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ALON giving away concert tickets

ALON USA will continue to give away free tickets to the Asleep at the Wheel concert during special remote radio broadcasts leading up to the May 22 event.

There will be a giveaway on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the 7-Eleven at 1701 Marcy.

Through this and other remotes, ALON plans to give away 6,000 tickets to the event, which will also include up and coming country star Cory Morrow.

The concert will be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Cossacks sponsor Relay for Life event

A fund-raiser for Relay for Life sponsored by the Cossacks Motorcycle Club is set to begin at noon Saturday. Food, music and giveaways are some of the events planned. Cost is \$7 for singles and \$10 for couples. The club is located at 1610 N. Birdwell Lane.

Herald to hold sale for Relay for Life

The Big Spring Herald will be holding its first Warehouse Sale from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life. The sale will be at the Herald warehouse, located behind the Herald office at 710 Scurry.

The Herald is also accepting items from anyone who would like to donate them for the sale. To donate items, bring them by 710 Scurry or call 432 263-7331 and we will pick them up.

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Roundtable discussion touches on many topics

Big Spring VA, inmate workers, school finance reform, refinery anniversary among the issues

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

After spending an hour of informal discussion of issues affecting them all during a roundtable called by Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, a group of about 40 community leaders decided Thursday that they would



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hold similar meetings quarterly in the future.

McEwen, who invited representatives from local governmental and other taxing authorities, business leaders, other agencies and chamber of commerce officials to attend the discussion, admitted being very pleased with the outcome.

"This was just great," McEwen said. "It

was an informal meeting to see if we wanted to do this on a regular basis and we realized we do. It gives us a chance to share information and express concerns."

While Moore Board representative Pam Welch, County Commissioner Bill Crooker, Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks and Virginia Belew of the Texas Workforce Network gave brief reports concerning their organizations' current activities, the majority of the hour-long discussion centered around the city of Big Spring's experiences

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Above, Tony Garza, left and John Deanda work to salvage items from Albert's Upholstery Inc., 1208 W. Third, after a fire devastated the building. Below, firefighters work to extinguish a fire at the former Big Spring Care Center, a nursing home, at 502 E. Eighth St. While the upholstery shop fire has been determined to be accidental, the fire on Eighth Street has been ruled arson and is still being investigated.

Firefighters endure long, tough week

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring firefighters have been extremely busy this week, battling two major fires — one of which was ruled as being intentionally set.

The most recent fire destroyed Albert's Upholstery Inc. at 1208 W. Third early Wednesday morning.

Fire Marshal Carl Condray said firefighters responded to a report of a small fire in a storage unit attached to the west side of the upholstery business. The call came in about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"The fire was controlled quickly and seemed to be out," said Condray. "We were on the scene for some time, as was the owner. We thought it was out. As time progressed, however, it



re-ignited." This time, the fire apparently burned for a while before it was discovered. By the time firefighters got the call, at about 3 a.m., it was too late. "Just from the nature of the business, there was a tremendous amount of fuel in the building — batting, foam rubber, stuffing or padding," said Condray. "All of that contributed to the intensity of the second fire. Basically it resulted in a total loss of the business." Firefighters were on the scene until about noon Wednesday. "The fire was under control

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DRA seeks sponsor for laser light show

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Members of the Big Spring Downtown Revitalization Association hope to light up the community this July 4 but will need a corporate sponsor to do it. The DRA committee on Thursday voted to bring a laser light show to town for the finale of the Funtastic Fourth Festival, assuming they can come up with \$8,500.

"We have a really great opportunity here. I don't know if we can get it done, but it will be tremendous if we can," said DRA Chairman Allan Johnson. "If you haven't ever seen one of these

"This would cap it off and make Big Spring the place to be in West Texas, and maybe even all of Texas on that weekend."

—Allan Johnson



shows, you'll be amazed."

The group hopes to find a sponsor for the show quickly, before the licensed technician is booked for that evening. Booking requires a 50 percent deposit.

"It will be a phenomenal compliment to Pops in the Park," said Johnson. "This would cap it off and make Big Spring the

place to be in West Texas, and maybe even all of Texas on that weekend. People could come here and enjoy Pops in the Park on one night and the Funtastic Fourth Festival and the laser light show the next."

To DRA members, a laser light show would be the perfect finale to what they say is already

promising to be the best festival ever. This is the third year for the day-long event, centered around the Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring.

"We're making good progress," Johnson told committee members on Thursday.

Booths line the streets for the event each year. Currently, there are a handful of food booth spaces still available and "plenty" of other booth spaces, Johnson said. Booth spaces are \$25 each and non-profit or for-profit entities, businesses, clubs, individuals or organizations can

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PONY EXPRESS

Posse to hawk stamps Saturday for historical trek

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

As the annual Pony Express West Ride draws near, local event coordinators will be out and about Saturday in an effort to sell stamps for the historic trek.

Howard County Sheriff's Posse Secretary T.J. Walker said the posse, along with "Red" Harmon Hann, general manager of KHOB 1390 AM radio in Hobbs, N.M., and organizer of the annual Pony Express West Ride, will be at Wal-



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Mart Saturday in an effort to sell stamps for the ride.

"Around 10:30 a.m. we're going to be in the Wal-Mart parking lot, on

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On-Stage Series set Sunday at auditorium here

HERALD staff report

An On-Stage Series production — sponsored by the Big Spring Symphony Association and featuring the Karlin Ensemble — offers music lovers a chance to sit with the gifted musicians on stage at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

"This is always a very popular activity for the symphony," said Keith Graumann, symphony conductor.

Tickets are \$10 at the door. In fact, Graumann said, at the door is the only place the tickets may be purchased.

The ensemble features the talents of Jeffrey Lastrapes on the cello, Kirsten Yon playing violin and Erika Schroth performing on the piano.

Lastrapes is a cellist, chamber musician, recitalist, and teacher.

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Obituaries

Margaret Elizabeth
Howard Christopher

Margaret Elizabeth Howard Christopher, 77, of Big Spring died at 11:55 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa following a short illness.

Funeral services will be at noon Saturday in First United Methodist Church with Elder Frank Nelson of the Powerhouse Church of God in Christ and Dr. David Ring of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 15, 1926, in Harrisonburg, Va., to John Webb and Roberta Morgan Webb. She grew up in Harrisonburg, attending Elfinger Frank Elementary School and the Lucy F. Simms Junior and Senior High School, graduating in 1944.

She attended the Eastern Mennonite College, majoring in education. She later transferred to Heston Mennonite College in Heston, Kan., where she received her bachelor's degree in music.

She was an active board member of the Roberta M. Webb Child Day Care Center in Harrisonburg. The center was named for Margaret's mother and Margaret represented her mother on the board.

Margaret had resided in Big Spring for 32 years, coming from Harrisonburg, Va. She drove a bus for the Big Spring Independent School District for more than 20 years. She had been very active in the music programs at the Powerhouse Church of God in Christ and the First United Methodist Church, including The Living Christmas Tree.

She is survived by her husband, Willie F. Christopher of Big Spring; two sons, John E. Howard III and his wife, Angelita G. Howard of Tucson, Ariz., and Tracy E. Howard of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two granddaughters, Carla S. Burt of Big Spring and Janet L. Howard of Jacksonville, Fla.; five great grandchildren, Michael Howard, Noah Howard and Isaiah Howard, all of Jacksonville, Fla., and Michael Cuvliello and Chanel Cuvliello, both of Big Spring; one sister, Ada L. Walker of Lawton, Okla.; two nephews, James M. Webb of Lawton, Okla., and Earl F. Lewis Jr., of Raleigh, N. C.; seven brothers-in-law; eight sisters-in-law; and a number of cousins, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Cassandra A-L Howard, and one sister, Nancy Lewis.

Pallbearers will be John Howard, Tracy Howard, Isaac Nelson, Elder George Pope, Elder Charles Wright and Jimmy Christopher.

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

Miklyn "Mike" Wayne Dobbs

Miklyn "Mike" Wayne Dobbs, 37, of Austin, died on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, in a Big Spring hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 2004, at the Hillcrest Baptist Church, with D.H. "Dub" Jackson officiating. Interment will follow at Newman Cemetery in Fisher County.

The family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Miklyn was born on Nov. 13, 1966, in Big Spring, and married Laura Bach on March 27, 1993, in Austin. He had lived in Waco until moving to Austin in 1991.

Miklyn enjoyed spending time with family and friends, motorcycling, painting, writing, fishing, hunting and all kinds of music and comedy. He was a member of Grace Covenant Church in Austin and the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Dobbs of Austin; his father and mother, Mike and Kay Dobbs of Big Spring; one sister, Vikki Dobbs of Big Spring; one niece, Kayley Granger of Big Spring; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

The family suggest memorials to Worldwide Witnessing, 2426 Spyglass Hill, Abilene, 79606, make checks to the First Baptist Church of Euless or to Christian Motorcyclists Association, New Life Riders Chapter, P.O. Box 2105, Cedar Park, 78613.

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

Louis Dale Carothers

Louis Dale Carothers, 80, Columbia Lakes, formerly of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, April 28, 2004, in a Houston hospital.

Memorial services will be held at 3:30 p.m. today April 30, 2004, at Columbia United Methodist Church with Rex Carleton officiating.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 2004, in Mount Olive Memorial Park with Dr. Dave Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Big Spring, officiating.

He was born July 28, 1923, in Bremen, Ind.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Carothers of Columbia Lakes and a daughter and son-in-law, Jo Dale Carothers and Jeffrey J. Rodriguez of California.

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He has appeared throughout the United States, Europe and South America, with concerts and recitals at The Curtis Institute of Music, The Juilliard School, Steinway Hall in New York and numerous others.

He has been soloist with the Monroe Symphony Orchestra, the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra, the Midland-Odessa Symphony, the Lower Marion Symphony of Philadelphia and the Festival Orchestra in Vina del Mar, Chile. Appearances at festivals include the Evian Festival in France, the Bellingham Festival, Sevenars Festival, Mozart on the Square in Philadelphia, The National Cello Congress in Phoenix, Mid-Atlantic Chamber Music Society, Interlochen Center for the Arts and twice at the Gregor Piatigorsky Seminar at the University of Southern California.

Currently, he is the director of string ensembles at The Collegiate School in New York City. He also serves on the cello and chamber music faculty of the Interlochen Center for the Arts in Michigan. Lastrapes performs on a Ruggieri cello, dated 1684.

Yon is assistant professor of violin at Texas Tech University. She has soloed with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, the University of Michigan Symphony Orchestra and the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony. In recent years she performed as concertmaster and soloist with the Bayou City Chamber Orchestra as well as playing frequently with the Houston Symphony Orchestra.

During the summer months, Yon teaches at the Interlochen Center for the Arts as an assistant to William Preucil. Upcoming concert highlights include performances in New York City, Michigan and throughout Texas.

