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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT TOMORROW 64°-66° 84°-86°

Relay for Life fund-raiser begins today

HERALD Staff Report

Ready to Relay? The 10th annual Relay for Life gets under way this afternoon at Blankenship

Field. When the event is over Saturday morning, organizers hope to announce that more than \$200,000 has been collected for the

American Cancer Society. Relay officially gets started at 7 p.m. with the Survivor's Walk, in which hundreds of cancer survivors will join together for a walk around the stadium's track. A double fly over

with the walk. Activities actually get going a little earlier with registration beginning at 4 and Nanette Barrett of Lubbock, the adult recipient of the American Cancer Courageous Society Award, speaking at 6

is expected to coincide

Lighting of the luminaria will be held at 10 p.m. During the luminaria, a 20-minute program featuring local ministers, family members of survivors and those who have lost loved ones will be

shown. Hundreds of people are expected to camp at the field overnight. Many groups — there are a record 80 this year - keep walkers going from start to fin-

Closing ceremonies, in which the amount raised is announced, will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

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Crossroads students take academic skills to Austin

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Several representatives from Crossroads area high schools are engaging in a battle of wits this weekend at the University Interscholastic League State Academic Meet in Austin.

Competition began Thursday and continues through Saturday on the University of

competing in areas of speech and debate, theater, journalism, science, business related contest, mathematics, spelling and writ-

The Big Spring High School team, which dominated both district and regional contests, qualified nine representatives including Manoj Thangam in persua-

Texas campus with students Douglas debate, Camilla Painter Lincoln-Douglas debate. in informative speaking, Logan Churchwell in informative speaking and Tapley Holguin in

Also, representing BSHS are Jessica Ray in feature writing; Jackie Bowen, news writing; Tony Emerson, news writing; and Sarah Vela, headline writing. Kathrine Weissman is servsive speaking and Lincolning as an alternate for the See ACADEMIC, Page 2A

Both the journalism team, taught by Lelland Mallett, and the speech and debate team, taught by Clint and Jennifer Adams, have a chance to earn sweepstakes awards at the con-

The Forsan High School UIL 2A district championship team has

Sweet hour of prayer



Speakers during the National Day of Prayer bow their heads in prayer Thursday at the Big Spring Auditorium. Pictured are, from left, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith, Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker, Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker, Big Spring City Councilwoman Joann Knox, the Rev. Sam Segundo, pastor of Family Victory Faith Center, and event organizer Everett Bender.

Community leaders recite their blessings during national event

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Hundreds of people filed into the Big Spring auditorium Thursday to join city and county leaders for a community show of faith during the National Day of Prayer. "I hire all of

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about us

you," said the "Sometimes those Sam Rev. Segundo, pastor prayers don't get of Family Faith Victory Center. "Everyone here is ly hired to represent the most awesome king and awesome God there has ever been."

A cross-section of residents spoke during the two- but about hour recounting sonal blessings will answer your they received God and to

from prayer in his time." inspire the community to become more

God, and he

active in prayer. "Many people say Abraham Lincoln was our greatest president and I happen to agree," said Mayor Russ McEwen, who opened the event. "If you have been to his Washington memorial in

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Carriers to bring home the groceries as well as deliver the mail Saturday

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Features editor

Big Spring mail carriers will be doing more than delivering your mail on Saturday when the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive campaign hits the streets.

"The carriers head this up and they will pick up food from anybody who cares to donate on Saturday," said Robert Dail, a supervisor with the Big Spring post office.

Dail said any non-perishable food, such as canned goods and boxed food, will be accepted for

The Associated Press

Veterans Affairs Department

will close three hospitals in

Mississippi and build two new

ones in Nevada and Florida as

part of much-anticipated

Associated Press has learned.

dozens of other facilities.

Secretary

The agency also will add or

remove medical services at

Principi backed off plans to

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WASHINGTON

Pennsylvania.

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VA

Principi expected to call for study at Big Spring VA

the food drive, which has thus far netted more that 600 million pounds of food nationwide since its inception in 1992.

According to America's Second Harvest, the nation's largest hunger relief organization, 23 million people, including 9 million children, live in households that experience hunger or the risk of hunger. This represents one in 10 households in the United States.

"This food goes to the Permian Basin Food Bank and is distributed to the counties the bank serves within the West Texas area," Dail said.

transfer major operations out of

the Waco hospital to VA facili-

And the agency will continue

studying whether to close the

Big Spring VA Medical Center

and determine what kind of

facility should be built in the

hard work of the Waco commu-

nity has made a positive differ-

ence for the Waco VA, and I am

honored to work alongside

them," U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards,

"There is no doubt that the

ties in Temple and Austin.

Odessa-Midland area.

See VA, Page 8A

Only non-perishable food should be donated, such as canned soup and vegetables, canned meat and boxed goods such as cereal, crackers and pasta, he said. Those wishing to contribute to the food drive should place their donation within plastic sacks near their mail boxes for their mail carrier to gather.

"When they come by to deliver the mail, they will pick up the bags of food, and if they see any bags of food, they will stop and pick those up, too," Dail

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Appeals court affirms decision in dog bite case

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The 11th District Court of Appeals has upheld a decision made in the 118th District Court pertaining to a lawsuit filed by a Big Spring woman and her husband against the city of Big Spring and Big Spring Animal Control.

The decision was issued on April 29 in the Eastland court upholding the order dismissal made by 118th District Court

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de Mayo

Three-day festival will get under way here this evening

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Plenty of food and music will be available for those who attend the Cinco de Mayo Festival, which begins

evening in Big Spring. "We are trying to keep with the tradition of our heritage," explained an

enthusiastic Marquez, coordinator of the event. "We want MARQUEZ everyone to come celebrate."



Cinco de Mayo celebrates a victory by the Mexican people against the French on May 5, 1862 in Pueblo, Mexico. Today, the date represents triumph and ethnic pride. This weekend, it will be a time to celebrate.

All of the activities will be held at 401 Sgt. Paradez, located at the corner of Greg Street and Sgt. Paradez, near Big Ed's Barbecue, which along with KBYG radio is sponsoring the event.

The entire festival gets under way

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Obituaries

Wanda McNew

GRANBURY - Wanda McNew, 72, a wonderful wife and loving mother, passed away Wednesday, May 5,

Graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Greenwood Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Greenwood Funeral Home.

Wanda was born May 22, 1931, in Seminole, Okla. She was preceded in death by her sister, Helen Brogdin, and brothers R.L. Hughey, Dean Hughey, Reese Hughey, Jack Hughey and Donald Hughey.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne McNew; children, Karen De Quasie of New York, LaDonna Lord and husband, Ron, of Fort Worth, Terrie Jones of Granbury, Michael McNew of Midland and Patti Faychak; grandchildren Danette, Melisa and Sheila Seward, Jeffrey Lord and wife, Diana, Jaime Cox and husband, Brian, Jason Jones and wife, Nicole, Heather McNew, Jeremy Jones and Chastin McNew; great-grandchildren, Ashlyn Jones and Chance McNew; sister, Kathleen Crowell; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

Paid obituary

Lola M. Jenkins

Lola M. Jenkins, 92, of Odessa died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Graveside services are 2 p.m. Saturday in Margarel Cemetery in Margarel.

She was born Sept. 20, 1911, in West to Earl and Rose Middlebrook O'Keefe. She married D.R. Jenkins.

She moved to Odessa from Stanton in 2002. She was a Catholic.

She is survived by her sons, C.K. Jenkins of Odessa and Ronnie Jenkins of Abilene; her daughters, Janette Frank of Kaizer, Ore. and Jackie Jenkins of Houston; a sister, Bernice Witt of West; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services are under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

From Page One DOG BITE

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Judge Robert Moore III in the case that alleged the city should have known of the vicious tendencies of a pit bulldog that attacked Mary Churchwell and mauled her leg in January of 2002.

Churchwell received a letter from her lawyer, Frank Conrad of Conrad Law Firm in Sweetwater, on Wednesday.

"I'm very angry," Churchwell said. "I'm out thousands of dollars in medical bills and basically I've been told my attack didn't matter. I had no validation. I was permanently disabled."

Originally filed in December 2002, the suit claims the dog named Fatboy had attacked an infant shortly before the attack on Churchwell and instead of euthanizing the dog, animal control released it back to Bo Payne, the dog's owner.

Payne, who pleaded guilty in August of 2002 to a charge of "attack by a dangerous dog," was also named in the original suit and the order of dismissal didn't pertain to him.

