lives. Many have been involved with alcohol, drugs and other abusive substances. The organization is unique because of its high rate of success with those who enroll in the program.

The Teen Challenge Center of Midland will be sharing and demonstrating the power of Jesus Christ through music and testimony. The choir will be performing, long with other musical selections.

Pastor R.T. Havener and the congregation of First Assembly of God Church give everyone a special invitation to come and enjoy this out standing service.

Friends of Unity

Friends are celebrating 12 years of the center being located in the east boxcar in the Railroad Plaza. The center is dedicated to the exploration of spiritual truth in an atmosphere of freedom and love and all are welcome. For information, call 263-6311 or 267-8783.

Church of Christ at W. Highway 80

West Highway 80 Church of Christ is hosting a "Singspiration" at 4 p.m. Saturday. The public is invited.

Baker's Chapel AME Church

Baker's Chapel AME Church, located at 911 N. Lancaster, will celebrate its 80th year in service to Big Spring and the surrounding communities on Sunday, Nov. 26, at 4 p.m.

We invite all past members and friends to join in the celebration of our history. If you have any photos or memorabilia of any kind that may be displayed during this time, contact Gladys Thompson at 267-2939 or Willia Ledford at 268-8233.

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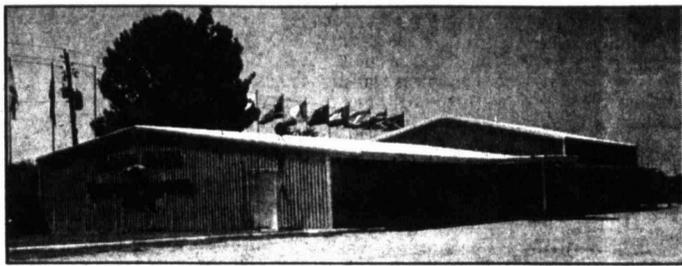
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'Wizard of Oz' promises fun for good cause

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The local Community Angels program is asking area residents to click their heels together Saturday, but it has nothing to do with Kansas.

It's all about Christmas. "Several years ago our group got involved with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program," said Pat Hardison, spokesperson for the Community Angels effort. "And they do a great job of making sure the children have presents, and they provide food for the holidays to the mothers and fathers. However, we felt like it left the area teenagers hanging out in the wind."

Hardison said the need to provide Christmas gifts for local low-income families with teens was quickly answered.

"We saw a problem and we decided to go out and solve it," said Hardison. "We had the Salvation Army pass the teen angels onto us and we began gathering donations and gifts. It went so well, we've done it every year since. Last year we not only got presents for the teens, we also adopted several of the angels that were left on the Salvation Army's tree at the end of the adoption process."

So what does the Community Angels program have to do with the "Wizard of Oz?"

"Saturday we'll once again be holding our fundraiser at the Heritage

Museum," said Hardison. "The folks at the museum have been so nice to help us out. It's based on 'The Wizard of Oz,' and we'll have a yellow brick road running through the museum."

"Those attending will get a chance to walk down the yellow brick road and actually interact with the characters from 'The Wizard of Oz.' We did this last year and it was so much fun for everyone."

Hardison said the Big Spring High School drama department is providing several of the actors for the interactive jaunt through the world of Oz.

"We also have Gisela Preciado playing the part of Dorothy," said Hardison. "She did such an excellent job last year and we're so happy to have her again."

Hardison said admission for the event, which is set for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m., is \$3.50 per person.

"It's going to be so much fun," she said. "I was an actor in it last year, and this year I'll get the chance to run around and take pictures. If anyone has any questions, they are more than welcome to call me at 270-8277. Also, if they would like to make a donation to the program or adopt an angel, they can call me as well."

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Gisela Preciado portrays Dorothy from "The Wizard of Oz", opposite Kyle Coker as the Tin Man, during the 2005 presentation of the story by the Community Angels program at the Heritage Museum. This year's presentation will take place Saturday from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

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Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

In the Sunday evening service, there will be a DVD presentation covering some of this history of our church. That will be followed by a reception in the Claude Craven Annex.

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Lowery said since the first women took male aliases to join the fight during the U.S. Civil War, women's place among the ranks has grown considerably.

"There were 30,000 women that served in World War I. Nearly

13,000 women enlisted in the Navy and the Marine Corps," said Lowery. "These were the first women in the United States to be admitted to the same military rank and status (as men). More than 200 women lost their lives during World War II."

"During the Korean era more than 120,000 women were on active duty. More than 500 women were in the Air Corps during Vietnam. There were women Marines during Vietnam and there were 600 women in the Air Force during Vietnam. Female Army, Navy and Air Force nurses and medical specialists numbered over 60,000 during that same time period. Mobilization for the Gulf War had an unprecedented proportion of women — 7 percent in the armed forces. In the national and reserve guards they represented 17 percent. It's the largest female deployment in U.S. history."

Lowery introduced the audience to three female veterans currently working at the Big Spring facility, allowing each of them to talk about their experiences in the military.

"For many service members, wearing a

weapon is a part of their daily uniform," said Erin McFall, administrative officer to the chief of staff. "Reporting for duty at any time or date isn't uncommon at all, and spending time away from your loved ones is just part of the job. The most difficult part of my job was providing services to those that I knew were leaving their families, their homes and their children. It was our job to provide services to help with these stresses associated with being in the military."

"When I worked at the hospital I saw patients who had been through so much that it led to things like PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder), depression, substance abuse, divorce and just so much more... As a female instructor in the military, I had a lot of people come to me for motherly advice. They simply wanted someone to talk to and share things with, or to just say what was on their mind."

Laura MacLain, secretary to the associate chief of staff at the hospital, said her years in the Navy were tough, but certainly worth the effort.

"I was in the Navy for 13 years as an electronics

technician," said MacLain. "I entered the Navy in 1979 and I can tell you there were not a lot of women in the military then. There were a lot of challenges."

"I went in as a single parent and with so few women in the Navy I found that some of the young men thought we were there for their entertainment, and a lot of the older men thought that I had no place in their Navy. I wasn't always treated fairly and I wasn't always treated with respect, but there were a lot more people that were fair and were respectful and they were wonderful friends."

Certainly the most emotional account was presented by Yvette Villarreal, secretary for

the food and nutrition department at the VA Medical Center. She said she can still see the shadows of the sacrifices she made while in the Navy, but she wouldn't trade the experience for anything.

"Joining the Navy was the best decision I ever made, and I don't regret it a bit. I learned quickly that I had to work harder and smarter being a female in the military," said Villarreal through tears. "It was hard. I wasn't trying to prove that I was better, just that I belonged. I had to make sure my shipmates had no doubt."

"I think the hardest thing I ever had to do was leave my husband and kids. It's one thing to take a trip alone, but to take a trip so far away from fam-

ily and friends when you can't talk to them every day or every other day. When duty calls, it is all set aside. And being a woman, my biggest regret is that my daughter doesn't look to me. When it comes to asking for something my daughter doesn't ask me, she still asks my husband. I've been around the world and I have come to appreciate all that my country has to offer, and I really appreciate that America has the women that it has. Women definitely don't have the respect or say in those other countries, but we do."

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salute and play Taps.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen will present a proclamation honoring all veterans.

