



Big Spring ISD ‘wish list’ tops \$24 million

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

While Big Spring Independent School District officials wait to see how much revenue they'll receive next budget year, they're starting to get a better idea about how much money they'll need.

District trustees learned at Thursday's board meeting that preliminary budget figures show the district having expen-



Waggoner Downes

phrase is "preliminary," officials stated.

Business Manager Sandra

ditures of \$24.03 million for the 2005-06 school year. The active word in that last

Waggoner said the figure represents a full funding of all department requests for the coming school year.

Special projects that would include four new school buses and four additional vehicles for the district's transportation department, bleacher repairs to all athletic facilities to bring them up to new state safety codes, and much-needed resurfacing of the Blankenship Field track.

The bad news is that, under current school finance laws, a full funding of all district projects would leave the budget with a deficit of \$1.18 million, Waggoner said.

It is almost certain, however, that expenditure figures will change the further along the budget process develops, officials said. Another great unknown at this time is exactly how much the district will receive as revenue,

Superintendent Michael Downes said.

"We're kind of on hold on the revenue side right now," he told trustees.

"In a perfect world, we would fund everything," Downes said. "The main purpose of the budget workshop in June will be to prioritize our expenditures ... Unfortunately, some of those expenditures aren't likely to be

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Closure list includes 33 major bases

By **LIZ SIDOTI**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has proposed shutting more than 150 military installations from Maine to Hawaii, including 33 major bases. The Associated Press learned this morning, triggering the first round of base closures in a decade and an intense struggle by communities to save their facilities.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld will also recommend a list of scores of other domestic bases from which thousands of troops would be withdrawn, or in some cases added from other installations in the United States or overseas. He has said the move would save \$48.8 billion

over 20 years while making the military more mobile and better suited for the global effort against terrorism.

Rumsfeld's plan calls for a massive shift of U.S. forces that would result in a net loss of 29,005 military and civilian jobs at domestic installations. Overall, he proposes pulling 218,570 military and civilian positions out of some U.S. bases while adding 189,565 positions to others, according to documents obtained by The AP.

The closures and downsizings would occur over six years starting in 2006. "Our current arrangements, designed for the Cold War, must give way to the new demands of the war against extremism and other evolving



Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld briefs reporters in the Pentagon about the process followed by the Base Realignment and Closing Commission in making their decisions.

21st Century challenges," Rumsfeld said in a written statement.

Among the major closures were Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico, which would lose more than 2,700 jobs, the Naval Station in Ingleside, Texas, costing more than 2,100 jobs, and Fort McPherson in

Georgia, costing nearly 4,200 jobs.

Other major bases — including the Army's Fort Bliss in Texas, the Naval Shipyard in Norfolk, Va., and Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland — would see gains, as they absorb troops whose current home bases are slated for

closure. Before closures, or downsizings can take effect, the Defense Department's proposal must be approved or changed by a federal base closing commission by Sept. 8, and then agreed to by Congress and President Bush, in a lengthy process.

Texas bases targeted for closure:	—Army National Guard Reserve Center, California Crossing	—Army National Guard Reserve Center, Marshall	Accounting Service, San Antonio	Lubbock
—Army National Guard Reserve Center No. 2, Dallas	—Army National Guard Reserve Center, Ellington	—Army National Guard Reserve Center, New Braunfels	—Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant	—Navy Reserve Center, Orange
—Army National Guard Reserve Center (Hondo Pass), El Paso	—Army National Guard Reserve Center, Lufkin	—Brooks City Base	—Naval Station, Ingleside	—Red River Army Depot
		—Defense Finance and	—Navy Reserve Center, No. 2, Houston	

SWCID, HC students graduate today

□ Howard College graduation set for 7 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

It's time to commence with the commencements.

SouthWest Institute for the Deaf and Howard College are the first two area schools to hold graduation exercises, with both institutes holding their commencement exercises today.

SWCID graduated 24 students in ceremonies held at 10 a.m.,

today, while HC will hand out diplomas to about 200 students tonight at 7 p.m. in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Following is a list of graduates from both schools:

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf

Associate of Applied Science
Judy Garza, Corpus Christi; Angela Detlaff, Odessa; Melinda Oknefski, Midland; Sylvia Hernandez, Midland; Kelly Hinojos, Big Spring; Cristina Loyd, Big Spring; Rebecca Raschke, Iowa Park; Krystal Williams, Wall; Stephanie

Worrell, San Angelo.

Certificates

Adrian Crutchfield, Union, Mo.; Jack Huari, Chicago, Ill.; Daniel Wolfe, Fulton, Md.; Michael Davis, Lewes, Del.; Jose DeLuna, San Antonio; Jared Armer, Berryville, Ark.; Ryan Nesbit, Carlsbad, N.M.; Gloria Padilla, Roswell, N.M.; Susana Gutierrez, San Angelo; Tabitha Murray, Waxahachie; Efua Sam, Ithaca, N.Y.; Reyes Silva, Farwell; Jessica Carpenter, Montgomery, Ala.; Christy Moak, Rosedale, La.; Corrie Osborne, Big Spring; Shane

Etter, Weatherford.

Howard College Associate of Arts

Dovie Nichole Deweese, Raela Leanne Edwards, Kimberly LeAnn Klug, Sylvia Cansino Lopez, Melissa Diane Walls, and Sandra L. Woods.

Associate of Science

Daman E. Aaron, Misty Dawn Adams, William Cornelius Adams, Michael Joseph Algieri, Jason Stephen Anderson, Scarlet D'Inn Ashley, Jillery Joy

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Stamp Out Hunger

Letter carriers drive set Saturday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

It's time to "stamp out hunger" once again, as the National Association of Letter Carriers prepares for Saturday's 13th annual food drive.

Having collected 325.6 million pounds over the past five years, the program is very near and dear to letter carriers, according to John Sotelo, customer service supervisor for the Big Spring Post Office.

"I've been with the post office and been involved with the food drive since 1998," said Sotelo. "It can make things pretty tough for the letter carriers, but we all understand it's for a good cause. When it's all over we'll be pretty tired, but it's well worth it."

Sotelo said area residents wishing to donate to the food drive should place non-perishable food items in plastic bags and leave them near their mailbox or on their porch before arrival of their mail carrier. Either way, the items will find their way into the hands of Big Spring's needy families.

"The carriers will pick up the items along with the normal mail," said Sotelo. "Then they will transport it to the West Texas Food Bank, located here in Big Spring. The food bank will make sure the food is distributed to the families that need it."

"This isn't just something we do in Big Spring. Letter carriers all over the nation will be

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BLOOD DRIVES

Saturday, May 14: "Pint for pint" event. Leonard's Prescription Pharmacy, 701 Scurry, United Blood Services Bloodmobile, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. To sign up, call Terri at 267-2711. Bluebell Ice Cream will give away one pint of ice cream to everyone who donates one pint of blood during this drive.

Monday, May 16: Forsan High School, 411 W. Sixth, Forsan, Auditorium, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. To register, call Ms. Sims at 457-2223

GET WELL PARTY

A "Get Well, Jody" party has been scheduled from 9 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Stampede. The party will give fans a chance to convey their best wishes to Jody Nix, well-known country music performer, who is recovering from heart surgery. Nix, who has been released from the hospital, will be in attendance, but will not be performing. DJ Vents Allen will provide the music. Admission will be \$10 per person. The funds raised will help defray medical costs.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The 11th Annual Howard/Glasscock Unit of Relay For Life will be held today and Saturday at Blankenship Field adjacent to Big Spring High School.

Last year, Relay For Life raised more than \$200,000 for cancer research. That amount ranked sixth in the nation per capita for events of its kind, organizers said.

The event begins today with registration at 4 p.m. and the "survivors' lap" at 7 p.m. Children's activities, adult games, on-site fund-raising and food booths will be among the many attractions at this year's event.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. today:

- **REBECCA VILLALOBOS**, 29, of 410 NW 11th Street, was arrested Thursday on three local capias warrants.
- **JAMES CURTIS HAYES**, 42, of 602 Holbert, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.
- **DANIEL RIOS**, 19, of 715 Creighton, was arrested Thursday on three local citations.
- **CHERI DAWN ROGERS**, 51, of 809 Wyoming, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LUIS VILLA**, 39, of 709 E. 16th Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1800 block of FM 700.
 - in the 200 block of Marcy.
 - in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- **ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 400 block of N. Scurry Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- **EMIEL JOZEF VANDERMISSEN**, 46, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- **PEDRO MANUEL SAMA**, 24, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of no liability insurance, speeding and violation of a promise to appear.
- **JUSTIN SPEER**, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **CHRISTOPHER SCOTT HOHERTZ**, 30, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia at 4:53 p.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy at 12:03 a.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2100 block of Lancaster at 9:42 p.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

- Winning numbers drawn: 6-25-26-33. Bonus Ball: 4.
- Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
- Number matching four of four: 6. Prize: \$1,657.
- Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 22. Prize: \$56.
- Number matching three of four: 734. Prize: \$23.
- Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 503. Prize: \$22.
- Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 3,360. Prize: \$7.
- Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 6,295. Prize: \$5.
- Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$225,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

- Winning numbers drawn: 2-10-14-19-32.
- Number matching five of five: 0.
- Matching four of five: 116. Prize: \$445.
- Matching three of five: 3,295. Prize: \$11.
- Matching two of five: 35,952. Prize: \$2.
- Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-6-2

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may be severe. Lows around 60. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy early then partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Not as warm. Highs in the mid 70s. Northeast winds 15 to 25 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent. Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the upper 80s. Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Take note

• **THE 10TH ANNUAL HOWARD-GLASSCOCK RELAY FOR LIFE** at Blankenship Field is Friday and Saturday. Survivors call LaWanda at 263 7827. For other information call Diane Wood at 263-3382.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE OFFERS CONCEPT OF MAGIC** class from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Fireplace Room in the HC student union building. The cost for the class is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Anyone intending to take the class must register by 3 p.m. today Howard College or by phone with a credit card. Call Continuing Education at 264-5130 for more information or to register.