A multidisciplinary performer, Schroth has an active career as both a pianist and theatre artist and has performed across the United States and Europe. Her performances have featured a wide range of repertoire from the solo and ensemble literature and have included world and regional premieres of new works. As a theater artist, Schroth has served in virtually every capacity of production, from actor to director. Her dual interests in music and theater influence her programming choices and reinforce her commitment to contemporary music.

Currently, she is a member of the eclectic chamber music group L'Ensemble Portique. Since 2002, she has been a member of the piano faculty at the Interlochen Center for the Arts National Arts Camp.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-6-16-28-34.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$45,326.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-5-7

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear early in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. A chance of showers. A chance of thunderstorms then thunderstorms likely after midnight. Some thunderstorms may be severe. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph becoming north in the late evening and overnight. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

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display or sell whatever items they choose.

Other activities include a washer pitching tournament, a gospel music stage, horseback rides, a celebrity dunking booth and numerous events for children. There are the shows for motorcycles, low riders and antique automobiles.

A highlight of the festival is always the Battle of the Bands, which this year could earn one of the entries as much as \$1,500.

"We're still accepting entries to the Battle of the Bands. We have three categories, tejano, country and rock. We'll have a first place award of \$500 in each category, a second place award of \$250 and a third place award of \$100. Plus, there's a People's Choice Award which combines all three categories. The winner of that gets \$1,000," said Johnson.

There is a \$10 entry fee for the Battle of the Bands. Groups must include an audition tape with the entry fee. Bands must be entered by June 1. From the audition tapes, a panel will select three bands for each category. Those bands will go head to head on Sunday, July 4.

Anyone organization or business that would like to help sponsor a portion of the Funtastic Fourth Festival or any band needing an entry application for the Battle of the Bands, is asked to contact Johnson at Allan's Furniture at 202 Scurry or by phone at 432 267-6278.

Anyone needing booth space rental information should call Vivian Glickman at the Record Shop Antique Mall at 432 267-7501.

You may contact Bill McClellan at 263-7331, ext. 235 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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much earlier than that but the roof had collapsed and walls had failed, also," Condray said. "We brought in heavy equipment to pull that away to make the building more safe."

Albert Deanda, owner of the upholstery shop, along with several family members, began working immediately Wednesday to salvage items from the building.

"But it is a total loss," said Deanda, who has owned the shop for 34 years.

His son, John, drove from El Paso as soon as he learned about the fire.

"This is terrible. His entire life's work, 34 years of work, just gone," John Deanda said.

Condray said the fire at the upholstery shop was believed to be accidental in nature.

That wasn't the case on Saturday, as arson has been determined to be the cause of a fire that destroyed much of the former Big Spring Care Center, a nursing home at 502 E. Eighth St.

Firefighters had a tough time with the blaze because it spread quickly through the abandoned structure and the terrain was difficult.

Condray said an investigation into the nursing home fire is continuing.

"We have completed the fire scene investigation. Now we are talking with people, getting some tips coming in and running down all of those," he said.

The building is owned by Harold Stewart.

Police blotter

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

• RUBEN PALOMINO, 51, of 1714 Purdue was arrested Thursday on traffic citations.

• GERALD DARNELL, 34, of 609 NE Ninth was arrested Thursday on three traffic warrants.

• THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg, the 1700 block of Wasson, on FM 700, the 900 block of Willa, the 1100 block of Lamesa and at the police department.

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with using Big Spring FCI inmates for work projects, ALON USA's upcoming 75th anniversary observance for the Big Spring Refinery and Big Spring ISD Superintendent Michael Downes' take on the Texas Legislature's current special session efforts to reform public school finance.

A great deal of time was also spent discussing what many in attendance worried is unwarranted concern on the part of many in the community that the Big Spring VA Medical Center will be

close as a result of the Department of Veterans Affairs CARES Commission findings.

McEwen stressed that at this moment, the only action even being contemplated by the federal government is a study of how best to provide healthcare services to veterans in West Texas.

"At this time, the possibility of building a new facility in Midland and Odessa is not on the table ... not even under consideration," McEwen said, adding that he feels it's pretty clear to those who've looked at the statistics such a study will more than likely strengthen the case for keeping

the VA facility in Big Spring open.

"The point they and we are making is how important it is for veterans in the area to register with the VA hospital, even if they're not receiving medical care there," the mayor added. "That's happening. They're serving more patients and registering more and more veterans every month. I feel the VA hospital is in very good shape right now."

City staffer Todd Darden spent several minutes explaining the differences involved in using Big Spring FCI inmate labor and the city's previous use of state inmates. While there are several

differences, Darden made it clear that a number of local organizations and entities can benefit from the use of federal prisoners' labor.

McEwen and Darden told those in attendance that the city staff would be willing to help guide others interested in working with the federal prison program through the process of getting projects approved.

Downes made it clear during his presentation that it is much too early to tell what will come out of the legislature's special session.

In keeping with that topic, Crooker said the Howard County

Commissioners Court — while making steady progress on exploring the need to expand its jail facility — is keeping a close eye on what legislators approve in Austin, fearing the need to raise more money for public education and lower property taxes will create a situation where other taxing entities are left with unfunded mandates.

McEwen noted that city officials will be interested in discussing the possibility of cooperating with the county when planning for a new jail facility progresses.

ALON representative George Leaman spent several minutes discussing

the company's plans for the May 21-22 refinery anniversary observance which will include exhibits at the Heritage Museum, tours of the refinery, an employees dinner, a community luncheon, a golf tournament for retired employees and a Saturday night concert at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum which will feature the Grammy Award-winning country music of Asleep at the Wheel.

Leaman said organizers expect about 7,000 people to attend the free concert. Tickets will be required for those attending, but are being made available free of charge at local 7-Eleven stores.

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the north end where they normally hold the vet clinic," said Walker. "We'll be there until about 4 p.m. We're going to have a horse trailer there that has been decorated especially for the Pony Express, and if all goes well, we'll have a horse there for the kids to see and pet."

Walker said the posse will be offering a special "artistic" incentive for stamp buyers during Saturday's event.

"We'll be selling the stamps so people can mail their letters and have them sent through the Pony Express," said Walker. "We also have a special planned for the event. If you purchase two stamps at \$2.02 and make a \$1 donation, which comes to a minimum of \$5.04, you'll get a

free portrait drawn by our artist, Mr. "Red" Harmon Hann of New Mexico.

"He's an excellent artist, and you'll notice that the artwork on this year's stamps was done by him as well. He'll draw the portrait of you or your child — whoever is with you."

Walker said the event is a fund-raiser for the Howard County Sheriff's Posse.

"For every \$2.04 stamp that you purchase, \$1.02 will go to the Sheriff's Posse," she said.

"The posse is a non-profit organization, and the funds will be used for activities and to get more search and rescue training. Any time the community needs a mounted search team they call the Sheriff's Posse, and although (Sheriff) Dale Walker is the president of the posse, it's not affiliated with the sheriff's office. We're just civilians

who want to help the community."

The Pony Express ride, which will begin in Big Spring on May 14 and end in Jal, N.M., on May 15, promises to be a great deal of fun, according to Walker. Anyone who needs to mail a letter can become part of the historic event.

"We're going to ride on Highway 176 all the way to Eunice, N.M. We're going to spend the night on a ranch in Andrews. The horses are going to get the best treatment and Class A quarters, while the riders sleep in the horse trailers or on the ground," she added with a laugh.

While this Pony Express may seem like nothing more than fun and fundraising, Walker said it has a serious side, as the riders will be carrying actual U.S. mail which will be turned over the U.S. Postal Service once it

reaches its destination in Jal, N.M.

"We'll leave here (Big Spring) at 8:30 a.m.," said Walker. "We'll have U.S. mail that has two stamps on it. The first will be the special Pony Express stamp, which will be located in the lower left corner of the envelope, and the other will be a normal U.S. postage stamp. The letters have to have both to go on the Pony Express ride."

Sheriff Walker wants to see the history of the event come alive, saying the western heritage and the history of the Pony Express is far too important to be lost forever.

"It's a good thing to be able to teach your kids," he said. "This is the way the mail started, and I think it's a good thing for our community to get involved in and get behind. It's good for our local businesses because they will get some atten-

tion out of it, and just a fun event for everyone."

While the mail riding will mainly be along the back roads between Big Spring and Jal, someone does have to pick up the mail which will be held by local participating businesses, and Walker said that's right up his alley.

"This whole thing is about the Pony Express, and I don't think it would seem very 'Pony Express' if we drove up to the businesses to pick up the mail," he laughed. "It will definitely be an eye catcher. It's not very often you see a horse being ridden in the city."

Letter pick up is slated for May 13, with a stamp cancellation ceremony to follow at the Howard County Courthouse the same day between 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

In addition to Wal-Mart this weekend, stamps for the ride are being sold at

the *Herald*, Brenda's Barbecue, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Nacho's Mexican Restaurant, KBST Radio, Howard County Feed Store, the sheriff's office, Forsan High School Office and Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs' office in Coahoma.

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Margaret Elizabeth Howard Christopher, 77, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 12 noon Saturday at First United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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BY JOYCE JILLSON
Fleet-footed Mercury says, "Halt!" today, getting ready to return to a direct path. All those communication difficulties we've been having start to straighten out. It's amazing how we can be furious about something one day and the next find a brilliant solution. This is possible only if you let go of stubborn pride.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You easily win over love and affection because you recognize that nobody wants to be chained down. You offer love and freedom at the same time. This backward approach makes sweethearts want a commitment from you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have outstanding luck for wheeling and dealing today! You're very sharp and will recognize if someone is trying to hide information from you. Go slowly. You don't want to scare someone off before he or she is ready to talk!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Responding to life's disruptions sometimes takes too much energy. Observe without reacting at first — learn what you can, then ignore the rest, and move on. Knowing what is and is not your problem uncomplicates your life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Polish networking skills, and boldly speak with those you hardly know. A hot tip could make you some money. New people are attracted

to your style — you've got so much of that, though you may hardly think about it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may be tempted to call about one of the numerous drug commercials on television. Laughter is still the best medicine. Don't take chances with your health. Singles have the sweetest date tonight!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If the current outlook isn't so pretty, adjust your view of the world. The answer may be to relax and have fun. You know you're attractive, and that puts you at ease. Nothing is too serious, and there are no misunderstandings, either.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Psychic batteries are charged. Don't give an inch if you're right. Learn something; it might mean more money, but it definitely means more self-esteem. Singles: Reassess your priorities, or someone does it for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Relationships are trickier to navigate than even the toughest of your challenges at work. You have luck for second tries, so jump back in, and apply what you learned the last go-around. A Leo appreciates your sense of humor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). New people are featured. People with the right credentials may not be as qualified as the ones

with no credentials at all. Guard against premature false judgments. Even when incorrect, they can be hard to shake later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Loved ones readily respond to what you say. Practice what you preach, and you'll be fulfilled. The afternoon brings the opportunity to test your assumptions to make sure you've correctly interpreted your situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There seems to be a new way of doing just

about everything (due to ever-changing technology). Your mental agility makes this as good a time as any to learn. Chances are, you won't even need the online manual.

