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July 16, 2004

WEATHER

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BRIEFLY

Stenholm to meet the public

U.S. Congressional District 19 candidate Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Abilene, will meet the public from 11:30 a.m. to noon Saturday at the St. Thomas Catholic Church Mid-Summer Festival.

The church is located at 605 N. Main St.

St. Thomas sets two-day festival

St. Thomas Catholic Church, located at the intersection of Northwest Sixth and North Main, holds its annual Mid-Summer Festival today and Saturday.

Outside booths open at 6:30 p.m. both days. Food, games and musical entertainment for all ages are highlights of the festival. Live groups will perform each evening.

At 11 a.m. Saturday, the church will sell gordita plates, enchilada plates and flauta plates.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: U.S. Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) has devoted his life to improving the lives of others, from his early years as a civil rights leader to his more recent days in Congress.

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As anticipated, unemployment rate rises

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A sudden rise in the labor force and other factors will likely send the local unemployment rate higher in the next several months.

That's the warning from Big Spring Workforce Network Area Manager Virginia Belew, who cites the

summer work season for students as a major contributor to the rise.

"The unemployment rate for Howard County has risen slightly since May," said Belew. "A contributing factor is the rise in the civilian labor force of 223 people since last month. This increase is due to the rise of summer workers entering the labor force."

"Howard County's unemployment rate continues to remain

relatively low in the Permian Basin Workforce Development area. Unemployment rates in the area are expected to rise in the next few months as seasonal workers, students and other individuals end their summer employment."

Howard County posted an unemployment rate of 4.3 percent for June, compared to the 3.6 percent tabulated in May of this year. The current rate is also an increase over numbers posted in

June 2003, which came in at 3.9 percent.

The civilian labor force in Howard County rose from 14,102, posted in May, to 14,325 over the past month. June's labor force comes in contrast to the 14,170 reported in June 2003.

Belew said Howard County continues to have one of the lowest unemployment rates in the Permian Basin. Surrounding

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Diana Newton, scholarship auction chairman, shows two items that will be up for bid during the Howard County A&M Club Scholarship Auction Saturday, July 24, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Aggie spirit expected to soar at auction benefiting Howard County college students

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Competition will be fierce and school spirit soaring — but hey, one can't expect any less in an Aggie-sponsored event — as the fifth annual Howard County A&M Club Scholarship Auction and Reunion is set for Saturday, July 24.

"If you believe in the future education of the young people of Howard County and want to pass on pride and support, accept this opportunity to donate to the Aggie auction,"

INFORMATION

What: Howard County A&M Club Auction.

Where: Big Spring Country Club.

When: 5 p.m. Saturday, July 24.

said Diana Newton, scholarship auction chairman. "Please contact your friends and ask them to meet you at the auction and reunion. Our goal is to contact all Howard County

Aggies and invite them to this event."

Money raised by the auction, set for 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club, will fund scholarships for Howard County youths who attend or will attend Texas A&M.

"Our young people need to know that we are proud of them, support them in their educational endeavors and, hopefully, one day they will remember us when they are looking for a great community

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ALON expands asphalt business

Buys 100,000-ton facility in California

Special to the Herald

Just a little more than a week after acquiring a major pipeline system, ALON USA announced Thursday another major acquisition.

The purchase of Doyle-Ellis Asphalt in Bakersfield, Calif., will make ALON USA the fifth largest producer of asphalt in the Southwest, including California — the largest asphalt consuming state in the nation. ALON USA, from its facility outside of Big Spring, was already the third largest asphalt producer in Texas.

The new company will be named ALON Asphalt Bakersfield and will increase ALON's asphalt blending capabilities by at least 25 percent, officials said.

Jeff Morris, ALON USA president and CEO, said Thursday's transaction is well-suited for the Dallas-based company.

"Asphalt production in the San Joaquin Valley continues to drop due to the natural decline rates of local heavy crude, while the California asphalt demand continues to increase," Morris said. "We can effectively integrate our excess heavy asphalt production in West Texas with this market. In addition, the sophisticated processing capability of the Doyle-Ellis facility will allow us to effectively use the existing technology in conjunction with the advances ALON has developed in Big Spring."

ALON USA and its predecessor, FINA, have produced sophisticated grades of asphalt for more than 30 years, including emulsions, latex, polymer modified and ground tire

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Martha Stewart receives five-year prison sentence for lying about sale

NEW YORK (AP) — Domestic icon Martha Stewart moved one step closer to a drastically different lifestyle behind bars when the millionaire entrepreneur was sentenced today to five months in prison for a stock-trading scandal.

Stewart, after appealing in a shaky voice for a reduced sentence, was also ordered to serve five months of home confinement for lying to federal investigators.

Just before her sentence was pronounced, Stewart asked the judge to "remember all the good I have done."

"Today is a shameful day. It's shameful for me, for my family

and for my company," she said. Stewart, who was also fined \$30,000, was spared an immediate trip to federal prison when U.S. District Court Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum stayed her sentence pending appeal.

Cedarbaum rejected a defense request to send to Stewart to a halfway house for the first five months, noting that "lying to government agencies during the course of an investigation is a very serious matter."

The sentence was at the bottom of the confinement range for Stewart, who was expected to receive 10 to 16 months.

Earlier, Stewart, 62, showed no emotion as she strode briskly

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Kerry vows big spending on sweeping school law

WASHINGTON — Democrat John Kerry is giving teachers a promise he claims President Bush has left behind: to put as much money behind the nation's education reforms as allowed under law.

"No broken promises on funding, and no more empty rhetoric on reform," Kerry said in prepared remarks to the American Federation of Teachers. "As president, I will meet our responsibilities. We're going to get this done right because we know that empty rhetoric and empty promises lead to empty dreams, and we won't let that happen in our America."

Kerry was taking his message Friday to 3,000 delegates at the AFT convention, where he was

also expected to pick up their endorsement.

He took on the topic dominating debate in education — No Child Left Behind, the law that was Bush's first domestic priority and that won overwhelming support in 2001 from Congress, including Kerry.

Despite record spending by the Republican-led Congress, critics ranging from legislatures to educators say the law is underfunded by billions of dollars, in turn limiting schools' ability to improve.

Kerry has embraced the theme, saying he will fully fund the law, meaning the maximum amount authorized by Congress.

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Obituaries

Jack E. Mundell



Jack E. Mundell, 77, of Temple, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, July 12, 2004, at his residence. Memorial services were at 10 a.m. today, July 16, 2004, in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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

Paid obituary

Alma Liner Lawrence

Alma Liner Lawrence, 83, of Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday morning, July 16, 2004, at Valley Fair Lodge in Colorado City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Paul Smith of the Westbrook Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home following the service.

She was born May 31, 1921, at Lenior City, Tenn. She was the daughter of Dedrick D. Liner and Chassie Mae Liner. She was a longtime Big Spring resident.

