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50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 WEEKEND

Hollywood for Heart promises to be fun evening

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Big Spring will get a little taste of Hollywood Saturday, as American Heart presents Association "Hollywood for Heart" westernstyle gala in an effort to raise

funds for the organization.

Set for 8 p.m. until midnight at the Big Spring Country Club, the gala will feature dinner, dancing and both silent and live auctions. The night "in

Know the signs in order to 'Act in Time'

Special to the HERALD

American Heart Association and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute have launched a new "Act in Time" campaign to

Hollywood" will also feature a already been lost to heart disvery special procession of paddles in honor of those that have

increase people's awareness of every second counts. If you see heart attack and the importance of calling 9-1-1 immediately at the onset of heart attack symptoms.

Heart attack and stroke are life-and-death emergencies

ease and stroke.

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a special presentation titled "Paddles Up," which gives "This year's event will feature everyone in attendance an See HEART, Page 3A

or have any of the listed symp-

toms, immediately call 9-1-1.

Not all these signs occur in

every heart attack or stroke.

opportunity to share a name of someone they know who has been affected by cardiovascular disease or stroke," said Bobby Roever, local AHA coordinator for the gala. "It's going to be a very touching thing to wit-

Items up for auction include three nights at the Fairfield Las Vegas Desert Resort; three days and two nights at a condo in Ruidoso, including golf: a gui-

Playground to get help via Rotarians

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring supplied the money. Big Spring Rotarians are providing the muscle.

The Big Spring City Council recently approved \$10,000 for the

purchase of much-needed playground equipment for the Northside Community Center. But when it came time to install the equipment, Darden the Greater Big



Spring Rotary Club decided it would provide the manpower.

The Rotarians will make good on that decision Saturday morning when they begin installation of the equipment at the community center, located at N.E. Seventh and N. Runnels streets.

According to City Public Works Director Todd Darden, a Rotarian himself, the club decided that installation of the equipment would make for a good community service project.

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ON THE RISE



Lorezo Acosta, an employee of Larry Snyder and Co. of Missouri, works on the foundation of the Knollwood Apartment Complex, which is under construction at the intersection of FM 700 and Martin Luther King Boulevard. Construction is expected to be completed by early October, a company official said.

Treasure!

Search for the \$250 gift card gets under way this weekend as Herald, businesses team up

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Guided only by clues gathered from local businesses, some lucky per-

son will walk away with a \$250 H-E-B gift card as this year's Big Spring Herald Spring **Treasure Hunt** under gets way Saturday.

Reed

Herald Publisher Susanne Reed said this year's hunt, which will focus on a hidden bag of groceries somewhere in Howard County, should be a lot of for everyone involved.

"The Christmas parade we host each year is just so much fun for the community," said Reed. "I wanted to see us do something fun in the spring,

"Several of our advertisers are participating in the treasure hunt as spon- See HUNT, Page 5A

sors. We'll give them the clues, and our readers will have the opportunities to go to these businesses and pick up clue sheets. A new clue will go out to all of the sponsor businesses each day. The more clues you collect, the easier it will be to find the treasure.'

Reed said the list of sponsoring businesses will be published this weekend, starting the treasure hunt. However, when it will end is completely up the "hunters."

"We'll publish a list of the participating businesses in this weekend's edition of the Herald," said Reed. "Once our readers have the list of businesses, they can go to one of them each day to get the clue for that day. The clues will be delivered to the businesses no later than 9 a.m. each day.

'We're hoping the trea-

Thousands expected in downtown Stanton during trading days

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Stanton prides itself as being home to "3,000 friendly people and a few ol' soreheads." This weekend, the claim

will have to be edited to include " ... and about 10,000 shoppers."

The Old Sorehead Trade Days, a Stanton tradition for more than 10 years, returns to Martin County Saturday and Sunday, featuring more than 500 vendors, an art show, a Lewis will have their petting zoo and a circus.

Also, a new feature, the "Spring

Where: Downtown Stanton.

When: Saturday, 8 a.m. to dark; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Roundup" - featuring more than 20 area authors - will debut at the new Martin County Library building. The authors, including Big Bob Spring's "Tumbleweed Smith" published books on site

Author See STANTON, Page 5A

FAITHFUL PAY FAREWELL TO POPE



KRT photo/Romain Blanquart, Detroit Free Press

People pray in St. Peter's Square during funeral services for Pope John Paul II. See story, Page 3A.

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FUN WALK & RUN



It's not too early to register for the Master the Mountain Fun Walk & Fun Run, scheduled April 16 at Big Spring State Park.

Registration

forms are available at the state park and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Late registration will also be accepted at 8 a.m. on the day of the races, which begin at 9 a.m. Registration is \$10 and includes a T-shirt.

FLEA MARKET

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be holding a community-wide flea market April 23. Area residents are encouraged to bring their gifts, crafts and recycled items to the Big Spring Mall parking lot from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Booth prices range from \$25 for a 10-foot by 10-foot space, \$45 for a 12foot by 12-foot space and \$65 for a 24foot by 12-foot space.

For an application, mail a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Keep Big Spring Beautiful, P.O. Box 1350, Big Spring 79721. Applications can also be picked up at the Chamber office...

THIS WEEKEND

Cover Story: Flying a kite in a stiff breeze on a sunny day is a simple pleasure that can evoke pleasant childhood memories for adults and create new ones for children. Kay Buesing,



curator of the World Kite Museum and Hall of Fame in Long Beach, Wash., (pop. 1,283) has fond memories of her own.

By VICTOR L. S

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BIG SPRING

Friday, April

Take note

- DANCE AT THE STAMPEDE TO BENEFIT THE FORSAN BAND trip to Washington D.C. is set for Saturday from 9 p.m. until midnight. Tickets are \$10.
- MASTER THE MOUNTAIN FUN WALK & FUN RUN at the Big Spring State Park is set to begin at 9 a.m. with late registration accepted until 8 a.m. April 16. Contact the state park or Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for registration forms.
- AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION GALA is set for Saturday. Contact Lauri Phillips at 263-4856 for more information.
- THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the Symphony office, 808 Scurry.
- ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR, "Prevention is the Key to Good Health." sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is set for 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. April 16 in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
- OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is set for 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m April 21. The school is located at 118 Cedar Road. Cal 263-0203 for more information.
- COMMUNITY-WIDE FLEA MARKET SPON-SORED BY KEEP BIG SPRING BEAUTIFUL is set for 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. April 23 in the Big Spring Mall parking lot. Booth applications may be obtained at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third
- BIG SPRING POW-WOW in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum April 23-24. Contact Janice Bishop, 264-0060, ext. 501 or Robert Downing at 263-3255 for more information.
- ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH INSIDE SALE IS SET FOR 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. April 23 to benefit the Quilter's Guild.
- BIG SPRING DAY IN AUSTIN is set for April 27. Contact the chamber of commerce at 263-7641.
- RSVP ANNUAL VOLUNTEER BANQUET April 28. Contact Nancy Jones at 264-2397.
- "A SPRING GALA" WITH THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY AND CHORALE is set for April 30. Contact the symphony office, 263-4033 for more information.

- KEEP BIG SPRING BEAUTIFUL WASTE IN PLACE WORKSHOP is set for April 30. Contact Todd Darden at 264-5000 or Loyce Phillips at 263-1738 for more information.
- ACKERLY LUNCH BUNCH meets at 10:30 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 400 E. Fourth, with lunch beginning at noon April 30. RSVP to Betty Pitts at 267-1449 or Sissy Jones at 267-7732.
- TEXAS MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS ASSOCIATION has set a fund-raiser from noon until midnight April 30 to send members to the National Coalition Motorcyclist Convention in Nashville, Tenn. The event will take place at the Cossack's Motorcycle Club on Birdwell Lane. Food, music and entertainment will include an auction. The cover charge and all other proceeds will benefit the conference expenses. Call 268-6421 for more information.
- A MEMORIAL FUND HAS BEEN ESTAB-LISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF TYBO JACOBS at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahom and Big Spring to help with funeral costs. He died in an automobile accident March 10.
- MEMBERS OF THE PUGA FAMILY are searching for family members to invite to a family reunion July 2 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Contact Anna Gutierrez-Trevino at 466-1780.
- HOWARD COUNTY A&M CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2005-2006 are being accepted. Applications may be obtained from Mike or Jeane Niklasch at 1409 E. Highway 350 or by calling the club president, Dr. Tom Dawson at 267-7911, ext. 216. Application deadline is April 15.
- DEREK CHURCHWELL MEMORIAL SCHOL-ARSHIP has been established at Howard College. Donations may be made to the Howard College Foundation in care of Jan Foresyth, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Designate the Derek Churchwell Scholarship
- HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD is seeking financial donations to provide support for children in Howard County who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or mail donations to HCCWB P.O. Box 3101 Big Spring, 79721.
- SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

 AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. · Greater Big Spring Rotary 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. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are

SATURDAY

- Free eye glasses are available from 9 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. in the Event Center, 1607 E. Third.
- Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton is set for 8 a.m. until dark. Admission is free.
- · American Heart Association Gala is set for Saturday. Contact Lauri Phillips at 263-4856 for more information.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third. Dance at the Stamped to benefit Forsan Band trip
- to Washington D.C. from 9 p.m. until midnight.
- · Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

· Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton is set for noon until 5 p.m. Admission is free.

MONDAY

 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 Off Pounds 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.

 The Big Spring Symphony Association will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Symphony office, 808 Scurry.

· Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• Take Off Pounds 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.

Lottery

189 .301 to Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-6-8-28. Bonus Ball: 18. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.