Moore based his decision, made on March 27, 2003, on the city's argument of "sovereign immunity," which protects city and county governments from being sued except in cases depending on certain activ-

The suit did not fall under those limited activities that would waive the city's immunity, Moore deter-

Churchwell said she plans to speak with her lawyer on Tuesday to discuss her options.

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

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy until early morning then becoming cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Cloudy early in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. South

winds 15 to 20 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Monday through Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Lows in the mid 60s.



Monday - Friday Afternoons 1-6, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 1-5

Police blotter

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

- ALISHA SMITH, 31, of 4202 Old Colorado City Highway, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for speeding.
- BEN GARZA, 24, of 1020 Stadium, was arrested Friday on a parole violation.
- EDWUARDO OCON, 35, of Odessa, was arrested Thursday and held for INS.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- in the 500 block of Westover Road. - in the 800 block of Seventh Street.
- AGGRAVATED PERJURY was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- INJURY TO A CHILD was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- THEFT was reported:
- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street. - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- TERRORISTIC THREATS was reported:
- in the 700 block of 11th Place. - in the 600 block of Sixth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

· PETE MANUEL YANEZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of reckless driving.

· STEVEN GAMBOA, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in consumption-third or more offense.

· DAVID ARTHUR WITTREIN, 24, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of injury to a child/elderly/disabled-reckless bodily injury.

· KRISTOPHER GARCIA, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana-2 ounces or less. · LARRY DUTCHOVER GARCIA JR., 23, was

transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana-2 ounces or • BERTHA RUBIO, 32, was arrested Thursday by

DPS on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

· LISA RIOS, 24, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor-judgment and sentence 30 days.

 HENRY CLAY HERNANDEZ, 24, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of bailsman off of bond for violation of a protective order.

· ASSAULT was reported at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room. Subject refused to

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five students competing. They are Levi Johnson in headline writing and number sense. Kacy Liles in news writing and the number sense team of Johnson, Josh Helmstetler, Brandon Burleson and Audrey Montgomery. Coaches for the teams are Jan Sims and Susan

Alexander. These Forsan students qualified at the regional contest held at Abilene, April 23-24. Also placing in the contest was FHS' Crystal McNew who finished fourth in poetry.

Representatives from other area high schools are Mary Harryman of Grady High School in calculator applications and Ben Campbell of Sands High School, who earned the top score in physics at the 1A district contest held on March 27, and will compete in science at the state meet.

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Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-4-5-8-28. Number matching five of five:1. Prize per winner: \$41,606. Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-3-7

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TODAY

 AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. · Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

· Relay for Life registration starts at 4 p.m. Opening Ceremonies begin at 6:45 p.m. and the Survivors Walk is set for 7 p.m., all in Blankenship

 Spring City Senior Citizen's country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• Relay for Life continues until Closing Ceremonies at 8:30 a.m. in Blankenship Field.

 One-Man Band featuring J Gale Kilgore is set for 7 p.m. at the City Auditorium, sponsored by the Eagles Lodge. Donations will be accepted to benefit United States veterans in the Big Spring area.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 704 W. Third. · Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more infor-

SUNDAY

· Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between noon and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.

MONDAY

• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served.

 Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721. • Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at

5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall. • Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756

meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

· Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave. • Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La

Posada Restaurant.

 Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

• Big Spring Commandery No. 31 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple at 221 1/2 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

· Big Spring Assembly No. 211 Social Order of Beauceant meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple at 221 1/2 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.



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PRAYER

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you see his second inaugural address. All through the address he invokes the blessing of our Lord.

"Our country was based on Christian principles founded by men of faith who believed God blessed us and the things we do," McEwen continued.

Following McEwen's remarks and opening prayer, Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker took the podium to discuss how God has blessed his life personally and answered prayer through the political arena.

He then called on the community to pray about issues it faces.

"Ask God's help in resolving our problems with the current VA Hospital facility, for school finance, for the Big Spring State Hospital restoration by the state and the county jail needs," Crooker said.

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today at 6 p.m. with

booths and games. Music

will be provided by

Manuel Hilerio with

Grupo Extremo, and will

run from 8 p.m. until mid-

The festival reopens

again at noon on

Saturday, with a variety

of music and more games

and food. Charlie Leos

FESTIVAL

night.

Walker called on the community to keep law enforcement and their families in their prayers next week which is National Enforcement Memorial week.

"God hears prayer and answers those prayers," Walker said as he recounted personal experiences. "Sometimes those prayers don't get immediately answered because this is not about us but about God, and he will answer your prayer in his time."

businessman Local Johnson spoke about how turning his faith over to the Lord at his bleakest moment helped him to successfully rebuild his business.

City council woman Joann Knox, recalling a personal story of how she moved to Big Spring, asked the crowd to pray for the working mother.

"These are people who have come into my office and that I've been able to help," Knox said.

"Pray for the working mother who needs a job temporarily while at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at Howard County Sheriff Dale L. she waits for her husband to finish reporter@bigspringherald.com

and

will perform from 1 p.m.

to 4 p.m. The rock and

roll band No Return will

strum a different beat

from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

The evening will be

capped with the music of

Grupo Conjunto Hilerio

Anselomo Hilerio from 8

p.m. until midnight.

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Car Club will be on dis-

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his prison term. Pray for the mother whose son was murdered, for the working mother who battled against AIDS and lost that battle, for the working grandmother, for the working mother whose son recently took his own life, for the working mother with triplets.

"Pray for the mother who comes to work everyday with abusive bruises," she said. "For the working mother battling substance abuse for herself and her child and the mother with two jobs, for the working grandmother who is 79 years old, for the working mother whose son has recently become a amputee."

National Day of Prayer was first established by law in 1952, unanimously passed by Congress and signed by President Harry S. Truman.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody

for food and some of the

musical talent," Marquez. "We're inviting everyone down to have a "We want to let all good time with us. We hope you can be there."

Sunday's fare begins at time. Admission to the 235.

more food, and DJ music vidual booths will charge until 6 p.m. Then, from 6

and his one-man band 1 p.m. with more games, event is free, though indi-

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until 10 p.m., Grupo Freno will provide music. "We'll have some That will also be time for

Contact news editor Bill Festival is to have a good McClellan at 263-7331, ext.

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The emphasis behind

the Cinco de Mayo

explained Marquez.

afternoon for mothers).

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CARRIERS

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Donations of food are also accepted at the Big Spring post office from 9 a.m. until noon, he said.

"So if someone is coming in to buy stamps or whatever, they can also bring their donation with them and give them to the clerks at the counter," Dail said.

The Big Spring post office has been involved with the Stamp Out Hunger drive for the past 15 or 16 years. Special cards were mailed to some areas to remind people of the annual event, but Big Spring did not receive their cards in time, he said.

Big Spring has 16 carriers in the city and nine carriers outside of the city who are all participating in the drive.

"If anyone outside the city wants to donate, the carriers will be glad to pick those up as well," Dail said.

Contact Marsha Sturdivant, features edi-

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tor, at life@bigspringherald.com

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson

J. T. Williams, 89, died Tuesday. Services will be at 3:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial with Military Honors will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

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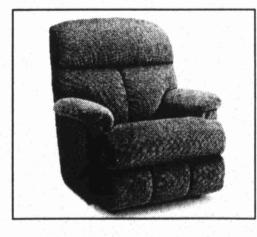
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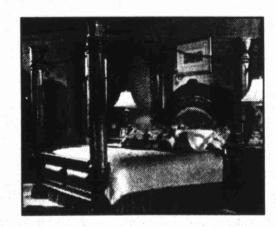
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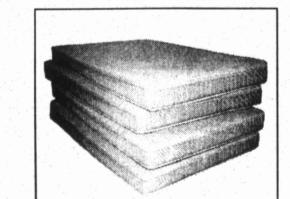












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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- All of the men and women who participated in the National Day of Prayer observation Thursday at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. It was truly a bless-
- · The Young Eagles program, put on by the Experimental Aircraft Association and Hangar 25 Air Museum.
- · Crossroads area high school students who are attending University Interscholastic League state competition this weekend.
- · All of the participants from law enforcement, businesses, schools and Victim Services who put on Shattered Dreams for the students of Forsan and Coahoma.

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

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

A national monument the memorial resulted honoring the 16 million plus men and women of the United States of America who diligently offered their lives for our freedom opened just recently in Washington.

The granite and bronze monument features many raised more than \$195 waterfalls, water foun- million. The surplus is in tains and is backed by a a trust fund for future cured wall bedecked with expansion. gold stars that represent more than 400,000 men dedicated next month an and women that gave attended by President their lives in the world war.

dreds of schoolchildren music from the former raced down two of the entrance ramps shouting and pointing at the scenery it offered. One of II veterans are dying the children, 14-year old each and every day, Reiter Connecticut who's grandfather served in World Affairs. For those veter-War II, said that he ans who wish to have should rush home to tell him that he, his grandson, was among the first visit the memorial.

