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November 12, 2004

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## Relay for Life rally set Nov. 16

A rally to start the 2005 Relay For Life campaign will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 16 at the First United Methodist Church Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry St. Refreshments will be served.

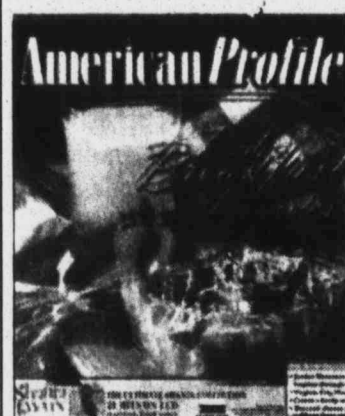
## Jury duty canceled for district court

Jury duty scheduled for Monday in 118th District has been canceled.

## COMING THIS WEEKEND

## StarTek officials explain layoffs

StarTek, having laid off 55 employees last week, wants to reassure citizens that the company remains committed to Big Spring. Read the story in the weekend edition's Business and Agriculture section.



Breakfast is the most important meal of the day at hundreds of bed & breakfasts inns around the country. The proprietors and cooks of a few of these inns have agreed to share some of their most popular recipes with American Profile readers.

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# VAMC salutes nation's many veterans

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

People from all over the Permian Basin gathered at the steps of the Big Spring VA Medical Center Thursday to say thank you to the men and women who have served, are currently serving and are preparing to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces.

"I can think of no greater honor than to address such a distinguished gathering of American patriots," Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael Burton told the audience gathered

*"It is because of their courage and sacrifice that our being able to stand here is even possible."*

—Lou Ann Atkins, VAMC director

for the ceremony.

Burton, who served tours in Germany, Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Macedonia

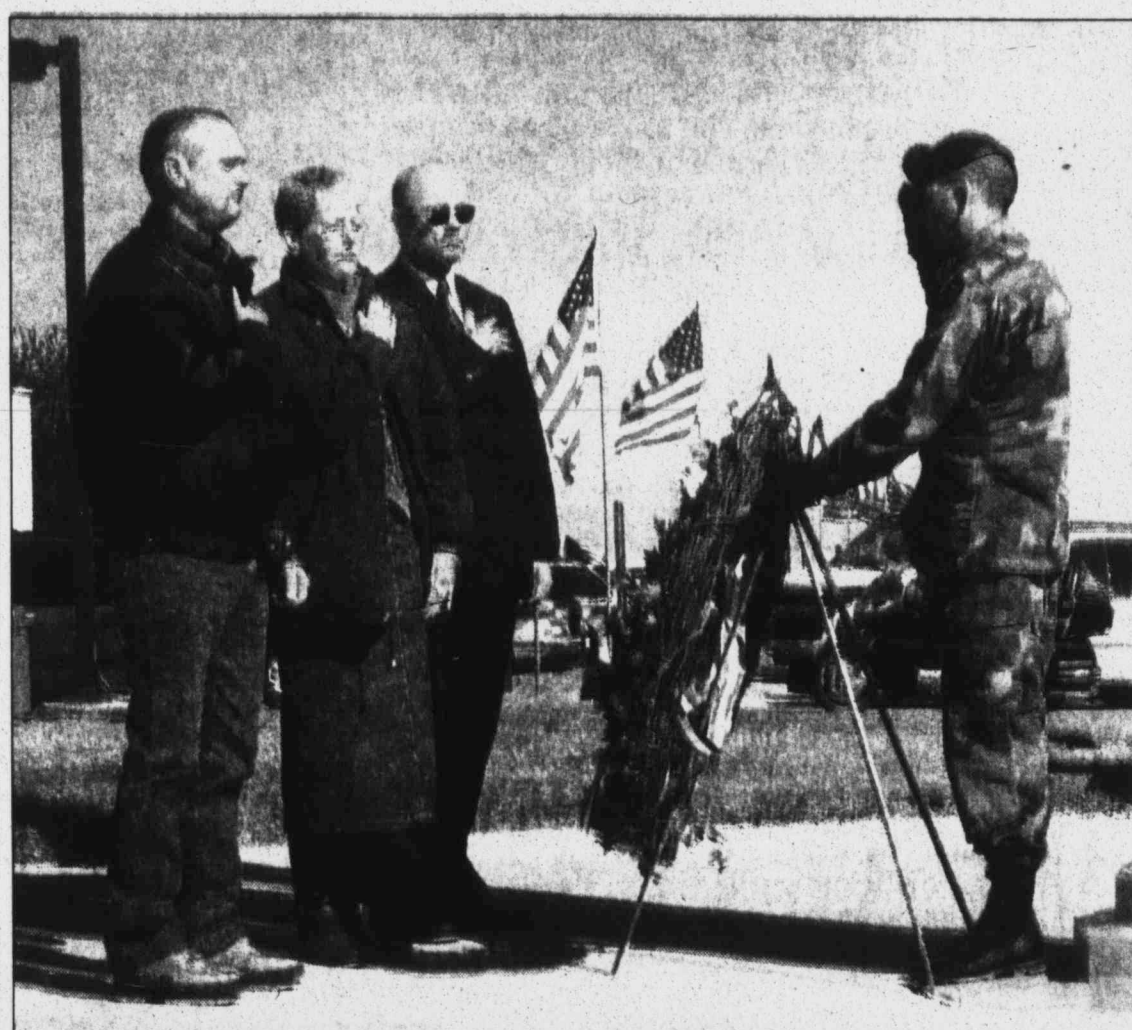


and Bosnia and is currently assigned to the Army's Midland recruiting office, spoke of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and what it should mean to Americans on Veterans Day.

"On this day in history — Nov. 11, 1921 — the remains of an unknown soldier were solemnly delivered to Arlington National Cemetery, which overlooks our nation's capital," said Burton. "His flag-draped body was carried aboard the same simple carriage that

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## HONORING VETERANS... PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE



Clockwise from top left, U.S. Army Sgt. Ricky Cadenhead presents a wreath to Mr. and Mrs. Randy Henson, left, parents of Army Pfc. Clayton Welch Henson, 20, who was killed in April while serving in Iraq. The wreath was laid at the foot of the American flag during the Veterans Day ceremony at the VA Medical Center. Assisting is Chief of Staff Dr. Wilfredo Rodriguez. Above, Morgan Mitchem, fourth grader at Kentwood Elementary, interviews her grandfather, David Mitchem, an Air Force veteran. Below, Dean Thomas, chief chaplain for the VAMC, and Wayne Frost, pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, prepare for services at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial. U.S. Marine Corps corporal and Iraq veteran James Taylor holds his 6-month-old daughter Natalie at Hangar 25 Air Museum.



## Student management software draws remarks

□ Five BSISD schools receive recognized rating.

□ Deborah Ortiz chosen for key award.

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

Chancery Student Management Solutions software updates, recognition of school and parent achievement and approval of raises for custodial and maintenance staff highlighted Thursday's Big Spring Independent School District school board meeting.

All five Big Spring ISD elementary schools received a recognized rating by the Texas Education Agency. The district ordered plaques to recognize the schools' achievements. The recipients were Mark Owen, principal of Bauer Elementary; Karen Saunders, principal of

Kentwood Elementary; Carie Dunnam, principal of Marcy Elementary; George Martin, principal of Moss Elementary; and Steve Waggoner, principal of Washington Elementary.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a nomination for the Texas Association of Business Parental Partner Award. One nomination was submitted from each elementary campus and a committee chose a finalist for the chamber to sponsor in the statewide competition. The campus nominees are Louis Salazar Sr., representing Bauer Elementary; Kim Pollard, representing Kentwood Elementary; Deborah Ortiz, representing Marcy Elementary; Valerie Robertson, representing Moss Elementary; and Terri Myrick, representing Washington Elementary.

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## Emotional observance held at Memorial site

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

As area organizations and agencies bustled about Thursday to show support for veterans, it was a very solemn time for members of the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee—a feeling reflected by the biting wind that whipped through the memorial

and the group's Veterans Day ceremony.

As promised, the VMC kept the ceremony short, but that didn't diminish the emotional outpouring those in attendance shared.

"Remember those that came home. We want to say welcome home," said VMC member

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## Nix reunion set Saturday

Special to the Herald

The ninth annual Hoyle and Ben Nix and the West Texas Cowboys tribute is set for Saturday. The doors at the Stampede open at 8 p.m. and the dance is set for 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Tickets are \$10 per person.

"This promises to be a grand ol' time of good memories and

good music. Hoyle and Ben Nix were pioneer musicians in West Texas and this is an opportunity to honor them and to remember the music the way it was then," said Jody Nix, son of the late Ben Nix and organizer of the event.

This reunion will gather Jody

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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:

- **PETER CANDELARIA**, 17, of 803 E. 14th Street, was arrested Thursday on a warrant.
- **MICHAEL ORNALES**, 19, of 805 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- **MICHAEL SHOCKLEY**, 19, of 4109 Muir, was arrested Friday on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- **SUMMER LYNN DAVIS**, 20, of 1001 Birdwell Lane, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated by a minor.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
  - in the 700 block of 11th Place.
  - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **MITCHELL LON JAMES**, 48, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- **PHILLIP GARCIA**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

## Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain. Highs in the mid 40s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain. Lows near 40. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain. Highs in the mid 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Cloudy with a chance of rain and isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 30s. Chance of rain 50 percent.

Monday...Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain. Highs near 50.

Monday night...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain. Lows in the mid 40s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 50s.

Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 40.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs near 60.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Lows near 40.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs near 60.

## Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-19-24. Bonus Ball: 29.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.  
Number matching four of four: 11. Prize: \$1,406.  
Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 30. Prize: \$63.

Number matching three of four: 1,350. Prize: \$18.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 808. Prize: \$21.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 5,157. Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 8,906. Prize: \$5.

Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$950,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-10-23-27.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 158. Prize: \$383.

Matching three of five: 4,859. Prize: \$9.

Matching two of five: 47,087. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-5-4

## Support groups

### SATURDAY

- 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.

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

- All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Thanksgiving covered dish dinner planned, and the turkey will be provided. Call 398-5522 for more information.

### TUESDAY

- The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. 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.

## Take note

□ **TALENT SHOW AND SPAGHETTI SUPPER AT CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH**, 1008 Birdwell Lane, at 6:30 Nov. 19. Tickets are \$5 for each event, or \$8 to attend both. Proceeds go to fund missionary work of Janae Giles, who is attending the missions program at Lubbock Christian University. Contact Don Swinney, 263-9963, for more information.

□ **NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** Thanksgiving Feast for students and parents at 10:45 a.m. Nov. 18. Call Karen at 263-0203 for more information.

□ **LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS (LULAC) CHAPTER 4791** is having an open meeting for the community from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 19, 2004, in the Howard County Library Community Room. For more information, call Jennifer at 264-1297; Anita Marquez at 816-3226; Raul Marquez at 263-6351; Janey Tino at 268-9155; or Isabel Calderon at 213-4239.

