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FRIDAY

April 16, 2004

### WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 59°-62° TOMORROW 84°-86°

### BRIEFLY

#### Rabies clinic slated for Sunday

Western Hills Animal Clinic and Debra Hill, DVM, are sponsoring a rabies clinic from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Forsan Fire Station on Main Street. Prices will be: rabies, \$6; booster, \$10; bordetella, \$10; parvo, \$8; DM, \$5; feline cvr, \$10; and feline cvr and leukemia, \$18.

#### Fund-raiser for MDA camp set Sunday

A fund-raiser to help raise funds to send youth to the Ceta Canyon Summer MDA Camp will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Skateland.

Cost to get in the door will be \$4 per person and pays for skating as well as many other activities, including a silent auction, drawing and door prizes with items for adults as well as children. All proceeds will benefit the camp and campers.

### COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Author John Grisham has three passions: words, baseball and small towns. He combines all three in his new movie, "Mickey", which is a story about baseball that was shot in Charlottesville, Va.

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Amber Rich, Health Fair co-coordinator, displays a personal identification tag for use in emergency situations. Tags will be available at Saturday's Health Fair. Doors to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus open at 9 a.m. and will close when the fair concludes at 2 p.m.

# Wellness

## Health Fair to offer emergency ID, personal safety tips to participants

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the HERALD  
Personal identification tags for use in emergency situations will be available to area residents attending Saturday's Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair. The Health Fair is free and open to the public. Doors to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus open at 9 a.m. and will close

**Where:** Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.  
**When:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.  
**Admission:** Free when the fair concludes at 2 p.m.  
Project Rescue Me — an

effort by the Trauma Awareness Committee out of Midland — lists necessary information for emergency personnel. Participants wear small dog tags listing a toll-free number and the participants' personal ID number. Emergency personnel can call the number and find out the person's name, next of kin, and medical

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## Community Concert Series returning to Coahoma on April 25

Special to the HERALD

After bowing out of the scene for a few years, the Coahoma Community Concert Series will return Sunday, April 25, with Butterfly Sky.



For Walter Lee, who developed the concert series in 1996, it's an attempt to revive the popular, yet not-so-well-attended event. "Numerous people have asked what happened to the concerts," said Lee, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma. "The truth is,

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## Trashed?

### Big Spring will resume large-item pick up this month

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer  
Old broken-down refrigerators and couches beware, the city of Big Spring is ready to put you where you belong.

The city will begin its large-item pick up program, designed to help area residents get rid of large items they can't take to the landfill themselves, on April 23, working through District 1 of the city. "The large-item pick up is a program

"Some of the more typical items we pick up are tree branches, appliances that don't work anymore, couches and mattresses."



Todd Darden

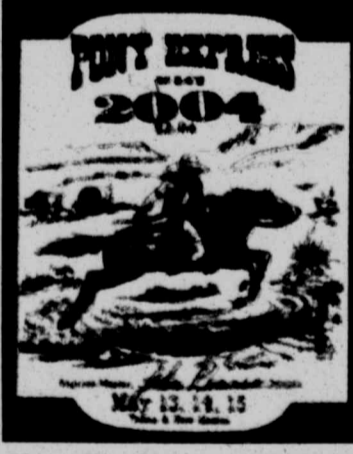
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## Forsan student's art wins Pony Express cancellation design

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer  
FORSAN — Thirteen-year-old Jace Purser may not be making a three-day horseback trip over the trails of West Texas and New Mexico any time soon, but his contribution will.

The Forsan Junior High School student's sketch was chosen as the design for the Howard County Pony Express commemorative cancellation stamp out of hundreds submitted. "This was a contest for all Howard County schools for students in the sixth and seventh grades," said Dale L. Walker, Howard County



Sheriff's Posse president. "We wanted them to draw a picture we could use for our cancellation stamp for the upcoming Pony Express ride." Walker presented Purser with his design

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Howard County Sheriff's Posse President Dale L. Walker, left, presents a plaque to 13-year-old Jace Purser, whose design was chosen to be the Howard County Pony Express commemorative cancellation stamp. Also pictured are Purser's parents, Rick and Debra Purser. The annual Pony Express ride will begin on May 13 in Howard County and end on May 15 in Jal, N.M.

## Bush, Blair holding meeting on Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Meeting at the White House, President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair are looking to show a united front on Iraq, hoping to boost public support and bolster a wobbly military coalition. The two leaders were to meet for 90 minutes today, hold a joint news conference, and then have lunch. They last met face-to-face five months ago.

The meeting comes amid rising casualty numbers in Iraq and an increasingly violent resistance among some Iraqi factions to American and British military presence in the country. At the same time the two leaders are staring down a June 30 deadline for handing off political power to an Iraqi interim government. And they are trying to forge a strategy to get the United

Nations to issue a new resolution on Iraq, hoping that might persuade more countries to send troops into the country and ease the U.S. and British burden. The British have reported nearly 60 soldiers killed in Iraq, the United States, nearly 700, including 88 killed this month. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld expressed surprise Thursday at the number of recent casualties. Key to the Bush-Blair meeting

will be to show continued unity on Iraq, said Sir Christopher Meyer, British ambassador in Washington until last year. "One of the key public messages that they will wish to give at the end of this visit is that they stand absolutely shoulder-to-shoulder on what needs to be done next," said Meyer. "The question is, can this fal-

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Obituaries

Harry Hopkins

Harry Hopkins, 62, of Andrews died early Thursday, April 15, 2004, in Midland. Memorial services are set for 1 p.m. Saturday at McNett Funeral Home in Andrews. The Rev. Rick Doyle, pastor of Means Memorial United Methodist Church, is officiating. He was born April 23, 1941, in Fort Smith, Ark. He lived in Andrews several times and last moved back in 1982 from Alice. He worked for West Texas Gas in Andrews for several years. He is survived by two sons, Harry Hopkins of Midland and Johnny Hopkins of Big Spring; four grandchildren and one great grandchild. Arrangements are under the direction of McNett Funeral Home in Andrews.

Julian Bustamante

Julian Bustamante, 82, of Big Spring died at 3:30 a.m. Friday, April 16, 2004, at Comanche Trail Nursing Center following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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etched on a wooden plaque and a \$50 check Thursday in front of friends and his parents, Rick and Debra Purser, in the Forsan cafeteria.

On May 13, when the three-day Pony Express ride begins, Howard County Sheriff's Posse members will use the cancellation designed by Purser on the actual Pony Express stamp.

The mail will then be carried by volunteers in the annual ride which begins in Big Spring and ends in Jal, N.M. Once the mail reaches, Jal, it will be turned over to the U.S. Postal Service. This is the first time the ride has come through Howard County.