Until the memorial opened, veterans and tourists were only able to view a small portion of the unfinished memorial through the wire fencing that surrounded the site.

memorial The approximately equal in size to the length of a football field and displays two high arches at each end, one being tagged as the Pacific while the other is tagged as the Atlantic Oceans. Fifty-six smaller granite pillars that are adorned with bronzed wreaths form its oval shape while encircling a sunken plaza and

The \$174 million cost of from many years of arm twisting by veteran and former Sen. Bob Dole from Kansas, as well as donations of pennies from school children to larger donations from corporations which

The monument will be George W. Bush as well as each of the living for-On opening day hun- mer presidents while decades will be playing

in the background. Almost 1,100 World War of according to Department of Veterans their name, rank and area of combat listed. they can go to www.wwiimemorial.com and fill out a short questionnaire.

ROY SIMMONS BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The Texas Department of Health and staff would like to thank the businesses that made for a very successful celebraof National Immunization Week.

Special thanks to all the parents who brought their children in for immunization.

> SANDY SAMUELS, IMMUNIZATION NURSE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF

Color blindness and a rogue riding mower

ran over a squirrel with my riding mower. It flew into a zillion pieces — the squirrel, not the mower. Now don't get upset, the squirrel was one of

those little yard art things, designed to compliment the weeds around it. Anyway, I was having trouble getting the mower to go in reverse. That gear does work now, though the little plastic squirrel gave up his life for it. For five years, the



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squirrel dutifully

guarded what was left of a mobile home tiedown that was sticking about four inches out of the ground. I've torn up more than one mower on my property because the people I hired to remove the tiedowns didn't remove them. Instead, they cut them off 3 to 4 inches above ground and promptly left town. That left about eight hard, metal rods sticking out of the ground in a basic rectangle shape. For some of you that might not be a problem, but I am somewhat colorblind and cannot differentiate between green weeds and a rusty piece of metal.

Anyway, I got the idea of tying bright ribbons around the rods. That worked only until strong winds came along, which in this part of the country is about every other day. Then I put little colored garden stakes out. That was a better idea. Of course now, five years later, the stakes are all broken and lying flat, but they still alert me to the worst spots.

I should add that the mower blades didn't hit that particular

tiedown when they obliterated the squirrel because over the years the terrain has changed somewhat and the danger had pretty much become nonexistent at that location. Which basically means the squirrel gave up his life for nothing. Being plastic, however, I'm not sure that he really cares. I'd go ask his "friend", the other plastic squirrel who resides nearby at another tiedown and who no doubt witnessed this atrocity, but he's not speaking to me.

I hesitate to talk about all of this for two reasons. OK, maybe I haven't hesitated but what I mean to say is, there are at least two reasons I probably should not have brought up this subject.

The first is the people who, upon hearing that I am colorblind, will act like they've just encountered the "freak" at the circus sideshow.

With great enthusiasm, they'll ask, "Can you see this? How about this? Can you only see black and white? What color is this? What color is that color over there?"

Or the most common: "When you come up on a traffic signal, how do you tell whether the light is red or green? I bet you memorize which one is on top! Don'tcha, don'tcha don'tcha?"

My response is usually something like: "No. Frankly I cannot tell the difference between the red light and the green light, but so far I've been a pretty good guess-

That usually sends them into a panic mode for at least a half-second, until they realize I am kidding.

The truth is, that while the green and red you see might not look the same as the green and red I see, red and green are still different to both of us. Therefore, when approaching a traffic signal, I

always know that green is the lighter color. Or is it the darker one?

Anyway, as you might guess, distance makes a difference, as do the surroundings. Put me near a field with rich grass and Indian Paint Brushes, for instance, and I can't see the flowers. Put me.in the field and I can see them just fine. Or, said another way, before I can stop and smell the roses, I have to know the roses are there. And by that time, there's a good chance I am up to my elbows in thorns.

I have been known to get help buying a tie or picking out a shirt. Frankly, red and purple look great together to me, but I have been told that is not the best of combinations to wear to church.

The second reason for not bringing the subject up is this: Invariably, someone will write or call saying that even though it was a plastic squirrel I ran over, it was in fact a squirrel, and my obvious lack of remorse shows what an evil, heartless and cold individual I am.

To those who feel this way, let me tell you that I am very heartbroken. If I could, I would collect all zillion pieces of the squirrel and glue them back together again. As it is, however, I think it is best to realize that I at least scattered his remains "among the winds," - a symbolic gesture of respect — even though I did it with a mower blade and they were in the pre-ash form.

Not everything works out perfectly.

Until next time...

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The many Ivans of genocide

t was not front page news any place in America when a federal appeals court ruled last week that John Demjanjuk

should be stripped of his U.S. citizenship because he was a guard in a Nazi death camp.

Demjanjuk used to be big news, but no more. Which is a shame. Though Demjanjuk is 84 and probably wishes nothing more than to live out his last years in relative obscurity,



this is something he does not deserve.

Demjanjuk, born in Ukraine, used to be called Ivan the Terrible by those prosecuting him, but it was discovered some years ago that, in reality, he is merely Ivan the Unspeakable, Ivan the Reprehensible, and Ivan the Despicable.

The Israeli Supreme Court ruled in 1993 that there was "reasonable doubt" that Demjanjuk was Ivan the Terrible, an infamous Nazi guard at the Treblinka death camp.

Demjanjuk, a former Cleveland auto worker, entered the United States in 1952, became a citizen in 1958, was stripped of that citizenship in 1981 and was sent to Israel for trial in 1986. There he was convicted of war crimes and sentenced to death, a sentence that was overturned by the Israeli Supreme Court.

After being released from an Israeli prison, he returned to the Cleveland area. The United States government

could have let the matter drop, but it didn't. Neal Sher didn't. In 1993, Sher headed the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, which hunts Nazis. It is often a tedious, unrewarding job consisting of poring over old

documents and checking immigra-

tion records.

But it is also the kind of job that affects you, that changes you, that doesn't let you go.

"I have been reading about this story for years, and it is never put in the proper perspective," Sher told me. "Demjanjuk was not just a guard in one of the concentration camps, as terrible as those were. He was a guard in the murder factories.

"In two years, one and half million men, women and children were murdered in these camps. Within two hours after reaching the camps, most were killed. There was no slave labor, no work. They were herded by the Ukrainian guards and slaughtered."

And there is no doubt, not a shred, Sher said, that Demjanjuk was one of those guards.

"People sometimes ask, 'Why are you going after some simple camp guard?" Sher said. "It is necessary to understand that Demjanjuk was no simple guard. Demjanjuk went to Sobibor death camp and participated in the extermination process. The evidence tying Demjanjuk to Sobibor is ironclad. And service at any concentration or death camp renders someone inadmissible to enter the United States."

The decision by the Israeli Supreme Court stated there was evidence that Demjanjuk was a member of the SS, served in one death camp (Sobibor) and two concentration camps (Flossenberg and Regensburg) and held a job "whose purpose was murder and whose object was genocide and whose like is unknown in the history of humanity."

The court also found, however, that "reasonable doubt" existed that Demjanjuk was the "Ivan the Terrible" of the Treblinka death camp and that while Israel could try him for his other crimes, it was "unreasonable" to do so after keeping him for more than seven

years in an Israeli prison.

"Let us make no mistake," Sher said, "he was acquitted only on the grounds of being Ivan the Terrible at Treblinka. To have served at Sobibor makes him no less terrible than to have served at Treblinka. The Ivans at Sobibor were Ivans the Terrible, too."

"If you were in an auto plant in Cleveland, you built cars for a living," Sher said. "When you worked at Sobibor, you killed Jews for a living."

So the U.S. government continued its case against Demjanjuk, affording him the full due process of law.

"Compare the due process Demjanjuk got to the due process the little kids at Sobibor got," Sher said. "I can't help thinking of the little kids. The little kids who were dragged and beaten and killed by the likes of Demjanjuk."

Last week, a three-judge panel of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the U.S. government has proven through "clear, convincing and unequivocal evidence" that Demjanjuk should be stripped of his citizenship.

A family spokesman said Demjanjuk would challenge the court's ruling.

Gregory A. White, U.S. Attorney in Cleveland, said: "Demjanjuk is one of the most seriously implicated Nazi persecutors to be found in the United States, and the court's decision is a critical step in the government's effort to secure a measure of justice in this case." Federal prosecutors will seek

deportation for Demjanjuk. But this raises a problem: What country on earth would take him?