• **A GET WELL JODY PARTY** is set for 9 p.m. until midnight Saturday at the Stampede for Jody Nix. Cost is \$10 per person, proceeds to go toward medical expenses incurred when Nix had heart surgery. Music will be provided by DJ Vince Allen.

• **RECEPTION FOR JIM LEMONS CELEBRATING HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY** is set for 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church parlor. All family and friends are invited. Call 270-8485 for more information.

• **A MEMORIAL FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF TYBO JACOBS** at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma and Big Spring to help with funeral costs. He died in an automobile accident March 10.

• **MEMBERS OF THE PUGA FAMILY** are searching for family members to invite to a family reunion July 2 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Contact Anna Gutierrez-Trevino at 466-1780.

• **DEREK CHURCHWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** has been established at Howard College. Donations may be made to the Howard College Foundation in care of Jan Foresyth, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Designate the Derek Churchwell Scholarship Fund.

• **HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD** is seeking financial donations to provide support for children in Howard County who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or mail donations to HCCWB P.O. Box 3101 Big Spring, 79721.

Support groups

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

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

• West Texas Gluten-Free Support Group (Celiacs Helping celiacs) meet from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Jan. 15 in the Odessa Regional Hospital. For more information, contact Barbara at 432-694-3614 days, or 432-520-2119 evenings.

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

MONDAY
• Encourager's Support Group — All widows and widowers are invited to the meeting beginning at 6 p.m. with a covered dish dinner at First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Anita Morris, counseling psychologist, will speak about medical and legal issues regarding a living will. For more information call 398-5522.

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

THURSDAY
• Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

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

• The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet the fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center beginning in January. Call 263-8273 for more information.

• Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87.

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TODAY

- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- The 10th annual Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life at Blankenship Field. Survivors call LaWanda at 263 7827. For other information call Diane Wood at 263-3382.
- 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.
- Howard College Graduation in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Call Howard College at 264-5000 for more information.

SATURDAY

- The 10th annual Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life at Blankenship Field. Survivors call LaWanda at 263 7827. For other information call Diane Wood at 263-3382.
- Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge located at 21st and Lancaster streets. Breakfast is served.
- Free eye glasses are available from 9 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. in the Event Center, 1607 E. Third.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at 1st and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

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Police investigating burglary at 7-Eleven convenience store

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Police are investigating an aggravated robbery that took place at a 7-Eleven convenience store during the early-morning hours today.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department, the robbery was reported at the 7-Eleven located in the 2600 block of Wasson Road at approximately 3:45 a.m.

"Officer responded to the store in reference to an aggravated robbery," said Everett. "Two white males entered the store, one displaying a large hunting-type knife while the other stood at the door watching out. Property was taken from the store and both sub-

jects fled on foot."

Everett said one suspect was described as being between 6 feet, 1 inches and 6 feet, 3 inches tall, wearing an orange pullover hooded sweat-shirt and dark pants.

The other suspect is described as 6 feet, 1 inch tall, wearing a black pullover hooded sweat-shirt and dark pants.

Everett said both suspects were wearing some type of tape over their nose and mouth areas to hide their identities.

Anyone with information on this robbery is asked to contact the police at 264-2550.

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

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doing the same thing Saturday, collecting these much-needed items."

Area residents who have participated in the

food drive in the past may notice one slight change this year — the lack of a card in their mail reminding them of the effort.

"We normally send those cards out on the Friday before the food drive," said Sotelo.

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approved."

Both houses of the state legislature have now passed school finance reform packages, and the differences must now be hammered out in conference committee before a final version is ready for lawmakers' approval.

The Senate version of the school bill calls for \$2.9 billion in extra revenue for state public schools next year, including \$3,000 in teacher raises phased in over the next two years, Downes said. Teachers also would be eligible for additional income under an incentive pay program passed by the Senate.

Other features of the Senate bill include a reduction in "recapture" funds — monies sent from property-rich to property-

poor schools under current school finance guidelines — from \$1.5 billion to \$600 million in 2005-06.

Since BSISD is considered a "property-poor" district under current Robin Hood guidelines, this means the district would still be eligible to receive funds from wealthier school districts, but that amount would be greatly reduced.

Another change called for by the Senate would be changing the school calendar so that schools don't begin classes until the Tuesday after Labor Day.

The Senate tax bill that will finance these changes calls for a cut in property taxes to \$1.15 per \$100 valuation, and an increase in the state sales tax by .5 cents over the next two years, and increases in "sin" taxes on items such as cigarettes and alcoholic beverages.

If all goes to plan, a final school finance package will be ready by the end of May, and school districts will begin fine-tuning their budgets by mid to late June.

In other business, trustees:

• Elected new officers for the 2005-06 school year. Irene Bustamante was tabbed to serve as board president, succeeding Phil Furqueron. Tony Kennedy is the new board vice president, while Alan Partee will serve as secretary of the body.

• Approved the resignation/retirement of the following district personnel: J.R. Compton,

teacher/coach, Big Spring High School; Paul Hidalgo, teacher/coach, BSIS; Lisa Hidalgo, junior high teacher/coach; Jennifer Nichols, elementary special education teacher; Michael Scarbrough, high school teacher; Allison

Wallas, kindergarten teacher; Jeremy Sturdivant, special education teacher at BSIS; Christopher Roberts, junior high teacher/coach; Don Cook, high school counselor; Jenny Bryans, elementary teacher; and William Black, teacher/coach at BSIS.

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

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Linda White Money, 50, died Monday. Funeral Service will be at 3:00 PM Friday at Baker's Chapel A.M.E. Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Roberto "Jack" Castaneda, 48, died Tuesday. Vigil Services will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10:00 AM Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Grace Ivy Mauldin, 93, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends from 6:30 until 8:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- Organizers and participants in the Cinco de Mayo Festival here last weekend. It was a wonderful celebration.

- Valerie White, named West Texas Center for MHMR Employee of the Year.

- Big Spring High School's Manoj Thangam, who won the Class 4A state Lincoln-Douglas debate and took third in persuasive speaking. A special "way to go" also to the many other local and area students who placed at state, including Forsan's Levi Johnson and Garden City's Amanda Hirt, Taylor Niehues and Tracy Eggemeyer and their teammates, and the entire one-act play cast and crew from Big Spring High School.

- Victim Services, local law enforcement and EMS personnel, administrators, teachers, students and others, including sponsors, who took part in Shattered Dreams, the program which portrays a realistic look at how drunk driving accidents impact lives.

- Salutatorians and valedictorians: Respectively, Marcelo Barraza and Aleticia Lucio at Sands High School, Gene Corse and Chelsea Griffin at Coahoma High School, Micah Wesson and Brianna Pribyla at Grady High School, Levi Johnson and Micaela Purcell at Forsan High School, Megan Niehues and Amanda Hirt at Garden City High School and Brennan Bailey and Paige Gaaney at Big Spring High School.

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

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Giving the homeless cell phones

Editors note: Roger Simon is on vacation. The following column was first published in October 2002.

If you go to New York, people there are talking about the lousy economy and the fear of terrorism.

If you go to Washington, people are talking about the lousy economy and the November election.

If you go to San Francisco, people are talking about the lousy economy and the homeless.

People in San Francisco always talk about the homeless. A problem in other cities, the homeless are an obsession here.

Last month, according to the San Francisco Chronicle, a poll showed San Francisco voters overwhelmingly believe homelessness is the city's No. 1 problem.

San Francisco mayors always promise to do something about the homeless, but they never seem to get around to it.

One reason is that the problem has so many dimensions: It is a housing problem, it is a mental health problem, it is a political problem.

Unlike in other cities, the homeless of San Francisco have very vocal, very well organized, very powerful advocates.

And when anyone tries to take anything away from the homeless, the advocates scream bloody murder.

What can you take away from a homeless person?



ROGER
SIMON

Well, according to the Chronicle, a number of the 8,500 to 15,000 homeless people in the city (homeless people are hard to count) receive between \$320 and \$395 from the city each month in general assistance payments.

That may not seem like a lot, but consider that many of the homeless are not paying any rent and are not even using the money for food — they panhandle for that — but use it for alcohol and drugs.

As the newspaper points out, the police seize more narcotics on the first and the 15th of each month when the welfare checks are issued, and San Francisco General Hospital emergency room workers say they see more heroin overdoses on the same days.

The city spends \$104 million per year on services for the homeless. But wait a second. If you are homeless, how does the city send you a check twice a month?

In other cities, this might be a problem. But not in San Francisco.

