

FRIDAY

April 23, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 59°-61°
TOMORROW 70°-72°

BRIEFLY

Birdwell crossing to be closed 2 days

The railroad crossing at Birdwell Lane will be closed from 7 a.m. Saturday to 6 p.m. Sunday, according to Thomas Moore with Union Pacific. Moore said barricades will be placed across the road and detour signs will direct traffic. Rails along the stretch will be replaced while the road is closed.

Voter registration, education day set

The Howard County Democratic Party will be holding a voter registration and education event from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at its headquarters, 300 N. Gregg St. A voting booth will be set up to explain the balloting process and voter registration cards will be available. The event is open to the public, regardless of political affiliation. Refreshments will be served.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: When Americans hit the road this summer, a whole range of quaint and unusual places to stay awaits them.

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Vigil shows support for adult, child victims of crime

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

More than 600 luminarias flickered in the dark Thursday night, lighting a spark of hope for adult and child victims of crime.

"This ceremony is not to glorify the victims but to let them know they will never be forgotten," said Victim Services Executive Director Shann Thomas. "They will always be remembered."

The candlelight vigil was sponsored by the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of West Texas and Victim Services and held

"There are a lot of kids out there that don't have homes. They have the most hope ever. They hope that the Lord would give them a family."

— from a letter read at the candle light vigil

during National Criminal Victims Rights Week.

"These children are victims who have been brutalized, neglected in their own home by

the people who are supposed to love and take care of them the most," said CASA Volunteer Coordinator Donna Mezera.

Last year, CASA served 175 children in seven counties, including 73 in Howard County.

Guest speakers for the evening were Dwayne and Bonnie Wheat, whose daughter was murdered about 13 years ago by a neighbor. The emotional talk focused on the lasting effects and victimization of both parents

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Soooo much to do this weekend

Tickle your taste, then bend an ear

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Bring out the diamonds and the chips because it's going to be a hot night in Big Spring on Saturday — hot salsa that is.

Three-year veteran Flavors of West Texas cook Betty McChristian will be bringing her famous hot salsa back for the annual event which will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

"I'm making about two or three gallons," McChristian said. "One year I made five gallons and it went quickly."

A variety of bite size morsels from homemade bread and to grandmother's special chocolate cake are expected to greet the appetites of those

Flavors of Texas,
Dora Roberts Civic Center,
5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.,
Saturday

The Symphony is Song,
Big Spring Municipal Auditorium,
8 p.m.,
Saturday



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Betty McChristian chops jalapenos to place in a batch of salsa she's preparing for the Flavors of West Texas event set for Saturday.

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'Rock the Block' set Saturday near Salvation Army offices

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring Salvation Army will "Rock the Block" Saturday, as several bands from across the region prepare to play a day-long concert hosted by the charitable organization.

Slated for noon until 6 p.m. in the empty lot adjacent to the Salvation Army office, located at

Rock the Block
811 W. Fifth St.
Noon- 6 p.m.
Saturday

811 West Fifth St., the concert will feature an array of musical styles and talent, from Christian rap and rock to gospel.

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Community Concert Series returns to Coahoma Sunday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Coahoma Community Concert Series is alive and well and will be holding its first event in several years Sunday with the Chicago folk duo Butterfly Sky.

Concert series developer and coordinator Walter Lee said he's happy to see the series revived, and hopes to see it flourish

Community Concert Series,
Coahoma First Presbyterian Church,
7 p.m. Sunday

among a youth and culture that has been dominated by synthesized and electronically driven music.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Elbow Elementary School kindergartner Taylor Morin hangs on to his bucking bronco stick-horse Thursday during the school's annual Kindergarten Rodeo.

Breakin' broncs, kindergarten style

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

FORSAN — It was a tough competition.

Stick-horses and stick-bulls bucked and ducked and even knocked a few clowns off their feet at the Elbow Elementary Kindergarten Rodeo Thursday, but in the end, the kindergartners

were victorious.

"It was worth watching the excitement on the children's faces," said Principal Randy Johnson. "I felt like we had a good crowd come out and support the kids. Quail Dobbs (Hall of Fame professional rodeo clown), like always, did a good job entertaining. We appreciate his willingness

to come out. I know he does a lot of work behind the scenes.

"This time of year is a little stressed out and it was nice to kick back, relax and enjoy the rodeo," Johnson added.

The school's gym was packed with family members watching 55

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ALON

Ticket giveaway for big concert on tap Saturday

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Big Spring Refinery, ALON USA will begin the first of a series of live radio remotes broadcasts Saturday at Big Spring 7.

Eleven stores to give away 6,000 concert tickets.

"We're closing down to the last five weeks before our official 75th anniversary celebration weekend," said Joe Conciene, ALON vice president of refining and transportation. "We're throwing one heck of a party and we want the community to be involved."

The first remote will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the 18th and Gregg 7.

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Obituaries

Willie Opal Barber



Willie Opal Barber, 91, of Big Spring died on Thursday, April 22, 2004, at her residence in Coahoma. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on June 24, 1912, in Lillian, to W. H. and Fannie Haney. She married Glenn Barber on January 31, 1931, in Vincent. He preceded her in death in August 1984.

Glenn and Opal made their home in Vealmoor before moving to Big Spring. Opal, or "Granny Barber," was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her grandson and his wife, Bill and Kim Barber and their daughter, Zoe, of Big Spring; her granddaughter-in-law and husband, Shanna and John Smith and their daughters, Skylar and Madison of Coahoma; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, G. H. Barber, and her 11 siblings.

The family suggests memorials to Odyssey Healthcare, Inc., 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Marie Louise Castille Barnes



Marie Louise Castille Barnes passed away Tuesday, April 20, 2004, in Waco, in the company of her loving family. She was born on Feb. 7, 1914, in Opelousas, La., the daughter of Alex and Susan Castille of Opelousas.

She was educated at the Academy of the Sacred Heart College in Grand Coteau, La., as an educator and classical pianist, graduating in 1933. She also won a scholarship to Paris, France to the Sorbonne to continue her music education. Before her marriage, she performed as a concert pianist with the New Orleans Symphony. She also began her life-long career in education as a math and science teacher in Church Point, La.

Upon her marriage in 1936 to Chester F. Barnes, pioneer Texas geologist-geophysicist, they moved to Big Spring, where the Barnes family first settled in the 1880s as early pioneers in the West Texas area. As married women were not encouraged to teach in schools, she began teaching piano to young people, which she did for the next 50 years. Several of her students competed in the International Van Cliburn Competition for college students and won full scholarships. Mrs. Barnes was a member of the Hyperion Club and the Music Guild of America for more than 50 years. She judged many local and state piano competitions.

Mrs. Barnes was preceded in death by her husband Chester F. Barnes, who died in 1978; her son, Alex Barnes, in 1991; her parents, Alex and Susan Castille; and her sister, Rita Castille Sandoz, all of Opelousas, La.

She moved to Waco in 1999 to be near her daughter's family, where she continued to teach piano. Music, religion and family remained her passion until her passing.

Mrs. Barnes is survived by her daughter, Sue Ellen Barnes Angel (Dr. Robert T. Angel) of Waco; her son, Chester F. Barnes II (Hon. Susan Snell Barnes) of Aurora, Ill. and Houston; her grandchildren, Steve Landon (Tammy) and Doug Landon of Waco, Jason Barnes (fiancée Angie Madle) of Waco, and Robin Angel Younkens (Ryan) of Long Beach, Calif.

Her great grandchildren are Samantha, Callie, and Miranda Angel, Ryan, Megan and Kaitlyn Landon, all of Waco, and Jackson Younkens of Long Beach, Calif. She also is survived by her brother, William A. Castille (Dorothy) of Austin; nieces Marie Louise Sandoz (Ray) Delahoussay of Opelousas, La., Jeannie Sandoz of Lafayette, La., Carolyn Castille (Bob) Easter of Austin, and Nancy Longhner of Corpus Christi, the Rev. Omar Pittman Jr. of San Antonio, and many other nieces and nephews.

The Funeral Mass is at 10 a.m. on Saturday at St. Landry Catholic Church with burial in Bellevue Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the Lafond-Ardoin Funeral Home on the Old Sunset Highway in Opelousas, La. from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. today, April 23, 2004, and from 8 a.m. until time of services on Saturday. A rosary will be prayed at 8 p.m. today.

At a future date, a memorial service will be held in Waco. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in remembrance of Marie Louise Castille Barnes, Class of 1933, Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1821 Academy Rd., P. O. Box 310, Grand Coteau, La. 70541.

Paid obituary

Eugene Gene Carpenter

Eugene Gene Carpenter, 69, of Shallowater died Monday, April 19, 2004. Memorial services were Thursday, April 22, 2004, in Crestview Baptist Church of Brownfield with the Rev. Logan Cummings officiating.

He was born April 2, 1935, in Big Spring to the late Joe and Lois Carpenter. He married Mary Louis Hudson in 1964. She preceded him in death on Nov. 23, 2003. He played basketball at Texas Tech and professional basketball.

He is survived by his daughters Jo Waldo and Cathy Oliviera; a son, Chip Hudson; eight grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; his sisters, Marilyn Fortson and Virginia Caldwell.

Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson's Funeral Directors and Cemetery in Brownfield.

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CONCERT

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For 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, 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."

Lee said the inspiration for the series, which officially began in 1996, came from what he found lacking in much of the popular music of that day and time.

"You don't find too many people with a life-long musical interest these days," said Lee. "Some people took piano lessons as a child, or maybe strummed a guitar a few times, but as far as something they still do, it's just not there."

"I heard the kids listening to so much music that's made with synthesizers and other electronic means, and that's not something they could duplicate on their own. I wanted to show them what could be done with nothing more than an acoustic instrument."

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.