Winning ticket sold in: Beaumont. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing:

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-11-12-24-33. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$34,021. Winning tickets sold in: Huntsville. Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-9-0

Weather

Tonight - Mostly clear. Warmer. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Saturday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. South winds 15 to 25 mph decreasing to 10 to 15

mph after midnight. Sunday - Partly cloudy. Windy...Cooler. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph. Gusts up

to 40 mph in the afternoon. Sunday night - Partly cloudy. Windy. Lows in the

lower 40s.

Monday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Monday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Tuesday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Tuesday night - Partly cloudy. Lows around 50. Wednesday - Partly cloudy. High's in the lower 80s. Wednesday night - . Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Thursday - Partly cloudy. Highs around 80.

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Support groups

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, mation. 615 Settles, moon 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
- West Texas Gluten-Free Support Group (Celiacs Helping Celiacs) meet from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Jan. 15 in the Odessa Regional Hospital. For more information, conact Barbara at 432-694-3614 days, or 432-520-2119 evenings.
- West Texas Gluten-Free Awareness Support Group meets from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Memorial Hospital west campus in Midland. Call Barbara at 432-520-2119 for more information.

SUNDAY

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

TUESDAY The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6

the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd. INDECENT EXPOSURE was reported in the 700

block of Interstate Highway 20.

· CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported:

- in the 700 block of 11th Place. - in the 3800 block of Calvin.

 ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1800 block of Scurry.

 ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.

Sheriff's report

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

· JEREMY JOHN MILLER, 27, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and aggravated assault against a public servant.

· JOE L. SANCHEZ, 45, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and issuance of a bad check.

· LUPE GARCIA, 30, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of theft by check.

· ROMAN AVILA, 25, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of driving while license suspended and purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor. • THEFT was reported in the 3300 block of E.

Highway 350.

Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more inforon hadicemonth.

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 the fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center beginning in January. 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.

FRIDAY

· AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

 TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of E. Sixth Street at 2:15 p.m. Thursday. One person was trans-

· MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia at 4:16 p.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of

Birdwell at 3:09 p.m. Thursday. One person was trans-· TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of State

Street at 10:38 a.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC. · MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of

Virginia at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W.

Interstate Highway 20. Service was refused. MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Owens at 4:45 a.m. Thursday. One person was transported to

SMMC. · TRAUMA was reported in the 2800 block of Parkway at 6:51 a.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Throngs bid farewell to Pope John Paul II

By VICTOR L. SIMPSON

Associated Press Writer

VATICAN CITY (AP) -Presidents, prime ministers and kings joined pilgrims and prelates in St. Peter's Square on Friday to bid farewell to Pope John Paul II at a funeral service that drew millions to Rome for one of the largest religious gatherings of modern times.

Applause rang out as John Paul's plain cypress coffin adorned with a cross and an "M" for the Virgin Mary was brought out from St. Peter's Basilica and placed on a carpet in front of the altar. The book of the Gospel was placed on the coffin and the wind lifted the pages.

After the Mass ended, the bells of St. Peter's tolled and 12 pallbearers with white gloves, white ties and tails carried the coffin on their shoulders back inside for burial.

John Paul requested in his last will and testament to be interred "in the bare earth," and his body will be laid to rest under the floor of the grotto below the basilica, among the remains of pontiffs from centuries past near the tomb traditionally believed to be of the apostle Peter, the first

His tomb will be covered with a flat stone bearing his name and the dates of his birth and death. Pilgrims will even-

tually be able to visit.

The 2 1/2-hour Mass began with the Vatican's Sistine Choir singing the Gregorian chant, "Grant Him Eternal Rest, O Lord." Cardinals wearing white miters walked onto the square, their red vestments blowing in the breeze.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, dean of the College of Cardinals, a close confidant of John Paul and a possible successor, presided at the Mass and referred to him as our "late beloved pope" in a homily that traced the pontiff's life from his in Nazi-occupied Poland to his final days as the head of the world's 1 billion Catholics.

Interrupted by applause at least 10 times, the usually unflappable Germanborn Ratzinger choked up as he recalled one of John wide Paul's last public appearances.

"We can be sure that our beloved pope is standing today at the window of the father's house, that he sees us and blesses us," he said.

"Today we bury his Immediately." remains in the earth as a seed of immortality our hearts are full of sadness, yet at the same time of joyful hope and profound gratitude," Ratzinger said.

He said John Paul was a "priest to the last" and said he had offered his

life for God and his flock "especially amid the sufferings of his final months."

Ratzinger was interrupted again toward the end of the Mass by several minutes of cheers, rhythmic applause and shouts of "Giovanni Paolo Santo" or "Saint John Paul," from the crowd.

The eruption of cheers came right before the Litany of Saints chant, in which the names of the saints are read.

The Mass ended with everyone standing and singing together: "May days as a factory worker the angels accompany you into heaven, may the martyrs welcome you when you arrive, and lead you to Holy Jerusalem."

> At least 300,000 people filled St. Peter's Square and spilled out onto the Via della Conciliazione leading toward the Tiber River, but millions of others watched on giant video screens set up across Rome. Banners read "Santo Subito," or "Sainthood d

Earlier, groggy pilgrims who had camped out on the cobblestones awoke in their sleeping bags to hordes of the faithful stepping over them as they tried to secure a good spot to view the Mass.

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U.S. President George W. Bush and his wife, Laura, attend funeral services for Pope John

boulevard leading to it were a sea of red and white flags waved by pilgrims from John Paul's beloved Poland, many in traditional dress shouting "Polska! Polska!"

Pilgrims from other countries raised their national flags in the crowd and prayers were read out during the Mass in a host of languages.

"We just wanted to say goodbye to our father for the last time," said Joanna Zmijewsla, 24, who traveled for 30 hours with her brother from a town near Kielce, Poland, arriving at St. Peter's at 1 a.m. Friday.

American Archbishop James Harvey, head of papal protocol, greeted dignitaries and religious leaders as they emerged onto the steps of the basilica. Many shook Harvey's hand and

offered condolences before mingling and taking their appointed seats. ' fezzes, Turbans.

yarmulkes, black lace veils, or mantillas, joined the "zucchettos," or skull caps, of Catholic prelates on the steps of St. Peter's in an extraordinary mix of religious and government leaders from around the world.

"I'm here because I'm a believer but also to live a moment in history," said Stephan Aubert, wearing a French flag draped over his shoulders.

Vatican ushers seated dignitaries who were given a chance to view John Paul's body before it was carried out of the basilica and into the square.

Bells tolled as the final leaders took their places on red-cushioned wooden seats. Ten minutes before

the scheduled start of the funeral, the U.S. delegation arrived, headed by President Bush, and including his father, former President George H.W. Bush, and former President Bill Clinton.

President Bush sat on the aisle in the second row, next to his wife, Laura. Beside them were French President Jacques Chirac and his wife, Bernadette.

The two presidents shook hands.

Rome itself was at a standstill. Just after midnight Thursday, a ban took effect on vehicle traffic in the city center. Airspace was closed, and anti-aircraft batteries outside the city were on Naval alert. patrolled both Mediterranean coast and the Tiber River near Vatican City.

SIGNS

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Sometimes they go away and return. If some occur, get help fast.

Today, heart attack and stroke victims can benefit from new medications and treatments unavailable to patients in years past. For example, clotbusting drugs can stop some heart attacks and strokes in progress, reducing disability and saving lives. But to be effective, these drugs must be given relatively quickly after heart attack or stroke symptoms first appear. So again, don't delay - get help right

Coronary heart disease is America's No. 1 killer. Stroke is No. 3 and a leading cause of serious disability. That's why it's so important to reduce your risk factors, know the warning signs, and know how to respond quickly and properly if warning signs occur.

Heart Attack Warning Signs

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense — the "movie heart attack," where no one doubts what's happening. But most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

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Saturday night

lasts more than a few are the warning signs of minutes, or that goes stroke: away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfort- weakness of the face, arm able pressure, squeezing, or leg, especially on one fullness or pain.

 Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. trouble speaking Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

 Shortness of breath. May occur with or without chest discomfort.

· Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

If you or someone you're with has chest discomfort, especially with one or more of the other signs, don't wait longer than a few minutes (no more than 5) before calling for help. Call 9-1-1... Get to a hospital right

Calling 9-1-1 is almost always the fastest way to get lifesaving treatment. Emergency medical services staff can begin treatment when they arrive up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. The staff are also trained to revive someone whose heart has stopped. Patients with chest pain who arrive by ambulance usually receive faster treatment at the hospital, too.

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tar autographed by country music star Pat Green; a football autographed by the Green Bay Packers; four tickets to a Texas Rangers baseball game; and a ladies 14k gold diamond pendant.

"The gala brings attention to the threat heart disease and stroke pose to will able at the door.

both men and women,' said Roever. "It also creates a call-to-action for people to commit to living a heart-healthy lifestyle. People in the Big Spring area who have battled heart disease, had heart surgery or have suffered the effects of a stroke are encouraged to attend."

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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:

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful and all of the volunteers who participated in the Trash-Off. You really are making a difference.
- Big Spring Independent School District business office for receiving the District Budget Presentation Award from the Governmental Finance Officers Association.
- Billie Prophet on being selected Big Spring State Hospital's Social Worker of the Year.
- · Big Spring State Hospital and other state hospitals in Texas, for doing such a good job that the Rider 55 Study of State Schools and Hospitals found it would be detrimental to close or consolidate.
- · Marion Newton Jr., named Producer of the Year, and American State Bank, chosen Agri-Business of the Year at the 2005 Ag Expo and Appreciation Luncheon, put on by the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce.

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

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Pols treating pubic like morons

lot of Republicans in the Texas Senate believe the general public is ignorant. They believe we're too stupid to make informed deci-

Just this week, the Senate voted

down a bill that would have given juries the option of sentencing someone to life without parole.

Right now in Texas, we don't have that choice. Our options, assuming a guilty verdict in a capital murder case, are either death by injec-McCLELLAN tion or life in prison with the possibility of parole after 40 years.