"Please join us to acknowledge those who are responsible for our freedom," said Hanslik. "If you know of an active duty or discharged OEF/OIF veteran, please extend a special invitation to those honored vet-

erans."

The program is expected to be brief. For more information about it or the VA Medical Center, contact Hanslik at 264-4824.

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RELAY

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to add seven new teams. Corporate sponsors are crucial to raising the kind of money the local Relay generates every year, but organizers say the real key are the teams of community members who raise money throughout the year. Through bake sales, car washes, auctions, cookoffs and scads of other methods, teams have one goal in mind — raise money for cancer research. Their efforts culminate the third weekend in May when a thousand or more people attend

the overnight gathering that is Relay For Life. It's called Relay because team members take turns walking the track around the field throughout the entire event.

Relay begins with an emotional and inspirational Survivor's Walk, in which cancer survivors take the first lap around the track together.

Teams can be comprised of any group of people — school classes and clubs, Sunday school classes, businesses, community service clubs, neighborhoods, families and friends. This year, organizers are adding a bit of extra fun, encouraging teams to adopt a super hero nickname and deck out one of their own in a super

hero costume. "I'm challenging you to be the super hero you are," Denton said to the crowd gathered Thursday at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

Many of those in attendance were cancer survivors. At least one — Pastor Shane Brue — is in a fight for his life against the disease that Relay supporters hope to one day eradicate.

Brue, who was diagnosed with colon cancer shortly after moving to Big Spring a few months ago, has undergone five of a scheduled 12 chemotherapy treatments.

Brue said he has been overwhelmed by the support he has received.

"My family will beat this. And we as a community, as a people, are going to beat this disease," he said. "It's not a fight I would have picked but it is a fight that picked me and I am in it."

Brue said he was given a Relay For Life T-shirt, which he wore to one of his chemo sessions. He was asked if he had participated in the annual event and replied, "No, but I will be going to my first next year."

The pastor said he was told by those treating his disease that Relay For Life — it is an international program — is paramount to research and finding new cures for cancer.

Several other people spoke on

the fight against cancer Tuesday. Locally, individuals are involved at the national, state and regional levels.

Anyone who would like to know more about starting or joining a Relay team is encouraged to contact Denton at 267-5308. For information about Relay For Life, contact Vicki Stewart, event chairperson, at 263-7176.

Cancer survivors who would like to participate in the Survivor's Walk, contact Sandra Logback, survivorship chairperson, at 267-2335.

Contact News Editor Bill McClellan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com

CPS-3

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One of the places researchers will register individuals is at the 2007 Relay For Life event, set for May 18-19 at Blankenship Field in Big Spring.

"We need to get as many people to get into this as we can," Howard Stewart, Relay logistics chairperson said during Tuesday's kickoff event, held Tuesday at Garrett Hall. "They came to us saying can we come to your Relay and get this started? And we welcomed them."

Interestingly, the research study doesn't

involve cancer survivors at all, just the opposite. Those eligible to participate are men and women between age 30 and 65 years old who have had no personal history of cancer.

It's a 20-year commitment, but not a difficult one and doesn't cost anything.

According to organizers, the initial process takes under 30 minutes. Participants will sign a consent form, and then complete a brief written survey. A waist measurement will be taken and a small blood sample will be drawn by a trained, certified phlebotomist.

A few months later, participants will receive a survey by mail. The sur-



Stewart

veys ask detailed information about the participant's lifestyle and other factors related to health. Follow-up surveys will be sent every few years, to update health behavior information. Participants will also receive newsletters updating them on ongoing research.

The surveys are confidential, and the information is stored separately from participants' personal identifying information such as Social Security numbers, driver's licenses, addresses and the like. Researchers hope that the information will help

them understand lifestyles, environments and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer.

Previous American Cancer Society studies have led to some findings, which have played a major role in cancer prevention, including the correlation between cigarette smoking and lung cancer, and the finding that obesity can enhance the risk of cancer.

"These have been very important in helping prevent cancer," said Stewart. "By participating in this latest survey, people in this community and the surrounding area can help in the next step in the fight against cancer."

Other than being cancer

free and age 30 to 65, there are no other stipulations.

"When they looked at us, it was because we have a diverse population with different age groups and because the community here has bought into Relay," said Stewart. "We hope to have at least 400 people from this area participate."

A CPS-3 tent will be set

up at Blankenship Field during Relay For Life for those who decide to participate.

In the meantime, Stewart said he would be happy to address different groups, clubs or organizations and explain the CPS-3 study to them.

To contact Stewart, call 263-7176 or e-mail hystewart@crcom.net

BSISD

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Spring Junior High School before advancing to the high school.

Trautman's study indicates that is too many splits. He told trustees last month that students perform better when they have fewer "transitions" and swap campuses less often. He suggested that students attend elementary through grade 5, then have three years of "middle school" before attending the high school.

The problem, however, is finding the necessary space for students to continue attending school while facilities are built and/or remodeled to facilitate an elementary-middle school-high school split.

Downes had noted that the district's current grade splits are based on what the district has room for on its campuses. "That's backwards," he said. "I think good instruction practices should drive your facility needs, not your facilities driving your instructional practices."

Trustees agree. After only brief discussion, the board instructed administrators to plan making its long-term facility recommendations based on grade splits suggested by Trautman.

Earlier in the meeting, Kevin Armstrong, a United Way of Big Spring and Howard County campaign official, presented certificates of appreciation to the district, as well as special recognition for the faculty and staffs at Bauer Elementary School and Goliad Intermediate School.

Bauer employees were recognized for having 100 percent participation and increasing their giving to the campaign by more than \$700. Goliad staffers were recognized as the most outstanding campus — not only having 100 percent participation, but increasing their donations to the campaign by more than \$1,000.

Trustees were also informed that the district had received the most recent No Child Left Behind Highly Qualified Teacher Report from the Texas Education Agency. Downes said the report

indicates the BSISD, while falling short of the 100 percent target, had increased the percentage of highly qualified teachers to 97.24 percent during the 2005-06 school year, up from 96.28 percent in 2004-05 and 94.85 percent in 2003-04.

In other business Thursday, trustees:

- Approved the sale of the mobile home located behind the district's business office at fair market value.
- Approved bids for food service and maintenance and transportation.
- Approved requesting an expedited waiver for TAKS testing days at the high school.

• Heard an enrollment report in which Downes indicated that the district's were slightly up from the previous month's enrollment.

• Accepted the resignations of Melissa Garcia, a third grade teacher at Marcy Elementary School, and Rosemary Hernandez, a second grade bilingual teacher at Marcy.

• Approved the hiring of Carmen Click as a kindergarten teacher at Washington Elementary School, Richard Light as DAEP principal, and Charlotte "Ann" McAnulty as a third grade teacher at Marcy Elementary School.

• Approved changing the date for its regular January 2007 meeting from Jan. 11 to Jan. 18.

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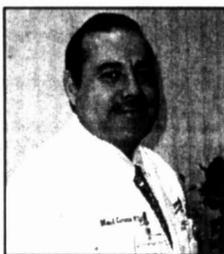
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Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts. North leads the king of clubs, which you ruff. When you then play the ace of hearts, North discards a spade. How would you continue?