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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Eleven location. As part of the celebration, the store will offer 75-cent fountain drinks and full service during the special two-hour time period.

Legendary country-western band Asleep at the Wheel will be the featured artist for the free community concert, which will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 22, in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Asleep at the Wheel has won eight Grammy Awards in four decades and the lengthy list of guest artists who've appeared on the group's albums include Garth Brooks, Vince Gill, Merle Haggard, Huey Lewis, Bonnie Raitt, George Strait, Willie Nelson, Lee Ann Womack, Shawn Colvin, the Dixie Chicks and Howard County's own Jody Nix.

The group has also appeared in the films "Roadie" with Meatloaf, Blondie and Art Carney and in "Texas Wind" with Dolly Parton and Gary Busey.

Before Asleep at the Wheel takes the stage, up-and-coming country star Cory Morrow will perform.

With three albums under his belt, Morrow is quickly gaining a name for himself, especially with college age fans. His last album, "Outside the Lines," has reached No. 28 on Billboard's Country Album chart, No. 3 on the magazine's Internet sales chart, No. 8 on the Independent album chart and No. 16 on the Heatseekers chart.

The opening act is Jimmy and David Lee Kaiser. Nix will serve as the master of ceremonies.

Doors to the concert, sponsored by KBST and 7-Eleven stores, will open at 6 p.m.

Locations and times for the other 7-Eleven remotes are: 2301 Wason, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., April 28; 1801 Marcy, 10 a.m. to noon, May 1; Business 20 and Willia, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., May 5; Third and Owens, 10 a.m. to noon, May 8; 11th and Settles, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., May 12; and Fourth and Birdwell, 10 a.m. to noon, May 15.

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Lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 7-13-16-19-37

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-2-4

Weston Blaine Mitchel

Weston Blaine Mitchel Sr., 72, of San Angelo passed away at his home Tuesday, April 20, 2004. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. today at the Sterling City Cemetery with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating.

He was born March 30, 1932, in Fritch, to Eula Belle Long Mitchel and Eallie Mitchel. He was a long-time Sterling County rancher. He also worked for Texas Electric and had done oil field construction work. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He lived most of his life in Sterling County and later moving to San Angelo. He served in the National Guard as a captain for eight years.

He married Dorothy Purser on May 20, 1950. She preceded him in death on Sept. 18, 1980. He married Betty Lloyd on Aug. 31, 1991, in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Lloyd-Mitchel of San Angelo; one son, Wes Mitchel and his wife, Lou, of Midland; one daughter, Debbie Sweeney and her husband, Anthony, of Russellville, Ark.; two stepsons, Roger Lloyd of Big Spring, and Richard Lloyd of United Arab Emirates; six grandchildren, Adam, Suzanne Sweet, Michael, and Matthew, all of Russellville, Ark.; Weston Blaine Mitchel III, "Trey," and Katelyn, both of Midland; two great grandchildren, Abby Sweet and Morgan Sweeney; three sisters, Venera Emery of Amarillo, Joyce Ditmore of Big Spring and Lavada Caffey of New Braunfels; and his adopted daughter Michell Biddison and her four sons.

In addition to his parents and his first wife he was preceded in death by one sister, Marie Finnigan-Brewer.

Pallbearers will be Trey Mitchel, Michael Sweeney, Matthew Sweeney, and David Atwood.

The family suggests memorials to Vista Care Hospice, 940B Arroyo Drive, San Angelo, 76903.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

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Weather

Tonight...Thunderstorms likely...Some storms may be severe in the evening. Lows around 60. South winds 10 to 15 mph becoming north after midnight. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy. A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 70. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. Northeast winds around 10 mph early in the evening becoming light.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Light winds becoming northeast around 10 mph in the late morning and afternoon.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

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

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Victim Services employees Renee Burlison, left, Denise Hester and Shann Thomas bow their heads in a moment of prayer during the candle light vigil held for victims of crime. The event was sponsored by Victim Services and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of West Texas.

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following the crime.

To end the 1-1/2-hour ceremony, Debbie Jensen of CASA read a letter written by one of the children served by her organization.

"Hope is something you wish would happen. Hope is also something I have had for years that I have used many times in my life," Jensen read. "I went from a bad Rebecca to a good Rebecca. I thank the Lord for the blessings he has given to me these past years. I have been through beatings, fighting, drinking and drugs. I have become an overcomer. There are a lot of kids out there that don't have homes. They have the most hope ever. They hope that the Lord would give them a

family."

Also speaking during the event were Big Spring Chief of Police Lonnie Smith and Howard County Deputy Sheriff Gary Pritchett.

As part of the ceremony, the first class of Howard County SANE (sexual assault nurse examiners) was introduced. The SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf Expressions Group also performed.

H-E-B Grocery sponsored the evening. The Girl Scouts of Big Spring and Young Life built and lit the luminarias.

This is also National Child Abuse Awareness Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

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Paid In Full, 4Given and The Violent are scheduled to appear, as well as The Chosen, a Christian rap group from Lamesa. There's no charge to

attend the concert and refreshments such as hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided.

According to local Salvation Army officials, the concert is their way of giving something back to the community which has supported them throughout the years.

SYMPHONY

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who attend the Heritage Museum soiree.

For those afraid to dip a chip into McChristian's hot sala, don't despair. She has medium and mild also.

And Flavors is just the entree to an evening of culture.

At 8 p.m., the Big Spring Symphony will present the "Symphony is Song" at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

"Song" is a production by the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, the Big Spring High School Meistersingers and the All-City Children's Honor Choir.

"I planned a program mostly of American music," said symphony Artistic Director and Conductor Dr. Keith Graumann. "I wanted to demonstrate the versatility of the two composers

— Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein — of some of their more serious pieces and then their lighter pieces."

The symphony will perform Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" and "Hoe-Down" and Bernstein's "Candide Overture" and "West Side Story Suite."

"One of the big highlights of the program will be 'Lincoln Portrait' by Copland," Graumann said. "It was written in 1942 to encourage patriotism during World War II. I think it is particularly fitting now."

Following intermission, the chorus will join with the orchestra to present Copland's "The Tender Land," "Stomp Your Foot," "The Promised Land" and a collection of Broadway melodies from

contemporary composer Andrew Lloyd Webber titled "A Broadway Celebration."

The children's choir will take center stage to present J.S. Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," Copland's "Old American Songs," "The Little Horses" and Ching-a-ring Chah."

"Susan Dawes, Linda Lindell and Anna O'Brien did a tremendous job preparing the children for concert," Graumann said. "The symphony, chorus and children's choir will join together for a fitting finale to present John Rutter's 'I Believe in Springtime.'"

This performance of the symphony is sponsored by ALON USA and is part of the 75th anniversary celebration of the Big Spring Refinery.

A combination ticket for both events, at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, can be purchased for \$16 per person.

Sold separately.

"Flavors" tickets are \$10 each, while tickets for the symphony are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students.

Tickets are also available at a number of businesses and entities in Big Spring, including the Symphony Guild office at 808 Scurry.

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RODEO

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little cowgirls and cowboys "compete" in everything from wagon races to bronco and bull riding.

"I thought it was hilarious," Johnson said. "Watching the bronco riding, some of them were spinning so fast that when they tried to get on the relief horse they had a hard time standing up."

Pick-up men Elijah Torres and Granger Newton stood ready as the bronco riders attempted to hang on for eight seconds while their "horses" took them on a dizzying ride around the arena.

Dressed in his finest clown attire, Dobbs drew laughs from the audience as he rode in the grand entry with his own stock horse.

"I enjoy doing this," said Dobbs, who has two grandchildren attending school in Forsan. He added that events such as the Forsan rodeo help to establish fan interest in the sport at an early age.

Dobbs would sometimes join in with the antics of fellow clowns Wade

Alexander, Taylor Morin and Tyler Witkowski to entertain the crowd.

The event began with the grand entry. Following the competition, the students presented a version of "Deep in the Heart of Texas" as a finale.

Kindergartners Lindsey Boeker and MacKenzie Kennedy served as announcers.

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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:

• Forsan Junior High School student Jace Purser, who's sketch was chosen as the design for the Howard County Pony Express commemorative cancellation stamp.

• All of the runners and walkers in Saturday's Master the Mountain event at Big Spring State Park.

• All of the health-conscious people who took part in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring on its 75th anniversary.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Big Spring State Hospital and the VA Medical Center volunteers, recognized by those entities during National Volunteer Week.

• Elbow Elementary on its fun-filled Kindergarten Rodeo.

• Big Spring High School honor band, on bringing home another Sweepstakes.

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

May you recharge our battery, Lord, everyday through your word.

Amen

Celebrities and continuous campaigning

To be an effective president or an effective presidential candidate, you have to be able to perform well in public.

As Lewis L. Gould, author of "The Modern American Presidency," writes, "Over the past 50 years, the institution of the presidency has evolved into a mixture of celebrity and continuous campaigning."

So it is fair to evaluate the performance abilities of our presidents and presidential candidates (yes, even down to what kind of ties they wear on TV).

In the last week, the public has been treated to two major performances: George W. Bush held a formal press conference in the East Room of the White House last Tuesday, and John Kerry was interviewed on "Meet the Press" for the full hour on Sunday.

Both events were fraught with peril for the performers. Both events required preparation, which is to say rehearsal. The campaigns can guess at what their performers will be asked, but they cannot know with certainty.

President Bush has had 12 formal press conferences since taking office, and until last week, I thought he did very well at them.

He clearly knows how to handle the press: He knows how to disarm reporters with humor or intimidate them with a sharp word. He knows how to deflect. He knows how to answer the question he wishes he were asked rather than the question he actually was asked.

These are not easy skills to acquire — they demand a reasonably nimble performer — but they are skills Bush has mastered.

Or so I thought until last week,

when Bush gave his third poorly reviewed performance in a row. (The first one was his State of the Union speech in January, and the second was his interview on "Meet the Press" in February.)