She worked in restaurants and had owned the Monterey Café in Big Spring. She later moved to Fort Worth, where she worked for an electronics company. She returned to Big Spring in 1986 and moved to Colorado City in 1996. She was a member of the Baptist church.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Bernard and Shirley McMahan and Pat and Shirley McMahan, all of Colorado City, and Garland and Mary McMahan of Burleson; six grandchildren, Joy McMahan, Cindy Sanders, Tye McMahan, LaTitia Ray, Patrick McMahan, and Carrie Elizabeth McMahan; and 10 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Shirley McMahan and one grandson, Kevin McMahan; her parents; two brothers; and one sister.

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

Paid obituary

James C. Galloway Jr

James C. Galloway Jr., 66, of Big Spring died Wednesday evening, July 14, 2004, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Military graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Lawnhaven Memorial Park in San Angelo.

The family will receive friends from 4-6 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born March 1, 1938, at Poteet and married Helen Cates, March 7, 1959, in San Angelo. He moved to Big Spring in 2000, was a Baptist and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Galloway of Big Spring; two sons, James C. Galloway III of Houston and Jason C. Galloway of Big Spring; mother, Dorothy L. Galloway of Crane; one brother, William C. Galloway of Crane; and four grandchildren.

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

Sheriff's report

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

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Thursday until 7 a.m. today:

• **SYLVIA CONDE**, 48, of 1607 Stadium was arrested Thursday on three local warrants, a Dawson County warrant and an Ector County warrant.

• **CYNTHIA LUCAS**, 41, of Chaparral, N.M., was being held at the city jail Thursday for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **KENNETH BEARDON**, 57, of Grand Prairie was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **VALENTINE GONZALES**, 46, of 309 W. Fourth St. was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ISAAC RODRIGUEZ**, 20, of 1508 E. Sixth St. was arrested Thursday on three local warrants.

• **ISREAL MIRAMONTES**, 20, of 1002 N. Main was arrested today on six local warrants.

• **REBECCA GARZA**, 25, of 1910 E. 11th St. was arrested today on four local warrants.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 700 block of FM 700, the

Clodell Leona Reger



Clodell Leona Reger, 78, died early Thursday morning, July 15, 2004, at Baylor All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth. Funeral services will be Saturday, July 17, 2004, at 2 p.m. at the Lakeside Baptist Church in Breckenridge with the Rev. Werth Mayes officiating.

Burial will follow in the Murray Cemetery in Young County under the direction of Morehart Mortuary.

Visitation will be today from 7-8 p.m. at Morehart Mortuary.

She was born March 1, 1926, in Throckmorton County to John Thomas Patterson and Norma Neal Patterson and married Roy Fred Rege Sr. in 1942. He preceded her in death in 1986. She was a member of the Lakeside Baptist Church in Breckenridge.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Roy Fred Reger Jr. in 1971; her parents; and 10 siblings.

She is survived by five daughters, Odessa Kincheloe of Perrin, Freda Bryant of Graham, Cecil and husband, Gayle Davis, of Tyler, Brenda and husband, Rocky Dunlap, of Big Spring, and Leona Reger of Argyle; one son, Joe Reger and wife, Annette, of Breckenridge; 13 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; a sister, Mildred Brown of Munday and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Breckenridge Lakeside Baptist Church and may be left at Morehart Mortuary.

Velma Mae Morris

Velma Mae Morris, 84, of Kingwood, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, July 14, 2004, in Kingwood. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Solomon Resendiz

Solomon Resendiz, 83, of El Paso, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 15, 2004, at his residence in El Paso. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Aubrey D. Conway

Aubrey D. Conway, 75, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 15, 2004. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-9-22-27. Bonus Ball: 28. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 9. Number matching four of four: 9. Prize: \$1,219. Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 27. Prize: \$50.

Number matching three of four: 982. Prize: \$18. Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 6,303. Prize: \$5. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$250,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-10-15-18-29. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$38,914.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-1-4

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 Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

SATURDAY

• American Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, fish fry from noon until 3 p.m. \$7 per plate. Delivery available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Carry out also available. Call 263-2084.

• Love From Home benefit, a grassroots effort to provide packages and letters to soldiers serving in Iraq, at the Hollywood Metro, 109 E. Second St. from 4-7 p.m.

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

• Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

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

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

• Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.

Weather

Tonight: Mostly clear. Low 73F. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny skies during the morning hours. Scattered showers and thunderstorms developing in the afternoon. High 96F. Winds E at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.

Saturday night: Scattered thunderstorms in the evening. Clear skies overnight. Low 72F. Winds E at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.

Sunday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 70s.

Monday: Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.

Tuesday: A few clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.

St. Thomas Church
2004 MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL

Robert Rios, Janie Vanderpool, Joe Viera help set up booths.

GAMES:

Baseball, Canes, Cascarones, Darts, Duck Pond Face Printing, Golf, Fish Pond, Ring The Bottle Bingo, Auction, Pony Ride, Cake Walk.



Raul & Anita Robles cook for the festival.

FOOD:

Hamburgers, Turkey Legs, Corn On The Cob, Fajitas, Burritos, Dessert Booths - Drinks & All Kinds of Desserts

Friday
Live Music
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Gordita Plates • Flauta Plates
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Live Music
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Family

NACOGDOCH 8-month-old killed Thursday being attacked grandmother's police said.

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Family pit bull attacks, kills 8-month-old child

NACOGDOCHES — An 8-month-old boy was killed Thursday after being attacked by his grandmother's pit bull, police said.

Jordan Lee Parker died of massive head injuries Thursday morning at the family home just outside the Nacogdoches city limits, said Nacogdoches County Sheriff Thomas Kerss.

The pit bull, which had no history of past aggression, had been fighting with another pet, a smaller terrier, when it attacked the boy, Kerss said. He said the boy's

grandmother, Sonya Dailey, 44, was trying to separate the animals when the dog grabbed the child by the head.

"The child was close," Kerss told The Associated Press. "We can only theorize ... perhaps the child either reached up and grabbed the hair of the dog's neck or an ear, or anything like that that the dog may have taken as being an attack from the other dog."

Kerss said the dog freed the child within seconds. The boy was dead by the time authorities arrived.

"The dog was extremely

docile, even when we arrived," Kerss said. He said Dailey and the boy's mother, Tessa Parker, told authorities the pit bull had lived with the family for 14 years and never showed signs of aggression. Kerss said the child often played with or around both dogs without incident.

"According to the mother and grandmother, the two dogs themselves very seldom even got into any type of fight or incident with each other," Kerss said.

He said the grandmother requested that the pit

bull be euthanized after the incident and the dog was taken to an animal shelter pending the outcome of a hearing.

Kerss said an autopsy was scheduled and no charges were expected to be filed.

"If the animal had a prior history of violence, or if the child had been left unattended, that would be a different set of circumstances," he said. "But there was no past history of any kind of violence with this dog, and the child was being closely monitored when this happened."

STEWART

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through a media horde. Supporters applauded and one shouted, "Hold your head high, Martha!"

The jail term was the latest blow for Stewart, once the CEO of a \$1 billion media empire. After her 2003 indictment, she resigned as head of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. And following her conviction, she surrendered her seat on its board.

Her fall from grace did little to hurt her standing among Stewart fans. In the final weeks before Stewart's sentencing, hundreds of well-wishers sent letters to the judge asking for mercy.