□ **HOYLE AND BEN NIX AND THE WEST TEXAS COWBOYS REUNION** is set for 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Saturday at the Stampede. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. Contact Jody Nix at 267-2060.

□ **VENDORS NEEDED FOR CANTERBURY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** set for 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Dec. 4. Call Mandy at 263-1265. Space is limited.

□ **AN ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT TRISTAN RANGEL**, son of Ione and Tim Rangel, has been set up at the Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union, 2204 Gregg St., account No. 529903, to help with medical expenses. He has been diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia and is in a Lubbock hospital.

□ **A COMMUNITY-WIDE FLEA MARKET AND ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE** to benefit a local family is set for 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at the County Show Barn in Gail. Call 806-756-4432 for more information.

□ **BUFFALO COUNTRY FINA** is giving away an autographed photograph of Michael Jordan, along with two other Jordan magazine covers, to help with medical costs of 12-year-old Sage Gibson, son of Big Spring Junior High School assistant principal Tommy Gibson, who has been diagnosed with a tumor. For an update on Gibson's condition visit [www.carepages.com/ServeCarePage?cpn=Sagepage&uniq=923947](http://www.carepages.com/ServeCarePage?cpn=Sagepage&uniq=923947). For more information about the Buffalo Fina fund-raiser call 267-5050.

□ **THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL STEADHAM** is in need of help to pay for his funeral expenses. Friends of the family say he had no insurance and died suddenly. An account has been established at the Cosden Federal Credit Union for those wishing to help the family. For more information, call 264-0838 or 264-2600.

□ **BENEFIT TO HELP WITH MEDICAL EXPENSES OF CURTIS JAMES** is set for Saturday at Grant's Country Store, North Service Road of I-20, east of the refinery. Call 263-0011 for more information.

□ **THE BIG SPRING WEST TEXAS GIRL SCOUTS COUNCIL SENIOR TROOP 266** is collecting stuffed animals for Scenic Mountain Medical Center's emergency room. A collection box for the stuffed toys will be at Seams-So-Nice in the Big Spring Mall. Or call Laurie Peterson at 432-267-9773

□ **A FUND TO HELP WITH EXPENSES FOR THE FAMILY OF MICKEY EMERSON OF FORSAN** has been set up at State National Bank, 901 Main St. Mickey was involved in a motorcycle accident Sept. 23 and is in intensive care in a Lubbock hospital. Contact his mother, Carolyn Winbush, at 263-1178 with any questions.

□ **AN ORIGINAL SUE BAGWELL PAINTING** will be given away in April at the Heritage Museum. Contact the museum at 267-8288 for more details.

□ **FORSAN SCHOOL BAND WILL PERFORM IN WASHINGTON D.C. JULY 4, 2005**, by special invitation, representing Texas. Funds are needed to cover the \$145,000 cost of the trip. Donations are being accepted at the First Bank of West Texas, account name Forsan Band Trip. Contact Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson or band directors Jim Rhodes and Jeremy Higgenbotham at 457-2223.

□ **A FUND TO HELP DEFRAY** the funeral costs and medical bills of Johnny Darden, a Howard County man who was killed by a swarm of bees, has been set up at State National Bank under account no. 2007126.

□ **A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME** has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union. Love From Home is a local effort to provide personal items needed by the soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Contact the credit union at 267-6373 to contribute funds to offset the cost of postage for the packages mailed to the soldiers.

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

□ **MANNA RELIEF**, a non-profit ministry that provides glyconutritional supplements to critically ill children, is accepting donations for the program. Call Gene or Robbie Froman at 263-0385.

□ **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.

□ **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

## Bulletin board

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

### 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.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited.

### SATURDAY

- 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.
- Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between 3 p.m. and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Bolles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.
- Hoyle and Ben Nix and the West Texas Cowboys Reunion from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the Stampede. Tickets are \$10 per person and doors open at 8 p.m. Call Jody Nix at 267-2060.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

### SUNDAY

- Holiday Open House

### MONDAY

- Texas Recycle Day.
- 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.

### 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.
- Big Spring Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

### 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.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

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## Railhead this we

By KENDRA  
Staff Writer

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## Railhead Days scheduled this weekend in Colorado City

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

The Colorado City Railhead Trade Days are here again!

This weekend, vendors from across the nation will gather in Colorado City at the indoor and heated Railhead Building located downtown at First and Elm Streets.

"We have more than 65 vendors coming to the event," said Executive Director Sue Lowrance. "That means we have no more spaces available — we're booked!"

Lowrance said the show will have new vendors as well as 11 vendors who have purchased

double spaces to make room for all of their wares.

Railhead Trade Days is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The event will feature eight food booths with everything from roasted corn to funnel cakes.

Entertainment will be provided from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, beginning with the Texas Tornado line dancers.

"This is going to be a great event for families wanting to do some shopping and having a great time together," said Lowrance.

## Moss students get a lesson from veterans

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

"Poor is the nation that has no heroes. Poorer still is the nation that has them and forgets."

Vietnam veteran and proud Marine Don Boling, quoted that line from an unknown soldier and gave students at Moss Elementary School a vivid reminder that our soldiers are heroes during a Veterans Day salute at the school Thursday morning.

Moss Principal George Martin began the salute by leading students in a moment of silence to reflect on the occasion of Veterans Day, followed by the posting of colors, singing of the national anthem and pledge of allegiance.

Jeannie McKimney then reminded students of the history behind the Veterans Day holiday.

Students and guests alike sang the service medleys for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

Boling announced the school's Veterans Day essay and contest winners. First place winner Taylor Johnson wrote a moving essay

about a friend of her family who is a disabled veteran. Boling read it aloud to those assembled. Johnson wrote about how it made her feel when the public made fun of the friend and about how it should be honoring him instead.

More than 20 veterans were in attendance and Boling introduced each to the students.

"I'm introducing my brothers and sisters in service as heroes, because that's what they are," said Boling. "They are not highly paid actors or sports figures, they are the true heroes."

The veterans were cheered and applauded as each of their names, branches of service and when they served were read.

The students then viewed a Veterans Day video titled, "Centuries of Sacrifice," in which pictures, photos and videos were shown depicting each American conflict since the nation began. Many guests were moved to tears by the video's vivid portrayal of soldiers in battle.

Boling asked the students to remember those who are serving

and who have served.

"Freedom is not free," he said, "it has a price."

The students then listed intently as Boling read, "It is the Soldier" by Father Denis O'Brian, a Marine Corps chaplain who said:

"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us the freedom of the press."

"It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech."

"It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate."

"It is the soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial."

"It is the soldier who salutes the flag, serves under the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag."

To conclude, Boling told the students that they should be proud that the U.S. military is the only military in the world that can truly say, "We have never been and we will never be defeated."

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Vickie Osburn, motioning to the audience. "We also want to remember those that came home and time has caught up with. We need to remember our KIAs (Killed In Action), but we also need to remember each other. It's a time for our country to thank us and our fellow veterans."

Men and women of all ages, dressed in uniforms and T-shirts emblazoned with standards and patches from all branches of the U.S. military gathered around the memorial to share their pasts, presents and futures with one another.

Wayne Frost, pastor for St. Paul Lutheran Church, was the guest speaker, and said when the VMC asked him to speak during the observance, he couldn't have turned them down if he wanted to.

"I told them I'd be glad to," said Frost. "I'd do anything for the veterans. My father was a Korean War veteran and most of my uncles were either in World War II or Korea. I also had a lot of relatives in Vietnam and I was in the Army for four years and my wife was in for three years. So I can't ever turn down something for the veterans of our country."

Frost recalled a very grim time in American history and spoke about the effect it had on him as a child, and the world as a whole.

"When I was about 11 or 12 years old, I would watch the evening news on Friday nights," said Frost. "And on Friday nights they would always have the weekly list of casualties from Vietnam and that was burned into my head."

"I feel very self-conscious speaking to those that are older than me — more experienced than me — and who were in Vietnam, but that war profoundly effected those of us that were here as well. We have never forgotten what men and women have endured for this country. Those who were injured and suffered greatly, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice."

In closing, Frost offered a simple prayer for the men and women of the armed forces.

"I want to lift up to God Almighty those in our military who are serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and many other places in the world — some we don't even know about," said Frost. "They are serving for our freedom. Make no mistake about it."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

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Chamber Executive Director Debbye Valverde and Joe Conciene presented the awards and announced that Ortiz has been chosen to represent Big Spring. The awards were donated by Vickie Osburn at Yes Business Engraving.

Students, parents and trustees alike were eager to hear updates concerning the Chancery Student Management Solutions (SMS) system. The system is a Web-based computer program that stores student data, schedules, attendance, grades, medical data and other information.

During a public forum, two students and a parent addressed the board voicing their concerns about

the system. One student, Scott Thomas, asked the board to address the students and help them to understand what is going on with the system. He also asked the board to listen to the teachers since they are on the front lines when it comes to the program.

"The system has had numerous problems," said BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes. "We have a grading system in place and have verified the grades up to this point."

Parents and students have worried the most about their transcripts since January is traditionally when they begin to seek out college acceptance and scholarship/grant information.

"No permanent data has been sacrificed," said Downes. "Transcripts are available right now and

in January, when an updated transcript is needed, students will have accurate transcripts available."

The source of some of the problems the grade book portion of SMS is experiencing is switching the students from period to period. The system only recognizes the student is enrolled in a course; it doesn't differentiate between sections or periods, explained BSISD Technology Director Corey Wood.

"For instance, if a student is enrolled in first period Algebra I for three weeks, then switches to Algebra I in third period, the system doesn't see a change, the student is still in algebra," said Wood. "The problem comes when it is time to submit grades. Even though the student's grades followed him to third period, the system

still showed him in the first-period class. When grades are submitted, he receives two grades for algebra and the grade entered into the computer last is the one that shows up as the final grade."

Thursday, the district's technology staff discovered a way to delete the incorrect duplicate record.

"It will take a few days to correct each teacher's grade book, but it will be done very soon," Wood said.

In other business maintenance and custodial workers will receive a 6 percent increase to their annual salaries. The board approved this as a follow-up to last month's meeting.

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Socorro M. Prado, 72, died Tuesday. Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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## VAMC

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once carried the body of Abraham Lincoln. That fallen soldier, whose name is known only to God, was killed while fighting for his country in the trenches of Western Europe. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, that soldier was finally laid to rest in his home soil.

"The tomb of the unknown soldier serves as a reminder to all Americans that the price of freedom has never been cheap. Those entered beneath its granite stones are a reminder of the tremendous debt this nation owes its veterans. Today, on Veterans Day, we pause to honor our veterans — past, present and future — those who are serving and those who are preparing to serve this nation in the days ahead."