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Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

We invite you this Sunday to come and worship with us. Services are at 10:50 a.m. and 5 p.m. Putting God first brings rewards and blessings.

The ladies will have their mother-daughter banquet tonight from 6-8 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The men of the church will be serving the ladies. We wish all mothers a very special Mother's Day weekend.

The singing Hinkle Family will be with us May 16. They will minister to us in word and song. The youth are getting ready for summer camps beginning May 31 through June 11.

If you do not have a church home we invite you to stop by and visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Midweek services are Wednesday at 7 p.m. For more information call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, Dr. Dave Ring's sermon is titled "Hannah: A Mother with the Right

Priority." The Scripture text comes from I Samuel 1, 2:1-11 and 18-21. Dr. Ring will present a special recognition to all mothers present.

Anyone who has an old cell phone is asked to donate it to the church during May. Bring the old phones to the church office or put them in boxes in the foyer or the Questers' classroom. The phones will be reworked for 911 calls and donated to Victim Services in Big Spring.

Vacation Bible School is looking for volunteers. VBS is scheduled for July 19-23, from 9 a.m. to noon. Anyone interested in helping should contact Sheila Jones or Charlotte

The Children's Day Out program is having a rummage sale on June 5. If you have items to donate, please bring them to Youth Hall anytime

before June 3. 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-

First Presbyterian Church

Nelson Irwin from San Angelo will be the guest speaker for worship service on Sunday at the 11 a.m. service. Sunday school begins at 9:45 and "Take Ten" is at 10:35.

Upcoming events at the church include, on May Session and Encouragers meeting; May 19, Men's Breakfast, May 25, Presbyterian Women and Women's Bible Study. Choir practice is every Wednesday at 6 p.m.

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

Friends of Unity

We will be celebrating Mother's Day with Unity Church of West Texas. J.C. Caston will bring the message of "Mothers of the Bible." Lou Etta Cummins will bring the meditation.

Anyone who would like

to carpool with us should be at our center by 9:30 a.m. for the trip to Odessa. For further information call 263-6311.

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 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30

St. Mary's Vestry meets on Monday at 6 p.m. The Pastoral Care Committee is meeting on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

For more information St. about Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our web site

www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

First Christian Church

The congregation of First Christian Church invites you to join us this Sunday as we gather for fellowship, study and worship. Here at First Christian Church we celebrate Holy Communion

every week as we come together to acknowledge and commemorate the presence of the risen Christ among us. We would love to have you gather with us and celebrate with us.

The Rev. Gene Cravens' message this Sunday is taken from John 13:31-35, and is titled, "Love For One Another."

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., and worship begins at 10:50 a.m. Sign interpretation is available for the hearing impaired.

First Baptist Church

The Beth Moore simulcast is May 15, 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. with a break for lunch. To view the simulcast is \$20. We encourage all area women to come be a part of this wonderful day.

schedule Our Sunday is Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. followed by worship at 10:50 a.m. Our pastor, the Rev. Dennis Teeters, will continue his sermon series "Restoring Your Spiritual Passion" with this week's subject "Request."

We will have no evening services this week so that

families can treat their mothers to an extra special day of kindness for all the things she does for

To all mothers we say, "Happy Day to you!"

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

Life Church

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

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

Club News

Retired Teachers District Meeting

Retired teachers from the District XVIII area, which includes Odessa, Midland, Andrews, Big Lamesa, Spring, Monahans, Crane, and Colorado City, will meet Wednesday Elegante Hotel in Odessa. All retirees in the area are invited to attend the luncheon at 11:30 a.m., which will feature Mike Lehr, executive director Emeritus of the state organization.

Lehr will bring information regarding current legislative initiatives, both state and national, regarding the Texas Retirement System Annuity Fund and Social Security.

For those interested in attending, the meal will cost \$11. For reservations, please contact **District President Martha** Kallus at 432-682-2846 or mdkallus@nowl.net before Monday night.

Optimist Club

Big Spring Optimist Club welcomed Faron Bell, sales manager at the

Blue Bell Creameries, as our guest Wednesday morning.

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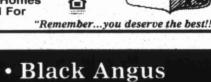
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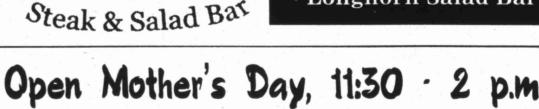
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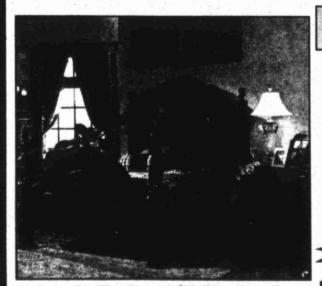


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A Mother's Day wish — help abused women in Texas

take a moment to thank the women who shaped

their lives, whether they are mothers. grandmothers, aunts or friends who helped guide them they grew.

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greeting cards and special brunches will be given in recognition of moms. As we take part in this tradition, I'd like to ask Texans to take a moment and also rememquite as special.

our state, the celebration late. of this day can be a painful reminder that their lives and possibly the lives of their children are clouded by domestic violence.

Sadly, statewide research shows that 74 percent of Texans have

I hope every day, but been abused, or know of friend or co-worker shows Day weekend, Texans abuse. More chilling is the fact that two Texas women every week are killed through acts of domestic violence. Many emotionally abused.

Focus group after focus group shows that the first person survivors talk to about an abusive relationship is a family member or friend. However, many Texans, about 35 percent, who learn of a friend or family member's violent circumstances, do nothing, as they don't realize how they can help or don't want to get involved.

I have spoken to many sisters, mothers and daughters who said they ber the moms for whom just didn't recognize the this day might not be signs of a loved one's abuse or paid too little For many mothers in attention until it was too

> member or a co-worker we know needs outpatient surgery, we offer to drive them home from the hospital. When a family suffers a loss or illness, we bring food to their home.

When a friend, family

especially this Mother's someone who has suffered up with a bruise or acts unexplainably withdrawn, we don't want to interfere. Domestic violence is not just a private family matter. It is a more are physically or crime with serious, dangerous repercussions for men, women, children and the entire communi-

That's why our state will soon launch a second phase of an awareness campaign to change the situation — this time focusing on friends, family and co-workers who are in a position to assist victims of domestic violence.

Office of the Attorney General, the Texas Council Family on Violence launched an unprecedented 16-month, bilingual public awareness campaign to give women trapped in violent relationships, many of whom are mothers, the information they need to seek and obtain help.

"Break the Silence, Make the Call" resulted in a 69 percent increase But all too often, when a in English-language calls

to the National Domestic Violence Hotline and a staggering 93 percent increase in Spanish-lan-guage calls in it's inaugural month. For many women, placing that first call to the National Violence Domestic Hotline was an incredibly important first step in seeking and receiving life-changing assistance for themselves and their

In the coming weeks, you'll see and hear new public service announcements, imploring all Texans to get involved by breaking their silence, making the call to 1-800-In 2002 with the aid of a 799-SAFE or TTY 1-800-\$2 million grant from the 787-3225, when a loved one or friend is in need.

This Mother's Day, take time to honor mothers and honor all Texas women by raising our consciousness to help all mothers celebrate this day as they should - in a home filled not by fear, but love.

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The second week's topic "Honoring

With Memories," and on June 1 the topic is "Your Needs When You Are Grieving."

June features Special

A reservation is not necessary to attend any of the classes, and the grief support program is free and open to the public.

All classes will meet from 10 a.m. until noon at 1003 E. FM 700. Call 263-

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Department of Public Safety troopers responded to an accident that occurred Thursday afternoon when a Union Pacific train collided with a truck crossing the tracks at Saint Bonafice Street in Stanton. The driver of the truck, 35-year-old Valerio Garcia of Big Spring, was listed in critical condition early this morning at a Midland hospital.

VA

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D-Texas, said in a statement.

The move had been heavily opposed in Waco. He said more study and financial information was needed before a decision is made.

Principi also has endorsed building 156 community-based outpatient clinics by 2012, with an emphasis on serving rural areas. Local VA officials had sought 270 clinics.

Principi was to release the plan at 1 p.m. today in Las Vegas. Patricia McKelm, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) director, has scheduled a press conference on Principi's announcement for 2:30 p.m. today at the Big Spring facility.

Several congressional officials who had seen Principi's described the contents to the AP in advance.

The department undertook the restructuring two years ago to shift services to areas where veteran populations are increasing and to modernize outdated buildings

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and shed vacant space.