"I am alone now with my pets," a woman named Ruth Ritter wrote to the judge in careful script. "Just seeing Martha doing her crafts, cooking, gardening, was a great comfort to me."

Former Merrill Lynch & Co. stockbroker Peter Bacanovic, who was convicted along with Stewart of lying about the 2001 stock sale, was scheduled to be sentenced later today.

It was Dec. 27, 2001, when Stewart, in a brief phone call from a Texas tarmac on her way to a Mexican vacation, sold 3,928 shares of ImClone Systems Inc., a company run by her longtime friend Sam Waksal.

Prosecutors alleged that Bacanovic, 42, ordered his assistant to tip Stewart that Waksal was trying to sell his shares. ImClone announced negative news the next day that sent the stock plunging. Stewart saved \$51,000.

Stewart and Bacanovic always maintained she sold because of a preset plan to unload the stock when it fell to \$60. ImClone now trades

around \$80.

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Shares of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia surged \$2.45, or more than 28 percent, to \$11.09 in trading Friday morning on the New York Stock Exchange.

Governor gives fitness job to lobbyist's wife

AUSTIN (AP) — At Gov. Rick Perry's request, state health officials reportedly have created a \$40,000 fitness promotion job for the wife of a top-dollar lobbyist with close ties to the governor.

According to an employment document created Wednesday, Martha "Marty" McCartt began directing Perry's physical fitness brainchild, the annual Texas Round-up festival, at the Texas Department of Health on July 1. The document was requested from the state agency by the Houston Chronicle on the same day.

Formerly a volunteer in the fitness program at the governor's office, McCartt, 32, will now work from her Austin home 30 hours a week for the salary, health department spokesman Doug McBride

said.

Health Department records obtained by the Chronicle show that the job of planning a 10-kilometer run and annual spring fitness festival in which Texas communities compete was not advertised or posted as normally required for state positions at that level. McBride said agency officials instead received a waiver of that requirement from Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner Albert Hawkins, who reports directly to Perry.

McCartt's husband, J. McCartt, is treasurer of a political action committee that successfully pushed a constitutional amendment to finance highway construction through the Texas Mobility Fund in 2001. Perry had listed the mas-

sive highway bond program that voters approved as one of his priorities.

Marty McCartt earned the position through her volunteer work, said Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt.

"The recommendation for hiring Marty came solely as a result of the amount of work Marty did in helping to create, coordinate and successfully put on the first Texas Round-up," said Walt. "You don't want to create the wheel each time this is done."

McCartt's husband also worked as an aide to Perry when he was lieutenant governor. McCartt in 2003 was the 33rd highest paid lobbyist in Texas, with contracts worth up to \$1.29 million, according to Texans for Public Justice,

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rubber modified. The enterprise added a ground tire facility in Big Spring in 2002, which has increased its production by almost 50 percent over

the past year.

The Doyle-Ellis facility purchased by ALON is an asphalt blender with capabilities of producing up to 100,000 tons a year or 1,500 barrels a day of all grades of road asphalt.

On July 7, ALON USA announced that it had

purchased the 380-mile Trust and River fuel product pipelines. The pipelines connect ALON's Big Spring pipeline with its product terminals in Abilene and Wichita Falls.

The acquisition made it possible to deliver prod-

uct from the Big Spring Refinery throughout a wide area — Fort Smith, Ark., to Phoenix, Ariz.

ALON USA is a subsidiary of ALON Israel Oil Co. Ltd. and refines and markets petroleum products throughout the Southwest.

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That would cost an extra \$27 billion alone based on his estimate of the current shortfall.

"We value education as the path to opportunity in America, and we value the teachers who dedicate their lives to giving our young peo-

ple the best possible start in life," Kerry said. "That means understanding that we can't create good schools on the cheap."

Republicans say schools have enough money to meet the law's requirements, and that parents have become exasperated watching tax money pumped into an education system that isn't producing results for kids.

The law requires a highly qualified teacher in all core classes, expanded standardized testing, more school choice and reporting on how poor, minority and other students perform. Schools that get federal poverty aid but don't make enough progress are supposed to get extra help under the law, but they also face sanctions that grow more severe yearly.

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in which to live and work," Newton said. "Our pride is in the young people of Howard County who give our jewel of a community its sparkle."

A slew of sports memorabilia signed by professional athletes, original art pieces from local artists and prints from artist Benjamin Knox will be up for grabs at the highest bidder.

Included are a trip for two to the 2005 Masters practice rounds, framed and autographed Jack

Nicklaus and George Bush golf flags, tickets for two to all A&M home football games, a football signed by Heisman winners Earl Campbell and Ricky Williams; a framed and autographed Campbell jersey, pictures of baseball great Nolan Ryan, a miniature A&M

helmet signed by 1957 Heisman winner John David Crow and more.

Since 2000, the club has established four \$25,000 endowed scholarships for Howard County youths.

"We have ensured that our support for Aggies from Howard County will live on in perpetuity and

will help to create a legacy of excellence for years to come," Newton said. "This year we proudly gave four \$1,000 endowed scholarships and six \$500 scholarships."

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

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counties unemployment rates include Andrews, 4.2; Borden, 3.8; Dawson, 6.7; Ector, 6.9; Glasscock, 4.0; Midland, 4.1; and Martin, 4.9 percent.

"The Permian Basin unemployment rate increased from 4.8 percent to 5.5 percent, while the Texas unemployment rate rose from 5.7 percent to 6.5 percent," said Below. "The national average rose slightly, from 5.3 percent to 5.8 percent."

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Alma Limer Lawrence, 83, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home following the service.
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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- The Downtown Revitalization Association and others who worked to start the Big Spring Farmer's Market.

- Current and former Martin County residents who gathered in Stanton last weekend for the Old Settlers Reunion and especially to the Troy and Elizabeth Pierce family, and to Era Burns, parade grand marshal.

- Members of the District 21 Veterans of Foreign Wars, for their donation of a soft-serve ice cream machine to the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home.

- Odessa's Stephnie Weir, Madtv cast member, who stopped in Big Spring Friday to promote Saturday's Globe Theater play "Wedlocked" with her husband Robert Dassie.

- Everyone who was "jailed" or paid "bail" during this week's Muscular Dystrophy Association Lock Up.

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.

HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we always remember in our prayers, those less fortunate than we are, Lord.

Amen

Snippets from the political scene

Tentative plans are being discussed inside the Kerry-Edwards campaign to send vice-presidential candidate John Edwards to Iraq as soon as possible.

Edwards has not gone to Iraq since the U.S. invasion last year. His visit there would be designed to try to fill the senator's lack of experience in national security policy. It also would provide the campaign with photo opportunities showing Edwards in close contact with U.S. troops in Iraq.

Before he announced his presidential candidacy last year, Edwards declared aggressive action against Iraq was needed because weapons of mass destruction were there. Like John Kerry, Edwards voted for the war resolution but against the \$87 billion bill funding the conflict.

Sen. John McCain, whose enthusiastic endorsement is being used in a television ad for George W. Bush, is privately advising colleagues that the president is not in good shape politically and faces an uphill fight for re-election.