Since the Bush press conference has been much written about, however, let me leave that for a future column in order to evaluate Kerry's interview by Tim Russert on "Meet the Press" Sunday.

While I thought Kerry performed well when he was attacking Bush, I thought he did less well when he was defending his own past words and positions.

The worst moment came when Russert played a videotape of Kerry's first appearance on "Meet the Press" on April 18, 1971, in which a 27-year-old, bushy-haired Kerry admits that he committed (sort of) atrocities in Vietnam:

"There are all kinds of atrocities," Kerry says on the tape, "and I would have to say that, yes, yes, I committed the same kind of atrocities as thousands of other soldiers have committed in that I took part in shootings in free-fire zones. I conducted harassment and interdiction fire. I used 50-caliber machine guns which were granted and ordered to use, which were our only weapon against people. I took part in search-and-destroy missions, in the burning of villages. All of this is contrary to the laws of warfare."

The clip ends, and Russert says to Kerry: "You committed atrocities."

To which Kerry replies lightly: "Where did all that dark hair go, Tim? That's a big question for me."

I think that when humor is used well, it can be a powerful tool. Humor is a good way to divert a tough question to safer ground. But after you have just admitted to blowing people apart with 50-caliber machine gun rounds, humor is not going to get you

anything except wincing and groans. Kerry went on to a serious reply, but the damage was done.

It was a bad moment. (Inexplicably, since Kerry had a transcript of his 1971 performance and should have been prepared for questions about it.) And it had been preceded by a missed moment: Russert asked Kerry about his now-famous assertion in March that "I have met more (foreign) leaders who can't go out and say it publicly but, boy, they look at you and say, 'You gotta win this, you gotta beat this guy, we need a new policy.'"

Russert asked Kerry to name the leaders and quoted a Washington Times story stating that Kerry "has made no official trips abroad in the past two years. Within the United States, he has had the chance to meet with only one foreign leader since the beginning of last year, according to a review of his travel schedule."

Kerry replied to Russert that "you can go to New York City and you can be in a restaurant and you can meet a foreign leader." This is no doubt true, but it was a missed opportunity.

What Kerry should have said is: "I'll tell you one foreign leader I did not meet with, Tim. I did not meet with Saudi Prince Bandar and collude to fix oil prices like President Bush did!"

Am I using 20-20 hindsight on all these points? You bet.

It always has been easier to be a critic than to be a performer.

Which is why we have so many critics. Roger Simon can be e-mailed at WriteRoger@aol.com. To find out more about Roger Simon and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Women Unite: A matter of life or death

Women of America. This Sunday, April 25, Washington, D.C. The March for Women's Lives. Be there.

This is it. It's all on the line now. Everyone who thinks she's too old, too tired and has done this too many times before, be there.

Everyone who has never been to a women's march, who thought all the rights had been long since secured, who thinks feminism is old hat and has nothing to do with your life, be there. Bring your daughters, mothers, nieces, friends, husbands, sons and significant others. If you can't be there, get in touch with a local women's organization and help raise money for a "scholarship" to send someone else to represent you.

Minority women, be there. The NAACP, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, Black Women's Health Imperative and many other minority groups are co-sponsoring the march. You know better than anyone how the lives of working mothers are being stressed and deformed by the lack of institutional response to the need for child care and health care.

The March for Women's Lives is not just about choice on abortion but literally about life or death for women all over the globe. The 34 Million Friends organization (which has been raising money dollar by dollar to replace the \$34 million withheld for the last two years by the Bush Administration from the United Nations Population Fund) will be there. Founders Jane Roberts, a retired schoolteacher from California (the embodiment of all the Mrs. Witherspoons of our lives) and Lois Abraham, a lawyer from New Mexico, have raised millions and enabled the United Nations to re-open clinics in Mali and Senegal that provide pre-natal care and contraception. According to the Population Fund, the loss of \$34 million from the United States led to two million more unwanted pregnancies, 800,000 induced abortions, 4,700 maternal deaths and

77,000 deaths of infants and children. Bush is expected to withhold the \$34 million appropriated by Congress for the coming year as well.

Anti-choice policies threaten the lives of women around the world. Kofi Annan said, "HIV infection and AIDS are spreading dramatically and disproportionately among women. Today, AIDS has a woman's face." The first official action George W. Bush took as president was to reinstate the global gag rule of the Reagan years — no clinic that so much as mentions abortion, even to women who will die without it, can receive U.S. aid. Between 1972 and 1989, Planned Parenthood used USAID financial assistance to provide 330 million cycles of birth control pills, 1.3 million condoms, 14 million IUDs and provided \$92 million in financial assistance to over 439 family planning agencies around the world. The gag rule cut all funding to Planned Parenthood. Of course more abortions were the result.

The March for Women's Lives is about our lives in another sense as well. Mountains of research show the quality of women's lives is directly connected to family planning. Our ability to get education, make money and participate as citizens depends on our ability to control the number of children we have.

Anyone who thinks the anti-choice movement is only about repealing abortion rights has not been paying attention. Their agenda includes limiting both knowledge about and access to safe contraception. Everything from "abstinence only" programs to the FDA's delay in approving emergency over-the-counter contraception is part of their agenda.

Republican women, be there. When George W. Bush ran in 2000, he never spoke of reversing Roe v. Wade. He spoke of "reverence for life" in the context of adoption policies and discouraging drunk driving. Many Republican women thought his anti-choice stance was largely convenient political posturing. The lengthening list of anti-choice executive orders, regulations, legal briefs, legislative maneuvers and, above all, judicial and administrative appointments can

leave no doubt where we are headed. We are now going through the longest period of no change on the Supreme Court since James Madison was president. The most significant cases dealing with reproductive rights in the last decade have been decided by 5-4 majorities.

President Bush has used recess appointments to put ultra-conservative judges on the bench. In a 1992 case, Clarence Thomas wrote, "We believe that Roe was wrongly decided, and that it can and should be overruled."

Barbara Bush, be there. You wrote in your book "A Memoir" that you are pro-choice. Sometimes, when a boy won't listen to his momma, she has to go outside family circles to make her point. Thousands of Texas women will be there with "Don't Mess with Texas Women" signs. Come march with us. Nancy Reagan, be there. You know President Bush's policy on stem cell research is derailing the search for a cure to Alzheimer's and other dread diseases. You have courageously spoken out on wanting to spare other families your pain. Join us.

Over 335 new state laws restricting a woman's right to choose have been passed in the last eight years. Eighty-seven percent of U.S. counties have no safe abortion provider. Twenty-four states have mandatory delays and state-prepared anti-choice propaganda. Anti-condom policies not only result in unwanted pregnancies but an increase in AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. Right-wing legislation gives fertilized eggs more rights than women. Doctors are prevented from giving accurate information about birth control and abortion rights to their patients. Anti-choice terrorists continue to murder and bomb, intimidate and harass, but the Department of Homeland Security has no time for those terrorists. This is for our lives. Be there.

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Birthright

BY MARSHA STU

Feature's Editor

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And those include such items as pregnancy and maternity for the pregnant well as completion for the babies.

Club M

West Texas Pachyderm Club

West Texas Pachyderm Club (former Texas Republic) will meet at noon in the Big Country Club. Scott McLaughlin all current members interested to attend, as much to be done in the tant political year. contact Irene M 264-0946 or the Club for luncheon. Many speakers are on the rest of the year.

Optimist Club

Steve Jeter, a for Big Spring in Board, District the Optimist Club Wednesday meeting. Rosenbaum, president the Big Spring League, was also

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Birthright opens doors at new location

BY MARSHA STURDIVANT

Feature's Editor
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Sutton said the move to Scurry Street is another of God's blessings on the program. House of Hope and Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene combined to remodel the building on Scurry.

Sutton and Laird said the remodeling efforts are beautiful and appreciated. Their new location, painted in comforting shades of beige and cream, has a large, walk-in closet for maternity and baby clothes, a large counseling office and rest room, a common seating area and a kitchen area.

Sutton has been with the outreach program since it opened its doors in Big Spring in May of 1991 in a unused church building on the west side of Big Spring.

"When we started, we gathered together at Eunice Nix's kitchen table, joined hands and prayed. We started from the ground up. Everything we needed God brought to us. God did that, it wasn't man," Sutton said.

And those resources include such tangible items as pregnancy testing and maternity clothes for the pregnant teen, as well as complete layettes for the babies, formula

and diapers. The program's volunteers also offer emotional support, referrals to other agencies that provide professional services, and transportation.

"Once we provided transportation to a teen who was delivering a baby. That was exciting," Laird said.

And Sutton added, "Sometimes all the mother needs is someone to listen, or to hold her when she cries."

The program operates with a total open-door policy for any woman experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. All client information remains completely confidential.

"By our charter we must not affiliate with any political or religious or social organization. We must help all people, all faiths and all backgrounds because our ser-

VICES are available to everyone," Sutton said.

Teen-age fathers with children have also utilized the program, she said. The volunteers also assist with housing, educational counseling referrals, legal and financial needs, and even school supplies, when funds are available.

"We are sowing into the lives of pregnant teens so their lives will be enriched and the lives of their babies will be enriched," Sutton said.

Birthright averages about 60 clients each month. All Birthright services are free. Personal attention is paid to every client, and entire families often make use of the program.

"We experience a lot of joy at the positive things we see happening in the lives of pregnant teens," Sutton said.

Neither Sutton or Laird receive any salary for their work. The program receives no state or federal funds and operates strictly through community organizations and individual donations.

"We are thankful to the people that support us who know what we do. Wal-mart donates formula and diapers and maternity and baby clothes to us, and women in our community donate clothing," she said.

Birthright's hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until noon.

"If we had more volunteers, we'd be open longer hours," Sutton said.