Here, the city sends your check to one of the many check-cashing shops that dot the poorer areas, where the checks can be cashed for about a 3 percent fee. (And where the homeless line up at dawn to get their money.)

Some in the city want to reduce the direct payments to the homeless and use the money to guarantee them affordable housing and other social services.

But some homeless advocates are dead set against this.

You need money to buy food, toothpaste, soap, transportation, a cell phone, said Sister Bernie Galvin, a Catholic nun who heads the Religious Witness with Homeless People.

A cell phone? Did she say tax-

payers should give hundreds of dollars each month to homeless people so they can have cell phones?

Yes!

We hired someone three weeks ago who was living in a shelter, Galvin said. We could not have reached him to offer him the job if he didn't have a cell phone.

What kind of calling plan homeless people deserve has not been specified. Free weekend minutes? Free long distance? No roaming?

San Francisco is an area that prides itself on tolerance and liberalism, and that accounts for much of the power the homeless have.

Some taxpayers, who, in order to get in and out of their homes and businesses, have to step over the homeless each day, are afraid to complain for fear of being branded intolerant and — worst of all in this town — elitist.

Just how powerful are the homeless?

More than 35 proposals to help solve the homeless problem were introduced by members of the Board of Supervisors in San Francisco this year. Hardly any have been brought to a vote.

Why?

Because the homeless and their advocates don't want the money spigot turned off.

And who can blame them?

You'd have to be nuts to turn down a free cell phone.

To find out more about Roger Simon, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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Hillary in 2008: Back to the Whitehouse

Say it ain't so, Joe. I thought I'd heard every single argument for and against Hillary running for president in 2008. I'm literally writing a book on it.

There are, of course, many arguments for: like competence, experience, ability, that sort of thing, not to mention changing the world for women and girls. The fact is that when 2008 rolls around, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton will be a second term senator, a centrist, a respected member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the best fund-raiser in the party, as disciplined, hardworking and determined as any new member anyone can remember; her office is widely regarded as one of the very best in the Senate; she inspires loyalty in those who work for her, and is literally loved by the base of the Democratic Party. She is leading in every poll that has been taken among likely Democratic voters since election night by a margin of two to one to be the Democratic nominee.

Well, that's for starters. According to a Fox News Poll taken last December, 59 percent of all Americans already consider her qualified to be president.

I have worked for certain Democratic nominees who never got to that point.

So I was glad to see that when Time's most famous Clinton watcher, Joe Klein, aka Anonymous of "Primary Colors" fame, one of the people who wrote most favorably about her husband in 1992, weighed in on Hillary 2008, he emphasized his many positive strengths before tanking her.

He said that he "like(s) her," and that she is "smart and solid," and

that she "easily masters difficult issues — her newfound grasp of military matters has impressed colleagues of both parties on the Armed Services Committee." And he doesn't fall for some of the traditional arguments of Hillary Haters: He recognizes that she is not a hardcore liberal, "she is not even vaguely the left-wing harri-dan portrayed by the Precambrian right," but rather a "judicious hawk on foreign policy," who "has learned her lessons on domestic policy overreach." He even quotes no less an unlikely admirer than Newt Gingrich as saying that "Hillary has become one of the very few people who know what to do about health care."

So what's wrong? First, Hillary shouldn't run because it will bring out the haters. As if not bringing them out means that they don't exist, or as if giving in to them gives them less power. That's a really weak one. Hopefully, the right will stand up to its own haters. If they don't, the country will. Speaking in crass political terms, the haters help Hillary, they don't hurt her.

Second, Hillary shouldn't run because she's not a "brilliant" enough politician to create a "credible feminine presidential style, to deal with the 'toughness conundrum' any woman running for president will face. So far, Sen. Clinton hasn't shown the ease or creativity necessary to break the ultimate glass ceiling." So says Joe.

Actually, Hillary is in far better shape to deal with this "conundrum" than Joe gives her credit for — this is where all that respect for her Armed Services work, her deft handling of issues, her strong, even frosty demeanor, helps her seem "tough." While women candidates generally face a gap of as much as 10 points on leadership and decisiveness, the latest polls show Hillary scoring particularly strongly among New York voters

on those measures.

Third, Hillary shouldn't run because her husband gets his picture in the tabloids. That one is hardly original. Good behavior is eating swordfish with a blonde. As if she can control that. But the larger point is this: Every academic study of the 2000 election has come to the same conclusion, which is that Gore's critical mistake, which cost him on the order of 3 points, was his decision to disassociate himself from the Clinton administration, swordfish, tabloids, blondes and all. Far from handicapping him, it was the ticket he gave up. Far from not wanting to go back there, it was his refusal to go back there that made W. president.

Fourth, and this was the new one: Hillary shouldn't run because it's "dodgy." "Dodgy," I said, what could that mean? It means that she's trying to dodge the Constitution. Come again, you might be saying ... That's right. She's not really running for president. Get it? He is. It's a "slouch toward monarchical democracy." George W. Bush can succeed, separated by two terms, George H.W. Bush, but that's OK. But enough already when it comes time for the first woman to enter the race as a front-runner, the first woman to be qualified in her own right, the first woman to stand a real chance of being elected president.

In one sentence, he's leading a separate life with another blonde. In the next, he's running the show. Do you know why we need a woman president? Do you think there is enough sexism out there? Enough already, Joe.

To find out more about Susan Estrich, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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The First Church of the Nazarene

The new choir under the direction of Rev. Dana Brodwin, active pastor of the Nazarene in the morning worship services. Choir 1 are Sunday at 5.

A Single Sunday School studying "The Bible in One Year" taught by the Rev. Robertson. A ladies interest group is also invited to a deeper study of the Bible.

The Prime Church of the Nazarene, the oldest and largest, will hold a finger food social following service Sunday.

June begins schedule with worship service June 5 and the evening service June 1.

Ministries Nighning at 6:30 p.m. hour of Bible lowship and education.

Sunday school, through senior

For more info contact the church at 267-7015. The located at Lancaster.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

East Fourth Baptist Church Fourth invites Spring communion Sunday service school starts at for all age group morning worship begins at 11 a.m.

The Messenger performing during morning worship. A Youth Discipleship class, Ambassadors, Action, Mission and Mission B offered for children ages Sunday 4:45. Choir begins Sunday and the evening service begins.

Wednesday, a invited to worship. Beth Moore Bible Study from 8 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Optimist Club

Effie Shults received Outstanding Member of the North Optimist District. She is a member of the Big Spring Optimist Club received her award club president Geortz. She serves secretary/treasurer the local club active in community youth fund-raising.



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Church News

The First Church of the Nazarene

The new choir ministry, under the direction of the Rev. Dana Brown, executive pastor of the church, ministers in each of the morning worship services. Choir rehearsals are Sunday at 5 p.m.

A Single Women's Sunday School Class studying "Through The Bible In One Year," is taught by the Rev. Lynn Robertson. All single ladies interested in a deeper study of the Bible are invited to attend.

The Prime Timers of First Church of the Nazarene, those age 55 and older, will be meeting for a finger food fellowship following the 6 p.m. service Sunday.

June begins a new schedule with morning worship service at 10 a.m. June 5 and the Sunday evening service at 6 p.m. June 1 is Family Ministries Night, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with an hour of Bible study fellowship and Christian education, formerly Sunday school, for ages 2 through senior adults.

For more information, contact the church office at 267-7015. The church is located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

East Fourth Street Baptist Church at 401 E. Fourth invites the Big Spring community to Sunday services. Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. for all age groups and the morning worship service begins at 11 a.m.

The Messengers will be performing during the morning worship service. A Youth Discipleship class, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends and Mission Babies are offered for children of all ages Sunday nights at 4:45. Choir practice begins Sunday night at 5, and the evening worship service begins at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, adults are invited to worship in the Beth Moore Women's Bible Study or Men's Bible Study from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. and teen-

agers are invited to worship with the youth group at the same time. Call 267-2291 for more information.

YoungLife sets fund-raiser

YoungLife, a non-profit Christian organization for high school students, concludes the year's Club starting at 7:59 p.m. Monday with a hotdog cookout. Club meets in the YoungLife building, 12th and Owens streets.

June 3-4, the teen-agers have a detailed car wash fund-raiser scheduled. Appointments are being accepted by calling leader, Shelly at 264-1234 or volunteer, Marsha at 816-3082. The funds will be used for costs to YoungLife camp in Colorado July 2-10.

Mike Loftis, a sophomore at Big Spring High School, is raising funds to cover expenses and airfare for his month-long volunteer worker position at YoungLife camp in Asheville, N.C. To assist with these expenses, contact him at 816-3659 or call Shelly or Marsha.

For more information or to contribute to YoungLife, call 264-1234.

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church welcomes all those who are looking for a place to worship. Calvary Baptist Church is located at 1200 W. Fourth Street. Preaching services are at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and Wednesday Bible study is at 5 p.m.

Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone Church, an Every Nation Ministries church, formerly Star International, invites children in kindergarten through fourth grade to Sunday children's activities.

Sunday, the children's ministry continues a study of the Sermon on the Mount. The New Youth, for grades five and six, will study the Ten Commandments at 7 p.m.

Cornerstone, located at the corner of 12th and Owens streets, offers a family atmosphere of praise and worship. Morning worship begins at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday worship is at 7 p.m. Childcare is available for newborns through preschool. Call Pastor Craig or Cherise Felty at 263-3072 with any questions.

