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BSHS homecoming festivities get under way tonight

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School 2006 Homecoming activities will heat up — literally — tonight. The annual reunion of current and former students kicks into high gear with the community pep rally and bonfire at 8 p.m. tonight at the compost site at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. Players and coaches for the

Steers, along with the BSHS cheerleaders, are expected to participate in the pep rally. Activities Friday begin with the annual homecoming parade beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the intersection of 10th and Main streets. Also Friday, the Homecoming Queen and King will be announced at halftime of the Steers' game with Sweetwater at Memorial Stadium.

Homecoming Queen finalist elections were held Tuesday. Those girls nominated were: Chelsea Anderson, Cecilia Barrerra, Dianna Barraza, Deanna Carlisle, Olivia Castillo, Bernadette Flores, Brittainy Horton, Cecili Islas, Porscha Knowlton, Megan McCormick, Amber Miller, Loveita Raymond, Sydnie Robertson, Bridgette Rodriguez and Briana Valles.

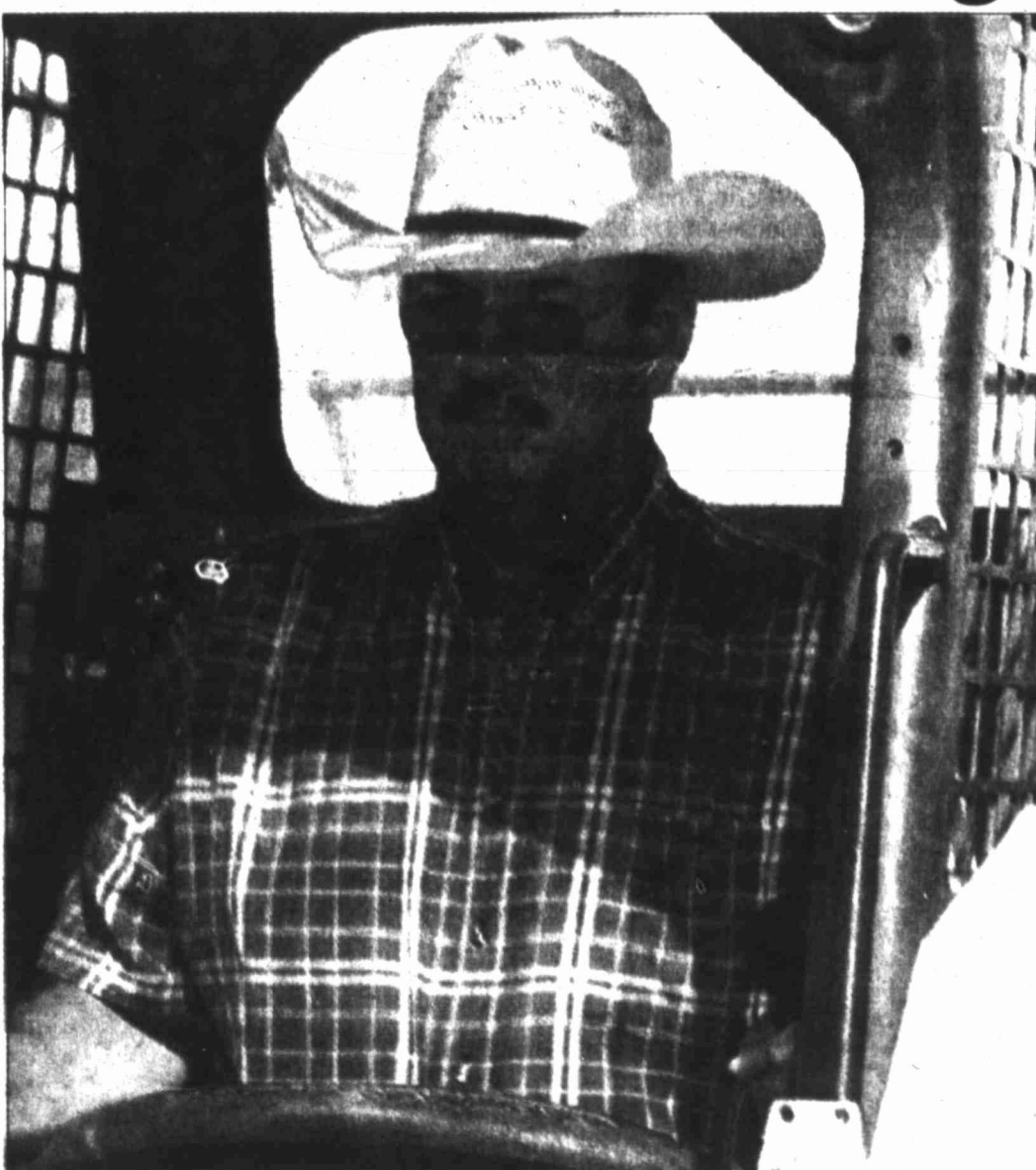
This year's queen finalists, all seniors, are: Chelsea Anderson, Porscha Knowlton, Amber Miller, Sydnie Robertson and Bridgette Rodriguez. The following boys were nominated for homecoming king: Tanner Churchwell, Austin Cox, Ricky Dominguez, Scott Fankhauser, Julian Garcia, Bryan Juan, Erik Munoz, Taylor Parks, Royce Perez, Blake Roach, Nick Ross and

Heath Wilkerson. The five senior finalists for Homecoming King are: Austin Cox, Ricky Dominguez, Julian Garcia, Blake Roach and Nick Ross. A student dance will follow the game at the high school cafeteria. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Romantic? No, but Barr's duties at fair never boring

By NANCY KOGER
Special to the Herald

In his second year on the volunteer board of directors for the Howard County Fair, Mark Barr finds that the job may not be especially romantic, but it is never boring. Helping to ready the buildings and grounds for this year's fair, he was called upon to drive a forklift to position dumpsters and other heavy equipment, among other tasks necessary before the event begins. Barr's particular responsibility this year is to look after the outside booths, the food booths and concessions. He gets them their contracts, helps to get them here and get located. During the fair he says his job with those people is to keep everybody happy. Asked how he attained that position, he laughingly says, "I think I didn't show up at a meeting, and I got volunteered." He admits that he sees it as a learning experience. He was asked to become a director by another member of the board and felt that it would be a worthwhile thing to do.



Howard County Fair Board member Mark Barr operates a forklift as he and other volunteers prepare the fairgrounds for this year's fair. In his second year on the board, Barr says getting ready for the fair is always exciting.

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City council seeks people for its boards

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council considered several appointments to its boards and committees Tuesday, including one board that could get the axe in the near future. "We have two people coming off the animal control board, and both have said they wouldn't care to continue to serve," City Manager Gary Fuqua told the council. "We haven't received any resumes to fill those spots." Mayor Russ McEwen asked that an agenda item be added to the Oct. 10 meeting of the council to consider whether or not to continue with the board. "This board began as an ad-hoc committee," said McEwen. "I would just like everyone on the council to think it over and see if we want to discuss whether to continue with this committee. If not, then we need to start

looking for nominees." Terms for local residents S. Kay Smith and Shelley Gomez, who served on the committee since 2004, expired in September. The council made the following appointments Tuesday: • Airpark Development Board — Gene Moses (re-appointed) • Board of Adjustments and Appeals — David Buchanan (re-appointed), with one seat remaining open • Citizen's Advisory Board — Burr Lea Settles (re-appointed); Francis McKiski (re-appointed); with one seat remaining open • Civil Service Commission — One vacancy with no resumes received. • Conventions and Visitors Bureau Board — Gloria McDonald (re-appointed) • Parks and Recreation Board — Terri Johansen (re-appointed); Scott Willis (re-appointed) • Planning and Zoning Commission — Lupe

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State park hayrides scheduled for Harvest Saturday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

If an old-fashioned hayride is what you need to get into the harvest-season state-of-mind, then the Big Spring State Park has just the Saturday afternoon activity for you. "We've been doing this



ALTON

for about 11 years now," said Alton. "It's a fun family time. Of course, the kid like sitting on the hay bales and looking off the bluff, which is about a mile drop. We make a circle of the top of the mountain during the hayride and we'll have a speaker system set up so we can talk about the plants and the geology of the area." Rides are set for 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, beginning near the park's main office, located atop

Scenic Mountain. Alton said "hayriders" willing to take the 4:30 p.m. tour and hang around shortly after will be in for a real treat. "If they decide to take the 4:30 p.m. hayride and stick around for a little while afterward, they can see the sunset from atop

the mountain," said Alton. "Watching the sun set from there is almost like being on the coast and watching it set over the ocean because we have such a panoramic vista. "There's also a playground and if folks want to pack their supper,

that's a really nice family thing to do at the park during the evening." Alton said there's plenty of other activities for area residents to take advantage of before or after the hayrides. "We also have a nature

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TAILGATE FRIDAY

The junior class at Big Spring High School will hold a tailgate fundraiser during Friday night's homecoming football game at Memorial Stadium to raise money for the junior/senior prom.

Class officers say they're providing Steers fans with an opportunity to tailgate before and during the game without any of the work.

The juniors will cooking sausage wraps or cheeseburger link wraps, and offering them with a cookie and soft drink for \$5. Items will be available for individual sale as well.

They will begin serving at 6:30 p.m. and serve until food runs out.

UW DINE OUT DAY

The Spanish Inn, 200 NW Third St., is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

A portion of the restaurant's proceeds that day will be donated to United Way which serves 15 local agencies: YMCA, Victim Services, Girl Scouts, Westside Day Care Center, Westside Community Center, Salvation Army, Northside Community Center, Isalah 58, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging, Buffalo Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America, Big Spring Humana Society, Boy's Club of Big Spring and American Red Cross.

REUNIONS SLATED

It's homecoming weekend and that means a numbers of graduating classes from Big Spring High School will be having gettogethers.

BSHS class members from the 1920s through the early 1940s will meet for a reunion at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Heritage Museum, located at 510 Scurry St.

In addition, members of the Diversified Occupation class, (1935-1936) which celebrates its 70th anniversary, are invited to attend.

To RSVP, call the museum at 267-8255. If you plan to attend, please bring souvenirs or annuals.