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

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This week we salute:

- Participants, sponsors and attendees of the Light of Hope Candle Light Vigil for victims of violence.

- The Big Spring Kennel Club on another well-organized and entertaining dog show.

- The Heritage Museum and all of its volunteer "chefs" on a mouth watering Flavors of West Texas.

- The Salvation Army on a very successful and entertaining Rock the Block concert. We hope to see this become an annual event.

- The Big Spring Symphony and Chorus, the Big Spring High School Meistersingers and the All-City Children's Honor Choir. What a wonderful performance "The Symphony is Song" was.

- Anthony Mendoza, winner of the Big Spring Herald treasure contest. Mendoza won a miniature egg pendant created in sterling silver with 24K gold gild and embellished with accents of genuine Swarovski crystal and precious stones

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

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Reminiscing about missing fireflies

You can always recognize a pet owner. They're the ones with hair on their butts that ain't really theirs.

You know what I miss? Fireflies. They were abundant when I was growing up in rural West Texas but I've seen very few in the last 15 to 20 years. I know that nickel Cokes and ice cream cones are history, but I didn't think Uncle Sam had the right to price everything out of existence.

Like everyone else, we used to marvel at how wonderful fireflies were, magical and mysterious. Course, like every other fool, we'd trap them in a jar and leave them until their lights went out, literally, but, kids will be kids.

The last time I recall seeing fireflies — lightnin' bugs, ya' know — was two or three years ago in the state park at Junction.

It strikes me that life for a firefly must be a bit strange. I don't know much about them — they

blink, what else do you need to know — but I'm quite sure that they have an attitude. How could you go through life with a blinking butt and not develop an attitude?

On the other hand, I wonder if fireflies judge each other on their blinkability.

Two lady fireflies at a bar: "Woo hoo, Madge, look at the blinker on that one!"

Maybe I haven't seen fireflies lately because they just quit blinking. *The Firefly Gazette*: "Finally! Cure Found For Blinking Disease!"

It could be an educational thing. "Just Don't Flicker" or... "Only You Can Prevent Fireflies."

I've done a little research on fireflies. OK, so I only read the book cover. Sometimes brief is best. Anyway, a firefly's glow has been interpreted to mean many things. One theory is... this will shock you... that it's a mating ritual.

That's because we humans interpret anything an animal or insect does as being some sort of mating ritual, minds-in-the-gutter people that we are.

Another is that it coveys to their enemies that there is a chemical in fireflies that will taste bad. I'm

not making this up.

That theory sounds pretty lame since all it takes is for one very hungry bug to eat a firefly and realize, "Gosh, them little blinky things is good!" Lights out.

Judging from their rather erratic flight patterns, my theory is that the blinking can be interpreted as "no, pass ME the bottle."

There was a Web site a while back put up by an attorney whose desire was to bring fireflies back to Houston. If I were a firefly, I would not want to live in Houston. At least I am quite sure I wouldn't. My reasons are based on human needs, of course, and not the needs of a firefly. But even fireflies have to know there is something better than vehicles zooming about all the time and smog in the air. These are beings who have enough sense to carry a night light with them everywhere they go, so they can't be too stupid.

If you've seen lightnin' bugs around these parts recently, let me know, wouldja? I miss 'em.

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Bush leads polls despite a cruel April

April should have been George W. Bush's cruelest month.

In April, the Sept. 11 Commission heard testimony that accused the White House of hindering the fight against al Qaeda and terrorism in order to conduct an unnecessary war against Iraq. The commission also heard testimony that members of the administration were not really interested in terrorism before Sept. 11 and that key warnings of the attack were ignored.

In April, the U.S. death toll mounted dramatically in Iraq as rebel forces led uprisings across the country. The U.S. media reported that key roads to Baghdad had been cut and the city was experiencing a shortage of food for civilians and ammunition for U.S. troops.

In April, Bob Woodward's new book was released, containing explosive charges that Bush himself had little faith in the evidence that Iraq harbored weapons of mass destruction, that funds were diverted without the knowledge of Congress from fighting the war in Afghanistan to launch a war against Iraq and that Saudi Prince Bandar promised to lower oil prices to help Bush get re-elected this November.

In April, Bush held a shaky press conference in which he stat-

ed that before Sept. 11 he actually believed that the Atlantic and Pacific oceans would protect the United States from attack. "After 9-11, the world changed for me, and I think changed for the country," he stated. "It changed for me because, like many, we assumed oceans would protect us from harm. And that's not the case. It's not the reality of the 21st century. Oceans don't protect us. They don't protect us from killers."

Which left the obvious (but unasked) question: Considering that on Feb. 26, 1993, foreign terrorists exploded a bomb inside the World Trade Center that left a crater 22 feet wide and five stories deep, killing six and injuring more than 1,000, how could anybody still believe in 2001 that our "oceans would protect us from harm?"

One would think that an April like this with events like these — to say nothing of high gasoline prices and a continuing job slump — would give Bush's opponent, John Kerry, a big lead in the polls.

Instead, polls show Bush leading Kerry. In an ABC-Washington Post poll, Bush leads among registered voters 48 percent-43 percent (with Ralph Nader at 6 percent), and in a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll, Bush leads among likely voters 50 percent-44 percent (with Nader at 4 percent).

So what is going on here?

Possible explanations:
1. These polls don't mean anything and are not measuring anything significant, especially considering most people are not pay-

ing attention to an election that does not take place until Nov. 2.

2. George Bush is a likable, confident leader untroubled by self-doubt who does well when the subject is terrorism — even if the details tend to indict his leadership — because Americans are reminded that he is a wartime leader who saw us through a terrible attack and is now fighting a war against terrorism (or so the administration claims) in Iraq.

3. Kerry has yet to hit his stride as a campaigner and is still unknown to most Americans. In the end, this might not matter. If it is true that this election is about George Bush alone and whether the American people want to re-hire him for another four years, then if Bush becomes unpopular enough — either through a worsening war or a worsening economy or both — then Kerry would win by default.

As Kerry said recently at a \$25,000-a-plate breakfast at the 21 Club in Manhattan, "Their goal is to define me and make me unacceptable. Our goal has to be to keep that acceptability."

Remaining "acceptable" to the American people is a very modest goal. But it could be enough.

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First Baptist Church

The ladies of our community are reminded to get their tickets for the Beth Moore simulcast. The simulcast begins is 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. May 15, with a break for lunch. To view the simulcast alone is now \$20. The price of the simulcast and lunch at the church is \$30. We encourage all area women to come be a part of this wonderful day.

Our schedule for Sunday is: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. followed by worship at 10:50 a.m. Our pastor, the Rev. Dennis Teeters, will return to the pulpit this Sunday and continue his sermon series titled "Restoring Your Spiritual Passion" with this week's subject, "Repair." Youth choir and the Bible studies will meet at 4:30 p.m. followed by our evening worship service at 6.

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.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Be Reverent - Bowing Before Our Awesome God, a new Wednesday noon Bible study opportunity will begin on May 5 in the St. Paul Lutheran Fellowship Hall. This study is based on Ezekiel. Bring your lunch and join us!

Everyone is invited to come out for unlimited miniature golf for only \$5 today from 10 p.m. until midnight at Park & Putt. Refreshments will be available and all proceeds will benefit the youth at St. Paul who are attending the National Youth Gathering in Orlando this

summer. Join us for golf, food and fun.

St. Paul wants to encourage everyone in the community to attend the National Day of Prayer observance at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Municipal Auditorium.

Worship services are each Sunday at 8 a.m. (traditional) and at 10:45 a.m. (less formal.) Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m.

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First United Methodist Church

Sunday is Sunday School Teacher and Worker Appreciation Sunday. Dr. Dave Ring's communion meditation is titled "The Great Reversal." The scripture text comes from Mark 10:25-35.

The Boy Scout Charter presentation is during the 10:50 service this Sunday also. Sunday school begins at 9:45, and worship services are at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

A Pre-vacation Bible school meeting is at 9:45 Sunday morning. Vacation Bible school has been scheduled for July 19-23. The theme this year is Lava-Lava Island. At 5 p.m. on Sunday is the regular monthly prayer meeting. Everyone is invited to this special prayer meeting in the sanctuary.

Saturday is the district-wide youth activity. Churches from Seminole, Lamesa, Midland, and others will meet in Big Spring from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Partee Building. Aaron McFtridge is the guest speaker and worship leader. The activity will also feature games, food, and fellowship.

The Epworth Sunday school class has resched-

uled their class party to May 15 in Garrett Hall.

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

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The members of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church invite you to join them for worship services each Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 5 p.m. At Birdwell Lane Baptist Church we believe in reaching the lost and building the believer. The midweek services are Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The youth will meet Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. for fun, games, fellowship and coke floats. They will be discussing youth camp trips in June.

The ladies are planning a mother-daughter banquet on Friday, May 7, from 6-8 p.m. The men of the church will be serving the ladies at their banquet.

We invite you to stop by and visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane or for information call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

First Christian Church

You are invited to join us this Sunday at First Christian Church as we gather together to worship God. We come together on Sundays for a common purpose - to be empowered through prayer, reading and hearing the Word, partaking of the Lord's Supper and fellowship, to then go out and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a hurting world using the gifts that God has given us as his children.

The Rev. Gene Cravens' message this Sunday is taken from Ephesians chapter 4, verses 1-6, and is titled "Walking in Unity." The theme of unity is an appropriate and relevant topic as Big Spring prepares for the National Day of Prayer activities on May 7.

Please attend the church of your choice this Sunday, and if you don't have a church home, consider First Christian Church. Sign language interpretation is available for the hearing impaired.


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our study at 2 p.m. Sunday. From the video series on early Christianity we will be learning about the Gnostics. Visitors are welcome for both of these opportunities.

Church Women United

Church Women United will host May Friendship Day at 10 a.m. on Saturday in the First

Church of God, 2009 Main St. The theme will be "In Faith, Women Shape the Future Through Friendship."

May Friendship Day is an annual event observed as a common worship experience that strengthens and builds friendly relationships with communities.

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Church Women United the Fellowship of the Least Coin, a movement that seeks to instill peace and reconciliation in our families, our work places, our communities, our nation and the world, through prayer and the setting aside of the least coin of each nation. Each time a woman prays for peace and reconciliation, she puts her least coin (a penny in the U.S.) in a FLC coin bank.

Once a year these coins are collected worldwide and used to provide educational experiences for women, to promote literacy, health, leadership development and to enable women to meet ecumenically in regional and global gatherings.

"In Faith, Women Shape the Future Through Friendship" goes to the New Testament to examine the characteristics of friendship shown by Lois, Mary Magdalene, Lydia, Priscilla, Salome (mother of James and John), and Phoebe.

Please join us for "an experience...of) living in the company of the longings of other women." For more information call Ella Williamson at 267-4381.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles' sermon is taken from John 10:22-30 for Sunday. Worship Service is at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and "Take Ten" is at 10:35.