Life Church

Life Church at 600 E. FM 700 is hosting the Rev. Brian Holmes at 7 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday. He will be in both Sunday services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and child care is provided.

He has a passion to equip and empower pastors, leaders and laymen for their complete purpose and destiny. He is trained and certified as a church consultant and specializes in leadership development and spiritual development of churches and ministries. Call 263-7714 for more information.

First United Methodist Church

Pentecost Sunday the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring's sermon is titled "The Third Form of God." The scripture text is Acts 2:1-21, 37-39. Sunday school teachers and leaders will be recognized. Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearses at 2 p.m., and Parents Night Out is at 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the youth hall, celebrating a breakfast theme. The Youth will meet for a combined meeting at 6 p.m.

Meetings during the week include the worship committee at 1:30 p.m. Sunday and the Family and Parish Life Committee at 5:30 p.m. Monday. Noon Bible study is Wednesday with lunch provided. Also Wednesday, the Senior High Youth have a Bible study at 6 p.m., and the Hispanic Bible study is at 6 p.m. Handbells rehearse at 7 p.m. and the Centered in Praise ensemble rehearses at 8 p.m.

Special Prayer Times are at noon Thursday and at 7 p.m. Friday in the chapel. The church is asking for help with financing the Hispanic ministry, headed by Agustin Ypina. Contact the pastor for more information.

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

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Greetings in the name of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Anyone looking for a church home is encouraged to visit Birdwell Lane Baptist Church at 1512 Birdwell Lane.

The men are having a father-son campout at Lake Thomas today and Saturday. Junior and senior youth are planning youth camp retreats for the first two weeks of June.

Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For information on services or activities, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from John 7:37-39 at worship service Sunday. Service is 11 a.m., Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 starts at 10:35 a.m.

Opportunities for the week include Sunday, usher and greeter training at 2 p.m.; Monday, Encouragers meet and Session meets at 6 p.m.; Wednesday, men's breakfast at 7 a.m., Bible study

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East Side Baptist Church, located on the corner of E. Sixth and Settles, presents a concert featuring "Glory Bound," a gospel quartet from Oklahoma City May 22. Regular services Sunday are 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Nursery is provided for 4 year olds and younger.

at 5:17 p.m. followed by choir practice at 6 p.m.

Plans are still being made for a church-wide trip to Fort Davis. Contract the church office to sign up. First Presbyterian Church is located on Rannels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Inquirers' Class is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Parish Hall. For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 S. Goliad, call 267-8201 or

visit the Web site at www.stmarysbst.org.

First Baptist Church

Sunday, First Baptist Church invites everyone to worship the risen Christ with church members at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday school and 10:50 a.m. for morning worship. The Rev. Dennis Teeters has been preaching a series of messages on attitudes. This Sunday, he shares the message, "An Attitude of Hunger and Thirst: How Dry I Am."

At 6 p.m., the music ministry of the church will present the second in a series of mini-concerts featuring a trio made up of Carol Hanes and Glenn and Casie Fillingim and

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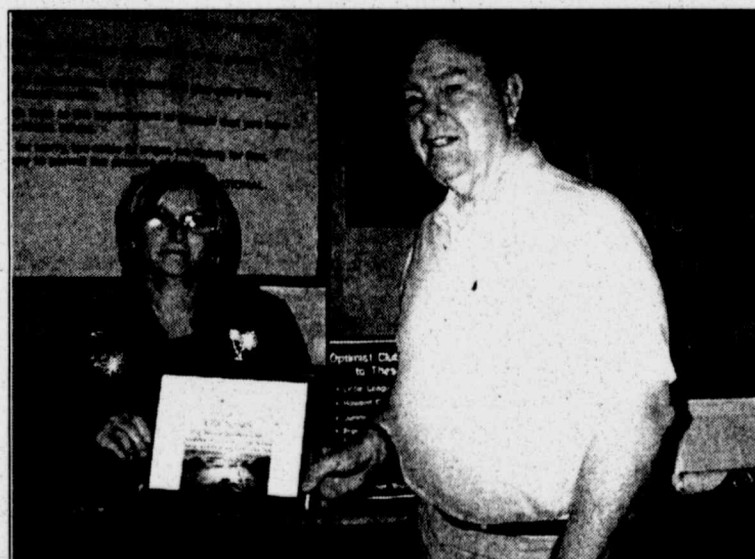
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Optimist Club

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Club News

Big Spring-Howard
County Retired
Teachers Association

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

The Big Spring High School speech team will present a program. Members are reminded it is time to pay dues for the next year.

All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

TOPS No. TX 21

Fourteen members of Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. TX 21 met Monday at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third with leader, Hugueta Roberts presiding.

Olnee Menges voiced the opening prayer.

Wanda Lee gave a reading, "True Joy," and Alex Sechelski read, "A Date with the Other Woman (mother)."

Minutes of last week's meeting was read by Joyce Chelette and Genay Bertran called roll. Members answered with their loss or gain for the week.

Of the nine TOPS present, Carol Smith was the best loser and of the five KOPS who were there, Alex and Cherry Sechelski tied for the best loser. All three received the best loser award and a certificate.

In lieu of a program, Cherry Sechelski gave a humorous speech which was received with great enthusiasm.

For more information concerning TOPS call 263-0391 or 263-1758 or 1-800-392-8677

Church News

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the pastor will share God's word. Everyone is invited.

For more information concerning the church and its activities, call 267-8223.

New Covenant Christian
Worship Center

Opening in June, New Covenant Christian Worship Center has an exciting experience planned. Pastor Michael and First Lady Bella Willard and staff personally welcome everyone to any of the worship services offered at New Covenant.

Changing discouragement into uplifting faith, and stoking personal fires to a blaze is just part of the planned events.

Starting at 6 p.m. June 1 is the mid-week Bible study and at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. June 5 is worship service. New Covenant meets at the Event Center, 1607 E. Third Street. Call 816-1584 for more information.

Church and Club
news policies

The Big Spring Herald welcomes church and club news due by noon Wednesday for Friday publication. Submissions should not be written in the first person and must contain a telephone number and location of the church or club meetings. Call 263-7331.

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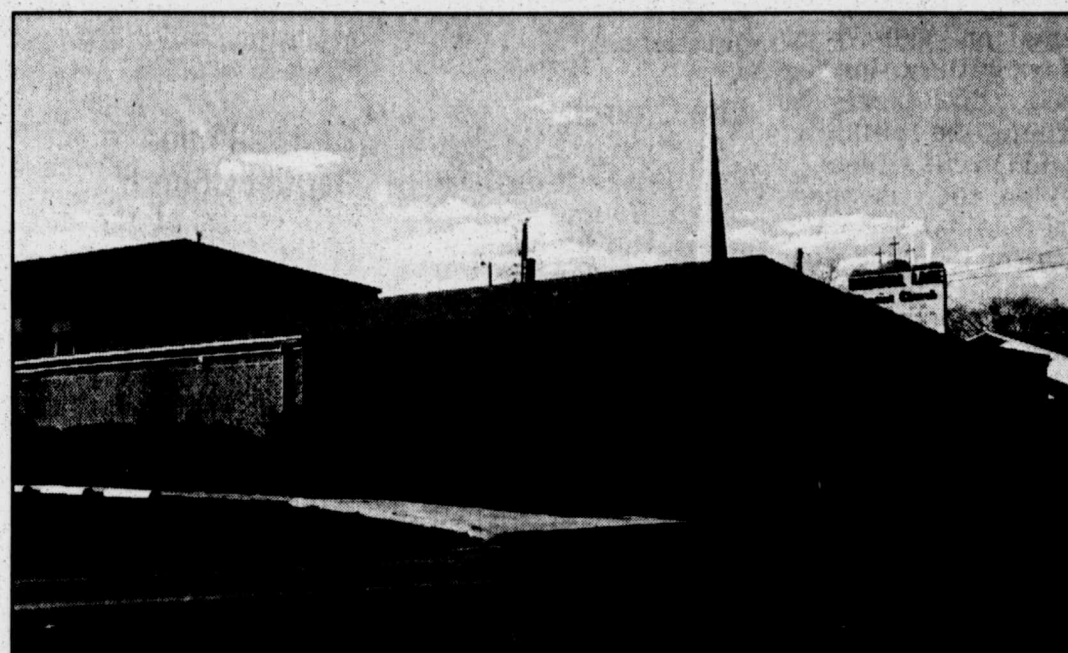
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IN BRIEF

Big Spring Country Club announces couples tournament

The Big Spring Country Club will host a two-day couples tournament on Saturday and Sunday.

The tournament cost \$130 per team, but carts are welcome.

A practice round will take place Monday while registration begins at 11:30 a.m. May 14 and starts at 1 p.m. May 15. For more information, call 267-5381.

BSISD has set chance to get athletic physical

The BSISD department is offering the opportunity for an athletic physical for anyone in grades through 11 (7-11 years).

The physical can be obtained through your athletic training online at bsisd.esc18.net under schools, athletics and forms.

Physicals will be given at the Auditorium on Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m. for seventh graders, 10:15 a.m. for sixth graders, 11 a.m. for eighth graders, 11:15 a.m. for ninth graders, 12:15 p.m. for tenth graders, and 1:15 p.m. for eleventh graders. Physicals end promptly at 4 p.m. for all.