Letters for the trip are currently being taken at the Big Spring Herald, KBST, Howard County Sheriff's Office, Brenda's Barbecue, Forsan Junior High/High School and Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs' office in Coahoma.

Each letter must have a U.S. stamp placed on the correct corner, and a Pony Express stamp affixed in the lower left-hand corner in order to be accepted for the ride.

Every \$2.04 Pony Express stamp sold in Howard County is split between the Express and the Howard County Sheriff's Posse.

Pony Express stamps are available at Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry St.; KBST, 608 Johnson St.; Howard County Sheriff's Office, Howard County Courthouse; Howard County Feed and Supply, 701 E. Second St.; Brenda's Barbecue, 904 E. E. Third St.; Nachos, 600 N. Lamesa; Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third St.; Forsan Junior/Senior High, 411 W. Sixth St.; Forsan; and Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs' office, 110 N. First St., Coahoma.

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

Take note

CAUBLE SCHOOL REUNION is set for 11:30 a.m. on May 1 at the Spanish Inn Restaurant, 200 NW Third St. in the Toro Room. The meal is Dutch treat, and everyone is invited to bring old photographs and memorabilia to share. Call Ray and Sue Russell at (432) 398-5452 or Betty Findley at (432) 267-8318.

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.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

HAVE YOU SEEN the movie "The Passion"? If you have seen it, or just heard about it, would you like to receive a free booklet which answers the question "Is the Passion True or False?" Call 263-0680, leave your

Fish Fry

The American Legion Post 506 will host a fish fry Saturday from noon until 3 p.m. Plates are \$7 a piece and carry outs are welcome. The event will be held at 3203 W. Highway 80. For more information, call 263-2084.

Police blotter

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

- JUDY ANN CASTILLO, 36, of 1509 Lancaster was being held at the city jail for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.
- THEFT was reported in the 1500 block of Avion.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of Lamesa Highway.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the police department.

Sheriff's report

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

- RECKLESS DRIVING was reported east bound on Interstate 20 near mile marker 164.
- LOOSE LIVESTOCK was reported near Interstate 20 by mile markers 185-186.
- WANTED PERSON was reported by Adult Probation.

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tering operation be saved, be turned around, or is it too late?"

said James Dobbins, a former senior State Department official in the Clinton and first Bush administrations. "This is a joint enterprise, and it's not going well."

Blair arrives in Washington fresh from talks Thursday night with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in New York.

Among issues on the table is a proposal by Annan's special envoy to Iraq, to create a caretaker government to succeed the U.S. administration in Baghdad.

Secretary of State Colin Powell on Thursday called U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi's proposal "very sound" but a State Department spokesman said it was premature to say that the administration was endorsing it.

U.N. Security Council members want to wait to hear from Brahimi before acting on a new resolution.

Bush earlier this week at a news conference said he would like to get a new U.N. resolution "that will help other nations to decide to participate" in Iraq.

The United States has about 130,000 troops in Iraq, followed by Britain's 12,000.

Powell first raised the idea of a new U.N. resolution last week, saying it would help the Iraqi transitional government, promote reconstruction, encourage other nations to get involved, and structure a role for the United Nations.

"How does the new Iraqi government on July 1 ask for a foreign troop presence to support it, when Spanish troops are pulling out?" said Robin Niblett, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "It's critical to get this U.N. resolution in the very little time" that remains, he said.

name and address, and we will be happy to send you this booklet that answers this question, compliments of your friends at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

CHRIST'S COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP is requesting donations of any household items, furniture, appliances, linens, cookware and dishes to be distributed to the needy in Big Spring. Items will be picked up. Please call 263-5683 and leave a message.

LIFETIME BIG SPRING resident Mary Lancaster has been diagnosed with cancer, and is in need of several scans that are not covered by her health insurance. Lancaster's family is asking for donations to cover the cost of the scans, which range in the thousands of dollars. Donations can be made at Wood Forest National Bank, located in Wal-Mart, in the name of Mary Lancaster.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email 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 seniors 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.  
• Fun Run and Walk begins at 9 a.m., with registration at 8 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain State Park.  
• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair, featuring more than 60 booths, is set for 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Admission is free.  
• Free eye glasses are available from 9 a.m. until noon at Bob's Custom Wood Work at 409 E. Third.  
• American Legion Post 506 fish fry is set for noon until 3 p.m. \$7 per plate and carry out is available. Call 263-2084.  
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 6-7-26-32-37.  
Number matching five of five: 3.  
Prize per winner: \$14,730.  
Winning tickets sold in: Corrigan, Pearsall, Laredo, Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-8-2

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy until early morning then becoming cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.  
Saturday...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.  
Saturday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.  
Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 10 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.  
Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.  
Monday...Partly cloudy. A 10 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.  
Monday night through Wednesday...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 60. Highs in the lower 80s.  
Wednesday night and Thursday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Highs in the mid 70s.

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The database accessed from any in the country and seas.

"I know someone brought them from Germany so some members could have and she said it accessed from there.

The tags also are to joggers and bicyclists who normally don't have identification, Jones said. The tags are free and can be enrolled in Trauma Awareness Committee booth.

Workers at the booth will provide information concerning 1-1 information and a toll-free number. Dialing

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attendance was there was not a revenue in some cases pay for the artist's line.

"We will try again there is public so we will look at bringing in more artists added.

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"It's a widely used program. We're trying to target people who are elderly, handicapped or otherwise don't have the

means to get these large items to our landfill. This is a service the city is going to provide as a courtesy to those people and give them the opportunity to get things off of their premises they might not be able to otherwise."

Darden said there's no charge to use the program, which will be conducted in one of the other five city districts once a month until completed, but you do need to be aware of what they can and cannot pick up.

"Some of the more typical items we pick up are

tree branches, appliances that don't work anymore, couches and mattresses. Those are the kind of things that we can take to our landfill and we're allowed to pick up," said Darden. "We can't pick up any household hazardous waste. That means any kind of chemicals, including lawn chemicals, car batteries and tires and things of that nature."

"In the past, the Howard County Extension Agent has offered a certain day out of the year that they accept those types of

items. I'd suggest if anyone has those type items, they should contact the county extension agent. He should be able to direct you as to where those items can go and possibly future dates when they will be picking those items up."

Darden said customers need to be aware of gas, water and electricity meters and lines when they put their large items out to be picked up in an effort to protect their services and the city employees helping with the program.

The city will be holding pick up days the fourth Friday of each month, concentrating on District 2 next, until workers are able to completely make the rounds in September.

"We plan to repeat the same schedule next year," Darden said. "We like to think of it as spring cleaning. We're going to start in the spring of each year and work through the beginning of fall to assist people with these large items."

"We have a council that is very proactive in trying to beautify Big Spring.