Obituaries

Maureen Freada Turner

Maureen Freada Turner, 84, a long time resident of Odessa died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, at Medical Center Hospital. She was born Feb. 23, 1922, in Howard County. She married Jack Turner Feb. 23, 1941, in Midland. She was the bookkeeper for Roberts Auto Parts, which her husband owned in the 1950s.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Virgil and Vada (Miller) Roberts and son, Larry F. Turner.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Turner of Odessa; one brother, Ross Roberts of Coahoma; one sister, Vada Haile of Midland; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2006, at the Washington Street Church of Christ with Lon Brailey officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

BSHS 1920s-1940s

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Take Note

• **COAHOMA BAND BOOSTERS** tailgate party will be at 6 p.m. Friday at Bulldog Stadium. There will be a concession stand.

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

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

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

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

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

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES** to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.

• **HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS** with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

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

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

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Police blotter

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

• **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 42, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **OSCAR GARCIA**, 44, of 3219 Auburn, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants, two local citations and two Howard County warrants.

• **JOE JOHNSON**, 35, of 1425 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Tuesday on charges of evading arrest, resisting arrest and public intoxication.

• **KIMBERLY RIOS**, 20, of 1601 Oriole, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.

• **JEFFREY MARTIN**, 22, of 1606 E. 11th Place, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **JOSE JIMENEZ**, 31, of 301 N.W. 10th Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon - family violence.

• **THEODORE RIOS**, 36, of 3206 W. Eighth Street, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.

• **PATRICK RIOS**, 35, of 3206 W. Eighth Street, was arrested Wednesday on two local capias warrants.

• **DALLAS INEZ JORDAN**, 36, of 614 Ridgelea, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced, a local capias warrants and two local warrants.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1400 block of U.S. Highway 87.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:

- in the 1000 block of 12th Street.

- in the 800 block of Eighth Street.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1400 block of Harding.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported:

- in the 1000 block of 12th Street.

- in the 600 block of Third Street.

Sheriff's report

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 58 inmates at the time of this report.

• **FRANK LEE JACKSON**, 47, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **JOE EDWIN JOHNSON**, 35, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

• **TRACY J. BLACKMON**, 43, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of violation of probation - theft of services and violation of probation - assault.

• **DALLAS INEZ JORDAN**, 36, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - enhanced.

• **JEFFREY ALAN MARTIN**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **OSCAR PRINCE GARCIA**, 44, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of contempt of court for disobedience of a court order and theft by check.

• **PRISCILLA IRENE HERNANDEZ**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for theft by check.

• **MIGUEL MEDRANO**, 28, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of aggravated sexual assault.

• **JOSE MANUEL JIMENEZ JR.**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of bondsman off bond for driving while intoxicated and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **GINA L. GARLING**, 35, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of failure to appear - theft by check.

Fire/EMS

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

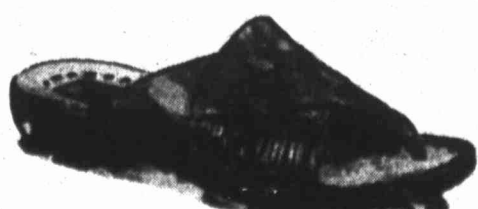
• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of Bell. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

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

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TODAY

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

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

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

• Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild will meet at St. Mary's Church and travel to the quilt shop in Midland. (This Friday only) Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

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

• Spring City Senior 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.

Around Town

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Pottton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

• **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Weather

Today - Partly cloudy. Isolated showers in the morning. Highs in the mid 70s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Friday - Mostly sunny. Warmer. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. West winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon.

Saturday night - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s.

Sunday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-8-15-21-36-37.

Number matching six of six: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$5 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-14-18-20-34.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night, in order: 9-6-1

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday afternoon, in order: 4-4-0

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BSISD trustees to hear report on incentives

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring school trustees will hear a report on the new teacher incentive pay program when they meet tonight at 5:15 p.m. in the high school board room.

The first of two incentive pay programs mandated by the state legislature takes effect this school year, and two BSISD campuses have qualified for funds, Superintendent Michael Downes said.

Goliad Intermediate School will receive \$90,000, while Big Spring High School will receive \$165,000 in Texas Educator Excellence grants.

Downes said the schools had to meet two criteria to qualify for the money — they had to be above the state median

in the number of students receiving free or reduced school lunches; and they had to have reported significant in state standardized testing math or reading scores.

Individual campus committees drew up plans to distribute the money next summer. Teachers will receive money based on both student and teacher performance in a variety of criteria.

A second incentive pay program will be instituted next school year.

Also tonight, the board will undergo three hours of state-mandated "team building," Downes said.

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Howard County Fair Results

Baked Goods Adult Division Candy

Grand Champion—Jacque Mauch, cherry mash candy.
Reserve Champion—Darlene Hipp, peanut brittle.
Blue Ribbons—Jacque Mauch, Darlene Hipp, Betty McChristian.
Red Ribbon—Nallie Kerby
White Ribbons—Lisa Emerson, Beverly Sundry

Bread

Grand Champion—Darlene Hipp, broccoli & cheese cornbread.

Reserve Champion—Nell Thornton, butterscotch rolls
Blue Ribbons—Darlene Hipp, Nell Thornton, Virginia Lujan, Betty Gross, Nelli Kerby, Wanda Lockhart
Red Ribbons—Betty Gross, Robbie Crenshaw
White Ribbons—Darlene Hipp

Cookies

Grand Champion—Darlene Hipp, praline cookies

Reserve Champion—Darlene Hipp, orange brownies

Blue Ribbons—Darlene Hipp

Red Ribbons—Darlene Hipp

White Ribbons—Nellie

ON TAP TODAY:

Thursday

Steers arrive — 3 p.m.

Fair opens — 4 p.m.

Dominos — 6 p.m.

Cooking demonstration

Lithuanian dish — 6 p.m.

Gospel Singing — 7 p.m.

Kerby, Betty McChristian

Pie

Grand Champion—Bonnie Miller, coconut cream pie

Blue Ribbon—Bonnie Miller

Red Ribbon—Betty McChristian, Darlene Hipp, Nellie Kerby

White Ribbon—Nelda Snodgrass, Bonnie Miller

Cake

Grand Champion—Walter Gleason, golden chocolate nut cake

Reserve Champion—Darlene Hipp, apricot jam cake

Blue Ribbon—Walter Gleason, Darlene Hipp, Betty McChristian, Nellie Kerby

Red Ribbon—Darlene Hipp, Nelda Snodgrass,

Theda Perez.

White Ribbon—Betty Gross, Bill Gilbert

YOUTH DIVISION

Candy

Grand Champion—Alex Emerson, Christmas

Reserve Champion—Nick Emerson, peanut butter fudge

Blue Ribbons—Alex Emerson, Nick Emerson

Pie

Grand Champion—Nick Emerson, Key Lime pie

Cake

Red Ribbon—Kelli Schaedel, sugar-free vanilla cake

Antiques

Adult Division

Toys

Grand Champion—Tammy Morgan, child's Singer sewing machine, 60 years old.

Reserve Champion—Deanna Foresyth, celluloid doll buggy and china doll, 1920s, 80-plus years old.

Blue Ribbons—Tammy Morgan, Deanna Foresyth, Evenell Truskowski, Norma Perkins, Clara Hernandez, Mamie Lee Dodds, Walter Gleason

Red Ribbons—Tammy Morgan, Robbie Burgess, Brad Posey, Arenelle Truskowski, Mamie Lee Dodds, Jimmy Foresyth, Deanna Foresyth, Norma Perkins, Marie Hughes, Darlene Hipp, Walter Gleason, Jean Gleason, Gloria Roe, Melissa Vokes, Patsy Anderson

White Ribbons—Caludia Polyniak, Jobeth Corwin, Tommy Corwin, Evenell Truskowski, Nelda Snodgrass, Charlotte Terry, Art Dodds, Marie Hughes, Patzy Anderson, Donna Mengres, Darlene Hipp, Walter Gleason, Kenneth Priest, Mamie Lee Dodds, Tammy Morgan, Jimmy Foresyth and Deanna Foresyth.

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Dominguez (re-appointed); with one seat remaining open

• Traffic Commission — Howard Stewart (re-appointed); Gloria Feddersen (re-appointed); with one seat remaining open

• Zoning Board of Adjustments — Steve Herron (re-appointed);

Ken Johnson (re-appointed)

• Teen Court Board — One seat remaining open

"We do this every year, and there are a number of people each year that want to continue to serve on these boards," said McEwen. "There are also a number of people in the community that are ready and willing to serve, and we just need to go out as a council and find those people. There aren't many

vacancies, but there are a few, and I know we'll find good people to fill them."

With so few resumes submitted by new board hopefuls, Council member Greg Biddison said he feels the answer lies in the same problem the city has had in the past getting voters to the polls.

"I feel like it kind of ties in with voter apathy. People just don't want to get involved," said Biddison. "We really need

them to get involved. The recent ban on smoking that was passed is a prime example. If we had more local business men and women run for city office, we would have a bigger voice in this. We really need people to get involved."

Fuqua said part of the problem lies in letting citizens know what seats are available on the boards, and hopes are residents will step up and "get

involved."

"We really haven't advertised a lot," said Fuqua. "Things have just been so fast and furious. The council re-appointed most of the people that are serving, and we really appreciate them serving. And we'll be contacting more people and the council will be contacting some and I think we'll generate some interest in these boards and committees."

"We want to welcome anyone that wants to get involved with the city. Just let us know and we would be happy to let them know what board appointments are available and how they can go about being considered for them."

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HAYRIDES

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trail, which is about a two-third mile walk," said Alton. "It's on a bit of a slope, but even kindergarten students and first graders can make it. It's a good way to wear them down at the end of the day

as well."

The only charge for the event will be the normal entrance fee for the park — \$2 for adults with children 12 and under and state park passholders free — money and attendance that's desperately needed at the Big Spring park, according to Alton.

"In the past we've taken

a donation," said Alton. "This year we're just charging normal entry into the park. With the state park system possibly facing a \$2 million shortfall and the same next year, every little bit is really going to help."

"With so many parks having been taken out of the state system and

turned over to private parties and city and county governments, attendance is key. Not just financial numbers, but the number of people actually visiting our site is critical. So we're really hoping people will come out and spend some time outdoors with the family and help out the park. It's

an important investment for everyone."

For more information on Harvest Saturday or the Big Spring State Park, contact Alton at 263-4931. The entrance to the state park is located at 1 Scenic Drive, near the intersec-

tion of FM 700 and Wasson Road.

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BARR

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"I enjoy it ... working with a good bunch of people," he states. Growing up at Vincent and graduating from Coahoma High School, Barr feels close ties with Howard County. "I think this year's fair

is going to be a good one," Barr professes. "For one thing, the weather will be cooler." He pointed out that the group has brought back the carnival, a feature that some patrons had requested.