The resource committee has scheduled a Clean Up day to be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday. Members are invited to come and work any portion of the day they may have time to work.

Other opportunities for the week include choir practice on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Everyone is always welcome at First Presbyterian Church, located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

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.

There will be an all-parish spiritual retreat with Sr. Brigit-Carol and Br. Tom Snyder this Saturday at 10 a.m. in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome.

The Planning Group meets on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the church office.

The second Easterterid Offerings Concert will be Thursday at 12:05 p.m. in the church. Our guest performers for this program will be The Encore Piano Trio of Shari Santorelli, piano, Hong Cheng, violin and Laris Bairamova, cello. The Episcopal Church Women will provide lunch after the concert. 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.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

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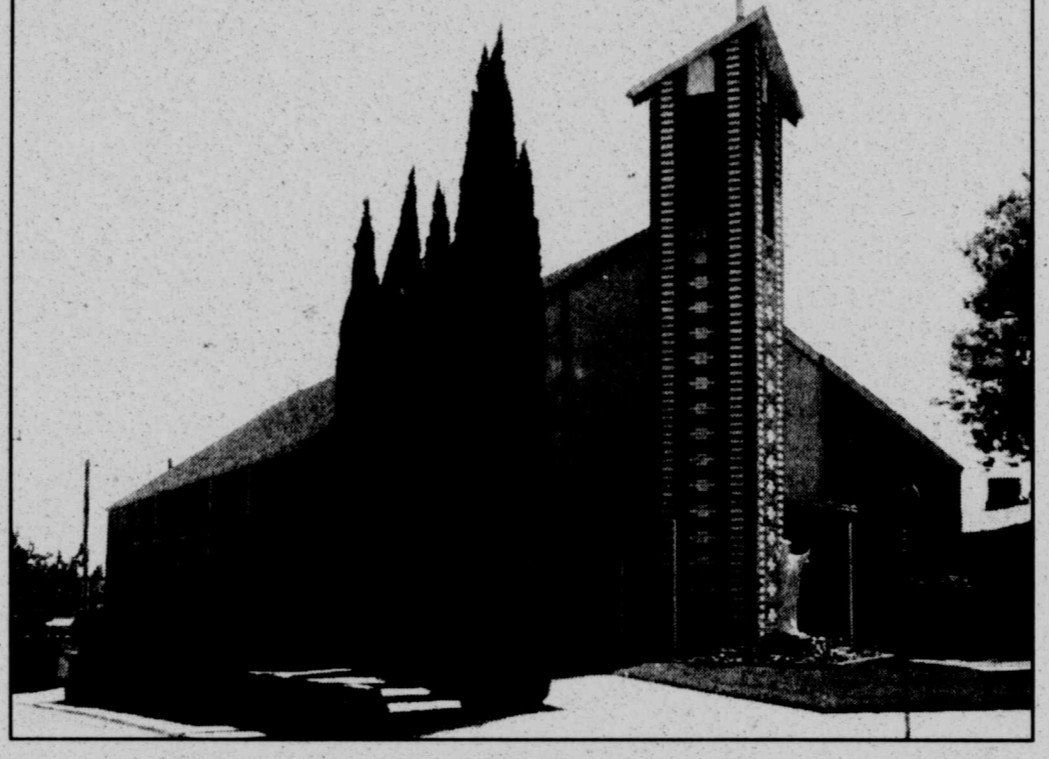
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These are interesting days in which we live. Recent events have brought my attention to a much deeper issue.

"By what authority do I become convinced that I am right, and others, wrong? Is our society becoming more relativistic, can it be "absolute" and "the land of the living," who have say? And why?"

Over this crisis, Christian deniers, pastors, and believers will fall. If truth is and thus subjective, personal opinion, very foundational faith in Jesus Christ (even our civil) shaken.

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A Pastor's Message

Truth is not relative
Interesting time to debate deeper issue of truth

These are indeed interesting days in which we live. Recent events have brought my attention to a much deeper issue.



THE REV.
KEN F.
MCMEANS

"By what authority do I become convinced that I am right, and others, wrong?" In a secular society bent on relativism, can I find "absolute" answers? In "the land of 1,000 opinions," who has the final say? And why?

Over this critical issue Christian denominations, pastors, and individual believers will stand, or fall. If truth is relative, and thus subject to my personal opinion, the very foundations of our faith in Jesus Christ, and even our civilization, are shaken.

Those foundations are not shaken, however! By its own authority, the

scriptures say, "Heaven and Earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away."

If, as I believe, truth is not relative, there has to be a "rule" or standard by which we evaluate truth. Let's examine a few modern philosophies concerning truth. Will any stand up over time?

First — Truth by consensus! Truth is what the majority wants it to be, or truth by intellect! Let the smartest among us determine what is true for the rest of us.

Possibly — Truth by wealth! Let the wealthiest among us determine "real" truth.

Maybe — Truth by denominationalism! Let the Baptists define "truth" for everyone.

Perhaps — Truth by experience! It must be truth, because "I feel" it is true.

Finally — Truth by force! Believe the truth as I interpret it, or die.

Each of these philosophies has strong implications in history. Each is

still working to bring about its ultimate demise.

To establish *absolute truth* we must have an unchanging standard. My opinions and experiences must be subject to that standard. My denomination, democratic processes, wealth, and power must be subject to that standard.

The standard must be un-amendable and not subject to the trends and fancies of each passing generation. It must be valid in all civilizations of the world.

Truth is truth. It is not intimidated by lies and half-truths. It isn't persuaded by faulty logic or assertive personalities. It never has to apologize when unpopular, or be embarrassed when rejected.

Jesus Christ said clearly, "I AM THE TRUTH!" Through Christ, God revealed Himself to mankind. The record of that revelation has proven to be an unchanging standard over the last 2,000 years and within

every culture on Earth.

God's Word, the Holy Bible, claims within its own writings to be "God breathed" to mankind. Far more than a human document of historical facts, the Bible is totally true and trustworthy. It stands alone as God's ultimate standard for truth. Believe it, or not!

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus tells the story of two builders who build their lives on two different foundations. The first builder built his life on an unchanging rock. The storms of life came, but the house was able to withstand the turmoil.

The second man built on an ever-shifting foundation of sand. As soon as the storms of life arose, that house fell. Jesus said, "Those who hear my words, and do them, will be like the one who built on the Rock."

What is YOUR measure of TRUTH?

Ken F. McMeans is pastor of College Baptist Church. He may be reached at (432) 267-7429.

Church News

Continued from Page 6A

Calvary Baptist Church

The Rev. Dr. David Kimberly, director of missions for the Big Spring and Lamesa Baptist Associations, will preach at both the 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. services on Sunday. You are invited to come and enjoy the timely and spiritual messages by the Rev. Dr. Kimberly.

Those who are looking for a church to attend will find a place and a warm welcome at Calvary. Come and see! Calvary Baptist Church is located at 1200 W. 4th Street.

The Lone Star Brass

The Lone Star Brass will present Spring Concerts on Saturday at 8 p.m. at Memorial Christian Church, 1001 Andrew Hwy. in Midland

and on Sunday at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church at 415 N. Lee St. in Odessa.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$5 for students, and music students are admitted free.

Sponsors for the concerts are Ruth Ann Edney, Margaret Peer and Mrs. Mary Frances, "Chan" Driscoll.

Come hear the Lone Star Brass as they close out their 22nd season! The Lone Star Brass is making a CD at the end of May and they will be performing selections from it. Titled "A Western Fanfare," these unique compositions and original arrangements give the concerts a bit of western flair. Cowboy tunes, traditional music from old Mexico, with a little jazz sprinkled in, promises another set of polished, great concerts from a great group.

St. Paul Lutheran Church offers unlimited miniature golf for \$5 from 10 p.m. until midnight today at the Park and Putt on South Highway 87. All proceeds benefit

the church youth group's efforts to raise funds for their national gathering in Orlando, Fla. Food and beverages will be available as well.

Big Spring Independent School District Kindergarten Roundup
May 4 - 7, 2004
9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Parents/guardians, if you have a child that will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2004, you are encouraged to attend the Kindergarten Roundup and pre-register your child for Kindergarten for the 2004-2005 school year. You will need to visit the elementary campus in your attendance zone: Bauer, Kentwood, Marcy, Moss or Washington. Parents should bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, and a copy of their immunization records.

Padres de familia/guardianes, si usted tiene un niño que tendrá 5 años de edad en o antes del día 1º de Septiembre del año 2004, usted puede Pre-registrar a su niño para que asista al Kindergarten en el año escolar 2004-2005. Usted necesitará visitar la escuela primaria en su zona de asistencia: Bauer, Kentwood, Marcy, Moss o Washington. Padres por favor tragan el certificado de nacimiento, seguro social, y su documento de vacunas.

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► Club News

Th. Permian Historical Society

The Permian Historical Society held its regular spring meeting on April 23 at Petroleum Museum in Midland. A new addition to the museum is the Chaparral Center, which displays the race cars made in Midland as well as an art gallery.

Ross McSwain, president of the Permian Historical Society and the executive committee, greeted approximately 55 guests and members to the event.

The program featured three well known historians. Dr. Paul Carlson of Lubbock presented his work, *Tragedy on the Texas High Plains*; Joe R. Allen of Crane presented a power point presentation, *Stagecoaching at Horsehead Crossing: The Horsehead Project and Some Archeological Findings*; and the Honorable Judge John Hyde of Midland did a power point slide show presentation, *Midland, Texas: A Trip Through the Past*.

A question and answer session followed and then the audience voted by paper ballot on the best presentation of the day. The one with the most votes will be recognized at the fall meeting in Big Spring.

A barbecue luncheon followed, catered by KDs of Midland. During this time door prizes were drawn and presented. A prize was awarded to Mrs. Walker for the best decorated hat. She not only had the best hat, but a colorfully-decorated shirt for the occasion.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. H. Warren Gardener, a long-time member of the Permian Historical Society, for his years of service to the organization. He has served on the board of directors and the executive committee for many years. Additionally he has provided an invaluable service as the managing editor of the PHS Annual. The award was presented by long-time friend of the PHS, Julia Cauble Smith.

The 2002 PHS Annuals were presented to the members and other copies were available for purchase. Ross McSwain had some of his books available for sale.

A new slate of officers was presented to the membership. They were elected by acclamation. They are: President, Ross McSwain; first vice president (program chairman) Bud Lindsey; second vice president (membership chairman), Peggy Kelton; secretary, Sue Ann Damron; membership secretary, Lorene Barbee; treasurer, Sherry Phillips; investment chairman, J. Tillapaugh; and archivist, Damon Kennedy.

New directors will be elected at the fall meeting in Big Spring on Oct. 16.

Big Spring Shrine Club

The Big Spring Shrine Club met on April 17 with 38 nobles, ladies and guests attending.

Club President James Hughes gave an update on the golf tournament, which will be July 17-18. Suez Membership Chairman Tommy Simpson talked to the club about getting and

retaining members. Cindy Hughes announced that Midland Shrine Club would host a night at Summer Mummies on Aug. 28. For ticket information contact Cindy Hughes in Big Spring or Sue Anderson in Midland.