West	East
♠A3	♠K
♥AQ9532	♥K104
♦109832	♦AKQ
♣—	♣J98642

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Notrump, and North leads the ten of spades. How would you play the hand?

West	East
♠KQ6	♠AJ3
♥A5	♥K82
♦A74	♦KJ5
♣A9543	♣QJ62

1. To give yourself the best chance of making 12 tricks, you should allow for the possibility of either opponent having four diamonds to the jack. Play the ten of hearts under the ace, cash the king of hearts, king of spades and ace of diamonds, then finesse the nine of hearts. Next cash the queen of hearts and ace of spades, discarding the K-Q of diamonds from dummy! Then play the ten of diamonds to force out the jack, and this will be your only loser. If the diamonds are divided 3-2, this method of play will cost you a trick worth 30 points, but if they are divided 4-1, you will be 1,000 or 1,500 points richer, depending on the vulnerability.

2. If you were sure of five club tricks, you'd also be sure of the contract, but since the odds strongly favor scoring only four club tricks, you must consider a diamond finesse as your best hope for a 12th trick. This train of thought leads to the surprising conclusion that since there are two ways to play the clubs and only one way to play the diamonds, you should try the diamond finesse first to help you determine how to play the clubs. Let's say you take the first spade in your hand and lead a diamond to the jack at trick two, and it wins. Once this occurs, the contract is foolproof. The only remaining problem is to guarantee four club tricks, which can be done by returning to your hand in any suit but clubs and leading a low club toward dummy. This enables you to guard against either opponent having the K-10-8-7. If the diamond finesse at trick two loses, you will then have to hope that South was dealt specifically the K-x or K-x-x of clubs (a 26 percent chance) and rely on a finesse to produce five club tricks.

Tomorrow: Hidden asset.
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IN BRIEF

Hawk Buddies Basketball Program
Howard College offering a basketball program for grades first through sixth grade. The program is scheduled to start on Nov. 18, at the I. Garrett Coliseum. For registration information, contact Coach Earl Diehl at 264-5043. Assistant Coach Rodewald at 432-4327.

Youth basketball league registration
Registration for YMCA Youth Basketball League is available for boys and girls through sixth grade. The registration line is Friday, and the fee is \$10 per player. Practices will begin Dec. 11, and games will be held on Saturdays starting Jan. 13. For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

Texas high school football top 10

Class 5A
1. S.L. Carroll (9)
2. Lufkin (9-0)
3. Eules Trinity (9-0)
4. Katy (9-0)
5. G.P. North Shore (9-0)
6. Cedar Hill (9-0)
7. Spring Westfield (9-0)
8. A&M Cons. (7-2)
9. Smithson Valley (7-2)
10. Plano East (6-1)

Class 4A
1. Texarkana (9-0)
2. Stephenville (8-1)
3. Highland Park (8-1)
4. C.C. Calallen (8-1)
5. Lamar (9-0)
6. Brenham (8-1)
7. La Marque (9-0)
8. Copperas Cove (8-1)
9. Alledo (8-1)
10. Waco (7-2)

Class 2A
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2. Marlin (8-1)
3. Crawford (8-1)
4. Lexington (8-1)
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6. Tatum (7-2)
7. Jefferson (8-1)
8. Schulenburg (8-1)
9. Blanco (8-1)
10. Troup (8-1)

AP Top 25 Football Poll
The Top 25 team Associated Press Football Poll. It is based on results from Nov. 4.

- Ohio St. (65)
- Michigan
- Louisville
- Texas
- Auburn
- Florida
- USC
- California
- N. Dame
- W. Virginia
- Arkansas
- LSU
- Tenn.
- Boise St.
- Rutgers
- Wisconsin
- Oklahoma
- W. Forest
- Ga. Tech
- Va. Tech
- Oregon
- Boston C.
- Maryland
- Tx. A&M
- BYU

IN BRIEF

Hawk Buddies

Basketball Program
Howard College is offering a basketball program for girls in grades first through sixth grade.

The program is limited to the first 200 applicants, and includes a season pass to all home games, a T-shirt and a courtside pizza party with the Hawks.

Date of the clinic is Nov. 18, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

For registration information, contact Head Coach Earl Diddle at (432) 264-5043 or Assistant Coach Eric Rodewald at (432) 816-4327.

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| 9. N. Dame | 8-1 |
| 10. W. Virginia | 7-1 |
| 11. Arkansas | 8-1 |
| 12. LSU | 7-2 |
| 13. Tenn. | 7-2 |
| 14. Boise St. | 9-0 |
| 15. Rutgers | 8-0 |
| 16. Wisconsin | 9-1 |
| 17. Oklahoma | 7-2 |
| 18. W. Forest | 8-1 |
| 19. Ga. Tech | 7-2 |
| 20. Va. Tech | 7-2 |
| 21. Oregon | 7-2 |
| 22. Boston C. | 7-2 |
| 23. Maryland | 7-2 |
| 24. Tx. A&M | 8-2 |
| 25. BYU | 8-2 |

Steers get backhanded by Sweetwater

Big Spring tennis team prepares for the upcoming spring schedule

MIKE GRIMES
Sports Editor

BSHS failed to protect the home tennis courts against Sweetwater last night, as the Steers team lost the match, 7-10.

Big Spring hosted the games to help prepare the team for the upcoming spring season, but this was not a tennis match that will hinder the Steers' season. It was more of a dress rehearsal for the upcoming tournaments in 2007.

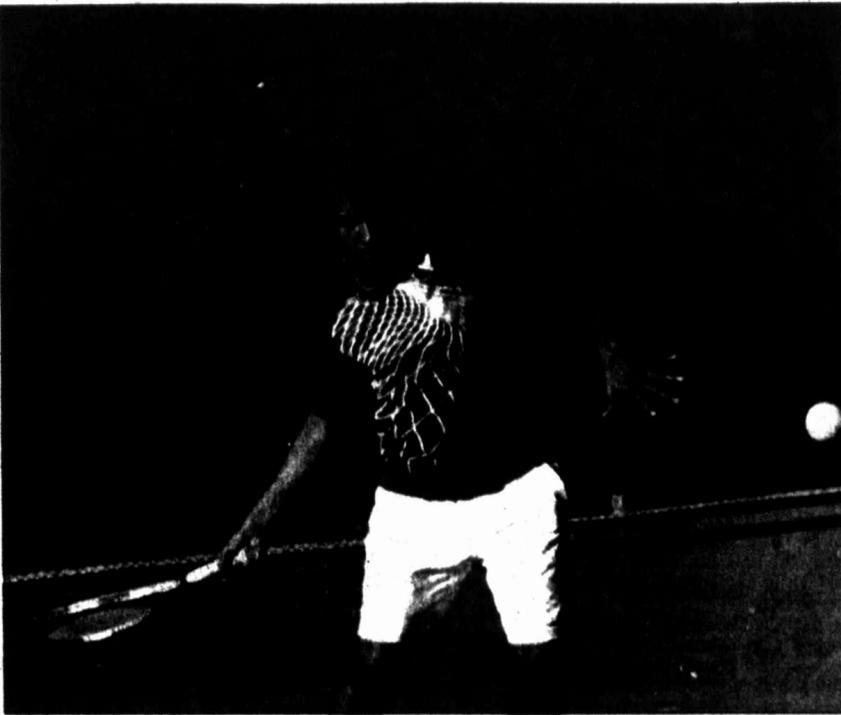
Before the matches commenced, the Big Spring team could be seen running sprints up and down the court for Coach Benson Payne. In fact, as the Sweetwater team arrived, several players gathered around the court to watch the workout. Coach Payne did not wish to divulge specific reasons for the running, but said that the players deserved the extra sprints.