As a family man with a grown son and daughter and two grandsons, Barr thinks that county fairs

are good family events. He sees it as a community function that lets people see what's going on in the area and something that is "just for fun."

One of the things he has learned by being on the fair board is "to keep this thing going, we need everybody to come and support it."

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OUR VIEWS

That 'special' feeling in air: Homecoming

There's a special feeling in the air — one of pageantry, tradition, pride, spirit. It's homecoming in Big Spring and that's a time to treasure. This weekend, memories will be rekindled and memories will be made.

Welcome exes! Whether you reside in Big Spring or have traveled "home" to be here, this is your special time. It's a time to greet old friends, classmates, teachers. A time to reminisce and think about those days when you were attending Big Spring High School.

It's also a special time for current students, especially you seniors. These are memories you will carry with you the rest of your lives.

A significant percentage of our lives is spent in classrooms getting an education. With it comes the camaraderie of being with other students, meeting in the library, making spirit signs, cheering the team on, spiking the volleyball or getting a base hit, scoring a touchdown, playing in the band, taking a role in a one-act play, serving on the student council, participating in a club, singing in the choir, cramming for a test late at night. Those are things you never forget. Some you will remember with tears, some with laughter. But you will remember them. And as the years move on, they take on even more special significance.

Some of those memories will be made tonight with the bonfire that begins at the compost facility at 8. Then there are Friday's activities: The afternoon pep rally in Steer Gym, the 4:30 p.m. downtown parade and the 7:30 p.m. game with Sweetwater's Mustangs at Memorial Stadium along with its traditional halftime homecoming pageantry.

On Saturday, there will be get-togethers by a number of classes.

Whether you are a BSHS alum or not, though, this is a fun week in Big Spring. So join us in kicking up your heels a little. Join us at Memorial Stadium on Friday night to cheer the Steers on to a win!

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

What happens with You, Lord, can take us to great places.
Amen

Values voters: Create real problem

Once again, prematurely sanguine Democrats are caught scratching their heads over the recent drops in their poll numbers and the price of oil. Darn the bad luck. What is an imploding opposition party to do?

Well, now that the well has gone dry on their portraying the GOP as one giant oil cartel bent on gouging consumers, where can they turn?

How about national security? That's not such a slam-dunk either, to borrow former CIA Director George Tenet's terminology, since sagacious voters rightly see Democrats as offering no alternative agenda in the war on terror. They do a masterful job of slandering President Bush, but in the process of undermining his prosecution of the war in every particular, they don't inspire confidence about their fitness to lead the nation in war.

How about values issues? If they could narrow the gap here, they might just ease back into control of Congress in November, no?

It seems that every other week since late 2004, when presidential exit polls revealed that "values voters" were one of the largest voter blocs and that they preferred Republicans, Democratic leaders have been lurching for their Bibles and meeting with consultants to discuss how to repack their moral message to better connect with these ephemeral Cro-Magnon types lurking in the bowels of red-state "Jesus Land." They are doing it again this week.

Far be it from me to promote my new book "Bankrupt," but I must confess that I devote two full chapters to this values phenomenon, detailing how the Democratic lead-

ership has been desperately trying to appeal to those same Christian conservatives they have been ridiculing for years.

As noted, the Democrats' problem with values voters is not one of semantics, linguistics or packaging. It is not one that can be cured, for example, by John Kerry sauntering into a Midwestern gun store and saying, "Can I get me a hunting license here?"

Despite the backwardness of the dueling-banjo strumming, reality-challenged among us, we know an authentic peddler of moral values when we see one. Citing Scripture here and there isn't going to do the trick.

The Democrats' failure to connect with values voters has not been the result of a poorly articulated message. Their problem is precisely the opposite: They have communicated their values message all too well. They don't have much respect for traditional values, and even less for those who promote them.

But don't take my word for it. Check out the voluminous citations in my book to see how the left has indicted itself in this department.

I didn't include in my book Rosie O'Donnell's recent outburst comparing Christian fundamentalists to Islamic fundamentalists because she didn't have the decency to utter it before we went to print. But I do quote her soul mate Maureen Dowd, columnist for The New York Times, saying the same thing and also comparing Christian conservatives to "a vengeful mob revved up by rectitude."

"Objection," you say. These enlightened ladies, these paragons of liberal tolerance and inclusiveness are hardly representative of the Democratic Party. Well, then, how about ole' Howard Dean, the very chairman of the DNC? He

said the GOP is a party of white Christians and that he doesn't have to take moral lectures from us because we don't have any morals. We're the Sadducees and the Pharisees.

Or how about the congenial Robert Reich, Labor Secretary under President Clinton? Reich said the true battle for the 21st century is going to be between modern civilization and the anti-modernists, between those who believe in science, reason and logic, and those who get their truth from divine revelation and religious dogma. "Terrorism," said Reich, "destroys life, but it's not the greatest danger we face."

Senator Joe Biden admitted that the elites of his party look down their noses at people of faith. How right he is. Yet in the next breath Biden said, "Bush uses religion in a way to avoid having to know the hard things." Other leftists, like political and theological scholar and actor Ben Affleck, say Bush substitutes religion for learning and informing himself on important issues, and "touting religion absent of any thought is almost criminal." Bill Maher says Bush prays when he should be learning.

And these people wonder why liberal Democrats don't resonate with many churchgoers?

So when you hear John Kerry waxing eloquent about Scripture and values — while telling us he is pro-choice despite believing life begins at conception — ask yourself whether he would more closely identify with Robert Reich, Maureen Dowd and Rosie O'Donnell on values, or us regressive Neanderthals.

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New news really is bad news

Noshing on the news ... The National Intelligence Estimate, agreed upon by 16 Bush-controlled spy services within the U.S. government, says the war in Iraq is making the war on terrorism harder and worse. It gives the phrase "leaking intelligence" a new meaning (a line not original with me).

We've been having a debate in this country about whether to continue the war — or "the comma," as the president calls it — until it has become a semi-colon. Now, the debate is over, and what we need to discuss is the best way out. This war is not a goddamn comma.

• According to The Associated Press, the directors of the Legal Services Corp., a program for poor people, have been trying to get rid of their inspector general, who has clocked them for, among other things, expensive meals, using limousine services and wasting money on a ritzy headquarters.

The board members said the inspector general had a "fetish" for independence (how horrible) and that he's a character assassin backed by a delusional staff, and so forth. While this was going on, one half of the poor clients applying for legal services were rejected.

• The AP reports the Education Department has ignored the law and ethical standards to steer money how it wants. The billion-dollar-a-year Reading First program is apparently riddled with problems, including political favoritism, conflicts of interest and mismanagement.

In a hair-raising memo, the director of Reading First, Chris Doherty, wrote members of the staff at the Department of Education regarding one company, "They are trying to crash our party, and we need to beat the (expletive) out of them in front of all the other would-be party crashers who are standing on the front lawn waiting to see how we welcome these dirtbags."

Doherty recently resigned from the department "to return to the private sector," a spokeswoman said.

Isn't that nice? I kind of wish he was back in government helping to answer the eternal mystery, "Is our children learning?"

• For the second time since August, the Army is ordering the combat tours of thousands of soldiers past the promised 12 months. This time, it's nearly 4,000 soldiers in the 1st Brigade, 1st Armored.

Again in Iraq, the Army chief of staff is refusing to submit a budget because he says he needs billions more dollars before the Army can meet its obligations. He will surely get help from ol' "anything they ask for" Bush.

The question is: Can these peo-

ple run anything right? The other question is: Is there anything they can't screw up?

I don't know about you, but I think the Education deal has me more upset. I mean, we already knew the Big Comma was producing a backlash, didn't we, really? Where are we now — 2,700 dead Americans, nearly 50,000 dead Iraqis ... come on, that's at least familiar, what Donald Rumsfeld would call a "known-known." But stealing money from little kids' reading programs? What is that about?

Iraq — Bush made a horrible mistake because he knows relatively little. But stacking the bidding in favor of a reading program that may not be the best available? I suppose the answer is that Republicans (except for Bush) never did think having the feds in education was a good idea.

I'm ready to settle for a bar of common decency.

Lead us into an insane war, get the troops killed, lie about whatever you want, eat fancy meals on the government tab (\$14 for a chocolate dessert?), but please, oh please, do not rig the bids for reading material for our adorable little children, who will soon be appearing with President Bush in a rainbow of colors in ads dreamed up by Karl Rove.

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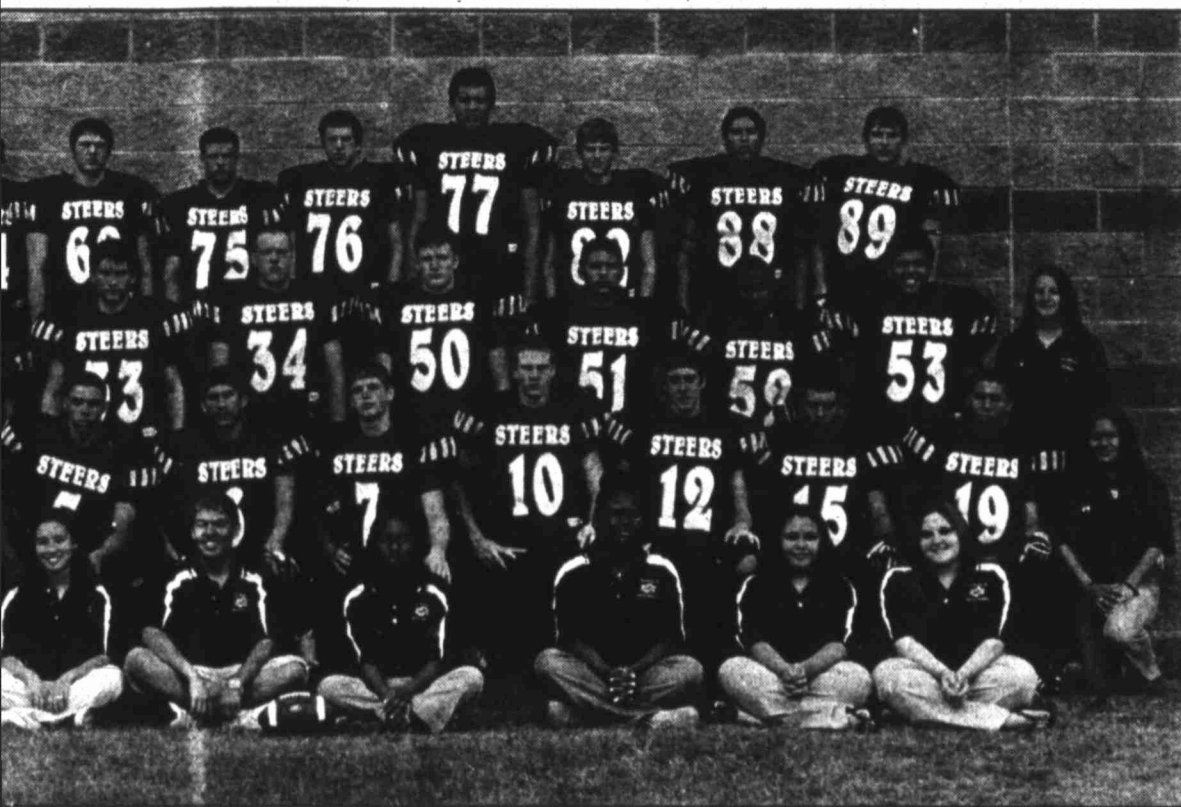


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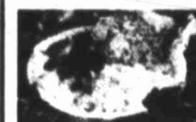
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Author lays out 'Six perils of retirement' to consider

You couldn't wait to retire. Now you've done it, and your life feels unhinged. Your calendar and email in-box are empty. Your spouse wants you to do anything that involves leaving the house. And you feel guilty for not being productive.