We also have the Keep Big Spring Beautiful group that is really promoting the 'clean and green' idea. We want people that come to our community to know we really care."

For more information on the large-item pick up program and maps of the six city districts, visit <http://www.ci.big-spring.tx.us>, or contact the city at 264-2504.

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

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"If you have that dog tag on and you're in an accident and you're not conscious, emergency personnel could dial up this number, give them the tag number and the database could identify you as the person is wearing that tag," said Nancy Jones, Health Fair co-chairman and project director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

The database can be accessed from anywhere in the country and overseas.

"I know someone who brought them over to Germany so some family members could have one and she said it can be accessed from there."

The tags also are helpful to joggers and bicyclists who normally don't carry identification, Jones said. The tags are free and people can be enrolled at the Trauma Awareness Committee booth.

Workers at the RSVP booth will provide information concerning the 2-1-1 information and referral number. Dialing 2-1-1

provides callers with information about and referrals to human services for every day needs and in times of crisis.

"If you needed mobile meals or you had a senior who couldn't pay her gas bill, there are several entities that could help you, but you don't know about them," Jones said.

The number can be accessed throughout the state of Texas and many other states that have implemented the service.

"The beauty of this 2-1-1 is my mother lives in Amarillo," Jones said. "If she needed mobile meals, I wouldn't have the first clue of how to get it. I could call 2-1-1 here and they would connect me with Amarillo Meals on Wheels and save me a long-distance phone call. If my daughter was stranded in Houston, they could connect me with the proper services."

The Citizens Police Academy will fingerprint and take digital photos of children for the family's personal files. Fatal Vision goggles — administered by the Big Spring Police Department — gives the wearer the effect of being drunk or on drugs.

"It affects your coordi-

nation," Jones said. "It simulates drunkenness and shows you how you might feel if you got behind the wheel of a car."

The goggles will be available during presentations at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

There will be no Scenic Mountain Medical Center will hand out 50 certificates to undergo Prostate Specific Antigen or PSA tests, said Amber Rich, SMMC director of medical staff services. PSA tests are just one of the procedures physicians can use to detect prostate cancer.

Participants must show up at the hospital's emergency room before the end of the month between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Rich said. They must present the certificate and will have their blood drawn.

The YMCA Tae Kwon Do class will make a presentation at 10:30 a.m.

Scenic Mountain's Reflections program will be performing depression screenings, as will West Texas Centers for MHMR. Dr. Joseph Chavez will hand out information on Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, keeping with the theme of

this year's health fair — mental health.

Officials announced this morning there will be no bone density or skin cancer screenings this year.

Dr. John Farquhar is sponsoring the American Diabetes Association booth and Pediatrician Steve Ahmed will sponsor Dimples the Clown, who makes balloon creations. More than 60 booths will be set up, and workers will hand out promotional items and information.

For more information, call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at (432) 263-7641.

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Julian Bustamante, 82, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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attendance was sparse. There was not enough revenue in some cases to pay for the artist's gasoline.

"We will try again. If there is public support, we will look at bringing in more artists," he added.

Through the years, the concert series featured many talented artists, offering a variety of musical styles. Butterfly Sky is no different.

Bringing to the stage a soulful, bluesy, acoustic-folk style, the duo, Barb Nashold and Greg Greer, began singing together in Chicago about a year ago. They have since written and produced their first CD, "Turn," featuring 13 songs.

Their original songs encompass many styles and emotions, from the rhythmic gospel rock number "Bring Me Up" to the raw emotion of "Break Me Down" and through the thoughtful ditty of "The Breakup Song" to the rolling blues

of "Mama Don't Tell Daddy" and the moment of spiritual truth in "Down On My Knees."

Giving up a permanent residence, they travel full-time on their converted tour bus, Gracie.

The concert will be held at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma, located at 205 N. First.

All of the proceeds from the Coahoma Community Concert Series go to the artists. Suggested donations are \$8 per person with a maximum donation of \$20 per family.

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**Church News**

**First United Methodist Church**

On Sunday Dr. Dave Ring's sermon is titled "Now What." The Scripture text comes from Matthew 28:16-20.

The third graders will receive their Bibles during the 10:50 a.m. service, and a speaker representing the Gideons will speak at each service. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Parent's Night Out is at 5 p.m. in Garrett Hall.

The Youth will have a car wash at Advance Auto Parts to raise money for Relay for Life on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Youth want to raise \$1,000 for their team for the event.

A special meeting to discuss issues and answer questions about the possible reorganization of the Northwest Texas District will be in Coahoma on Sunday, and in Midland on April 25 at 3 p.m. Currently, the district headquarters are in Big Spring.

Don't miss the Singles Fun Night at 7 p.m. on Monday or the Hispanic Bible Study at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Senior Adult Ministry is planning a spring trip to Mineral Wells, Granbury and Glen Rose on April 29-May 1. Anyone interested in going should contact the church office.

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.

**First Christian Church**

The congregation of First Christian Church of Big Spring invites you to join them this Sunday as they continue to celebrate the Easter season. The Rev. Gene Cravens' message will be from the Gospel of John 20: 19-29, titled "Prove It!" On the third Sunday of every month, which is this Sunday, we have a fellowship meal immediately following worship. Everyone is invited to stay and share a meal together.

If you are looking for a church home, or just visiting around, we invite you to try us out. We have Sunday school at 9:45 am and worship at 10:50 am. Come join us as we praise God through our singing, prayer, reading the Word and hearing the message. We'd love to have you. Call 267-7851.

**First Baptist Church**

First Baptist Church would like to congratulate Laura Spence and Ashley Billings who are participating in the State Bible Drill being held in Abilene today. They qualified for the state drill by scoring adequate points in their church and association drills.

The ladies of our community are reminded to get your tickets for the Beth Moore simulcast before May 1. There will be a \$5 late registration after that. The simulcast is from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on May 15. To view the simulcast alone is \$15. The simulcast and lunch at the church is \$25.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. followed by worship at 10:50 a.m. each Sunday. Our pastor will begin a series of sermons on "Restoring Your Spiritual Passion." Sunday Night Live begins at 4:30 p.m. with evening worship at 6. Deacons, you will have a meeting following the evening worship in the chapel.

We invite anyone without a church home to come and visit First Baptist Church. We are located across from the VA Medical Center on FM 700.

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**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

Don't miss the 2004 Health Fair this Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Stop by the St. Paul Lutheran booth to sign up for giveaways including books and videos. You might want to just stop by to visit. St. Paul would like to remind everyone to perform a check-up of your "Spiritual Health" along with your "Physical Health!" Join us for Sunday worship services at 8 a.m. (traditional service) or 10:45 a.m. (a more informal service.) Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Big Spring — A Great Home Town, St. Paul — A Great Home Church!