Upcoming events in Big Spring are the Rodeo Parade on June 16.

The next meeting will be May 15 with fellowship beginning at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

Sand Springs Lions Club

Sand Spring Lions Club met April 19 with President Fred Franklin presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Franklin and the opening prayer was worded by Madeline Boadle.

President Franklin introduced Bill Birrell of the Evening Lions Club. Lion Birrell reminded us of the good works of Lions Clubs all over the world, before installing Johnny Moore and Lallye Moore as new members of the Sand Springs Lions Club.

Also, President Franklin welcomed Tom Mills and his wife, Carolyn. Tom, who is very active in the Eye Glass Recycling Program, is planning a trip to Honduras to teach how to examine eyes and fit glasses.

President Franklin read an invitation from the Big Spring Downtown Lions Club to their 75th anniversary dinner.

Ben Boadle made the motion that we give a \$100 memorial gift to the Texas Lions Camp in memory of Jarrell Barbee. The motion was seconded and approved. A \$10 honorarium will be given in honor of Bill Birrell as our guest speaker. The meal was furnished by Betty Franklin and Madeline Boadle.

The next meeting will be a zone meeting hosted by the Sand Springs

Lions Club, 131 Scout Hut Road, Sand Springs at 6:30 p.m. on Monday. All Lions are welcome. Refreshments will be served courtesy of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club.

TOPS TX No. 21

Seventeen members of TOPS TX 21 met on April 26 in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 W. Third. Leader, Donna Menges called the meeting to order and Martha Christy voiced the opening prayer. Members then joined in reciting the TOPS pledge and singing the fellowship song.

Carol Smith gave a reading, "Respond with Kindness" and Linda Schmidt read one titled "Enjoy the Scenery."

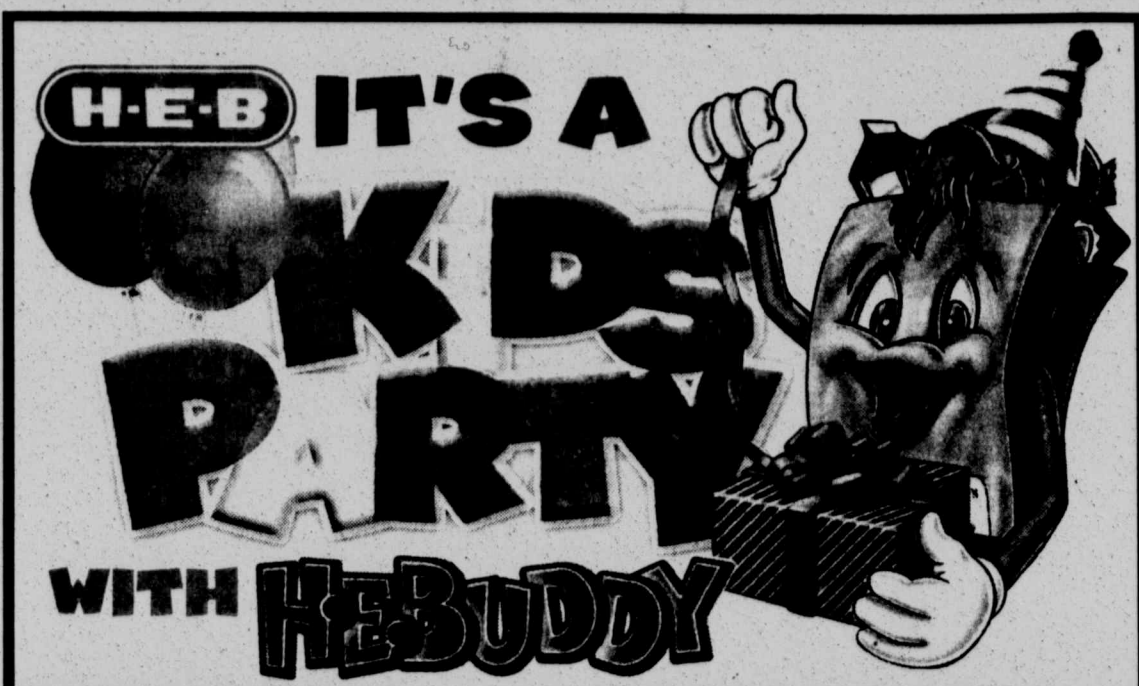
Of the 14 TOPS present, Aimee Wallace was the best loser with a loss of 7 pounds. Lynné Criswell was the best loser of the Keep Off Pounds Sensibly (KOPS.) Each one received the weekly best loser award and a certificate.

A discussion was held about the necessity of holding an election next week to replace the co-leader. The present co-leader will resume the position of weight recorder, pending verification by the area coordinator.

A new contest, "April Showers Bring May Flowers" will begin next week. Each member will receive a blank May calendar and receive a flower sticker for a loss, a call to a member, or a note of encouragement. The first to fill in the calendar will win a prize.

Linda Schmidt presented the program, "What's on the Menu," with better choices of food when dining out.

Call 1-800-392-8677, 263-0391 or 263-1758 for more information about TOPS which is a nonprofit, weight loss support group. You are also invited to drop in on any Monday night by 5:30 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Rehab Center.



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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 and Wednesday, as well as, 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 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.

Lady Steers Athletic Banquet announced

This year's Lady Steers Athletic Banquet will take place Thursday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High Cafeteria.

Tickets will be \$10 each and can be purchased through Kay Cook at the ATC, Faye's Flowers or All-District Screen Printing. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, May 5, at 5:30 p.m. The banquet will be catered by Cowboys Restaurant.

Please make all checks payable to Lady Steers Booster Club.

Longhorns Ragball Tournament set

This first annual Longhorns Ragball Tournament will be held at Comanche Trail Park Saturday, May 8.

The cost of the co-ed tournament is \$110 per team. Each team must have five guys and five girls age 16 years and up. Contact Sally Grant at 268-4728 or 393-5237 or Mike Hilario at 267-6619.

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

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Lady Hawks vs. Temple	3:45 p.m.	1490
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Astros vs. Reds	12:40 p.m.	1490

Howard gets monkey off their back

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

It took five years, but the Howard College softball team finally did it.

They finally won a regional playoff game. And they did it with ease.

The Lady Hawks defeated McLennan College, 11-3, Thursday in the opening round of the Region Five softball tournament at Ulmer Park in Midland. It was Howard's first regional win in five years.

"We got the monkey off our back," said Coach Derek Clapp.

The Lady Hawks got off to a fast start as seven runs crossed the plate in the first two innings.

"I took a big sigh of relief when we got up 4-0 early because our pitching is really good," said Clapp. "And then after we went up 7-0 I basically thought it was a done deal. The lead allowed the kids to relax a bit and not worry about pressing."

The first run of the game occurred when sophomore Angela Piper drew a bases loaded walk which scored sophomore Monica Droz.

Freshman Amy Hitzfeld then came through at the plate with the bases still loaded, delivering a single that scored two more runs, putting Howard up 3-0.

Piper scored shortly after that when freshman Analisa Arelleno grounded into a fielder's choice. Piper's run made the score 4-0 and the Lady Hawks never looked back.

Jennifer DeMay started on the mound for Howard, but was pulled in the second inning after dealing with control problems.

DeMay struck out three batters in the less than two innings, but walked three straight hitters in the second inning and walked in McLennan's first run.

"Jen wasn't getting the corners called and I told our pitcher's today that it was going to be a quick

hook because there is no tomorrow," said Clapp. "Andrea (Renteria) did a nice job closing out the game for us."

Renteria took over and got the win on the mound for Howard. She gave up only one earned run.

Sophomore Marci Shepherd helped her pitcher out in the second inning with a towering three-run home run.

Shepherd also scored another run late in the game to put Howard up 8-2.

The Lady Hawks' last runs came across the plate in the final inning when Droz cleared the bases with an inside the park home run.

McLennan added one run in the seventh, but it wouldn't matter as Howard advanced to the winner's bracket.

"This win helps because now we can sleep in and get a good breakfast and lunch before we play again tomorrow," said Clapp after the game.

Shepherd and Droz led Howard at the plate. Shepherd walked twice, scored three runs and hit a three-run home run, while Droz hit two singles, scored twice and homered once.

Hitzfeld went two-for-four and had two RBI and freshman Michelle Teller came across the plate twice, as well.

Howard improves to 33-19-2 on the season. The Lady Hawks play their next round game today at 3:45 p.m. against 17th-ranked Temple College.

"We don't care who we have to play," said Clapp, "but I expected Temple to win."

Midland beat Vernon College, 10-0, in their first round game, while North Central Texas defeated Odessa College, 8-4. Temple earned the right to play Howard after defeating Grayson, 14-3, in five innings.

Midland will face North Central Texas in the other winner's bracket game today.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard College sophomore Angela Piper celebrates the Lady Hawks' first regional win in five years by picking up teammate Paula Sanders Thursday at Ulmer Park in Midland. The Lady Hawks defeated McLennan College by a score of 11-3. Howard plays again today at 3:45 p.m. against Temple College. Midland College and North Central Texas College were also winners Thursday.

Sacramento puts final touch on Mavericks

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - From Mike Bibby's 3-pointers to Steve Nash's playmaking, the Kings and the Mavericks finally played the beautiful game everyone expected.

It's just a pity a playoff series between the NBA's two best offenses had to end on an ugly miss.

Bibby set career playoff highs with six 3-pointers and 36 points, and Dirk Nowitzki missed a jumper at the buzzer in Sacramento's 119-118 victory over Dallas on Thursday night, wrapping up their first-round meeting in five games.

The Kings' final three victories in this unpredictable series were decided by a total of seven points. All came down to the final shot, but Dallas came up short — or long, or off-center — on all three tries, sending the Kings to the second round and the Mavs to a summer of near-certain changes.

After Michael Finley and Nash failed under pressure from Peja Stojakovic earlier in the series, Nowitzki couldn't score over the Kings'

improbable defensive hero. Stojakovic forced Nowitzki, the playoffs' leading scorer, to change his shot just enough to miss.

"I think that's a shot that I can make," said Nowitzki, who had 31 points. "It looked pretty good. I had a good fake, a good look at it. It's disappointing, but it never should have come down to that."

Also Thursday night, Detroit beat Milwaukee 91-77 to win its Eastern Conference series in five games.

Game 5 in Sacramento was tremendous fun to watch — easily the highest-scoring playoff game of the season and a recital of offensive prowess at the Mavericks' favored tempo. But the Kings adapted to Dallas' every change in the series, from last week's physical defensive battles to the track meets in the series opener and closer.

"We just kept coming back and coming back and staying with it," Kings coach Rick Adelman said. "I thought Dallas played a great series. It really could have gone the other way."

Showing off his celebratory bigfoot walk after nearly every big basket, Bibby scored 16 points in the second quarter, making nine straight shots altogether. He added 12 points in the fourth to polish his playoff reputation and win a compelling duel with Nash, who had 24 points, 14 assists and seven rebounds.