Thirty-eight states have the death penalty and 36 of them have the life-without-parole option. But not New Mexico. And not Texas.

Sen. Todd Staples of Palestine, one of 12 Republicans who voted against the bill, explained his vote this way: "We need to streamline so jurors fully understand the decision they're making."

In other words, Texans aren't intelligent enough to comprehend something as complex as "lock him up and throw away the key." Thank goodness we've got Staples making decisions for us dumb, ignorant hayseeds.

Here's another example of how politicians believe the public is a bunch of dim-witted idiots.

Case in point are the petty attacks being traded by Gov. Rick Perry and his possible gubernatorial opponent, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

As you've no doubt heard, the Perry campaign released a video showing Hutchison sharing a hug with Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, a Democrat. In the video, Clinton praises Hutchison as "my partner on many fronts."

The slam here, of course, is that no good Republican would be caught dead — and certainly not even in a life-without-parole situation — with the former first lady. The shame!

Naturally then, Hutchison's campaign, in a reverse body slam, quickly pinned the governor to the mat by pointing to a 1993 letter he wrote commending Clinton's health care reform efforts. Oops.

Perry is still wiping the egg off his face.

But what should absolutely gall Texans about all of this is that both Perry and Hutchison think their constituents are so stupid as to believe this nonsense would sway anyone. They don't understand that politicians working together is what the people desire. We want Hutchison and Clinton to work together. It's sure not going to help us if they don't!

At some point, it's important to realize that you work for the public. At least, that's what you are supposed to be doing. The general public does not want Republicans

to hate and ridicule Democrats. We don't want "libs" and "neocons" pointing fingers and trashing each other. No. We want them to sit down and work together for us. Remember us?

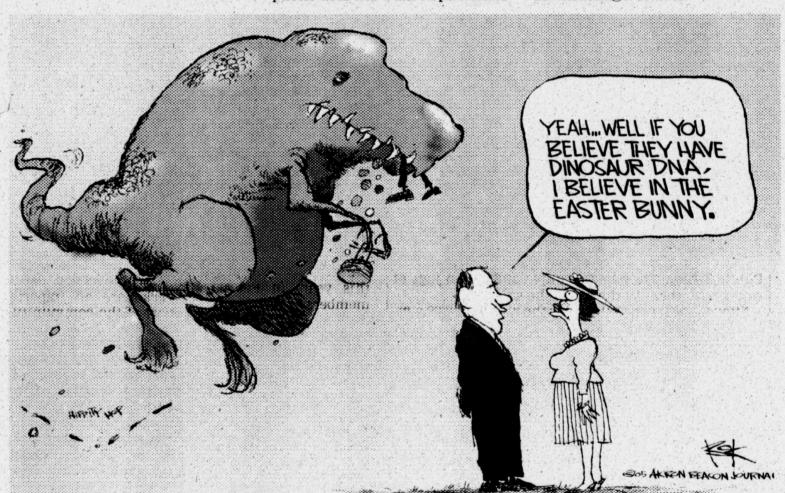
While the reverse slam against Perry's two-faced attack was no doubt too good to pass up, what Hutchison should have said is "Yes, governor, while you have done your darndest to widen the gap between political parties, I have made it a point to reach across party lines to do what is best for the people of Texas and the nation.'

Finally, one other thing; Our politicians' response to the Terri Schiavo tragedy was absolutely sickening. We don't need elected officials stepping into our personal affairs. These are family issues, not political issues. We'll work it our ourselves, or - as in the Schiavo case — through the courts, if need be.

Situations like the one the Schiavos are going through which happen across the United States on an almost daily basis should not be turned into forums for politicians in a pathetic lobby for votes.

But then, they believe we are too stupid to understand that is just what they were doing.

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Pope gave harsh lessons on living in faith

ope John Paul II's death on Saturday has sparked an unprecedented focus on his teachings and those of the Catholic Church. In his life and in his death, the humble priest from Poland exemplified the

precepts of a 2,000year-old institution that has shaped much of the world for centuries. He stood for life against death. He championed the vulnerable over the powerful. And he resisted the siren call to abandon fidelity to tradition and Church doctrine - which earned

CHAVEZ him numerous critics among the cultural

elite, especially for his stance on human sexuality and the role of

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women in modern life. Since the pope's death, liberal commentators on television and radio have tried to walk the fine line between criticizing the pope's theology and appearing to criticize the man, as if with this pope there could be any distinction between the two. Some dissident Catholics, for example, have suggested that whoever is chosen when the Conclave of Cardinals meet in Rome on April 18, he must heal the wounds they claim were created by this pope. Father Andrew Greeley, an influential writer and sociologist, wrote in the New York Daily News this week on the legacy of Pope John Paul II: "The Catholic Church, so attractive during the time of Pope John XXIII [1958-63], lost much of its respect and esteem — especially because it was perceived, perhaps unfairly, to be hostile to both women and homosexuals." But the growth

among new Catholics would appear to contradict the dissidents' carping.

Since 1978 when Pope John Paul II became pontiff, the Catholic Church has nearly doubled in membership from 757 million to some 1.1 billion, keeping rough pace with the growth in world population. Although Islam is generally referred to as the fastestgrowing religion in the world, Moslems number less than a billion and are losing ground to Roman Catholics in some traditionally Muslim areas, including Africa. In 2003, the last year for which statistics are available, the Catholic population of Africa grew by 4.5 percent, for example. And even in the Americas (the Church measures North and South America as one entity), where Church membership grew by only 1.2 percent in 2003, the Church has been losing ground to conservative Evangelical Christian denominations, not to "progressive" mainline Protestantism. Indeed, the religious communities that are in deepest trouble in the United States are those that have most strayed from orthodox belief and practice, from Episcopalians, whose hierarchy have accepted the ordination of homosexuals and even their consecration as bishop, to Reform Judaism, the bulk of whose membership rarely shows up for services beyond the Jewish High Holy Days.

Pope John Paul II did not make it easier to be a Catholic in a modern, secular world. He asked that Catholics sacrifice, that they not be seduced by momentary pleasures, that they live for others rather than for themselves. He urged Catholics to put their faith at the center of their lives, not to

relegate it to an hour a week, or worse, to an occasional holiday like Christmas or Easter. He expected Catholics to be an example to those who did not share their faith, and especially to those who lacked faith altogether. It was a tall order, but from the moment he assumed his office, Pope John Paul II promised that faithful Catholics would not be alone in their struggle.

'Be not afraid," the pope said in his inaugural sermon, harkening the words Christ spoke to his disciples when He reappeared after the Resurrection that He would remain with us always. The words echo those used numerous times in the Old Testament to reassure the ancient Hebrews that God would stand steadfast with the people so long as they honored their covenant with Him. "Be not afraid. Christ knows 'what is in man.' He alone knows it," the pope assured his listeners. The message was clear — Christ has faith in man even when we do not have faith in ourselves. Like the Teacher whose vicar on

earth he was, John Paul II believed that we are all capable of leading better, more authentically Christian lives — and his words and example remain with us even after he has departed this world.

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Caretaker charged in child's death

HOUSTON (AP) - A woman taking care of a 20month-old boy was charged with capital murder Thursday, accused of his fatal head injury, according to a criminal complaint.

James Dalton Powell died Wednesday.

Theresa Ann Blount, 36, was being held without bond, according to court records. A criminal complaint accuses her of causing the death by striking the boy in the head or causing his head to strike an

Blount told police she did not hurt the child. She said she was in the kitchen when he heard a thump in the bathtub. She said the boy was unresponsive when she found him.

Police and neighbors who called for help said the boy showed signs of abuse over his entire body. Homicide investigators said Blount carried the boy's limp body into the street as she screamed for help. The child was dead before paramedics and police arrived.

Man sentenced to death for killing wife, mother-in-law

DENTON (AP) - An Irving man who took along his young son as he killed his pregnant wife and mother-in-law was sentenced Thursday to death.

Denton County jurors reached that decision against Christopher J. Swift, 30, the day after they found him guilty of capital murder.

He stabbed and strangled his wife, Amy Sabeh-Swift, 27, at their Irving home, and strangled his mother-in-law, Sandra Sabeh, 61, at her Lake Dallas home in April 2003.

His wife was eight months' pregnant, and her unborn child also died. Prosecutors did not pursue a charge in that case.

Defense attorneys had argued that Swift was insane at the time of the deadly attacks.

After the murders, Swift checked into a Farmers Branch motel and abandoned his then 5-year-old son there after the child went to sleep, officials said. Police were contacted after the boy woke up and was found alone. The child is living with his maternal grandfather.

Police arrested Swift in Dallas a few hours after the bodies of his wife and mother-in-law were discov-

Nearly 50 immigrants found unhurt in big rig near Abilene

TYE (AP) - A state trooper who pulled over an 18wheeler near Abilene for a random inspection Thursday discovered 48 illegal immigrants in the trailer, authorities said.

None of the immigrants — 42 men and six women ranging in age from 13 to 55 — was hurt, said Tela Mange, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department for Public Safety. They had a couple of 5-gallon jugs of water with them in the back, she said.

After the trooper pulled over the rig about 8:30 a.m. on Interstate 20 near Tye in Taylor County, he found that the driver did not have a commercial driver's license or a log book, Mange said.

The driver, Henry L. Nunez, gave permission for the trooper to check the trailer. Nunez and two other men in the cab were taken into custody, Mange said.

Commissioners clear hurdle for prison

SAN ANGELO (AP) - Tom Green County commissioners moved one step closer to building a 620-bed faith-based prison Thursday with the creation of the Concho Valley Community Facilities Corp.

The corporation would build the \$25 million private prison east of San Angelo and lease it.

The medium-security facility would be for inmates in the final two years of their sentences and would serve as a rehabilitation program.