Coahoma announces all-sports banquet

Coahoma announced that its annual all-sports banquet will take place Tuesday, May 17, at the school cafeteria.

Tickets for the banquet are \$5 for students and \$10 for parents and they can be purchased that night.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Coahoma High School Office at 394-4531.

Also, the Coahoma Athletic Boosters would like to announce a meeting to members for next week.

The meeting will take place Wednesday, May 18 at 8 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

Chicano Golf Association sets monthly tournament

The Chicano Golf Association has announced its monthly tournament for Sunday.

The tournament will be a 12-player stroke play contest and will start at 8 a.m. Registration for the event will take place before 9 a.m. on the day of the tournament.

For more information, contact Mendoza at 267-7331.

Big Spring

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring Country Club announces couples tournament

The Big Spring Country Club has set up a two-day two-person couples scramble for Saturday and Sunday.

The tournament will cost \$130 per team plus cart fee, but private carts are welcome.

A practice round will take place May 13, while registration begins at 11:30 a.m. May 14 and a shotgun start begins at 1 p.m.

For more information, call 267-5354.

BSISD has set up chance to get athletic physicals

The BSISD athletic department is offering the opportunity to get an athletic physical for anyone in grades six through 11 (7-12 next year).

The physical form can be obtained through your coach, athletic trainer or online at bsisd.esc18.net (look under schools, BSHS, athletics and athletic forms).

Physicals will be given at the BSHS Auditorium Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m. for seventh graders (current sixth graders), 10:15 a.m. for ninth graders (current eighth graders) and 10:30 a.m. for current high school students through 11th grade. Physicals will end promptly at 11:30 a.m. for all.

Coahoma announces all-sports banquet

Coahoma has announced that its all-sports banquet will take place Tuesday, May 17, at the high school cafeteria.

Tickets for non-athletes and parents are \$7 and they can be purchased that night.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Coahoma High School Office at 394-4536.

Also, the Coahoma Athletic Booster Club would like to announce a meeting to elect members for next year.

The meeting will take place Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

Chicano Golf Association sets up monthly tournament

The Chicano Golf Association has set its monthly tournament for Sunday.

The tournament will be a 12-player low-ball contest and it will have a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Registration for the event must take place before 9:45 a.m. on the day of the tournament.

For more information, contact Willie Mendoza at 267-7977.

Coahoma does 'what it takes,' wins Game 1



Coahoma junior Cody Griffith rounds third base on his way to homeplate during the Bulldogs' Game 1 win over Junction in the Class 2A baseball Area Championship at Foster Field in San Angelo Thursday. Coahoma won 3-1 and Griffith scored two runs. The best-of-three series continues Saturday at noon at San Angelo Central.

Bulldogs now in driver's seat for best-of-three series

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Bulldogs of Coahoma weren't perfect Thursday night in Game 1 of their best-of-three series, but they did what they had to do to win as Coahoma (11-12) took the opener at Foster Field in San Angelo, 3-1, behind a two-hitter from Bulldog ace Lance Roberts.

"We didn't score a lot of runs, but it was enough to win," said Coahoma coach Brad Harmon.

The second game of the series is scheduled for Saturday at noon at San Angelo Central with Game 3 taking place 30 minutes later if needed.

Coahoma's hope coming into the series was to make Junction work on defense and force them to make a mistake.

Well, the Bulldogs' first run occurred just that way.

With one out, junior Cody Griffith reached base on a single and then was able to get all the way around a base after a single by Roberts. The ball hit by Roberts went underneath the glove of the Junction left fielder, which then allowed Griffith to circle the bases.

"We wanted to make them work on defense and for the most part Junction did a nice job," said Harmon. "We put the ball in play, but they also made some plays. You have to give them credit. They put some pressure on us."

Coahoma added another run in the second inning to go up 2-0. Junior Tad White doubled in the inning and then eventually scored on Blaine Kerby's RBI single.

Neither team found a way to score in the next three innings. Coahoma never even threatened to score, but Roberts was able to get out of a third inning jam which left two Junction runners on base.

Roberts walked the second batter of the inning and then the batter took second later on a Roberts balk. After a stolen base by Junction, Coahoma senior third baseman

Gene Corse recorded an out at home on a fielder's choice ground ball. Junction got another man on base after an error by Coahoma, but Roberts ended the threat with a strikeout.

"He found a way to get outs despite maybe not having his best stuff," said Harmon. "He was able to get a strikeout or a ground out at the right times."

Roberts pitched all seven innings and gave up one earned run on two hits, while striking out eight and walking six. He struck out two batters in each of the fifth and seventh innings.

The one run scored by Junction came in the sixth inning.

The Eagles got on base in the inning with a double. An attempt to steal third base then resulted in an overthrow by Coahoma, which then allowed the Junction runner to jog in for the score.

Coahoma answered and added an insurance run in its half of the sixth inning, though.

Griffith got another single and then scored his second run of the game off an RBI single by senior Orrin Mansfield. Griffith led the Bulldogs on the day with two singles and two runs.

Coahoma got just six hits in the game. The other four hits came from White (double), Mansfield (RBI single), Kerby (RBI single) and Roberts.

Harmon is not worried about the lack of offense in Game 1, but did say the team has to change its approach a bit.

"We have to be more selective early in the counts," he said. "We chased too many pitches and helped them out some. I think we just need to look for pitches on good hitting counts."

Coahoma got the win against Junction's ace Weston Neimann, which could be considered a big advantage come Saturday.

"It's an advantage to get a win against their No. 1 starter, but their other guys could shut us down just as easy as he did," said Harmon. "We now don't have the pressure on us to win two straight, but we still have to play and win one."

Brown named WJCAC's best

Special to the Herald

The Western Junior College Athletic Conference coaches voted Howard College's Darby Brown as the league's most valuable player Thursday.

Brown, a freshman from Lubbock, was also nominated for first team all-America and the Dick Howard Award, which is given to the national



player of the year.

Brown was named the team MVP May 2 as well as receiving the Academic Excellence Award for his 4.0 grade point average. He will also represent Howard

College in the Northwoods Baseball League this summer as a member of the Alexandria Beetles in Alexandria, Minn.

The Hawk freshman was first in the WJCAC in average (.508), home runs (17), RBIs (87), hits (97) and doubles (27) and was second behind teammate Tanner Mattson in runs with 73.

Austene takes over as new softball coach for HC Hawks

Special to the Herald

Howard College officials have announced the hiring of coach Kelly Austene to head up the Hawk women's softball program. Austene replaces interim coach Cheryl Dickens, who took over the coaching duties at mid-term following the resignation of head coach Derek Clapp.

Austene comes to Howard from NAIA Lindenwood University in Saint Charles, Mo., where she served as the head women's softball coach of the Lady Lions for two seasons. She turned the failing program around in two short years going from a 19-32 overall record to a 32-19 season narrowly missing the regional tournament.

The Hallsville, Mo., native began her college softball career in 1996 where she pitched for Pensacola Junior College in Pensacola, Fla., earn-



AUSTENE

ing her Associate of Arts degree in 1997. She then continued her college career playing two years for the Lindenwood University Lions. She received several honors, including being named to the all-Tournament and all-Region team as well as earning NAIA all-American recognition for two consecutive years in 1998 and 1999. She also received the prestigious award of Louisville Slugger/NFCA all-American in 1998 and 1999.

Austene received her Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education, in December of 1999. She majored in sports management and minored in business

administration.

Austene is no stranger to the WJCAC level of competition having served as an assistant coach at Midland College from 2001-2003. While at Midland, she helped guide the Lady Chaps to one conference championship, two region championships and two appearances at the National Tournament in Clermont, Fla., finishing 4th and 7th respectively.

Howard College Athletic Director Mark Adams describes Austene as an effective teacher/coach of the game.

"She is a high energy individual and is well respected by her colleagues throughout the coaching profession," said Adams. "Howard College is very fortunate to have Kelly lead our women's program."

Austene will begin her duties immediately.



Courtesy photo

From left: Coahoma Assistant Principal John Massey, Coahoma senior Krystal Herrera and Coahoma Athletic Director Kim Nichols poses as Herrera signs a letter of intent to Howard College. Herrera earned a scholarship for athletic training at the junior college in Big Spring. She was a manager/trainer for Coahoma boy's athletics for four years.

Big Spring Playoff Softball

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No. 3 Big Spring (25-2) vs. Pampa (26-9)

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Coahoma Playoff Softball

Class 2A Regional Quarterfinal

No. 6 Coahoma (19-9) vs. Hawley

Best-of-three series

tonight: @ Snyder
Game 1: 5 p.m.