Burton said it's important to keep soldiers currently serving all over the world in mind during Veterans Day.

"Our present warriors are serving in more than 120 nations throughout the world," he said. "Today soldiers are serving in the mountainous terrain of Afghanistan and in the burning sands of Iraq. Like their predecessors, they are facing challenges on a daily

basis and once again they are displaying both the warrior spirit and the compassion typical of the American soldier."

Newly appointed Big Spring VA Medical Center Director Lou Ann Atkins said the message of Veterans Day is one of thanks for the many sacrifices the freedom each American enjoys is built upon.

"Our greatest honor is the privilege to be standing before these men and women who have honorably served our nation in the past, and those who are actively serving in the United States military today," said Atkins. "It is because of their courage and sacrifice that our

being able to stand here is even possible."

"As we gather in observance of Veterans Day — as a grateful nation honors and remembers all that have served — the Department of Veterans Affairs continues with pride to serve the men and women who continue to wear the uniform for this great nation. We extend our heart-felt welcome to all who have joined us as we join with millions of Americans across the nation in saying to our veterans, 'Thank you for your commitment and thank you for your service.'"

As a part of Thursday's celebration, the Goliad Sixth-Grade Choir per-

formed a medley of armed forces songs, as well as a rendition of "God Bless the U.S.A."

A wreath was also laid during the ceremony by Mr. and Mrs. Randy Henson of Stanton, whose 20-year-old son, U.S. Army Pfc. Clayton Welch Henson, was killed in Iraq in April. The laying

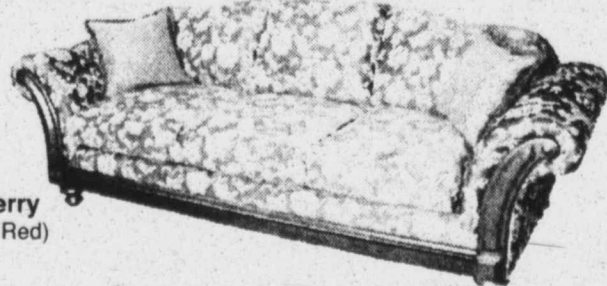
of the wreath was followed by a 21-gun salute and the playing of "Taps" by the Goodfellow Air Force Base Honor Guard.

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**The Eagles Lodge and The Cossacks MC Permian Basin Chapter**  
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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:

• Rachel Gee, who signed a Division I golf scholarship with the University of Texas-Pan America.

• Lisa Brooks, Volunteer of the Year for the Howard/Glasscock Unit of the American Cancer Society.

• The United States Marines on their 229th anniversary.

• Crossroads area veterans — past, current and future.

• H-E-B employees for celebrating their company's 100th anniversary.

• Crossroads area football teams in the playoffs this weekend: Garden City, Grady and Stanton. Good luck!

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

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Whatever you want us to do for you today, Lord, give us a clear path.

Amen

## Dreaming of Italian food, settling for hair salons

I had a dream the other day. I dreamt I was traveling along a wide tunnel. I reasoned I was on a carnival ride because I kept being jostled around. Every few feet, the ride would shake up and down or back and forth. Fortunately for me, I heard this honking noise and realized I was not on a carnival ride. Instead, I had dozed off while driving down Main Street.

Speaking of driving the streets of Big Spring, I'm sure you've noticed we have another car wash going up on Greg. What's with that, anyway? Are we trying to be the car wash capital of West Texas?

Note to the Chamber of Commerce, promote this! Visit scenic Big Spring and take the car wash tour.

But car washes are small in number compared to the hair salons in our community. When I first moved to Big Spring, I thought that odor you sometimes smell was from the refinery. It's

not. It's the foo-foo coming out of hair salons on every street corner.

You don't need to drive the streets to know that there is another hair salon going up some place. It's a 24-hour thing. In fact, I would have bet Big Spring was the only town in the Bible Belt to have more hair dressers than preachers. I pulled out my year old phone book — the 2004 edition grew legs a long time ago — and discovered there are 23 beauty salons and at least three barber shops in our community.

Do we have 26 preachers? A quick check in the phone book and... ahhh, just three shy of the number of chug holes on Main Street. That definitely puts preachers in the majority.

I should have known. We have more churches per capita than any place I've ever been with the exception of Marfa. Stand smack dab in the middle of Marfa and you are within a block of five churches — all different denominations, of course. A resident there told me that the Marfa Lights are really God, trying to decide which congregation to bless on the following Sunday.

Unfortunately, having an abundance of churches doesn't necessarily equate to a religious com-

munity. It probably means we just can't get along.

We have a lot of storage units too, and like the majority of local city council members, I'm not complaining that we might be adding another 300 units on Goliad, adjacent to — what else? — a car wash.

As for storage buildings, car washes and hair salons, I say great. There's nothing wrong with being clean and having pride in oneself and what you drive. If we'd only put as much effort into taking care of our vacant lots, what a beautiful city this would be.

I also like the fact that we have lots of churches. It shows our diversity. And it's such a wonderful time when we can put aside our differences and come together as a community for rallies and quarterly prayer meetings. (I didn't really mean the comment about not getting along.)

All in all, Big Spring is a pretty special place to live. Like Main Street, we've hit some bumps in the road, but we'll get past them. Me, I'm still hoping for an Italian food restaurant.

Until then, I'll settle for car washes, storage buildings and hair salons.



## Inside report: The Specter Test

Sen. Arlen Specter, the canny old fox of Pennsylvania politics, got carried away last

Wednesday in the flush of an easy fifth-term victory and revealed too much of what he really thinks. He clearly imposed a litmus test requiring support of the Roe v. Wade abortion decision for Supreme Court nominees at a time when Chief Justice William Rehnquist is gravely ill. Specter committed a rare political blunder that endangers his lifetime goal of becoming chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

To correct Specter's monumental mistake, his staff Thursday put out a news release trying to contradict the senator's undeniable advocacy of a litmus test. Actually, the brief statement repeated Specter's warning of filibusters against President Bush's judges and did not pledge unqualified support for any nominee sent down by the White House.

Furthermore, the sincerity of Specter's retreat was undermined when he said he had issued the statement at the urging of the conservative senator from Pennsylvania, Rick Santorum.

Assuming that Specter cannot and will not make a flat commitment of support, the prospect of his imminent chairmanship poses tests for two ambitious Republicans. Will Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, eyeing the White House, marshal his power to block Specter's ascension? Will Senate Republican Conference Chairman Santorum, after alienating his base by backing Specter against serious conservative opposition in

this year's Pennsylvania primary, turn against his colleague?

That challenge from Rep. Pat Toomey threatened to end Specter's long political dance in which he has worn the Republican label while wooing left-wing pressure groups. Specter survived because of aggressive support from President Bush as well as Santorum, who were inflexibly backing any incumbent Republican. No sooner had Specter been narrowly nominated than he turned leftward, declaring his independence from Bush and refusing to help two GOP congressional challengers in Pennsylvania who had a chance to win but went down to defeat.

His easy victory Tuesday, while Bush was losing the state, apparently was too sweet for the 74-year-old senator to contain himself. In his post-election press conference, as reported by the Associated Press, he declared: "When you talk about judges who would change the right of a woman to choose, overturn Roe v. Wade, that is unlikely." He warned the president of facing filibusters, apparently without help from Chairman Specter. That was enough to inspire thousands of e-mails and telephone calls protesting Specter as chairman into the offices of Frist, Santorum and other senators.

The Republican base would have been even more infuriated to read the full press conference transcript confirming Specter's litmus test: "I have said that bluntly during the course of the campaign and before. When the [Philadelphia] Inquirer endorsed me, they quoted my statement that Roe v. Wade was inviolate." He suggested that "nobody can be confirmed" who does not accept abortion rights. Thus, Specter's and John Kerry's positions are indistinguishable.

Specter is in line to become chairman because Republican chairman term limits are forcing out Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah. Sen. Chuck Grassley, an Iowa conservative and a rare non-lawyer on Judiciary, is ahead of Specter in seniority but wants to keep his Finance Committee chairmanship.

That puts Frist, who has been criticized for his management of the judicial confirmation debacle, on the spot. He is considering asking the full Republican Conference to waive term limits for Hatch. The majority leader also may let Hatch keep his chairmanship temporarily to handle any immediate Supreme Court vacancy. Frist could mobilize a majority of the Judiciary committee's expected 11 Republicans in the new Congress to breach seniority and bump Specter.

Santorum's situation is sensitive. With a potentially difficult re-election looming in 2006 against Democratic State Treasurer Barbara Hafer (a former Specter Republican), he does not want to alienate Specter. That explains Santorum's effort to get Specter to back down from his litmus test in Thursday's statement.

In truth, Specter cannot really repudiate what he said. His modified stand only pledged to guarantee "prompt action" by the committee, not to actively support any Bush nominee. The test is whether the Republican establishment will tolerate a Judiciary chairman who opposes the will of voters who gave George W. Bush a second term and continued Republican control of Congress based on him favoring traditional values.

To find out more about Robert D. Novak and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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## Church News

### First United Methodist Church

Dr. Dave Ring's Communion Meditation for Sunday is titled "Food for the Body, Food for the Soul." The scripture text is John 4:31-38.

Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes meet at 9:45 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 2 p.m., and Children's Choir Practice is at 4 p.m.

At noon Sunday, following the 10:50 a.m. worship service, the youth will serve Thanksgiving lunch. The youth will leave in the afternoon to go to Roscoe.

Monday, the Open Door Class hosts a Fun Night at 7 p.m. in Garrett Hall. All are invited to attend for food, fun and fellowship.

Also on Monday evening from 6:30 until 8:30, the Living Christmas Tree singers will rehearse in Garrett Hall.

Don't forget Living Christmas Tree rehearsal Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. In addition, volunteers are needed to build the platform Saturday for the tree.

Anyone interested in helping decorate the church for the holiday season should contact Stephanie Ferguson. The volunteers will decorate Nov. 21 at 4 p.m.

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

### Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you do not have a church home, we encourage you to visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane.

This Sunday at 5 p.m. we are having our combination Thanksgiving and International Missions meal. The Rev. James Denman, missionary to Gospel Radio Latin America, will speak in both services Sunday about the importance of missions and their purpose.

Sunday Services are at

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

### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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

The Episcopal Church Women will meet in the library following the 10:30 a.m. service.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at [www.stmarysbst.org](http://www.stmarysbst.org). St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

### First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on the text from Luke 21:5-19 at worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 starts at 10:35 a.m. This Sunday is Commitment Sunday and the annual congregational meeting.

Other opportunities for the week include Encouragers meeting at 6 p.m. Monday. Also Session meets at 6 p.m. on the same day. Presbyterian Women will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday. The Mens' Breakfast is Wednesday at 7 a.m. and choir practice is held at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening. The 113th Anniversary of the church is Nov. 20.