Welcome to retirement. Even those who work part-time after leaving a primary career, as most people now do, face major logistical and psychological challenges. Retirees who don't anticipate these land mines may learn about them the hard way. But you can prepare for them.

Here are six pockets of turbulence and suggestions for how to avoid them.

1. Where did the time go? Retired people often say they've never been so busy in their lives. But there's a difference between being busy, on the one hand, and on the other, being engaged in doing things that satisfy,

help us grow as human beings, or enable us to help others.

You may ask, "How did I get swept up in a bunch of activities that, to be honest, don't excite me all that much?" Certain activities, considered alone, may be good and worthwhile. But what about other demands on your time? Everyone has to strike a balance between commitments and keeping the flexibility that lets us remain in control of our time.

A key rule is to reject demands on your time that don't fit your short- or long-term goals.

2. "I used to be..." People often make the mistake of allowing themselves to be defined by their careers. If they fail to diversify, they pay the price — unhappiness — when a career is pulled away.

For a driven type person who was a top corporate executive, it might take a while to get over the social awkwardness of not defining oneself by one's career.

In reality, you don't lose your identity when you quit a job. You lose that identity; and you shed one of your identities. But you who you fully are, inside, as a

human being, is deeper. Look at your identity as a work-in-progress that evolves with you.

Ask questions you may have thought were answered once and for all. Who am I? Do I matter? What can I do? New answers yield new purposes when the old underpinnings are pulled away.

3. Loss of work-related social bonds. Even if you're making new friends, a key set of relationships with people in your life have changed. Not facing this reality and, as a result, not taking time for proper closure with these relationships, can leave you feeling rejected when former colleagues don't call you up.

That isolation can prevent you from moving forward in your life.

Build your new networks before you leave your job. Find new social circles. Turn to family and old friends for support — and to new friends and colleagues as well.

4. Loss of support systems. This one is hard for people who had secretaries, lots of high-tech office tools to keep them on track and assistants to

whom they could delegate tasks. They may lack the discipline or support they need to get through the day seamlessly.

Having to replace the ink cartridge in the printer or make their own travel arrangements can drive them crazy.

Self-reliance is simply the cost of leaving your job. You have to develop these skills.

Yes, you have to think big and follow dreams — but you may need to change the toner cartridge, too.

5. Fractured households. Marital strain often follows retirement, which reshapes intimate relationships. When both spouses are "home alone" everyday, tensions often arise. Work keeps spouses apart for much of the week. But removing a job doesn't mean that the couple has to spend every minute together. Discuss this with your marital partner beforehand. Figure out how much time you need alone. Decide which activities will be done jointly and which individually. Sparks can also fly when one spouse is primed to de-emphasize work and the other wants to keep putting in long

hours. Most women who entered the workforce 1970 to 2000 did so after age 35. Having begun careers later, they're not ready at the same chronological age as some men to dream new dreams — or cast off as camp cook in a big RV. By being open about your feelings and respectful of others you can minimize these strains. Recognize the need to amend preconceived plans and find some middle ground when choices conflict. If it seems tough, remember that we're dealing with essentially a new stage of the marital relationship.

6. Guilt. You may feel as though you are cheating your family out of money by not working. Instead of enjoying a movie during the afternoon, you may feel as though you should be at work. Among men, guilt may be linked to a socially conditioned premise that a man who is not productive is not a man.

Remember, lots of terrible people have been very productive. And many poets, mystics and saints who left the world better than they found it appeared to do nothing.

If you want to feel productive, give some full

attention to your gifts, needs and goals, perhaps to the benefit of others. Examine your assumptions.

Enjoy whatever you do.

People who have it toughest during the post-career phase of life generally did not anticipate, prepare or plan for it. Sadly, people are still deluded into thinking that rest, leisure, and recreation will be enough or that retirement will evolve by itself. They are at risk of being bored and without a purpose. Find a passion. Live that passion. It may add years to your life.

Finally, remember to introduce change bit by bit.

Challenge so-called "facts" and be willing to change habits. See life as new each and every day. Be grateful for it. Find ways to stay energized and optimistic.

The evidence shows that such an attitude can make a difference.

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Study: Most communities aren't prepared to deal with the elderly

By EILEEN ALT POWELL

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Less than half of the nation's communities have begun preparing to deal with the needs of the elderly, whose ranks will swell dramatically with the aging of the baby boomers, according to a study to be released Wednesday.

A survey of more than 1,790 towns, counties and other municipalities found that just 46 percent are looking at strategies to deal with aging America.

The issue is critical because the baby boomers — those born between 1946 and 1964 — began turning 60 this year and are rapidly approaching retirement age. By 2030, the number of people over age 65 in the United States will exceed 71 million — double the number in the year 2000, according to the Washington, D.C.-based National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, or n4a, one of the sponsors of the study.

The report, titled "The Maturing of America — Getting Communities on Track for an Aging Population," looks at health care and nutritional programs, transportation, public safety and emergency awareness, volunteer opportunities and other services.

Sandy Markwood, chief executive of the n4a association, told The Associated Press that the findings "should serve as a wake-up call for communities to begin planning now."

Markwood added that providing adequate services also will require participation by corporations, nonprofit groups and individuals.

"The question that people need to ask themselves — and their community leaders — is, 'Is my community a good place to grow old?'" she said. Steps to make it so, she added, "will make the community a better place, not just for the elderly, but for all."

Among the key findings in the report:

- Health care. In one-third of the communities surveyed, older adults do not have access to services such as health screenings, counseling on prescription drugs or health education.

- Nutrition. Some 80 percent of communities have programs providing home-delivered meals for the elderly, but just 25 percent provide nutrition education.

- Exercise. More than one-third of communities do not have fitness programs for older adults.

- Housing. Just half of communities have home modification programs to help the elderly with

physical limitations stay in their houses.

- Work force development. More than 40 percent of communities do not offer formal job training or retraining programs.

- Human services. Many communities have failed to create a central point for seniors to go to seek information.

Sibyl Jacobson, president and chief executive of the MetLife Foundation, which underwrote the study, said the results indicate America has much more to do to prepare for a graying population.

"The good news is that 46 percent of American communities have begun

planning to address the needs of this exploding population," Jacobson

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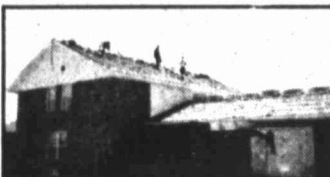
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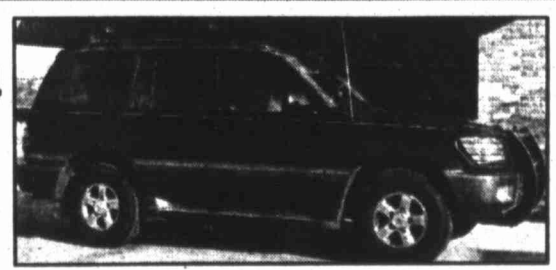
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Group predicts shortage of family physicians in at least 5 states

By CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO — A doctors group expects a serious shortfall of family physicians in at least five states by 2020.

Population growth and rising numbers of elderly people in Nevada, Arizona, Florida, Texas and Idaho will make the need in those states most critical, said Dr. Perry Pugno of the American Academy of Family

Physicians.

"As Americans age, they need more health-care interventions, and primary care is the most cost-effective way to help them maintain their health," Pugno said.

The number of U.S. medical graduates going into family medicine has been falling — by more than 50 percent from 1997 to 2005 — with many young doctors preferring specialties that pay better and offer more control

over work hours.

The group scheduled a rally in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, timed to coincide with the release of its workforce report, which estimates the number of family doctors must grow by 39 percent during the next 14 years to keep up with the nation's needs.

All states will need more family doctors by

2020, the report says, with Nevada topping the list.

The doctors group wants Congress to increase Medicare payments to family doctors to help ease the shortage, Pugno said.

The group also urges voters to question candidates about health care, an issue as important to those polled by the group as the war in Iraq and ter-

rorism, Pugno said.

There are about 100,000 licensed family doctors in the United States.

That number has been growing slightly because

doctors stay in the workforce longer, said Dr. Larry Fields, who is president of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

ODDS AND ENDS

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Some artists suffer for their work. Maggie, an 11-year-old sea lion at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium, gets to eat dead fish for hers.

Kesha Phares, a zoo trainer, has been teaching the animal to paint since last year.

"It's, in a way, enriching," Phares said. "Sea lions are very smart animals, and painting keeps their minds active."

It took three months to get the animal to hold a paint brush and touch the bristles to paper.

Phares picks the paint colors — sea lions are colorblind — and puts paint on the brush.

The paintings are done one stroke at a time, with Maggie getting a fish after each stroke.

If the animal can be said to have a style, it is this: She tends to put more paint on the right side of the canvas than the left.

MILWAUKEE (AP) —

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said. "The other side is that many communities have not. We hope this will spur discussion, will spur interest."

Besides pointing out deficiencies, the study also heralds programs that are elder-friendly.