**Midway Baptist Church**

Midway Baptist Church has set a revival featuring evangelist Mike Stout, pastor of Westview Baptist in Kingsport, Tenn., along the musical family, the Andersons, beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday, with a potluck lunch following.

Revival services continue at 7 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Also, Monday through Wednesday at noon lunch will be served, and Mike Stout will bring a message each day, and the Andersons will bring the music. Everyone is welcome. Bring your family and your friends.

Midway Baptist Church is located east of town at 6200 S. Service Road, past the refinery.

**Life Church**

Life Church at 600 E. FM 700 will be hosting the Rev. Brian Holmes at 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday. Child care is provided. Holmes has a passion to equip and empower people to be released into their complete purpose and destiny. He is trained and certified as a church consultant and specializes in leadership development and spiritual development of churches and ministries. For more information call 263-7714. Life Church is located at 600 E. FM 700.

**Friends of Unity**

Our study at 2 p.m. Sunday will center around Jesus' unique concept of God. Everyone is welcome to join us in the east boxcar at the

Railroad Plaza where our center is located.

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

St. Mary's Episcopal Church invites everyone to attend worship services this Sunday. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have its monthly meeting and breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday in the chapel.

Sunday, the Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl, bishop of Northwest Texas, will hold his annual visitation to the Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin for the purpose of confirmations, baptism and renewal of baptismal covenants. Everyone is invited to attend this special 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. Goliah.

**Living Hope Church**

The on-going process of evaluation ministries is a necessary, if never ending, task for church leaders that aspire to be judged by Christ as faithful servants and fruitful stewards. Evaluation is quite simply interpreting and determining the value of something.

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Living Hope Church is located at 1208 Frazier Street on the west side of our city.

**Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church**

We sincerely invite all seekers of truth to visit with us at Philadelphia Primitive Baptist

Church, 201 E. 24th St., for worship services each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Elder David Machiavello, pastor, will be the speaker.

Bible Study is held each Wednesday night at 7.

Plans are in place for our spring meeting on April 23-25. Elder Troy Barrington of Stephenville, who is a former pastor of the Midland Primitive Baptist Church, will be our visiting minister for this series of services.

Anyone wanting more information may call Elder David Machiavello at 267-6543 or 267-7558.

**First Presbyterian Church**

The text for the sermon on Sunday is taken from John 20:19-31. The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will be the speaker. Worship service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday school is held at 9:45 and "Take Ten" begins at 10:35. Opportunities for the week include The Encouragers meeting to be held on Monday at 6 p.m. The Session meeting also takes place on Monday at the same time. On Wednesday at 7 a.m. the men of the church have breakfast in the fellowship hall. The choir meets on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The Resource Committee has declared a Clean-up Day for the church. All members are encouraged to come and make our beautiful church even better than ever. Clean-up Day will be April 24.

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.

**East Side Baptist Church**

East Side Baptist Church presents The Florida Boys in concert April 25 at 7 p.m.

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A love offering will be taken. Nursery will be provided for children under four years old. For more information call 267-1915.


**Circle Six Ranch Baptist Camp**

Circle Six Baptist Ranch is having an adult rally senior prom May 3 at the camp with special guest the Rev. Dr. Gary Dyer, pastor of First Baptist Church in Midland. Tickets are \$8. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and an auction is set for 9 a.m. To register call 423-458-3467.

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## A Pastor's Message

# Life following Jesus keeps getting better and better

**B**etter & better! Life is getting better all the time. I'm protected. I'm provided for. I'm content (actually excited). I'm secure. I'm able. I'm loved. And, I encounter more of each of these every day. I may learn them from the depth of a pit I dug for myself. Or, I may learn them from the pinnacle of life's successes (very few!). But, the more I learn, the more I experience. How does that happen? I'm not perfect and neither are others who can make the same claim. I was born in the same world. I had the same choices: drugs, alcohol, sex, violence, cheating, lying, manipulation. How can life get better and better when those choices are getting worse and worse? I made some changes when I got serious about following Jesus. These same changes have helped millions of other. They just might help you.

Change No. 1: I'm no

longer in charge of my life. I stopped carrying a heavy burden when I made that decision. I never realized the terrible weight of being in charge. There was no peace. There was no security. Everything depended on me and I wasn't that reliable. Some of those reading understand. This truth became startling clear to me as I sat in a marriage conference. The conference leader had us all raise our right hand and repeat a statement that we were resigning as general manager of the universe. I didn't realize

how many people, including me, try to fill that position. Listen to these warm words. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6) I simply let God do what God's supposed to do, not me. I don't trust myself anymore. I trust Him.

Change No. 2: I realized my default perspective isn't always the best perspective.

The Bible tells this story about the prophet

Elisha that helped me to see that I don't see everything. "Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, 'Alas, my master! What shall we do?' So he answered, 'Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.'" Then Elisha prayed and said, 'O Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.' And the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of

horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." (2 Kings 6:15-16) I often ask God's help in seeing what is real.

Change No. 3: Life is not about me. It was a startling moment when I realized that I was not the center of the universe. Most people believe they keep the universe from wobbling. Through Jesus Christ, God invited me to abandon my position as the pivot point of the universe and accept the position of servant to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. I totally lost control. God got total control.

I began to understand these words; "not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14:7-8)

While life often deals us cards we don't want to play, we're already in the game and we can't get out. I encourage you to trust in God, follow Jesus, and watch the days get better and better.


Kevin Parker is pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church.



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### Lady Steers a fundraiser clinic

The The Big Lady steers a team will be holding an all-skills fundraiser clinic on Saturday, April 17.

The cost is \$20 for girls ages 6-8 and \$15 for girls ages 9-12. Registration for the clinic will take place from 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and the clinic will take place from 11:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The clinic will consist of a variety of skills such as catching, and baserunning.

Pitchers and catchers will have their own sessions Sunday, April 18. The cost is \$20 and it includes a two-hour session.

For more information or to pre-register, contact Janet Abner at 466-1711.

### Teen League slates registration

The Big Teenage League is holding registration through All District Printing.

Players may register from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The league is for all players between the ages of 13 and 18.

For more information, contact Stan Parker at 2570.

### BSCC schedules four-man scrabble

A four-person scrabble tournament has been scheduled for April 24-25 at Spring Country Club.

Entry fees are \$10 per player plus a \$500 prize fund but private clubs are welcomed.

Play begins at 9 p.m. shotgun start. Entry fees include a barbecue on both days and can play rounds on Friday.

For more information, call the BSCC at 267-5354.

### Deadline set for softball tournament

The deadline for the MAYB softball tournament, which will take place June 1-3 in Austin, has been set at May 14.

The tournament will feature 4th-12th grade girls and girls' five games.

For more information, call the national office at 316-284-0355 or local director at 7570.