Dallas-based Corrections Concepts Inc., which plans to submit a proposal to run the proposed prison, said construction could create 200 jobs and the prison would need 250 workers once it is opera-

Bill Robinson, chairman of the Corrections Concepts board, said inmates could hold to whatever beliefs they wish.

"Every prisoner ... must sign an agreement to come — it's voluntary," Robinson said in a story in Friday's San Angelo Standard-Times. "It's a faithbased facility, but their worship preferences will be respected."

Corrections Concept's mission statement says it will use Christian principles to help inmates prepare for the outside world.

HUNT

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sure hunt will last at least a couple of weeks, but it could go on a lot longer than that. We'll continue giving out clues until someone finds it. This year's prize is a \$250 shopping spree at H-E-B that can be used for anything, from groceries to gasoline.'

While the treasure hunt is certainly a ton of fun for hunters and the local businesses providing the clues, Reed said she really enjoys her part in the search.

"The fun part is trying

to find a place to hide it," said Reed with a mischiethat without people knowseeing me. That can be such a challenge. Of course, even after it's hidden, I still have to continually go back to it and make sure an animal hasthe wind hasn't blown it away. So it's a lot of sneaking around and fun. I keep having to watch and make sure no one's

So, when does the hunt begin?

following me."

"The hunt will start as

soon as the papers hit the street Saturday aftervous grin. "I have to do, noon," said Reed. "This weekend's paper will ing what I'm up to. It's a have the list of advertisget a new clue each day, except on the weekends. And they have to get the expect any more. clues directly from the advertisers.

"There won't be any n't made away with it or clues published in the paper, either. I already have people calling me for clues, and I can't give them to them. And you have to have at least one clue sheet in your hand to claim the prize. So if someone just goes and finds it, they have to go to

one of the sponsor businesses and get a clue sheet before they can claim the prize."

Despite her adamant lot of fun to try to hide ers that will have the resolve not to give up any the prize without anyone clues. Each of them will clues in the pages of the Herald, Reed did decide to let one slip - but don't

> "Since gas prices are so high this year, I'll give out just one clue right now. The treasure is in the Big Spring city limits. But that's all you're going to get out of me," she said with a grin.

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for signing.

In conjunction with the author roundup, the Friends of the Martin County Library will hold a used book sale.

The art show will be held at the same building. Among the many local and area artists exhibiting their work will be 18year-old Natalia Hernandez of Stanton High School. Hernandez recently won "best of show" at an art show in Snyder.

Many works will be on sale, with prices ranging from \$25 to more than \$200.

The parking lot of the new library, located across the street from B.F. White Motor Co. on

transformed into a petting zoo.

The Culpepper and Marriweather Circus will hold two performances Saturday — at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. — immediately south of the downtown area. Advance ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children ages 12 and under. Tickets are available at the county extension office in the county courthouse, and at Lawrence Brothers IGA on Lamesa Highway, said Sonya Jones of the extension office.

Entertainment is scheduled for both days on the courthouse lawn, according to Kathryn Burch, one of the event's organizers. Music will range from country and western to gospel, highlighted by a 3 p.m. Saturday perforHymel.

"There's a lot of talent and this is kind of a showcome together," Burch said.

But the major attraction, as it has been for the past decade, will be the shopping. More than 500 vendors will have stalls set up across the downtown area, selling items ranging from clothing to lawn decorations to arts and crafts to jewelry, Burch said.

"We've had nice steady growth (in the number of vendors) through the Burch said. years." "There will be a nice variety of things for people to buy."

This is the first of three

201 St. Anna, will be mance by the Stanton. Trade Days events sched-Elementary choir, under uled for this year. Other the direction of Laura events are scheduled for June 11-12 and Oct. 8-9.

Saturday's hours are 8 in the West Texas area, a.m. until dark, while Sunday's event will be case for that talent to held from noon until 5

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Rosa's Westside Cafe

Due to illness the cafe will be open Fri., Sat. & Sun. Only 8 am - 2 pm

Lunch Served

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This will mark the club's second major community service project this year: In February, members planted trees at Roy Anderson Baseball Complex.

Saturday, the club plans to install a swing set, slide, merry-go-round and other playground equipment at the center, Darden said.

Darden said the city's

purchase was in line with its master plan, adopted in the 1990s, in that officials recognized the need to upgrade neighborhood parks such as the community center area.

"Neighborhood service parks are an important part of the community that provides entertainment services," Darden said. "What we're trying to create for citizens is activity recreational within their areas."

Contact Staff Writer

Big Spring ISD trustee charged with burglary

PHerald Staff Report

Big Spring Independent School District Trustee Ricky Allen Robertson is

free on bond being after arrested on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.

Spring Big Sgt. Police Tony Everett

Robertson said Robertson, 42, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant that claimed he took a drill from a motor

vehicle. Robertson was later transferred to the Howard County Sheriff's Office, and released on \$2,500 bond.

No other details were available at presstime.



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Church News

Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone Church, an **Every Nation Ministries** church, invites children in kindergarten through fourth grade to Sunday activities.

Sunday, the children's ministry will begin a study of the Sermon on the Mount. There will be two experts on giving in the Sunday class.

The New Youth, for grades 5 and 6, continue a study of the Ten Commandments at 7 p.m. each Wednesday in April.

Cornerstone is at the corner of 12th and Owens streets. Morning worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday worship is at 7 p.m. Childcare is available.

Call Pastor Craig or Cherise Felty at 263-3072 with any questions.

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church welcomes all those who are looking for a place to worship. Calvary Baptist is located at 1200 W. Fourth Street. Preaching services are at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and Wednesday Bible study is at 5 p.m.

Life Church

Life Church, at 600 E. FM 700, offers two morning worship services Sunday, the first at 8:30 a.m. and again at 10:30 a.m. Children's ministries are available during both services for ages 0-12.

YoungLife seeks volunteers

YoungLife, a non-profit Christian organization for high school students. seeks Christian, adult volunteers to work with teen-agers to enjoy skits, comedy routines and fellowship during YoungLife club. Club members are also

preparing for YoungLife camp July 2-10 in Colorado.

contribute to YoungLife, call leader Shelly Warren at 264-1234.

First United Methodist Church

Sunday is Youth Sunday and Native American Ministries Sunday. The Youth Groups will lead both worship services. Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Following the late service, the church will host a Missions Banquet. During the banquet the mission teams will show pictures of Cuba, Belize and Mexico. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a covered dish.

Chancel Choir will rehearse at 2 p.m., and Children's Choir rehearses at 4 p.m.

The Youth will attend a Youth Rally in Lamesa at 3 p.m. The Youth are planning a special retreat, 'Our Retreat of Love," April 16-17 in Big Spring.

Every Wednesday, join in a noon Bible study. Lunch is provided for a small donation.

Wednesday, Handbells rehearse at 7 p.m. and Center in Praise rehearses at 8 p.m.

The Hispanic Ministry has Bible study at 6 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday evenings at the Kentwood Center. Everyone is invited to join.

Special prayer times are observed in the chapel at noon Thursday and at 7 p.m. Friday.

In observation of National Scrapbooking Month, the church offers a free scrapbooking class with a creative memory consultant from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. April 30 in the Partee building.

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

First Christian Church

Worship is for God's benefit. Come worship with us at First Christian Church. Sunday services begin at .9:45 a.m. with Sunday school, followed by worship service at 10:50 a.m. The Rev. Gary Groves, interim pastor for FCC, will fill the pulpit. A nursery is provided.

Sunday evening prayer meeting guest speaker is the Rev. Jim Hill of the First Christian Church in Snyder and the devotional will be given by Janice Bond. Prayer Meeting starts at 5 p.m. and everyone is welcome., Wednesday Bible Study in the Isaiah 58 building starts at 10:30 a.m. and choir practice is at 6 p.m.

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad. For more information or For more information, call 267-7851

St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul church members are participating in the Annual Health Fair April 16 with information about improving your spiritual health. The St. Paul Sonrise Walkers Relay for Life team will have casseroles and desserts for sale after church April 10 and April 24. Take a break from cooking and help the cause.

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Plans are being made for a church-wide outing weekend for June 17-19 at the Davis Mountains State Park. Information is available at the church. Make plans to join other members of the church on this great trip.

Choir practice is 6 p.m. Wednesday. The Women Presbyterian Gathering Spring Saturday in Sonora. Everyone is always wel-First come Presbyterian Church, located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

St. Mary's **Episcopal Church**

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

St. Mary's Vestry meets at 6 p.m. Monday in the Parish Hall.

Mary's annual Eastertide concert series begins April 14 at 12:05 light lunch will be provid- 11 a.m. ed after the concert. Everyone is invited.

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

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

Friends of Unity

Meeting times are 2 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday. The Rev. Jim Sims leads the study of Joel Goldsmith's teachings Tuesday.

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Baptist Temple

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We extend an invitation to those who are seeking. a place of worship. We offer Bble Study classes for all ages. Evening service begins at 6.

April 17, we will begin four days called "A Celebration of Hope."

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For more information call 267-8287 or visit our Web site at www.baptistemplechurch.org come and meet with us at the corner of 11th and Goliad.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

East Fourth Street Baptist Church at 401 E. Fourth invites the Big Spring community to join us for Sunday. Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. for all age groups and the morning p,m. in the church. A worship service begins at

A Youth Discipleship

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and Mission Babies are offered for children of all ages Sunday at 4:45 p.m. Choir practice begins Sunday at 5 p.m. and the evening worship service begins at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, adults are invited to worship in the Beth Moore Women's Bible Study or Men's Bible Study from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. and teenagers are invited to worship with the Youth group at the same time. Call 267-2291 for more information.

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Eastertide Offerings Concerts

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 S. Goliad, set Eastertide Offerings Concerts at 12:05 p.m. Wednesday and April 21.

Both concerts will be about 30 minutes long. The Wednesday concert features the Big Spring High School Honor band, under the direction of Rocky harris.