The city of Danville, Va., for example, sponsors a program that provides blood pressure and body mass index screenings for the elderly. Buncombe County, near Asheville, N.C., has special transportation services for older adults to help them get to medical appointments or to senior centers. Rockport, Mass., has subsidized housing and rental assistance for the elderly.

Markwood of the n4a association noted that some of the programs would cost a lot of money to develop but others wouldn't cost much at all.

"If a community is looking to redo its signs, why not consider larger, more-reflective street signs," she said. "It wouldn't benefit just older adults. It would benefit all drivers."

"The same is true of increasing the time at pedestrian crossings."

Other organizations that participated in the study were the International City/County Management Association, a professional organization for community managers and administrators; the National Association of Counties, which represents county governments; the National League of Cities, which represents municipal governments; and Partners for Livable Communities, a nonprofit groups working to renew communities.

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The bidding:
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Dble 3♥ 3♠ 4♠
Dble 4♥ Pass Pass
Opening lead — jack of spades.

The main reason why some players win more national and world championships than others is, without question, superior skills. But on occasion, luck — in the form of being in the right place at the right time — can play an important role.

Here's a good example of how the luck factor works. Bob Hamman, one of the world's best, was playing in the 1983 Lije Master Pairs, and on the first of two deals opened the bidding with two notrump. The next

player doubled, everybody passed, and although the defenders could have taken the first six tricks with a different opening lead, Hamman wound up making nine tricks for a score of 890 points.

On the second deal, the one in the diagram, Hamman held the South hand and got to four hearts doubled on the bidding shown. Offhand, it might seem that West doubled once or twice too often, but that as it may, he exercised his constitutional right to free speech and followed this by leading the jack of spades.

It did not take Hamman long to teach West a lesson. He won the jack with dummy's king, cashed the A-K of trumps and A-Q of spades, discarding two diamonds from dummy, and then led the five of diamonds toward dummy's singleton nine. West compounded his previous felonies by following low, and the outcome was that Hamman made the doubled contract with three over-tricks to score another 890 points!

One important principle that emerges is that if your opponents are trying for a slam (which is what Hamman's four-diamond bid suggested), it's poor policy to double them when they stop at a mere game. Also, we'd like to add that when West was asked whether it would be OK to use his name as part of this story, he said he would not particularly relish the publicity!

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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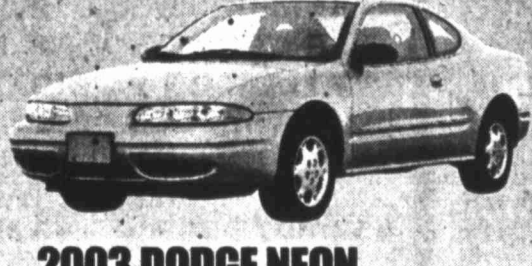
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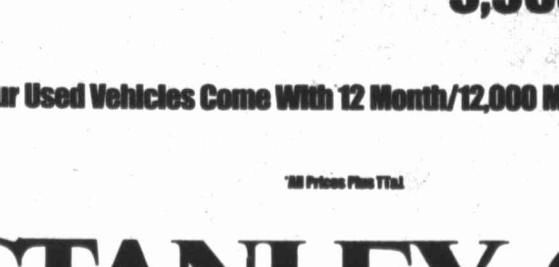
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IN BRIEF

Quarterback Club meeting is Monday

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

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

For more information, call Tissue at 816-3458.

Junior Tennis League continues

A free Junior Tennis League continues at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

The league, open to players ages 8 through 12, is held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Players should bring their own racquet, or one will be provided when available.

Houston Texan having career year

HOUSTON — Through three games, Andre Johnson is having the best season of his career.

Too bad the Houston Texans are having another bad one.

Johnson is third in the NFL with 21 receptions for 309 yards for the 0-3 Texans. He's already almost halfway to his 2005 total of 688 yards.

He's also ahead of his performance through three games in 2004, when he finished with 79 receptions for 1,142 yards and made the Pro Bowl.

"All I care about is winning," Johnson said. "All that statistic stuff is just I'm just doing what I can do to try to help this team win. And all that, it doesn't matter."

Quiet and always modest, Johnson has a new confidence this season with the addition of Eric Moulds and coach Gary Kubiak's offense.

He's having a resurgence after dealing with a calf injury and almost constant double-teams in 2005. In the first three games last season he had just 10 receptions for 76 yards and didn't score a touchdown until Week 11.

He's scored one touchdown this year.

"He's been exceptional," Kubiak said.

"Can't get him the ball enough. When you've got a player like that you do everything you can to get him the ball."

He's a big-time player and he's getting better every day.

Johnson has two 100-yard games this season and had 11 catches for 152 yards against Washington, including one for 53 yards that set up Houston's first score.

The fourth-year player is probably the biggest reason David Carr's passer rating is a league-leading 113.6.

"It's helped me because I know that he's always going to be there for me," Carr said.

Houston's passing game has been respectable, but the Texans have struggled because of an ineffective running game.

Johnson, who helped Miami to the 2001 national championship, said it's too early to get discouraged.

BSHS focussed

By MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

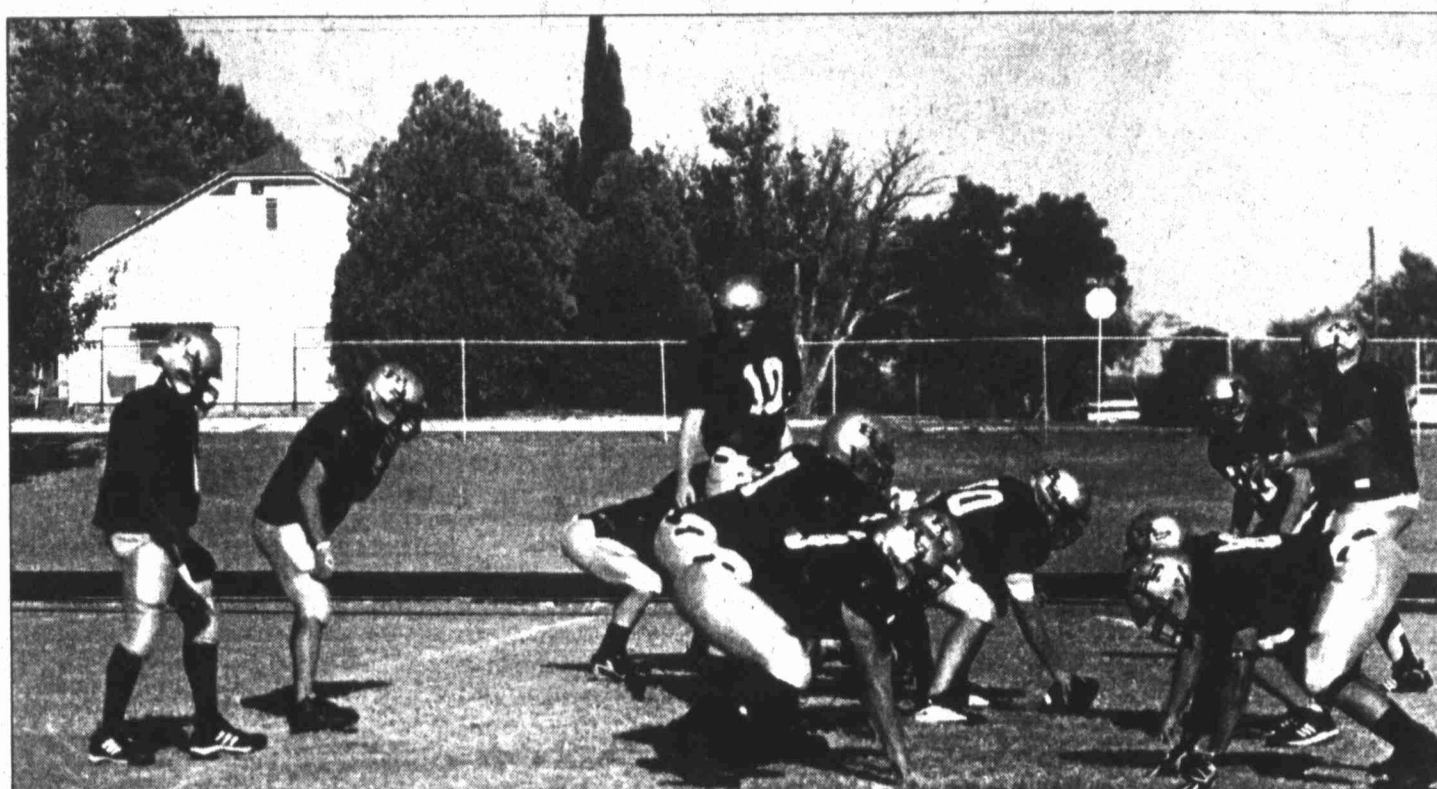
As the fanfare and pageantry of homecoming become the focus of so many in Big Spring, one group of young athletes have their eyes on something else.

Their first win of the season.

Starting the season 0-4, most of the players on the Big Spring High School Steers are not interested in talking about any of the festivities that are planned for the weekend. Their only concern is focusing on the game with the Sweetwater Mustangs Friday night, and finding a way to pick-up their first win of the year.

"For the players this is just another game, no different than any of the others," senior quarterback Ryan Tannehill said. "We just need to take care of things and not worry about all of that other stuff. Our agenda is the football game."

Senior offensive tackle Rick Nunez, the Steers



Quarterback Ryan Tannehill, returning from a shoulder injury, resumes his place as the leader of the Steers' offense.

300 lb offensive lineman echoed Tannehill's resolve, saying it's just a matter of turning things toward the right direction.

"Nothing changes because of homecoming," said Nunez. "With our record, we just need a win to get things going in the right direction. We're not concerned with anything else."

Just having Tannehill

back and leading the team is a big boost for the Steers, according to Steers Head Coach Tim Holt.

The starting QB has not taken a snap since week two when he injured his shoulder, and according to the coaching staff the team chemistry has been missing ever since. Against the Mustangs he will make his return as the starting signal caller,

according to Holt.

"It's amazing how much a team can improve with a healthy Division I quarterback," Holt said. "We are a much better team when Ryan is healthy and playing. Our kids have focussed better this week and that has something to do with him being on the field."

"Right now players seem to know what to do, where as last week there

was quite a bit of confusion. Friday night, this game is going to come down to us executing and I feel good about where we are right now."

Aside from Tannehill, many of the players Coach Holt was counting on for this season have been unable to perform because of injuries or disciplinary reasons. Holt

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Terrell Owens talks about reports of his alleged suicide attempts at a press conference.