To be a Birthright volunteer contact Sutton at



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Gail Laird, left, and Pat Sutton prepare the new Birthright location, 1308 Scurry, for an Open House Sunday from 2 p.m. The public is invited to see the remodeled facilities

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Club News

West Texas Pachyderm Club

West Texas Pachyderm Club (formerly West Texas Republican Club) will meet at noon April 29 in the Big Spring Country Club. President Scott McLaughlin urges all current members and other interested persons to attend, as much needs to be done in this important political year. Please contact Irene Medellin at 264-0946 or the Country Club for luncheon reservations. Many informative speakers and programs are on tap for the rest of the year.

Optimist Club

Steve Jeter, a candidate for Big Spring ISD School Board, District 6, spoke to the Optimist Club at the Wednesday breakfast meeting. Chuck Rosenbaum, president of the Big Spring Little League, was also a guest.

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He said the opening ceremonies for the league were cancelled because of the number of people attending who represent 500 children enrolled in the league was greater than the area could accommodate. He added that plans are made to build a new baseball facility, but additional funds are needed. The Optimist Club has sponsored a National Little League team for at least 49 years, since the inception of the Big Spring league.

44th Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Western District Convention

The 44th Texas Federation of Women's Clubs (TFWC) Western District (WD) Spring Convention was held in Midland on April 3. TFWC-WD covers Alpine, Big Lake, Big Spring, Coahoma, Ft. Stockton, Marfa, McCamey, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, Presidio, Sanderson, and Stanton. Club presidents who were specially recognized included Teresa Warrington of Woman's Club of Big Spring. Members representing their clubs included Teresa Warrington & Charla Lewis of 20th Century Club of Big Spring.

TOPS TX 21
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) TX 21 met on April 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 West Third. Donna Menges called the meeting to order. The opening prayer was led by Carol Smith and the club then joined in the TOPS pledge and fellowship song. Readings were by Wanda Lee, Carol Smith, Cherry Sechelski and Hughetta Roberts. Roll call by Olnee Menges with eighteen members answering roll call. Of the fifteen TOPS Pam Klaus was the best loser and of the three KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) the best loser was Gladys Russell. Olnee Menges presented Carol Smith and Pam Klaus with a charm in honor of a 10 pound loss. In lieu of a program, contest prizes were passed out. Before singing the closing song, several members gave hints that might be helpful in our weight control for the coming week. Anyone interested in learning more about TOPS, a weight loss, non-profit, support group can call 1-800-892-8677, 263-0391 or 263-1758. TOPS meets each Monday night with weigh-in beginning at 5 and the meeting starting at 5:30.

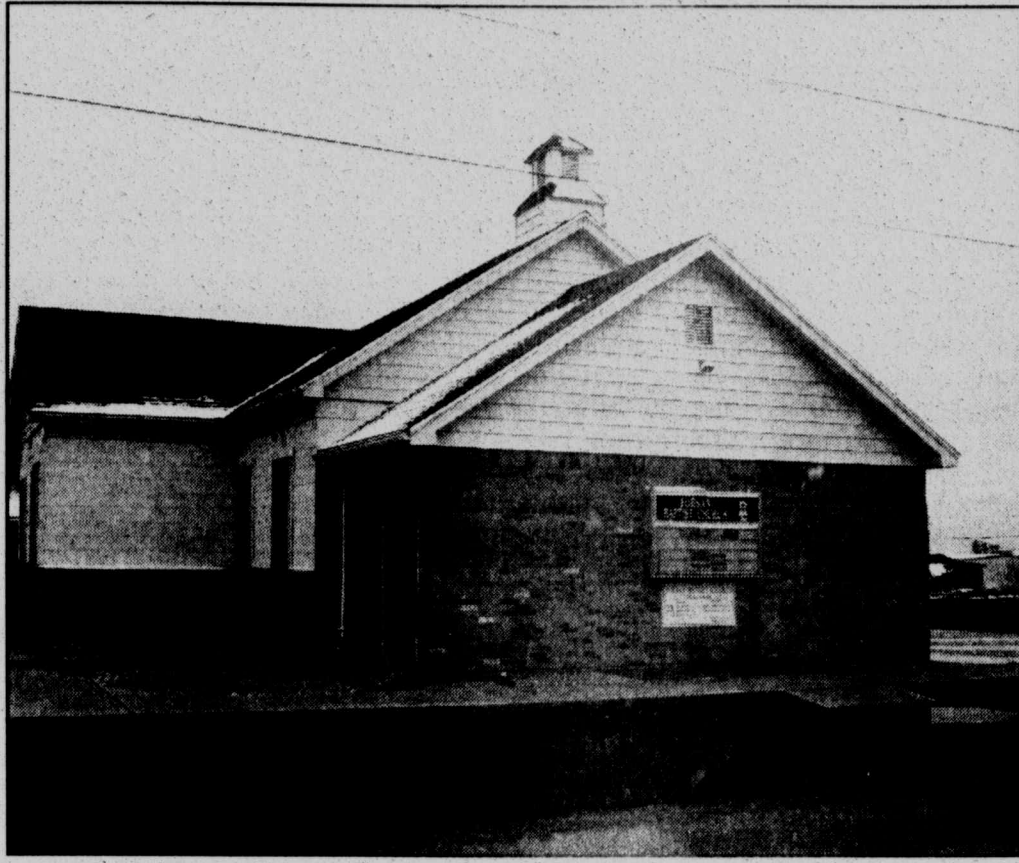
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Church News

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The members of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church invites you to join them for worship services each Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 5 p.m.

This Sunday night the youth will be in charge of services. There will be devotions, special music, and offering taken up by tomorrow's church leaders. After services there will be a stuffed baked potato fellowship where the youth will be serving the church for \$3 a plate. They are raising money for camp and other youth activities. The youth also meet every first and third Wednesday night from 7-9.

At Birdwell Lane Baptist Church we believe in reaching the lost and building the believer. The midweek services are Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Every second and fourth Thursday night the senior adults have a fellowship night. We invite you to stop by and visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane or for information call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

First United Methodist Church

On Sunday the Children's Choir will present "We Are United," a musical island adventure featuring original songs with a jungle feel. The musical is based on I Corinthians 12:12-27. The musical focuses on the importance of keeping the bond of unity in Jesus Christ no matter what the circumstances.

There will be no 8:30 a.m. service on Sunday. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and worship service is at 10:50 a.m. Sunday is also Native American Ministries Sunday. A special offering will be collected for this ministry.

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

Sign up for the Senior Adult Ministry spring trip is still available. The group will travel to Mineral Wells, Granbury,

Building a non-profit board set in Odessa Tuesday

A workshop, Building Effective Nonprofit Boards, is set for Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Odessa College, Room 130, Electronic Tech Building.

Featured speaker is Betty Richardson of Dallas. Her clients include the Girl Scouts of the USA, Conference of Southwest Foundations, BoardSource, Leadership Art Institute and Merger and Strategic Alliance Network. She has facilitated the planning process for more than 1560 nonprofit organizations in Texas.

Some of the topics covered will be building a high performance team, tips for effective board meeting and bylaws.

Cost for the workshop is \$95 and includes lunch and materials. Contact 432-570-7971 today by 5 p.m. or visit www.nmc-pb.org

and Glen Rose on April 29 through May 1. Call Jobeth Corwin for more information. Vacation Bible school has been scheduled for July 19-23. The theme this year is Lava-Lava Island.

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 Baptist Church

We'll be having a youth fund-raiser in the Family Life Center Sunday to assist the youth with summer camps. Fajitas and enchiladas will be the main course. The cost of the meal is your donation. The meal will begin immediately following the morning worship service.

Our schedule Sunday is, Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. followed by worship at 10:50 a.m. Our pastor, Rev. Dennis Teeters, is in revival this week. In his absence, our student minister, Chris Tucker, will preach in both the 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. services. Youth Choir and the Bible studies will meet at 4:30 p.m.

The ladies of our community are reminded to get their tickets for the Beth Moore simulcast before May 1. There will be a \$5 late registration fee after that date. The simulcast is May 15, 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. with a break for lunch. To view the simulcast alone is \$15. The price of the simulcast and lunch at the church is \$25. We encourage all area women to come be a part of this wonderful day.

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.

Life Church

Life Church, located at 600 E. F.M. 700, offers an exciting morning worship service, Sunday at 10:30 along with Noah's Ark Nursery, ages 0-3, Zoe Land Children's church, ages 4-10 and Pre-teen classes for ages 11 & 12.

Life Church has various small groups meeting in homes through out the

week where new friendships can be made in a casual home environment while studying relevant Bible messages. Also available are small groups for college students and teen-agers. Wednesday evening classes begin at 7. Childcare is provided.

Friends of Unity

Our 2 p.m. Sunday discussion will center around the question, "Are we miserable sinners or beings crowned with glory and honor?"

We will also be learning from a series of videos about the beginnings of Christianity. All are welcome.

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

We sincerely invite all seekers of truth to visit with us at the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. during our spring meeting which is scheduled this weekend.

Elder Troy Barrington of Stephenville, who is a former pastor of the Midland Primitive Baptist Church, will be the visiting minister for this special series of services. We urge all our friends and neighbors to come and worship with us as we seek to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through preaching, praying, singing and in our time of fellowship.

Worship services will begin on Friday at 7 p.m.; Saturday at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, morning at 10 a.m. and will conclude with the 6 p.m. Communion service. Bible Study is held each Wednesday night at 7.

Anyone wanting more information on any of these services may call Elder David Machiavello at 267-6543 or 167-7558.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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

The Episcopal Church Women will hold their meeting Sunday at 11:45 a.m. in the library. St. Mary's youth will have a

fund-raiser Sunday to help with their summer activities. They will be serving a taco salad lunch after the 10:30 a.m. service. Everyone is welcome.