McCain tells fellow senators that he is particularly concerned about his own state of Arizona, where he feels Sen. John Kerry will be hard to defeat. Although all polls show President Bush still ahead in Arizona, the White House has long been worried about retaining the state because of the rising Latino vote there. Losing Arizona would cast a cloud over the president's



ROBERT
NOVAK

national prospects.

A footnote: Moderate Republican senators grumble that some longtime contributors are refusing their usual contribution to the Republican presidential campaign. Their biggest grievance: Bush's endorsement of the anti-gay marriage constitutional amendment.

Florida Republicans fret that they will find it difficult to blast Democratic vice-presidential candidate John Edwards for being a trial lawyer opposed to tort reform when Senate candidate Mel Martinez has been a prominent Florida trial lawyer himself.

Martinez in the late 1980s was president of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers and fought against a state cap on punitive damages. Edwards was an officer of the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. The problem facing the GOP is that attacks on Edwards in other states will be turned against Martinez if he wins the Aug. 31 primary. The former secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Martinez was urged by the White House to run for the Senate.

A footnote: Florida Republicans also are worried that the new voting machines may have given Sen. John Kerry some 15,000 votes that Al Gore lost in 2000 because of "over-votes." Those are people who voted for more than one candidate, thereby disqualifying themselves.

President Bush did not please his social conservative constituency by deciding to send anti-AIDS money to Vietnam, a communist country that funds abortion with government money.

While Bush had targeted the money for 14 countries, Congress adopted a Democratic proposal mandating a 15th state. It stipulated that the country could not be in the Caribbean or Africa, where governments tend to be socially conservative and advocate sexual abstinence to combat AIDS.

Vietnam was selected as the 15th country even though it failed to meet U.S. criteria, such as commitment to human rights and religious freedom.

Republican Rep. Hal Rogers of Kentucky, one of the most powerful appropriators in Congress, is soliciting Washington lobbyists for a four-day September "weekend in Las Vegas" at the deluxe Bellagio Hotel.

The cost for the holiday: \$2,500 per political action committee, \$1,500 per individual. The money goes to Rogers's political action committee (HALPAC) for distribution to other candidates. That money could fuel a future bid for House Appropriations chairman by Rogers, who is now fourth-ranking Republican on the committee.

Beginning with dinner on Friday Sept. 17, the weekend hits high gear Saturday with golf, cocktails and a showing of Cirque du Soleil's "O." A brunch is scheduled for Sunday with the weekend concluding at Monday's fund-raising breakfast.

To find out more about Robert D. Novak and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for the excellent coverage of the benefit garage sale recently for Cathy Kinman. We were overwhelmed by the generous donations of items that contributed to the success of the garage sale. The communities of Big Spring, Stanton, Lamesa, Ackerly, Tarzan, Lenora, Coahoma, Sand Springs, Luther and Knott all opened their closets and hearts to benefit Cathy and her family with prayers and concern.

Special thanks to the ladies from Ackerly Baptist Church sewing circle for the donation of a beautiful handmade quilt that we sold \$500 worth of raffle tickets on. Winning the quilt was Debbie Averitt of Big Spring. To all of you who contributed and bought tickets, thank you.

Cathy is in the hospital in Lubbock and has pneumonia, the radiation and chemotherapy has taken such a toll on her body. Your continued prayers for her and John are sought and mean so much to them. The doctor is pleased with her progress. The tumor is shrinking and seems to be normal at this stage.

Thanks go to Lloyd and Sue Robinson for providing the place where we had the garage sale. We plan to have another sale in September. We have an abundance of fall and winter clothing and will continue to accept donations of items.

The garage sale and donations of money netted more than \$5,000 and we praise God and the wonderful communities for the support.

JOANN PEUGH AND THE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF KNOTT MEMBERSHIP

TO THE EDITOR:

About a month ago there was an article in the paper about ebay and how "wonderful" it is. I believe Thomas Jenkins wrote the article. Well, ebay can be useful and there are many items you can purchase off of ebay that you cannot find anywhere else. But a member from ebay 'took me' for \$200 on an item that I bid and won on.

I am a die-hard Michael Jordan fanatic. He has been my favorite 'star' since I was 10, and so I got on ebay to look for MJ memorabilia. I came across an item description for "thousands of basketball cards for sale." In the picture was a Jordan rookie card. It is worth about \$900 now. It tends to rise and fall, as most collectibles do. The unbelievable thing was, not one person had bid on the item at first. So I placed a bid.

Eventually, more people noticed and began to bid on it. So I had to up my bid. Finally, I ended up winning the lot of cards for \$189.50. Not bad for a card worth \$900.

Well, it took about a month to receive my cards when it should have only taken about two weeks. Usually ebay sellers are fast and courteous with your orders. But this guy was not. He took way too long to send me the cards. And when I finally received the cards, they were not what I bid on. I bid on basketball cards. What I received were baseball, football and hockey cards, with only a few basketball. I was so angry.

What made me angrier was the fact that the Jordan rookie card was printed out of a computer. Yeah, it was a fake. So I gave this guy about \$200 for all of these cards that are only worth about \$95. And that is if they are all graded a perfect 10, which I know they are not. I know enough about card collecting to know that these cards are 'bogus.'

To make matters worse, he will not refund my money. I have filed a fraud complaint with ebay two times and they will not handle my case and take care of the situation. I have e-mailed the guy who sold me the cards many times and he will either make an excuse, or usually, he will not even respond.

I have given up on the situation and learned my lesson the hard way. I will not buy on ebay.

Ebay can be useful and very helpful in finding products. Just don't buy anything extravagant like a Plasma TV or a \$200 set of cards. You will probably get taken.

I just wanted others to be aware of the dangers of shopping ebay.

JOSHUA E COLLOM
COAHOMA

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to say how disappointed I am that the newspaper chose not to cover any of the Little League regular season games and specially the city tournament play. You had two pictures that looked like you took them and no write-ups. You really missed out on some great baseball playing.

I was very impressed this year through regular season play and the tournament at how well these young athletes played and the professionalism of all of the adults involved. The umpires also deserve credit for a job well done.

To all of the young people and adults who worked so hard this season, thank you for the many hours of enjoyment you gave me. Also congratulations to the all-star

players. However, it takes the whole team to play the game and all of these kids are winners in my book for putting forth the effort to make all their practices and showing up to play all the games.

Big Spring has a lot of talented young folks who have shown themselves to be great sportsmen this baseball season.

J. LINDA CYPERT
GARDEN CITY

TO THE EDITOR:

First of all, I would like to state I do not feel tethering dogs is appropriate. As an owner of four dogs that sleep in bed with my husband and me, I feel that it is a horrible life for a dog to live.

I would like to bring up one of the issues that citizens of rural Howard County must endure because of uncaring and irresponsible pet owners. Every year several stray dogs are dumped off in the county near our home. The Humane Society is full and owners of dogs who will not or cannot provide proper fencing would rather let them fend for themselves than take responsibility for their pet. Who knows what their reasoning is, but from personal experience, dumped dogs starve, are attacked by coyotes, form packs that attack cattle and in return are shot by ranchers, or they are hit by vehicles and left for land owners to pick up the carcass.