### Deadline set for basketball tournament

The deadline for the MAYB basketball tournament, which will take place June 1-3 in Austin, has been set at May 14.

The tournament will feature 4th-12th grade girls and girls' five games.

For more information, call the national office at 316-284-0355 or local director at 7570.

### Lady Steers a Meeting announcement

The Lady Steers Booster Club will hold a meeting Monday in the afternoon.

All parents are invited to be involved in the basketball, cheerleading, and track are invited to attend.

### ON THE

Sports Broadcast Friday  
Event, Time  
Steers vs. Permian, 3:45 p.m.

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Lady Hawks @ Odessa, 12:45 p.m.  
Spurs vs. Memphis, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday  
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Mavericks @ Sacramento, 2:00 p.m.

Monday  
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### IN BRIEF

#### Lady Steers announce fundraiser clinic

The The Big Spring Lady steers softball team will be holding an all-skills fund-raiser clinic on Saturday and Sunday.

The cost is \$15 for girls ages 6-8 and \$20 for girls ages 9-14 for Saturday's session.

Registration for the clinic will take place Saturday at 8 a.m. Two separate clinics will take place from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The clinics will consist of teachings in such skills as throwing, catching, hitting and baserunning.

Pitchers and catchers will have their own session Sunday. The cost is \$20 and it includes three two-hour sessions.

For more information or to pre-register call Janet Abner at 264-0023 or 466-1711.

#### Teen League slates registration

The Big Spring Teenage Baseball League is holding registration through today at All District Screen Printing.

Players may register from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The league is open to all players between the ages of 13 and 16.

For more info., contact Stan Parker at 264-2570.

#### BSCC schedules four-man scramble

A four-person scramble has been scheduled for April 24-25 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees are \$75 per player plus cart rental, but private carts are welcomed.

Play begins with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

Entry fees include barbecue on the course both days and players can play practice rounds on Friday.

For more information, call the BSCC pro shop at 267-5354.

#### Deadline set for basketball tournament

The deadline for the MAYB basketball tournament, which takes place June 4-6 in Austin, has been set for May 14.

The tournament is for 4th-12th grade boys and girls and guarantees five games.

For more information, call the national office at 316-284-0354 or the local director at 512-990-7570.

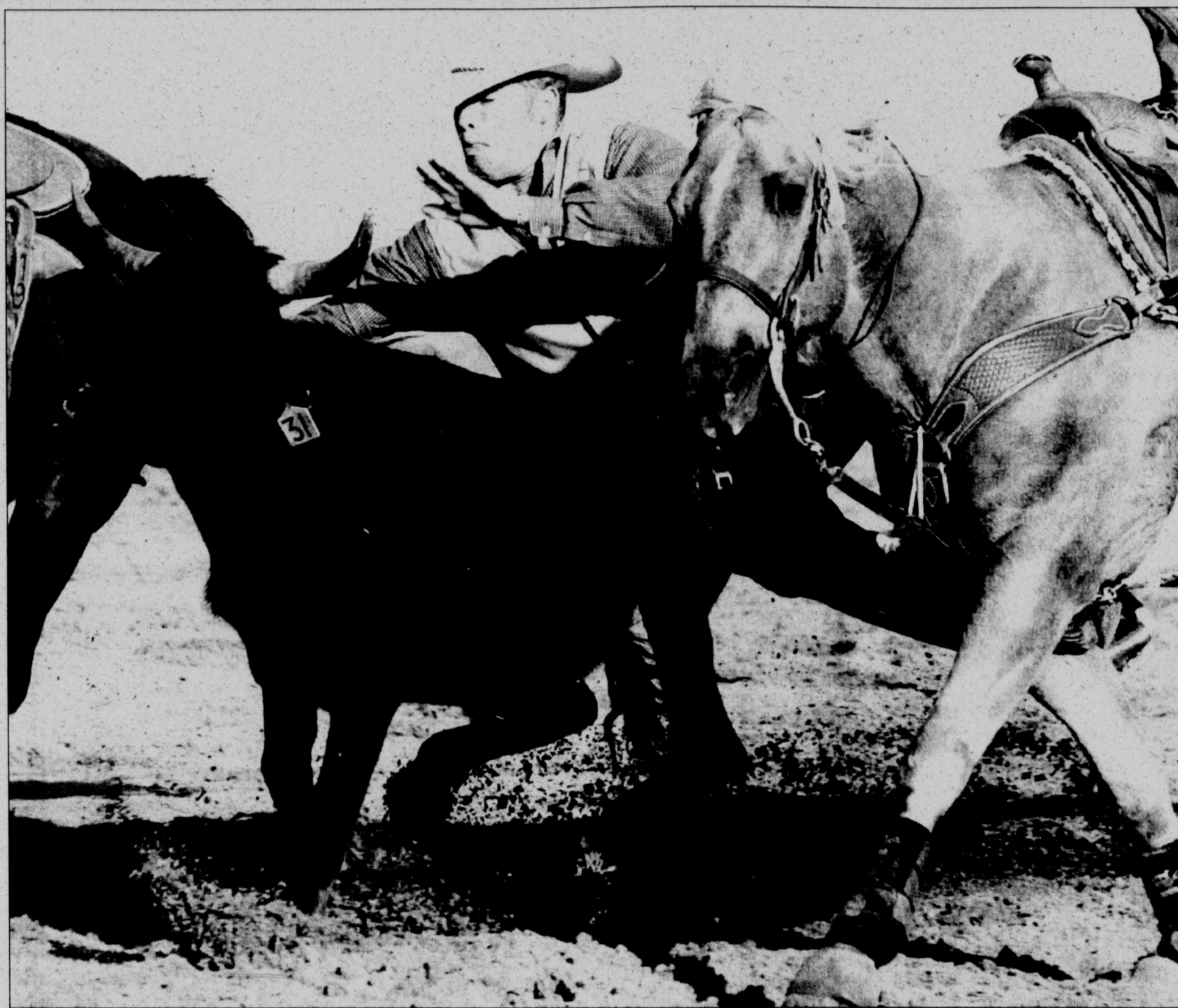
#### Lady Steers Booster Meeting announced

The Lady Steers Booster Club will meet Monday in the ATC at 6 p.m.

All parents of girls involved in volleyball, basketball, cheerleading and track are encouraged to attend.

### ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Event	Time	Station
<b>Friday</b>		
Steers vs. Friends	3:45 p.m.	1490
<b>Saturday</b>		
Lady Steers @ Odessa	12:45 p.m.	1490
Spurs vs. Memphis	6:30 p.m.	1490
<b>Sunday</b>		
Mavericks @ Sacramento	2:00 p.m.	1490
<b>Monday</b>		
Spurs vs. Memphis	6:30 p.m.	1490



South Plains' Ryan Gray competes in the steer riding event at the Howard College Rodeo Thursday at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl. Gray turned in a time of 7.4 seconds. Action continues today starting at 9 a.m. and goes through Saturday night.

