

FRIDAY

August 6, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY
TONIGHT 70°-71° TOMORROW 86°-88°

BRIEFLY

Doctor reception planned Tuesday

A reception honoring Dr. Aung M. Thein, board certified radiologist, will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center lobby. The public is invited; refreshments will be served.

Forsan All-Class Reunion slated

The Forsan School All-Class Reunion will be held Saturday in the Forsan High School cafeteria. All ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends of the school are invited. Dress is casual. Admission is \$15 per person, \$7.50 for students.

The reunion will begin at 9:30 a.m. with lunch to be served at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Boyce Hale at 432 267-6957 or e-mail txablo@yahoo.com

THIS WEEKEND



Community colleges are the core of higher education in small towns across America. More than 1,100 of the two-year schools educate more than half of the nation's undergraduates, providing students with practical and unique programs and accessible, affordable education.

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BSISD invites public to hear motivational speaker

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

While public school students are preparing for the first day of classes, the Big Spring Independent School District wants the entire community to get "school on the brain." To do that, Jamie Vollmer, a nationally-known motivational speaker, will give a community presentation Monday to encourage and challenge parents, businesses and educators to become an active partner in education.

"He is a phenomenal," said Superintendent Michael Downes. "He is a dynamo. He talks about building community support for public education. That's what he will do in the community." "I want to invite as many people as possible to come listen to a dynamic speaker," Downes continued. "He is one of the best presenters I've ever seen. He's done more than 3,500 presentations in the last 12 years." The event will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Big Spring

1:30-3 p.m.
Monday,
Big Spring
High School
Auditorium,
707 11th
Place.



High School Auditorium, 707 11th Place. See **SPEAKER**, Page 3A

"He's not an educator," Downes said. "He's a businessman. He has a knack for engaging not only educators but also engaging community members, parents and businesses from the standpoint that they have an important role as well for the education of the children and the community." Vollmer is a former attorney and in 1988 joined the Iowa Business and Education



A competitor in the United States Hang Gliding Association National Championships takes to the air Thursday at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. Robin Hamilton, a native of Great Britain currently living in Houston, has a slight lead over the top-ranked U.S. hang glider, Curt Warren of Venice, Calif., who is in second place.

Hang gliding competition heats up as championships near end

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With the fifth day of the United States Hang Gliding Association National Championships in the books, Big Spring is living up to its nickname among the pilots — the best little hang gliding site in Texas. USHGA event coordinator David Glover said the conditions for gliding have been very good thus far in the competition, and despite "softer" thermals compared to last year's championships, it's still the best "glide" around. "The meet is going fantastic so far," said Glover. "We've had four days out of four to fly, and one task has been over 90 miles. The conditions have really been excellent. We real-

"The conditions have really been excellent. We really like to see a few more clouds, but it's still working out really well for us."



ly like to see a few more clouds, but it's still working out really well for us. "The thermals this year are a little bit softer and not quite as strong as they usually are, but that's still OK. They're still better than most of the places that we fly." Glover said the addition of ham radio-driven global posi-

tioning satellite (GPS) devices being carried by some of the pilots has made it easier for the public to understand the "tasks" the pilots fly during the competition, and for the USHGA to track their progress. "If people want to get more information on the standings and what's going on out here, they can go to www.ozreport.com," said Glover. "The ham radio and Internet trackers are working really well. On most days we have three or four of them going, and on one day we had five going. It's a great way for us to be able to see where the leaders are so we know how the task is progressing. "We had hoped for slightly

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Corporations gave \$108,900 to Craddick PAC

AUSTIN (AP) — Friends and family of House Speaker Tom Craddick have raised \$108,900 in donations from corporations to aid a political committee designed to help the speaker.



Corporate and union money is banned from political campaigns in Texas, but state law allows such money to be used to pay the administrative costs such as office rent, phones and accountants of a political action committee. The committee, Stars Over Texas PAC, has raised \$33,250 from individual donors but has garnered three times that amount from corporations including a \$100,000 check from AT&T, according to state filings.

"In Texas, you look for the opportunities to support organizations and individuals that are helpful to you, or supportive of you, or could be supportive of you."

Tracy King,
AT&T spokesperson

The committee's fund raising comes as the activities of another Republican political action committee — Texans for a Republican Majority — is under investigation for how it spent corporate contributions. A GOP spokesman said there is no reason for concern.

"With the unprecedented level of scrutiny from Democratic prosecutors, Democratic organizations and the press, the Stars Over Texas PAC will adhere to the highest standards of legal and ethical activities," GOP consultant Ray Sullivan said in Thursday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

Fred Lewis, director of Campaigns for People, said six-figure donations from corporations raise concern

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Arrest leads to demands of changes in detention

WASHINGTON (AP) — The arrest at a Texas airport of a woman with an altered passport and muddy clothes has led some members of Congress to demand the Department of Homeland Security detain all non-Mexican immigrants caught entering the country illegally. The lawmakers contend terrorists could be among the thousands of non-Mexican immigrants who are arrested then released into the country on their own recognition while they await deportation hearings. But before releasing a detainee, officers are required to confirm the



This bee hive was removed at Coahoma High School Monday after maintenance workers from Hester's Mechanical Contractors Inc. found it in the attic near the principal's office. The gallons of honey collected from this hive will be strained and bottled and some of the sweetness will be returned to the school district.

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Maintenance workers remove bee hive from Coahoma High School

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — On the menu for Coahoma Independent School District lunches — honey. Workers servicing an air conditioning unit at Coahoma High School Monday discovered a literal hive of activity in the attic near the principal's office. "They we're performing some maintenance work in an area that's hardly used when they found a hive of bees," said Superintendent Dr. Bill Kingston. According to district maintenance worker Lanny King, when he and workers from Hester's Mechanical Contractors

Inc. noticed the industrious insects swarming around a hive measuring about 4 feet by 4 feet, their initial reaction was, "to get out of the attic." Hester's workers then began the task of scrapping off the hive, honey and all, and removing the bees that showed no sign of aggression. "They were pretty tame," said B. Cortez, a worker for Hester who noted the hive was between two and four years old. "The hotter it gets the more aggressive they get so we stopped (Monday) and came back about 7:30 p.m. to put them in a box until we got the queen."

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Support groups

FRIDAY
 □ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8-9 p.m.

SATURDAY
 □ Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

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

MONDAY
 □ All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. Call 398-5522 for more information.

TUESDAY
 □ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY
 □ Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

Police blotter

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

- **LORI LYNN CASSTEVENS**, 25, of 3006 Sherman Road, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.
- **TIMOTHY NEIL ACCUFF**, 21, of 1201 Sycamore, was arrested Friday on a charge of failure to identify.
- **KALLEE MICHEL RADLOFF**, 18, of 1411 Sycamore, was arrested Friday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 100 block of 18th Street.
 - in the 500 block of FM 700.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 900 block of Willia.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1600 block of Wren.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1600 block of Stadium.

Sheriff's report

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

- **JOSE DELAROSA RODRIGUEZ**, 18, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **WILLIAM WESLEY HALE JR.**, 35, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **ERNEST TAGGART JR.**, 31, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **JONATHON CHAAZ RUBIO**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of racing on highway.
- **GALEN THOMAS LITTLE**, 53, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- **SACIEL L. BRITO**, 48, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of assault - family violence, criminal mischief and terroristic threat of a family/household.

Take note

□ **A SENIOR CITIZEN DRIVER SAFETY COURSE** is set for Aug. 12-13 from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. A \$10 fee for books is charged. Call the Spring City Senior Center at 268-1628 to register.

□ **KENTWOOD ELEMENTARY MEET THE TEACHER** from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 12. The Parent/Teacher Organization will serve refreshments and sell school supplied and T-shirts.

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

□ **DEADLINE FOR THE SENIOR CIRCLE TRIP TO SHREVEPORT, LA.** is Aug. 10. Openings are available. Cost is \$225 per person. Call Senior Circle at 268-4721.

□ **A FUND FOR CLAY "GOONIE" VICKERS** to help with expenses for life-threatening surgery has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union, 264-2600. He is a 2003 graduate of Forsan High School and a Howard College theater student.

□ **FORSAN ALL-SCHOOL REUNION** begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday with lunch set for 12:30 p.m. in the Forsan High School cafeteria. Open to all ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends. The dress is casual and cost is \$15 per person or \$7.50 for students. Contact Boyce Hale at 267-6957.

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

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

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

□ **ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED.** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

□ **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989** 15-year reunion is set for Oct. 8-9. For information or to update your name or mailing address, contact Christy Alexander at 972-567-8037 or Shanette Johnson at 972-874-9308.

□ **THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1994** 10-year reunion is set for October 8-9. For more information, or to update name or mailing address, please call Kendra Carey Willingham at 1-888-820-4911 pin No. 6414 or e-mail BigSpringReunion94@yahoo.com.

□ **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

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

□ **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

□ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

□ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

□ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

□ **A FUND HAS BEEN** established at the First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, to help with the medical expenses of 30-year-old Misty McCullum Wilson, who was diagnosed with cancer. Wilson, who went to Coahoma High School before moving to Lubbock, requires radiation treatments expected to cost \$10,000 per visit.

Bulletin board

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

FRIDAY
 • Statewide tax free weekend begins.
 • **AMBUCS** meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
 • Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 • 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
 • Statewide tax-free weekend continues.
 • Forsan School All-Class Reunion begins at 9:30 a.m. with lunch set for 12:30 p.m. in the Forsan High School cafeteria. Open to all ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends. The dress is casual and cost is \$15 per person or \$7.50 for students. Contact Boyce Hale at 267-6957.
 • Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
 • Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

SUNDAY
 • Statewide tax-free weekend ends at midnight.
 • Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between 3 p.m. and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.

MONDAY
 • Community Awareness meeting to announce the expansion of the Howard County Chaplaincy Program and to recruit volunteers to support various aspects of the Chaplaincy Program at 5:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center.
 • 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.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 13-20-30-31. Bonus Ball: 19.
 Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
 Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$325,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 1-2-3-7-30.
 Number matching five of five: none.
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-6-7

Weather

Tonight - Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Low 71. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Saturday - Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms possible. High 87. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Saturday night - Isolated thunderstorms during the evening, then partly cloudy overnight. Low around 70. Winds ESE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Sunday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Monday - A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Tuesday - A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

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Man says wife must have been insane at time of killings

McKINNEY (AP) — A Plano woman described as a devoted mother had to have been insane when she drowned her two daughters last fall, her husband told jurors.