"We will not lose tennis matches in the spring due to lack of conditioning," Payne promised, as his team broke off into doubles teams. "If we're at the ATC (Athletic Training Center) or here on the tennis courts, this team is going to practice and conduct themselves in the right way."

There was little argument from the Steer athletes.

Senior Roshan Schroff, who has not lost a match this season, kept his perfect record intact by defeating Tatum Harrison 3-6, 6-4, 10-4. In doubles action, Schroff teamed with Ainham Ngeim, but after winning the first set, they dropped the match 6-4, 7-6, 10-7.

"I was really proud of the way Roshan carried himself tonight," Coach Payne said after the match. "He was in a tough, three-set match against a good player, and he did what he always does, he found a way to win. He



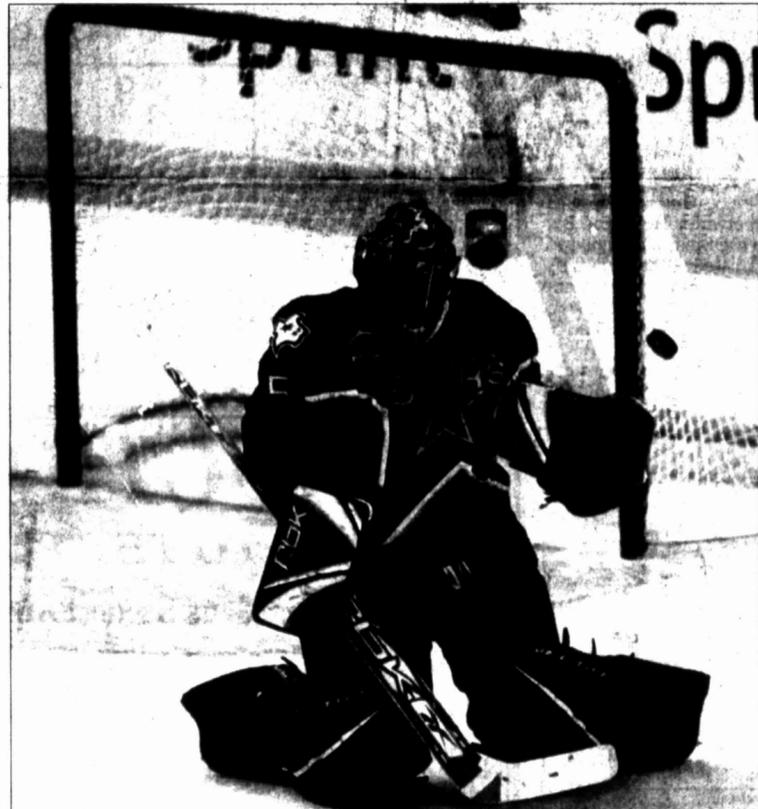
HERALD photo/Mike Grimes
Big Spring senior Roshan Schroff returns a serve against Sweetwater in last night's competition. Despite the win by Schroff, the Steers dropped the team match 7-10. Schroff is unbeaten in singles play this season.

has not lost a singles match this season, and he's preparing to defend his singles title at the district tournament in April."

In other action it was Jeremy Landin knocking off Sweetwater's Austin Dahar in

straight sets, 6-1, 6-4. In mixed doubles it was Patricia Hendricks and Matt Callison taking straight sets for the Steers, as they combined

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MCT photo/Kelley Chinn/Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Dallas Stars' goaltender Marty Turco deflects a shot on goal early in the 2006 season. Turco shutout the Phoenix Coyotes in a 1-0 victory over the Phoenix Coyotes.

NHL action; Stars blank Coyotes, 1-0

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Marty Turco stopped 13 shots in his first shutout of the season and made Brenden Morrow's power-play goal stand up, giving the Dallas Stars' 1-0 victory over the Phoenix Coyotes on Thursday night.

Curtis Joseph made 34 saves for Phoenix to hold up his end of the goalie showdown, but Morrow's second-period goal was the difference.

The Stars captain took a pass from Sergei Zubov just to the right of the crease and flipped the puck over Joseph's glove and into the top corner of the net 2:09 into the period. The goal came just 18 seconds after Jeremy Roenick was sent off for stick holding.

Turco did the rest in posting his 25th career shutout and first in 19 career games against the Coyotes.

Phoenix has been shut out three times this season, twice at home by the

Stars. Turco was rarely tested over the first two periods, facing only seven shots on goal, including just two in the first frame.

His best save came early in the contest when Turco dived to the ice to poke check the puck away from Enver Lisin before the rookie could take a shot on a break-away.

That was as close as the Coyotes would get to scoring against Turco and the Stars.

He also got some help from his teammates in the post when Ed Jovanovski blasted a shot off the crossbar with 14:58 remaining on the clock.

Joseph kept the Coyotes in the game, especially in the first 40 minutes when he made 28 saves. The Coyotes offense just could not get anything going to help him on the night.

He had been pulled from his previous two starts after allowing seven goals on only 24 shot attempts.

Texas players on short list for awards

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer
AUSTIN — It's late in the season and several Texas players are on the short lists of candidates for several national awards.

Senior Justin Blalock, who has played guard and tackle this season, is a finalist for the Lombardi Award given to the nation's best lineman. He is the fourth Longhorn in the past five years to be a finalist for the award.

Blalock has started 48 straight games, one short of the Texas record, and has not given up a sack in 25 games.

Cornerback Aaron Ross was named this week as a semifinalist for the Thorpe Award given to

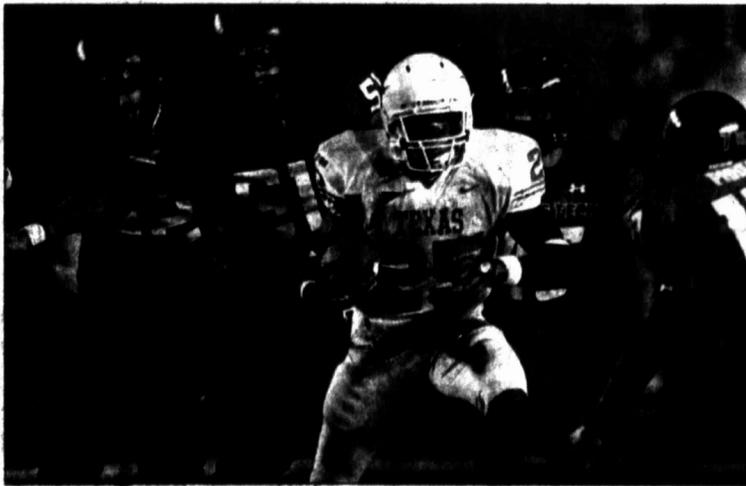
the nation's top defensive back. Former Longhorn safety Michael Huff won it last season.