Game 2: 30 minutes after Game 1

Saturday: @Hardin Simmons University in Abilene
Game 3: 1 p.m. (if necessary)

Coahoma Playoff Baseball

Class 2A Area Championship

Coahoma vs. Junction

Best-of-three series

Game 1 score: Coahoma 3, Junction 1 (Bulldogs lead series 1-0)

Saturday @ Nathan Donsky Field (Central) in San Angelo

Game 2: noon

Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2 (if necessary)

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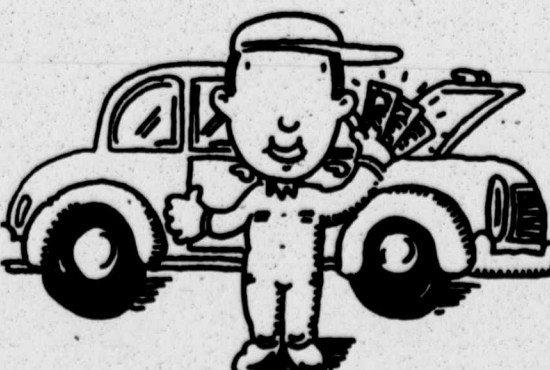
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

It's difficult to be spooky, even for Friday the 13th, when the moon is void. Spookiness relies on the anticipation of the unknown. For most of the day, a lowered and frustrated expectation of what's to happen overrides the idea that we might actually be surprised. Although it seems there's nothing new under the sun, just wait until tonight!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some of your friends are already doing well where you long to succeed. It's not a contest! There's still plenty of time to get the results you want. Chart out a plan that includes a timeline and a desired end result.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're successful because you put people first, no matter what comes up. For instance, it helps to know how to run the computer programs or gadgets at work, but interpersonal skills are the most important.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Creatively you are on fire. Imagination furthers your business, but only if you are ready to get real about the financial end of things. Zero in on the hard facts. Tonight, your vulnerability is attractive.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). State your written affirmations in the mir-

ror. What? You haven't written down your No. 1 desire? Do it now! If it's not on paper, your chance of making it happen is significantly decreased almost down to zero.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Planets are on your side as you try to achieve greater spiritual balance. Less ego involvement makes it easier to see what you really want. Model the behavior you'd like to see from others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Communication issues arise. Consider that it might be you (even though it's clearly not). This allows you to at least handle what you do have control over — your reaction to the problem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). History repeating is the theme, but it doesn't have to be. Someone from your past shows up, and you have no intention of making the same mistake twice. Pat yourself on the back for the maturity you've developed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Be ready to ride the wave of fabulous fortune when it comes. (Good things take time. Great things happen all at once.) Tonight, attend a social function with a smile on your face and a radar for romance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What's "normal" for your life is about to change, either because you fall in love or because you become immersed in an intense project. The total immersion makes you feel completely alive; every sense is heightened.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Barriers to for-

ward movement are finally eliminated. Now what? There are wise people around, so be sure you are really listening (instead of waiting for the next opportunity to restate your case).

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Let nothing hamper your independent spirit. Ask yourself whether the tapes playing in your head are self-imposed thoughts or thoughts that others have planted in your mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are the voice of experience. Loved ones are learning, so be patient — there will be errors you can't help. Luckily, you would rather get along than prove your point, which is a credit to your character.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: Venus is rooting for us to be fulfilled, not flummoxed, by love. **ARIES:** Choose activities that will give you and a loved one time to talk and laugh. **TAURUS:** Pay attention. It's an easy thing to do, but personal agendas sometimes take over instead. **GEMINI:** Develop a love ritual you can repeat often to solidify a relationship.

CANCER: Your heart may quiver with conflicting emotions, but you know what's right. **LEO:** Shared morality gives beauty and dignity to your love relationship. **VIRGO:** You'll be busy, but show a sweetie you care in beautiful little ways — a 10-minute phone call does wonders. **LIBRA:** Compliments break the ice, and you've got an unforgettable way of stat-

ing them. **SCORPIO:** Incite romance by taking in a sunset, wearing new clothes and whispering sweet nothings. **SAGITTARIUS:** You have the most confidence when you know you're breaking the rules! It's all fair in love. **CAPRICORN:** New love is found in an intellectual setting. **AQUARIUS:** It's difficult to respect a loved one's viewpoint that is so far off from your own, but at least affirm his or her right to have it! **PISCES:** It's a feel good weekend. Don't even talk about the future.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Pisces and Capricorn are signs whose powers are quite complimentary. Think: Mr. Incredible and Elastigirl of "The Incredibles." Pisces is fluid and accommodating, spiritually generous and focused on healing. Capricorn is responsible and ambitious in every sense. As a couple, they help one another get results without losing the purpose. This weekend is ideal for making a commitment.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Twenty years ago, my 16-year-old son left my home in North Dakota to live with his mother in Arizona. He was tired of my drinking and the poor living conditions we had. Not long after he left, I went into alcohol treatment and started a long affiliation with AA. I now have nearly 20 years of sobriety.

For a number of years, I was able to keep track of where my son lived, but have not been able to find him for quite some time, although I've tried everything I can think of to locate him. I found an e-mail address for my daughter, who lived with her mother after the divorce. She probably does not remember me, and if she is getting my messages, she has not replied.

I still love both of my children and would like to make amends to them and have some kind of communication. I'd like to know if they are married, if I have grandchildren, if they are happy.

I know you're not a missing person's bureau, but maybe you could suggest some way to get in touch with them. — Forlorn Father

Dear Father: Even if you find an address, it won't help unless your children choose to communicate with you. You're going to have to do this the hard way.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Contact your ex-wife or your ex-in-laws. Explain to them what you told us, and ask for their help in re-establishing contact with your children. If you are looking only to love your children and get to know them again, it would be in everyone's best interest to facilitate a meeting. Good luck.

Dear Annie: My husband and I studied hard in school, found terrific jobs and make a very good living. In addition, we live below our means and have no debt. We're not interested in expensive baubles, gadgets, vacations, cars or things we don't need. We save most of our earnings, and we don't advertise our situation.

The problem is with a dear friend who is the complete opposite — spend, spend, spend. "Irene" and her family squeak by on one modest income, and she has told me, often, about the stress their financial difficulties cause in their marriage.

Irene insists on sending me very expensive gifts. I accept them graciously but have repeatedly told her such generosity is not necessary. A card, letter or something modest would be appreciated just as much. I know she can't afford these things and is buying them on credit. These gifts are only going to cause more stress for her family.

I value Irene's compan-

ionship, and she certainly doesn't need to buy my friendship. How can I make it clear, without hurting her feelings, that I don't want her to spend money on me? — No Name, No State

Dear No Name: The gift-giving is not for you. It's for Irene. For whatever reason, it gives her satisfaction. Unfortunately, you cannot tell Irene how to spend her money. She may be less extravagant if you stop reacting. So, say "thank you," and no more, and then use the item or give it to charity.

Dear Annie: My teenager recently attended a week-long, out-of-town sports camp and told me that, while there, two kids (whose parents I know) used marijuana. I'm not sure what, if anything, to do with this information. I also don't want my child to think I betrayed a confidence. Any suggestions? — Wondering Mom

Dear Mom: If you are friendly with the parents, you might casually start a discussion on the subject, saying you heard there was pot-smoking at the sports camp. This gives you an opportunity to caution that not all parents know what their teenagers are doing, and you're going to keep an eye on yours and trust they will do the same. How they choose to deal with it after that is up to them. (Kudos, Mom, on having teenagers who confide in you.)

Dear Annie: Our soon-to-be 18-year-old daughter has turned into a person we don't recognize anymore.

Last year, "Jenna" started skipping school, lying, sneaking out at night and smoking pot. Her grades suffered, but she seemed to realize her mistake, and at the beginning of her senior year, she got all A's and was respecting the house rules. A couple of months ago, that totally changed. Now Jenna may not

graduate and is only getting by through my constant efforts. She is stoned every day and hangs out with kids she would have had nothing to do with four months ago. Jenna and I always were able to talk things out, but now she calls me foul names and yells at me every time I try to talk to her. We tried grounding her and taking away privileges, but it made no difference. We tried easing up and letting her take the consequences of her behavior, and that didn't work, either.

We are a solid family, and her older brother has tried to help, but she has turned on him, too. She refuses counseling, saying she's not the one with the problem, she's just a normal teenager. She insists she can take care of herself, but she is totally irresponsible. When she turns 18, we are thinking of kicking her out and letting her see what it's like to be on her own. However, we're afraid that will further alienate her and she'll only become more dependent on the lowlifes she hangs out with now. We are heartbroken and — At Wits' End

Dear At Wits' End: Your daughter is doing drugs, which means her best friends are those who get high with her and stock her supply. This, in turn, influences her behavior, her grades, her attentiveness and her lack of respect. If you turn your back on her, there is a likelihood that she will sink much further before she comes back up for air — if she ever does. That should be your last resort.

There are organizations that deal with families in your situation. Please contact: B.I.L.Y. (becauseyou.org), P.O. Box 2062, Winnetka, CA 91396-2062; and Families Anonymous (familiesanonymous.org) at 1-800-736-9805.