Under the plan, the VA expects to reduce costs for maintaining vacant space from \$3.4 billion to \$750 million by 2022 but projects spending \$6 billion on new construction during that time.

A draft plan last summer that recommended closing seven hospitals drew opposition from local officials and veterans in those communities. An independent commission examined that plan and narrowed the list of closures.

After reviewing the commission recommendations, Principi decided to close three hospitals, in Pittsburgh; Brecksville, Ohio, and Gulfport, Miss. The hospitals must have a plan for closure by September. It was not immediately clear when they will shut their doors.

A fourth hospital, in Livermore, Calif., will have all its services the except long-term care lished there.

met with Principi on efficient.

Thursday were told the agency would not close or eliminate services at any other locations before new or replacement services are available elsewhere in the area.

The department will build new hospitals in Las Vegas and Orlando, Fla. The VA also wants to build new rehabilitation centers for the blind in Biloxi, Miss., and Long Beach, Calif., and place new spinal cord centers in Denver, Minneapolis, Syracuse or Albany, N.Y., and Little Rock, Ark.

Elsewhere in Texas, acute care services will be closed at Kerrville as soon as the VA contracts for care through a community contract or space is available in San Antonio. The VA will move the Brownsville community-based clinic to Harlingen.

Among the VA facilities that will lose services is hospital Canandaigua, N.Y. It had transferred elsewhere. been on the list to be However, a new VA nurs- closed, but Principi deciding home will be estab- ed instead to transfer inpatient psychiatric beds The VA plans to contin- to Buffalo or Syracuse ue studying ways to cut and ordered officials to costs. Representatives come up with a plan for from veterans groups who making the campus more

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C.G.A. announces scholarship tourney

The Chicano Golf Association announced a golf tournament that could help send your child to college. The scholarship tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, and Sunday May 16, at the Big Spring Golf Course. The tourna-ment will be a two-person scramble at a cost of \$75 per person. The two-day tournament will be flighted after the first day.

Mulligans will also be available on both days for \$5 apiece. There will also be free food for players and prizes on holes closest to the pin.

For more information, call Willie Mendoza at 267-7977 or Billy Pineda at 264-7116 (after 7 p.m.)

Big Spring Course can be reached throughout the day at 264-2366.

Co-ed softball tourney announced

A benefit co-ed softball tournament will take place at Comanche Trail Park Friday and Saturday, May 14-15.

The cost is \$115 per team and church league rules apply. Trophies and t-shirts will be awarded for first through third place.

For more information contact Frank at 432-213-0992 or Vanessa at 432-466-1541 (please leave a message).

Sweetwater Spring Classic date set

The Fourth Annual Sweetwater Spring Classic Basketball Tournament will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday May 14-16 in Sweetwater.

This is for boys and girls in age divisions from 10 and under through high school varsity. The cost is \$185 for a guaranteed three games.

For more information, Tournament contact Chairman Mike Hatley the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-658-6757 for entry forms.

Longhorns Ragball Tournament set

This first annual Longhorns Ragball Tournament will be held at Comanche Trail Park Saturday. The cost of the co-ed tournament is \$110 per team.

Contact Sally Grant at or 432-393-5237 or Mike Hilario at 432-267-6619 for more details.

Coahoma athletic banquet near

Coahoma's athletic banquet will take place Monday at 7 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria. The price is \$8 for adults and \$5 for elementary age and under. For more info, call 432-267-5328.

ON THE AIR

Corse's clutch hit gives Bulldogs game one win

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Gene Corse's two out two RBI single was all the Coahoma Bulldogs needed Thursday to come from behind and defeat New Deal in a best of three playoff series at Moffett Field in Snyder. Corse's hit, which happened in the top half of the sixth inning, put Coahoma up 4-2 and the Bulldogs held on to win by that margin.

"That was huge," said Coach Brad Harmon. "He is a clutch hitter and I couldn't be more proud of him."

Prior to that inning the Bulldogs had scored only one run and connected on just four hits.

"We didn't play well at times," said Harmon, "but the kids did what they had to to bring the momentum to our side."

New Deal got on the board early and scored its first run in the first inning, but Coahoma (11-10) countered in the third to tie the game. However, New Deal responded in the its half of the fourth to regain the one-run lead.

The fifth inning brought much controversy to the

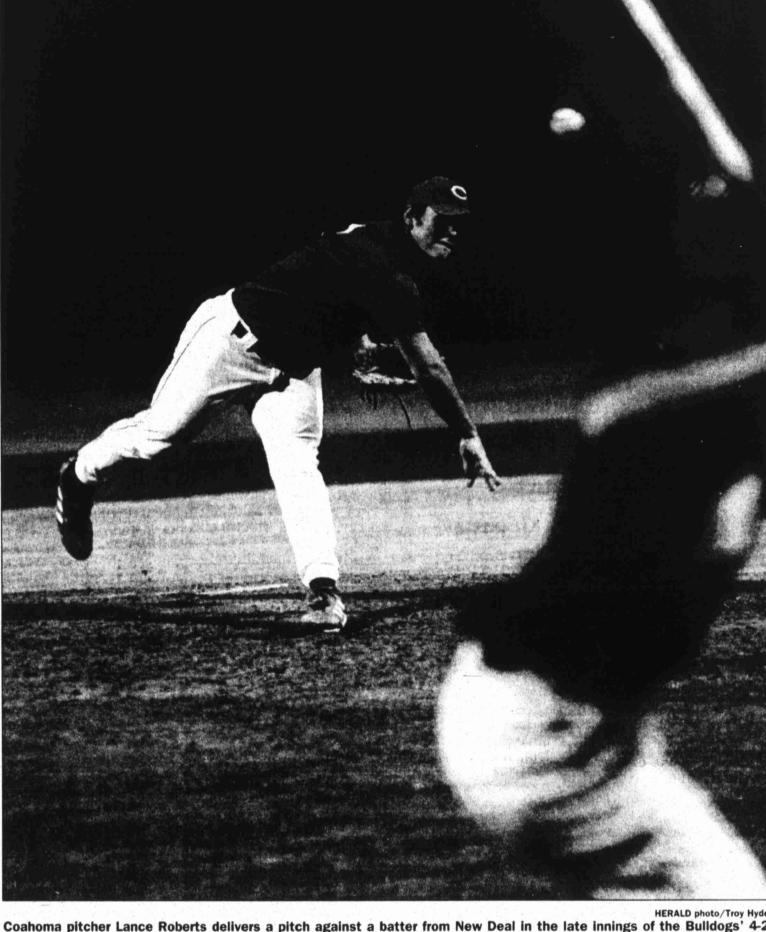
table. . Coahoma put two runners on base with only one out, but after a suspect double play, the Bulldogs threat was ended. Coahoma's first runner was called out at second and, after sliding through the bag, was called for interference. The interference call then lead to the batter being automatically called out.

After first disagreeing with the call, Harmon changed his mind after the game.

"Give the umpires credit," said Harmon. "They made the interference call, discussed it with each other and then backed it up with a rule. It was the right call."

The call, however, seemed to fire up Coahoma.

Senior Kelby Kemper started off the sixth inning with an infield single and then he stole second on the very next pitch. Then Kemper reached third base after a fielder's choice groundout was made by New Deal. After that, a wild pitch thrown by New Deal's pitcher allowed Kemper to cross the plate and tie



Coahoma pitcher Lance Roberts delivers a pitch against a batter from New Deal in the late innings of the Bulldogs' 4-2 playoff victory at Moffett Field in Snyder Thursday. Roberts got the win on the mound for Coahoma. Game two of the best of three series will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. in Snyder. Game three, if needed, will immediately follow game two.

The next two batters two games." walked for Coahoma and then advanced to second and third after a passed ball got by the New Deal catcher.