Please join us for any of the previously mentioned activities. Everyone is always welcome at First Presbyterian Church located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

### Christ's Community Church

A talent Show and Spaghetti Supper are set to begin at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 19 at Christ's Community Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Booths with items to purchase such floral arrangements, hand-

painted dishes, homemade candles, three-dimensional pictures will be available. Also, orders for Thanksgiving will be taken. Tickets are \$5 for each event, or \$8 to attend both. Proceeds go to fund missionary work of Janae Giles, who is attending the missions program at Lubbock Christian University. Contact Don Swinney at 263-9963 for more information.

### 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, a Morning Star International Church, invites children entering kindergarten through fourth grade to a new fall program, "Looking At the Pieces," at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, featuring different stories of the Old Testament. A new Sunday school class for preschoolers continues with the story of Noah's Ark.

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.

### Hillcrest Baptist Church

Saturday more than 50,000 women will gather in hundreds of churches across North America to experience the THRIVE! Simulcast - Authentic Living. One Day of Discovery brings nationally recognized leaders together, including John C. Maxwell, Lois Evans,

Joyce Meyers, Liz Curtis Higgs, Kathy Peel and more, who will serve as guides for program.

Topics include revealing potential, understanding true identity, practicing genuine communication, an authentic life purpose and becoming an authentic woman of influence.

This simulcast will be at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2000 FM 700. Tickets will be \$30 and need to be purchased in advance. The ticket includes lunch and the booklet. A nursery will be provided. Call to make reservations for the program and to secure child care arrangements. For more information call 267-1639.

### St. Paul Lutheran Church

What do the Matrix trilogy films have to do with faith? Join a new adult Sunday school class starting 10 a.m. Sunday in the St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, Ninth and Scurry streets. The Matrix films raise challenging moral and philosophical questions. What do they say about the nature of self-knowledge, faith, love,

reality, free will and destiny? This study will help you examine these issues and discuss the movie from a Biblical perspective. You will receive a free copy of the discussion guide. St. Paul's Lutheran Church is located at 810 Scurry. The phone number is 267-7163.

Big Spring, A great hometown, St. Paul, A great home church!

### Baptist Temple

We offer Bible Study classes for all ages. In the morning worship service we are doing a verse by verse study of the book of Revelation. The evening service starts at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Our morning Bible study begins at 9:30 and worship at 10:45 a.m.

We offer a children's church for pre-school through the sixth grade for morning worship. A nursery is provided for all of our services.

Tuesday we offer a financial workshop. This begins at 7 p.m. and it will last about an hour to one and half hours for eight consecutive weeks. If interested please call the church office no later than Sunday.

We at Baptist Temple just want you to know that you'll find something for everyone and you will always be welcome. We are in the heart of Big Spring with Big Spring on our hearts. For more information call 267-8287 or visit our web site at [www.baptisttemplechurch.org](http://www.baptisttemplechurch.org) or come and meet with us at the corner of 11th and Goliad streets.

### East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Sunday is high attendance Sunday, so please join us for Sunday School and a special breakfast starting at 9 a.m.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 401 E. Fourth St., has these opportunities for Christian growth and service: 9:45 a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. morning worship service; 4:45 p.m., Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends, Mission Babies and Youth; 6 p.m. evening worship service; Wednesday 7 p.m. Bible study and prayer, Youth on Missions.

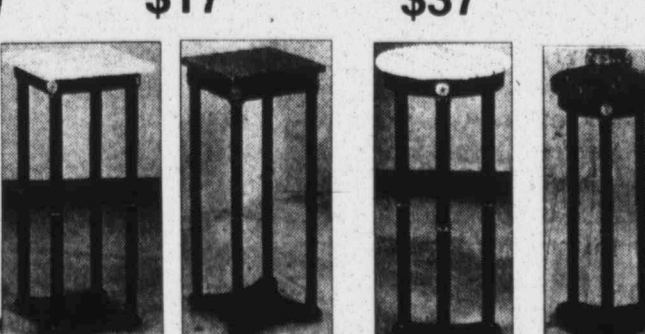
Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon is a church work day. For more information call 267-2291.

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## Club News

### Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association

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

Iva Jo Hanslik will speak about the Big Spring VA Medical Center services. All retired school personnel are invited.

### TOPS

Presiding officer Carol

### Blood drives scheduled for Big Spring community

Blood drive at the V.A. Medical Center from 8am-3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 219. To sign up please call Sarah Thomas at 264-4824.

Rip Griffin's Community Blood Drive is set for 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Nov. 24. To sign up please call Sonya at 264-4444 or stop by on the day of the blood drive to donate.

Smith voiced the opening prayer when Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. TX 21 met Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third.

The nine TOPS recited their pledge, the five Keep Off Pounds Sensibly repeated their pledge and the group joined in singing the fellowship song.

Following readings given by Cherry Sechelski and Carol Smith, minutes of the previous meeting was read by secretary Gladys Russell.

Assistant weight recorder Hughetta Roberts called the roll with members answering with the loss or gain for the week. Shirley Jenkins was the TOPS best loser and Gladys was the KOPS best loser. Each one received a certificate and the weekly best loser award.

Duffy Yancy presented the program with member participation.

For more information on TOPS, a weight loss support group, call 1-800-302-8677, or locally, 263-0391 or 263-1758.

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Martin Luther

  
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| Service broadcast | Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.    |
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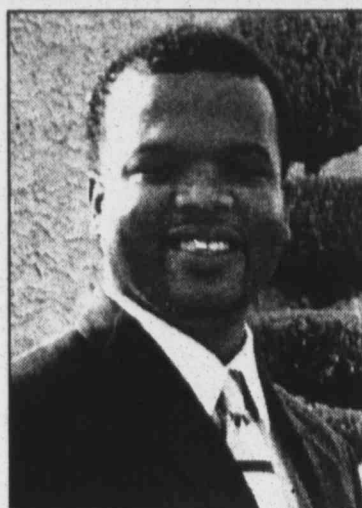


## Church of Christ at West Highway 80 offers Singspiration

### Special to the Herald

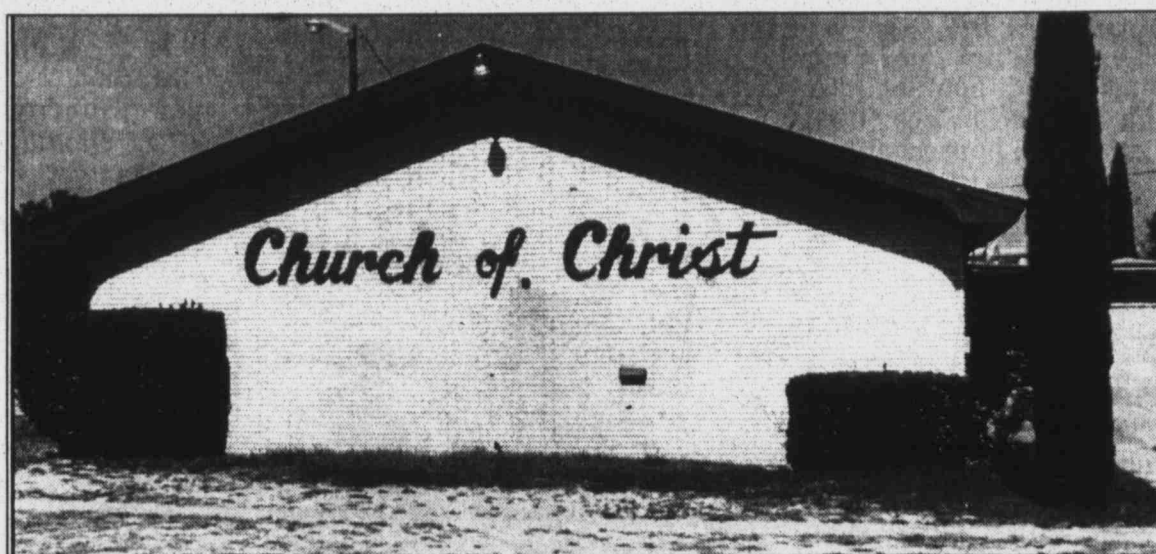
The Church of Christ at West Highway 80, 3900 W. Highway 80, is having its annual Singspiration Sunday. Ian Nickerson, evangelist, with assistant minister Ulysses Mathews, will speak at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.

Sunday the topic is "There is poison in the pot;" Monday's message is titled, "Is there poison in your soul?"; Tuesday's topic is, "Is there poison in your plan of salvation?"; and Wednesday is titled, "Is there poison in your church?"



Nickerson

The public is invited to these events. Contact Vivian Jones at 263-4043 for more information.



Herald file photo  
Church of Christ at Highway 80 is having its annual Singspiration Sunday through Wednesday featuring evangelist Ian Nickerson. The public is invited.

### Holiday season offers many activities

From theater to a lighted parade and drive-through nativity, to holiday decorated homes and a lighted Comanche Trail Park, Big Spring celebrates Christmas.

And as the holiday season approaches, the Big Spring community has a variety of activities from which to choose to create annual family traditions.

- Saturday Nix reunion 8 p.m.- 1 a.m.
- Sunday Holiday Open House
- Monday Texas Recycle Day
- Nov. 25, Thursday Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner at the Salvation Army
- Nov. 27, Saturday DRA Musical Review
- Dec. 4, Saturday Canterbury Bazaar 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Winter's Blessings Christmas and Hannukkah exhibit at the Heritage Museum, contest winner announced for Christmas art contest.
- Herald Christmas Parade 5:30 p.m.

Living Christmas Tree at the First United Methodist Church, 8 p.m. "Oliver" in the Big Spring High School auditorium

• Dec. 5, Sunday Gale's Sweet Shoppe Gingerbread Houses at Dora Roberts Community Center, 1 p.m.

Living Christmas Tree at the First United Methodist Church, 8 p.m. "Oliver" in the Big Spring High School auditorium

• Dec. 10-12, Friday, Saturday and Sunday Drive-Thru Nativity presented by the Community of Hope First Church of the Nazarene

• Dec. 12, Sunday Big Spring Symphony Tour of Homes

• Dec. 15, Wednesday New Hope Christian School Christmas program

Festival of Lights opens at Comanche Trail Park. • Dec. 18, Saturday "Messiah" presented by Big Spring Symphony and Chorale

• Dec. 25, Saturday Christmas Day

• Dec. 31, Friday Festival of Lights closes

## Friends of Unity celebrates 10 years in the Boxcar

### Special to the Herald

In November 1994, two people came together for the purpose of establishing a center for spiritual growth and unfoldment. The result is an ongoing ministry to seek and find the truth and provide a forum for personal revelation.

The Unity Center in Big Spring is located in the historic Railroad Plaza, South Main and First Street. The members of the center help to maintain the Plaza, which is beautiful with the changing seasons. Meetings are held in the east boxcar, which is rented from Big Spring Main Street Inc.