Stojakovic scored 23 points for the Kings, who tied their franchise playoff record of 11 3-pointers for the second time in the series.

Sacramento needed every one of them: Dallas held the Kings scoreless in the final 3:22.

The Mavericks closed within one point with 29.4 seconds left on a putback layup by Nowitzki. Bibby ran the clock down and drove the lane, but couldn't draw a foul.

After a timeout, Nash got the ball to Nowitzki, who barely missed. Kings owners Joe and Gavin Maloof rushed the court in celebration while the sellout crowd roared and Mavericks owner Mark Cuban frowned.

Coach Don Nelson, whose future is uncertain, wanted a foul called

against Stojakovic on the final play.

"We should be going home to play another good basketball game," he said. "Instead, we're going home and playing nobody for a very long time."

All-Star Brad Miller scored 21 points in a series-high 44 minutes for the Kings, who advanced to a probable second-round meeting with the top-seeded Timberwolves. Minnesota, which could close out Denver on Friday night, was the only opponent to win two games in Sacramento this season.

After three games mostly dominated by defense and bad shooting, the NBA's two highest-scoring teams went back to the form they showed in the 221-point series opener.

"That's the game we were waiting for between these two teams," Adelman said.

Rookie Marquis Daniels scored 19 points for the Mavericks, whose entertaining nucleus might have played together for the last time. Nash is expected to opt out of his contract to become a free

agent, and Cuban can't be satisfied by a first-round exit for his highly paid team.

"I don't know if we need to change personnel or change our identity in some way, but we've got to get better on defense," Nash said.

The Mavericks opened with the appropriate desperation for a do-or-die game. They led 15-2 before most fans had settled into their seats, eventually scoring 37 points in the first quarter.

But the Kings replied with 39 in the second quarter — and the real scoring had just started.

At Auburn Hills, Mich., the highest scoring playoff game of Tayshaun Prince's career moved the Pistons into a rematch with the Nets, who swept them out of the playoffs a year ago.

Prince scored 24 points, and Detroit used a strong third quarter to take control for a 4-1 series victory.

Game 1 of the Nets series is Monday.

Rasheed Wallace had 10 points and 11 rebounds and Ben Wallace added nine points, 12 rebounds and four blocks.

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Pettitte gets win in return for Astros against Pittsburgh

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer
PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Pirates didn't give Andy Pettitte nearly as big a fight as his own manager did. Still cruising after six innings of one-hit pitching, Pettitte all but pleaded with manager Jimmy Williams to keep him in the scoreless game. His left elbow was fine, Pettitte argued, and he wasn't laboring at all. Williams was sympathetic, but didn't give in. Not with his \$31.5 million pitcher coming off a three-week layoff with a strained left elbow, and the Astros determined to keep him on a 75-pitch count. "He felt strong enough to keep going, but we

stayed with our game plan," Williams said. "Whether it was going to work or not, we didn't know. ... It took a few weeks to get him back, and we didn't want to get too giddy." Williams' decision was as sound as Pettitte's pitching. Houston's bullpen followed with three shutout innings, and Pettitte was rewarded with his first NL victory when the Astros scored twice in the seventh to beat the Pirates 2-0 Thursday. Pettitte pitched so well in his first victory for his hometown team and the 150th of his career, he didn't mind losing his case to Williams. "I almost talked them into it," Pettitte said.

"After missing as much time as I did, to go six innings was good. There's no sense pushing it, especially with the great bullpen we've got." Dan Miceli, Brad Lidge and Octavio Dotel followed Pettitte with a scoreless inning each to complete the two-hit shutout. Dotel struck out the side in the ninth for his third save in three chances. Pettitte was effective and efficient, rarely going deep into a count while permitting only two base runners. Raul Mondesi, a New York Yankees teammate last year, walked in the first and singled in the fourth. "Being off this first month, it was great to go back out there and pitch

again," Pettitte said. "Obviously, it was a good day." It was far better than Pettitte's Houston debut April 6, when he allowed 11 hits and six runs in 5 1/3 innings while losing 7-5 to San Francisco. Even worse, he hurt his elbow on a checked swing and hadn't been able to pitch since. Thursday's outing was classic Pettitte, with the Pirates hitters flailing away at his assortment of breaking balls and cut fastballs pitches after falling behind in the count. "This was like watching him pitch on TV during the World Series," Pirates shortstop Jack Wilson said. "He's moving the ball around, throwing

strikes. He knew what he wanted to do and he did it. He was really great." This was the pitcher Houston waited all winter to see — OK, this guy and Roger Clemens — even if it took Pettitte nearly a month longer than he anticipated to win in his new league. "It's exciting to be able to get my first win as an Astro and, obviously, it's a nice milestone to get No. 150 in my career," Pettitte said. "It's special, but I didn't think it would take this long to get one." He won this one partly because Pirates starter Kip Wells (2-3) faded after six shutout innings. Lance Berkman singled and Richard Hidalgo doubled to start the seventh, and Mike Lamb walked to

load the bases. Wells thought he struck out Brad Ausmus looking at a 2-2 pitch, but didn't get the call. Ausmus then hit a tie-breaking sacrifice fly, and pinch-hitter Jose Vizcaino's RBI single off reliever John Grabow made it 2-0. "When we told (Pettitte) he was coming out, it was 0-0 game but we scored a couple there and they held up," Williams said. Just like the Astros expect Pettitte to hold up most of the leads they'll give him. "The first game (April 6), he was nervous, playing at home for the first time," Vizcaino said. "That's the Andy that everybody knows. Hopefully, he'll continue like that."

Wimbledon scratches from Derby, ends Baffert's streak

By BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Bob Baffert's Kentucky Derby hopes were dashed Friday when Wimbledon was scratched because of swelling in his left front leg. "Isn't that terrible?" the three-time Derby-winning trainer said, explaining that the gray-roan colt had a sore and swollen dime-sized knot on the outside of his leg near the tendon. "I can't take any chances," Baffert said. "He probably did it yesterday galloping." The injury is not believed to be career-threatening for the Louisiana Derby winner. "This is the part of the business we never get used to," Baffert said. "They're fragile. When you have soft tissue damage involved, you have to

be really careful." The injury was discovered at about 6 a.m. when Wimbledon's leg bandages were removed. "There's no way to sugarcoat this thing," said Baffert, standing in the doorway of his barn as a steady rain fell on Churchill Downs. The injury ended Baffert's streak of eight consecutive Derby appearances. He's had 13 starters over that span and won with Silver Charm in 1997, Real Quiet in 1998 and War Emblem in 2002. Wimbledon would have started from post five, so the four horses inside of that position — Limehouse, Song of the Sword, Lion Heart and Action This Day — will move out one spot in the starting gate. Horses in posts six through 20 are unaffected.

Wimbledon, who was 15-1 on the morning line, was coming off a fifth-place finish in the Santa Anita Derby, but had turned in two solid workouts this week that sparked Baffert's enthusiasm. He captured the depressed mood around his barn by quoting the late trainer Charlie Whittingham, who once said, "Horses are like strawberries, they go bad overnight." The injury leaves the Derby without one of racing's most successful trainer-jockey combinations. Jerry Bailey won the race in 1993 aboard Sea Hero and again in '96 with Grindstone. He had ridden in every Derby since 1991. Ron Anderson, Bailey's agent, indicated there was still a possibility the jock-

ey could end up on a Derby horse. "I'm just doing my job," Anderson said. "Who knows what can happen?" Bailey isn't second-guessing himself, but if Eddington had enough graded stakes earnings to get into the 19-horse field, the Hall of Famer probably would have ridden him. "I'm disappointed. Guess I'll have to hang around another year," Bailey said. "I guess if I didn't have any other choices, it might have been easier to take. But it is a little easier for me. I make it here every year and usually so does Bob. I feel bad for the owner. He's been trying to make

it here." This would have been the first Derby start for owner James McIngvale. The Houston furniture store owner has spent millions trying to get a horse into the race. "I'm more disappointed not only for my staff, we were looking forward to it, but the McIngvale family was really looking forward to it," Baffert said. "We finally got Mac a good horse." McIngvale had just gotten dressed and was ready to fly to Louisville when Baffert called with the news. "I was taking about 30 people and I just canceled that. I've got to sell the tickets," McIngvale said

by cell phone. Now he plans to watch Saturday's race on television. "I've always been very determined," said McIngvale, who has several promising 2-year-olds in the pipeline. "I can't give up. We've got to retool and get back there next year." Baffert made his first Derby appearance in '96, when Cavonnier lost by a nose to Grindstone. "It's a very trying time. That's what happens," said Nick Zito, the only winning trainer left in the race. He will saddle 4-1 early favorite The Cliff's Edge in a bid to win for the third time.

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IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Maintain your angles, maintain your power

By T.J. TOMASI
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There are three "separations" in the golf swing that conserve the power loaded at the top of the backswing until impact: 1. Your front knee separates from your back knee; 2. your hands separate from your back shoulder; and 3. your front shoulder separates from your chin.

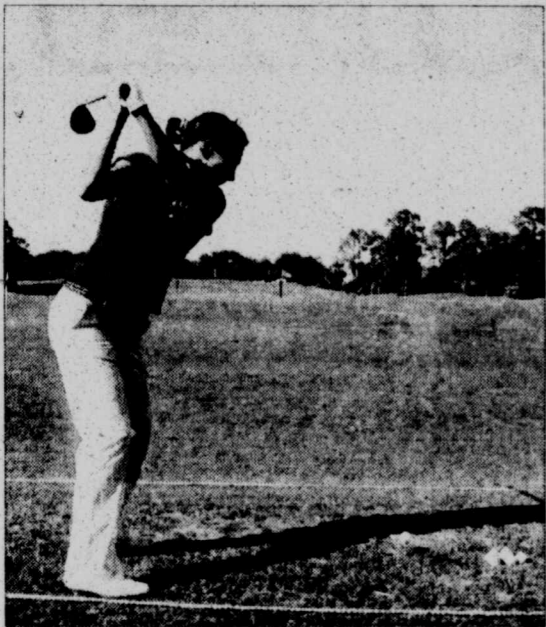
Last week we looked in depth at the first separation. In the photos here, LPGA Futures Tour player Kristi Gleason demonstrates the second separation, i.e. the hands/arms separating from the right shoulder.

In the first photo, Kristi is demonstrating several key positions: 1. Her right elbow bend forms a 90-degree angle. 2. Her fully cocked right hand has formed another 90-degree angle between her right hand and her right wrist joint. 3. A third 90-degree angle is formed between her left arm and the club shaft. These three 90-degree angles form a powerful energy package that is ready to release its contents to the ball at impact.

In photo 2, it is obvious that Kristi's hands and arms have separated from her right shoulder, but how they have separated is key. They've dropped directly down toward the ground while maintaining all three 90-degree angles. Most golfers "give up" these angles too soon by throwing or "casting" the club head with their hands, producing a weak arm slap riddled with power leaks.