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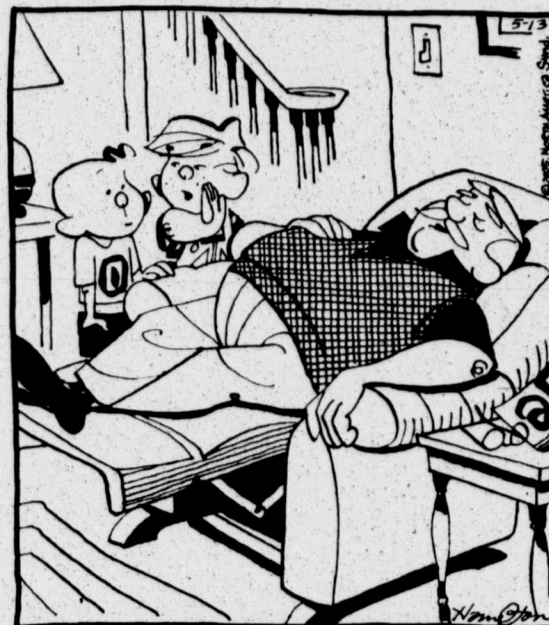
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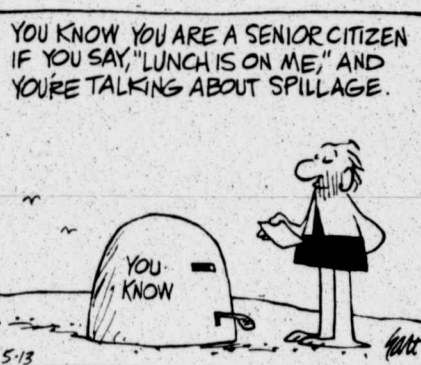
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11	Ent. Tonight	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Movie: Mas Alla del Limite	Becker (CC)	Letterman	Telemundo	Late Night: Conan O'Brien	Dodgers (CC)	CCM Ministries	Sign Off	American	the 13th	Star Trek: Next	Movie: Dracula	Midnight Love	Mr. Whiskers	Kickboxing	SportsCenter	Stargate Atlantis (CC)
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca.

In 1607, the English colony at Jamestown, Va., was settled.

In 1842, composer Sir Arthur Sullivan, who collaborated with Sir William Gilbert in writing 14 comic operas, was born in London.

In 1846, the United States declared that a state of war already existed against Mexico.

In 1917, three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary.

In 1918, the first U.S.

airmail stamps, featuring a picture of an airplane, were introduced. On some of the stamps, the airplane was printed upside-down, making them collector's items.

In 1940, in his first speech as prime minister of Britain, Winston Churchill told the House of Commons, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

In 1954, President Eisenhower signed into law the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Act.

In 1954, the musical play "The Pajama Game" opened on Broadway.

In 1958, Vice President Nixon's limousine was battered by rocks thrown by anti-U.S. demonstrators in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1985, a confrontation between Philadelphia authorities and the radical group MOVE ended as police dropped an explosive onto the group's headquarters; 11 people died in the resulting fire.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Beatrice Arthur is 83. Critic Clive Barnes is 78. Actor Buck Taylor is 67. Actor Harvey Keitel is 66. Author Charles Baxter is 58. Actor Franklin Ajaye is 56. Singer Stevie Wonder is 55. Actress Julianne Phillips is 45. Basketball player Dennis Rodman is 44. Actor Tom Verica is 41. Country singer Lari White is 40. Singer Darius Rucker (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 39. Actress Susan Floyd is 37. Actress Samantha Morton is 28. Rock musician Mickey Madden (Maroon 5) is 26.

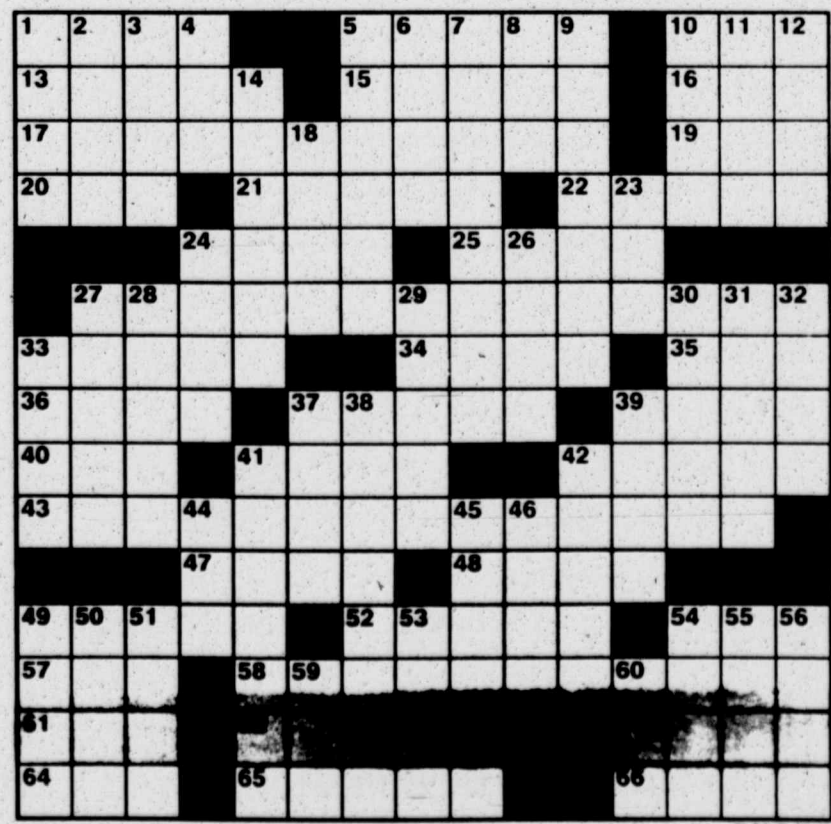
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Newsday Crossword

NO-SHOW BUSINESS by Patrick Jordan
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Truism
5 Swamps, or becomes swamped
10 Sharp turn
13 Pungent
15 Minotaur's island
16 The self, to Freud
17 Start of a Milton Berle quip
19 Theater-ticket datum
20 Partner of improved
21 Female fox
22 Treat for Chip or Dale
24 Leslie Caron musical
25 Swearer's words?
27 Part 2 of quip
33 Squeaky door part
34 Vitamin-bottle stats.
35 Quid pro
36 Outer limit
37 Basketball strategy
39 Malarkey
40 Confederate commander
41 Membership fee
42 Barnyard butters
43 Part 3 of quip
47 Far from interesting
48 Inning's sextet
49 Pioneer building material
52 Pleasure seekers
54 Remark from Sandy
57 Quick blow
- DOWN**
- 1 Be servile
2 Sustained pain
3 Regatta team
4 Can material
5 1,164, in old Rome
6 Dies
7 Singin' in the Rain star
8 Summer on the Seine
9 Calms down
10 Cipher
11 Composer
12 Graduation Day rental
14 Put apart
18 Heap
23 Greek letter
24 Winter Olympics vehicle
26 Lament for Yorick
27 Entertainment rental
28 A Deadly Sin
29 "my case!"
30 Hunker down
31 Family members
32 Stir-fry vessels
33 Dean Martin role
37 Mountain lion
38 Put another way
39 Feathered neckpieces
41 Removes
42 Hints about
44 Recede
45 Southern pronoun
46 Birdseed binder
49 Not quite shut
50 Computer input
51 Do one's bidding
53 Top draft ranking
54 Ladd of films
55 Was a passenger on
56 Complimentary
59 Something to doff
60 Perturb



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Golf Insider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Go ahead: Swing hard

By T.J. TOMASI
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The cornerstones of good golf surely include solid putting, a precise short game and accuracy with the full swing, but in my experience, the central concern for the majority of golfers is distance. They just don't hit the ball far enough. And sometimes the solution is simple: Swing harder.

This especially applies to women and senior golfers who, fearing the consequences of an off-line shot, have learned that swinging easy minimizes error. Granted, the powder puff swing keeps the ball in play, but in the golfing equation — Good Golf = Good Distance + Good Direction — power is 50 percent of the game, and you can't play your best without it.

I want my students to hit the ball hard first and learn control later. I've seen it happen many times: Golfers who learn accuracy first, fail to become long hitters. They grip it and guide it rather than grip it and rip it. This is one reason I use a net in the early stages of learning so the student learns to free-wheel through the ball without fear of the consequences.

But how do you swing hard without overswinging? Focus on your arm speed. In an attempt to guide the ball to the target, a major power leak occurs when you fail to keep your trail arm moving through impact. This leads to a position after impact where the right arm is bent at the elbow, causing the club head to flip past the hands in a weak, slapping motion.

Instead, you should pass through the position that the player is demonstrating in photo 1 below. See the wonderful extension of her right arm — no hold back here!

However, because the club is moving so fast at this point, it is a difficult position for most golfers to monitor. Their sense of awareness is not acute enough. Fortunately, there is a position after impact I call the "pre-finish" that is easier to monitor and is evidence that the desired post-impact position has been passed through.

The pre-finish — just before the end of a balanced swing — is shown in photo 2. Notice that the golfer's right arm is still straight and now pointing toward the sky, evidence of a powerful release through impact.

Several other features of the pre-finish are worth noting: The right knee is pointing at the target, the hips are facing left of the target, and all the weight is on the left foot. This is all further proof that everything that was moving before impact has kept moving all the way to pre-finish.

Think of it like this: The trail arm is chasing the left, but it can't catch up until well after impact. If you make your front arm fly through the ball and your back arm chase it as if it were a purse snatcher, you will take a big step toward reaching your power potential, whatever that might be.



In the "pre-finish" (bottom photo), the golfer's right arm is still straight and now pointing toward the sky.



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Philippines-born Jennifer Rosales, 26, who has battled ankle and wrist injuries this year, is the defending champion, getting her first win at the Chick-fil-A last year.