Ross has 62 tackles, three forced fumbles, four interceptions and has scored two touchdowns this season.

Freshman quarterback Colt McCoy is a semifinalist for the Davey O'Brien Award given to the top quarterback in the country. Former Longhorn QB Vince Young won the O'Brien last season.

McCoy has a Texas record 27 touchdown passes this season with only four interceptions. He's thrown for a touchdown in every game and has 2,051 yards passing.

But for all the praise McCoy has received this



MCT photo/Ron Juchacz/Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Texas running back Jamaal Charles (25) is pursued by the Texas Tech defense during second quarter action at Jones Stadium.

season, coach Mack Brown said he's not had to worry if it will go to his head.

"The kid is too smart not to know that a loss can

end all that in a hurry, the coach said.

"Let him have a bad game and everybody here will want him to be fired," Brown said.

The Texas running game is producing a more-than-respectable 183.1 yards per game

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BCS in shock; No. 15 Rutgers 28, No. 3 Louisville 25

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP Sports Writer

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Rutgers arrived - and kicked No. 3 Louisville right out of the national championship scramble.

The program that once set the standard for college football futility jumped into the title picture Thursday night by rallying from a big deficit for a 28-25 victory over the Cardinals.

On his second chance, Jeremy Ito kicked a 28-yard tiebreaking field goal with 13 seconds left and the second consecutive primetime showdown between Big East unbeatens went to No. 15 Rutgers (9-0, 4-0).

"This is the new Rutgers," said Scarlet

Knights fullback Brian Leonard, the fifth-year senior who was a redshirt freshman on a 1-11 team. "This is a dream of mine."

Just a week ago, it was Louisville (8-1, 3-1) celebrating the biggest win in school history, a 44-34 victory over West Virginia that vaulted the Cardinals into the thick of the national championship race.

This time, it was Rutgers' turn to party.

The Scarlet Knights shut out the high-scoring Cardinals in the second half, erased an 18-point deficit and got the ball with 5:28 left in the fourth quarter at their own 9.

"You don't come back the way we did

tonight unless you have believers," coach Greg Schiano said.

Leonard went 26 yards with a pass in the flats to get Rutgers into Louisville territory and Ray Rice broke a 20-yard run to get into field-goal range. Ito missed a 33-yarder with 18 seconds left, but Louisville was offside and Ito got another shot - and it was perfect.

The final play, appropriately, was a sack of Brian Brohm by a Rutgers' defense that proved worthy of the No. 2 ranking in the country.

"We were totally out of sync in the second half, and that can't happen," Louisville coach Bobby Petrino said. "Some of our goals are still out there, that we can reach. We're going to need

some help."

After the game, Rutgers fans flooded the field and swarmed the players.

"It's so awesome with 44,000 fans on this field right now, all Rutgers fans," Leonard said.

There are now four undefeated teams in the country — No. 1 Ohio State, No. 2 Michigan, No. 14 Boise State and — it's probably hard for many to believe — Rutgers.

Rice, the Heisman Trophy candidate, yes the Scarlet Knights even have one of those, ran for 22 times for 131 yards and two touchdowns.

Brohm, who looked like the Heisman contender last week, went 13-for-27 for 163 yards with a TD and an interception.

Texas Tech, Oklahoma bring contrasting offenses

By JEFF LATZKE

AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma's game plan of late has been a bit of a flashback for Allen Patrick. The tailback remembers his high school days when he'd pound the ball for about 200 rushing yards while his football team threw just a few passes.

Despite the loss of star tailback Adrian Peterson, that's the sort of physical approach the No. 17 Sooners (7-2, 4-1) have used with Patrick in the backfield.

Believe it or not, the Sooners have actually run the ball more frequently and picked up more yards on the ground in the three games since Peterson broke his collarbone.

"Our running game is really successful right now," said quarterback Paul Thompson, who completed only three passes for 39 yards in a 17-16 win at Texas A&M last week. "It's doing real well, so we're going to stick with what we're doing good."

Oklahoma has averaged 207 rushing yards on 48.7 carries in Peterson's absence, compared to an average of 171.7 yards on 36.8 carries with the 2004 Heisman runner-up in the lineup.

Patrick has had the heaviest load, with 440 yards on 102 rushes the past three weeks.

He's extended the Sooners' streak to 15 straight games with a 100-yard rusher, and Oklahoma is the only team in the country with a 100-yard rusher in each of its games this season.

The Red Raiders (6-4, 3-3) continue to do the opposite, as they have since coach Mike Leach installed his Air Raid offense after a year as Oklahoma's offensive coordinator. While Oklahoma has averaged nearly 50 rushes over the past three weeks, Tech leads the nation in pass attempts with 508 - more than 50 per game.

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, however, dismissed the thought that the Sooners' run emphasis was an attempt to shorten games or play keep-away - or that that would be his team's approach this week.

"If you're getting 10 (yards) and eight and 10 and 12, why do you stop? A lot of it's been just the success that we've had with it," Stoops said.

To a certain extent, the Sooners' running game is getting more favorable looks from defenses without Peterson present.

Forsan track finishes strong

JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

The Forsan Buffalo varsity boys cross country team ended their season last Saturday with a fine showing in the University Interscholastic League, Region II Cross Country Meet in Arlington.

Head coach Robert Hillger said even though the team is not going to the state meet this weekend, they represented their school and community well.

"They have a bright future ahead of them," said Hillger. "Three of our top five runners are freshmen and they placed fifth out of 21 teams this year and look forward to attending the state meet in the coming years."

The Buffs were loaded with freshmen athletes on this year's cross country team, but Hillger praised the senior leadership of Kevin Zubiate and Johnathon "Boomer" Ochoa.

"We hate to lose our seniors as always," Hillger said. "But the young guys are very committed and excited about the future, and have already started training for next season on their own. Placing fifth at regionals really made Round Rock a reality in the future."

In the 3-mile event,

Fosan runners placed as high as 22nd, as Ochoa came in with a time of 18:12.

Dillon Walker placed 27th with a time of 18:21 and Zubiate finished in 18:28, coming in 34th place.

Evan Burton and Zack Gilliam both ran under 20 minutes with times of 19:21 and 19:23, respectively and J.P. Barber finished with a time of 20:02. This concludes the Buffaloes cross country track season.

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to win 6-2, 6-4. In the boys' doubles, Callison joined with Mikael Gonzales to bring home another victory, as the duo won another Big Spring match 6-4, 6-3.

The Big Spring girls captain, C.J. Riddle, contributed two more wins in the Steers' losing effort by defeating Rachel Smith in straight sets, 7-5, 6-3. In

the second match, Riddle disposed of Jessica Bond in straight sets 6-1, 6-2.

The final BSHS win also came at the expense of Bond, as Brandy Rigdom took straight sets from her, 6-1, 6-2.

"C.J. Riddle really played with a lot of heart tonight," Payne told the Herald. "She won both her singles matches and showed why she is our team captain for the girls."

"Overall, the team is excited about the spring season, and they wish to

advance to regional action in individual play."

Before the match with Sweetwater High, the Big Spring Steers took part in a United States Tennis Association tournament in San Angelo, and several of the players had a strong showing.