The band will perform a variety of selections from their contest repertoire.

There is no admission charge for these concerts and the public is invited to attend.

A light lunch will be provided free of charge by the church after each con-



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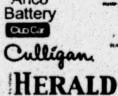
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terday. The years have seen some times of discouragement and there have been difficulties, but we have never forgotten our

early romance! In spite of the problems and difficulties encountered along the way, we have managed to keep our romance alive. We are thankful for the lingering memories of past days and years, but we have also learned that we do not have to base our happiness today upon the events of yesterday, though they have been wonderful.

We are extremely happy with the wonderful experiences of the present.

Our happiness in our Christian life with Christ should, also be based upon our personal relationship and experiences of today. It is thrilling to walk daily with Jesus Christ in our Christian walk, but it is not enough to just linger with the memories of our romance with Him of bygone days.

The only way we can meet the spiritual need of a lost world is to recapture and keep the romance in our Christian life each day. It is my moral and legal responsibility to provide the things necessary for the welfare of my family.

But if I can do something extra for them, that is a thrill to both them and to me. It is my responsibility to Christ and my church to fulfill certain obligations to them, but what a joy it is when I am able to go beyond the call of duty and perform a task which was not assigned to me!

I believe there is a need to recapture the romance in the Christian life in this hour as never before. and what joy it can bring as we serve our Saviour.

If we are to have this glorious experience, we must be certain that no condition exists that would make our former relationship impossible.

Our devotion and desire to please Him must be as great as it was in the early days of our relationship. Perhaps our minds and bodies may not be as active, but our hearts must be just as warm and our ambitions just as consuming.

All that we placed upon the altar must still be on the altar today, if we are to have the same romance in our Christian

If we are to keep the romance in our Christian life we must also remember that Christ comes into our lives that He might be seen through out lives.

The Holy Spirit is imparted to us that He

Church art work unveiled

Church unveiled a specially-commissioned sculpture in the church sancturary during Easter services.

The sculpture was hidden by a black veil for Holy Thursday and Good Friday services. Easter Sunday, the project was dedicated to the glory of

The sculputre, called reredos (pronounced rear doss) is made of Texas limestone quarried near Leander.

This unique sculpture of the Good Shepherd is in bas-relief depends upon shadow to create its affect.

The panels of stone are sledge hammer and a

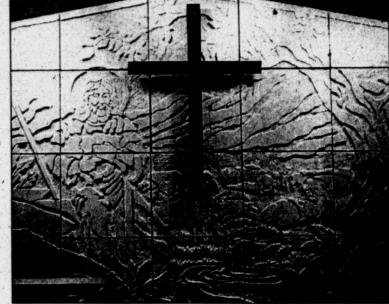
St. Paul Lutheran backed with 3/4 inch plywood and set in an iron grid anchored to the wall. Each panel weighs

approximately 75 pounds. The idea for this project began almost four years ago, when members of the congregation wanted to augment the chancel with

a unique work of art. Dennis Roberts of Fredericksburg was then commissioned for this project.

He recently designed and faceted glass for the 9-11 Memorial Prayer chapel at the Pentagon.

Stevie Jo Lake, the which sculptress, spent about six weeks carving the reredos with a four-pound



This art work, unveiled during Easter services, is available for public viewing at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

steel chisel.

the public for viewing weekdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or

during the worship time The art work is open to Sundays between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Club News

TOPS TX 21

Members of Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX 21 met at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 206 W. Third, with new leader, Hughetta Roberts presiding and voicing the opening prayer.

The TOPS and Keep Off Pounds Sensibly (KOPS)

pledges were recited and

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the fellowship song was for the week. sung by the 11 members present.

Wanda Lee gave a reading titled, "A Friend Like Jesus" and Hughetta Roberts read a chuckle titled, "Eyes by Wal-Mart."

Of the six TOPS presents, Hughetta Roberts was the best loser for the week and Lynne Criswell was the KOPS best loser

Bertran also handed out charms to members for a three-month perfect attendance. Those receiving charms were Lynne Criswell, Joyce Chelette, Olnee Menges Hughetta Roberts.

New program chairman Jennifer Shaffer presented, "Hungry all the Time: How to Turn Off the Switch." She introduced See CLUB NEWS Page 8A

us to the glycemic index and how to use it. She also noted some healthy fats such as olive and canola oils, nuts, come cheeses and avocados and encouraged each of us to eat more fiber.

Interested in learning more about TOPS? Call 1-800-392-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758.







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Club News

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Keep Big Spring Beautiful

At the KBSB meeting Monday in the Chinese Dragon Restaurant, Pat Simmons reported 500 participated in the Trash-Off Saturday, 200 of which were young people under 18 years of age. Special praise went to Janice Bishop of Cornell Corrections for having 43 workers in her group.

The Code Enforcement group will be at the city council chambers Tuesday.

Veona Davis reported Community-Wide Flea Market is on the east side of Big Spring Mall April 23. Brenda Concienne announced the golf tournament is May 21. The committee is seeking sponsors for this event. Loyce Philips reminded everyone that the "Waste in Place" seminar is April 30. Thirteen teachers have agreed to attend.

Jan Hansen reviewed possible awards from Keep Texas Beautiful.

The next meeting is May 2 at the Chinese Dragon.

General Federation of Women's Clubs

The TEXAS Western District 45th Annual Convention opens Saturday at the Kokernot Lodge and GFWC Arts in the Community is in the Alpine High School Fover.

In conjunction with "Women's Healthcare in the 21st Century," as the WD Special Project, Dr. James Luecke will speak on "Gems on Healthcare" and Ken T. Vongsavath will give the special introduction "Partners in Medicine." Both are affiliated with Big Bend Regional Medical Center in Alpine and have served the Big Bend community for more than a decade.

Judges for the GFWC Arts shows in the Alpine High School are Pam Price of University of Texas Permian Basin and Elayne Karickhoff, board member and past president of the board of the Ellen Noel Art Museum in Odessa, a retired art historian and museum administrator.

At the convention luncheon, awards will be given to Best of Show, Award of Excellence, Award of Distinction, Award of Merit, Judges' Choice Award, People's Choice Award. The GFWC Arts Show is open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday except for a lunch break from noon until 2 p.m., and from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday at the Alpine High School Foyer. The public is invited.

Winners of Outstanding programs/projects that each club has done to make a difference in their communities, families and nation will be awarded. Scholars chosen benefit' the WD Scholarship and TFWC Scholarships will be announced. Two new Life Members will be elected. Outstanding

Clubwoman 2005 will be presented. The oldest member, new attendees, members that come from the farthest and the club that has the most members will all be recognized and awarded. Souvenir items will be

available. GFWC Woman's Club of Alpine members as hostess club will be on hand to entertain and welcome

all guests. For further information, please e-mail gfwctexaswd@yahoo.com.

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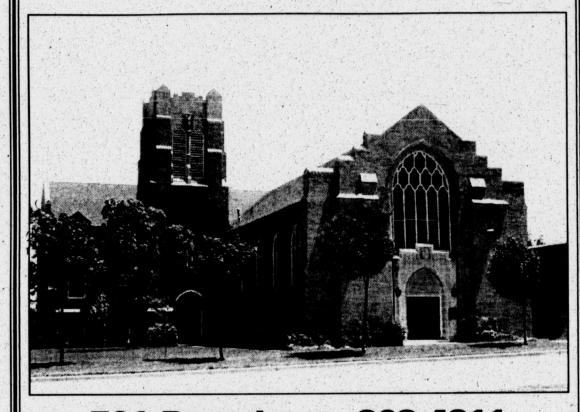


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Cornell Corrections announces softball tournament at Mize

Cornell Corrections is sponsoring a co-ed softball tournament benefiting Relay For Life.

The tournament will take place April 22 and 23 at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park.

The cost is \$10 per player and the deadline to register is Friday, April 15. Concessions will also

be available. For more information, call 267-1911 ext.

214 during the day and 267-2004 at night.

Howard rodeo team sets crawfish boil

The Howard College rodeo team will hold its annual crawfish boil April 16 at 2 p.m. at the H.C. Rodeo Bowl Howard during College's annual rodeo. The cost is \$15,

into rodeo. For more information, contact Howard rodeo coach Greg

which includes ticket

Couples scramble set up at Comanche

Kernick at 816-9477.

A summer long couples scramble tournament has been set at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament will start today and will take place every Thursday throughout the summer, ending

sometime in October. The tournament consists of nine holes and the tee time each day is 5:30 p.m.

For more informacontact Sue Russell at 398-5452.

DiMarco leads rain delayed Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - The Masters began with a 5 1/2-hour rain delay. When it ended in darkness with 68 players still on the course, the clubhouse leader was Mark Hensby of Australia, who had a 3-under 69.

This was the fourth straight week, and ninth time out of 15 tournaments this year, that bad weather delayed a round.

Chris -DiMarco birdied three straight holes and was at 4 under par with four holes still to play.

Luke Donald England was at 3 under with four holes left in his first round, while the group at 2 under included Phil Mickelson, Vijay Singh, Ryan Palmer, Retief Goosen and Stuart Appleby,

Former champion Bowe gets win in comeback attempt

TEMECULA, Calif. (AP) - Former heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe won a 10-round split decision over journeyman Billy Zumbrun in the second bout of his comeback.

The 37-year-old Bowe weighed 280 pounds, some 40 more than in his prime and 54 more than the game

Zumbrun. At 6-feet-4 1/2, Bowe also towered over his 5-

Garden City girls take first at District 9-A meet

Bearkat boys, Grady girls also advance to regional tournament

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

BIG SPRING - Both Garden City 'A' golf teams and the Grady girl's golf team advanced to the regional tournament Monday. The Garden City and Grady girl's took first and second, respectively, at the District 9-A golf meet at Comanche Trail Golf Course in Big Spring, while the Garden City boy's grabbed second as a team in the boy's divi-

Garden City's finishes marked the first time in at least 10 years that both golf teams advanced to the regional tournament and Garden City girls coach Ken Hoskins said it could have been the firsttime ever for the Lady Kats.