The members want the center to be an integral part of the community. They endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

For many years, the Unity Church of West Texas in Odessa has been supportive of the work and is currently providing the services of



Courtesy photo

Friends of unity celebrate 10 years at the Boxcar in the Railroad Plaza.

their minister, the Rev. Jim Sims, for classes and discussions Tuesdays. He also provides Sunday services once a month.

Other ongoing activities include one-on-one guidance, and a class based on The Quest, A Journey of Spiritual Rediscovery. Times of fellowship are cordial, friendly and loving. No one is excluded from

participation and all are welcome. All activities are aimed at increasing spiritual awareness and the ability to live in it.

The contact phone number for the center is 267-8783. The mailing address is 100A S. Main. The members welcome all visits and inquiries and anticipate the blessings of the next 10 years.

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### 24th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade

## 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4

Parade theme:  
"100 Years of West Texas Christmases"

Entry deadline — Noon, Friday, Nov. 19

The parade will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and head north on Gregg Street toward downtown, arriving in time for the downtown Christmas celebration.

First-place plaques will be awarded in the following categories:  
1. Individual or family      2. School or church  
3. Commercial              4. Civic organizations

In addition, certificates of commendation will be awarded to the second- and third-place entries in each of those categories.

#### ENTRY FORM

Name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**New Categories**

☐ Individual/Family

☐ Civic

☐ Church/school

☐ Commercial

Brief description of entry: \_\_\_\_\_

#### SPECIAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

In addition to the standard awards given to division winners, this year's parade entries will be judged for recognition of three special awards.

Herald's Best of Show Award: \$100 for best interpretation of theme.

Mayor's Trophy: \$75 for best use of lighting.

Grand Marshall's Award: \$50 for best costuming.

#### PARADE RULES

1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald. No other Santa Claus will be permitted in the parade.
2. Floats should not exceed 65 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
5. Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.
6. Mail, fax or hand deliver entry forms to:

PARADE COMMITTEE  
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## IN BRIEF

### Odessa sets "madness" tournament

The Odessa Association has a softball tournament for Saturday UTPB softball. The double elimination tournament is \$100.

The deadline up is Wednesday. For more information, contact Michelle at 552-1000.

### Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads is looking for ball officials. upcoming season. For more information, contact Rodriguez at 517-0300.

The games played in local schools such as Big Spring and Odessa and will be at junior high and school levels.

### Big Spring QE announces meetings

There will be organizational meetings the Big Spring Boosters (Quarterback) Monday at 6 p.m. Athletic Center. For more information, contact Sparks at 263-6000.

### Times set for at Midland College

The Howard men's basketball team will participate in Midland College weekend at College.

The Hawks on Jacksonville tonight at 5:30 challenge the junior varsity Saturday at 5:30. Midland College play both of them at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday against the same two opponents. The Hawks travel to Odessa tonight to Western College, as well.

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17. Georgia @
18. Wisconsin
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### IN BRIEF

#### Odessa sets softball "madness" tourney

The Odessa Softball Association has set up a softball tournament for Saturday at the UTPB softball complex. The double elimination tournament costs \$100.

The deadline to sign up is Wednesday.

For more information, contact Gabriel or Michelle at 552-7426.

#### Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming season.

For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 or 517-0300.

The games will be played in local areas such as Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma and will be for the junior high and high school levels.

#### Big Spring QB Club announces meeting

There will be an organizational meeting for the Big Spring Football Boosters Club (Quarterback Club) Monday at 6 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

For more information, contact John Sparks at 263-8527.

#### Times set for Hawks at Midland Classic

The Howard College men's basketball team will participate in the Midland Classic this weekend at Midland College.

The Hawks will take on Jacksonville College tonight at 5:30 p.m. and challenge the UTPB junior varsity team Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Midland College will play both of its games at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday against the same two opponents.

The Hawk women travel to Oklahoma tonight to take on Western Oklahoma State, as well.

## Gee signs intent to putt, drive at Division 1 level

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Big Spring Lady Steers golf standout Rachel Gee signed her national letter of intent Thursday afternoon, announcing her decision to play golf for the University of Texas-Pan American Lady Broncs next year.

Gee is coming off a very successful junior season with the Lady Steers, but will be off the course for some time due to an ankle injury she suffered last week that will result in her missing the entire girls' basketball season.

There was no question that Gee would be playing collegiate golf next year, the only questions involved were where she would play and whether or not she would sign early or wait until finishing her final high school season before deciding on a scholarship offer.

In the end, Gee opted to sign early and said choosing the NCAA Div. I Lady Broncs program was based on several factors.

"First of all, they have a great coach," Gee said of UTPA's Barbara Odale, who is now in her sixth year at the Lady Broncs golf helm. "She was a two-time All America at SMU and was the Southwest Conference Player of the

Year her senior year. She knows what it takes to win and she is considered a premier teacher of the game."

In addition to UT-Pan American, Gee received offers to sign early from Northeastern Oklahoma State, West Texas A&M, and three junior colleges.

"They (Lady Broncs) play in some of the biggest tournaments in the nation each year and compete with the best," Gee noted. "The program is only five years old and already they have a reputation as one of the best women's college golf programs in the nation. They've already won two of their tournaments this fall."

Gee admitted that her work ethic has not been the best in the past, but is convinced she can be one of the best when she puts her heart into improving her game.

As a result, she said once she has time to mend from her ankle injury, she'll be working hard.

"Coach Odale is putting a lot of faith in me," Gee acknowledged. "She knows I have a lot of potential. Coach (Steve) Ward has always told me that if I would just work very hard, there is no telling how good I can



Big Spring senior Rachel Gee, center, signs her letter of intent to play golf at the University of Texas-Pan American next year. From left: mother Kim Gee, Big Spring head coach Steve Ward and father Randy Gee watch her sign on the dotted line.

become. That's what I want to do now."

While Gee said she decided to sign early because she wanted to concentrate on playing with her Lady Steers teammates this spring, she can't help but look ahead to her collegiate career.

"This is my senior year and I want to concentrate

only on helping my coaches and teammates win this year," Gee explained. "Recruiting can be a distraction and I know this is what I want to do."

She also noted that next year the Lady Broncs are scheduled to play a tournament in the Virgin Islands and may also play in the prestigious Notre Dame Classic.

She also admits to having lofty collegiate goals. "My goal is to help Pan American compete for an NCAA national championship," she said.

Managing Editor John A. Moseley can be contacted by calling 263-7331, ext. 230, or by e-mail at editor@bigspringherald.com



Seven-year-old Justin Mayfield collected his first two deer recently during the first day of the 2004 deer season. Mayfield is the son of Carla and Steve Derouen and Jeff and Laurie Mayfield all of Groves. Justin is the grandson of Herald and Jennet Bently of Big Spring.

## Mavericks, Nowitzki rout Heat in Miami

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — Instead of making a serious run at acquiring Shaquille O'Neal over the summer, the Dallas Mavericks built their team around Dirk Nowitzki.

The logic couldn't be faulted Thursday, when Nowitzki helped hand what was the NBA's last unbeaten team its first loss of the season.

Nowitzki had 41 points, two off his career high, and Marquis Daniels added 22 in Dallas' 113-93 win over Miami that ended the Heat's franchise-record 14-game home win streak.

"We had a great night," Nowitzki said. "Everybody was shooting well, and it didn't matter

from where they shot it. We did a lot of things right."

Nowitzki shot 12-of-24 from the floor, 4-for-7 from 3-point range, 13-for-13 from the line and added 10 rebounds for Dallas (5-1).

"I'm wondering how he missed those 12 shots. ... He was really on," said Mavs owner Mark Cuban, who watched from behind the Dallas bench.

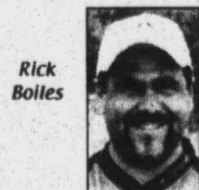
O'Neal had 22 points — giving him 22,002 for his career — and 10 rebounds for the Heat (4-1). Dwyane Wade added 20 points, eight rebounds and five assists before spraining his left ankle with 7:07 left. X-rays were negative, and Wade said he believed the injury was minor.

## FRIDAY NIGHT FORECASTERS

### This Week's Games

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5. Haskell vs. Roby
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7. Bangs vs. Colorado City
8. Fort Stockton vs. Abilene Wylie
9. Midland Greenwood vs. Snyder
10. Seminole vs. Sweetwater
11. Amarillo Palo Duro @ Frenship
12. Andrews @ Pampa
13. Canyon Randall vs. Lake View
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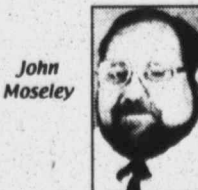
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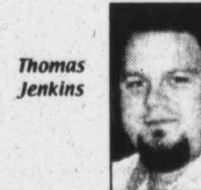
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## Santana runs away with Cy Young award

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer  
NEW YORK — Johan Santana of the Minnesota Twins was a unanimous choice for the American League Cy Young Award on Thursday, rewarded for a stellar second half that helped his team win its third straight division title.

Santana went 20-6 and led the AL with a 2.61 ERA and 265 strikeouts, going 13-0 with a 1.21 ERA in 15 starts after the All-Star break.

He received all 28 first-place votes from the Baseball Writers' Association of America, becoming the first unanimous Cy Young winner since Arizona's Randy Johnson two years ago and the first in the AL since Boston's Pedro Martinez in 2000. He is the 18th unanimous winner overall, the seventh in the AL.

Curt Schilling, 21-6 with a 3.26 ERA in his first season with the Red Sox, received 27 second-place votes and one third for 82 points.

"I'm surprised this has been a unanimous decision," Santana said from Caracas, Venezuela, during a conference call. "I thought this was going to be a real tough race."

Voting was conducted before the start of the postseason, when Schilling beat the Yankees in Game 6 of the AL championship series and St. Louis in Game 2 of the World Series despite pitching with a dislocated ankle tendon held together by sutures. Boston went on to sweep St. Louis to win the World Series for the first time since 1918.

"It was amazing," Santana said. "To me, he was just a hero. He did great things for Boston and for baseball. That's a role model for a young baseball player to follow."

Schilling, who led the major leagues in wins, has never won a Cy Young Award. He was runner-up for the third time, tying Johnson, a five-time winner, and 1957 winner Warren Spahn for the most second-place finishes.

Santana became the first Venezuelan to win the award, and fans in Caracas honked car horns when they heard the news.

"It's on national TV," he said. "Hopefully, in a couple of hours I'll be addressing the country and letting them know how I feel."

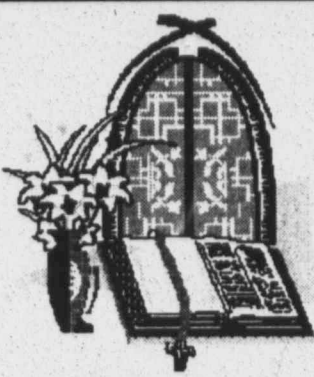
Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees, who led the major leagues with a career-high 53 saves, received the other second-place vote and 24 thirds for 27 points.