"I'm looking for more improvement out of our doubles teams," Payne stated. "We played well tonight, but in the end we still came up a little short."

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No. 21 nationally - with tailbacks Selvin Young and Jamaal Charles sharing the load.

But what's frustrating the Longhorns is the lack of long runs. The Longhorns haven't broken a big play with the running game since two carries against Rice went for more than 40 yards. That was 10 weeks ago.

Despite McCoy throwing for a school-record 27 touchdowns this season, opponents still seem determined to stop Texas' running game first, Brown said.

"We feel like we've still got a chance to break one out," he said.

Charles leads the Longhorns with 714 yards, averaging 5.5 yards per carry. His touchdown run in the fourth quarter against Oklahoma State was his first since the Iowa State game on Sept. 23. He's had only two runs of 20 yards or more.

Texas has had a 1,000-yard rusher the last 11 seasons, the longest streak in the nation and one shy of the NCAA record set by North Carolina from 1973-1984.

Charles is averaging 79.3 yards per game. At that rate, he'll need four more games to keep the streak alive.

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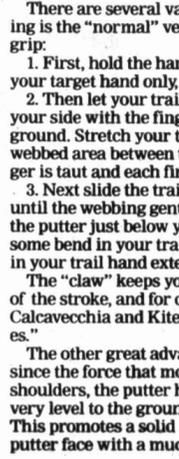
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Golf Insider

PGA Tour shortens season, adds playoff

Players excited about '07 playoff

By STAN AWTRY
Cox News Service

When the PGA Tour debuts its FedEx Cup series in seven weeks, it will be the most eventful change in professional golf since the implementation of the all-exempt tour in 1983. It's so important that the PGA Tour has a second-by-second countdown on its Web site.

The new plan will compress the regular season into 33 weeks, implement a much-discussed four-week playoff system and pay the winner of the FedEx Cup championship an unheard-of sum of \$10 million.

But will it work? "Our hope and our belief is that the fans will connect to this competition," PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said during last weekend's Tour Championship.

The players, with few exceptions, are standing behind Finchem, who borrowed the post-season playoff concept from an individual sport like NASCAR rather than a team sports league like the NFL. They'll play the regular season for playoff seeding, then use the playoffs to earn a spot in the Tour Championship.

"We're going to learn as we go, but the potential is phenomenal," Ryder Cup member Zach Johnson said. "The Tour's done a great job making great decisions and using our input on it, too. It means a lot of positive things."

The 2007 schedule, which begins with the Mercedes Championship in January, offers a definitive end to the tour's season. Since the finale will come in September rather than in the middle of football season, the



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Adam Scott, who finished at 11 under par, celebrates his victory Sunday in the PGA Tour Championship at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta.

game's best players — Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson — should still be in golf mode.

"I think with these drawn-out seasons, you lose people sometimes, and that's why I think shortening the season, even if it's just by one month, is going to help a lot of things," AT&T Pebble Beach winner Arron Oberholser said. "You're going to get more of the top players playing more often, in my opinion."

But it remains to be seen whether Woods and Mickelson, the two guys who move the ratings needle, will play all three weeks of the playoff series that leads to the Tour Championship. Doing so will mean an intense four-week stretch, something most top-level players aren't used to attempting.

Once the pros factor in the WGC Bridgestone and the PGA Championship in early August, they could end up playing six or seven consecutive events.

Finchem admitted this week he has no guarantees about player participation.

"I think everyone in world golf will be surprised if Tiger and Phil play six or seven [straight weeks]," U.S. Open champion Geoff Ogilvy said. "Vijay [Singh] will play six or seven. Most guys will. You've got to make the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow big enough that people want to do it, and the pot is a pretty big pot."

A \$10 million pot is substantial, but it is enough to ensure the presence of Woods, who will be paid \$4 million in appearance money to play this week in China.

The other question is whether the playoff fields should be trimmed through the process, rather than produce a 144-player field for each of the three weeks. Veteran Tom Pernice Jr. said it's not a playoff unless players are eliminated, and that there's still time to make the changes.

"They need that cut from a week-to-week basis," Pernice said. "If we're going to do things and do it right, then we need to worry about the best players, and the best players would like the fields cut. That's just me talking to some of the top players. I don't think our staff and [Finchem] need to worry about playing opportunities for guys who are 140th on the points system."

The PGA Tour said that changes won't come in 2007 but acknowledged alterations likely will be made before 2008.

"I'm not going to say it's without imperfections," said Stewart Cink, a three-time competitor in the Ryder Cup. "All that stuff will come out next year as we go. It'll need to be tweaked a little bit to improve, and I'm sure that's going to happen; it's a 100 percent likelihood that's going to happen. The way it's designed now, it'll be exciting; players will talk about it, players will care about it. From

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• Schedule: Friday-Sunday
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Nationwide Tour Championship
• Site: Richmond, Texas.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
• Course: The Houstonian Golf and Country Club (7,100 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$750,000. Winner's share: \$135,000.
• TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday, 2:30-5 p.m., 9-10:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 2:30-5 p.m., 9-11 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 10 p.m.-midnight).

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4. Adam Scott	7.73
6. Retief Goosen	6.40
8. Ernie Els	5.90
10. Geoff Ogilvy	5.54
12. H. Stenson	4.70
14. David Howell	4.59

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Player	Money
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6. Phil Mickelson	\$4,256,505
8. Stuart Appleby	\$3,470,457
10. B. Wetterich	\$3,023,185

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Player	Money
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IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

A new kind of grip

On a monthly basis, I field questions about the claw putting grip, which, while unique in the amateur ranks, is no longer such an oddity on the PGA and Nationwide tours.

Originally developed by touring pro Skip Kendall, the "claw" has saved quite a few careers in a game where 30 or more putts are a one-way ticket to the broadcaster's booth. Some of the redeemed are Tom Kite, Kevin Sutherland, Mark O'Meara, Mark Calcavecchia and, of course, Chris DiMarco, who used it in his epic battle with Tiger Woods in the '05 Masters.

There are several variations, but the following is the "normal" version of this unusual grip:

1. First, hold the handle of your putter with your target hand only, using a standard grip.
2. Then let your trail arm hang naturally by your side with the fingers pointing toward the ground. Stretch your thumb down so that the webbed area between the thumb and the forefinger is taut and each finger extended.
3. Next slide the trail hand toward the putter until the webbing gently touches the handle of the putter just below your top hand grip. Retain some bend in your trail elbow with the fingers in your trail hand extended.

The "claw" keeps your trail hand and arm out of the stroke, and for older players like Calcavecchia and Kite, it can cure the "twitches."

The other great advantage of the claw is that since the force that moves the putter head is the shoulders, the putter head is allowed to swing very level to the ground both back and through. This promotes a solid strike in the middle of the putter face with a much more consistent roll.



South African Charl Schwartzel uses the claw, a putting grip that's designed to keep the right hand from overwhelming the left and shutting the face, a common cause of missed putts. He's placed two tees to form a gate that his putter must pass through, and now all he has to do is grove his stroke by hitting putt after putt.



With a square face and proper path assured, the hole will fill up in a hurry, so Schwartzel's caddy is strategically located to help with the "drainage" problem.