T.O. returns to practice, soap opera continues

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Terrell Owens has been stirring things up for years, from edgy touchdown celebrations to mean-spirited comments about his quarterbacks and cries of being underpaid. Yet the drama was always about football, never matters of life or death.

Then came news late Tuesday that Owens was taken in an ambulance to an emergency room. Details from the police report that came out Wednesday morning included words like suicide, overdose and depression.

Within hours, T.O. insisted it was all a misunderstanding — then brought the story back to football.

He checked out of the hospital and made his way to Dallas Cowboys headquarters in time to catch some passes Wednesday afternoon, then showed up to a packed news conference wearing workout gear and his usual wide smile.

Owens seemed more amused than peeved. He apologized for being a distraction, thanked his friends for worrying about him and said he felt so good that he expects to play Sunday in Tennessee — regardless of the broken hand that led to the pain pills which, in turn, led to this latest saga.

"It was just an allergic reaction," Owens said. "It's very unfortunate for the reports to go from an allergic reaction to a definite suicide attempt."

Owens was hospitalized Tuesday night for what his publicist, Kim Etheredge, called an allergic reaction to medicine he was taking for his broken hand. Then, the story erupted around 8 a.m. Wednesday, when WFAA-TV in Dallas reported details of the police report it obtained.

The document stated that a friend, later identified as Etheredge, called 911 about a suicide attempt; that she told paramedics Owens was depressed; that his bottle

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Bulldogs ready for district, set to host Mustangs tonight

By MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

Someone is going from the outhouse to the penthouse tomorrow night.

The Coahoma Bulldogs will host the Badgers of Merkel High in a contest of winless football teams and the winner will find themselves tied for first place in District 5-2A.

The Badgers are looking for their first win in over two years. According to Coahoma Coach Ken Cates, the Badgers have installed a spread offense that features a running game and they are constantly trying to get their tailbacks in the open field.

They slid down from class 3A to 2A this year, and according to Cates, that makes them a threat.

"We just don't know a whole lot about their situation," Coach Cates said. "I am expecting them to come in here and try to move the football by spreading our defense around. For us to win, we need to shut them down and make them go three and out. I'm expecting our defense to keep Merkel's punter out on the field and letting him see plenty of action."

On offense the Bulldogs will be looking to eliminate some penalties and turnovers that have plagued them this season, and the coaching staff is expecting them to come out and play their best game, according to Cates.

"We have played some very good competition," explained Cates. "Those first few games have

exposed some things that we needed to work on as a team and that should benefit us now that district games are here."

"Offensively we just need to play smarter and start to sustain some long drives. We need to score, but by maintaining our drives will be given the chance to finish them."

Neither team wants to start the season 0-4, but the coaching staff at Coahoma is feeling pretty good about where they stand, said Cates.

"We still have some injuries that are holding us back," he said. "But we feel like this team is in a position to start winning some football games."

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Bufs' open 16-A play against Irion County

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald
FORSAN — District 16-A competition opens Friday night as the Forsan Buffaloes travel to take on the Irion County Hornets.

Both teams are coming off bye weeks, giving them ample time to prepare for the other.

Forsan Head Coach Tommy Thompson says the extra time has been valuable for his squad.

"The week off was good. The players were able to get their legs back under them and work on their technique and skills," Thompson said. "Practices have gone well, sprains and strains have healed, now we will spend Wednesday and Thursday polishing up for Irion County."

The Bufs will take on a Hornet team coming off a

2005 season where they went 2-8. But they have improved at skill positions and return senior QB Guy Barnett and a RB tandem of juniors Brent West and Tramaine Price.

"We expect them to run the ball to their tailback, Price, often," Thompson said. "They will try to exploit an area where we have had trouble, the power running game."

Thompson said the Bufs will have to get aggressive with their front seven in order to force Irion County to beat them in the air.

"We have added a few wrinkles and plan to bring a lot of pressure this week, mixing things up to keep the Hornets off balance," said Thompson. "They run a Pro I and Pro Split back so we have to

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said he is expecting to field a team he believes can win a district championship, but he is still going to have to scale back the offense to protect his star player.

"We're going to try to limit the number of carries Ryan gets," Holt explained. "We know there is going to be a huge crowd and that the place will be packed. That should be good for our young kids and our program, but that does not mean we should jeopardize our quarterbacks future. When he is full speed, that is when we'll cut him loose."

Tannehill almost agrees with his head coach.

"There is no question that I'm not 100 percent," Tannehill confessed. "Right now they (coaches) plan on limiting the number of designed runs for me, but we're going to do whatever it takes to win. Even if that includes me carrying the ball."

Over the past couple of games the offense has struggled, but it has been the defense and special teams that have really hurt the Steers. Abilene Wylie hung 45 points on BSHS before the end of

the second quarter, and for the year the opposition is averaging approximately 40 points per game.

According to defensive end Gus Waddy, the coaches have made an attempt to simplify things this week, but with the option attack that the Mustangs bring to town one might think that the offense would be concerned.

"Not at all," answered Nunez. "Our team has been pushed into a corner and we have waited all week to come out swinging."

"Sweetwater is coming in here looking to run the option," added Waddy. "My key is the quarterback and I plan on popping him in the mouth all night long. Our defense is going to be ready to shut them down."

Shutting down the old wish-bone offense is easier said than done. The d-line will have to win the battle up front, and each player will have to uphold their responsibility to keep from giving up big plays on the ground. One missed tackle or a blown assignment, and this offense is designed to take it to the house.

"It's going to be interesting to see if we can handle them up front," Holt added. "If so, we're going to be just fine."

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seal the ends and fill the gaps on every snap. If we can force Barnett to throw our speed should give us the advantage."

Offensively, the Buffs hope to establish a strong running game by getting Wesley Newcomb loose on some quick hitting plays. Thompson said the Buffs have to limit the impact of the Hornets defensive tackles, namely 5-8 250-pound senior Rick Rojo, to be successful.

"As always, we want to get Newcomb going early. That will be huge in giving Seth Johnson time to hit his receivers," Thompson said. "They run a 4-4 defense with a cover three, so a good running game will allow us to spread out some and exploit their secondary. We plan to utilize our receivers quite a bit this week."

In three games this year the Hornets have been outscored by their opponents, 131-22.

Astros win in 15 innings, keep pace with the Cardinals, still 1 1/2 games back in Central

By ALAN ROBINSON

AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Once the Houston Astros got into the 11th inning, the 12th, the 13th and later, they didn't need anyone to tell them they had to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates. They already knew it from the out-of-town scoreboard that showed the St. Louis Cardinals winning.

Brad Ausmus' sacrifice fly in the 15th inning finished off Houston's comeback within a comeback as the Astros rallied from five runs down to beat the Pirates 7-6 on Wednesday night, their eighth straight win that kept them close to St. Louis in the NL Central.

"I've complained all year about not being able to get a run in from third, so I'm going to kiss his lunch for getting that one in," manager Phil Garner said of Ausmus' game-winner.

The Astros didn't gain any ground for the first time during their winning streak but, almost as importantly, didn't lose

any as they stayed 1 1/2 games out with four to play. The Cardinals cut their magic number for winning the division to four by beating San Diego 4-2 on Albert Pujols' homer to end a seven-game losing streak.

"I'm sure everybody saw that, so I've got to applaud these guys for a great effort and getting results," Garner said. "We have to plan to win 'em all and still it may be not enough, but the bottom line is everybody is still playing."

He was right - most of the Astros knew the Cardinals had won, yet the tired team persevered to win its fourth game in four nights in three ballparks. They finished off a four-game sweep of the Cardinals at home Sunday night, then won a makeup game Monday night in Philadelphia before winning the first two of a three-game series in Pittsburgh.

"Seeing the Cardinals win makes it even more crucial for us going into extra innings, and under-

standing we move to 2 1/2 out with only four games left for us if we lose," Ausmus said. "Obviously it was a crucial win."

Houston, held to one hit over the first five extra innings by three rookie relievers, finally won it against Jonah Bayliss (1-1) in the 15th. After Eric Bruntlett walked and Craig Biggio's sacrifice bunt turned into a fielder's choice, Orlando Palmeiro singled to center. Ausmus then fought off a two-strike pitch to lift the fly to center that scored Biggio.

"We had chances to win, but they finally scratched out the run we had been working to get," Pirates manager Jim Tracy said. "But our young relievers, to do the job they did, pitching against a club playing for its playoff life ... they really grew up tonight."

Chris Sampson (2-0), the Astros' starter Monday night in Philadelphia, pitched 2 2-3 scoreless innings to win it and run the Pirates' losing streak - all against contenders - to

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of painkillers was empty; and that Owens said he was trying to harm himself.

After that, specifics were hard to come by.

At a police news conference, a spokesman would only confirm they were called and that whatever happened was "not a criminal offense." He officially released the internal narrative that started all of the back-and-forth, but the juiciest parts were blacked out.

A fire department official provided even fewer details. However, the department still holds what could be the next domino to fall in this story: the tape of the 911 call from Owens' publicist after she saw him becoming incoherent a little before 8 p.m. Tuesday night.

The Associated Press filed a request under the Texas Public Information Act to get a recording of the call. Fire department spokesman Joel Lavender said it would not be available before late Wednesday, perhaps not until Friday.

Owens was seen leaving the hospital before noon, flashing a thumb's up sign to reporters. But with no other information released and Owens not yet having told his side of the

story, Cowboys coach Bill Parcells was peppered with Owens-related questions at his daily news briefing. He ended up walking out nine minutes into what's normally a 25-30 minute session.

"When I find out what the hell is going on, you will know," he said. "Until then, I'm not getting interrogated for no reason."

Next up was Owens, who said he's "not depressed by any means."

"I am very happy to be here," said Owens, who received a \$25 million, three-year deal from the Cowboys in March, four days after the Eagles released him.

The report said rescue workers were called because Owens attempted "suicide by prescription pain medication." There was mention of 35 pills that weren't accounted for.

"The rumor of me taking 35 pills, I think is absurd," Owens said. "I don't think I would be here if I had taken 35 pills."

He explained that the bottle of hydrocodone, a generic form of Vicodin, was indeed empty, but the extra pills were in a drawer. He had taken two or three, along with some all-natural supplements, and he believes the combination made him groggy.

Etheredge saw how he was

acting, noticed the empty bottle and called for help.

"This is a very strong human being," Etheredge said. "When I ask him a question and he is not responding and I know he is not feeling well, I used my judgment to call 911."