Angel Diaz said Thursday that his wife would never harm her children out of spite — the argument submitted by prosecutors.

"If Lisa had been in her right mind," Diaz testified, "this would never have happened."

Lisa Ann Diaz, 33, has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity in the deaths of daughters Kamryn, 3, and Briana, 5, in the family's home last September. If convicted, she faces a mandatory life prison sentence.

Angel Diaz called police minutes after coming home from work to find the two girls naked on a bed in his three-bedroom house. He testified that he found his wife in the garage "rather pale, and a glazed look on her face."

Aviation experts say small planes are still safe

FORT WORTH (AP) — Despite a rash of fatal general aviation crashes in Texas this week, small planes are still considered safe, industry officials say.

Thirteen people have died in four small-plane crashes in Texas since Sunday, and five Texans were killed when their single-engine plane crashed Monday in Missouri.

But the number and rate of crashes nationwide has decreased the past decade even as pilots of small planes are flying more hours each year, according to National Transportation Safety Board statistics.

"It is still a very safe method of transportation," Chris Dancy, spokesman for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, said today. "Statistically, it is unusual to have so many accidents in such a short period of time in such a relatively small geographical area."

Last year there were 1,732 small-plane crashes nationwide, or about 6.7 accidents per 100,000 hours of flying, according to NTSB data.

SPEAKER

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Roundtable where he later served as director.

According to his Web site, Vollmer was once a harsh critic of public schools but now champions the schools by "helping districts building pro-

fessional morale and increase community support."

Downes said he hopes the hour-and-a-half presentation will foster a stronger relationship between the school district and the community.

"I think we do have a positive relationship but he will enhance what we

are already doing," Downes explained.

For more information about Vollmer, visit the Web site at www.jamievollmer.com

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GLIDING

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less wind, which is what Big Spring usually gets around this time of the year, but with the stronger winds, most of the goal fields that the pilots are flying to are outside of Big Spring."

Glover said the competition will wrap up with an

awards ceremony on Saturday, as the USHGA prepares to "crown" a national champion.

"Friday and Saturday are the last two days in the championships," said Glover, "and we'll be holding our award ceremony Saturday. That's when we'll crown our national champion."

"Right now, Robin Hamilton, who lives in Houston and works for

Shell, is winning the competition. He's actually from Great Britain. It's still a very close championship, however, as Curt Warren of Venice, Calif., who is the top-ranked U.S. pilot, is really close on his heels."

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SECURITY

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migrant's identity and run a background check to ensure the immigrant doesn't pose a safety risk or threats to national security, immigration officials said.

Farida Goolam Mohamed Ahmed, 48, tried to board a flight in McAllen, Texas, near the U.S.-Mexico border, on July 19 with a passport missing three double-sided pages. She arrived in Mexico from London, then crossed into the United States, apparently by wading across the Rio

Grande, a federal affidavit said.

She was charged with illegal entry into the United States, falsifying information and falsifying a passport. She is being held by federal authorities who are investigating whether she has any links to terror activities or groups.

BEES

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Once her majesty was caught, Cortez, who has previous experience removing hives, said the drones followed into the box. But before then, clean up had to be done.

"What the bees are doing now is cleaning up all the excess honey," Cortez said, describing the activity of the bees as they swarmed the wall. "We had some honey on the ladder we used to get to the hive and if we'd left out the ladder, it would have been cleaned off. When they get done, it

will not look like anything was spilt."

Since the bees didn't show any aggression, Terry Kessler, owner of Hester's Mechanical, said they will not face certain doom and instead will receive a new home at a field behind the business located on Highway 350.

Kessler and his son, Clinton, who have researched the beekeeping profession, have a small collection of unwanted bee hives they've collected from area houses and businesses.

The gallons of honey collected from this latest hive will be strained and bottled and some of the

sweetness will be returned to the district, Kessler said.

Hundreds of bee stings were the cause of death for a Howard County man on July 27. Johnny Darden was attempting to remove a hive at a residence on Midway Road when bees swarmed him. Those bees were sent to Texas A&M University by the Howard County Sheriff's Department to determine if they were Africanized.

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CRADDICK

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because companies often use large donations to gain access and influence. Campaigns for People advocates for campaign finance reform.

The donation might seem "a tiny amount of money to gargantuan companies, but to a political process it's huge — \$100,000 is nothing to AT&T, but it's a lot of money in our state House races. The question is, what is AT&T getting for its money?" Lewis said.

Tracy King, a government relations specialist with AT&T, said the reasoning behind the donation was a way to be helpful to "the agenda makers and dialogue makers."

"In Texas, you look for the opportunities to support organizations and individuals that are helpful to you, or supportive of you, or could be supportive of you," she said. King said it's difficult for competitors like AT&T to "get a seat at the table" in shaping telecommunications policy in the

home state of SBC.

The Stars Over Texas PAC was formed in December with the goal of donating to Republican legislative candidates who will support Craddick's leadership in the House.

Dallas businessman Bill Ceverha has been serving as treasurer for the PAC. Ceverha also was the treasurer for TRMPAC, the group that has been the subject of the Travis County grand jury investigation for how it spent \$600,000 in corporate contributions.

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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:

Joyce Crooker, Judy Little and Jo Ann Staulcup for their ongoing efforts in renovating the Spring City Senior Center.

Dick Dubose, on his retirement after 30 years with the Big Spring Fire Department.

Carroll Choate, Logan Churchwell and Tommy Churchwell, who took it upon themselves to get the pump at the Comanche Trail Park spring going again, and their challenge to other individuals, groups and businesses to take the initiative to improve Big Spring.

The city of Big Spring and the Convention & Visitors Bureau for their efforts to make our business community more friendly through efforts such as this week's hospitality seminar.

Mark Gentry, who served our city so well over the past seven years as executive director of the Big Spring Housing Authority.

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:

I am so happy that the U.S. Hang Gliding Championships have returned to Big Spring. Last year they were plagued by local thieves.

Thieves beware. I hope that everyone is on the lookout for any suspicious behavior while the hang gliders are here and will report it to the police.

We all hear, "There is nothing to do in Big Spring." Then something

unusual and fun comes to town. Go see the hang gliders take off and land. Tell them how happy you are to see them return to town.

Then keep an eye out when driving around the airport, motels and restaurants. Please be on the lookout for local criminals. We can help prevent crime.

Carol L. Smith
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You alone, Lord, can change our out-look into the Heavenly in-look we need for eternity.

Amen

Kerry's Vietnam experience: Genuine or Bunko?

"I'm John Kerry, and I'm reporting for duty." It was the most memorable line from John Kerry's acceptance speech last week at the Democratic National Convention. But Kerry's insistence on making his four-month tour of duty in Vietnam the centerpiece of his campaign could backfire as Americans learn more about what he did in that country and, more importantly, what he did when he returned home.



LINDA CHAVEZ

To hear the Kerry campaign tell it, the men who served with Kerry universally consider him a genuine war hero who would make a fine commander in chief. The campaign trumpets testimonials from a group of fellow officers and sailors who served in Vietnam when Kerry was there and, most memorably, an emotional endorsement from Jim Rassman, the man Kerry saved when he went back to rescue the wounded Green Beret, taking enemy fire as he jumped into the water.

But most of the officers who served with Kerry have not endorsed him and resent their images being used to tout the candidate. In one famous photo, which Kerry has used on his Website and campaign literature, the young Kerry is pictured with 19 other Swift boat officers in charge of Coastal Division 11. But only one of the 23 officers who served with Kerry in Coastal

Division 11 has actually endorsed Kerry. Indeed the overwhelming majority of other officers who served in his unit at the time have opposed his candidacy for U.S. president, including every single officer under whom Kerry served in Vietnam. Some of Kerry's fellow officers have formed an organization called Swift Boat Veterans for Truth.

During the convention, controversy swirled among some veterans over footage used in Kerry's biographical film introducing him to the convention and the nation. Some of it was amateur footage supplied by the candidate himself. The Kerry campaign admits that the candidate lugged an 8mm camera around Vietnam, shooting footage of areas along the Mekong Delta where his boat encountered various attacks, but claims it was common for sailors to do so.

I own a late '60s vintage 8mm camera, which is nothing like today's tiny video cams. It weighs several pounds and is cumbersome to operate. I can't imagine carrying it aboard a boat in dangerous territory in order to shoot travelogues, but apparently Kerry thought the films would come in handy someday. Indeed, he may have planned to use the footage in his run for Congress when he returned from the Vietnam War — before he decided that playing the war hero wouldn't sell as well as playing the war protester in the liberal Massachusetts district in which he chose to run.

But what Kerry did in Vietnam is not the real issue. It's what he did when he came back to the safety of U.S. shores that rankles

so many who served this country. John Kerry lied about what he had seen in Vietnam and impugned the integrity of everyone who had served with him. Kerry testified before Congress on April 22, 1971, that his fellow sailors and soldiers had "raped, cut off ears, cut off heads, taped wires from portable telephones to human genitals and turned up the power, cut off limbs, blown up bodies, randomly shot at civilians, razed villages in a fashion reminiscent of Genghis Khan, shot cattle and dogs for fun, poisoned food stocks and generally ravaged the countryside of Vietnam. ... " A few days later, Kerry went on "Meet the Press" saying that he, personally, had "committed atrocities" in Vietnam, as well as accusing other American servicemen — the men he now refers to as his "band of brothers" — of doing the same.

Kerry doesn't like to talk about these gross fabrications now, hoping that people will remember only the stories of his own heroism, not his attacks on the honor of the men who served with him in Vietnam. But for many of those who remember Kerry's bitter and false statements, he will never be fit to become commander-in-chief.

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They should have picked Dean

At the Democratic National Convention, the gulf between rhetoric and reality was breathtaking.

John Kerry and his surrogates spent the week telling America that if Kerry and John Edwards are elected, America will not go to war, as the script reads, "because we want to, we only go to war because we have to."

But Sens. Kerry and Edwards did not have to vote in favor of the resolution authorizing the use of force in Iraq. Yet they did. They say they were misled — which suggests that they now think America didn't have to go to war. Why should Americans listen to them now?