The third separation (not apparent from this down-the-line view) involves the front shoulder moving away from the chin (it moves forward and up), a move that aids in dropping the arms and hands into the position shown in photo 2 — the so-called "power slot."

Using a mirror, mimic the way Kristi has dropped into this slot, and as you do, repeat the phrase "down then around" to cue up the idea that the three separations are necessary to initially move the club down, then around to the ball.



Kristi maintains the three 90-degree angles at the point of separation, allowing her to maximize her power.



PHIL SKINNER / Cox News Service

PGA Tour veteran Jay Haas says some current golfers fail to truly appreciate how large today's tournament purses are. Last year the 125th player earned \$487,495.

Along for the ride

Today's Tour also-rans also richer

By GLENN SHEELEY
Cox News Service

Atlanta
Every once in a while, Jay Haas feels a need to enlighten those PGA Tour players unaware of life before "The Great Tiger Woods-Driven Purse Explosion."

When there weren't 70 players on the money list making a million bucks.

When today's financial requirement to make the top 125 is what used to lead the money list.

"I'll ask one of the younger guys out here, 'How'd you do?'" Haas said, "and he'll say something like, 'Aw, I finished 35th, made \$28,000 or something.'"

At this point, Haas usually says, "Whoa, whoa, whoa... Give me a break."

Haas, 50, who has been playing the tour for 27 years, might quickly mention that his uncle, Bob Goalby, won \$20,000 for winning the Masters in 1968. Or that Haas' own seventh-place finish at San Diego this year, which earned \$160,800, in 1980 put only \$7,020 in his pocket.

"If you finished 100th five straight years back in the late '70s or the early '80s, you made about 20 grand," Haas said. "And that didn't add up. You couldn't do that and support a family. It just wasn't feasible. Now if you finish 100th, you're making 600, 700 grand."

What golf's incredible money gains have done is make life pretty sweet there at, say, the 80th to 115th spot on the earnings list. Last year the 125th player earned \$487,495. Ten years ago it was \$142,515. In 1984 it was \$37,782.

"The cost of living," Haas said, "hasn't gone up that much."

With huge purse increases in recent years, despite a frequently flat economy, golf finally got serious with earnings after years of floundering behind other pro sports. In 1993 there were 26 players on the PGA Tour earning at least \$600,000. Last year there were 108.

"It took about \$82,000 in 1988 to keep your car," Billy Andrade said. "I had a horrible year last year, finished 97th on the money list, and I made almost \$700,000. So, it will definitely pay your expenses."

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PGA TOUR
HP Classic of New Orleans
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Chick-fil-A Charity Championship
• Site: Stockbridge, Ga.
• Schedule: Today-Sunday.
• Course: Eagle's Landing Country Club (6,368 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$1.6 million. Winner's share: \$240,000.
• Television: ESPN2 (Today, 2-4 p.m.; Sunday, 3-5 p.m.) and ESPN (Friday, 1-3 p.m.; Saturday, 5-7 p.m.).

CHAMPIONS TOUR
Bruno's Memorial Classic
• Site: Hoover, Ala.
• Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
• Course: Greystone Golf and Country Club, Founder's Course (7,092 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$1.5 million. Winner's share: \$225,000.
• Television: The Golf Channel (Friday-Sunday, 5-7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.-midnight).

In some observers' minds, the money might be affecting the players' motivation. How many times have you heard someone suggest it? Many fans assume that stars like Davis Love III, who earned \$700,000 for his runner-up finish at last month's Match Play Championship, and Phil Mickelson are content at the pay window even if Tiger Woods is dominating the majors.

Even the bottom feeders of the PGA Tour live in the high tax brackets. And when a player can make \$650,000 for finishing 99th on the money list — while picking up hefty bonuses from equipment companies for playing a particular driver, ball or putter — how hungry are they to climb higher? Is complacency a legitimate issue?

Charles Howell III adds perspective: "They don't just give it to you." In other words, missing a cut means missing a paycheck.

"That's one huge difference between golf and other sports. Other than endorsement contracts and bonuses — with the exception of a few no-cut, limited-field events like the Tour Championship or Mercedes Championship — tournament money still has to be earned. "You don't go into a year thinking, 'If I finish whatever I'm going to make \$650,000.'" Howell said. "You've still got to make it. You've still got to play. You don't just show up and because I'm Charles Howell and ranked whatever I'm ranked in the world, I get a check. It doesn't happen that way... Everybody is out there grinding every day."

The typical late afternoon scene at the FBR Phoenix Open earlier this year seemed to bear that out. While the putting green included its share of on-the-edge players, also there polishing their strokes were Vijay Singh, the tour's leading money winner in 2003; two-time U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen and Spanish star Sergio Garcia.

"Dude, I've probably missed 50 cuts by one shot," former BellSouth Classic champion Paul Stankowski said. "The money's not too great if you're watching the last two days on television."

But survive the Friday cutdown, when PGA Tour fields are reduced to the low 70 players and ties, and the rewards are grand. How about this for a study in today's PGA Tour economics?

Matt Gogel, who won at Pebble Beach in 2002, had three top-10 finishes last year and finished six times in the top 25. Despite missing 12 cuts in 25 events, he won \$897,410 to finish 78th on the money list.

"There are some players out here who are pretty happy keeping their card," Andrade said, "and there are some other players who aren't. Money has never driven me. I think the guys from my era, it was never about money because you didn't think you were going to make the money you're making now... I never imagined in my wildest dreams that I would amass the wealth I've amassed playing golf."

Sifford breaks another color barrier with Hall election

By CRAIG DOLCH
Cox News Service

West Palm Beach, Fla.
When Calvin Peete joined the PGA Tour in 1975, he didn't have to worry about listening to racial slurs because he was black. Or having fans step on his golf ball, kick it out of bounds or have excrement left in the hole.

Peete knows why: Because Charlie Sifford dealt with all that.

That's why Peete, who lived in the Palm Beach County area during the 1960s and 1970s, was so thrilled to hear Thursday that Sifford had broken another barrier by becoming the first black chosen for the World Golf Hall of Fame.

"It's fitting because Charlie has been out there a long time, and he's a pioneer as far as blacks are concerned in professional golf," Peete said by phone Thursday night from his Jacksonville home.

"Charlie and I talked a lot about the things he had to deal with when he first came out. He was bigger than that. Because of him, I never had to. Players respected me for my character and my caliber of play. I wasn't just another black player."

Sifford, who won three PGA Tour events, will be 82 when he is inducted Nov. 15 at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, along with 1992 U.S. Open champion Tom Kite, Japanese star Isao Aoki and Canadian amateur Marlene Stewart Streit, a part-time Wellington resident.

Sifford, who was elected through the Lifetime Achievement category, said he was stunned when PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem called with the news.

"This is very wonderful," Sifford said from Savannah, Ga. "I thank all these wonderful players for accepting me. I know I had some bad days and tough days. But it looks like everything worked out fine."

"I've been waiting for this honor for a long time. I ain't nobody but myself, but really it is a pleasure to be in the presence of all these great players."

Sifford, along with Teddy Rhodes, Pete Brown, Lee Elder and Bill Spiller, were among the first wave of blacks who kept playing with hopes of someday getting a chance on the PGA Tour. In the 1952 Phoenix Open, Sifford and his all-black foursome found excrement in the cup on the first hole. They waited more than an hour for the cup to be replaced.

As pressure increased on the PGA Tour, Sifford was granted a Tour card in 1960. The Caucasian-only clause was lifted a year later.

Sifford, whose trademark was his cigar, won six Negro National titles and two PGA Tour events — the 1967 Greater Hartford Open and the 1969 Los Angeles Open.

When Tiger Woods won the 1997 Masters for his first major, he went out of his way to pay tribute to the black pioneers. When asked in October about the absence of blacks in golf's Hall of Fame, Woods said: "One person who should get in, without a doubt, is Charlie."



SIFFORD

ASK THE PRO

Q: I'm a former LPGA Tour player who is now teaching in the Sun Country Section of the PGA. I've always been a good ball striker, but in studying video of my swing, I am unnerved by the fact that I "give up" my flat left wrist immediately after impact.

I'd like to retain this position longer in order to avoid an occa-

sional pre-impact breakdown that results in adding loft to the club face and hitting it too high. This mistake costs me about five yards in distance. I know this does not give you much to go on, but do you have any suggestions? — C.W., from the Web

A: I've seen this problem many times, and often the cause

can be traced to the right knee. All good ball strikers have a separation between their knees (some more than others) as they start back to the ball, but sometimes the right knee is "late" in closing the gap through the hitting area. This slight "hang back" slows your body rotation, forcing the club head to "pass" the hands a little too soon (and thus, the early breakdown of

the left wrist). Study your video again and make sure your right knee has folded in toward your left knee by impact. I teach this position because it lets your right shoulder lower slightly and keeps you swinging "under" the ball. Thus you can retain a bent right wrist/flat left wrist combo until well after the ball has separated from the club face.



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THE GOLF DOCTOR

Lack of an advice 'gatekeeper' turning a Tiger into a frog

By T.J. TOMASI
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Recently, there has been a lot talk about Tiger Woods' poor play. There can be no denying that Tiger's game is not up to his past standards. A look at his ranking in the Ball Striking category on the PGA Tour, which combines Greens in Regulation and Total Driving (distance and accuracy), tells the story. In 1997 (his first year on tour), Tiger was fourth and for the next three years he was ranked first. He is currently 28th.

The explanations are varied, including: dumping his coach, Butch Harmon; an injured knee; changing his body build by working out; falling in love with a Swedish model; switching clubs. But in my opinion, Tiger's swing has gotten worse since he's been listening to his friend Mark O'Meara, who claims that he's "just a set of eyes." Unfortunately, with every set of eyes comes a mouth.

There are a thousand things you can say to a good player that hurts him, and only about two things that will help. It's ironic that the best player in the world has fallen prey to

the same error made by high-handicappers, i.e., taking advice from a buddy he practices and plays with.

Granted, O'Meara is a good player, but he's not a teacher, and Tiger is making a big mistake listening to his unedited feedback: Loose lips unsync golf swings.

For most of his golfing life, Tiger had what every great champion needs — a gatekeeper. First it was his father, Earl, then it was Butch Harmon, both of whom acted as a filter to prevent Tiger from listening to competing theories.

The presence of a gatekeeper to

whom you are doggedly committed protects your golf game from just plain bad advice, as well as from good advice that doesn't apply to you. Many a golfing prince has turned into a frog without an effective gatekeeper.

So don't make the same mistake as Tiger. A major part of being as good as you can be at golf is knowing when you have "it," knowing what it is you have, and then knowing how to get it back once it's gone. It is a golfing truism: Once you get it, you'll keep it longer and get it back sooner if you have a gatekeeper.



Unfiltered advice from Mark O'Meara (right) may be one reason for Tiger Woods' statistical decline this season.