Corse, a junior, then

delivered the clutch hit. "It is good to get the first one and to be able to take some pressure off the kids," said Harmon, "but it is far from over. If we don't come ready to play Saturday we'll be playing

New Deal threatened in the sixth inning, but two great defensive plays by Coahoma ended any comeback New Deal might have been cooking

Two straight singles put runners on first and second for New Deal. The first great play occurred after junior catcher Adrian Abrego threw out a New Deal runner trying

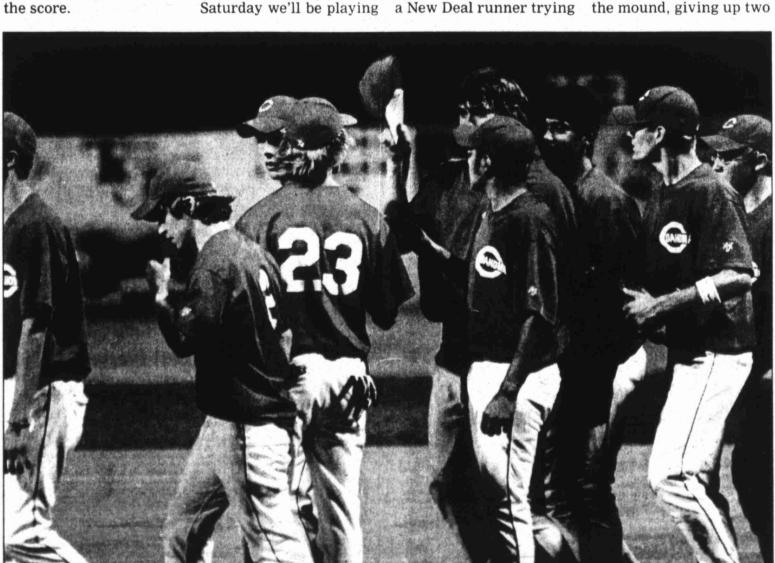
to steal third base. Then, runs on just six hits. junior pitcher Lance Roberts and Kemper combined to make a great pick-off play at second base for the final out of

the inning. "We work on that play a lot in practice," said Harmon of the pick-off. "That particular play was called by Kelby and it worked in our favor."

Roberts got the win on

The Bulldogs offense recorded seven hits and committed one error.

The win for Coahoma puts the Bulldogs in good shape for game two and, if needed, game three scheduled for Saturday. The first game will begin at 1 p.m. in Snyder. If New Deal can win game two, then the deciding game three will follow immediately after.



Members of the Coahoma baseball team get prepared to shake hands with New Deal after the Buildogs' recorded a 4-2 win Thursday in a best two out of three series in Snyder at Moffett Field. Game two of the series will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. in Snyder.

Weekend Playoff Schedule

Friday:

Lady Steers (30-4-1) vs. El Paso Irvin @ Alpine, 6 p.m.

Bulldogettes (13-12) vs. Grape Creek @MUGGS Field in Midland, 6 p.m.

Saturday:

*Game Two: Bulldogs (11-10) vs. New Deal @Moffett Field in Snyder, 1 p.m.

*Game Three: Bulldogs (11-10) vs. New Deal @Moffett Field in Snyder, 3:30 p.m. (only if necessary)

*Coahoma leads the best of three series 1-0.

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Former BSHS graduate Amy Sanghavi just recently ran In the Long Island Marathon in New York. The 24-yearold Sanghavi, who now resides in Brooklyn, New York, finished 381st overall among all men and women. She ran the 26.2 mile race in just over four hours and 36 minutes. Michael Nehr of West Babylon, New York won the race in just over two hours and 34 minutes. Jessica Allen of Ouogue, New York was the first female across the line and 15th overall. Sanghavi graduated from Big Spring in 1996. She is currently attending medical school in the New York area.

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Rangers season isn't a fluke

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON (AP) -The surprising success of the Texas Rangers raises an intriguing question: Is their 18-10 start merely good luck or could it really be the start of something big?

There has to be a good answer because what's happening just doesn't seem to make sense.

This is a team coming off four straight last-place finishes that spent the offseason replacing potential Hall of Famers Alex Rodriguez, Rafael Palmeiro and Juan with Gonzalez selfdescribed "grinders" Jordan, Brian Brad David Fullmer and Dellucci.

Their rotation is headed by a 39-year-old lefty and a right-hander missing a ligament in his pitching arm. They have a reliever who's been out of the majors since 2000.

Yet, so far, it's working. The Rangers went into an off-day Thursday tied with Anaheim for the best record in baseball.

"They've got a nice club," said Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella, whose team lost two of three to Texas this week. "They play with a lot of energy. It's fun watching them."

Having meaningful games in May sounds silly, but it's progress for a franchise that's been stuck at the bottom of the AL West for good by this point in each of the last four seasons.

As bad as those teams were, all had stretches in which they won at least 18 of 28 games, as this year's club has done. The difference is the timing.

Those clubs did so after they were out of contention, so all their spurts did were avoid 100 losses. By opening this season on a roll, Texas is building confidence and winning back many of the fans alienated by the offseason hits and total bases. And chemistry. A-Rod saga.

"We'll see where it takes us," manager Buck Showalter said.

The most encouraging sign is how the Rangers are winning: with quality pitching, sound defense and timely hitting.

They have a 4.08 ERA. second-best in the AL, quite a feat after having a majors-worst 5.67 ERA last season.

Only Oakland's vaunted rotation has thrown more innings than Texas' starters, which has made the bullpen more effec-

The Rangers are tied for the most saves in the AL and they've lost only one game when leading after the sixth inning. Texas also has turned

the most double plays in the majors and is near the bottom in errors.

That's tremendous considering shortstop Michael Young is moving from second base and second baseman Alfonso Soriano has long been considered a defensive liability.

At the plate, the Rangers no longer wait for A-Rod, Juando or Raffy to put a ball into the bleachers. They've returned to NL-style fundamentals like quality atbats and aggressive baserunning.

The result: A .308 average that's 21 points higher than any other team in the majors with the most

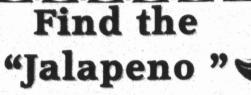
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team's success, it's their just having fun."

Showalter said teams can win without it, but "We knew we had to he's never seen a losing find a way to score runs team that enjoys being better," said Young, who around each other as

"We've got a good mix of young guys and veter-If there's a secret to the ans," Jordan said. "We're





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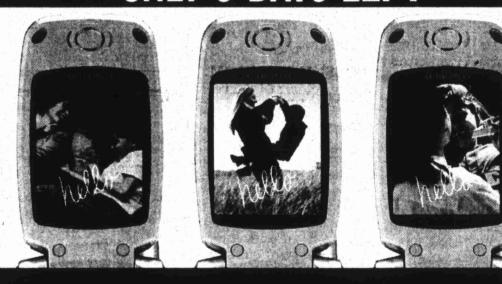
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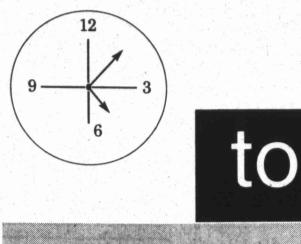
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ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 62 degrees; 6.2' low; Black bass to 10 pounds are good on live bait, dark jigs, watermelon red flake soft plastics, and shad-colored spinnerbaits near structure. Spawning bass fair off secondary points in clear water at 15 - 25 ft. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water clearing; 65 degrees; 11.2' low; Black bass are fair on crankbaits and spinnerbaits near shallow rocky areas. Crappie are fair on minnows near derricks and east side bridge areas. White bass are fair on shad-colored crankbaits off windy, rocky points. Blue catfish are good on shad and large sniners in shallows in the upper end. Due to low water conditions, the only usable boat ramp is West Arrowhead Park.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 67 degrees; 4' low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 66 degrees; 16' low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 66 degrees; 17.4' low; Black bass are good on live bait, and soft plastics in greens and chartreuse near structure. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striper are good on live bait. Catfish are good on live bait and prepared baits.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are good. Catfish are fair on live bait and prepared baits.



Clemens moves into second all-time

HOUSTON (AP) -Roger Clemens moved past Steve Carlton for second place on the career strikeout list with his 4.137th on Wednesday night.

Clemens struck out Raul Mondesi swinging in the fifth inning of the Houston Astros' game against the Pittsburgh Pirates to pass the Hall of

Fame left-hander.

The crowd at Minute Maid Park gave Clemens a long standing ovation after he fired the 89 mph split-fingered pitch past Mondesi.

Clemens briefly acknowledged the cheers by tipping his cap to the fans.

Soon after, Clemens added No. 4,138 by getting

similar a pitch.

The six-time Cy Young Award winner entered the game 5-0 and was trying to become the first six-game winner in the majors.

Chili Davis leads the list

Craig Wilson swinging at of Clemens' favorite strikeout victims with 302 Jose Canseco is second with 25.

The Rockets has also struck out eight Hall of Famers, including Robin Yount, Paul Molitor and Carlton Fisk.

Parcells reunites with old baseball friends at ballpark ARLINGTON, (AP) days with the New York

Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells is an avid baseball fan with many friends in the game.

He visited two of them Wednesday, catching up with Devil Rays manager Lou Piniella and Rangers manager Buck Showalter before their teams faced each other.

Parcells spent time in both clubhouses before batting practice, then ning." hung out around the both teams were taking cuts.

He didn't stay for the game.