Bottom line: The Democratic Party did not have to nominate a candidate who supported the war, but Democratic voters for some reason chose to do so.

Item: According to a New York Times/CBS News poll, three-quarters of Democratic voters opposed the war.

Item: The same poll found that 86 percent of convention delegates opposed the war.

Item: One hundred percent of the Democratic ticket voted with GOP President George W. Bush on Iraq.

Nonetheless, this convention is packed with politicians who are boasting about the tremendous party unity they see everywhere. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of San Francisco said that the party is more united than she has seen it in 40 years. Three in

four Democrats disagree with the nominee on the biggest issue out there — and that's unity?

"It's not just a toning down of rhetoric, but a turning inside-out of reality," said Massachusetts GOP politico Todd Domke.

No lie. Here's an example, a line from the Democratic Party platform chapter titled "A Strong, Respected America," which faults members of the Bush administration because "They do not understand that real leadership means standing by your principles and rallying others to join you."

Au contraire, Bush understands leadership. He stood by his principles, he rallied Kerry and Edwards to join him, and he thereby brought the opposing party to his war.

Kerry and Edwards followed. Bush led.

Veteran Kerry observer Domke told me months ago the Democrats should have picked former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean.

I now see how right Domke was.

I see it as I watch a group of well-meaning delegates gush about how excited they are, how united they are, because they chose a man with whom nearly nine out of 10 of them disagree on the most fundamental issue — the war.

It must hurt. The delegates can't argue their most deeply held belief — that the war was wrong — because they nominated a man who voted to authorize it.

Think: America is in the middle of a war, and speakers at the Democratic National Convention can't really address this war in an honest manner. Many can't say what they really believe.

They have to pretend they will go along with positions they

detest.

For a campaign to succeed, Domke noted, its energy has to come from both the message and the candidate. "It turns out that with Howard Dean, (the Democrats) would have had not just a messenger they could believe but a message that they obviously do believe in."

It's true that Thursday night showed America a man with a compelling story, a worthy biography and an admirable war record, but his story can't change the minds of those who disagree with his policies.

If the Democrats wanted an anti-war nominee, they should have picked one.

Instead, they chose a man who is committed to seeing the war in Iraq through.

They threw out their principles when they picked John Kerry. They wanted to win so badly that they were willing to stake their party's future on a man whom they must attack in a matter of months, if he stays true to his words of today.

And how united will their party be then?

It's tragic — I say, even though I support Bush — to see committed people turn their back on their most cherished principles because they thought it was the clever way to beat Bush.

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Church News

First United Methodist Church

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Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes meet at 9:45 a.m. Parents can get a break at 5 p.m. Sunday at Parents' Night Out. Join other parents in the youth hall for games, food and fellowship. Child care is provided.

Registration for Roundup 2004 is currently in progress. This year's roundup will be in Lubbock Aug. 28. There will be approximately 70 class modules offered for training for lay leadership. Deadline to register is Aug. 22.

Plans are under way for the youth revival scheduled for Aug. 13-15. Ryan Dagliesh is the featured speaker. First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information, call the office at 267-6394.

First Baptist Church

Our Sunday schedule begins with the Holy Grounds Café downstairs in the Family Life Center at 9:15 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m., and our morning worship is at 10:50. Our pastor, the Rev. Dennis Teeters, will continue his series of sermons on "Call Waiting" with Jeremiah as the emphasis. Our evening worship begins at 6. After this service, we will have our final salute to summer with a "Back to School Splash" at the city pool. Bring a picnic, enjoy the water, and have a great time of fellowship. Next Sunday evening, our Children's Music Camp will present "Holy Moses." The community

is invited to come and hear this wonderful presentation.

If you are without a church home, we invite you to visit us at 705 W. FM 700 (across from the VA Medical Center.) There is a place for you at First Baptist Church.

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church, 1200 W. Fourth Street, invites you personally to the service on Sunday. Preaching services are 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. Wednesday Bible study is at 5 p.m.

Sunday morning special guest speakers are Courtney and Kelli Ballard.

If you are looking for a church home or need one to keep your church covenant, Calvary Baptist extends a right hand of welcome and fellowship. Active church membership will help you maintain fellowship with God and others. For more information, call 267-1402.

Words of Hope

"The JOY of The Lord!" will be the topic and the experience of an interdenominational women's retreat to be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17-18 in Odessa. Sue Roseberry, storyteller and gospel singer and Sharae Buskirk, minister and professional speaker, will facilitate the time. The retreat is offered by Words of Hope Ministries. For information call 697-3249.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's summer time change continues this Sunday with Holy

See CHURCH Page 6A

Building core strength

A couple of years ago I began to see the half-century mark coming in my life and decided that if I was ever going to change my couch potato ways, sooner was better than later.

With that bit of motivation and a new pair of running shoes, I set out on my mission to be in shape by the time I was 50 years old.



THE REV. CRAIG FELTY

I knew myself well enough to know that I must set a goal or the couch would draw me back to be mesmerized by the TV.

I had been weightlifting for several years by this time. Every time I got up I felt the 30 extra pounds that had invaded my mid section.

My six-pack abs had become a party ball!

So I looked forward to the day when I could "master the mountain" at the annual run hosted by our state park. I started trying to jog, but the more I did, the more my back hurt. I began to think that I would never reach my goal of being a fit pentagenarian.

My friend, a physical therapist, assured me that I was not sick and told me that I must build core strength.

While I began to imagine something to do with a used apple, he explained that my legs were still in fair shape from hauling my expanded self around but the rest of me had not stayed strong enough to keep up with the new moves.

Then he gave me exer-

cises for my back and abdomen to build core strength. As I have built that core strength, it no longer hurts to run.

As I look back on what I have accomplished in the last year or two physically, I realize that God also wants us to build core strength in our lives. As a pastor I see many people who come to Christ and want to "run the race" of the Christian life.

Many begin to run, but then get discouraged and quit because something hurts. They mistakenly assume, like I did in my physical fitness, that they will never reach the goal.

The problem is not that we can't. It is that many of us have not built the spiritual core strength it takes to support the new direction we are taking.

There are several exercises to build spiritual core strength. The first is Bible reading. Not just Bible study, Bible reading.

Bible study targets certain areas and is necessary, but daily Bible reading builds spiritual core strength.

The next is prayer. Not just asking God for blessings and help, but calming your mind and heart enough to hear what God wants to say to you.

Jesus paid the ultimate price to get a relationship, not just a commitment.

The third exercise is fellowship. Not just hanging out with other believers, but building the kind of relationships that can encourage, strengthen and reform each other's lives.

How about you? Are you building spiritual core strength in your life? If not, I want to encourage you to get off the couch

and into the Bible. Get out of the recliner and into prayer. Find a "running club," aka CHURCH, where others can encourage you.

When you build spiritual core strength in your life, it will pay great dividends in every area.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip

off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress.

And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish. Hebrews 12:1-2.

Craig Felty is pastor of Cornerstone Church.

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Church News

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Eucharist celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School will resume in the fall.

St. Mary's Vestry meets at 6 p.m. Monday in the parish hall.

Evening prayer is said Monday through Friday at 5:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel.

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 S Goliad.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, will speak on scripture from Luke 12:32-40 on Sunday. Worship service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday school is held at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 begins at 10:35.

Opportunities in the coming weeks include Rally Day Aug. 22. Plans are being made. The young people of the church will be in charge of the service. Those whom attended the Triennium at Purdue will lead the service that day.

Please join us for the beginning of the new church year. Everyone is

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

Catholic Churches of Howard County

If you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith, our traditions and how they are based on Holy Scripture, then please join us.

Anyone who is non-Catholic who would like to learn about the Catholic faith and Catholics baptized as infants who never had religious education are invited. We are also having sessions of Baptized Catholics who need to receive one or more of the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist, Confirmation or Marriage.

Fully initiated adult Catholics are also needed as sponsors. Sponsors learn more about their faith and share their life journey with those inquiring about the faith.

We are having sessions every week, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1009 Hearn St., in the house between the church and school.

For more information call Elfi Tucker at 816-

6247 or 393-5313. You may also call any of the church offices; St. Thomas Church at 605 N. Main, 263-2864; Sacred Heart Church, 263-7884; Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 267-4124 and St. Joseph Church on South Street in Coahoma at 267-4124.

Friends of Unity

There will be no 2 p.m. service on Sunday. We are going to the Unity of West Texas Church in Odessa.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. If you are looking for a church home, consider Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

The ladies are meeting at the church every Tuesday in August from 10 am-noon to make quilts to send to our missionaries. We invite any lady, whatever the age, to come join the fellowship and help.

The youth are having a back to school fellowship for ages 8 years and older at Fort Davis Youth Camp Aug. 13-14. They will leave the church at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 13 and return to

the church at 4 p.m. Aug. 14. The youth are the church of tomorrow. Please be in prayer for them.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is a very friendly church where visitors become friends and friends become family. We believe in reaching the lost and building the believer. We are located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship is at 10:50 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are 7 p.m. Wednesday.

For more information you can call 167-7157 or 167-8214.

Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone Church, a Morning Star International Church, invites children entering kindergarten through fourth grade to a new summer program, "Metamorphosis," in the "Insect-Inside Theater" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The program is based on Proverbs.

Each week will feature skits, dramas, and fun games with a different bug theme.

Cornerstone, located at the corner of 12th and Owens streets, offers a family atmosphere of praise and worship.

Club News

Big Spring Optimist Club

Big Spring Optimist Club met at a neighborhood park on Park Avenue for a clean up. Together with Noel Perez and Amy, who lives next door to the park, and Public Works Director Todd Darden, Optimists helped mow, clear brush and trash, and spruce up the park, which had been neglected for years.

"One of our Optimist Club members, Charlie Lusk, brought the park to our attention. We invited Todd Darden to speak at a club meeting, so we could find out if we could do something about this neglected park. At the meeting, Darden told us this was exactly what our city needed - clubs and neighbors working together to clean up and maintain neighborhood parks." Optimist Club president Kathryn Wiseman said. "We're a small club, but we want to make a difference in our community."