Santana had a breakout season after going 12-3 for the Twins in 2003. Coming off surgery to remove bone chips from his elbow, he was 2-4 in 12 starts before beating the New York Mets on June 9.

He beat the Yankees in the opener of their first-round playoff series and, pitching on three days' rest, left Game 4 with a 5-1 lead before New York rallied.

Santana, eligible for free agency after the 2006 season, lost in salary arbitration last February and earned a \$1.6 million salary with no bonuses. Schilling, who had a \$12 million salary, earned a \$400,000 bonus for finishing second.

Houston's Roger Clemens won the NL honor Tuesday.



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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

## BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The new moon in Scorpio poses a question about that ongoing personal habit you've been struggling with for so long. What if you just accepted that extra tummy roll or your obsession with that certain television show as part of who you are? If the prospect of forever living with the flaw scares you, now's the time to do something about it.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're making up your own definition for the word "commitment." If you've been seeing someone special for a while, you may be thinking about tying the knot. Watch out for a Sagittarius or Leo who wants to hog the spotlight.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Make a declaration of independence. Relationships that are on shaky ground need someone to make the big decision — why not you? If you happen to work from home, you can expect a nice bonus to hit your mailbox real soon.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Start your new exercise program. You'll have plenty of energy and motivation and no trouble finding a personal trainer or workout partner. Your creative life will especially benefit from being half of a dynamic duo.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Relationships deepen as you get lucky in love

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Canyon Reef formation, East Vealmoor Unit Lease, Well No. 68. The proposed injection well is located 7 miles West from Vincent, Texas in the East Vealmoor Field, in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 7340 to 7530 feet.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). A sudden career change could rattle you temporarily, but you'll be back on your feet in no time. Chances are, your new situation will bring you more money and respect. The spotlight is on you — are you ready for your close-up?

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You get noticed on the job, and people ask for you by name. Positive reviews and excellent word of mouth put your services in demand, especially if you work in the arts. Remodeling or redecorating will be cosmically inspired.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your daily routine is constantly changing, which is good since you get bored easily. At work, you're still trying to get into a comfortable groove. Talking to an earthy Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn pal will help keep you grounded.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There is no better time to launch a new project than right now. You are an absolute dynamo, and everything you touch turns to gold. Even that hottie who seemed so out of your league just a few days ago is putty in your hands.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your living arrangements are due for a change, and some long-distance traveling may be involved. Some of you inquire into a foreign exchange program or teach overseas. Your love of learning must be sated!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're reassessing your commitments, as cosmic energy brings with it a renewed sense of purpose. You've accepted new responsibilities and are wondering now if you should have. Don't doubt your ability!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Work gets really hectic as the year-end push starts to take effect. Watch your health. All this rushing around and eating on the run is bound to take a toll on you. You would be wise to check your cholesterol.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your deep and resounding need to help others and save the world is activated. With the universal gears shifting in your favor, you can combine your two loves and make a profit to boot!

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** The new-moon energy gives you a fresh start, whether you've known your love for 10 minutes or 10 years! **ARIES:** Getting what you want in love is a mixed blessing! **TAURUS:** Independence is on the forefront of your mind, but staying around for a loved one will be worthwhile. **GEMINI:** Romantic drama excites you more than usual. **CANCER:** Enroll in a spiritual or educational venture, and you'll be swamped with dating options. **LEO:** It's got to be real! Find a way to get out of a commitment you never wanted in the first place. **VIRGO:** Maintain an aura of mystery. Added respect comes from withholding your opinion. **LIBRA:** Someone who has you on a pedestal may finally get a dose of reality — ultimately better for you both. **SCORPIO:** Even if you don't feel motivated to connect with others, do it anyway. **SAGITTARIUS:** Practice accepting people for their current limitations — and recognizing strengths, too. **CAPRICORN:** You're emboldened by the stars! Go ask someone to dance. **AQUARIUS:** Loved ones may overstep boundaries, believing that your best interest is at stake. **PISCES:** Never mind the romantic competition. It's when you're up against someone outstanding that you do your best "work."

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## FRIDAY

| WFAA     | Dallas             |
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| 6:30 PM  | News (C) Wheel-F   |
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| 10:30 PM | News (C) Nightline |
| 11:30 PM | Ent. Ton Jimmy K   |
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| 6  | PM<br>:30<br>News (CC)<br>Wheel-Fortune      | News<br>8-Fortune<br>Wheel-Fortune | La Mujer de<br>Madera             | Malcolm-Mid.<br>Raymond     | News<br>Ent. Tonight     | Anita No Te<br>Rajes           | News<br>Seinfeld (CC)    | Raymond<br>Raymond           | Nueva Vida<br>John Hagee          | News-Lehrer                     | Monster Nation             |                              | CSI: Crime<br>Scene Investg. | Law & Order<br>(CC) (DVS) | Live<br>BET.com           | Phil of Future<br>That's-Raven | NFL Live<br>NFL Matchup    | NBA                          | Minds (CC)                 |
| 7  | PM<br>:30<br>8 Simple Rules<br>Complete Sav. | 8 Simple Rules<br>Complete Sav.    | Rubi                              | Totally Outrag.<br>Craziest | Joan of<br>Arcadia (CC)  | Prisonera                      | Dateline NBC<br>(CC)     | Friends (CC)<br>Friends (CC) | Update/Israel<br>Rabbi Richman    | Wash. Week<br>Wall-Fortune      | American<br>Casino (CC)    | Movie:<br>Hamburger Hill     | CSI: Crime<br>Scene Investg. | Movie: A Time<br>to Kill  | Movie                     | Movie: Bug's<br>Life (CC)      | College<br>Football:       | NBA<br>Basketball            | Movie: Dirty<br>Deeds (CC) |
| 8  | PM<br>:30<br>Hope & Faith<br>Less-Perfect    | Hope & Faith<br>Less-Perfect       | Amor Real                         | Renovate My<br>Family (CC)  | JAG (CC)<br>(DVS)        | Gitanas                        | Third Watch<br>(CC)      | Movie:<br>Ocean's            | Light of the<br>Southwest         | Now With Bill<br>Moyers (CC)    | Great Biker<br>Build-Off 3 |                              | Untold                       |                           |                           |                                | Southern<br>Mississippi at | Miami Heat at<br>San Antonio | 45 Movie:                  |
| 9  | PM<br>:30<br>20/20 (CC)                      | 20/20 (CC)                         | La Escuela<br>Casa Risa           | Malcolm-Mid.<br>70s Show    | dr. Vegas<br>(CC)        | Te Voy a En-<br>senar a Querer | Medical<br>Investigation | Eleven (CC)                  |                                   | Tucker Carlson<br>Jmi Edit. Rpt | American Hot<br>Rod (CC)   | Movie: The<br>Enemy Below    | CSI: Crime<br>Scene Investg. |                           | Comicview                 | 8:50 Movie:<br>Bug's Life      | Memphis<br>(CC)            | Spurs (CC)                   | Step Into<br>Liquid (CC)   |
| 10 | PM<br>:30<br>News (CC)<br>Nightline          | News<br>Nightline                  | Primer Impacto<br>Noticiero Univ. | 70s Show<br>Raymond         | News<br>Late Show        | Noticias<br>Laura              | News<br>The Tonight      | Movie: Money                 | The Hour of<br>Healing            | Charlie Rose<br>(CC)            | American<br>Casino (CC)    |                              | I Hate My Job                | Movie: The<br>Juror (CC)  | Nightly News<br>BET Style | WTA Tennis:<br>Tour            | Football:<br>Hawaii at     | 15 Movie:<br>Punch (CC)      |                            |
| 11 | PM<br>:30<br>Ent. Tonight<br>Jimmy Kimmel    | Extra (CC)<br>Final Score          | Movie: La<br>Tregua               | Becker (CC)<br>Becker (CC)  | (CC)<br>The Late Late    | Al Rolo Vivo-<br>Show          | Show (CC)<br>Late Night  | Talks (CC)                   | CCM Ministries<br>Dinah Christian | Sign Off                        | Great Biker<br>Build-Off 3 | Movie: Hell is<br>for Heroes | Wildest Police<br>Videos     |                           | Midnight Love             | Proud Family<br>That's-Raven   | Championships<br>NFL Live  | Fresno State<br>(CC)         | I Love You.                |
| 12 | AM<br>:30<br>Live (CC)<br>Oprah Winfrey      | HS Xtra Live<br>Jimmy Kimmel       |                                   | Spin City<br>Dharma-Greg    | Show (CC)<br>The Insider | Maria Celeste<br>Corte-Familia | (CC)<br>Fraser (CC)      | Family Guy                   | Update/Israel<br>Michael Decker   |                                 | American Hot<br>Rod (CC)   |                              | Blind Date<br>Shipmates      | Movie: Heat<br>(CC) (DVS) | Comicview                 | Kim Possible<br>Lizzie McGuire | NFL Matchup<br>Id Do       | SportsCenter                 | Don't Touch,<br>Me!        |

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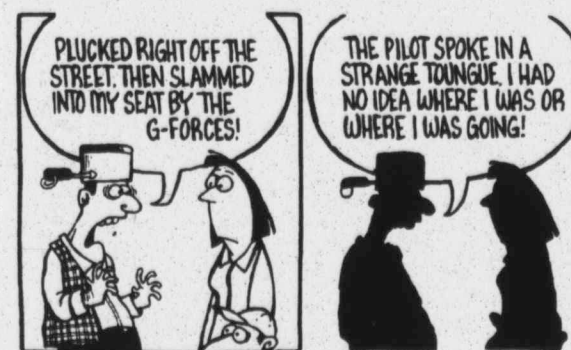
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 12, the 317th day of 2004. There are 49 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 12, 1942, the World War II naval Battle of Guadalcanal began. (The Americans ended up winning a major victory over the Japanese.)

On this date: In 1815, American suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton was born in Johnstown, N.Y.

In 1920, baseball got its first "czar" as Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis was elected commissioner of the American and National Leagues.

In 1927, Josef Stalin became the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union as Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Communist Party.

In 1929, Grace Kelly \_ the future movie star and Princess of Monaco \_ was born in Philadelphia.

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and several other World War II Japanese leaders were sentenced to death by a war crimes tribunal.

In 1977, the city of New Orleans elected its first black mayor, Ernest "Dutch" Morial.

In 1982, Yuri V. Andropov was elected to succeed the late Leonid I. Brezhnev as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee.

In 1984, space shuttle astronauts Dale Gardner and Joe Allen snared a wandering satellite in history's first space salvage. The Palapa B-2 satellite was secured in Discovery's cargo bay for return to Earth.

In 1990, Japanese Emperor Akihito formally assumed the Chrysanthemum Throne.