The first Eastertide Offerings Concert will be Thursday at 12:05 p.m. in the church. The Big Spring High School Honors Band will perform under the direction of Rocky Harris. The Episcopal Church Women will provide lunch after the concert. As always, these concerts are offered without charge and everyone is invited.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our web site at www.stmarybst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles' sermon will be taken from John 21:1-19 on Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship service. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. with "Take Ten" at 10:35 a.m.

Opportunities for the week include; Saturday, church clean up day, Monday, Presbyterian Women workday where women will organize the third floor of the church and break for lunch with Bible Study at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Working Women will meet for Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday choir practice at 6 p.m.

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

Living Hope Church

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First Assembly of God

Evangelist Rick Earp and family of Abilene will be ministering at First Assembly this Sunday in the morning service at 10:40 and in the evening service at 6.

The family ministers as a team, featuring special music and preaching. Rick answered the call to preach at a young age and has celebrated more than 20 years of ministry. His message of repentance and revival brings a refreshing of the power of God as he proclaims the word of God with anointing.

His wife, Cindy, and daughters, Sharilyn and Jennifer, are talented vocalists who sing from their hearts as God flows through them in beautiful harmony. Rick also accompanies them on the piano occasionally. Together this family is used of God in a wonderful way to touch lives for Christ. Everyone is invited to come and receive from God during these services.

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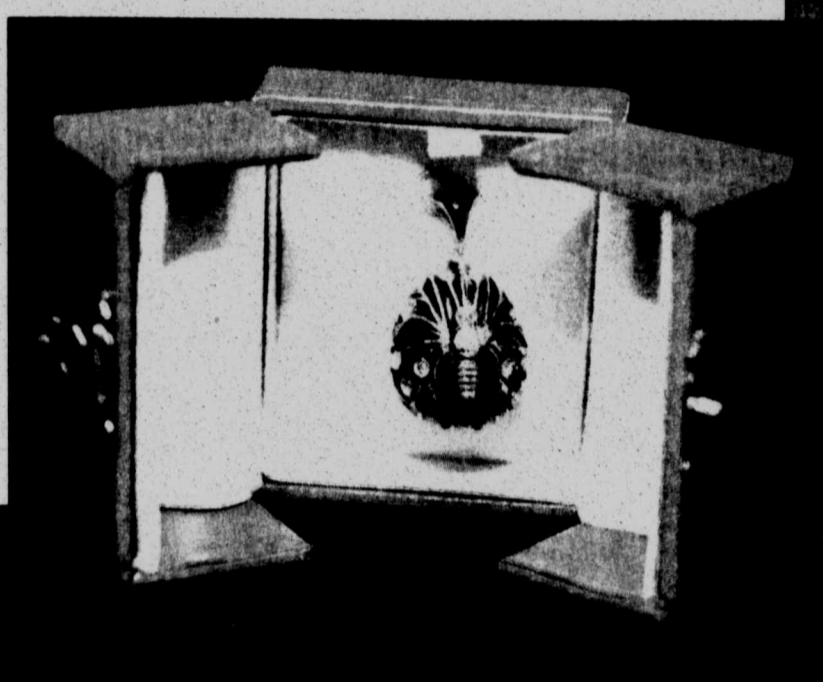
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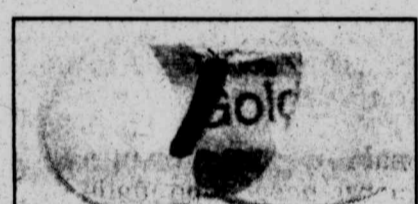
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Texas Tech holding two camps this su The first can an overnight camp for 12-18 from June 1-3. The camp \$260 for resid \$200 for comm The other v day camp for 12-year-olds J The camp is \$ For more inf contact Texas ball at 806-742 262.

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Sports Broadcast Today
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Hawks @WJAC/Tournament, 11
Lady Steers @Andrews, 5:45 p.
Saturday
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Lady Hawks @El Paso, 3:45 p.
Mavericks vs. Sacramento, 5:3
Sunday
Event, Time
Astros @Roches, 1:40 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Big Spring volleyball clinics announced

Big Spring high school volleyball coach Revis Daggett has announced a volleyball clinic available for incoming seventh-graders.

The clinics will take place this Monday, Monday, May 3, Wednesday May 5, Monday, May 10 and/or Wednesday, May 12.

Athletes may attend one or all five clinics.

Each clinic runs from 4-6 p.m. and takes place at the Big Spring Junior High School Gymnasium.

The cost is \$10 for any or all of the clinics and those interested may pay at the door at any one of the clinics.

Checks should be made payable to the Lady Steers Booster Club.

Seventh-grade volleyball tryout dates set

The Big Spring junior high will also be holding volleyball tryouts in May. The dates for tryouts have been set for May 17-19 from 4-6 p.m. each day.

The tryouts will take place in the Big Spring Junior High Gymnasium and are free to all incoming seventh-graders.

Attendance is required at least two of the three days in order to make the 2004-2005 team or prior arrangements need to be made with Coach Daggett. She can be reached at 816-9560 or rldaggett@esc18.net.

Texas Tech to hold softball camps

Texas Tech softball is holding two softball camps this summer.

The first camp will be an overnight/residents camp for 12-18 year olds from June 1-3.

The camp will cost \$260 for residents and \$200 for commuters.

The other will be a day camp for 6-8 and 9-12-year-olds July 12-14. The camp is \$90.

For more information contact Texas Tech softball at 806-742-3355 ext. 262.

CGA to hold benefit tournament for Relay

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring has scheduled a tournament to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life - Saturday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fees are \$20 per player and all players must be registered by 10 a.m. the day of the tournament.

For more information, call Billy Pineda at 264-7116 after 7 p.m.

Howard College announces banquet

Howard College has scheduled its athletic banquet for May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Today		
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Hawks @WJACTournament, TBD	1490	
Lady Steers @Andrews, 5:45 p.m.	1490	
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Event, Time	Station	
Lady Steers @El Paso, 1:45 p.m.	1490	
Mavericks vs. Sacramento, 5:30 p.m.	1490	
Sunday		
Event, Time	Station	
Astros @Rockies, 1:40 p.m.	1490	

Howard College runs wild at rodeo

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Howard College rodeo team traveled to Stephenville Thursday and took part in the Tarleton State Rodeo.

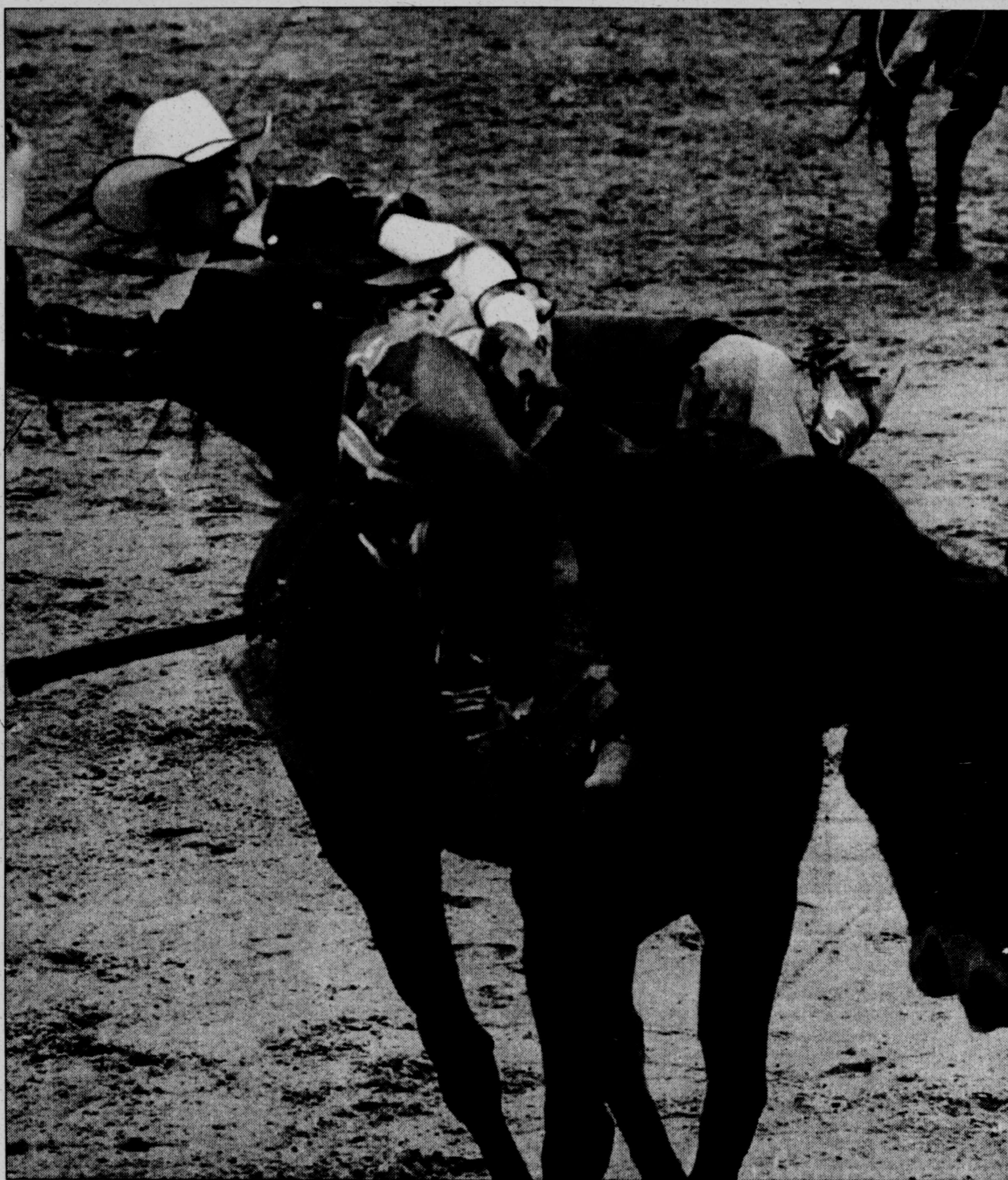
The first night of the rodeo was a quiet night for Hawk competitors as not many athletes participated. However, Seth Swearingen finished the night in first place in the steer wrestling competition after recording a time of 4.3 seconds.