"Pat Simmons also came to tell us about the Keep Big Spring Beautiful organization. I just know that if Big Spring's civic clubs get interested, we can make Big Spring a really beautiful community," she said.

The Optimist Club members distributed flyers a few days prior, inviting the neighborhood families to help, and met at the park early Saturday morning.

Gary Faulkner brought a riding lawn mower, Richard Wright provided water and soft drinks, Shirley Cross contributed trash bags, several members brought weed eaters and tools, and Darden brought a back hoe. Pam Lefler heard about the event and came and worked all morning.

By 1 p.m., the lot had been mowed and cleared. The Optimist Club would like to thank Darden for clearing brush and providing a dump truck to

haul it away.

TOPS TX 21

Members of Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 21 met Monday in the Dora Roberts Rehab, 306 W. Third. The weigh-in began at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting started at 6 p.m.

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Courtesy photo
Optimist Club members and area residents worked together to clean up the Park Avenue park. Pictured from left are Effie Shults, Gary Faulkner, Hank Smoot, Pam Lefler, Tim Drinkard and Richard Wright.

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The club enjoyed readings. V read "The Path" by Cherry Sechelski. "Loose Fitting" by Alex Sechelski. "Things I Can't Do" by Donna Menges. Master's Garment by Martha Christensen. "When Mother Becomes Mount" by Russell read and Genay called the roll. TOPS, three one visitor welcomed. There was a TOPS best loser award. Sechelski at Yancy each pound loss for and each one best loser award certificate. G was the best loser KOPS and also the best loser. Pat Aaron charm for having first 10 pound. She was also best loser for of July, re charm for the also receive gainers fines in tains that weigh one month Wallace rec gainers fines having main weight loss.

Donna Menged members in Lubbock. Carol Smith presented the titled, "It's Late." Interest in 1-800-392-8677 263-0391 or 162

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Club News

Continued from 6A

with leader Donna Menges calling the meeting to order. Shirley Jenkins voiced the opening prayer and the TOPS and Keep Pounds Off Sensibly (KOPS) pledges were repeated.

The club enjoyed several readings. Wanda Lee read "The Path of Faith," Cherry Sechelski read "Loose Fitting Clothes," Alex Sechelski read "Things I Can't Eat," Donna Menges read, "The Master's Garden" and Martha Christy read "When Mole Hills Become Mountains."

Secretary Gladys Russell read the minutes and Genay Bertran called the roll, with 12 TOPS, three KOPS and one visitor weighing in.

There was a tie for the TOPS best loser. Alex Sechelski and Duffy Yancy each had a 2.5 pound loss for the week and each one received the best loser award and a certificate. Gladys Russell was the best loser of the KOPS and also received the best loser award.

Pat Aaron received a charm for having lost her first 10 pounds in TOPS. She was also declared the best loser for the month of July, receiving a charm for that and will also receive the July gainers fines if she maintains that weight loss for one month. Aimee Wallace received the gainers fines for June having maintained her weight loss.

Donna Menges reminded members of Fun Days in Lubbock Sept. 25.

Carol Smith, co-leader, presented the program titled, "It's Never Too Late."

Interest in TOPS? Call 1-800-392-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 163-1758.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday in Gale's Sweet Shoppe. Jan Hansen introduced two new members, Brenda Concienne and Carolyn Quintera, and welcomed the large group of members in attendance. We are especially proud of the first place state award we received on the Harold Davis/Paschal Odom landscaping project on Capri Circle.

JoAnn Staulcup reported that the Summer Troopers program was very successful and that the Key Club members likely will want to continue their efforts during the winter and may want to help with the Festival of Lights.

A summer-end party for the Summer Troopers, hosted by Mike Abusabb at Sonic Drive-In on FM 700, is set for Tuesday. Members are urged to attend.

Committee assignments were outlined, now that we have more members to help on projects. Beautiful Texas Christmas ornaments will be available to the public at the County Fair or from individual members.

These were designed by Nelda Laney, wife of former Speaker of the House Pete Laney, and are sold in the Capitol gift shop. Each is signed by Nelda Laney.

The Optimist Club was lauded for cleaning the city park off Virginia Street and the group also applauded Carroll Choate and his grandson, Logan Churchwell, for restoring the big spring in Comanche Trail Park.

Bobby McDonald is working to set up an ongoing volunteer group to police and clean up Comanche Trail Park.

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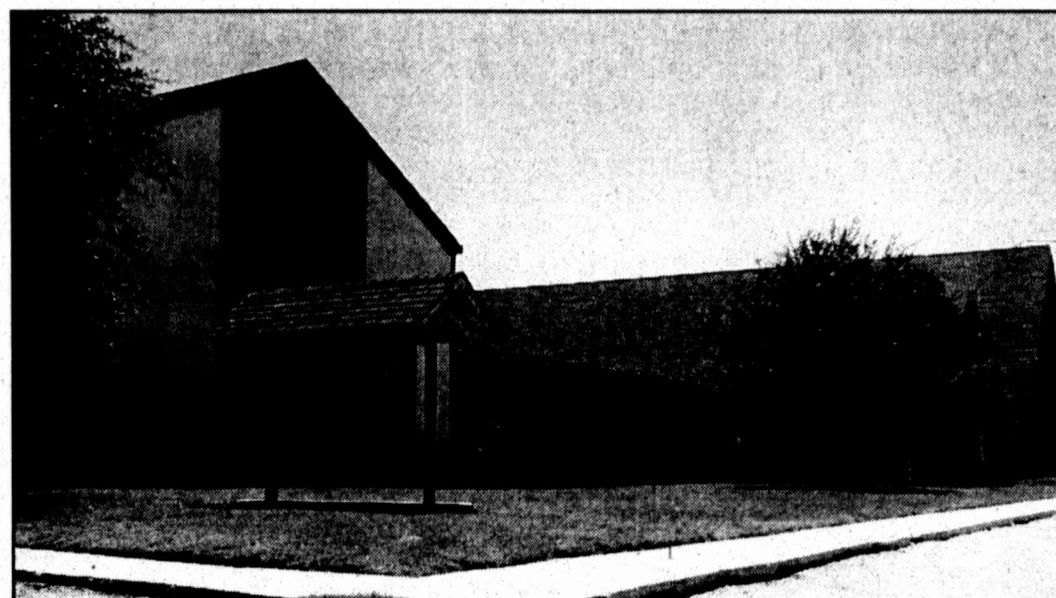
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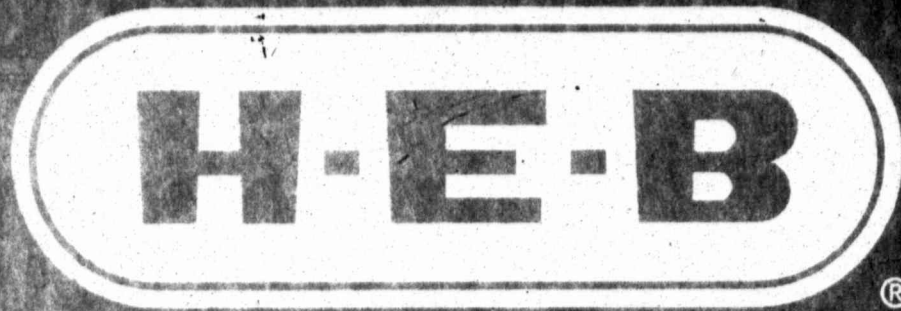
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BSISD sets season ticket

Big Spring scheduled its football season ticket sales.

The general tickets at the Training Center Monday Aug. 20 from 8 p.m. (closed on p.m.). However, Friday sales are a.m. to noon on

For questions, contact Kay Cook at 26

Howard College Important dates

Howard College set up two important events this month.

The first events take place Saturday at the Big Spring the three men's basketball team — Will James, Barry Josh Francis

take part in the back-to-school show at 1:30 p.m.

Howard College also have a booth up at the County Fair. The booth will promote the Flight Club begin the athletic season. They will be open from 4 p.m. to Aug. 25-27 and a.m. to 10 p.m.

BSYFL and to host competition

The Big Spring Football League will be hosted by the Dallas local Pepsi/N pass and kick-off Aug. 21 field north of

Registration is 8 a.m. and the event is free to boys 8-15.

For more information, contact George Berry at 264-7313 or by BSYFL@msn.com

Howard College cheer camp

Howard College cheer camp through sixth grade will be held at the Dorothy Coliseum.

Registration event will be 8 a.m. and the cheer class is 9 a.m.

The cost is a lunch and athletic shoes.

For more information, contact George Berry at 264-7313

Coahoma Booster to help

The Athletic Booster will be meeting 5 p.m. Monday at Coahoma Cafeteria

parents are invited to come and join in the 2004-05 Bulldog

Coahoma's Bulldogs will take place August 23. There will be an ice cream social

ON THE

Sports Schedule

Event	Time	Location
Football	8:00 p.m.	Coahoma
Baseball	7:00 p.m.	Coahoma
Softball	5:00 p.m.	Coahoma
Baseball	5:00 p.m.	Coahoma
Baseball	12:00 p.m.	Coahoma

IN BRIEF

BSISD sets football season ticket dates

Big Spring ISD has scheduled its dates for football season ticket sales.

The general public may purchase season tickets at the Athletic Training Center starting Monday through Aug. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.). However, all Friday sales are from 8 a.m. to noon only.

For questions, call Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Howard College sets important dates

Howard College has set up two important events this month.

The first one will take place Saturday at the Big Spring Mall as the three members of the men's basketball team — Will Adams, James Barrett and Josh Francis — will take part in the mall's back-to-school fashion show at 1:30 p.m.

Howard College will also have a booth set up at the Howard County Fair Aug. 25-28. The booth will be used to promote the Hawks Flight Club and to begin the selling of athletic season tickets. They will be at the fair from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 25-27 and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 28.

BSYFL and Cowboys to host competition

The Big Spring Youth Football League and the Dallas Cowboys will be hosting the local Pepsi/NFL punt, pass and kick competition Aug. 21, at the field north of the ATC.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the contest is free to boys and girls 8-15.

For more info, contact George Lopez at 264-7313 or by e-mail at BSYFL@msn.com.

Howard College sets cheer camp dates

Howard College's cheer camp for first through sixth graders will be held Aug. 28 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Registration for the event will begin at 8 a.m. and the Dance and Cheer class starts at 9 a.m.