Azinger: Change is good for Ryder Cup

By CRAIG DOLCH
Cox News Service

West Palm Beach, Fla. Even before Paul Azinger formally was announced as the 2008 U.S. Ryder Cup captain Monday, he made some decisions that could have a lasting effect on the competition.

At Azinger's urging, the PGA of America essentially is blowing up its points system to determine the Ryder Cup team, replacing its top-10-finishes system with cash as the only way to earn a spot on the team. Moreover, the number of captain's picks has been doubled from two to four, and the length of time to earn points has been cut in half — with the exception of the majors — as the Americans try to end a three-match losing streak, their longest in the 79-year history of the competition.

"I think this is the best way," Azinger said after he was announced as the captain during a news conference at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky., the site of the 2008 matches.

"Money has always been the barometer. I played the PGA Tour this year on an exemption given to me because I'm in the top 50 all-time money winners. I had to finish in the top 125 on the money list so I could play next year. If I play the Senior Tour, I'm going to

be eligible because of where I am on the all-time money list. We are always rewarded based on our earnings, and I just think it is the best way."

The PGA decided to get away from its system to award points solely for top-10 finishes when it became apparent that because of the influx of foreign players on the PGA Tour, the Americans weren't finishing in the top 10 often enough to make it relevant. Only 58 percent of the available points were awarded for the most recent Ryder Cup at The K Club, and most of those went to Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Jim Furyk.

The PGA now will rely essentially on the PGA Tour's money list — one point will be awarded for every \$1,000 earned at the four majors in 2007 and Tour events in 2008, with double points for the 2008 majors. Opposite-field events that always attract weaker fields will be worth only a half-point for every \$1,000 in 2008.

Players who earned top-10 finishes from the PGA Championship through last week's Tour Championship still will receive those points because the PGA didn't feel it should change the rules in the middle of the process. But those points only will count one-fourth of the overall value.

"We felt it was very important to award those points because those players had been playing assuming they were getting those points," said Roger Warren, the PGA's outgoing president. "The increase to four captain's picks

reflects the changing face of tournament golf in America with more international players playing here and more Americans playing around the world."

The PGA knows it has to do something after watching the U.S. lose the past two Ryder Cups by the most lopsided scores ever. With the American losing all five sessions at The K Club, European captain Ian Woosnam said the U.S. had to make changes to its system to keep the matches interesting.

"I have to admit there were times at The K Club when I felt a little sorry for my U.S. counterpart, Tom Lehman, when I saw all that European blue on the scoreboard," Woosnam told European writers last week. "Tom did everything he possibly could, but the way his team was chosen for him didn't make it a level playing field. In America, only the top 10 (in every event) get Ryder Cup points and you get more points winning a small event than being top five in a major. Now that's ridiculous."

Although Azinger said he pushed hard for all of these changes, he pointed out those alone won't change the U.S. fortunes in the Ryder Cup. After all, there's not many systems that would have made the Americans winners in the recent Ryder Cup.

"I believe in the very end, the responsibility is going to have to fall on the players," said Azinger, a four-time Ryder Cupper and the 1993 PGA champion. "Just so you know, I'm going to be their captain, not their coach."



AZINGER

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Reading greens: Research shows that most golfers don't read enough break into their putts, and this affects the putt's speed and direction. This is due to the inability of the golfer to gauge the effect of the slope.

The best way to evaluate the severity of a slope is to position yourself behind the hole. If it's uphill, study the line from behind your ball looking back up the hill. If it's a downhill putt, walk to the other side of the hole and look up the hill to your ball.

And to read the green's more subtle side-hill contours, take a walk around the hole and pick out the low side of your putt. Position yourself about halfway between your ball and the hole so you can look "up" the slope for the proper perspective.

The best way to stop pulling and pushing your putts is to forget about the hole and focus on the break point. To determine the

break, pick a spot on the curve or arc of the putt where the putt will start the major portion of its break to the hole.

Once this spot is selected, it takes the place of the hole as your target. Then, having lined up your putter face with that spot, forget about direction (it's taken care of at address) and focus on producing the correct speed that will send the ball rolling along the arc and breaking to the hole at just the right point.

Once you determine the break point, approach the ball, set your putter face behind it in the direction you want the ball to start and align your body perpendicular to the putter face.

To practice break-point putting, mark your break point with an object like a coin and practice rolling your ball over it.

— T.J. Tomasi



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Here's the drill: Turn your driver upside down and hold it by its neck using your normal grip. Take your golf stance, then stand straight up so you are vertical to the ground. Extend your arms chest high and

slowly swing the club by rotating your chest. Let your forearms rotate via the momentum of the swing.

Gradually increase the speed of rotation until you are making full-speed swings that produce a whooshing sound at the bottom of the swing arc, in the impact area; the higher the pitch, the faster the speed.

If you allow it to happen, you'll hear the whoosh just where it should be — in the midline of your body as your arms return to their midchest address position without any manipulation.

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Legals
RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION
DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Nov 8, 2006
Rule 37 Case No. 0249594
Status/Permit No. 628520
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the GROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, [RR Operator No. 191554] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statute Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 14, Bk. 32, T1N, T&P RR CO. Survey, A-3N/A-, BIG SPRING (CANYON LIME) and B.C. (CANYON) Fields, HOWARD County, being 6 miles N direction from BIG SPRING, TEXAS. The location and identity of the well is as follows:
FIELD: BIG SPRING (CANYON LIME)
Lease/Unit Name : DRIVER
Lease/Unit Well No. : 1
Lease/Unit Acres : 80.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 210.0

Lease Lines : 870.0 F. South L, 940.0 F. West L
Survey Lines : 210.0 F. South L, 1600.0 F. West L
FIELD: B.C. (CANYON)
Lease/Unit Name : DRIVER
Lease/Unit Well No. : 1
Lease/Unit Acres : 80.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 210.0
Lease Lines : 870.0 F. South L, 940.0 F. West L
Survey Lines : 210.0 F. South L, 1600.0 F. West L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
BIG SPRING (CANYON LIME): OIL Statute rules, 457/1200, 49.0 acres.
B.C. (CANYON): Special Rules 467/1200, 80.0 acres.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9300 feet.
If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Donna Harmon, at (512)477-1976.
PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator of leases of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, Please contact the Commission at (512)463-6701.
IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY Dec 8, 2006 AT 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.
#5151 November 10, 17, 24 & December 1, 2006


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8	Men in Trees (CC)	Men in Trees (CC)	Mundo de Fieras	Trading Spouses	Close to Home (CC)	Amor Mio Amores	Las Vegas (CC)	15 Movie: Father of the Bride (CC)	The Hour of Healing	AIR: America's Road Trip Nat.	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Movie: Days of Thunder	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Movie: Exit Perestroika	Comedian	Zack & Cody That's Raven	Yonas-El Paso at Alabama	Miami Heat at New Jersey	Battlestar Galactica (CC)
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12	Live (CC) News (CC)	Live (CC) Extra (CC)	My Wife-Kids Malcolm-Mid.	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa	Programa