"That will probably give Seth a top-four finish going into the short round," said Coach Greg Kernick. "He has had a tough year, but it looks like this rodeo was Seth's to shine in."

Sarah Proctor competed in the goat tying competition and came away with a time of 11.7 seconds, while both Patrick Freeman and John Dunn had no scores in bull riding.

"We didn't make the whistle with either bull rider, but they have had a good year," said Kernick.

The rodeo continues tonight and finishes up Saturday night with the short round competition. Danny McDowell will be one of several Howard College athletes to compete tonight. McDowell will try his luck in the bull riding competition.



West Texas' Clay Bunney competes in the bareback riding competition at the Howard College Rodeo at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl last weekend. The Hawk Rodeo team competed at Tarleton State's rodeo Thursday night with action continuing today and Saturday.

Young Lady Steer golfers look ahead to next year



Members of the Big Spring Lady Steers golf team pose prior to a practice round last week. Big Spring finished its season at regionals after taking seventh as a team.

Special to the HERALD

The Lady Steers golf team finished the season with two strong tournaments.

First, Big Spring participated in the district tournament where they found themselves down by 11 strokes to Andrews' number two team.

All five girls — Rachel Gee, Angela Payne, Joy Seay, Kim Paradez and Brennan Bailey — focused in and overcame the deficit to claim second place overall in District 4-A.

That second place finish earned Big Spring a right to play in the regional tournament.

The second tournament found Big Spring among some of the best players from El Paso to Arlington at regionals. The Lady Steers place seventh out of 16 teams.

Gee, a junior, led the Lady Steers with a two day total of 151, which was one of her best tournaments of the year.

Gee placed sixth out of 90 girls, but just missed an opportunity to go to state by five strokes. However, she did make the all-region team.

Gee's highlight of the tournament was dropping a 25-foot putt on the par five ninth hole. That putt was Gee's first eagle of

the year. Gee shot a 75 the first day and a 76 on day two.

The future looks extremely bright for the Lady Steers golf team as they only lose one player from this year's squad. Payne will be lost to graduation.

COLLEGE SIGNING

Big Spring golfer Ryan Rodriguez will sign a letter of intent to play golf at McLennan College in Waco.

The signing will take place tonight in Odessa at 8 p.m.

Spurs spoil Memphis' first-ever home playoff game

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Sports Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs took the best shot the Memphis Grizzlies had to offer so far in the playoffs.

Now, the defending champions are a game away from moving into the second round.

Tim Duncan scored 22 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, and the Spurs got a little luck when Mike Miller's 3-point attempt bounced off the back rim at the buzzer Thursday night in pulling out a 95-93 victory over the Grizzlies in their first-round series.

The win gave the Spurs a commanding 3-0 lead, and they can sweep in Game 4 at Memphis on Sunday night.

"We know it's hard to come back from 3-0, but we don't want to be the

first," Spurs guard Manu Ginobili said. "We don't want to make it long."

The Grizzlies had a sell-out crowd of 19,351 on hand to mark the first home playoff game in the franchise's nine-year history, and the fans stayed on their feet for much of the night as they tried to help the league's third-youngest team stay in this series.

Not even the presence of five different men dressed as Elvis could help the Grizzlies take care of business against one of the NBA's best teams.

Hedo Turkoglu hit his first seven shots and finished with 18 points for the Spurs. Tony Parker added 18 points and six assists, and Ginobili had 12 points.

The Spurs routed Memphis by an average of 20 points in the first two games in San

Antonio, but the Grizzlies countered by shooting 60 percent for much of the first half and finished at 48.7 percent (38-of-78).

Memphis led by 10 twice with the Spurs staying in it by hitting seven of their first nine 3-pointers. The Spurs took control in the third quarter by out-rebounding the Grizzlies 18-8 and finished with a 48-31 margin on the boards.

"We did one thing well, and we grounded it out," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "The defense was fantastic, and they were physical, and they attacked us for 48 minutes. I just think we were really fortunate to come up with the victory."

The Spurs have won 14 straight, and maybe it's their experience that helped them hold off the Grizzlies down the

stretch. Memphis lost its seventh consecutive game and ninth in the last 10 overall.

NBA Coach of the Year Hubie Brown knows his Grizzlies had plenty of chances to make franchise history by pulling out the victory.

"Down the stretch, we had five possessions and only one score," Brown said. "We missed four

shots and had one turnover."

Duncan scored with 1:37 left to put the Spurs ahead to stay at 92-91. Ginobili hit the second of two free throws with 3.6 seconds left for the final margin.

The Grizzlies inbounded the ball, and Miller launched a long 3-pointer that bounced off the back rim at the buzzer.

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Golf Insider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Power dependant on separation

By T.J. TOMASI
Universal Press Syndicate

Once you have coiled correctly during your backswing, you are poised to release the pent-up power created by that coil. The proper release of this power at impact is related to three "separations" that occur as you start back to the ball:

1. Your hands must separate from your back shoulder and move directly down toward the ground, maintaining the 90-degree angle between the shaft and your left arm. This is an essential power lever and it is not released until impact.

2. Your front shoulder must separate from your chin, a move that aids in dropping the arms and club into the slot.

3. Your front hip should turn back toward the target while your right hip stays put, creating a separation between your legs.

In the accompanying photos, PGA professional John Callahan is demonstrating all three of these separations, but he is highlighting the separation between the legs with the use of a beach ball. Failure to make this separation usually leads to the club being pulled across the ball, resulting in a weak slice.

In the top photo, John is fully coiled. His shoulders have turned twice as much as his hips over a braced right leg. Swinging in this manner, he can easily hold the beach ball between his knees.

In the bottom photo, he has achieved the so-called "sit-down" position, and his knees have separated, releasing the ball.

The stop-action photo of this power position allows us to closely examine the sit-down action in photo 2. A club shaft placed across John's thighs would point parallel left of the target, indicating that while there has been a shift of weight to his front hip, the hips have not yet turned.

From here he is ready to rotate through the hitting area and deliver a powerful blow from inside the target line. There will be no slicing from this position.

Expert teacher Ben Doyle offers this mental image. Imagine you are holding a small, long-tailed dog between your knees. As you coil to the top of your swing, your little friend stays put, kept in place by the gentle compression of your knees.

As you start down and your left knee separates from your right, the dog drops out and starts running toward the target. However, his freedom is short-lived because your back knee quickly closes the gap in time to catch him by his long tail.

Get yourself a beach ball (it's easier than a small dog) and use this drill to feel this vital separation.



In the bottom photo there has been a shift of weight to his front hip, but the hips have not yet turned.

The Tiger factor

Woods has forced rest of the field to improve its game

By CRAIG DOLCH
Cox News Service

It wasn't long ago that Jack Nicklaus wondered if Tiger Woods' domination wasn't hurting the game of golf.

Anybody have those concerns today?

It wasn't long ago that Woods was completing the Tiger Slam — by a combined 22 shots, no less — when he won 7-of-11 major championships, when he won consecutive green jackets, when he became the first player in 30 years to win the Masters and U.S. Open in the same year.

Anybody know the last time golf's majors were won by six consecutive first-timers?

The answer is it's never happened since the Masters started in 1934.

And chances are greater another first-timer can win this year's U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills than of Woods winning his third national title as he sorts through another swing change.

So much for Tiger's dominance hurting the game. All it did was make his pursuers try a little harder, eat a little less and think a little more on the course.

If Phil Mickelson hadn't made some profound changes in his life — he lost weight and gained some course-management skills — he likely wouldn't have had reason to jump and shout last Sunday after his 18-foot birdie putt won the 68th Masters and put an end to his almost comical pursuit of that first major title.

No doubt Woods' recent dominance also affected the other first-time winners, starting with unlikely 2002 PGA champion Rich Beem. The former cellular phone/car radio salesman relied on more than Pepto-Bismol to beat Woods by a shot at Hazeltine, despite Woods' closing four birdies.

The next two major winners, Mike Weir (2003 Masters) and Jim Furyk (2003 U.S. Open) were solid players who many of their peers believed were capable, like Mickelson, of earning a major. Then there are the other two major winners, Ben Curtis (2003 British Open) and Shaun Micheel (2003 PGA), who have to be considered fluke winners until they



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OFFICIALLY A TREND

There have been first-time winners in the past six majors:

Year	Event	Winner
2004	Masters	Phil Mickelson
2003	PGA Championship	Shaun Micheel
2003	British Open	Ben Curtis
2003	U.S. Open	Jim Furyk
2003	Masters	Mike Weir
2002	PGA Championship	Rich Beem

back it up with more superb play. So here's the all-important question: Is golf better off with Woods dominating or everyone else taking their turn at the top?

If you believe in the TV ratings, you go with the former. After all, despite the Masters' delicious final round back-nine battle between Mickelson and Ernie Els, ratings were down about 20 percent from last year, when Woods was in contention on Sunday.

But if you listen to the buzz still being generated from Mickelson's popular victory, Nicklaus' words ring truer today than when he said them four years ago. Golf is better when the same guy isn't holding up

the trophy every Sunday night.

Woods should realize he's hurt his own cause by his early brilliance. His rivals knew they were going to have to approach the game with the same passion and dedication as Woods does. How else to explain those workout routines by Mickelson, Darren Clarke, et al.