## Hawks kick-off Howard College Rodeo Classic with large crowd

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

The Howard College Rodeo kicked off action last night at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl and 200 spectators came out to watch the event in a five-hour period.

The Hawks had a rough night as Brent Walson was the first member of the Howard College team to perform.

Walson started things off with a no time in calf roping.

Tony Wyrick tried his luck in the calf roping competition, as well, and came away with a 12.5 second time.

However, a 10 second deduction was added to his time, giving him a total of 22.5.

Also competing for Howard College was

Anna Carr (breakaway roping) and John Dunn (bull riding).

"We have a lot of folks to go today," said Coach Greg Kernick. "It will be a good night to come out tomorrow."

"Although we didn't do well last night, it is going to be a long weekend and we will have other chances to perform."

Howard College will continue action today at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl.

Action started at 9 a.m. with more slack events and continues tonight starting at 7 p.m.

The rodeo will go through Saturday with action beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing at 7 p.m.



Howard College's Tony Wyrick manuevers a calf during the cattle roping event at the Howard College Rodeo at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl Thursday night. Wyrick turned in a time of 12.5. The rodeo continues today and goes through Saturday night. Action begins both days at 9 a.m.

## Garden City takes team district tennis titles

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

All four doubles teams from Garden City put on a dominating performance at the District 8-A tennis tournament in Garden City April 13-14.

Both boy's teams and each of the girl's teams won took first and second overall.

On the boy's side, Alex Halfmann and Taylor Niehues came into the tournament as the number one seed and they didn't disappoint.

With a first round bye, Halfmann and Niehues breezed through their

competition and took first overall after knocking out the other Garden City team of Evan Jansa and Blake Chudej in the finals, 6-1 and 6-1.

Jansa and Chudej were almost as flawless, as well. The Garden City tandem went 4-1 in the tournament and defeated fourth-seeded Cavness and Smith of Rankin in a play back match, 6-4 and 6-2. Jansa and Crudej entered the tournament as the number three seed, but advanced to the regional tournament after claiming a second place finish.

Garden City's two girl's doubles teams entered the tournament as the top two seeds. And like the boys, both teams ended as the top two teams and advanced to the regional tournament.

Jessica Hoch and Meagan Niehues, the tournament's top seed, breezed through their first three matches, losing only two games, before taking out second-seeded teammates Allison Jansa and Stacy Gully in the finals, 6-2 and 6-4.

Allison Jansa and Stacy Gully lost three games in three matches on their

way to the finals before taking second overall.

Krystal Sullivan put together a quality effort for Garden City in girls singles action, but her effort fell short. Sullivan defeated Elena Rios in round two, 7-5 and 6-2, but lost in the semifinals. Sullivan had a chance to play back, but missed the opportunity to advance to regionals after a loss to top-seeded Klaudia Rodriguez, 0-6 and 4-6.

Fourth-seeded Tyler Bednar finished boys singles above his seed, but it still wasn't enough to advance to regionals.

Bednar won a tough second round match with

Wink's Daniel Shirley before falling in the semifinals to the eventual champion. Bednar, too, had a chance to advance to regionals with a play back win, but lost against second-seeded Willie Davidson of Sterling City.

Garden City's other boy's singles player — Shaun Maxie — was knocked out the tournament after falling to runner-up Davidson, 0-6 and 0-6.

The regional tournament takes place Monday and Tuesday.

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# Golf Insider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

## Seeing is doing

By T.J. TOMASI  
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In my experience, most teaching aids are not very helpful, but every once in a while a good one comes along that allows you to actually hit shots with your own clubs while you use it. This is the case with the Train 2 Engrain system pictured here. It was first brought to my attention by my good friend Dr. Jim Suttie, the PGA of America's Teacher of the Year in 2000 and a fellow member of Golf Magazine's Top 100 Teachers.

The system works on several parts of your game. For one, it aligns you squarely to your target, as shown in the first photo. Positioned properly, the system allows you to see that your feet, knees, hips and shoulders are lined up parallel left of the target line.

The instructor in the photo is reinforcing this by placing a club across the shoulders of the student to make it even more apparent that his shoulders are square. The student can see that the shaft and the foam appendage are parallel to each other, and "if you can see it, you can do it."

The system can also be used to check the position of your shaft on the way back to the ball (photo 2). By this point, the shaft of the club should be parallel to the foam extension in order to "shallow out" your swing arc.

Again, the foam makes it easy to see a relationship that is hard to visualize without help. The instructor is reinforcing the proper position while making sure that the student slots the club correctly before he turns his chest to the ball.

The best part of the Train 2 Engrain system is that you can hit balls and learn how to eliminate the over-the-top move that causes so many slices and pulls. It works because when you come "over the top," you hit the foam and receive instant feedback as to the error of your ways. Working with your professional, you can adjust your swing until you are successfully "missing" the foam and approaching the ball from the inside.

The system can also be configured in different ways to help with your stability, swing plane, chipping and putting. If your golf professional doesn't have one of these aids, ask him to go to [www.train2engrain.com](http://www.train2engrain.com) and check it out. I find that it speeds the learning process, and I'm not paid a dime to say this. In a world full of bad teaching gadgets, this is a gem.



The Train 2 Engrain system allows you to hit balls and learn how to eliminate the over-the-top move that causes so many bad shots.

COMMENTARY



CURTIS COMPTON / Cox News Service

Phil Mickelson shared his Masters victory with wife Amy, son Evan (left) and daughter Sophia, Sunday at Augusta National.

## Family priorities

### Mickelson shares win with wife and kids

By MICHELLE HISKEY  
Cox News Service

Augusta, Ga. By winning the Masters on Sunday, Phil Mickelson chucked the choker tag he has carried for a decade in golf's major championships. He also escaped an uglier label: The guy who can't win big because he's a dad.

When Mickelson's clutch, finishing birdie putt dropped, he finally broke free from years of being golf's whipping boy, for putting his family first at critical times in his career.

For having the nerve to want to be with his wife when his kids were born, or about to be.

For saying without apology they were more important than beating Tiger Woods and winning a major.

Like many 33-year-olds, Mickelson has worked his way up his career ladder during his wife's prime childbearing years. Unlike the rest of us working parents, his family choices were microscopically examined because they took place in the glow of Woods' bright spotlight, and because of Lefty's enormous talent.

As Mickelson played in 46 majors without a victory, he fathered two girls and a boy within four years. He was grilled again and again: Aren't diapers a distraction from golfing greatness?

The media jibes got mean, with jokes about "Phil's maternity leave," how a few rolling pounds on his torso last year were the result of breast-feeding.