Although tethering is wrong, is it more humane to turn a dog loose? At least, if a dog is tethered and hopefully fed properly, it is not left to starve or worse. It is very hard for those of us who are animal lovers to actually believe someone can look both ways to make sure no one is looking while they dump their dogs, but I assure you that it does happen and way too often.

If this city ban should pass, I for one do not believe it will stop owners from dumping their dogs in the county. On the other hand, it will probably raise the chances of these owners unwilling to comply with the tethering ban to turn their dogs loose within the city limits of Big Spring. This will create a public safety issue, as dogs are pack animals and if left to fend for themselves, they will pack up and could become very aggressive.

Please carefully consider all the implications of your actions. If the tethering ban is passed please let me know to whom of you I can bring the stray dogs I encounter.

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Church News

First United Methodist Church

On Sunday the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring's sermon is titled "The Thunderstorm and the Rainbow." The scripture text comes from Genesis 9:8-16.

Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes meet at 9:45 a.m.

At 6 p.m. Sunday, the youth from the Methodist Church in Hobbs, N.M., will present a puppet show in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend.

First United Methodist Church invites the children in the community to Vacation Bible School, from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

This year's VBS theme is Lava Lava Island: Where Jesus' Love Flows. This island theme provides fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for children ages 4 through fourth grade.

To register for VBS, call 267-6394 or come to First United Methodist Church at 8:30 a.m. Monday for walk-in registration.

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

Midway Baptist Church

This Sunday at 7 p.m. we will present pianist Aaron Coleman, the grandson of Leon and Nellie Kerby of Big Spring. Born in 1985, he began playing the piano at age 5.

He began playing in churches at age 7. Aaron just finished an internship at Highland Baptist Church in Waco.

He is presently taking instructions from Bruce Greer, composer and pianist in Dallas. He is also a full time student at Southern Nazarene University.

Please join us at Midway Baptist Church for this incredible time of worship.

You are welcome to join us for Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., worship at 11 a.m. Cross training for youth 6 p.m.; evening service at 7.

Wednesday evening, fellowship meal 5:30; children's choir 6; solid rock youth at 6; choir/drama youth at 7; adult Bible study at 7; Little Dribblers at 7.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Summer is in full swing and everyone is taking vacations and staying very busy.

The youth are planning an outing to the Great Rampage Waterpark in Lubbock on July 23.

They will leave at 9 a.m. and return at 9 p.m.

The ladies are in the planning stages of making quilts to send to missionaries this fall. They will meet at the church every Tuesday morning from 10 until noon, beginning in August.

We invite anyone who doesn't have a church home to come and worship in our Sunday services.

vices at 10:50 a.m. or 5 p.m. Midweek services are Wednesday at 7 p.m.

At Birdwell Lane Baptist Church we believe in reaching the lost and building the believer. We are a friendly church where visitors become friends and friends become family.

First Christian Church

The congregation of First Christian Church invites you to join them this Sunday for fellowship, Bible study and worship. Pastor, Gene Cravens will be bringing a message taken from Luke 10:38-42, titled, "Sit and Rest Awhile."

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

First Baptist Church

Our high school students are traveling home from Mobile, Ala. after attending MissionFuge Camp. We pray for their safe return. Our junior high students will be attending Quest Camp in Commerce. They will leave Monday and return July 23.

Our Sunday schedule begins with the Holy Grounds Café downstairs in the Family Life Center at 9:15 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m., and our morning worship at 10:50. Our pastor, the Rev. Dennis Teeters, returns home after spending a week at M-Fuge with our high school students. He will lead us in the observance of the Lord's Supper. Our evening worship begins at 6. Deacons will meet immediately following this service.

We offer prayers for our summer missionaries, Chelsea Helsley, Stan Hanes and Kerry Rawls. Chelsea is serving in North Africa, and Stan and Kerry are in Brazil.

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

Life Church

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

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

Wednesday evening classes begin at 7. Childcare is provided.

Friends of Unity

An extension of our center, in the east boxcar at the Railroad Plaza, has been opened at 105 Second St. next door to Hollywood Metro. It is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Inspirational books and small gifts will be available there as well as an opportunity to share conversation.

Our regular meeting times are 2 p.m. on Sunday and 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday. All are welcome at our center.

Church of Christ at W. Hwy 80

You're invited to our Gospel Revival, Sunday through Thursday.

Dr. Anthony Roach Sr., elder and evangelist of Minda St. Church of Christ, along with the Sound Doctrine Preachers will be speaking Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. and Monday through Thursday at 7 p.m. Join us at the Church of Christ at W. Highway 80, 3900 W. Highway 80. Call 267-6483 for more information.

College Baptist Church

College Baptist Church women's ministry would like to invite all ladies of the community ages 18 and up to Serendipity Monday. Serendipity is a time of fun, fellowship and worship. Door prizes are awarded and a meal is provided. If you need nursery services, please call the church office at 267-7429.

Our youth are in Dallas this week, going to Six Flags and working one day at Mission Arlington, prior to attending the conference on Friday night and Saturday. The youth are also gearing up for the youth camp at Ruidoso, N.M., from July 22-24. The Lunch Bunch meets every Monday at 11:30 a.m.

Last week we celebrated Bro. Ken McMeans and his family's fifth anniversary of ministry and service to College Baptist Church and this community. We're very thankful that God brought him back to us.

Services Sunday are Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings adults gather for Bible Study and prayer at 7 in the fellowship hall.

There are also activities for youth and children at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on Luke 10:38-42 on Sunday. Worship service is 11 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten starts at 10:35 a.m.

Opportunities for this week include Encouragers and Session meeting, both at 6 p.m. Monday. On Wednesday the Men's Breakfast is at 7 a.m. and choir practice is at 6 p.m.

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

Baptist Temple Church

This Sunday begins with a continuation of our study on Revelation. The topic this Sunday will be the Deity of Christ. We would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to the community to come and join us for Bible Study and worship.

We hope if you do not have a place of worship and are looking for some friendly people with whom to worship that you'll come and join us. Our morning Bible study begins at 9:30 and worship at 10:45 a.m.

The big event is here. Sunday is the time to slide into Vacation Bible School with us.

There will be a 26-foot slide set up in our parking lot as we slide into VBS. It is will be an old fashion Rickshaw Rally. We will be sliding from 3:50 p.m.

We will serve a meal at 5:30 p.m. and begin our VBS study at 6:30 p.m.

Come enjoy this time of fun.

We are in the heart of Big Spring with Big Spring on our hearts.

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

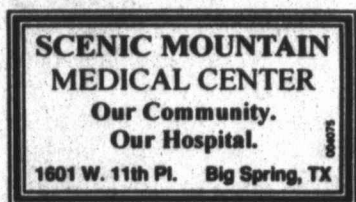
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's summer time change continues this Sunday, with Holy Eucharist celebration at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School will resume in the fall.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have its monthly meeting and breakfast Saturday starting at 8 a.m. in the chapel.