Asked recently if he felt any pride in seeing players such as Clarke lose 35 pounds, Woods said: "No, I'm not proud of that. I think golf is a sport; you have to treat it as such. I don't see how you cannot train for it."

One thing is certain: The U.S. Open should be very interesting. It's less than 60 days away.

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Arm should be bowed but not bent

If you're an experienced golfer, you know that at the top of the backswing your lead arm (the left arm for right-handed players) should not collapse. An excessively bent left arm changes the radius of the swing arc, making it more difficult to return the club head to the ball correctly.

However, a stiff left arm that is ramrod straight adds too much tension to your swing and can lead to elbow problems. A stiff left arm makes it difficult to sequence the downswing correctly (it should unfold from the ground up), and it stifles the power-producing centrifugal force that helps accelerate the target arm through impact.

At the top of your backswing, your target arm should be extended, but not stiff, as LPGA Futures Tour player Kristi Gleason is demonstrating in this photo. Her left arm is stretched by applying pressure during the takeaway with the heel of her right hand where it touches her left thumb. Because she pushes down and away with her right hand throughout her backswing, Kristi maintains maximum width all the way to the top of her swing. This leaves her left arm "soft" and ready for action.

In golfspeak this is what we call a perfect left arm — "bowed, but not bent, straight but not stiff."

—T.J. Tomasi



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TV viewers question, but Cink officially in the clear

By GLENN SHEELEY
Cox News Service

Atlanta

People don't think much about golf's detailed, sometimes daffy rules unless there's a tournament to be won or lost because of them.

Then, of course, everybody's an expert.

Some even call in to tournaments hoping to get a decision reversed.

It could have happened Sunday at the MCI Heritage, when after sinking a 6-foot birdie putt on the fifth playoff hole, Stewart Cink was questioned about his clean-up around the ball before his second shot.

Only a week before, South Africa's Ernie Els got a favorable ruling after driving deep into the woods at Augusta National's 11th hole during the third round of the Masters. A day later, Els lost by one stroke to Phil Mickelson.

Fans watching on TV Sunday saw Cink, who had consulted tour official Slugger White on his way to the ball, removing loose impediments from an area of white, crushed limestone left of the fairway — not a bunker.

Although that area on Harbour Town Golf Links' 16th hole is often called a "waste bunker," that's not a term covered in the rules of golf. According to PGA Tour rules official Mark Russell, "it's actually [considered] 'through the green,' just an area where there's no grass."

Under the rules, Cink was allowed to remove "loose impediments" such as stones or granules of limestone, as long as he did not move his ball or remove anything that was embedded in his path. "He didn't move his ball or sweep a brush," said official Frank Cavanaugh, who was on the scene at Hilton Head. "He flicked and picked, but there was no sweep."

Viewers noticed what appeared to be an indentation in the surface after Cink flicked away some loose impediments. But the surface was so firm, officials said, Cink could not have been in violation of Rule 13.2, or improving his lie by removing or pressing down sand.

According to Cavanaugh, the tour staff had gone ahead before the players got to the 16th for a second time, making certain that the bunkers — and this "waste bunker" — were raked from previous play.

"That was one of the areas that had been raked," Cavanaugh said, "and the ball was right in front of that furrow."

That created the impression that Cink's ball was raised. Russell said official Steve Rintoul told him the area was so firm "that they threw the rake down and the rake teeth wouldn't even go in the ground."

The area that on TV might have looked like a finger swipe "was kind of rake furrow that was there beforehand," Russell said.

After Cink made a fabulous second shot and sank the winning putt, he was told of the rule discussion. He watched replays of the 16th hole with White and explained what he did. White was satisfied there was no infraction.

"I think we got some questions about whether he'd improved his lie," White said later. "Yes, he flicked them away. But like I said, there are so many little pebbles in there... That's the nature of a waste area."

Many tour players do not fully understand the rules. Although Cink is more schooled than most, he was careful to consult White during his playoff with Ted Purdy.

"It was just the two of them [Cink and Purdy] out there, and the official was right nearby," said Georgia State Golf Association executive director Mike Waldron, who has been a rules official for several major championships. "If he did anything wrong, I'm sure Slugger White would have seen it."

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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• Site: Humble, Texas.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
• Course: Redstone Golf Club (7,508 yards, par 72).
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Winner's share: \$900,000.
• Television: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

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• Site: Savannah, Ga.
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• Course: Westin Savannah Harbor Resort and Spa (6,627 yards, par 72).
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• Television: ESPN (Friday, 1-3 p.m.) and ABC (Saturday-Sunday, 1-3 p.m.).

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• May 6-9: Wachovia Championship, Charlotte, N.C.
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• May 20-23: Bank of America Colonial, Fort Worth, Texas
• May 27-30: FedEx St. Jude Classic, Memphis, Tenn.
• June 3-6: Memorial Tournament, Dublin, Ohio

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.J.Insider@aol.com.

Q: I have trouble determining what the width of my stance should be. I keep experimenting; sometimes I use a narrow stance, and it works for a while and then stops working. Sometimes I do well with a wide stance, but that doesn't last either. How can I find out which one is right for me? Or is it important at all? Maybe I'm making too big a deal out of it.
— Al C., from the Web

A: The width of your stance is important. It influences your stability, balance and mobility. The rule of thumb is your foot spread should be no wider than

shoulder width (for your driver); the narrowest is the width of your hips (short irons).

To determine the best width for you, chose a 5-iron and take a few slow-motion swings in front of a mirror, posing in your finish position. Then (assuming you are a right-handed player) check out your right knee position.

If your right knee passes your left, your stance is too narrow. If there is a gap between your knees, your stance is too wide. Your stance is correct when your knees end up even with each other.

Once you determine the stance width for the 5-iron, your stance

should be slightly narrower for clubs that are shorter than the 5-iron and slightly wider for the longer ones.

It is my experience that most golfers take too wide a stance because it feels powerful. Actually, it's just the opposite because too wide a stance makes it difficult to transfer weight into the left hip socket on the downswing, a mistake that causes the "fire and fall back" finish — a sure way to hit the power-robbing slice.

To find out more on stance width and how to match it to your body type, consult my book "The LAWS of the Golf Swing."

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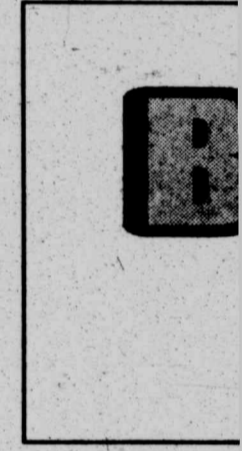
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The moon in Gemini-witted, social Gemini brings a casual opportunity to get to know colleagues on a friendly basis and perhaps pursue friendship on a more romantic level. There are spur-of-the-moment invitations and whimsical decisions. Let yourself get drawn into interesting conversation. Singles are witty, flirtatious and not at all serious about love!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your attention to detail saves the day. Be the one who makes conditions more amiable for all, and don't let challengers get your defenses up. It's your leadership ability and dynamic personality that brings down rivals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sort out your reaction to the changes of the past week. Married couples find their partners have already planned out the whole day; it's best to follow along. A special insight into your health is a blessing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Don't be too eager to talk; listening is more profitable. Fun and romance are what you need tonight. Relaxing is the most important. Take a sunbath, or do some gardening! Children may be the source of enjoyable surprises.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've got the brains in your group, so use them. Keeping the costs of a project under control takes an extra special effort. Many tasks on your list go better in solitude. Don't be too quick to buy a sob story, but do help a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're learning how to manage diverse personalities now. No one is perfect, but everyone is doing the best possible job under the circumstances. Tonight, you'll feel you deserve to do whatever you want, and you do!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You put your values at the front end of your business. Keep asking yourself why you started this venture to make sure you're in line with your vision. The magical, life-changing words are: "I'll think about it and get back to you."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Instead of fighting to improve, work on accepting yourself now, and the rest happens naturally. You'll be free of old patterns soon enough. Don't require so much of others that only superheroes can fit the bill.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In the face of challenge, you put the good of the group first and score big. Cash easily slips through your fingers, but the experience you bought is worth it. Behind-the-scenes activity is lucky for your love life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You aren't always comfortable in the spotlight role, but take it anyhow. You're the voice of authority that causes others to fall in line. Singles are as lucky as they are bold.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Romantic competition brings out your best. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Trying to make everyone happy is an exercise in futility. State your point clearly, and then, let it go. Mediation helps a stressful work situation. New work is on the horizon. What career ideas are you open to considering?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Providing a valuable service is the fastest way to riches and love. You give of yourself freely, and others return your generosity. What seems like an insignificant problem at first will soon demand attention.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Try not to leave a situation just because the pace is too slow or without variation. Stability is a plus right now, and you'll be glad you hung in there. Volunteer and political work lead to future career prospects.

WEEKEND LOVE REPORT: Friday, you may feel spontaneous, lighthearted and flirty. But by Saturday morning, many of you will be wondering, "What did I commit to?" **ARIES:** You're feeling hot, on and happening. Use it. **TAURUS:** More and more people are finding you attractive! Choose wisely. **GEMINI:** Don't commit! You're better off going with your momentary whim. **CANCER:** Saturday and Sunday are heavenly — finally, a loved one is on your wavelength! **LEO:** Clear your romantic conscience — write out your mistakes, and then, forgive yourself. **VIRGO:** For a treat, ask potential

sweeties what they like about you. **LIBRA:** You're lucky when you are willing to be a free agent until you find that special one. **SCORPIO:** Admit what's keeping you from intimacy — you'll turn it into the spark that lights your love life on fire. **SAGITTARIUS:** It makes a difference if you're early for dates, appearing relaxed and confident. **CAPRICORN:** You're good at coming up with ideas about how love should develop. **AQUARIUS:** If there is a problem in your relationship, the solution begins with admitting a flaw in yourself. **PISCES:** Gentle acceptance brings reticent love to the palm of your hand.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Scorpio and Taurus come from two different worlds — Scorpio feels comfortable in the land of emotions and the subconscious, Taurus lives in the world of practical application and real time. There is magic in both worlds, and when the two come together, their lives are made rich. Both have an enormous drive for pleasure — physically, this is an incredible match.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a 14-year-old girl who reads your column daily and was wondering if you could help me. I have a spot on each of my breasts. They look like bruises. My breasts are sore sometimes anyway, so at first, I didn't pay much attention to the spots, but they've been here for six months, and I'm starting to worry.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

I'm close with my mom, but I can't bring myself to ask her about it. I'm afraid she'd take me to the doctor, and money is tight. Could you just tell me if the spots are normal? — Wondering in the U.S.