The cost is \$25. Bring a lunch and wear tennis shoes.

For more information, contact Linda Berry at 264-5024.

Coahoma Athletic Booster to meet

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will be meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in Coahoma Cafeteria. All parents are needed to come and join the club and help support the 2004-05 Bulldogs.

Coahoma's "meet the Bulldogs night" will take place Monday, August 23, at 7 p.m. There will also be an ice cream supper.

ON THE AIR

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Rangers @ Oilers, 6:30 p.m.	1490
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Event, Time	Station
Rangers @ Oilers, 1:00 p.m.	1490

Rangers reclaim first place in West

DETROIT (AP) — The Texas Rangers are back in first place, and they know they can thank their bullpen.

Three Texas relievers combined for three shutout innings Thursday and the surprising Rangers beat the Detroit Tigers 2-1 to complete a three-game sweep. The win, combined with Oakland's loss in New York, put the Rangers a half-game ahead of the Athletics in the AL West.

"We're very confident in our bullpen right now," said Alfonso Soriano, who hit a tiebreaking homer in the sixth. "We know that 90 percent of the time, the game is over once those guys are in there."

Texas relievers pitched

7 1-3 scoreless innings in the series.

"In the offseason, we targeted bullpen depth for this reason," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "It's nice to see it coming together like this."

Ron Mahay and Carlos Almanzar each pitched a scoreless inning before Francisco Cordero got three outs for his 33rd save in 35 tries, sending the Tigers to their fourth consecutive loss.

"This season has been like a dream come true for me," said Cordero, who started his career with Detroit. "But it isn't just me — it is the starters who get it to the 'pen, and the other guys who get it to the ninth inning for me. That's why we are in

first place."

Starting pitcher Ryan Drese (8-6) allowed one run on six hits and three walks in six innings to win for the fourth time in five starts.

"Let's not forget that, without Ryan, none of what the bullpen did today would have mattered," Showalter said. "He did a great job."

The sweep was the Rangers' third on the road this year, the first time they have had that many since 1999. They had lost seven of nine entering the series.

"You really have to give them a lot of credit," said Ivan Rodriguez, who spent the first 12 seasons of his career with the Rangers. "They are hitting the ball well, they are

catching it well and they are pitching it well."

Detroit loaded the bases in the eighth, but Almanzar retired Bobby Higginson to end the inning.

"We had some chances, but we couldn't get the big hits," Tigers manager Alan Trammell said. "We only scored five runs in the whole series — we aren't hitting the ball and we aren't scoring runs."

Esteban Yan (1-3) lost in relief of starter Wilfredo Ledezma, who pitched five innings. He allowed one run on two hits and two walks.

Yan replaced Ledezma to start the sixth and allowed Soriano's 21st homer of the season, a one-out drive into the right-field bullpen.

Soriano finished 3-for-4, adding a single and a triple.

Texas loaded the bases with one out in the first, but Brian Jordan grounded into an inning-ending double play. The Tigers took a 1-0 lead in the bottom half on Rodriguez's RBI single.

Detroit had the bases loaded in the second, but Alex Sanchez tapped weakly back to Drese.

The Rangers tied the game in the fourth. Soriano struck out, but reached when Rodriguez couldn't handle Ledezma's wild pitch.

Mark Teixeira grounded into a fielder's choice, went to third on Jordan's double and scored on Hank Blalock's sacrifice fly to shallow left.

Five-time champion re-signs with SA

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Forward Robert Horry, owner of five NBA championship rings, re-signed with the San Antonio Spurs Thursday.

Terms were not released.

The deal came a day after San Antonio signed a pair of power forwards: 12-year veteran Tony Massenburg and Sean Marks, who spent last season on the Spurs' injured list.

The 6-foot-10 Horry, who turns 34 this month, averaged 4.8 points and 3.4 rebounds in 81 games with San Antonio last season.

He also played in all 10 of the Spurs playoff games, averaging 6.1 points and 6.3 rebounds.

But last month the team declined to exercise its \$5 million option to keep Horry, making him an unrestricted free agent.

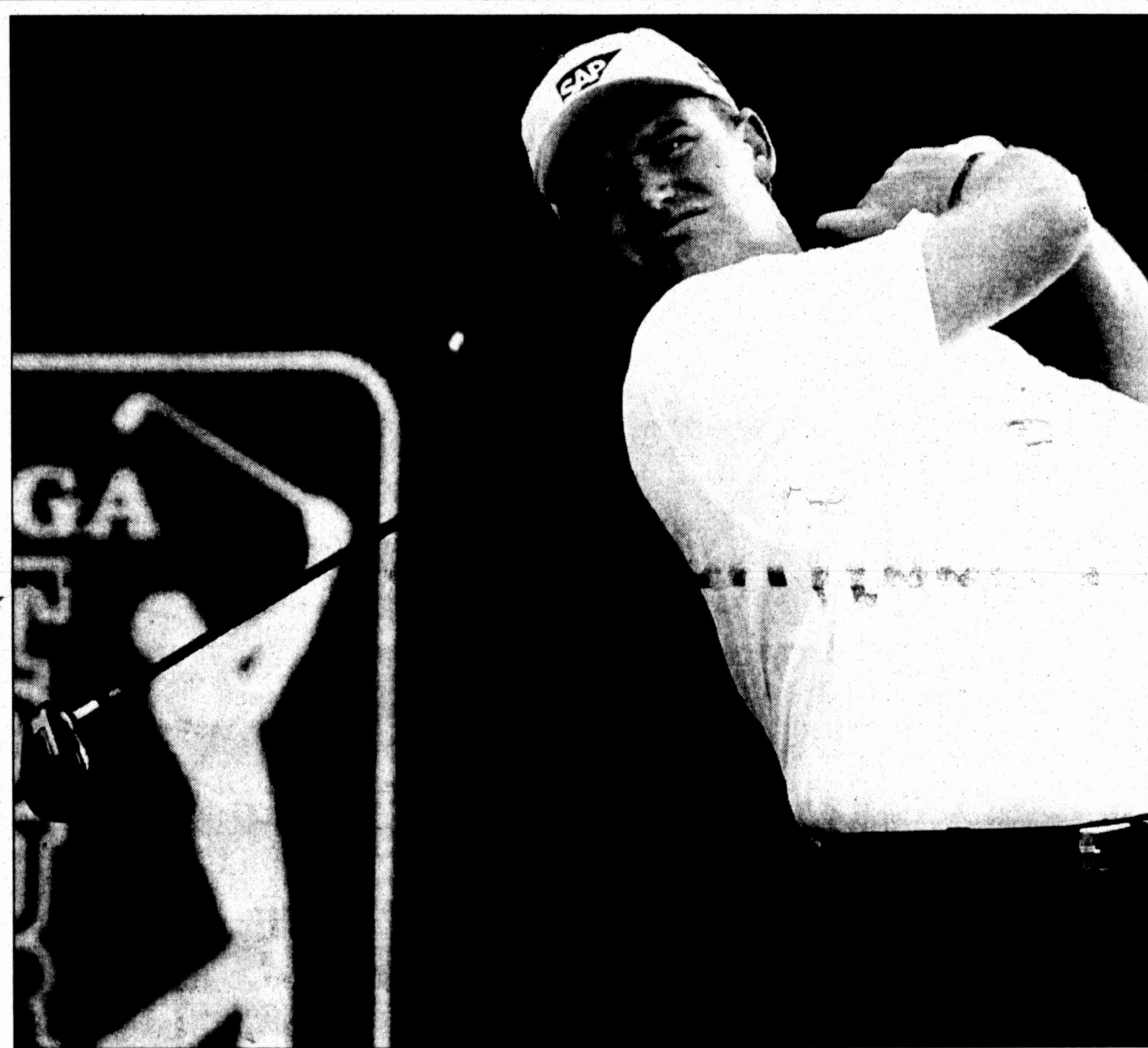
Horry, going into his 13th NBA season, picked up leagues titles with the Houston Rockets in 1994 and 1995, then three more with the Los Angeles Lakers in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

The Spurs originally signed him to fill a need for clutch shooting after the Lakers opted to let him become a free agent.

For his career, Horry has averaged 7.7 points, 5.2 rebounds and 2.4 assists in 856 games.

His postseason averages are slightly higher.

He ranks second in NBA Finals history with 38 3-pointers, trailing only Michael Jordan. Among active players, Horry ranks 10th in play-off points and sixth in rebounds.



Ernie Els tees off on the first hole during the first day of competition at The International at Castle Pines Golf Club in Castle Rock, Colorado, Thursday.

HC hires Michaelz as new voice

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Howard College and Sports Information Director Stan Feaster announced this week that Brian Michaelz, who works for KBST here in Big Spring, will take over as the "voice of the Hawks and Lady Hawks." "Since I am from Big Spring this is a pretty big deal to me," said Michaelz. "But, I have some big shoes to fill." Michaelz takes over for

Roger Huff, who was the "voice" for the past three years.

"Roger had a great amount of energy when he announced and that is going to be tough to replace," added Michaelz.

Michaelz said the station was approached by Feaster about finding a replacement.



MICHAELZ

"Stan had put the word around the station that he was looking for a new voice and I thought I would give it a try," said Michaelz. "I have been in radio for 14 years and have always wanted to do this. It could be a new adventure." Michaelz tried out for

the job July 26 and, as they say, the rest was history. He will start out by doing all home games — men's and women's — during basketball season and might get into other sports later if necessary.

"Right now the job is only for the basketball season, but I would be happy to do other sports if they wanted to go that way," said Michaelz. "I am really excited for this opportunity and I think it will be fun."

Parcells hands over QB reigns

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — When Bill Parcells told Vinny Testaverde that his gig was up, the 40-year-old quarterback knew that was a good thing.

Testaverde got what he hoped for when he reunited with Parcells this summer in Dallas. Always one of Parcells' favorite players, he is now the coach's starting quarterback again

instead of being the Cowboys backup.

"He said to me, 'You're giving me my boxing gloves back?' I said, 'You want them?'" Parcells said Thursday. "He said, 'That's what I came here for.' That was the conversation."