The slings came because he was open about his priorities and unabashed about making them with wife Amy. The couple uses the word "we" when they discuss their career ups and downs. That modern teamwork didn't suit those who expected Mickelson to bring home the big-time bacon — not fess over the high chairs.

The barbs started at the 1999 U.S. Open at Pinehurst, when Mickelson carried a pager in his bag so Amy, near the end of a dif-

icult pregnancy, could alert him if she went into labor. Mickelson bogeyed late, and Payne Stewart came back to win.

"As important as the U.S. Open is to me and every other player in the field, this is the birth of my first child," Mickelson said afterward.

Amanda was born the next morning. Nearly 5, she charmed a worldwide audience Sunday in her green Easter gown and shawl. After winning, a beaming Mickelson scooped her up with Sophia Isabel, 3, whose pacifier blocked daddy's kiss.

Baby brother Evan, 13 months old, was nearby. To prepare for his birth in March 2003, Mickelson pulled out of The Players Championship, the so-called "fifth major."

"For someone who has not experienced the joys of finding their life partner, experienced

the joys of having children and a family of their own, you are really missing out," he said then. "That's something I wouldn't trade for the world."

He disagreed with those who argued that, if not for the munchkins, he might have won a whole bunch of majors by now. He has always maintained his family life never affected his work.

That's why as he went winless in 2003 and plummeted in the world rankings, he didn't tell anyone about the shaky delivery of his third child. His wife suffered a large tear in a major artery. His son was on life support for seven minutes.

Mickelson admitted Sunday that, as working parents know, the dots of family and work do connect. The sacrifices for and of his family have made the criticism more bearable, the first major that much sweeter.

"To have such an incredible life partner and to have three healthy, fun kids to be a part of our life... it makes it so much more enjoyable to be able to share it," Mickelson said. "And when things got tough, like we had a tough year last year, it's nice to be able to share those moments, too."

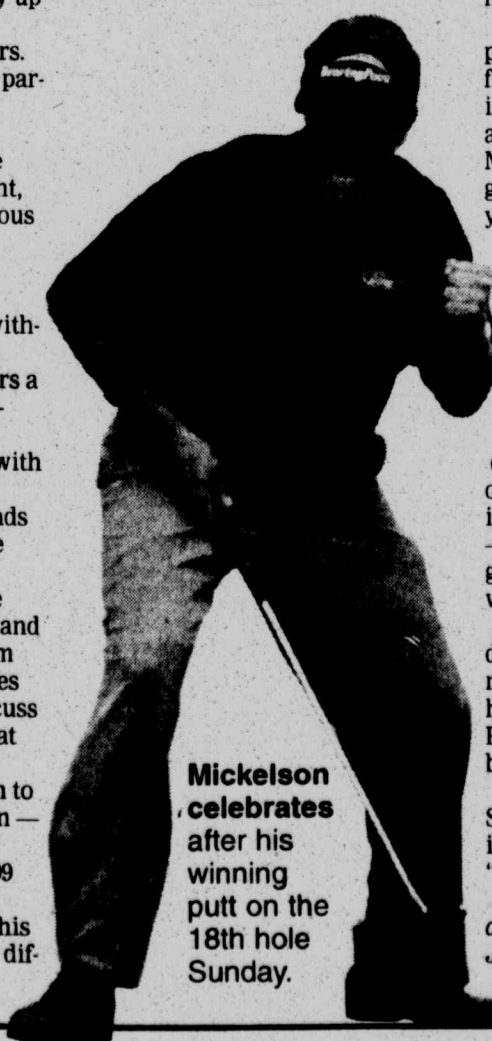
Now, similar personal questions dog Tiger Woods. His game has nose-dived since his recent engagement. The three-time Masters winner tied for 22nd Sunday.

Maybe Woods will be smart enough to follow Mickelson's lead off the course and not get sucked into the thinking that parenthood — or other meaningful personal goals — automatically gets in the way of career potential.

When the winning putt dropped Sunday, Mickelson recalled what Payne Stewart told him on the final green at Pinehurst: "There's nothing like being a father."

And as Mickelson proved Sunday, there's nothing like having children to hold and tell, "Daddy won."

— Michelle Hiskey is a columnist for *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*



Mickelson celebrates after his winning putt on the 18th hole Sunday.

## The new 'best to never win a major' subject to debate

By KEN BELL  
Cox News Service

Austin, Texas With Sunday's Masters victory, Phil Mickelson has finally shed the label "best player never to win a major." Who will now own that distinction? There's no longer a clear-cut choice. Here's a look at 10 possibilities:

• **Sergio Garcia:** The Spaniard, only 24, has finished eighth or better in all four majors.

• **Padraig Harrington:** Irishman is highest-ranked player (No. 7) in world rankings to never win a major.

• **Chad Campbell:** Runner-up at '03 PGA Championship. Dominated two elite fields at '03 Tour Championship and '04 Bay Hill Invitational.

• **Kenny Perry:** Career renaissance in '03 with three victories. Lost '96 PGA in playoff to Mark Brooks.

• **Thomas Bjorn:** Two British Open runner-ups, including last year's collapse at Royal St. George's.

• **Darren Clarke:** '97 British Open runner-up. Has lost thirty pounds in the past few months to help in conditioning for the majors.

• **Colin Montgomerie:** He's 41 and has seen his better days, but might have one last run at the '04 British Open at Royal Troon, his home golf course.

• **Stuart Appleby:** Lost playoff at '02 British Open. One of the world's hottest golfers, has two victories, three seconds, and a third over past seven months on PGA Tour.

• **Jesper Parnevik:** After a couple of down years, has gotten off to a solid start in '04. It would seem his best chance would be at the British Open, where he has two second-place finishes.

• **Adam Scott:** At 24, won golf's unofficial "fifth major," The Players Championship, in March over a powerful field. Has yet to seriously contend in a major.



PHIL SKINNER / Cox News Service

Sergio Garcia finished tied for fourth in this year's Masters.

SCHEDULE

**PGA TOUR**  
MCI Heritage  
• Site: Hilton Head Island, S.C.  
• Schedule: Today-Sunday  
• Course: Harbour Town Golf Links (6,973 yards, par 71).  
• Purse: \$4.8 million. Winner's share: \$864,000.  
• Television: USA (Today-Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

**LPGA TOUR**  
Takefujl Classic  
• Site: Las Vegas.  
• Schedule: Today-Saturday  
• Course: Las Vegas Country Club (6,494 yards, par 72).  
• Purse: \$1.1 million. Winner's share: \$165,000.  
• Television: The Golf Channel (Today, 5-7:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, midnight-2:30 a.m., 5-7:30 p.m.; Sunday, midnight-2:30 a.m.).