World-class field for Chick-fil-A

By GLENN SHEELEY
Cox News Service

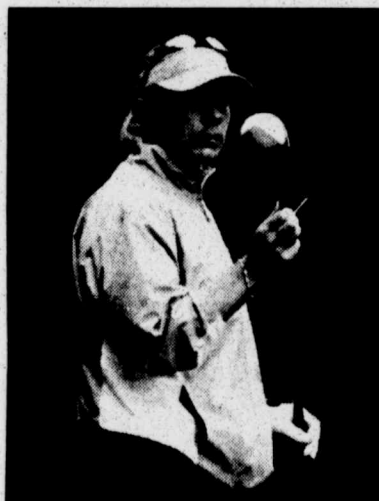
Atlanta
With its typically strong field, including the world's No. 1 player and former champion Annika Sorenstam, the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship, hosted by Nancy Lopez returns to Eagle's Landing Country Club in Stockbridge, Ga. Thursday through Sunday.

It will be the final year for Chick-fil-A as the title sponsor after serving in that capacity for 11 years, when the tournament's purse has grown to \$1.6 million.

The field includes 92 of the top 100 players from the 2004 money list and all top 10.

Philippines-born Jennifer Rosales, 26, who has battled ankle and wrist injuries this year, is the defending champion, getting her first win at the Chick-fil-A, then winning at Turtle Bay in Hawaii for her second victory in February.

"It pushed up my confidence," Rosales said of the Chick-fil-A, where she beat Atlanta's Rosie Jones and Jung Yeon Lee of Korea by a shot. "It gave me the confi-



Annika Sorenstam, who is entered in the Chick-fil-A, last week fell short of a record sixth-straight win in events in which she's played.

dence that I could play out here with the best players in the world."

Sorenstam's place in the field always brings a special level of excitement, especially with her recent chase of the LPGA's consecutive victories record. Having tied

Lopez with five straight, the Swede fell short of No. 6 in a row last weekend at the Michelob Ultra Open at Kingsmill.

"She's playing great," Lopez said.

Lopez, 48, will attempt to make the cut after last year's disappointing 77-74 performance, but faces a huge challenge because of limited play, tournament obligations and her duties as the U.S. Solheim captain in September.

"When I was named captain, I really had to put my game on the back burner," she said, "because I really want us to win and I want to be best captain I can be, and I can't do that by taking care of myself. I really have to focus on the team."

"I'm hitting the ball solid," Lopez said, "but when I don't play a lot, it's hard to score. ... After this year I might try to get back in shape, get back out here and play a little and see how that might spark me."

Lopez's last LPGA win, her 48th, came at the Chick-fil-A in 1997. She missed the cut at the Nabisco Championship in March with rounds of 77-79.

Woods targets true Grand Slam

By GLENN SHEELEY
Cox News Service

Charlotte, N.C.
The official transition came last Saturday afternoon, when headliner and favorite Tiger Woods, then 11 shots back at the Wachovia Championship, referred to "trying to get ready for a U.S. Open."

That would be at Pinehurst No. 2 in five weeks, where Woods will be the only one who can ponder it.

The Grand Slam, that is. Woods is an expert at preparing himself mentally for a new challenge, and he's doing it in advance of the U.S. Open, the second leg.

Four years ago, he all but equated the so-called "Tiger Slam" — holding all four major championships at once — to the traditional Grand Slam, which is winning all four majors in



WOODS

the same calendar year.

"Is it a Grand Slam in your eyes?" Woods was asked after winning the 2001 Masters.

"I've won four," he said, grinning.

When Woods won two majors in a row to start 2002, he said

at Bethpage after his U.S. Open victory, when asked about the Grand Slam, "I've won the slam before. I've won four major titles in a row, and no one has ever done that, not four professional majors. ... You can call it what you want."

Now, with a Masters title in his pocket — something Woods did not have in 2000 — he is officially establishing his new mountain to climb in

2005.

"No one has ever done it in our sport, at least in the modern configuration of it," Woods said this week, while failing to contend at Wachovia and tying for 11th. "To win all four in a row and to do it in the same calendar year, you have to start with the first one, and that's the hardest part."

Woods completed his frustrating week Sunday when a 69 turned into a 71 after he was given a two-stroke penalty for illegally moving a temporary structure at the 10th hole after a drive way right. Woods did not ask for relief, which would have been granted. Instead, with apparent help from some fans, he broke off a section of the fence to play his shot. His par 5 became a double-bogey 7 after a meeting between rules official Jon Brendle, who was at the scene, and PGA tournament director Mark Russell.

SCHEDULE

All Times EDT
PGA TOUR
Byron Nelson
Championship
• Site: Irving, Texas.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
• Course: TPC at Four Seasons Resort (7,016 yards, par 70) and Cottonwood Valley Course (6,847, par 70).
• Purse: \$6.2 million. Winner's share: \$1,116,000.
• Television: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

LPGA TOUR
Chick-fil-A Charity
Championship
• Site: Stockbridge, Ga.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
• Course: Eagle's Landing Country Club (6,368 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$1.6 million. Winner's share: \$240,000.
• Television: ESPN2 (Thursday-Saturday, 2-4 p.m.; Sunday, 4-6 p.m.).

CHAMPIONS TOUR
Blue Angels Classic
• Site: Milton, Fla.
• Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
• Course: The Moors Golf Club (6,832 yards, par 70).
• Purse: \$1.5 million. Winner's share: \$225,000.
• Television: The Golf Channel (Friday-Sunday, 5-7:30 p.m., 9-11:30 p.m.).

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR
Daily Telegraph
Dunlop Masters
• Site: Meriden, England.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
• Course: Marriot Forest of Arden (7,213 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$3.2 million. Winner's share: \$534,955.
• Television: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.).

NATIONWIDE TOUR
Rheem Classic
• Site: Fort Smith, Ark.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
• Course: Hardscrabble Country Club (6,783 yards, par 70).
• Purse: \$475,000. Winner's share: \$85,500.
• Television: The Golf Channel (Thursday, 1:30-4 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 1-2:30 a.m., 1:30-4 p.m.; Monday, 1-2:30 a.m.).

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2. Vijay Singh, Fiji	12.88	
3. Ernie Els, S.A.	10.81	
4. Phil Mickelson, USA	9.26	
5. Retief Goosen, S.A.	7.84	
6. Chris DiMarco, USA	5.77	
7. Adam Scott, Aus	5.62	
8. Sergio Garcia, Spn	5.59	
9. Padraig Harrington, Ire	5.31	
10. David Toms, USA	4.76	

MONEY LEADERS		
PGA TOUR		
Player	Money	
1. Vijay Singh	\$4,989,606	
2. Phil Mickelson	\$4,035,956	
3. Tiger Woods	\$3,814,290	
4. David Toms	\$2,282,443	
5. Chris DiMarco	\$2,148,278	
6. Fred Funk	\$1,928,200	
7. Luke Donald	\$1,766,427	
8. Adam Scott	\$1,744,748	
9. Retief Goosen	\$1,698,408	
10. Joe Ogilvie	\$1,476,843	

LPGA TOUR		
Player	Money	
1. Annika Sorenstam	\$696,153	
2. Cristie Kerr	\$672,867	
3. Lorena Ochoa	\$417,862	
4. Rosie Jones	\$296,712	
5. Catriona Matthew	\$265,305	
6. Wendy Ward	\$275,531	
7. Jill McGill	\$247,287	
8. Natalie Gulbis	\$243,155	

BY THE NUMBERS



9,048

The record number of entries for the U.S. Open at Pinehurst. That's 322 more than tried to qualify for last year's open at Shinnecock Hills.

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Putter must fit the pupil

When you introduce a young golfer to the putting green, make sure that he uses a putter that fits. Often, a child is given a hand-me-down club without regard to length, which runs the risk of engraining some bad habits in the child's stroke.

This simple test will make sure your child is not using a putter that is too long or too short:

First make sure his posture is correct: feet shoulder width apart, hands directly under the shoulders, and the spine angle tilted just enough so that his eyes are directly over the target line. The hands should fit on the putter handle so the palms look directly at each other.

From this posture you can tell that the putter is too long if the shaft of the putter rises above the elbows (most common); it's too short (least common) if your child has to bend so much that his eyes are no longer over the target line.

Good habits last a life time, so make sure your youngster gets off to a good start.

ASK THE PRO



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Q: I have a rules question. The other day I was playing in a stroke play tournament, and on a par-4, I hit my second shot deep into the woods. I thought it was lost, so I hit a provisional and stiffed it for a tap-in. This meant I would make a bogey, so I didn't bother to look for my first ball. However, one of my playing partners sent his caddy to look for it, and he found it in an awful spot that was unplayable. He said I had to play my first ball, which I did and made an 8.

I know he was correct to look for my ball because I checked with the golf pro after the round, but it still bothered me. Is there anything else I could have done? — John M. in Boise, Idaho

A: Even though your fellow competi-

tor was well within his rights to "protect the field" under the rules of the game, in my opinion it was a chintzy thing to do. Plus, it's a bad rule when another player can hunt for your ball even if you don't want him to.

But there is something else you could have done. After you hit the ball close, you could have sprinted to the hole, taken out the flag stick and tapped in. In this case, your hole would have been "completed," and 5 would have been your score, even if the caddy found the original ball within the five-minute limit.

While etiquette might be slightly compromised by your run for the bogey, unusual situations call for unusual solutions. And you would have gotten in some good cardio work.