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

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



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A Pastor's
Message

The right thing
If I could only have slept
five more minutes... If I just
made a little more... If I had a
little extra time... More...
more... more!

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How do they do it?
Where can we find the satis-
faction and strive for life that
never ends?

Though many don't care for
the answer these days, it's
Jesus. He always has been
and always will be.

He said, "Come to Me, all of
you who are weary and bur-
dened, and I will give you
rest. All of you, take up My
yoke and learn from Me,
because I am gentle and hum-
ble in heart, and you will find
rest for yourselves. For My
yoke is easy and My burden is
light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

A yoke is a harness into
which work animals are har-
nessed to capture their
strength for plowing, grinding
grain, pulling a load or other
such needs. It means work.

How can more work make
life easier?

The key is involving your-
self in the right work, not
more work. Even with Jesus
in the next room, the people
in the Bible had a tough time
keeping themselves focused
on doing the right work
instead of the work that wea-
ries.

Listen to the words of Jesus
to Martha, who was working
away in the room next to
Jesus.

"Martha, Martha, you are
worried and upset about so
many things but only one
thing is necessary." (Luke
10:41).

How is it possible to get
weary in the room next to
Jesus? It seems inconceivable
that it could happen. But,
there are more people in the
room next to Jesus than those
in the room with Him.

It's amazingly easy to be
near Jesus, but not in His
presence. In one of His par-
ables, Jesus tells what happens
to His words of instruction in
the lives of many who hear
them.

"...these are the ones who
hear the word, but the worries
of this age, the seduction of
wealth, and the desires for
other things enter in and
choke the word, and it
becomes unfruitful." (Mark
4:18-19.)

Choked. That's how we can
be near Jesus, but not with
Him. That's how we can be so
close to the source of total sat-
isfaction and be dissatisfied,
discontent and wanting more.
All your work and wanting
wearies us.

Jesus is calling from the
next room He wants us to
come to him and find relief
from the wearying choke-hold
of life. As He calls, His words
ring through the house.

"A thief comes only to steal
and to kill and to destroy. I
have come that they may have
life and have it in abundance"
(John 10:10.)

Is a thief stealing and
destroying your contentment
and satisfaction? Jesus is ten-
derly calling today. Are you
working hard in the next
room, outside Jesus' pres-
ence? Jesus is tenderly calling
today.

You don't need more, you
need the right thing. A hymn
writer once wrote these
words.

"Tis so sweet to trust in
Jesus, and to take Him at His
word, just to rest upon His
promise..." The answer never
was "more." It was always
Jesus!

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Dear Prudence:

Dear Prudence: I am 25, and my husband is 28. We have been trying to get pregnant for about four years with no success.

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At this point, we have decided to stop trying and just let life happen. We are already raising my husband's 9-year-old son and consider him a blessing. My stepson and I are very close (I started dating his dad when he was a year old), and he calls me Mommy, so I feel that even though he isn't my biological child, he is still my son.

So here's the question: When people ask when are we going to have a child together, what do we say without being rude or getting teary-eyed? — Stepmommy

Dear Step: You can be certain that anything you say that is not an in-depth answer to this prying question will be considered rude by these inquiring minds. So here are a couple responses to help you not really answer the question: "We'll let you know" or, "He IS now our child, together."

Prudie feels that if people don't instinctively know what is and is not their business, they do not need to be educated. — Prudie, tutorially

Dear Prudie: After 25 miserable years, my parents are finally getting divorced. My youngest sister, "Kelly"

(age 20), is still living with and being totally supported by our dad. She hasn't had a job in a year, doesn't go to school and basically gets an "allowance" for breathing.

Kelly now has a boyfriend (also unemployed), and though they're not officially engaged, they are planning a November wedding (with our parents' money). So here is the problem: Kelly can't understand why our mother and other sister and I are not excited about her upcoming nuptials. She is very stubborn and defensive, and continually pouts about our lack of support.

Our dad defends her every step of the way, saying that "she watched her two older sisters get all the attention when they married, and it's not fair for her now." I've tried to explain to her the following: 1) We don't even know her boyfriend because she's been spending ALL her free time update with him, and I've only seen him three times. 2) She is wasting many opportunities by not continuing her education or getting some job training. 3) I think she's basically running from our parents' divorce and is afraid to try to support herself. 4) She's NOT even engaged yet, so what do we have to get excited about?

And now she's just asked me to be a bridesmaid in her wedding. Since I am opposed to this union anyway, is it wrong to tell her no, or should I suffer in silence and try to support her in the worst decision of her life? Any advice would be appreciated.

Begrudging Bridesmaid
Dear Be: When people are planning a wedding and asking friends and relatives to be bridesmaids, they are engaged. No ring is required, no engagement party, no announcement in the paper.

You obviously do not approve of Kelly OR her earnings-challenged fiancé, and you may well be right about this being a bum decision, but your response seems to be driven by more horsepower than is called for.

Sometimes wrong-seeming unions are terrific, and the ones that look heaven-sent fall apart. In any event, Prudie thinks you should definitely change your tune, be supportive, be a bridesmaid and be quiet. Give her a fighting chance. She is your sister. — Prudie, relatively

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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The new moon in Cancer is like the emotional equivalent of moving into a new home. Just as all of your belongings must be accounted for and placed in their new surroundings, your new feelings must be recognized and put in their proper perspective. It's exciting when you can go forward in relationships without carrying the old baggage.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are numerous prospects in your realm today. Part of being creatively aware is being able to recognize opportunity when it shows itself. You'll make a great discovery while looking for something entirely unrelated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes, you notice what's wrong without giving credit to what

is right. Don't make this mistake today, though, as there are many sensitive souls who will take issue with your approach. This afternoon features a political game.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know what you want, but there may be an unconscious goal that is conflicting with your larger aim. The more honest you are, the more chance you have of eliminating all things in opposition to your goal.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Reflecting on past mistakes and glories helps you make solid career decisions. Make contact with people from your past. It won't be awkward - in fact, you'll be received with open arms by long-lost friends and sweeties.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Change is gradual, as much as you'd like it to be sweeping. Just as it's difficult to recognize the growth of a child you see every day, you may not notice differences in yourself. But you can trust that you are blossoming.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). There's not an area of your life that couldn't use the "less is more" strategy now. Friendships grow tighter when you don't try too hard. You're romantically more alluring and more in demand at work, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Do anything you can think of to simplify your life. The more straightforward your activities are, the more time you'll have to pursue what you really enjoy. Tonight, you could become enamored of someone strong and able.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Listen to what you're thinking about when you're seemingly not thinking about anything at all. It is in those in-between spaces that your wishes and desires live. Tune in, and write them down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're feeling the pain of the world. Everywhere you look, you are getting evidence of the frailty of the human condition. Try to also see the strength humans possess. We've survived this long, right?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While attempting to concentrate on your own business, you'll be distracted, coerced and diverted by truly annoying people. Minimize the time you spend caught up in matters you're really not willing to do anything about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Try many options until you find the one you are most passionate about. The fire in your belly will give you clarity of purpose, without which all actions are merely reactions. Don't be sucked in by the promise of a quick buck.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your time is so valuable, you'll have to say "no" several times before noon in order to safeguard it! The vampires are out! Romance is going well now that a certain truth is in the open. You feel more able to be yourself.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm an Aries with the worst luck again this year. I was released from a job for an illness, but I am now medically

able to return to work. I want my old job but with higher pay and a position that I believe I'm qualified for. Should I burn this bridge and move on or return to the old job?"