That came Wednesday, right after the Cowboys suddenly and unexpectedly released Quincy Carter, the quarterback drafted by owner Jerry Jones three years ago to be Troy Aikman's suc-

cessor.

Carter led the Cowboys to 10 wins and back to the playoffs in Parcells' first year, and was the opening-game starter each of his three seasons. But there were widespread reports that he failed a drug test.

The team remained vague Thursday about the reasons for Carter's release. Jones again refused to specifically address the reports, and Parcells said he was focused on the future.

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Garage Sales

ESTATE/GARAGE SALE: Fri., Sat. & Sunday 7am-7pm. Tools, power, hand, lawn, garden, cement, trailers, chain-link fencing, appliances, dishes, household items, clothes, medical equipment. 3800 McChristian Rd. (1 mile south of Wal-Mart on Hwy. 87, behind Johansen Nursery).

GARAGE SALE, 1013 Sycamore. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 8am-? Go-cart, 1996 Mazda 626, furniture, housewares, clothing, all sizes, toys, many misc. items.

GARAGE SALE, 2517 Central. Saturday, 7:00-12:00. Treadmill, patio set, household items, Sega game set w/7 games, much more.

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GARAGE SALE, Saturday, 8:30-2:00. 2104 Merrily. Sleeper sofa, jeep stuff, computer desk, clothes, misc.

GARAGE SALE: 603 Edwards. Saturday, 8:00-? & Sunday, 1:00-4:00pm. Lots of kids clothes & miscellaneous.

MULTI-FAMILY SALE: 1401 E. 19th. Saturday Only, 8:00-12:00. Clothes, books, toys, camping equipment and lots more!

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GARAGE SALE: All day Friday, 7:00a.m. till dark. 312 San Juan Trail, off Driver Rd. or Country Club Road.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you go after your career goal full force, you'll have it by next week. Time and energy investments have much better returns than monetary investments do. Passionate undercurrents in a friendship are featured.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Add some variation to your schedule to avoid burnout. You'll benefit financially by paying closer attention to the concerns of the people around you. A Pisces or Virgo will keep you laughing. Imagination will win points tonight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Dynamic magnetism is yours to play around with. You're a heartbreaker — that's a given — but you may also be a dealmaker and a leader. Keep your promises, and you get new responsibilities and extra credit.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There will be minor irritations at home — keep your cool. Your personal life could use some attention. Sort out your loyalties. Friends aren't helpful in making a difficult decision — do it yourself! Don't accept less than what's fair.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's hard to focus on how lucky and gifted you are when there's unrest in a relationship. Your partner isn't perfect, but this

person has much to teach you. Be willing to compromise, at least on one issue.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are exceptionally confident. Romantic ideals need adjusting to fit reality. Once that happens, you're on the brink of a major love affair. Tonight, it pays to be courteous even if you don't like someone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be introduced to people who can help your career. Listen to your most fundamental instincts. Developing friendships are refreshingly real and honest. Your family life is like a circus. Declare a truce tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're super-powerful now. If you are unattached or looking for employment, don't rely friends to set you up. Clean your living space to make room for the new. Be intentional and proactive, instead of letting life rule you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be grateful for what a loved one brings to your life. In general, a lot more can be accomplished by two than one now. A forgotten obligation keeps coming back until you deal with it. Call that phone number.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Extra attention goes a long way, especially if you're giving it to yourself. You need love, pampering and gentle talk. Your appearance reflects inner growth and transformation. Accept all invitations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be torn between handling work details (or at least giving them some thought) and investing your time and attention in playing hard. The id wins out, and you don't even feel like going

back to the grindstone after lunch.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're on a roller coaster of emotion. Take steps to prevent minor things from ruling your life. To a dear friend, your thoughtful gesture means more than an expensive one. What you do for others will be long remembered.

WEKEND LOVE FORECAST: As loving Venus snuggles up in Cancer, you'll probably want to relax at home, too. ARIES: Be careful not to emotionally manipulate your partner by withdrawing affection when things aren't going your way. TAURUS: Release past traumas, and work on developing trust within a relationship. GEMINI: Your feelings about serious commitment are quite clear, but partners who are in denial just won't get it! CANCER: You've got incredible beauty and vitality — get out there! LEO: You are feeling brazen — go after romance with your whole heart. VIRGO: Read up on romantic matters. You could wow a sweetheart by applying what you've learned. LIBRA: True friends are easy to sort from the boyfriend/girlfriend-stealing type. SCORPIO: Call back the one who keeps calling you. SAGITTARIUS: Speak up about what's been bothering you, or it tears at your relationship. CAPRICORN: Make sure a romantic relationship is equal; giving too much now and resenting it later doesn't serve you or your partner. AQUARIUS: It's easier to communicate since you feel now that your partner is really listening. PISCES: Just because you're dating doesn't mean you have to go broke.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I read your column daily, but I never have seen my problem, and it is tearing me apart. Early in my marriage, I discovered that my husband, "Chet," was spending a large portion of his time with computer porn when I wasn't around. The most disturbing part is that at least half the stuff was incest porn. I confronted him, and he swore to stop, but I've caught him at it since then. Chet has begun counseling, but I know for sure he's still looking at these horrible pictures.

In every other way, Chet is a wonderful man. I believe he honestly wants to get to the root of this problem, but he hasn't made much progress since I first discovered him looking at the porn three years ago.

I am not getting any younger and would like to have children, but I am terrified Chet might act on these incest fantasies with our child. I have no reason to suspect that he ever has done anything like this, but I can't be sure it won't ever happen.

Tell me, Annie, how likely is it that his interest in incest will escalate to action? I need to know what to expect, realistically, before I decide whether or not I can stay in this marriage. I love this man very much, but I want to build a life with someone who can be a safe and loving father for my future children. — Scared to Death

Dear Scared: There is no way to predict whether or not your husband will commit incest. The porn sites may seem exciting to him, but the reality could be entirely different once he has children. You are wise to be concerned,



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

however.

It's a good sign that Chet admits he needs help and is willing to seek therapy, although you should put a parental control device on the computer and lock him out of the porn sites. Most incest experts recommend individually tailored cognitive-behavioral treatment for sex offenders. If you have questions about Chet's treatment, discuss them with his therapist. We also recommend you contact Parents Anonymous (parentsanonymous.org), an organization for potential abusers. The address is: 675 W. Foothill Blvd., Suite 220, Claremont, CA 91711-3475.

Dear Annie: My brother's family lives in another town. They have visited us several times in the past, staying three or four days each time. Every visit has been a disaster because they don't discipline their two young children.

Last time, the children scratched our wood floors, loosened our oak stairway railing by hanging on it, and ran and jumped around endlessly. When I tried to control the youngest daughter, she blatantly told me she

can do whatever she wants, and she is only 4 years old! The family keeps trying to corner us to visit again. How should we handle this? — R.C. in Ottawa, Canada

Dear R.C.: Put your spine back in and say, "We'd love to see you. I'll make a reservation at a nearby motel, and we'll take you out for dinner." If they insist on staying at your house, reply sweetly, "We aren't up to having company, and the motel will give you some privacy." If they persist, tell them outright that their children are too much for you to handle. Don't let them talk you into anything.

Dear Annie: You printed a letter from "Dismayed in Illinois," who was appalled to see someone mooning the deceased at a wake. You then printed a letter from "Remembering in Illinois," who participated in such a mooning, explaining that he was honoring the wish of the deceased. Here's a better way.

My uncle made me promise to pour a six-pack of beer over his casket. The family waited until everyone had left the cemetery, and then he honored his wish. The mooning should have been done after the guests went home. — Massachusetts Nephew

Dear Mass.: A wake is a bit more informal than a funeral, but thanks for the sensible suggestion. We'll pass it along.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net.

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"IF WE CATCH ONE OF THOSE BIG SHARKS, I'M SURE MY DAD WILL TAKE IT OFF THE HOOK FOR US."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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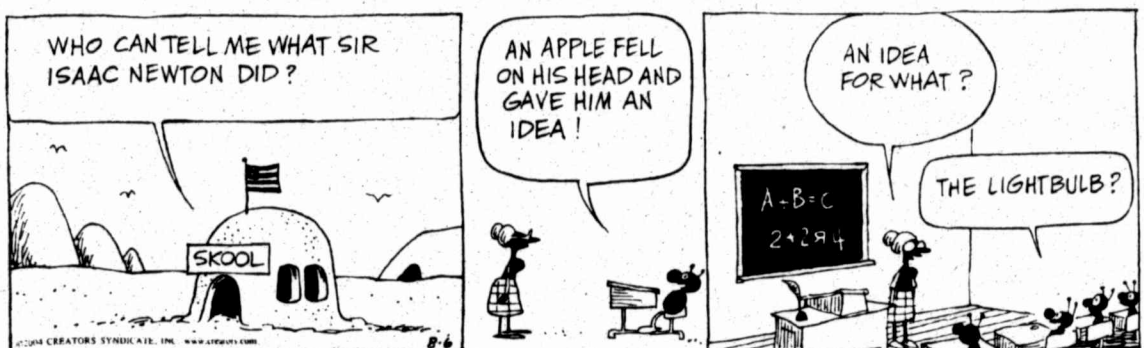
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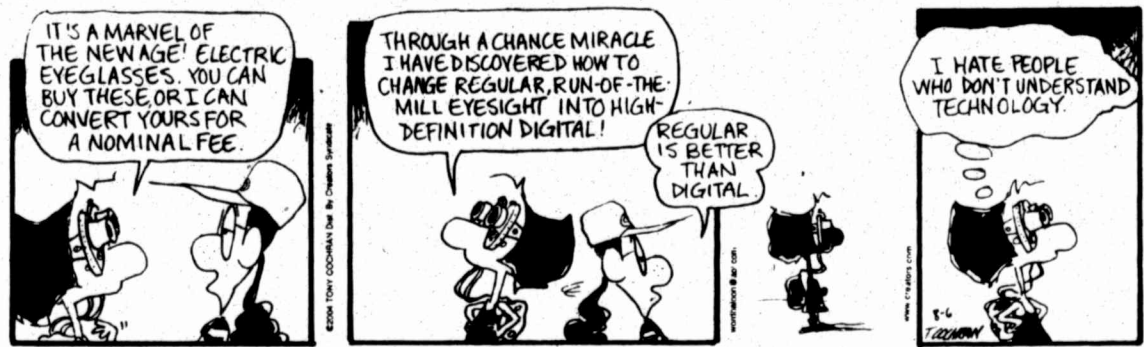
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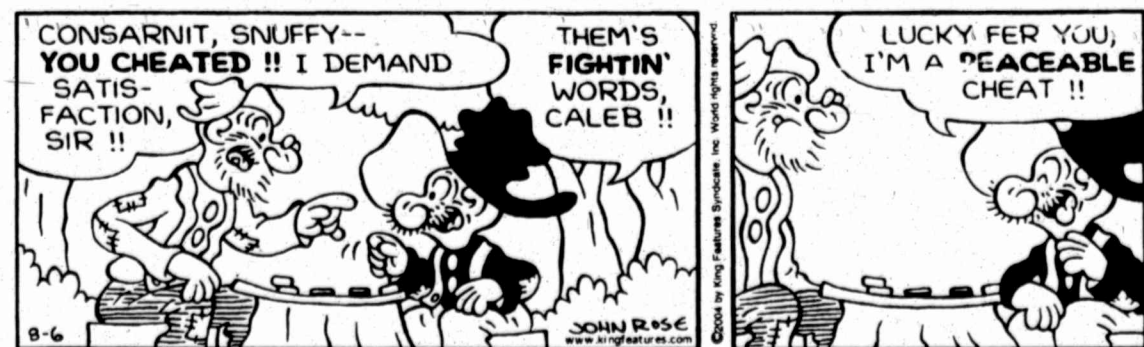
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Aug. 6, the 219th day of 2004. There are 147 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 6, 1945, during World War II, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, killing an estimated 140,000 people in the first use of a nuclear weapon in warfare.