GIRLS

The Lady Kats won their third consecutive tournament after defeating Grady by 20 strokes Monday.

Garden City finished with a 451 and was led by Kayla Madrano's tournament best 102. Amanda Hirt finished third in the individual standings after shooting a 109.

"The girls started off nervous because we came in as the favorites and that hasn't happened in awhile," said Hoskins. "We were tournament tested and that made a

huge difference for us." Grady shot a 471 and

was led by second medalist Kelsey Tubb, who shot a 104. Also finishing among the top six medalists — who all advance to regionals as individuals for Grady was sophomore Kiersten Russell. Russell tied Borden

County's Emily Mayes for as each shooter fired a Borden

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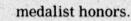
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'B' and Ira rounded out the rest of the team finishers in the tournament. The other individual regional qualifier was Waldrip Codi Westbrook, who fired a 111.

Sophomore Erin Hirt finished third on Garden City's 'A' team after shooting a 117, while seniors Rebecca Cmerek and Brandi Halfmann shot a 123 and 131, respectively.

Emily Krug (122), Sandi Cox (133) and Kenzie Madison (133) also participated on Grady's team.

Garden City's 'B' team was led by freshmen Mikela Barton and Amy Multer. Barton shot a 133, while Multer fired a 134. Freshmen Brittney Chudej (136), Whitney Kellermier (144) and Halie Schaefer (146) also participated for the Lady Kats. Michelle Gonzalez shot a 158 and earned individual



BOYS

The Garden City boy's 'A' team relied again on consistency to send them to regionals as they grabbed second after shooting a 371, which was 23 strokes off district champion Borden County.

"The boys have relied on consistency all year and that is how they took second," said Hoskins. "No one was really excellent, but they were consistent.

"Both the girl's and boy's teams have come a long way since last year and Coach (Josh) Fee and I are proud of all of them.'

Grady and Sands took third and seventh as a respectively. team, Garden City's 'B' team finished sixth after shooting a 447.

Five of the seven individual medalists qualifying for regionals golf for either Garden City or Borden County. Ben Griffin of Borden County shot a 78 and won the tournament, while Austin Tarleton and Jacob Froman placed third and tied for fourth, respective-

Chase O'Brien and Taylor Niehues grabbed top six medalist honors as they tied for sixth after shooting a 90.

The other two medalists to qualify for regionals were Jared Matlock of Westbrook, who shot an 82 and placed second, and Bryan Proctor of Ira, who shot an 86 and finished fourth

Garden City's other three members of the 'A' team all shot under 100. Eric Hirt fired a 94, while Sam Long and Cory Multer shot a 97 and 99, respectively.

Neither Grady nor Sands advanced anyone to the regional tournament in Abilene.

Freshman Justin Tubb led Grady with a 96, while Jonathan Tunnell fired a 101 and Doug Rutledge shot a 103. Lane Shands (107) and Clay Mitchell (113) rounded out Grady's top five.

Sands was led by Jarrod Fry's 105, while Dee Fryar and Cevan Smithson fired a 108 and 119, respectively. Eric Guitterez (121) and Trent Rogers (123) also participated for Sands.

RC Leitgeb led Garden City's 'B' after firing a 103. Cade Halfmann (107), Evan Jansa (114), Colton Schwartz (124), Travis Coats (123) and Jared Bradford (125) all shot for Garden City, as well.

The regional tournament will take place April 25-26 at the Maxwell Municipal Golf Course in Abilene. Ninety boy's and girl's will participate for a chance to go to state. The top two teams and top six medalists advance



Garden City seniors Rebecca Cmerek (above) and Amanda Hirt take putting shots on the No. 18 green at Comanche Trail Golf Course Monday during the District 9-A golf tournament. The Garden City girl's won the overall team title and advanced to regionals April 25-26. Hirt finished third individually with a 109, while Cmerek shot a 123.



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- 6. Clifton 7. Hardin
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-23	Howard College	5-7	2
-31	Western Texas	2-9	11
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Headley leads Hawks at A&M

Grady sophomore Kiersten Russell reacts to a putt on the

No. 18 green Monday at the District 9-A golf tournament at

Big Spring's Comanche Trail Golf Course. The Lady Cats fin-

ished second as a team and advanced to the regional meet

April 25-26. Russell tied for fifth overall after shooting a

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Sports Editor

By TROY HYDE

CANYON - Five members of the Howard College rodeo team performed at opening night of the West Texas A&M rodeo in Canyon. The Hawks made a little noise Thursday, but still have lots of rodeo left in the

next two days. Freshman Jed Headley competed in both the bareback riding and saddle bronc riding competi-



tions. He scored a 68 and 66, respectively.

Sophomore Sierra Stoney grabbed an 18.11 second time in the barrel racing, while sophomore Anna Carr recorded a 14 second time in goat tving.

Sophomore Danny McDowell had the best ing Thursday.

score of the day as he recorded a 69 in the bareback competition. He also competed in the bull riding category, and, like sophomore Trent Broussard, was not able to finish the eight second ride. Paul Young is still left to go for Howard in

The rodeo will continue through Saturday night. The Hawks will host the HC rodeo next week start-

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS The Aries new moon this year is a solar eclipse and a golden opportu-

nity to give your problems the old heave-ho! Did you ever dare to delete hundreds of emails instead of read them? Or toss piles of

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without sorting through them? Or ask for forgiveness without knowing if you really deserve it? Do it now. This is the fresh start of fresh starts!

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're on a selfimprovement mission and are taking things to the extreme. You may even be considering surenhancements. gical Focusing on your mind is more effective than focusing on your body now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're annoyed with a loved one's verbal repetition. But this person actually has a valid point. It's super lucky to listen to the nagging this time and see if you can't do

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what's being asked of

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The physical Earth plane has been called a dimension of conflict and limitations. But you transcend the definition today by bringing unconditional love to your relationships. What's more, you have fun doing it!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Rewards spring from a relaxed mindset. It would be ideal if you could relax on command, but relaxation is something you actually must cultivate. By doing so, you make yourself more receptive to the divine embrace. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Parkinson's Law applies to your productivity: Work fills the time needed to fill it. Therefore, give yourself short deadlines. You'll cover your bases so you can get out and play tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your energy will change, and so will your motivation. By tonight, you'll be looking for different things to bring about your personal satisfaction and contentment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your lifestyle and spending habits may be pushing you to change jobs. As your goals become more real and achievable, you can start to feel the motivation welling up inside you like an unstoppable force.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can appreciate the creative contributions of others because you have the life experience to understand where artistic impulses come from. Tonight, loved ones benefit if you share your wisdom.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The joy-o-meter is dipping low. So make a conscious effort to bring it up. If you still are not getting paid to do what you love, then at least love what you do. Sassy Virgo or Aquarius helps.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You apply yourself to complex tasks and function like a genius. You're simultaneously able to see things how they are and how they could be. This afternoon, pat yourself on the back, and then take a nap.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are accepted for who you are, and needn't change yourself to earn love. Key information is passed between loved ones. When you listen, listen with your eyes, your heart, your whole body.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The finances require attention. Creative think-

ing and problem solving go hand in hand. Use your imagination. As you dream large and wide, very practical solutions come into being.

WEEKEND REPORT: New relationships begun under this new moon are off to the best start anyone could hope for! ARIES: Your romantic confidence is high and you are up to any challenge. TAURUS: Appeals to rationality rather than emotions fall flat, so speak from the heart. GEMINI: Acts of kindness and generosity have double the returns you expected. CANCER: Intuitively, you're in the right place at right time for love. LEO: A loved one may mistake your friendliness with someone new for flirting. VIRGO: A love relationship that has been hampered (by that person who's basically a pain) will now start flowing the way it's supposed to. LIBRA: Give your difficult person what he/she wants and you can get on with your fabulous weekend. SCORPIO: You find love by going out with your friends - married, single, it doesn't matter. SAGITTARIUS: Doing things with friends only adds to your love life, so don't blow off pals to focus all of your attention on your one and only. CAPRICORN: enchanting new love interest puts an old affair out of your mind. AQUARIUS: Romance with someone in your career field helps you focus on goals. PISCES: The simple act of reaching out to someone new will change your life.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Libra is the artist, the beauty lover, and the consummate partner. Teamed with charismatic Gemini, what could possibly go wrong? It is difficult to get either sign to commit to a long-term affair, but what is the rush? Both are content to vacillate in a middle ground indefinitely. Do not be concerned about what the world names your relationship. This love has merits that only the two can truly understand!

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Annie's Mailbox .: Advice for those in need

Annie: Dear boyfriend and I are both in our 50s. He currently is living off the equity of his home while he waits for his retirement to kick in. Since quitting his job six years ago, he has been playing poker professionally. In the six months we have been dating, I have yet to see him win any substantial money.

"Ross" is a wonderful guy, and we have discussed his gambling, and I feel it is not an addiction. Our relationship is becoming serious, and I think he should get a job to supplement his income, but he disagrees. I will be working for many more years. Although I know Ross will never be able to support the two of us, he insists he will never financially become dependent on me.

I already know what I think, but I'd like another opinion. Am I nuts to believe we might have a future together? — Poker-Faced Girlfriend

Dear Poker-Faced: Sure you can have a future together — as long as you realize that he could easily gamble away whatever savings he has, and then start in on yours. Ross may not be addicted to gambling, but it's an expensive pastime, and he refuses to find any supplemental work to support his hobby. If he can do this using only his retirement income, and you are willing to pay for everything else, fine, but make sure you can accept that outcome and the potential pitfalls.