Dear Wondering: We consulted Dr. Susan Jay, director of the Division of Adolescent Medicine, and Dr. Amy Forrer, Medicine-Pediatrics resident, both at Loyola University Health System in Maywood, Ill. Here is their response:

"First, bruises commonly occur from trauma. The trauma could be from the underwire in your bra or even from a contact sport, but generally, six months of unresolved bruising is too long, unless the injury is recurring. The 'bruise' may also be more of an irritation of the skin called contact dermatitis. Again, your bra may be the culprit if the wiring contains nickel or an allergic material.

"Second, once you start your period, you may have mild breast discomfort for a few days monthly. It would be best if you were seen by a physician to make sure your breasts are developing normally and to answer other questions about your changing body. Please talk to your mother about this, and look into a free clinic in your neighborhood so that your concerns can be more thoroughly evaluated."

Dear Annie: I recently took my daughter to see an age-appropriate movie. The entire time, the woman behind me kicked my seat and used it for leverage whenever she stood up. This was so constant and bothersome

that I finally turned around and politely said, "You keep bonking my chair. Would you please be more careful?" Instead of apologizing the woman loudly replied, "Oh, why don't you just relax, lady? Can't you see I'm here with my children? I mean, calm down." This confused my daughter, who could see that I already was completely calm.

Since the woman was being irrational, I ignored her and tried to watch the rest of the movie. I could have moved, but had we stood up, others would have been inconvenienced.

What gets me is why this woman didn't take responsibility for her actions. She knew she was hitting my chair. A simple apology would have sufficed. Instead, she will raise another generation of people who believe they are never to blame. Should I have handled this differently? — Someone Who Still Believes in Manners

Dear Someone: You handled it fine, although had you stood up, you could have asked an usher or the manager to take care of the situation. Some people think children's movies are so informal that they can behave any way they wish and no one is entitled to complain. While a certain amount of extra noise and movement is to be expected, one should not become a constant nuisance. It's amazing how some folks would rather be rude than say, "I'm sorry."

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The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bids until 4:00 P.M., May 5, 2004, for the following area:

Fleet Vehicles
Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648, phone number (432)264-3620. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. Bids received after the opening date and time will be returned unopened. Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on May 13, 2004, at 5:15 P.M. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. #4194 April 23 & 26, 2004.

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BIG SPRING HERALD

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6 PM	News (CC) Wheel-	News Wheel-	Amar Otra Vez	King of the Hill	News Ent. Tonight	Pasion de Gavilanes	News Seinfeld (CC) MLB	Friends (CC)	Nueva Vida John Hagee	News-Lehrer	Monster House	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live How I'm	That's-Raven Lizzie	NHL Hockey: Conference	To Be	JAG (CC) (DVS)	Hands (CC)	
7 PM	Movie: Diggstown	George Lopez	Mariana de la Noche	Totally Outrag.	Joan of Arcadia (CC)	Prisionera	Dateline NBC (CC)	Atlanta Braves	Update/Israel Rabbi	Wash. Week Wall-Fortune	Motorcycle Mania 2	Movie: Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan	Movie: House Party	Movie: George	Semifinal Game 1 -	Announced	Law & Order: Special	Movie: Barbershop	
8 PM	Hope & Faith Married-	Bajo la Misma	Forever Eden (DVS)	JAG (CC)	El Alma Herida	Marlins	Light of the Southwest	Now With Bill Moyers (CC)	American Chopper	Great Streets (CC)	American Hot Rod (CC)	Movie: The Devil's Rain (CC) (DVS)	Comicview	Barbarian That's-Raven	Boxing: Friday	vs. Eduardo	Law & Order: Special	Movie: (CC) Martin	
9 PM	20/20 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Escuelita VIP Casa Risa	70s Show Dharma-Greg	Without a Trace (CC)	Mujeres Apasionadas	Third Watch (CC)	Movie:	Charlie Rose (CC)	Motorcycle Mania 2	Devil's Rain (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Nightly News Music	Kim Possible Proud Family	vs. Eduardo	Law & Order: Special	Movie: Porn Star: Live:		
10 PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News The Tonight Show (CC)	Distance The Hour of Healing	Sign Off	American Chopper	Crypt Tales :45 Movie: The Big	Movie: The Big	Midnight Love	Even Stevens Sister, Sister	Baseball Tonight (CC)	Touching Evil (CC)	Movie: Buried	Movie: Blackwoods	
11 PM	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	Extra (CC) Jimmy	Los Metiches	Becker (CC) Spin City	(CC)	The Late Late Show	Al Rojo Vivo-	Show (CC) Late Night	to Kill (CC)	Update/Israel Michael	The Horror of Frankenstein	Comicview	Lilo & Stitch Recess (CC)	NHL Hockey: Conference	SportsCenter (CC)	Movie: Buried	Movie: Blackwoods		
12 AM	Live (CC) Oprah	Live (CC) Paid Program	Rencor Apasionado	Blind Date	Blind Date	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Maria Celeste Corte-Familia	Fraser (CC)											

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 23, the 114th day of 2004. There are 252 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

April 23, 1564, is believed to be the birthdate of English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare; he died 52 years later, also on April 23.

On this date: In 1348, King Edward III of England established the Order of the Garter.

In 1789, President-elect Washington and his wife moved into the first executive mansion, the Franklin House, in New York.

In 1791, the 15th president of the United States, James Buchanan, was born in Franklin County, Pa.

In 1904, the American Academy of Arts and Letters was founded.

In 1940, about 200 people died in a dance hall fire in Natchez, Miss.

In 1954, Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his record 755 major-league home runs, in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals. (The Braves won, 7-5.)

In 1969, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating New York Senator Robert F. Kennedy. (The sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment.)

In 1985, the Coca-Cola Company announced it was changing the secret flavor formula for Coke (negative public reaction forced the company to resume selling the original version).

In 1993, labor leader Cesar Chavez died in San Luis, Ariz., at age 66.

In 1998, James Earl Ray, who'd confessed to assassinating the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968 and then insisted he'd been framed, died at a Nashville hospital at age 70.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Janet Blair is 83.

Actress-turned-diplomat Shirley Temple Black is 76. Actor Alan Oppenheimer is 74. Actor David Birney is 65. Actor Lee Majors is 65. Actress Sandra Dee is 62. Irish nationalist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey is 57. Actress Blair Brown is 56. Writer-director Paul Brickman is 55. Actress Joyce DeWitt is 55. Actor James Russo is 51. Political filmmaker-author Michael Moore is 50. Actress Judy Davis is 49. Actress Jan Hooks is 47. Actress Valerie Bertinelli is 44. Actor Craig Sheffer is 44. Actor George Lopez ("George Lopez") is 43. Rock musician Gen is 40.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

SEE 48 ACROSS by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Zero-star fare
- 5 Mil. addresses
- 9 Drum of 44 Across
- 14 Scotia lox
- 15 Poor, as an excuse
- 16 Huge expanse
- 17 Aid in a scam
- 18 Three Lives
- 19 Make baskets
- 20 Chanteuse of a sort
- 23 Crow call
- 24 Boaters and bowlers
- 25 Affordable, in company names
- 27 Dust catcher, for short
- 30 Swedish import
- 32 Door-pounder's demand
- 35 Menu phrase
- 36 Lies low
- 38 Cultural word starter
- 39 Soft shot, in tennis
- 41 Dig find
- 43 Place to build
- 44 Asian land
- 46 Family auto
- 48 Apt title for this puzzle
- 49 Jennifer Lopez title role
- 51 Flat formation
- 52 Guitarist Paul
- 53 Makes level
- 55 D.C. 100
- 57 Nile viper
- 59 Dolly Levi activity
- 64 Nile capital
- 66 Natural balm
- 67 Creative spark
- 68 U.N. leader
- 69 Basted, maybe
- 70 Toy dogs
- 71 Take a bite of
- 72 Bash giver
- 73 Zero-star fare
- DOWN**
- 1 Tiny swarmer
- 2 Timber wolf
- 3 Sparks' word
- 4 Hole cover-up
- 5 TV host
- 6 Steep cliffs
- 7 Black cat, to some
- 8 Marsh plant
- 9 Tugboat's line
- 10 Super serve
- 11 Boston neighborhood
- 12 Gas-grill rock
- 13 From scratch
- 21 Miscellany
- 22 Earth-friendly prefix
- 26 Shrimpers' gear
- 27 Quo?
- 28 Roomy dress
- 29 Bowling variety
- 31 Brazilian port
- 33 Set free
- 34 Keats and Yeats
- 37 Carnival attractions
- 40 Ukraine's capital
- 42 Outward-opening window
- 45 Buttercup relative
- 47 Olive Oyl's mother
- 50 Santa CA
- 54 Hide away
- 56 CD problems
- 57 "... way to skin"
- 58 Capital of Yemen
- 60 Jazz singer
- 61 Pop hero
- 62 Verne skipper
- 63 Struggle for air
- 65 Wharf pest

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