The police report, which WFAA shared with the AP, said Etheredge saw Owens pop two more pills, then "attempted to put her fingers in (Owens') mouth to retrieve the pills."

"I did not take anything out of his mouth," said Etheredge, equally adamant in denying that she told anyone Owens was depressed.

The report also lists Owens as saying, "Yes," when asked whether he'd emptied the pill bottle and whether he was trying to harm himself. He said he doesn't know what he told emergency responders.

"I was kind of out of it," Owens said. "I can barely even remember the doctors, more or less the police officers that were asking me questions. I couldn't tell you if they were the EMTs or the police or the doctors."

Etheredge also accused police of taking advantage of her friend and client.

"I'm just upset," she said. "Had this been someone else, this may not have happened."

Dallas police officials declined

to comment on Etheredge's denials, citing privacy laws.

Teammates and friends throughout the league rallied to support Owens even before he spoke. Many, including Dallas quarterback Drew Bledsoe, said they doubted that Owens would try to kill himself.

"Because of the reputation that T.O. has because of the attention that has been around him in the past, anything that happens turns into a bigger deal," Bledsoe said Wednesday. "I understand that. We understand that as a team."

Former Cowboys star Deion Sanders was with Owens at his home before he went to team headquarters.

"From my understanding, looking at him in the eye as a man and as a big brother, I said 'Be straight up with me.' He seems to be OK," Sanders told the NFL Network, where he works as an analyst.

Owens has played two games for the Cowboys, catching nine passes for 99 yards and a touchdown. He broke the bone leading to his right ring finger against Washington a week ago Sunday. The next day, doctors screwed in a plate so the bone could heal without fear of further damage, leaving a 2-inch scar on top of his hand.

The Cowboys were still listing Owens as questionable on the

injury report because of the hand injury. If he doesn't play this weekend, No. 81 will almost surely be in the starting lineup the following Sunday in Philadelphia: He's been looking forward to that game as a chance to seek revenge against the team that dumped him midway through last season.

Owens has almost always been an attention magnet during his 11-year NFL career, from his touchdown celebrations to his public treatment of quarterbacks - even a risqué promotional stunt with one of ABC's "Desperate Housewives" before a Monday night game against Dallas in 2004 that prompted an apology from the network.

Months after Owens was heavily praised for playing in the February 2005 Super Bowl just weeks after ankle surgery, his relationship with quarterback Donovan McNabb deteriorated and the Eagles got rid of him amid contract complaints and other personality squabbles.

The Cowboys were eager to welcome him to the fold. By way of explaining why Owens would never attempt to kill himself, Etheredge referred to his Cowboys paycheck.

"Terrell has 25 million reasons," she said, "why he should be alive."

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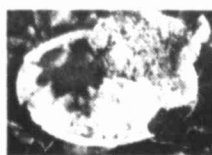


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Legals

No. P-13,462
ESTATE OF BETTY KOENIG, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Betty Koenig, Deceased were issued on the 18th day of September, 2006, under Docket No. P-13,462, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Karen Chrane.

Claims may be presented in care of Karen Chrane to the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Betty Koenig
c/o Karen Chrane
1502 E. 11th Place
Big Spring, TX 79720

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The Sagittarius moon is always on a quest of one sort or another. Knowing that the Sagittarius moon is inclined to adventure until the quest is fulfilled, the Libran sun poses a pertinent question: "Can this quest have something to do with love, getting more of it and keeping it for as long as possible?" "Sure," says the Sagittarius moon. "Why not?"

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The things people say! You're definitely above being offended. So why are you still so offended? This afternoon, you can chalk it up to human weakness and your usual Martian passion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's all this talk about reinventing the wheel. So what if the "wheel" has already been invented? You're the one who'll think of a new and better "wheel," and this is your day to do it!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's no need to develop your interesting personality. That goes quite well without any interference from you. The stars suggest that you're luckiest when you sit back and enjoy yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In addition to thinking before you speak, it'll be helpful to research before you think. One source isn't nearly enough under these skies. You need at least three.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though nothing earth shattering seems to be going on, take photographs anyhow. This helps you recall what happened today, which will be far more remarkable in the light of memory.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You realize that you're contractually bound to do something you really don't feel like doing now. At least you can take heart in the knowledge that your ethical behavior attracts others with the same ethics.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The stars show your intellect buzzing at such a frequency that you may feel a tad out-of-body. You become more physically present by working with your hands. Tactile contact with raw, natural material has a healing effect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your optimism is touching. Be careful not to fall in love with someone's potential. Keep seeing how things are instead of how they ought to be. You deserve to be shown proof of love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Feeling ready to take the next step in a relationship or business partnership? The mood is right to make your intentions known. Unattached Sagittarians jump headlong into the dating game.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Since you know what you want, you'll find that almost any path leads to it. Make inquiries — doors swing open wide. Get out and circulate. You bring lucky people into your life without even trying.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). That once spooky unknown territory doesn't seem so frightening anymore. It's lucky to venture out. Tonight, there's music under your skin and you're a dancer. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're unashamed of your emotions, and for this, you will be a healthier person. The stars cheer you on as you prove you're blithely free of the repression that has restrained mankind for ages!



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"We can do a good job this year and win some more races, but the Nextel Cup (championship) is going to be tough to find this year."

— Kasey Kahne, after wrecking with Tony Stewart in the Dover 400.



Pointed words

Normally stoic Matt Kenseth expresses frustration after running out of fuel on last lap of Dover 400

By DAVID POOLE
McClatchy Newspapers

For a guy who's supposed to be a robot, Matt Kenseth had some pretty pointed things to say following last Sunday's Dover 400.

"We gambled for fuel, but there was really no reason to gamble because we had the best car," Kenseth said after finishing 10th because he ran out of fuel after a stirring late-race battle for the lead with Jeff Burton. "We had the car to beat so I don't understand how we can run out of fuel on the last lap."

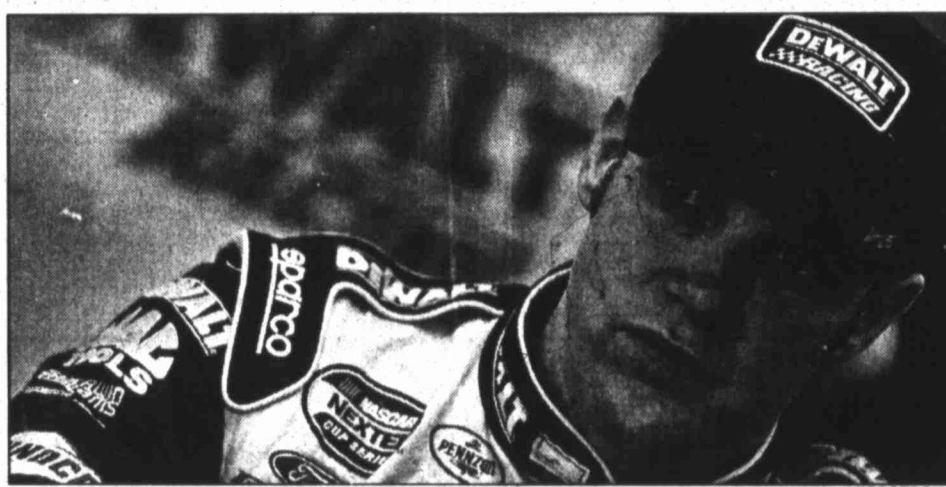
Kenseth's frustration was apparent and understandable after he'd led 215 laps in the No. 17 Ford but, for a second time this year, had a fuel miscalculation cost him positions at the end of a race. Kenseth also ran out of fuel and finished 22nd at Chicagoland Speedway after getting bumped out of the lead by Jeff Gordon in July.

The points Kenseth lost at Chicagoland don't matter now that he's in the Chase for the Nextel Cup. But the points he and his Roush Racing team let get away on Sunday could wind up mattering a great deal.

If Kenseth had finished second, he'd be back on top of the standings where he started the Chase two races ago. As it is, though, he's tied for third with Denny Hamlin, 18 points behind Burton.

But that's where the even temper kicks in. With eight races left in the Chase, beginning with Sunday's Banquet 400 at Kansas Speedway, Kenseth isn't exactly running around in a blue panic worrying about what might have been.

"If we lose the championship by 25 points, I think we'll look back at that race and say, 'Man, that cost us the champi-



Matt Kenseth finished 10th in the Dover 400 after leading for 215 laps of the race.

onship. We had just the dominant car and didn't win the race," said Kenseth, who finished fifth in last year's race at Kansas. "But every position matters. It might be the determining factor, but it might not be. I could go out this week and be running Lap 30 at Kansas and wreck by myself because I made a judgment error or whatever and cost us 150 points. So who knows? I have a lot of chances to make a lot more mistakes."

"It's disappointing because we let the win get away. As much as the points are, we kind of wanted that trophy and wanted to win that race. We've been in position to win so many races this year and those guys have done such a fantastic job of putting me there. I'm real thankful and fortunate for the races we've won, but we've also let four or five of them slip away right at the end of the race. That's the tough part to take, but there's a lot of racing left to do."

"We can't do anything to fix what we did this weekend to lose those points. We can't

get those back, but we certainly can try to be smarter in the future."

Kenseth said he didn't think his comments after the race constituted unusually harsh criticism of longtime crew chief Robbie Reiser.

"But yet, that's the second time that we ran out of gas this year running second," Kenseth said. "There's not — in my opinion — a real big excuse for doing that when you have the fastest car. That's just a gamble that we probably didn't need to take."

"There's a time when you have to get your point across, but you have to do it in a constructive way too, where we learn from it and don't do it again. If this was the first time it ever happened, you'd probably say, 'Well, we tried something and it didn't work,' but this is the second time of the year and we've got to be able to learn from that and not make that mistake again in the final 10."



RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): Weren't we all waiting on a Jeff Gordon vs. Jeff Burton points battle five years ago? Last week: 5.

2. Denny Hamlin (car No. 11): Don't underestimate how big it was to get ninth place with a car that wasn't stellar at Dover. Last week: 3.

3. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17): Battled valiantly late at Dover, but his team just simply cannot let him run out of gas. Last week: 2.

4. Kevin Harvick (car No. 29): Engine woes meant his first did-not-finish of the season. Will it totally stunt his momentum? Last week: 1.

5. Jeff Burton (car No. 31): Minutes after his first Cup win in five years he was already looking ahead to the rest of the Chase. Last week: 9.

6. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): Just treaded water at Dover, not losing any more ground but not gaining much, either. Last week: 4.

7. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): A flat tire flattened what could've been a good Dover run. He can't afford to fall any farther. Last week: 7.

8. Mark Martin (car No. 6): Last year's race winner at Kansas could use a dose of that elixir this season as well. Last week: 10.

9. Kyle Busch (car No. 5): This team is out of feet to shoot itself in. But it's only over if they feel like it is. Last week: 6.

10. Kasey Kahne (car No. 9): Ran into bad luck at Dover when Stewart wrecked into his path. But luck is a part of the deal. Last week: 11.

For the rest of the top-40 rankings, go online and visit www.thatstracin.com.

Luck nothing new to winning a NASCAR title

Tony Stewart is half right about what it takes to win the Chase for the Nextel Cup.

"It's not about good finishes; it's going to be about guys who just don't have a bad day," Stewart said Sunday after spinning out his No. 20 Chevrolet and having Chase participant Kasey Kahne run into him.

"That's all this Chase boils down to." Saying the system should be changed to make winning help a driver more than finishing poorly hurts him? That's beyond beating a dead horse; it's taking a hammer to a can of dog food.

But in a larger sense, Stewart is dead wrong about the 10-race playoff.

"I don't think this Chase thing was thought out well enough," he said. "The guys who have an opportunity to win the Chase are guys who just don't have bad luck. That's all there is to it. It's not about anything else."

That's not total hokey. Luck will play a role in who wins — and loses

— the title.

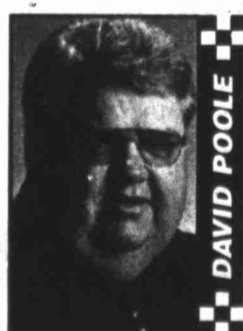
This just in: It always has.

The greatest championship race under the old system came in 1992.

Alan Kulwicki edged Bill Elliott in the final race on a day when Davey Allison also had legitimate title hopes, and three others were mathematically in the picture.

With six races to go that season, Elliott led Harry Gant by 154 points and Kulwicki by 278. At Martinsville, Elliott blew an engine. His crew missed the setup at North Wilkesboro, and then a suspension part broke and Elliott hit the wall at Charlotte while running sixth with 39 laps to go.

Some of that was just bad luck, and if it hadn't happened there would have been no dramatic championship finish.



DAVID POOLE

One reason a championship pays about \$5 million these days is that winning one is hard. A team must perform at a high level in 26 races to make the Chase and then 10 in the Chase to earn the big trophy. Part of that is controlling everything you can. Part of it, too, is handling situations and circumstances that fall out of the sky into your path.

The Chase hasn't changed that one iota. What it has done, however, is make that principle applicable to far

What happened to Kahne on Sunday wasn't fair, in the third-grade sense of that term, because he did nothing to deserve it.

As I have said many times (although I still can't swear I didn't steal this from somebody) "fair" is where you go to get funnel cakes and ride the Flying Bobs.

more race teams at this point in the season than it used to be.

More teams now can be hurt by bad luck in September and October because the Chase keeps them in the hunt longer. The longer a team remains relevant in the Chase, the more chances it has to do great things — like Jeff Burton's did in winning Sunday. It also means more chances for bad things to happen to good race teams.

NASCAR knows the system needs work and changes are promised. Those changes should be welcomed if they make running well more relevant than running poorly.

Even if no changes are made to the Chase, something else Stewart said Sunday would be dead wrong.

"Kasey can go out and win the rest of the races and not win the championship," he said.

I'll take that bet.

THIS WEEK'S RACE

BANQUET 400

Where: Kansas Speedway, a 1-mile banked paved tri-oval located in Kansas City, Kan.

When: Sunday at 2:10 p.m. (all times ET).

Qualifying is at 4:40 p.m. Friday.

TV: NBC.

Radio: Motor Racing Network.

Purse: \$5,934,007.

Last year's winner: Mark Martin.

Worth mentioning: Both Tony Stewart and Jeff Gordon lead all drivers each with four top-10 finishes in five races at Kansas.

All 28 Cup wins this season have come from drivers ranked in the top 14 in points. Mark Martin is the only driver in the Chase without a win in 2006.

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

We've had a pair of Chase races and a pair of leaders in the standings. Will someone new leave Kansas Speedway with the Nextel Cup points lead this weekend?

Cast your vote at:

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Can Kyle Busch and Jimmie Johnson rebound and contend for the championship over the remaining races?

Number of votes: 3,300

Response	No. of votes	Percent
Turn out the lights, their party is over.	2,090	63%
Yes, they'll catch back up when the other contenders have their own trouble.	1,210	37%

STOP 'N' GO

WHO'S HOT

■ Jeff Burton: Finally!

■ Jeff Gordon: Never led a lap at Dover, but we won't hold that against him.

■ Denny Hamlin: Doesn't appear to be just happy to be here.

WHO'S NOT

■ Kyle Busch: We have some wonderful Chase parting gifts for you.

■ Tony Stewart: Even though he's not in the Chase, he affects the Chase.

■ Kasey Kahne: The effort making the Chase certainly did not bring a comparative reward.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

■ Jeff Burton winning his first championship this season would just be gravy. Seeing him capture his first win after a 175-race drought at Dover last weekend will go down as one of the highlights of the 2006 Cup season.

■ It may have its critics but Richard Childress Racing's performance in the last three weeks — winning every Cup and Busch race since Richmond — is nothing short of impressive.

— Jim Iyer

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of Sept. 24:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Jeff Burton	5351	21. Reed Sorenson	2857
2. Jeff Gordon	5345	22. Scott Riggs	2842
3. Matt Kenseth	5333	23. Martin Truex Jr.	2783
4. Denny Hamlin	5333	24. Dale Jarrett	2669
5. Kevin Harvick	5297	25. Bobby Labonte	2627
6. Mark Martin	5276	26. Dave Blaney	2576
7. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	5249	27. Robby Gordon	2563
8. Jimmie Johnson	5215	28. J.J. Yeley	2563
9. Kasey Kahne	5169	29. Ken Schrader	2459
10. Kyle Busch	5127	30. Jeff Green	2410
11. Tony Stewart	3537	31. Joe Nemechek	2336
12. Greg Biffle	3320	32. Sterling Marlin	2205
13. Carl Edwards	3295	33. Kyle Petty	2163
14. Kurt Busch	3094	34. David Stremme	2099
15. Casey Mears	3012	35. Michael Waltrip	1921
16. Clint Bowyer	2988	36. Travis Kvapil	1893
17. Ryan Newman	2978	37. Tony Raines	1785
18. Jamie McMurray	2910	38. Scott Wimmer	1685
19. Brian Vickers	2910	39. Jeremy Mayfield	1647
20. Elliott Sadler	2909	40. Kevin Lepage	1278

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Sept. 23:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Kevin Harvick	4625	11. Jason Leffler	3078
2. Carl Edwards	3926	12. Kenny Wallace	3027
3. Denny Hamlin	3844	13. John Andretti	3001
4. Clint Bowyer	3800	14. Jon Wood	2803
5. J.J. Yeley	3696	15. Ashton Lewis	2791
6. Paul Menard	3409	16. Stacy Compton	2716
7. Kyle Busch	3383	17. Burney Lamar	2661
8. Greg Biffle	3332	18. Todd Kuever	2647
9. Johnny Sauter	3094	19. Regan Smith	2619
10. Reed Sorenson	3086	20. David Green	2573

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Yellow Transportation 300, Kansas City, Kan.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of Sept. 23:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Todd Bodine	2911	6. David Starr	2553
2. Johnny Benson	2820	7. Ron Hornaday	2531
3. David Reutemann	2671	8. Mike Bliss	2486
4. Ted Musgrave	2625	9. Jack Sprague	2479
5. Rick Crawford	2590	10. Terry Cook	2460

NEXT RACE: Oct. 7, John Deere 250, Talladega, Ala.

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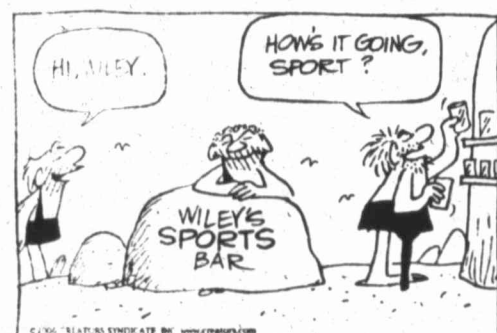
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This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date: In 1542, Portuguese navigator Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo arrived at present-day San Diego.

In 1781, American forces in the Revolutionary War, backed by a French fleet, began their siege of Yorktown Heights, Va.

In 1787, Congress voted to send the just-completed Constitution of the United States to state legislatures for their approval.

In 1850, flogging was abolished as a form of punishment in the U.S. Navy.

In 1924, two U.S. Army planes landed in Seattle, Wash., having completed the first round-the-world flight in 175 days.

In 1939, during World War II, Germany and the Soviet Union agreed on a plan to partition Poland.

In 1974, first lady Betty Ford underwent a mastectomy at Bethesda Naval Medical Center in Maryland, following discovery of a cancerous lump in her breast.

In 1976, Muhammad Ali kept his world heavyweight boxing championship with a close 15-round decision over Ken Norton at New York's Yankee Stadium.

One year ago: A woman disguised as a man slipped into a line of Iraqi army recruits and detonated explosives strapped to her body, killing at least six recruits in the first known suicide attack by a woman in Iraq's insurgency.

Today's Birthdays: Actor William Windom is 83. Actor Arnold Stang is 81. Blues singer Koko Taylor is 78. Actress Brigitte Bardot is 72. Singer Ben E. King is 68. Actor Joel Higgins is 63. Singer Helen Shapiro is 60. Actor Jeffrey Jones is 60. Movie writer-director-actor John Sayles is 56. Actress Sylvia Kristel is 54. Rock musician George Lynch is 52.

Actress-comedian Janeane Garofalo is 42. Country singer Matt King is 40. Actress Mira Sorvino is 39. TV personality Moon Zappa is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sean Levert (Levert) is 38. Actress-model Carrie Otis is 38. Actress Naomi Watts is 38. Country singer Mandy Barnett is 31. Actress Hilary Duff is 19. Actress Skye McCole Bartusiak is 14.

Thought for Today: "The conventional notions of happiness cannot possibly be taken seriously by anyone whose intellectual or moral development has progressed beyond that of a three-week-old puppy." — John W. Gardner, U.S. government official (1912-2002).

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