Dear Annie: I am a 16year-old female, and I read your column almost. every day. I think I might have teenage depression. I researched it on the Internet, and all of the symptoms apply to me, except thoughts of suicide.

We had a family crisis a few years ago (I don't want to go into detail), and I still can't forget it. I think about it every day. My mom said these feelings might be a mixture of teenage hormones and a lack of sleep. She might be right, but I doubt it.

I cry myself to sleep almost every night, and I still have nightmares about the incident that happened three years ago. I would greatly appreciate . any help or advice you



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could offer. Thanks. -**Anonymous Teen**

Dear Anonymous: Obviously that incident was traumatizing for you. and you are still feeling the aftershocks. Your depression sounds linked to that event, and since you have not been able to get over it on your own, please talk to your parents about getting some short-term professional help. If your parents won't take this seriously, discuss it with your school counselor or another sympathetic adult, and ask for back-up when

talking to your parents. Dear Annie: I am a 25year-old teacher living in Taiwan. Recently, my godmother, "Anna," came to visit me for the second time. Her first trip ended badly with constant arguments, so this time, we set some ground rules. The first one was that she was supposed to join group tours and travel without

me, since I had to work. Anna stayed in my apartment, taking over my roommate's bedroom. I gave her a cell phone and maps. However, after three weeks, it was too much. I couldn't take her utter dependence on me. She accused me of not helping her, and the whole thing escalated. She swore at me and said I was "out of the will." I took her already-packed suitcases and threw them outside. Then I put her in a cab to the airport.

I have since apologized, and she accepted. However, we are not really communicating. Before this, Anna was like a mother to me, although an overly attentive one. How do I prove to her I truly am sorry? - Feeling **Bad in Taiwan**

Dear Taiwan: Three weeks is too long a visit, especially for someone

who is insecure about traveling alone and needs a companion. Don't dwell on this. Call or e-mail Anna with chatty news so you can re-establish a level of comfort, and in time, things will be back to normal.

Dear Annie: I've been married to "Sheldon" for gent and very loving.

Here's my problem: Sheldon is a diabetic. I try to take care of him by cooking healthy foods, but he insists on eating junk. He consumes chocolate and guzzles soft drinks. He refuses to eat anything made with artificial sweeteners because he says they give food a metallic taste.

We are living on a limited budget, so Sheldon buys low-cost food items that often are high in fat. I've tried everything I can think of to get him to change his ways and eat healthier, but he refuses. I love him and don't want to lose him. Any suggestions? — Concerned Wife

Dear Wife: You cannot force Sheldon to take better care of his health, and your constant disapproval provokes the response of a rebellious child. You must break the pattern. Continue to prepare healthful meals, and keep only nutritious food in the house, but otherwise, say nothing about the choices he makes.

We know it will be hard for you to see your husband develop diabetesrelated difficulties, but once you realize that you are not the one responsible for controlling his health, you will be less angry and frustrated. For additional suggestions, the American Diabetes Association (diabetes.org) at 1-800-DIA-BETES (1-800-342-2383).

Dear Annie: I work in a small office. We have a new employee who is quite nice, except for one little quirk. She inserts herself into every conversation, whether it concerns her or not, and she has all the answers. She even has gotten up from her desk and walked over to where the conversation is taking place so she can better hear what is being said.

I originally thought I was just being oversensitive, but others in the office have commented as well. Someone suggested she's just lonely, but it bothers me when she always puts her nose where it doesn't belong. How can I tactfully yet firmly let her know, in certain situations, her presence is not welcome? Out of Patience

over four years. He's a Dear Patience: This wonderful man, intelli- woman is new, and she wants to belong. A small office is the wrong place to have private conversations, and it is impolite to exclude her too often. If you must discuss something that she should not hear, say nicely, "Sorry, Louise, but this is private." Otherwise, let her join in or knock it off. If the conversations are that personal, leave them for lunch breaks or after working hours.

Dear Annie: You've printed a few columns about non-custodial parents having problems gaining access to their children. One piece of advice I have learned over the years is never to leave the courtroom with an order that reads "reasonable visitation." Who decides what is "reasonable"?

Many times, when left vaguely worded this way, the custodial parent can push his or her agenda, and that parent's determination of "reasonable" carries the most weight. It is worthwhile to take the time to actually spell out which weekends, holidays, family birthdays and extended vacation periods will be granted to which parent - and to decide far in advance.

If it's done right the first time, spelled out legally in front of the attorneys and the judge, chances are you will never have to revisit this issue in court again. Of course, after you do this, pray you have an ex-spouse who will adhere to the order of the court and work with you in the interests of the children. - S.U.

Dear S.U.: It's that last sentence that causes most of the problems regarding visitation and custodial arrangements. Many parents do not want to spell out the specifics, either because it doesn't allow for flexibility, or because it seems petty, but you are right. Divorce can be plenty acrimonious, and this is a good first step.

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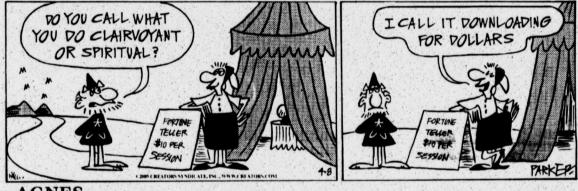


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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 8, the 98th day of 2005. There are 267 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in

On April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record. The round-tripper was off pitcher Al Downing. On this date:

In 1513, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon claimed Florida for Spain.

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration was approved by Congress. In 1946, the League of Nations assembled in

Geneva for the last time. In 1952, President Truman seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike.

In 1970, the Senate rejected President Nixon's nomination of G. Harold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1973, artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near Mougins, France, at age 91.

In 1981, Gen. Omar N. Bradley died in New York at age 88. In 1990, Ryan White, the

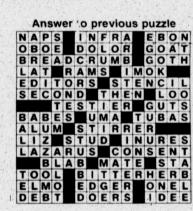
teenage AIDS patient whose battle for acceptance gained national attention, died in Indianapolis at age 18. In 1993, singer Marian

Anderson died in Portland, Ore., at age 96. In 1994, Kurt Cobain;

singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27. Ten years ago: Former

secretary of defense Robert S. McNamara, in an interview with AP Network News and Newsweek magazine to promote his memoirs, called America's Vietnam War policy "terribly wrong."

· Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Betty Ford is 87. Comedian Shecky Greene is 79. Investigative reporter Seymour Hersh is 68. Basketball Hall-of-Famer John Havlicek is 65. Singer J.J. Jackson is 64. Singer Peggy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 64. Songwriterproducer Leon Huff is 63. Actor Hywel Bennett is 61. Actor Stuart Pankin is 59. Rock musician Steve Howe (Yes) is 58. Rock musician Mel Schacher (Grand Funk Railroad) is 54. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Gary Carter is 51. Actor John Schneider is 45. Rock musician Izzy Stradlin is 43.



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Golf Insider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Leave 'trotters' at the track

By T.J. TOMASI Universal Press Syndicate

n age-old question in golf is whether the golf swing is a pushing or a pulling motion. The answer is that a good swing has both kinds of action; however, problems occur when there is a misuse of the pushing action, such as when the player tries to push off of the right foot at the beginning of the down-swing. The right side is not used like this in a sound swing, which is why a player like Casey Martin, who has a withered right leg, can play at a very high level.

You probably remember Casey as the man who won the right to use a golf cart on the PGA Tour and the Nationwide Tour (the PGA Tour's developmental tour) under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Martin has a rare circulatory disorder (Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber syndrome) that makes his right leg extremely weak. Yet for five years his driving average on the Nationwide Tour was about 290 yards - always in or near the top 10 in that category. If a pushoff with the right leg was necessary, he could never have attained such power numbers.

Instead, in Casey's swing, as with all sound swings, the right foot is drawn off the ground onto its inside rim by the pull of the left hip as it rotates around the left hip socket.

I'm demonstrating the proper sequence in the accompanying photos. In the first photo, I have just completed my first move from the top of the backswing. My left hip, slightly lower than my right at the top of the backswing, has returned to the same level as my right hip because my weight has shifted into the left hip socket. Note that even though I've started my downswing with a weight transfer, my right heel remains on the ground while the space between my knees increases

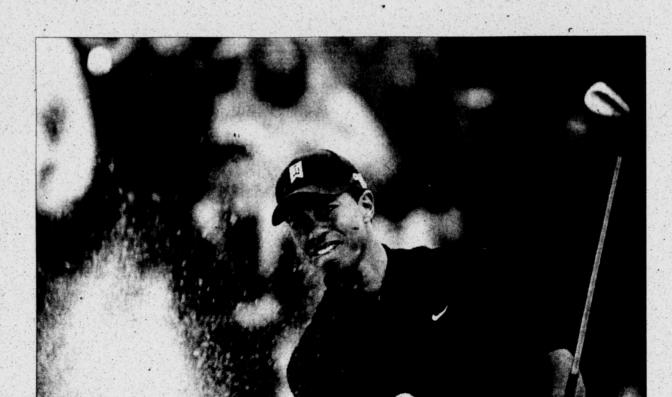
Many golfers at this point have already pushed off of their right leg, causing the back knee to move upward rather than toward the target. I call this "trotter knees," in reference to the prancing ponies at the racetrack. Leaping off your back foot forces the club head to move out toward the ball, preventing you from slot-

ting the club. In the second photo, I have continued to aggressively turn my left hip, which pulls my right foot to its inside rim, shuttling my knee toward the target. I had these photos taken at 45 degrees to the target line because it's the best angle to see how much the left hip should move after its initial action, as documented in the first photo. Notice how this action has allow me to release the club from inside the target line — a prerequisite for power.





My aggressive left hip turn (bottom photo) pulls my right foot to its inside rim, shuttling my knee toward the target.



After beating Phil Mickelson in a head-to-head duel at Doral in early March, Tiger Woods has had mediocre performances at Bay Hill and The Players Championship.