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3 FAMILY Garage Sale: 1502 Nolan, Sat. 8-?. Furniture, lawnmower, car seat, clothes, misc.

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GARAGE SALE, 5817 Walter Rd. Saturday, 8:00-2:00. Welders, household items, clothing, appliances, antiques, tools, lots of miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE: 1110 South Nolan, Sat. 8-4. Cocktail birds, bird cage, air conditioner, bicycles, toys, clothing, etc.

GARAGE SALE: 1212 Wright St. (off W. Hwy 80), Sat. 7-?. Sofa, loveseat, rocker, recliner, baby items, clothes, lots of misc.

GARAGE SALE: 1617 Hilltop Rd., Fri. & Sat. 8-2. Teen Clothing, prom dresses, furniture, misc. items.

GARAGE SALE: 2611 East 25th, Sat. 8-1. King size dresser, camper shell, head-ache rack, Phaltzgraaf dishes, XL clothing, misc.

GARAGE SALE: 3201 11th Place, Sat. 8-?. Entertainment center, misc. furniture, small appliances.

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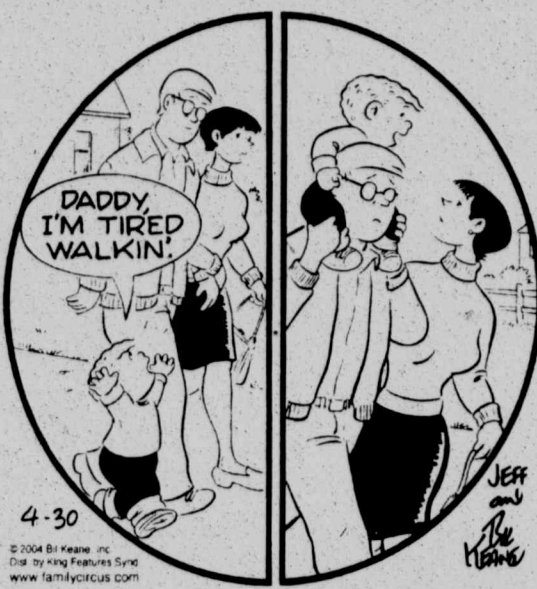
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6 PM	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	Amar Otra Vez	King of the Hill Raymond	News Ent. Tonight	Pason de Gavilanes	News Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC) Friends (CC)	Nueva Vida John Hagee	News-Lehrer	Monster House (CC)		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live How I'm Living Spring Bling	That's-Raven Lizzie McGuire	NHL Hockey: Conference Game 5--	NBA Basketball: Game 5--	President (CC)	
7 PM	George Lopez The Big House	George Lopez The Big House	Mariana de la Noche	Movie: Lara Croft Tomb Raider (CC)	Joan of Arcadia (CC)	Prisonera	DateLine NBC (CC)	Home Improve Home Improve Rabbi Richman	Update/Israel	Wash. Week Wall-Fortune	American Chopper	Movie: Joe Kidd	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)		Movie: George of the Jungle 2			Movie: Kill Me Later (CC)	
8 PM	Hope & Faith Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith Hope & Faith	Bajo la Misma Piel	JAG (CC)	JAG (CC)	El Alma Herida		MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Colorado Rockies	Light of the Southwest	Now With Bill Moyers (CC)	American Chopper		Boxing Spike Fights--	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)					Movie: Showgirls (CC)	
9 PM	20/20 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Escuela VIP Casa Risa	70s Show Dharma-Greg	CSI: Miami	El Reventon Billboard: VIP	Third Watch (CC)			Great Streets (CC)	American Hot Rod (CC)	Movie: The Innocents	Championship Fights	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Comicview	Barbarian That's-Raven	Boxing: Full vs. Fuller vs.	Teams TBA NHL 2Night	First Round Game 5--	Teams TBA NBA
10 PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News The Tonight		The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	American Chopper		CSI: Crime Scene	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Nightly News Music Special	Kim Possible Proud Family	Martinez	Basketball: First Round	45 Movie:	
11 PM	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Extra (CC) Jimmy Kimmel	Los Melches	Becker (CC) Spin City	The Late Late Show (CC)	Al Rojo Vivo	Show (CC) Late Night	Movie: Get Carter (CC)	Dinah Christian Came Davis	Sign Off	American Chopper	Movie: The Other	Investigation Blind Date	Movie: Kindergarten Cop (CC)	Midnight Love	Even Stevens Sister, Sister	Baseball Tonight (CC)	Game 5-- Teams TBA	Love, Honour and Obedience	
12 AM	Live (CC) Oprah Winfrey	Live (CC) Oprah Winfrey	Rencor Apasionado	Blind Date	Street Smarts	Mana Celestie Conte-Familia	Fraser (CC)	Update/Israel Michael Decker		American Hot Rod (CC)			Real TV (CC) Real TV	Cop (CC)	Comicview	Lilo & Stitch Recess (CC)	Handicapping International	SportsCenter (CC)	The Passion	

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"UH-OH. HERE COMES 'LITTLE MISS RAIN CLOUD.'"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

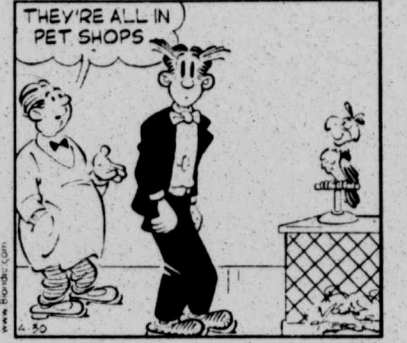
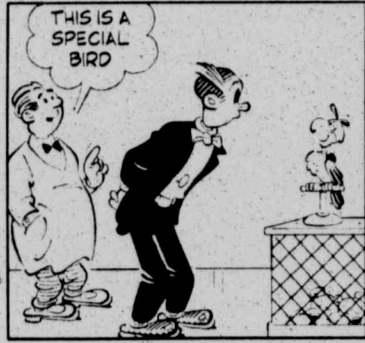


"Mommy, we'll race you home!"

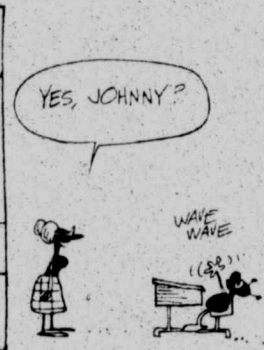
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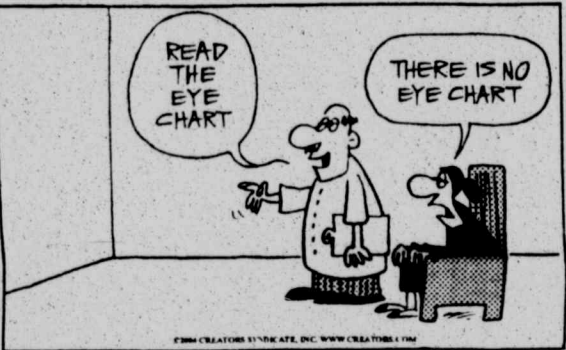
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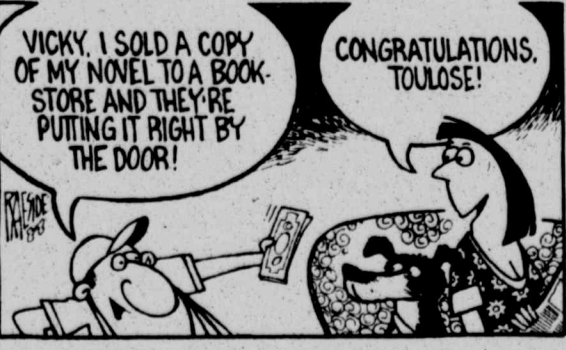
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THE OTHER COAST



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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 30, the 121st day of 2004. There are 245 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
One hundred years ago, on April 30th, 1904, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition opened in St. Louis as President Theodore Roosevelt pressed a telegraph key at the White House to signal the official start of the world's fair commemorating the centennial of the Louisiana Purchase, albeit a year late. (The fair drew some 20 million visitors before it closed the following December.)
On this date:
In 1789, George Washington took office in New York as the first president of the United States.
In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for

60 million francs, the equivalent of about \$15 million.
In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th state of the Union.
In 1900, engineer John Luther "Casey" Jones of the Illinois Central Railroad died in a wreck near Vaughan, Miss., after staying at the controls in an effort to save the passengers.
In 1900, Hawaii was organized as a U.S. territory.
In 1939, the New York World's Fair officially opened.
In 1945, as Russian troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun.
In 1970, President Nixon announced the U.S. was sending troops into Cambodia, an action that sparked widespread protest.
In 1973, President Nixon announced the resignations of top aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, along with Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst and White House counsel John Dean.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Al Lewis is 94. Actress Cloris Leachman is 78. Singer Willie Nelson is 71. Actor Gary Collins is 66. Actor Burt Young is 64. Singer Bobby Vee is 61. Actress Jill Clayburgh is 60. Movie director Allan Arkush is 56. Actor Perry King is 56. Singer Merrill Osmond is 51. Movie director Jane Campion is 50. Actor Paul Gross is 45. Basketball executive Isiah Thomas is 43. Country musician Robert Reynolds (The Mavericks) is 42. Rapper Turbo B (Snap) is 37. Rock musician Clark Vogelger is 35. Actor Johnny Galecki is 29.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

O FOR FIVE by Richard Silvestri
Edited by Stanley Newman

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| ACROSS | 61 Spacious | 9 Armies of the Night author | 39 Bridal sweeper |
| 1 Touch at the border | 63 Sleepy Hollow name | 10 Set up | 40 Peace Nobel |
| 5 One-pot dinner | 64 Sly glance | 11 Ford Field player | 43 Stranded, as a ship |
| 9 Shaded promenades | 65 African republic | 12 Advance | 46 Establish |
| 14 Plumb | 66 Takes care of | 13 Rocky, really | 48 Voices views |
| 15 100% | 67 Gold fabric | 21 Strains | 51 Beat the goalie |
| 16 Moon of Uranus | 68 Jacket or collar | 22 Discharge | 52 Simple |
| 17 Actress Raines | | 25 Reflection of a sort | 53 Mediterranean port |
| 18 In a while | DOWN | 26 Man of Muscat | 54 Chutzpah |
| 19 O. Henry specialty | 1 Shandy ingredient | 27 Senior member | 55 Defense statement |
| 20 Kiln-filled desert? | 2 String tie | 28 Baird and Witherspoon | 56 Bit of gossip |
| 23 Get bronzed | 3 Pac-10 team | 29 Hold the floor | 57 Run rampant |
| 24 --X | 4 Anagram of "rotates" | 30 Stage prizes | 58 Therefore |
| 25 Manuscript volume | 5 Give rise to | 31 Three Sisters sister | 59 Boot-camper: Abbr. |
| 28 Female dove? | 6 Salad ingredient | 32 Bill attachment | 62 Over there |
| 34 Love, to Luigi | 7 Desire deified | 33 Comedian Denis | |
| 35 Spheres | 8 Hit the road | | |

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