On this date: In 1787, the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia began to debate the articles contained in a draft of the United States Constitution.

In 1806, the Holy Roman Empire went out of existence as Emperor Francis I abdicated.

In 1825, Bolivia declared its independence from Peru.

In 1890, convicted murderer William Kemmler became the first person to

be executed in the electric chair as he was put to death at Auburn State Prison in New York.

In 1914, Austria-Hungary declared war against Russia and Serbia declared war against Germany.

In 1926, Gertrude Ederle of New York became the first American woman to swim the English Channel, in about 14 and a-half hours.

In 1962, Jamaica became an independent dominion within the British Commonwealth.

In 1965, President Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act.

In 1978, Pope Paul VI died at Castel Gandolfo at age 80.

In 1986, William J. Schroeder died after living 620 days with the Jarvik Seven artificial heart.

Ten years ago: In Wedowee, Ala., an apparent arson fire destroyed Randolph County High School, which had been the focus of tensions over the principal's stand against interracial dating.

Today's Birthdays:

Entrepreneur Sir Freddie Laker is 82. Actress-singer Abbey Lincoln is 74. Actor-director Peter Bonerz is 66. Actor Michael Anderson Jr. is 61. Actor Dorian Harewood is 54. Actress Catherine Hicks is 53. Rock singer Pat McDonald (Timbuk 3) is 52. Country musician Mark DuFresne (Confederate Railroad) is 51. Actress Stephanie Kramer is 48. Rhythm and blues singer Randy DeBarge is 46. Country singers Patsy and Peggy Lynn are 40. Country singer Lisa Stewart is 36. Movie writer-director M. Night Shyamalan is 34.

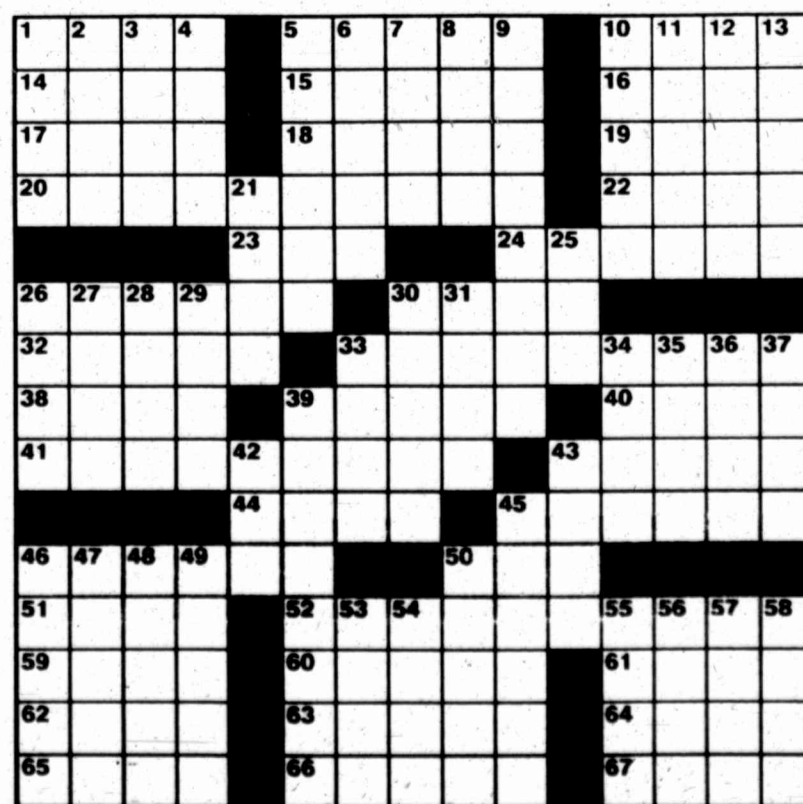
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Newsday Crossword

TWO WOMEN by Richard Silvestri
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Way of walking
 - 5 Bard's Muse
 - 10 Kid
 - 14 Skin soother
 - 15 Farmer, at times
 - 16 Kal Kan rival
 - 17 Minstrel's instrument
 - 18 Pageant prize
 - 19 Cause distress
 - 20 Musical pair?
 - 22 Put in the pot
 - 23 Part of TGIF
 - 24 Father goose
 - 26 Emulate Sherlock
 - 30 Tournament breaks
 - 32 Surfaced
 - 33 Self-righteous pair?
 - 38 Polar drift
 - 39 Conscience-stricken
 - 40 Sufficient, once
 - 41 Regional pair?
 - 43 "Common Sense" author
 - 44 A piece of cake
 - 45 Got an apartment
 - 46 Tie-up
 - 50 Cal. column
 - 51 Cookie favorite
 - 52 Happy pair?
 - 59 Tug
 - 60 Nolan or Napoleon
 - 61 Game with mallets
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- 2 Dressy event
 - 3 Grad
 - 4 Little bit
 - 6 New driver, often
 - 7 Probate matter
 - 8 Sherlock
 - 9 Arctic flier
 - 11 Kobe's home
 - 12 Malice
 - 13 Copier need
 - 21 Atlantic City rollers
 - 25 Simile center
 - 26 Silly
 - 27 Colleague of Agatha
 - 28 It's shown to some
 - 29 Person at a terminal
 - 30 Opponent of Lyndon
 - 31 Dr. Zhivago
 - 33 Jersey sounds
 - 34 Low-fat
 - 35 "What's for me?"
 - 36 Region
 - 37 Blown away
 - 39 Speaks falteringly
 - 42 Roll-call vote
 - 43 Baker's implement
 - 45 King and queen
 - 46 Faithful
 - 47 Make a speech
 - 48 Bottled spirit
 - 49 Extra card
 - 50 Polk predecessor
 - 53 Cloverleaf component
 - 54 Costa
 - 55 DeMille film
 - 56 Hebrides island
 - 57 Goody stuff
 - 58 Sharpen



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Golf Insider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Know what clubs you have at your disposal

By T.J. TOMASI
Universal Press Syndicate

The more shots you have in your arsenal, the easier it is to choose the right one for the job at hand. Case in point: I'm facing a 175-yard shot on a par 3 that is into a 20 mph wind. Under benign conditions, I would hit a 6-iron, but into the wind, I need more club.

I have several choices based on the strength/weakness profile I've developed by keeping my golfing stats. I could hit a hard, super-low 6-iron, a solid 5-iron, an easy 4-iron or the shot shown in the photos here: a low, choked-up 7-wood.

I've chosen the 7-wood for two reasons, one objective and one subjective:

1. My stats show that the choked 7-wood is one of my strengths (objective reason).

2. I feel good about it at this particular moment (subjective reason).

Since both the subjective and objective match up, I've got my "go" signal. Under the same circumstances on another day, I may feel more comfortable with any one of the shots, but the fact that I have all of them in my arsenal allows me to pick the one I can commit to in the here and now.

To learn how to hit a low 7-wood in the wind, take a look at my setup. I've teed it up as I usually would, using a metal wood with half the ball above the top line of the club head and the ball positioned opposite the logo on my shirt.

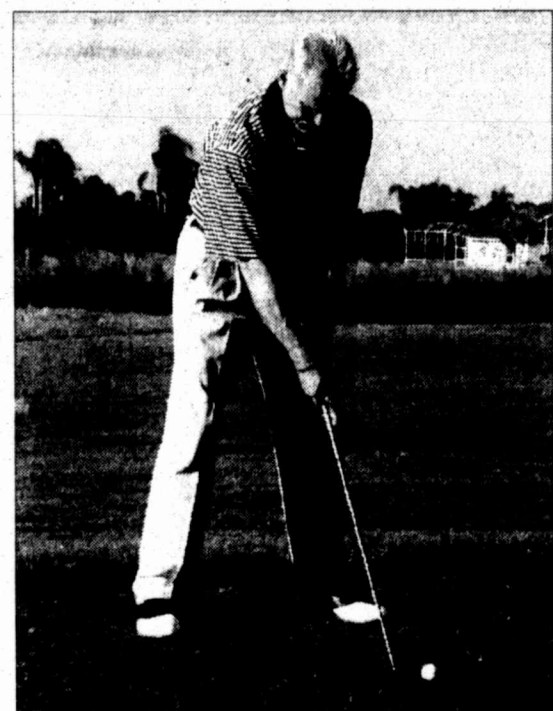
The big difference between this setup and the "normal" 7-wood setup is that I have choked down all the way to the end of the grip, allowing me to keep my hands directly under my shoulders. This is a must to reduce the distance the ball travels as well as its height.