Are you crazy? Of course you shouldn't "burn this bridge." There's a reason the saying goes, if you'll recall, "Don't burn bridges." (Fire-sign Aries people like you can be so impulsive and hotheaded!) These employers were kind enough (or afraid enough of the legal implications more likely) to let you come back to a job that you were clearly unhappy in. I'm convinced that your illness was self-created on some level as a rebellion against this job where you felt unappreciated. And as much as you may be overqualified for your position, you are missing the point. Your life's work should be as much about getting along with others and being of service to the greater good as about the actual job you're doing. Until you learn this lesson, you'll be as unhappy

in any job as you are right now.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Courtney Love could use some love this year, and the stars reveal a new romantic interest for her. Cancer gals can be very emotional and consequently look for many ways to relax. Music is divine, but having a supportive partner can give Cancer folks the comfort they crave. A stable guy, someone from outside the music industry, could help Love discover a new outlook on life.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My 21-year-old daughter, "Misty," is socially immature. She always has been attracted to the "bad" boys who lack ambition, motivation, jobs, cars and families. We wonder why she is drawn to this type, since Misty was brought up with scads of love and attention. She has no reason to feel that she doesn't deserve a boy with a positive future.

Misty's latest romance is with a young man of 25 who has no family in the area and works as a waiter at a coffee shop. He has no car and seems to be staying with a friend. In other words, he is one couch short of homeless.

Misty has begun describing this fellow as her fiancé, although we've heard nothing about an engagement. The worst part is that her sister and I have a gut feeling about the guy that scares us. We've never felt this way about any of Misty's other boyfriends, but this one seems dishonest, although we have no evidence to back up our fears. We have talked about our feelings with Misty, but she insists the creep treats her like a queen. He now is pushing for her to let him move into her place.

I have asked Misty to think carefully before she gets engaged or married, and to give this relationship a little more time before she lets him move in. Do you have any other suggestions? We are worried sick. — Misty-Eyed Mom



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Mom: We trust your gut instincts that the current beau is a creep, but that isn't going to be enough for Misty to drop him. Perhaps she was raised to be a confident young woman, but she nonetheless lacks a healthy sense of self-worth.

Misty needs to know her mother not only loves her, but has faith in her. Your worries may be justified, but your criticism of Misty's romantic choices is undermining her decisions, and she is tuning you out. Is there someone Misty respects enough to listen to about this? Her father perhaps? A girlfriend, employer or the family clergyman? In the meantime, get to know the creep. It might help.

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter from a 13-year-old girl whose teeth were discolored. You suggested she talk to her parents and her dentist about whitening them.

I have been told by more

than one dentist that a child should not attempt to bleach his or her teeth until age 18. Is it true? My 10-year-old wants to bleach his teeth. — Tooth Fairy in the Dark

Dear Tooth Fairy: Teeth whitening is not recommended for children under the age of 12. Teenagers under 18 should be evaluated individually by their dentist to see if they are eligible for whitening procedures. Here's more:

Alabama: I would like to recommend that her

mother take her to a good dentist to have the girl checked for amelogenesis imperfecta. Two of my children have this rare condition in which there is no enamel on the teeth. My two kids went through torment, but they are now grown and married and have caps — million-dollar mouths. If her dentist is unfamiliar with the condition, please tell the parents to check with any university dental school.

Wisconsin: Regarding the 13-year-old with yel-

low teeth, she may have fluorosis. If kids drink water with too much fluoride, it can turn their adult teeth yellow, and no amount of bleaching will completely fix the problem. It happened to me. The water in our town has high natural fluoride levels, so I try to give my kids bottled water for drinking. (We still use tap water for cooking and cleaning.) It's another example of "too much of a good thing."

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 16, the 188th day of 2004. There are 168 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 16, 1945, the United States exploded its first experimental atomic bomb, in the desert of Alamogordo, N.M.

On this date: In 1790, the District of Columbia was established as the seat of the United States government.

In 1862, David G. Farragut became the first rear admiral in the United States Navy.

In 1918, Russia's Czar Nicholas II, his empress and their five children were executed by the Bolsheviks.

In 1951, the novel "The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger was first published.

In 1964, in accepting the Republican presidential nomination in San Francisco, Barry M. Goldwater said "extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice" and that "moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue."

In 1969, Apollo 11 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on the first manned mission to the surface of the moon.

In 1973, during the Senate Watergate hearings, former White House aide Alexander P. Butterfield publicly revealed the existence of President Nixon's secret taping system.

In 1979, Saddam Hussein became president of Iraq.

In 1980, former California Gov. Ronald Reagan won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Detroit.

In 1981, singer Harry Chapin was killed when his car was struck by a tractor-trailer on New York's Long Island Expressway.

Ten years ago: The first of 21 pieces of comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 smashed into Jupiter, to the joy of

astronomers awaiting the celestial fireworks.

Today's Birthdays: T.V. director Vincent Sherman is 98. Actor Bernard Hughes is 89. Former Attorney General Dick Thornburgh is 72. Soul singer William Bell is 65. Actor Corin Redgrave is 65. Former tennis player Margaret Court is 62. Violinist Pinchas Zukerman is 56. Actor-singer Ruben Blades is 56. Rock composer-musician Stewart Copeland is 52. Dancer Michael Flatley is 46. Actress Phoebe Cates is 41. Country singer Craig Morgan is 39. Actor-comedian Will Ferrell is 37.

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ACROSS

- 1 Bona
- 5 Like Batman
- 10 Israeli port
- 14 Piccadilly statue
- 15 Spry
- 16 Pants spec
- 17 Speak well of
- 18 Provokes
- 19 Hide, as a coin
- 20 H.S. subject
- 21 Illusory promises
- 23 Beachcomber find
- 25 ENT cases
- 26 Simpleton
- 27 Giant Hall of Famer
- 28 Prof.'s field
- 29 Nautical response
- 33 G.I. guy
- 36 Ex-G.I. guy
- 37 Head, so to speak
- 38 Clean air grp.
- 39 Feminine ending
- 40 Hinged (on)
- 41 Heidi locale
- 42 Sheep sound
- 43 Metallic combo
- 44 Goes forward
- 49 Convinces
- 50 "No problem!"
- 52 NBA official
- 54 Listen closely
- 55 Stingless bee
- 56 Commotion
- 57 Picnic playwright