"I like talking football with him and he wants me," Piniella said.

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Their kids even went to high school together. remained They've friends wherever they've worked.

"He's a detail guy," Piniella said. "He's very thorough and he's a winner. You can see he enjoys what he's doing. I know one thing about him: he enjoys win-

Among the things cage while players from Parcells and Piniella discussed were the three former pro baseball players on the Cowboys' roster, all of them quarterbacks.

Quincy Carter was a to talk baseball with minor league outfielder for the Cubs, Chad Parcells coached in Hutchinson pitched in

Recently acquired flamed out as a third He knows Piniella baseman in the minors the Yankees, although he did play Jersey during Parcells' eight big-league games.



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zodiac, gives e s t aggressive energy to our emotions, which are Cancer's domain. ARIES



Joyce Jillson

(March 21-April 19). You may find yourself in a shy mood that's very uncharacteristic of you. If you stay quiet to keep from being judged. Give that up, and your usual sparkle comes right back.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Although study and travel can provide benefits, you might feel like staying home. Political players need you on their side. A love from the past tries to win you back.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Cast your line, and see what bites today. Some of the most far-out ideas can be gold mines. You'll get the call back that you need to attract some special attention around work.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're very quick now, practically learning by osmosis. Unpleasant people and difficult business associates come into the picture -- an opportunity to show your class! You can actually turn a situation totally bad around!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). With a strong agenda, you can accomplish quite a lot. Without one, you're floundering today. Don't spend major time on minor things! A new organizational system will help you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're ahead of your time! People in your position must be ready to explain over and over again until the others catch on. Your quiet confidence and patience are valuable assets that others do appreciate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A family obligation is clarified with a conversation. (You'll probably be asked to lend something, and it would be wise to say "no.") New friendships are the way to new romances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You keep imagining your day if you didn't have to do that one thing! You don't believe it now, but it is possible to do the one thing seven times faster. Figure out how. Hint: There are people out there already doing it! Ask them!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You could have a rude awakening this morning - write down those dreams! There's key information in your subconscious. To get yourself into a lucky frame of mind, be a fabulous tipper.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll help a friend, and a friend will help you. It's better if no money exchanges hands between pals, though. There's sexy energy on the social front. A Cancer figures prominently.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've got charisma -- use it wisely. Share your vision with your "soldiers," and come up with a battle plan. Financial prospects need more research. Bear in mind that popular decisions may not make you happy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What is best for you is laid out by the most unlikely person. Keep your eyes open. A close platonic friendship is verging on romance -today, it could make the

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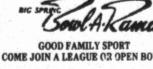
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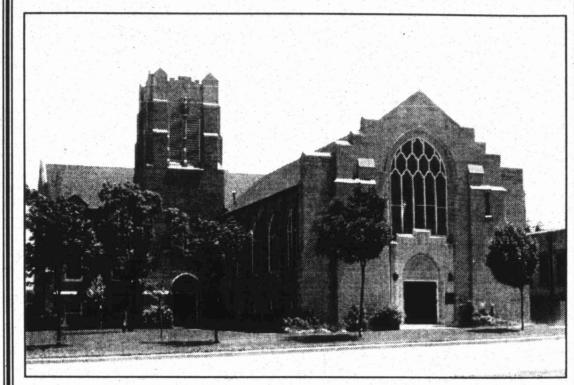


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Friday, May 7, 2

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Golf Unsider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

A steady chip without the flip

By T.J. TOMASI Universal Press Syndicate

he most common error amateurs make while chipping is flipping the club head past their hands. This error leads to a myriad bad results, including skulls, fat shots, sky balls and spinners.

In the photos here, PGA teaching professional John Callahan demonstrates the do's and don'ts of chipping. Compare the first photo, where John's body is frozen as he attempts to scoop the ball off the ground and his left wrist collapses, with the proper finish demonstrated in the second photo, where John has rotated to his finish in a rhythmic, synchronized motion.

Note that when the chip is executed correctly, John's hips, shoulders and even his nose face the target while his right hand retains its cup. You can tell there was no independent hand motion in this shot because his hands and the club head are the same height at the finish. It's done using "dead hands" and enough grip pressure to keep the handle of the club in the same position (relative to the upper body) throughout

To stop the flip, you must quiet your hands. Imagine your hands are clamps, not for crushing but for securing the club so it can respond to the gentle rotation of your chest and the swinging of your arms without any self-hinging.

To feel this synchronized motion, use a drill suggested by shot game specialist David Pelz: Put both hands on your hips (thumbs toward the front) and squeeze your elbows toward each other to fuse your upper and lower body.

Keeping your weight centered in your front hip, pivot back and through so you finish facing the target with all your weight on the front foot and just the toes of the back foot on the ground for balance. Do this as many times as it takes for you to feel the synchroniza-

This motion allows you to control the distance of your shots by simply changing the length of your swing. You need not use your hands or wrists for power.

Not par for the course



Jim Caviezel's portrayal of Bobby Jones in the movie "Stroke of Genius," isn't likely to create a demand for the loose fitting, cut-off pants "plus fours."

Jones' real life more inspiring than movie

Cox News Service

Beach, Fla.

efore a recent preview screening of "Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius," Tim Ware, who plays a minor role in the movie; talked about getting to know the legendary golfer while growing up across the street from Jones' house in Atlanta.

At one point, Ware's eyes began to well with tears.

West Palm

I expected to be similarly moved by the new, long-awaited movie about Jones, because I, too. have misted up more than once just reading about the golfer and his battle with the mysterious disease syringomyelia.

Jones has long been my favorite sports figure, but not because of his accomplishments on the golf course. I admired him for his sportsmanship, for his academic achievements (he earned degrees in mechanical engineering and literature and passed the bar after a year at law school), for his intelligence and sharp wit. But most of all I admired him for the grace

and courage with which he handled syringomyelia, the debilitating disease that robbed him first of his golf, then of his ability to stand and walk, and finally of his life.

Unfortunately, "Stroke of Genius"

leaves that part out. It ends 12 years before the diagnosis, when the disease is mysterious and sometimes painful but not yet overwhelming. What is left is a **MATTHEWS** portrayal of a superior athlete and the obstacles he overcomes to achieve greatness.

It's (mostly) a true story, just not one that moved me to tears or any other strong emo-

Although it's "a sweet story," says Sid Matthew, author of several works on the golfer, "it's just not the best that could possibly have been made on Jones.'

Matthew makes another good point. "The reality is better." So hopefully the result of "Stroke of Genius" will be to expose Jones to people who don't already know his story. Then they should run — not walk — to the bookstore or library and devour everything written about or by Jones.

They'll find it's a heck of a good story.

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'Plus fours' unlikely to catch on as trend

By A. SCOTT WALTON Cox News Service

Atlanta olfers who dress to play like Bobby Jones did J during his historic grand slam freely admit that wearing knickerslike plus fours does nothing to improve their

Still, plus fours aficionados - few and far between as they are along the fairways - think the antiquated style of golfwear could definitely improve the game, as it's played now.

For many recreational golfers, the authenticated costumes worn in the new Bobby Jones biopic, "Stroke of Genius," is a first glimpse at the garb Depression-era duffers wore. Back then — before Jones' puristic approach helped give pro golf respectability men honored the sport's principles by dressing their best. For others, it's a sign of how things should be.

"When I put the knickers on, feel like it's time to go to work," said Champions Tour pro James Mason.

The 53-year-old, who calls the Sky Valley golf resort in Dillard, Ga. home, has sported plus fours for 20 years and said he does so "for appearance and tradition."

Plus fours — loosely tailored slacks cut 4 inches below the knee — were introduced to America by Britain's Prince of Wales during his diplomatic trip here in 1924. And while they're rare as hen's teeth on tournament telecasts these days, plus fours have then

modern-day disciples, private plane crash in 1999, twotime U.S. Open winner Payne Stewart distinguished himself with his wardrobe of custom plus fours, argyle socks and tam-o'-shanter caps. And the affable Billy Casper raised the plus-four specter during the early '80s twilight of his career

Photogenic PGA players such as Jesper Parnevik and Charles Howell III - with their stovepipe, pastel pants and jaunty shirt-sweater combinations - may signal renewed interest in turning heads on the tee box.

But as for the masses, said the general manager of Bobby Jones' home course, East Lake Country Club outside Atlanta, that's about as far as golfers will reach in the dress-toimpress department.

By CURTIS BUNN

flair for the dramatic.

majors in 2004.

nnika Sorenstam had this

plan in her head that she

kept from the public, an

ambition that speaks to the confi-

that she might have retired at the

dence she has in her ability and her

Sorenstam, 34, admitted recently

end of the year had she won all four

"Maybe that's a little greedy," she

said. "But that would have been it."