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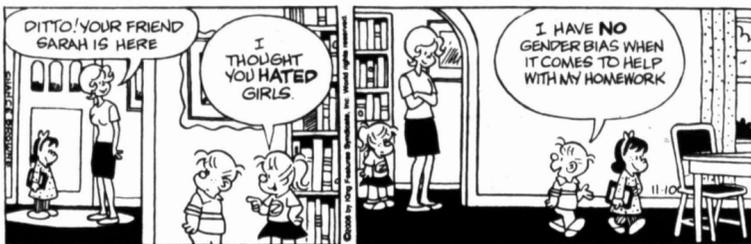
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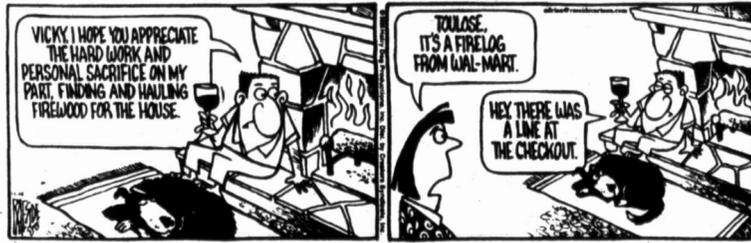
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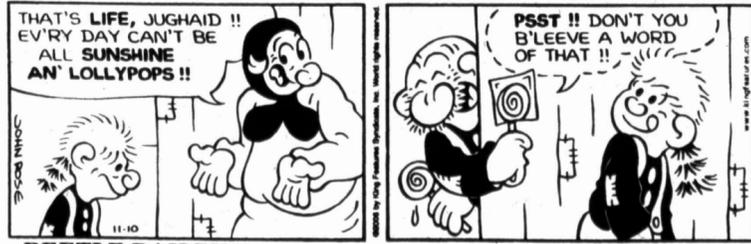
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Nov. 10, the 314th day of 2006. There are 51 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Nov. 10, 1775, the U.S. Marines were organized under authority of the Continental Congress.

On this date:
In 1871, journalist-explorer Henry M. Stanley found Scottish missionary David Livingstone, who had not been heard from for years, near Lake Tanganyika in central Africa.

In 1928, Hirohito was enthroned as Emperor of Japan.

In 1954, the Iwo Jima Memorial was dedicated by President Eisenhower in Arlington, Va.

In 1969, the children's educational program "Sesame Street" made its debut on PBS.

In 1975, the ore-hauling ship Edmund Fitzgerald and its crew of 29 vanished during a storm in Lake Superior.

In 1976, the Utah Supreme Court gave the go-ahead for convicted murderer Gary Gilmore to be executed, according to his wishes. (The sentence was carried out in January 1977.)

In 1982, Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev died at age 75.

In 1986, Camille Sontag and Marcel Coudari, two Frenchmen who had been held hostage in Lebanon, were released.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Russell Johnson is 82. Film composer Ennio Morricone is 78. Actor Roy Scheider is 74. Blues singer Bobby Rush is 72. Actor Albert Hall is 69. Lyricist Tim Rice is 62. Actress Alaina Reed-Hall is 60. Rock singer-musician Greg Lake (Emerson, Lake and Palmer) is 59. Actress-dancer Ann Reinking is 57. Actor Jack Scalia is 55. Movie director Roland Emmerich is 51. Actor Matt Craven is 50. Actor-comedian Sinbad is 50. Actress Mackenzie Phillips is 47. Author Neil Gaiman is 46. Actor Michael Jai White is 42.

Country singer Chris Cagle is 38. Actor-comedian Tracy Morgan is 38. Actress Ellen Pompeo ("Grey's Anatomy") is 37. Rapper-producer Warren G is 36. Rock singer-musician Jim Adkins (Jimmy Eat World) is 31. Actress Brittany Murphy is 29. Rapper Eve is 28. Rock musician Chris Jannou (Silverchair) is 27. Actor Bryan Neal is 26. Actress Heather Matarazzo is 24. Country singer Miranda Lambert is 23. Actor Josh Peck is 20.

Thought for Today: "It is a stupidity second to none, to busy oneself with the correction of the world." — Moliere, French dramatist (1622-1673).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

JEWEL OF DENIAL by Doug Peterson
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Discarded stuff
 - 6 Muffin ingredient
 - 10 Roguish
 - 14 Rich kid in Nancy
 - 15 Mark replacement
 - 16 Court plea, briefly
 - 17 Role for Randall
 - 18 Nautical direction
 - 19 Cross swords
 - 20 Start of a quote
 - 23 "Told ya!"
 - 24 Helping hand
 - 25 Texas ballplayer
 - 26 Ginger's hutmate
 - 29 Derby transaction
 - 31 Lodge member
 - 32 Lazy
 - 33 Jazz singer Carmen
 - 35 Turn blue, perhaps
 - 36 Source of quote
 - 39 Tax-season VIP
 - 42 Bright bunch
 - 43 Build up
 - 47 DEP's opposite
 - 48 "Go on..."
 - 49 Character in Judges
 - 51 Part of some chains
 - 53 USPS parcel
 - 54 Vaccine target
 - 55 End of quote
- DOWN**
- 1 Self-evident statements
 - 2 Verse form
 - 3 African capital
 - 4 Coaster
 - 5 Yak feature
 - 6 Remember
 - 7 Made a call
 - 8 Specialty
 - 9 December song
 - 10 Raggedy dolls
 - 11 Dragged out of bed
 - 12 Without question
 - 13 Birthplace of volleyball
 - 21 Dijon dad
 - 22 Sort of pass
 - 27 "Yippee!"
 - 28 Aberration
 - 29 Jam spreader
 - 30 Stirrup spot
 - 34 Num3rs network
 - 37 Adm.'s counterpart
 - 38 "What a good boy _!"
 - 39 Round Table locale
 - 40 Furnish
 - 41 Sister of Apollo
 - 44 Spanky's pal
 - 45 Teacher of Liszt and Beethoven
 - 46 Quiver
 - 50 Coop deposit
 - 52 Put up
 - 53 Finding Nemo studio
 - 56 Sporty car roof
 - 57 Robust
 - 58 Tax shelters, briefly
 - 59 It makes muddy waters

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School sex crime

Student sex offenders fall through police school safety.

By JEFF CARLTON

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Background check-vent teachers who registered sex off- from working in sc- but no law keeps st- with histories of c- ting sex crimes sharing history l- and hot lunches their classmate: Texas.

That leaves pare- the dark about who- be sitting in the- next to their child- No single aut- knows how many- tered sex offend- high school stu- About 2,400 register- offenders are yo- than 21, the olde- allowed for high- students in Texas. 320 are under the 17, said Tela Mangle- Texas Departme- Public Safety.

But those figures- likely reflect the- number of youthf- offenders. Those w- 17 or 18 can petit- courts to have their- removed from the- istry. Others may- dropped out of s- said Shannon Edw- staff attorney wit- Texas District- County Atto- Association.

"It's a very fluid- ber," said Tom Vir- spokesman for the- safety department.

See OFFENDERS, Pa-

Cups

By JOHN A. MOSEL

Managing Editor

Ronnie Cupstid- named as publishe- Spring Herald, mo- Texas after havin- past two years as- the Clarksdale Pres- Clarksdale, Miss.

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