In the second photo, you can see what I have done in my follow-through to keep the ball low — finished with my hands low, under my shoulders. A good rule of thumb: If you want a high shot, finish with your hands high; for a low shot, finish with your hands low.

As always, never hit a shot on the golf course that you haven't practiced on the range.

The 7-wood is a versatile club. You can hit it high, low, draw it by tilting the shaft to the left at the finish or fade it by finishing with the shaft tilted to the right. With a little practice, you can even chip with it effectively, as Todd Hamilton did with his hybrid club while winning this year's British Open.

Golf is a game of choices — the more you have, the better your chances of scoring low.



To keep the wind out of play, hit a low ball by keeping your hands low on the follow-through (bottom photo).



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Taylor Made's Original Series Driver (left) was one of the first metal drivers introduced. The latest model offered by TaylorMade, the r7 Quad with adjustable internal weights (right) can be adjusted for launch conditions and trajectory.

25 years of metal

Advent of nonwooden drivers changed the (club)face of golf

By GLENN SHEELEY
Cox News Service

Atlanta
Ron Streck first hit one in 1979, and he hasn't hit anything else since.

On the practice range at the La Costa Resort in Carlsbad, Calif., the Monday before the old Tournament of Champions, Streck was approached by Gary Adams of McHenry, Ill., who had taken out a \$24,000 loan on his house to start a company called Taylor Made Golf.

Adams handed Streck, a 25-year-old who had won the 1978 San Antonio-Texas Open, a silver, stainless steel-headed driver. Basically, it was a baton pass that changed golf forever.

Accustomed to looking down at his black, wood-headed Tommy Armour driver, Streck was not crazy about the thing visually. Not to mention, that metallic crack at impact sounded more like someone whacking a 7-iron against a tee marker.

But, my, what a wonderful tradeoff. His drive rocketed off the clubface and flew all the way to the range's back fence.

The following week, playing at New Orleans in a light rain, Streck stood in the fairway of a par 5, 285 yards from the green, awaiting his second shot. The group still on the green presumably was far out of range.

Deciding to use the metal driver from the fairway, Streck said, "I was just laying up and it took off." The ball landed on the front of the green. Heads swiveled and hearts raced.

Surely, Streck thought, the club would be declared illegal.

"I bet 30 guys hit that club on the practice range that day," he said. "Gary was selling them on the range for \$39.95 [\$30 under the retail price], and he sold every one of them. Even the people in the gallery were trying to buy them."

Initially, Streck painted the top of his club black and even put old-style "whipping" on the hosel so it would resemble the look of his old wood driver. But there was no hiding the results. Streck won the 1981 Houston Open.

becoming the first player to win a PGA Tour event with a metal driver.

That same year Taylor Made also introduced metal fairway woods and irons, pushing sales to \$1.2 million.

A year later, Jim Simons of Butler, Pa., drew national television exposure by using the Taylor Made metal driver to win the Bing Crosby National Pro-Am. The company's sales jumped to \$12 million. The club was being called a "Pittsburgh Persimmon," with a Steeltown reference to the metal head.

This year, as the company now known as TaylorMade — which last year generated nearly \$800 million in sales — celebrates the 25th anniversary of the first metal driver, those wood dinosaurs are in virtually no one's bag.

Clearly, what Gary Adams started in 1979 has revolutionized the game, evolving into today's oversized, titanium drivers, which brought high price tags, but also incredible distance and forgiveness off the tee.

Sizes keep growing

Ron Streck is 50 now and plays on the Champions Tour with TaylorMade's highest-tech "r7 quad" driver, which can be adjusted for launch conditions and trajectory, retailing for \$599. That head is 400 cubic centimeters, not the largest on the market, but certainly the most complex. The driver Streck first hit in 1979, shortly after Adams introduced the club at the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, had a head measuring 125cc.

"Now I'm fat, I'm old, and I hit the ball 30 yards farther," Streck said, happy to have gotten the technology ball rolling.

Adams, who died in 2000 of pancreatic cancer at 56, did not invent the first metal driver. A form of metal woods actually was used as early as the 1890s in Scotland. Adams merely refined a clubhead introduced in 1972 by John Zebelean, a Yugoslavian nuclear physicist who knew that metal would absorb less kinetic energy, would not be affected by temperature or moisture and likely would power a golf ball more explosively

Part of Adams' genius was to realize that harder, two-piece golf balls would replace the softer, balata balls which dominated the market in the 1950s and '60s.

Already in the late '70s, new Surlyn-covered balls, which generated more distance, were cracking faces of persimmon drivers. "It was pretty clear to me," Adams told author James Dodson in 1998, "that two-piece balls were the future, and that told me the time was finally right for a metal driver."

"This man was the original visionary," said Champions Tour player Dave Stockton, who represented Adams with TaylorMade and later Founders Club. "Woods made of metal? Who would have believed this could happen? It took somebody with the foresight and enthusiasm of Gary Adams."

Leap in technology

By the early 1990s, the evolution would make a quantum leap as huge, lightweight titanium-headed drivers dominated the professional tours.

Callaway Golf was also a big player. Founder Eli Callaway's Big Bertha driver was the hot property. Cobra and Titleist also waded in.

Today, hundreds of companies make similar clubs, and there's hardly a golfer around — pro or amateur — without a large steel or titanium-headed driver in his bag.

Two of the holdouts on the PGA Tour were Davis Love III and Justin Leonard. Maybe it's just coincidence that both switched to metal in 1997 and won majors the same year.

Early on, some players missed the workability of their wooden drivers, but with metal drivers allowing for faster swing speeds and a widened sweet spot, the gains in distance and forgiveness were too much to give up.

COMMENTARY

Whatever happened to 'War by the Shore'?

By GLENN SHEELEY
Cox News Service

Atlanta
Just wondering, but where's the Ryder Cup buzz?

For an event sometimes called the biggest in golf, it certainly doesn't feel that way two weeks from the PGA Championship, the last qualifying event for the U.S. team that will meet Europe Sept. 17-19 at Oakland Hills Country Club near Detroit.

Some possible theories:

• **The cups runneth over:** The U.S. has faced flag-waving teams accompanied by bagpipes every year since the inception of the Presidents Cup in 1994, and that might be too often for either the players or the public to get properly pumped.

• **The Tiger issue:** Golf fans seem more curious about when Tiger Woods will regain his major championship mojo than they are about whether he can help the U.S. win back the Ryder Cup.

• **The magnificent majors:** They've been so intriguing this year, beginning with Phil Mickelson's Masters performance, that everything else seems unimportant.

• **The X factor:** Maybe the Ryder Cup got too warm and fuzzy after Sept. 11 and has been changed forever. Once "The War by the Shore," it threatens to become the "Goodwill Games of Golf."

Golf's much deeper

Woods, without a major since June 2002, reacting to seven first-time winners in the last eight majors: "Golf is becoming so much deeper than it ever used to be. It's not just about 10 or 15 guys that have a chance to win a major championship anymore."

SCHEDULE

PGA TOUR
The International
• Site: Castle Rock, Colo.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
• Course: Castle Pines Golf Club (7,594 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$5 million. Winner's share: \$900,000.
• Television: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

LPGA TOUR
Jamie Farr Classic
• Site: Sylvania, Ohio.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
• Course: Highland Meadows Golf Club (6,408 yards, par 71).
• Purse: \$1.1 million. Winner's share: \$165,000.
• Television: ESPN2 (Friday, 1-3 p.m.; Saturday, 2-4 p.m.; Sunday, 4-6 p.m.).

CHAMPIONS TOUR
3M Championship
• Site: Blaine, Minn.
• Schedule: Friday-Sunday
• Course: TPC of the Twin Cities (7,100 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$1.75 million. Winner's share: \$262,500.
• Television: The Golf Channel (Friday-Sunday, 5-7:30 p.m., 9-11:30 p.m.).

THE GOLF DOCTOR

About your face

A question I'm asked all the time goes something like this: "How can I tell when my club face is correct (square) at address?" Let's start with the basics:

At address, the toe of your club head is the part farthest from you, and the heel is the part of the club head closest to you. The hosel is the protrusion above the heel where the shaft is connected to the head.

The horizontal lines on the club face are called grooves. The vertical lines formed by the ends of each groove on the toe and heel, I call the aiming

lines.

Your club face is square when the leading edge on the bottom of the club face is perpendicular to your target line, so that the aiming lines face directly at the target. When the face is square the toe is slightly behind the heel as the club rests behind the ball.

If you're right-handed, aiming lines that look left of the target occur when your club face is closed, with the toe closer to the target than the heel. The face is open when the heel is much closer to the target line than the toe, causing the aiming lines to point to the right.

—T.J. Tomasi

ASK THE PRO



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

Q: I used to average hitting 12 out of 14 fairways with an average distance of about 250 yards. I'm 5 feet, 9 inches, 165 pounds, and I thought I could hit it longer, so I took videos of my swing and compared them to Tiger Woods. I decided that to increase my club head speed, I needed to have my hips more open by the time I made contact.

Since then I either hit high slices or wicked hooks, and hit about four fairways. Now I want to hit it like I used to, but can't. I seem to have done permanent damage to my swing. Do you have any ideas that may help? — Harry C., from the Web

A: This is a tough one, and the answer is a bit technical, but here

goes. It sounds like you have chosen a swing characteristic from Tiger Woods that does not match your body type.

When it comes to the golf swing, what is magic for one player can be tragic for another. To find out which moves are magic for you, take the test in my book "The LAWS of the Golf Swing" (amazon.com).

From the information you've given me, it appears that you have balanced body characteristics, but have chosen a swing feature that best suits a person who is longer-limbed and more flexible than you are. By trying to be more "open" at impact with your hips, you've changed the way you switch your weight from your right heel to your left foot during your downswing. To adopt the scissors leg action that

opens Tiger's hips at impact, you probably used a lateral weight shift from your right heel to the ball of your left foot — magic for Tiger, but tragic for you. This would cause your natural hand speed to be mismatched to your hip action, creating the problems you describe.

To reverse the process, monitor your weight transfer so that at the beginning of the downswing your weight transfers from your right heel to your left heel. At this point your knees should separate as your left knee follows your left hip, while your right leg resists the pull of the left side.

This will match up your hips/hand package and hasten the return of the straight 250-yard tee shots you used to hit.