A loss in the year's first major,

March, rendered the plan obsolete,

but it has not lessened the resolve of

the Nabisco Championship in

Cox News Service

Asked if he thought "Stroke

Atlanta



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Jesper Parnevik is one of the PGA players who may signal renewed interest in turning heads with his fashion on the golf course.

of Genius" could potentially spark a plus four-wearing renaissance, East Lake General Manager Rick Burton huffed, "I don't think the movie will drive anyone to buy plus fours.

There's no shortage of custom-tailored, catalog or Web resources for plus fours. Yet the sportswear brand Bobby Jones International doesn't make or market its namesake's look at all.

The brand's vice president of sales and marketing, Jim Leddy, owns a few pairs of plus fours, claims to look "stunning" in them and touts" their practicality.

Still, said Leddy, "We're a for-profit business.

What the plus fours market lacks in numbers, it compensates for with conviction.

Honorary East Lake member Sid Matthew - the foremost authority on all things Jones - stands out like the sorest thumb on that storied course because he's the only one who always plays it in plus fours.

"The No. 1 thing is they're

"There's plenty of space in



PGA TOUR: Wachovia Championship

Site: Charlotte, N.C.

Schedule: Today-Sunday.

· Course: Quail Hollow, Club (7,438 yards, par 72). Purse: \$5.6 million. Winner's share: \$1,008,000.

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LPGA TOUR: Michelob Ultra Open

· Site: Williamsburg, Va. · Schedule: Today-Sunday.

· Course: Kingsmill Golf Club, River Course (6,285 yards, par 71) Purse: \$2.2 million. Winner's share: \$330,000

· Television: ESPN (Friday-Saturday, 3-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-3 p.m.).

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· Site: Austin, Texas.

· Schedule: Friday-Sunday. · Course: The Hills Country Club (6,879 yards, par 72).

Purse: \$1.6 million. Winner's share: \$240,000.

• Television: The Golf Channel (Friday-Sunday, 5-7:30 p.m., 9-

11:30 p.m.).

Q: I'm a right-handed player who has a terrible time in the bunkers. I've had lessons in them, but nine times out of 10 I still skull the ball and send it zinging over the green. I can't seem to hit the sand first on a consistent basis. I'd appreciate any tip that may help. - Bill

R., from the Web A: You are probably "overcooking" the standard bunker advice to "start, swing and finish with your weight on your left foot." Too much of a good thing can be ruinous to a golf swing, especially in the sand, where, if

you slide ahead of the ball, your sand wedge skids into the belly of the ball.

Try this method, offered by Lee Trevino when he was playing in a pro-am with a partner who had the same problem as you do: Take a stance with your legs in the same position as if you were riding a horse, i.e., with your weight evenly distributed in the stirrups, knees bent and your legs "bowlegged" with pressure on the outside rims of both feet enough pressure to keep the knees separated. Now, as you swing, stay in this "bowlegged" position with no

movement of anything but your arms.

[majors]," she said. "It's going to be

season I've had It's a little frus-

trating. I've won three of four tour-

"But it makes you practice and

really appreciate what it takes to

tough. So far I'm happy with the

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three for the one [major].

win a major."

This tip works because it keeps you from sliding forward with your body and allows you to hit the sand behind the ball (about 2 inches), utilizing the "bounce" built into the club head - just what you want in the bunker.

It worked wonders for Lee's partner, and it may work for you too. But after you get the feel, be careful that you don't "overcook" this method or you'll be emailing me again to find out how to cure the "fat" bunker shot.

comfortable," said Matthew, a Tallahassee-based attorney who's written 10 books and produced three films about Jones' short, stellar career. them for people like me who've been blessed by their maker with ample quantities of avoir du pois. People with big butts, in other words. Sorenstam retired 'retirement' plan the tour's best player. Indeed, Sorenstam, who has won six major championships, took three weeks off from competitive play to "recharge my batteries," she said, so she can make a strong run the remaining three majors. She finished tied for 10th in last week's Chick-fil-A Charity Championship in Stockbridge, Ga. "I want to win the next three

When executed correctly

(bottom photo), John's hips, shoulders and even his nose face the target while his right hand retains its cup.

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Fill the gap

Years ago, when I purchased my first lie/loft machine, the standard loft for a 3iron was 23 degrees with a progression of 4 degrees difference between the clubs in the rest of the set, e.g., the 4-iron was 27 degrees, the 5-iron was 31, and so on.

Since then, the variance between clubs has remained about the same (4 degrees), but the standard lofts on today's clubs are stronger; for example, a 5-iron is 28 degrees - almost the equivalent of the 4iron of 1980.

Stronger lofts have led to an interesting dilemma when it comes to the morelofted clubs — the 9-iron and wedges. When you look in a golfer's bag today you'll often find a 9-iron with 44 degrees of loft, a pitching wedge of 48 degrees, a

sand wedge of 56 degrees and a lob wedge of 60 degrees. The eight degrees between the pitching wedge and the sand wedge translates into a 20-yard gap, using the stan-

dard 2.5 yards per degree of loft. A 20-yard gap in the 100-yard range might be OK for a pro who can adjust his or her swing, but it's too large for most golfers. I've actually seen players lay up to the 100yard marker because they see the tour pros do it on TV, and then they have no club in their bag to comfortably hit the shot.

To be on the safe side, ask your PGA professional to check the lofts of your clubs on a lie/loft machine. You may well need an aptly named "gap wedge" to round out your bag. They come in the 50- to 53-degrees-ofloft range to fill the gap. It may be the best purchase you make this season.

ASK THE PRO



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

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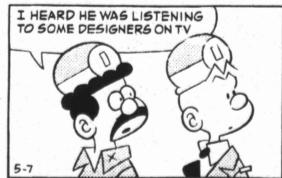


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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, May 7, the 128th day of 2004. There are 238 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On May 7, 1915, nearly 1,200 people died when a German torpedo sank the British liner Lusitania off the Irish coast.

On this date: In 1789, the first inaugural ball was held in New York in honor of President Mrs. George

In 1847, the American Medical Association was founded in Philadelphia.

Washington.

In 1939, Germany and Italy announced a military political alliance and known as the Rome-Berlin Axis.

In 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims, France. In 1954, 50 years ago, the

55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces. In 1963, the United States

launched the Telstar Two communications satellite. In 1975, President Ford

formally declared an end to the "Vietnam era." In Ho Chi Minh City _ formerly Saigon _ the Viet Cong celebrated its takeover.

In 1977, Seattle Slew won the Kentucky Derby, the first of its Triple Crown victories.

In 1984, a \$180 million outof-court settlement was announced in the Agent Orange class-action suit brought by Vietnam veterans who charged they'd suffered injury from exposure to the defoliant.

In 2002, Seattle Slew died in Lexington, Kentucky, at age 28.

Ten years ago: Norway's most famous painting, "The Scream" by Edvard Munch. was recovered almost three months after it was stolen from an Oslo museum. Go

For Gin won the 120th Kentucky Derby.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Darren McGavin is 82. Singer Teresa Brewer is 73. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairman Pete Domenici (R-N.M.) is 72. Singer Jimmy Ruffin is 65. Singer Johnny Maestro is 65. Actress Robin Strasser is 59. Singer-songwriter Bill Danoff is 58. Rock musician Bill Kreutzmann (The Dead) is 58. NBC newsman Tim Russert is 54. Actor Robert Hegyes is 53. Movie writer-director Heckerling is 50. Actor Michael E. Knight is 45. musician Campbell (Motorhead) is 43.



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 - - **DOWN** 1 SUV cousin
 - 2 Fleeing 3 Distraught
 - 4 Boy in a
 - Cash song
 - 5 Use a plow 6 Insignificant
 - 7 Mountain tree
 - 8 Train unit
 - 9 Stalemate

 - 10 '60s jacket style

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- perhaps
- 43 Leave-taking
- 49 Be empathic
- 41 Down

- 11 Unprincipled 12 Jai alai ball
- 13 Little Shop of Horrors
- character
- 19 Melodic
- passage 22 Aurora alias
- 25 Genetic 27 Trees with
- needlelike
- leaves
- 28 Fashion
- reporter Klensch
- 29 Tempe sch.
- 30 House
- 32 Steelmaking

- 56 Preppy jacket wreckers 58 Depend (on)
- need
- 35 Pretense

- 37 Come up short 38 Remove,
- offering __ Vegas as a hat 64 United
- 22 31 32 33 38 39 40 41 42
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