**CHAMPIONS TOUR**  
Blue Angels Classic  
• Site: Milton, Fla.  
• Schedule: Friday-Sunday  
• Course: The Moors Golf Club (6,832 yards, par 70).  
• Purse: \$1.5 million. Winner's share: \$225,000.  
• Television: The Golf Channel (Friday, 2:30-5 p.m., 9-11:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9-11:30 p.m.; Sunday, 3-5:30 a.m., 5-7:30 p.m., 9-11:30 p.m.).

THE GOLF DOCTOR

### Young champions need parents who coach

Members at my club, Lyman Orchards in Connecticut, enjoyed watching 17-year-old Aree Song shoot 70 and nearly force the Kraft Nabisco Championship into a playoff with her 30-foot putt for an eagle on the 18th. They also liked seeing 14-year-old Michelle Wie finish fourth.

However, not all great players had success at such an early age as these two prodigies. Watching them reminded me of a story of the great Patty Berg and how a supportive parent can be so important to an impending career.

Here's what happened. In 1933 at the age of 15, Patty entered the Minneapolis City Championship and qualified with a

122. That put her into the last flight of match play with an older woman who quickly dispatched her 10 and 8. Berg lost the first 10 holes of the 18-hole match — and you can't do any worse than that.

When she got home and told her father she lost 10 and 8, he incorrectly assumed it must have been a 36-hole match. He consoled his daughter by telling her not to worry, that she wasn't used to playing that much and probably got tired. When told it was just 18 holes, he said, "Oh dear, did anything go right?"

"I remembered to pay my caddie, and he seemed very please," Patty told him. "Well, there you go, Patty," he replied. "Good job!"

To build a young champion, follow

two general rules:

1. Mistakes are the best time to teach; young golfers need to know what they're doing wrong, so catch them doing something wrong, then correct them.

2. They also need to know what they're doing right, so if you're teaching juniors to play golf, catch them doing something right, then reward them.

Patty Berg went on to win a Minneapolis City Championship and 28 other victories in an illustrious amateur career before turning professional and winning 57 pro events, including 15 majors. She also helped to set up the LPGA in 1948 and became its first president. Good going, Dad!

—T.J. Tomasi

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: [TJInsider@aol.com](mailto:TJInsider@aol.com).

**Q:** This is my first year learning to play golf, and I am frustrated on how slowly I am progressing. I'm a 35-year-old woman in OK shape and I feel I should be improving more rapidly. How long should it take me to learn this game? — Sara L., from the Web

**A:** My advice is to relate the rate of your learning process to other skills you've acquired: playing the piano, trigonometry, chess, gardening. You didn't learn these skills all at once, and golf is no exception. Regardless of the skill, learning is a process that requires instruction, a

dedication to practice and the exercise of your new skills. In golf, you'll get out of it what you put into it.

The late Al McGuire, hall-of-fame basketball coach at Marquette University, used to say, "The best thing about freshmen is they become sophomores." So relax, your "rookie" season will be over soon. The important thing is to have fun while you're learning.

Read my book "Play Better Golf for Women," especially the section "Your First Year as a Golfer," for more hints on how to feel at home on the golf course. And be sure to take a few lessons from a PGA teaching pro.

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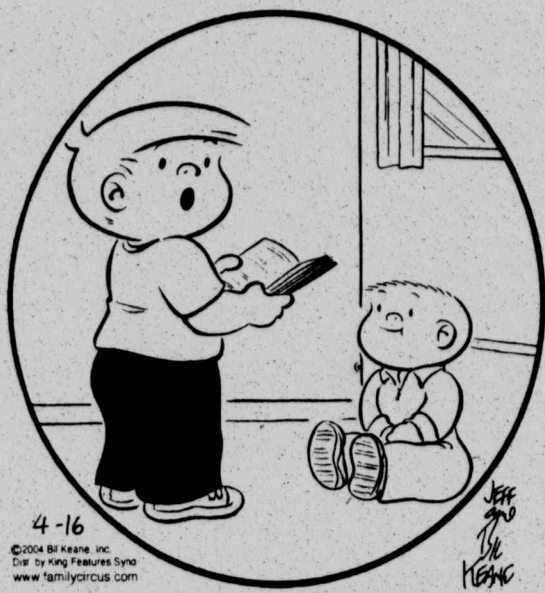
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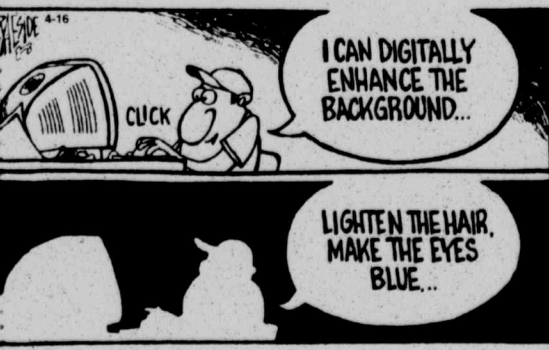
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 16, the 107th day of 2004. There are 259 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 16, 1947, the French ship Grandcamp blew up at the harbor in Texas City, Texas; another ship, the Highflyer, exploded the following day. The blasts and resulting fires killed 576 people.

On this date: In 1789, President-elect Washington left Mount Vernon, Va., for his inauguration in New York.

In 1862, a bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia became law.

In 1879, Saint Bernadette, who had described seeing visions of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes, died in Nevers, France.

In 1917, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin returned to Russia

after years of exile. In 1935, the radio comedy program 'Fibber McGee and Molly' premiered on the NBC Blue Network. In 1945, in his first speech to Congress, President Truman pledged to carry out the war and peace policies of his late predecessor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In 1945, U.S. troops reached Nuremberg, Germany, during World War II. In 1947, financier and presidential confidant Bernard M. Baruch said in a speech at the South Carolina statehouse: 'Let us not be deceived - we are today in the midst of a cold war.'

In 1962, Walter Cronkite succeeded Douglas Edwards as anchorman of 'The CBS Evening News.'

In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon.

Ten years ago: Bosnian Serbs downed a British Sea Harrier jet near Gorazde; the pilot ejected, and was rescued by Bosnian government troops. Ralph Ellison,

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like MOSHE, AHME, SEAM, AZTEC, MARK, ARIA, SMASHMOUTH, FEST, SAN, EARL, ICICLE, DELLA, ABORTED, LOBLLOPPINE, AMAIN, APTS, TRI, ARK, GUINN, ELATE, LARSEN, ALBEE, EVERSON, MUIR, MAO, WANE, VOLLEYBALL, ISEE, ERIK, OARED, STEIN, REVS, SAKES.

Newsday Crossword DAY AT THE MOVIES by Charles Gersch Edited by Stanley Newman

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