In 2001, an American Airlines Airbus A300-600, en route from New York's

John F. Kennedy International Airport to the Dominican Republic, crashed 103 seconds after takeoff, killing 265 people.

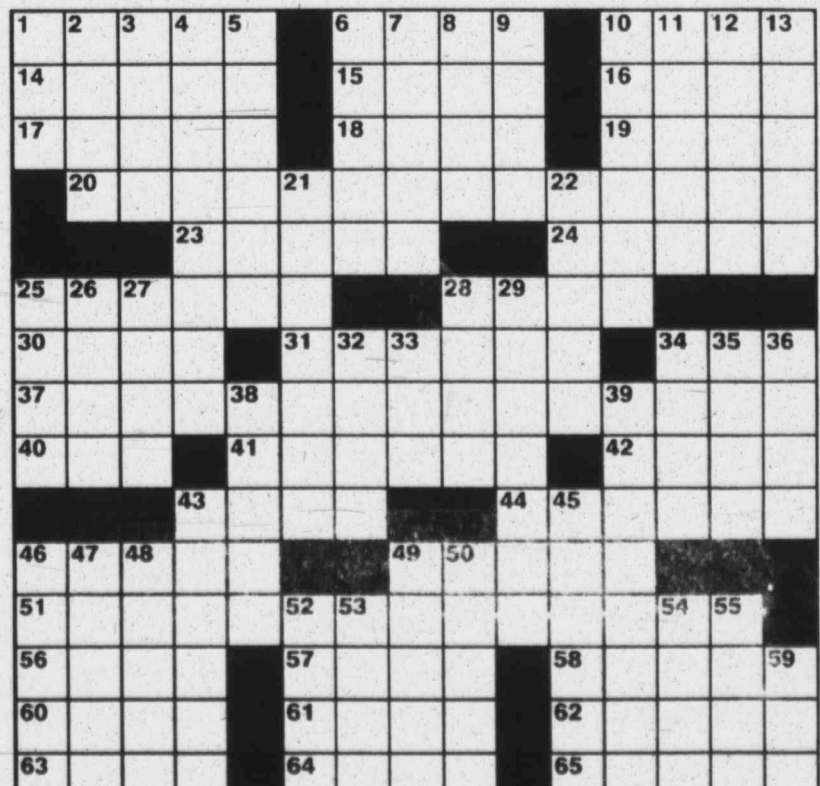
Today's Birthdays: R&B singer Ruby Nash Curtis (Ruby and the Romantics) is 65. Actor-playwright Wallace Shawn is 61. Singer Brian Hyland is 61. R&B singer Jimmy Hayes (Persuasions) is 61. Rock musician Booker T. Jones (Booker T. & the MGs) is 60. Singer-songwriter Neil Young is 59. Rock musician Donald "Bucky Dharma" Roeser (Blue Oyster Cult) is 57. Country singer Barbara Fairchild is 54.

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# Golf Insider

## IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

### Setup for success: a winter program

By T.J. TOMASI  
Universal Press Syndicate

A good setup writes the script for the entire golf swing. If you're stuck indoors this winter, the best thing you can do for your game is pose in the perfect setup in front of a mirror at least once a day.

In the two accompanying photos, I am demonstrating several setup basics that you should practice.

#### Stance width

How wide you spread your heels affects your stability, balance and mobility. The distance between your heels varies according to the length of the club you are using (always use your heels to measure, rather than your toes).

Here, I am setting up to hit a short iron. Notice in the close-up photo that the distance between my heels is the same as the outside of my hips. This is the proper width with the short to medium irons, pitching wedge to 5-iron. For the 4-iron through driver, your stance should be shoulder width apart to accommodate the wider swing arc of the longer clubs.

#### Foot flare

If you set up with both feet pointing straight at the target line, you would have no flare at all. How much you should turn your feet out at address depends on your ability to turn back and through the ball.

I am demonstrating the average flare created by a quarter turn out of both feet. I start with my feet pointing directly at the target line then turn them out 25 degrees.

#### Ball position

Your ball position depends on what club you are using. With your short to medium

irons (again, I'm setting up to hit a short iron here), play the ball off the front cheek of your face so that it's slightly forward of the center of your stance.

For your long irons and fairway woods, the ball should be positioned off the logo of your shirt. With all teed woods, it should be opposite your arm pit.

Using your feet as a guide for ball placement can cause mistakes because it's hard to judge exactly where the ball is in relation to your feet when they are flared. So it's best to use your upper body to make sure you have the position correct.

#### Shaft angle

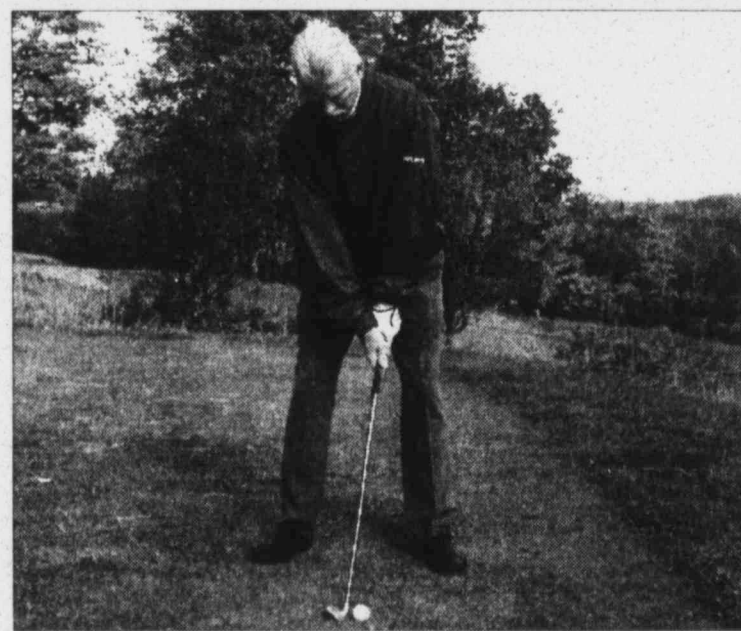
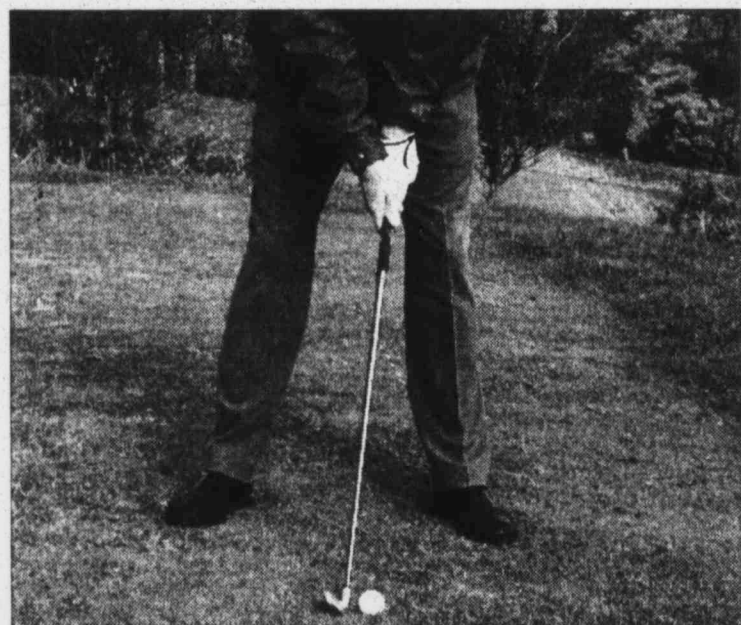
Ideally, the butt of the club should point at the inside of your front thigh. Clubs are designed to be "forward leaning" at impact, and it is easier to accomplish when you set the club up that way from the start.

In the full photo below, see how the forward-leaning club and my left arm form a slightly tilted straight line, extending all the way from my left shoulder down to the club head. If I match this angle at impact, I'm sure to hit down and through the ball.

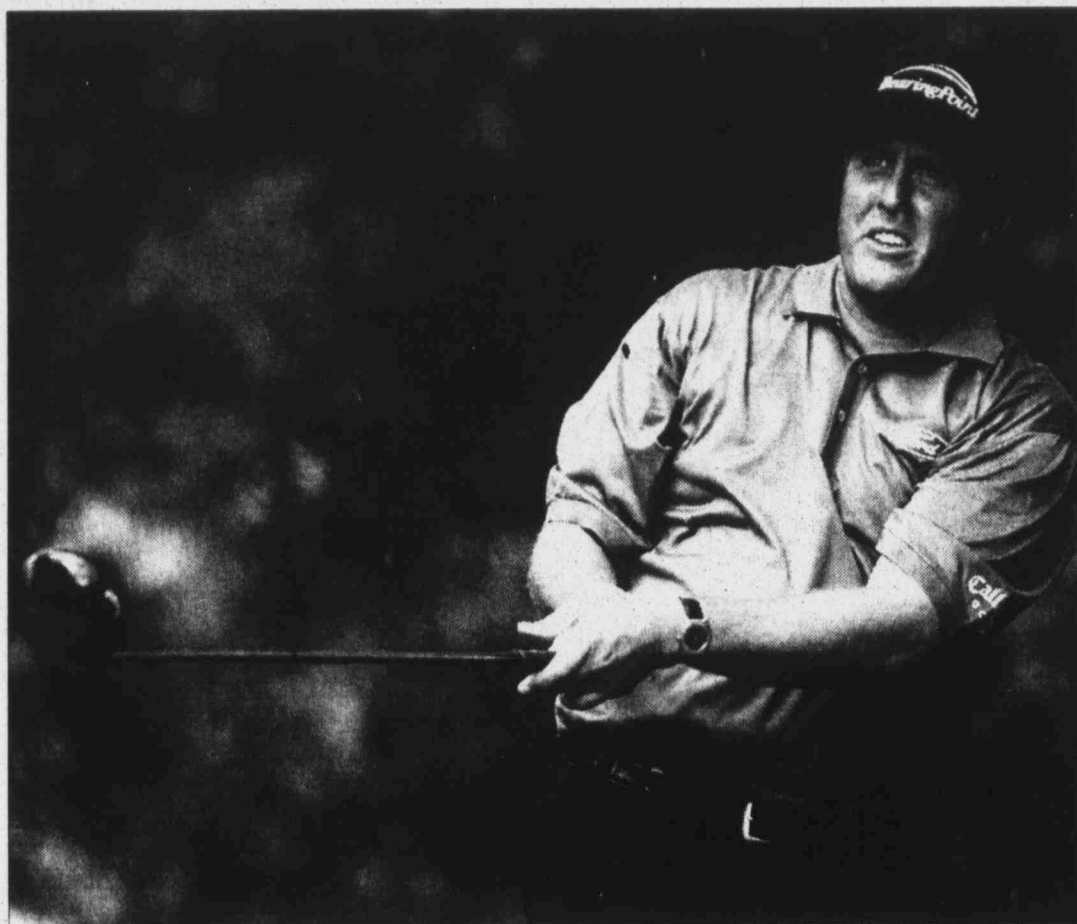
#### Spine angle

The spine angle is a relationship many amateur players ignore. At setup, your spine should be slightly tilted away from the target. You can clearly see this by the way the placard of my jacket is hanging in the full photo; it and my spine are tilted about 5 degrees away from the target.