Star power

Golf's best on stage at the Masters

By CRAIG DOLCH Cox News Service

or the last half-century. Arnold Palmer has been as much a part of the Masters as the azaleas and dogwoods. He has played in each of the past 50 Masters, a record that may stand longer than the Eisenhower Tree.

But this year, Palmer arrived at Augusta National on Tuesday without his clubs.

"This is a Masters," Palmer said, "I'm going to enjoy watching." It's easy to see why.

On paper, the 69th Masters shapes up to be unlike the previous 68 when it comes to star appeal and hype. Certainly not in recent history have there been so many top players who come to Augusta National on such a roll that they could don the green jacket without it being considered a surprise. How often has that happened since Tiger Woods' historic win in 1997?

Call it the Big Three, the Fab Four or the Fantastic Five (or more), but no longer is it a question of whether Woods will continue to dominate the season's first major. He has company at the top. plenty of company. And they're all bringing their "A" game.

For the first time since 1999, Woods won't even drive up Magnolia Lane as the world's topranked player, despite two victories on the PGA Tour this year. That's because No. 1 Vijay Singh has a win, two seconds and a third to go with his nine-win season of a year ago. No. 3 Ernie Els could become No. 1 next Sunday for the first time in seven years if he wins, thanks to back-to-back victories in Dubai and Qatar last month:

"It's great for golf to watch, because the No. 1-ranking guy is just interchangeable right now, and they're all very capable of winning or dominating every week," said Fred Funk, the surprise winner of last week's Players Championship.

And don't count out No. 4 Phil Mickelson, the defending champion who has already won three times this year, including Monday at the BellSouth Classic, and twice posting rounds of 62 or lower. Even though he lost to Woods at the Ford Championship at Doral, their duel



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Phil Mickelson's muted celebration upon winning Monday's BellSouth Classic speaks to his focus on repeating as Masters champ this week at Augusta.

brought about stellar TV ratings and a buzz that can't be measured.

There's also No. 5 Retief Goosen, the reigning U.S. Open champion who has finished worse than 13th only once in six starts this year. And there is No. 6 Padraig Harrington, who came from seven shots back to win the Honda Classic for his first PGA Tour win.

And there's... well, you get the

picture. "I can't remember a time when golf was in this position, where you've got that many guys right at the top of the World Ranking and playing consistently well going into the start of the year," said Thomas Bjorn of Denmark. "When you go back to 2000, 2001, everybody thought Tiger is so much ahead and it's very difficult to get to that level. But now, there's five or six of them playing at that level.

The last time there were this many players near the top was in the mid-1970s, when Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, Johnny Miller, Raymond Floyd, Gary Player and Tom Watson took turns dominat-

"It reminds me of the glory days

of the '70s, when we had almost 12 players that were just guns," Miller said recently. "You've got so many top stars now. It's almost impossible to pick who's going to be the gun. It's an exciting time."

The Big Three of Nicklaus, Palmer and Player also had their way in the 1960s. At one point, one of them won seven consecutive Masters from 1960-66.

Don't look now, but that's just about happening again. Woods, Singh and Mickelson have combined to win four of the past five green jackets. And Els could have won last year had Mickelson not birdied five of his last seven holes

That brings us to another reason why this Masters figures to be mustsee TV: Augusta National officials learned a valuable lesson last year when they softened their back-nine setup so players could charge with birdies and eagles instead of falling back with bogeys or worse. All of a sudden, players were making holesin-one at No. 16 and holing out from the fairway at No. 11 while producing the type of theater seldom seen in sports.

The big names always rise to the top of the leader board here. But don't think this is just a six-player championship.

"There's a heap of players who are just waiting to bust through and win," said Nick Price. "If David Toms or Sergio (Garcia) were to win at Augusta, that wouldn't surprise anyone."

Imagine if Woods and Mickelson could duplicate their duel at Doral, that would make for the most electric final round of any Masters since Nicklaus won his sixth green jacket

"This is the kind of thing you want to see more and more of," Palmer said. "This is kind of what it was like 30 or 40 years ago."

The stage is such that even blasé golf pros not at Augusta who rarely watch their sport on TV will make time this weekend to see what Phil and his buddies will do next.

"Those top players that we talk about week-in and week-out, they are definitely doing the business now," said Els, sounding as if he's on the outside looking in. "It should be one of the more exciting years in

SCHEDULE

All Times EDT **AUGUSTA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB** Masters

· Site: Augusta, Ga. · Schedule: Thursday-

Sunday. · Course: Augusta National Golf Club (7,290 yards, par

• Purse: TBA (2004, \$6.5 million). Winner's share: TBA

(2003, \$1.17 million). · Television: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-7 p.m., 8-11 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday, 3:30-7 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30-7 p.m.).

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR Madeira Island Open

· Site: Santo da Serra, Madeira Islands.

• Television: None.

· Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. · Course: Santo da Serra

Golf Club (6,826 yards, par • Purse: \$770,000. Winner's share: \$128,210.

LPGA TOUR · Next event: Takefuji Classic, April 14-16, The Las Vegas Country Club, Las

Vegas. **CHAMPIONS TOUR** • Next event: Legends of Golf, April 22-24, The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf

Resort and Spa, Savannah,

NATIONWIDE TOUR Next event: Virginia Beach Open, April 21-24, TPC of Virginia Beach, Virginia Beach, Va.

LEADERS

ELADENS	100
WORLD RANKI	NGS
1. Vijay Singh, Fij 1	2.20
2. Tiger Woods, USA 1	11.63
3. Ernie Els, SAf	11.07
4. Phil Mickelson, USA	9.56
5. Retief Goosen, SAf	7.34
6. Padraig Harrington, Ire	5.53
7. Sergio Garcia, Spn	5.22
8. David Toms, USA	5.12
9. Adam Scott, Aus	4.94
10. Stewart Cink, USA	4.87
11. Mike Welr, Can	4.63
12. Davis Love III, USA	4.48
13. Stuart Appleby, Aus	4.40
14. Kenny Perry, USA	4.35
15. Chris DiMarco, USA	4.16
16. Luke Donald, Eng	4.06
17. Darren Clarke, NIr	3.94
.18. M.A. Jimenez, Spn	3.85
19. Chad Campbell, USA	3.51
20. Scott Verplank, USA	3.4

MONEY LEADERS **PGA TOUR**

Player	Money
1. Phil Mickelson	\$3,653,456
2. Vijay Singh	\$2,699,113
3. Tiger Woods	\$2,427,090
4. David Toms	\$2,256,643
5. Fred Funk	\$1,771,000
6. Adam Scott	\$1,618,128
7. Luke Donald	\$1,360,427
8. Retief Goosen	\$1,292,408
9. Joe Ogilvie	\$1,223,855
10. Tom Lehman	\$1,211,560

LPGA TOUR

Money
\$660,000
\$286,959
\$241,925
\$205,750
\$186,347
\$153,306
\$152,530
\$142,910
\$130,353
\$101,485

CHAMPIONS TOUR				
Player	Money			
1. Hale Invin	\$746,806			
2. Dana Quigley	\$459,247			
3. Mark McNulty	\$408,689			
4. Wayne Levi	\$405,501			
5. Dee Smyth	\$302,506			
6. Mark Johnson	\$290,000			
7. Don Pooley	\$289,250			
8. Tom Watson	\$271,920			
9. Morris Hatalsky	\$268,905			
10. Mark James	\$264,450			

HEARD ON TOUR

What it takes to be a USGA official

Tiger Woods recently let it be known that, "I'll definitely quit the game earlier than peoplethink." However, if history is any predictor of superstar longevity, PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem shouldn't lose any sleep worrying about an early Woods retirement and resulting drop in TV revenues.

This type of statement is common among players around the age of 30 (Tiger will be 30 in December). In 2002, a then-31-year-old Annika Sorenstam hinted that she would guit the LPGA Tour soon to start a family. "I'm interested in cooking," she added. "I want to try to do something there.'

As of this writing, Annika has filed for divorce, the Florida Culinary Institute is still waiting for her application, and word is that she's ordering

out a lot more with Kathy Whitworth's record of 88 career victories in sight (Annika has 59).

This year, a 65-year-old Jack Nicklaus said that he should have retired 25 years ago. Then, quickly doing the math (he won the Masters in 1986), he amended the statement to, "Maybe 19 years ago."

Jack didn't quit 25 years ago because he thought he could win again - all great competitors feel this way. That's why players play, and keep playing even past their prime. Winning is addictive, and that encourages them to linger on stage long after their skills have left them.

I admire Lee Trevino's honesty. He said, "I adore the game of golf. I won't ever retire." Even when Trevino jokes about retirement, it's golf related: "When I retire, I'm gonna get me a blue blazer, an old-school tie, a can of dandruff and be a USGA official."

THE GOLF DOCTOR



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Q: After a long winter without golf I'm anxious to resume playing this spring. However, I always seem to get off to a poor start, and then it takes me several lessons with my pro to get back on track - usually around Father's Day. Do you have any suggestions that may get me up to speed sooner? -A.R., from St. Albans, Vt.

A: Don't wait until after you've gotten off to a bad start; take the lessons as soon as the snow disappears. A review of fundamentals (grip, setup, alignment and swing basics) first thing in golf season will get you off on the right foot.

Also, you make references to your pro that indicate you have a profession-

al relationship of more than one year. I'll bet that he or she has a video of you when you were swinging well. Book your lesson in advance so your pro has time to retrieve that swing video, and then the two of you can review it.

I know I like my students to book in advance so I can be prepared. Treat it the same as you would going to the doctor for a check-up. Think of how much better you feel when your chart is on the desk when you arrive in the doctor's office and you can tell from his or her questions that it has been read before you got there.

As the saying goes, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." This year, your game should be on track by May Day.