Lines, arcs and angles — golf is clearly a game of geometry. The good news is that to achieve a correct setup, you don't need special athletic talents or even any previous golf experience. All you really need is determination.



The forward-leaning club and my left arm form a slightly tilted straight line (bottom). Matching this angle at impact ensures hitting down and through the ball.



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Since the PGA Championship in August, Phil Mickelson's best finish has been tied for 19th in the limited Tour Championship field last week in Atlanta (above).

## Limping to the finish

### Mickelson's norm: Collapse after the PGA Championship

By CRAIG DOLCH  
Cox News Service

West Palm Beach, Fla. Phil Mickelson apparently all but shut down his glorious 2004 season after the PGA Championship. He just never told anyone.

What was such a memorable start, including his first major championship at the Masters, has turned into a forgettable finish with the Ryder Cup debacle and subsequent poor play. After making a run at all four majors — his worst finish was a sixth — Mickelson limped to the end of the season.

His latest misstep was this past weekend at the Tour Championship. Mickelson opened with a respectable 71, but never really challenged and finished tied for 19th.

In the second round of the Chrysler Championship at the end of October, he shot a front-nine 41 en route to a five-over 76 that forced an early exit. Mickelson missed the cut by

five shots and didn't dismiss the notion he seems to be going through the motions.

"I've noticed in the past few years after the PGA, I really haven't played well," Mickelson said. "It seems like I play hard in a lot of events up until the PGA, and then after that I just don't seem to play that well. It just seems like after the PGA the year kind of ends."

The PGA Championship is the perfect demarcation line for Mickelson's season. In his first 17 starts, he won twice; was second at the U.S. Open, third at the British and sixth at the PGA; finished in the top-10 13 times; missed just one cut; and had only one other finish outside of the top 25.

Since the PGA, he was 43rd at the NEC Invitational and 57th at the Canadian Open, then was hospitalized after food poisoning forced him to withdraw from the Las Vegas event.

And then there was the Ryder Cup, where Mickelson became the poster boy for the Americans' embarrassing, record-setting loss at Oakland Hills. Mickelson was roundly ripped by the media, fellow players, U.S. captain Hal Sutton and even some of his fans after

his unusual decisions backfired.

Mickelson opted to change equipment companies just before the matches and then skipped two of the team's practice sessions to work privately with the new clubs. Those moves cost him as he went 1-3, including two ugly losses while teamed with Tiger Woods.

"I was very disappointed with the Ryder Cup," Mickelson said. "It wasn't a great Ryder Cup for the U.S. side. You kind of dwell on it for a little while, then it's time to move on to some upcoming events."

Indeed, Mickelson says he already is working on next year. He spent time recently with swing coach Rick Smith and short-game guru Dave Pelz mapping out a plan for 2005.

Just as they did last off-season, they're trying to find ways to shave some strokes off his game that can be the difference between a win and another close loss.

"I was five shots back from winning all four majors," Mickelson said. "If I can just get a few more shots back here and there, I think I'll be able to break through and win a few more tournaments."

## Singh ends on high note

Cox News Service

Vijay Singh did not let the last hours of the 2004 PGA Tour trickle away without leaving a reminder just whose year this was.

Ripping off a final-round 5-under 65, Singh jumped from 16th to ninth place at the Tour Championship, giving him 18 top-10 finishes in 29 events. That made for 36 top-10 showings in two years, the most since Tom Kite's reign of 36 in 1981-82. With a \$180,000 check, his final winnings of \$10,905,166 shattered Tiger Woods' four-year-old mark of \$9,188,321.

His nine victories were the most in one season since 1950, when

Sam Snead won 11.

"It would have been nice to get 10 wins, but I'll take nine," Singh said. "You don't look at it that way. Ten wins is a dream year. It hasn't happened in some 50 years."

He finishes the year leading the Tour in birdies (484, second-most in history) and 64 rounds in the 60s. He also tied Geoff Ogilvy for the most eagles (17).

"Everybody looks up at me and congratulates me everywhere I go. That's a big surprise," he said. "There's a lot more people with their eyes on me than before. As for winning so many times, they want to see good golf and they come and watch me. So that makes me happy."



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## 2004 RESULTS

Jan. 8-11: Mercedes Championships (Stuart Appleby)  
Jan. 15-18: Sony Open (Ernie Els)  
Jan. 21-25: Bob Hope Chrysler Classic (Phil Mickelson)  
Jan. 29-Feb. 1: FDR Open (Jonathan Kaye)  
Feb. 5-8: AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am (Vijay Singh)  
Feb. 12-15: Buick Invitational (John Daly)  
Feb. 19-22: Nissan Open (Mike Weir)  
Feb. 25-29: WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship (Tiger Woods)  
Feb. 26-29: Chrysler Classic of Tucson (Heath Slocum)  
March 4-7: Ford Championship (Craig Parry)  
March 11-14: Honda Classic (Todd Hamilton)  
March 18-21: Bay Hill Invitational (Chad Campbell)  
March 25-28: The Players Championship (Adam Scott)  
April 1-4: Bellsouth Classic (Zach Johnson)  
April 8-11: Masters (Phil Mickelson)  
April 15-18: MCI Heritage (Stewart Cink)  
April 22-26: Shell Houston Open (Vijay Singh)  
April 29-May 3: HP Classic of New Orleans (Vijay Singh)  
May 6-9: Wachovia Championship (Joey Sindelar)  
May 13-16: EDS Byron Nelson Championship (Sergio Garcia)  
May 20-23: Bank of America Colonial (Steve Flesch)  
May 27-30: FedEx St. Jude Classic (David Toms)  
June 3-6: Memorial Tournament (Ernie Els)  
June 10-13: Buick Classic (Sergio Garcia)  
June 17-20: U.S. Open (Retief Goosen)  
June 24-27: Booz Allen Classic (Adam Scott)  
July 1-4: Western Open (Stephen Ames)  
July 8-11: John Deere Classic (Mark Hensby)  
July 15-18: British Open (Todd Hamilton)  
July 15-18: B.C. Open (Jonathan Byrd)  
July 22-25: Greater Milwaukee Open (Carlos Franco)  
July 29-Aug. 1: Buick Open (Vijay Singh)  
Aug. 5-8: The International (Rod Pamplung)  
Aug. 12-15: PGA Championship (Vijay Singh)  
Aug. 19-22: WGC-NEC Invitational (Stewart Cink)  
Aug. 19-22: Reno-Tahoe Open (Vaughn Taylor)  
Aug. 26-29: Buick Championship (Woody Austin)  
Sept. 3-6: Deutsche Bank Championship (Vijay Singh)  
Sept. 9-12: Bell Canadian Open (Vijay Singh)  
Sept. 16-19: Valero Texas Open (Bart Bryant)  
Sept. 17-19: The Ryder Cup (Europe)  
Sept. 23-26: 84 Lumber Classic of Pennsylvania (Vijay Singh)  
Sept. 30-Oct. 3: WGC-American Express Championship (Ernie Els)  
Sept. 30-Oct. 3: Southern Farm Bureau Classic (Fred Funk)  
Oct. 7-10: Michelin Championship at Las Vegas (Andre Stolz)  
Oct. 14-17: Chrysler Classic of Greensboro (Brent Geiberger)  
Oct. 21-24: Funai Classic (Ryan Palmer)  
Oct. 28-31: Chrysler Championship (Vijay Singh)  
Nov. 4-7: Tour Championship (Retief Goosen)

## SCHEDULE

**LPGA TOUR**  
Tournament of Champions  
• Site: Mobile, Ala.  
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.  
• Course: Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, Magnolia Grove, Crossings Course (6,253 yards, par 72).  
• Purse: \$800,000. Winner's share: \$130,000.  
• Television: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 8:30-10:30 p.m.).

**PGA TOUR**  
Franklin Templeton Shootout  
• Site: Naples, Fla.  
• Schedule: Friday-Sunday.  
• Course: Tiburón Golf Club (7,193 yards, par 72).  
• Purse: \$2.5 million. Winner's share: \$300,000 each.  
• Television: USA (Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday, 1-3:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1-3 p.m. or 4-6 p.m.).

—All times Eastern

## BETTER BODY, BETTER GOLF

### Hands and forearms

I've never seen a good player who didn't have muscular forearms and a firm grip, strong enough to stabilize the club without squeezing it to death.

Most golfers understand that they should not hold the club too tightly because it stifles club head speed. But they don't realize that in addition to keeping the power muscles of the back and legs in good shape they must also pay attention to the small muscles in the hands and forearms.

These muscles play an important part in the transfer of energy from your body to the club head,

and if you are not careful, they are easily injured by working out with too much weight.

An excellent "low-weight" exercise is to squeeze a small, pliable, palm-sized ball for at least 10 minutes every day. Another is the "whoosh" drill to train the hands and the forearms to amp up club head speed.

Turn the club upside down and hold it by its neck with your trail arm only. Take your golf stance and swing one-handed until you can produce a whooshing sound at the bottom of the swing arc in the impact area. The higher the pitch of the whoosh, the faster the club speed.



Muscular forearms allow for a firm, stabilizing grip that's not too tight.

If your arm muscles are weak and your grip too tight, your whoosh will have a low-grade "woo" sound. As your strength grows, your low-grade "woos" will rise to a high-grade whistle.

## ASK THE PRO



Dr. T.J. Tomasi is director of instruction at Lyman Orchards Golf Club in Middlefield, Conn. To ask him a question about golf, e-mail him at: T.Jinsider@aol.com.

**Q:** My friends tell me that I have bad body language on the golf course and that it hurts my game. I guess I do mope around some when things are going badly, but even though I swear I'm going to change, as soon as I start to hit it badly, off I go. Can you coach me out of this? — K.S. via the Web

**A:** Your friends are pretty astute. You can't hide your feelings from them because your body language reveals what's really going on. I hope you don't play much high-stakes poker.

Look at it this way: If your mood can shape your body language, maybe your body language can

shape your mood. In fact, I believe that how you act can influence how you feel, and it's you who controls how you act. So all you have to do is fake it until you make it.

First do a little research. The next time you're playing well, monitor how you act. Do you talk a lot, tell jokes, walk fast? It also helps to ask your friends how you behave when you've got your "A" game.

Then be ready with your "A" game behavior when things go a little south and all you have to do is fake it until you make it back to your "A" swing.

To find out more on this subject, read my book "The 30-Second Golf Swing."