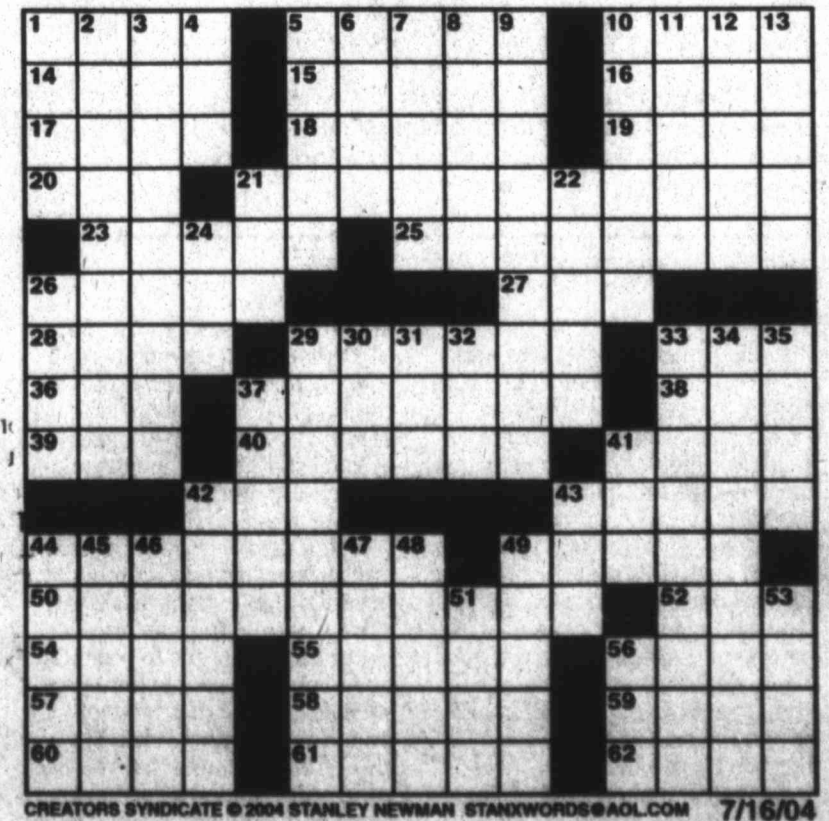
- 58 Chilling
- 59 Shania Twain, for one
- 60 It could be a good thing
- 61 Food fish
- 62 Escutcheon spoiler

DOWN

- 1 Celebrate
- 2 "Old" (U.S.S. Constitution)
- 3 On-deck circle devices
- 4 Superlative suffix
- 5 Find fault
- 6 '69 Mets star
- 7 Sprite
- 8 Actress Verdugo
- 9 Kaput

- 10 Interpretation
- 11 Conflict
- 12 Austrian poet
- 13 TV trophies
- 21 Thickness
- 22 What "phobe" means
- 24 Business letter abbr.
- 26 Actress Campbell
- 29 Phone-number starters
- 30 He played Mongkut
- 31 Inventor Whitney
- 32 Flagon filler
- 33 Ferdinand Morton's moniker

- 34 Against
- 35 One way to take it
- 37 Red Badge of Courage author
- 41 According to
- 42 Gave support to
- 43 Wonderment
- 44 Plant pest
- 45 Photographer Arbus
- 46 Brink
- 47 Violinist Zimbalist
- 48 Tally
- 49 Shooting game
- 51 Indigo
- 53 the bill
- 56 Bill



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IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Rescue from the sand

By T.J. TOMASI
Universal Press Syndicate

Here's the scenario: You've gone to a flag tucked behind a bunker and failed to carry the lip by the length of your 1-iron. Your "almost perfect" golf shot finishes with a decent lie in the sand, but you have very little green to work with, and it's fast.

To get out safely without overshooting the pin, first open your stance more than normal. Don't worry about hitting a high shot - you control this shot with spin not height. Take care to aim the shot left of the flag to allow for the right-hand spin you're about to apply.

Next, set the club face open by suspending your club head above the ball using only your trail hand. Then add your target hand to complete your hold on the club.

The problem with taking your complete grip first, then rolling your arms to open the club face is that your arms will rotate back to their natural position through impact, returning the club face to square or, worse, closing the club face - exactly what you don't want for this type of shot.

Once you're set up correctly, your goal is to cock your wrists immediately, a move that produces low hands but a high club head. Doing this minimizes the chance of error because your hands haven't moved very far away from their address position. The resulting vertical position of the shaft (demonstrated in the first photo below) is the key that unlocks the loft of the club face.

Now here's the secret of the shot: Hit very close behind the ball. Don't catch it clean, but come close. If you hit 2 inches behind the ball for a normal sand shot, cut that to half an inch for this play so that the majority of sand is taken after impact rather than before it.

Also, this shot should be hit more firmly than a normal sand shot, firm enough that you'll hear a little pop from the sand. That doesn't mean you should cream it, but the word that best describes the stroke is "staccato"; a normal sand shot is "syrupy."

One more important point: At no time during the swing do you let your forearms cross. As you can see in the second photo, at the finish, this golfer's right forearm is still under his left with the shaft forming a straight-line extension of his trail arm. This indicates that the club face stayed open through impact as it nipped a bit of sand from behind the ball - just enough to send the ball softly spinning to the target.



With the club shaft vertical, Rob Himel is in good position to spin the ball to an immediate stop.



Rob doesn't allow his forearms to roll over as they would for a normal shot. He wants the bounce on his club head to lead the way.

BRITISH OPEN

Battling demons

Troubled Bjorn appears to be back to form

By GLENN SHEELEY
Cox News Service

Troon, Scotland
Fortunately, it appears to have been just a touch of David Duval-Ian Baker-Finch-Chip-Beck Disease, not the full-blown variety. Whatever brought the demons to Thomas Bjorn's world two weeks ago, when he deemed himself mentally unable to play and walked off the course six holes into the Irish Open, has been safely exorcised.

Well, at least for one week, anyway. Once burned, always fearful.

The talented, tormented Dane was at Royal Troon for a quick eight holes and some practice time Monday in advance of the 133rd Open Championship, encouraged by a striking turnaround at the Scottish Open last week. The 33-year-old remained respectful of the game's unstable nature.

"I still have no expectations of anything except to just go and play," Bjorn said outside the Royal Troon clubhouse. "I still know from the way I was two weeks ago that it's still very fragile."

Bjorn used the word "demons" at the Irish Open. He admitted to standing on teeboxes there, seeing trouble in all directions, thinking about "500 things" rather than "hitting one shot at a time."

"The fairway looked tiny and the greens looked the size of a hole," he said. "There was nothing but fear standing on that first tee. I just thought, 'I can't be here.'"

Bjorn went home to London after the Irish Open, sought out his old swing coach, Pete Cowen, and a Swedish psychologist, Kjell Enhager, who has worked with Annika Sorenstam. When Bjorn showed up at Loch Lomond for the Scottish Open last week, his head was clear and his game was back, with three rounds in the 60s, then a final-round



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Thomas Bjorn received help from a swing coach and a psychologist and then played solid golf at the Scottish Open.

72. Were it not for 67 putts on the weekend his score would have matched his outstanding ballstriking.

Bjorn needs no extra mental anguish in the Open Championship. It was at Royal St. George's last year that he took three shots in a bunker at the 70th hole, basically handing the championship to Ben Curtis. Bjorn insists the crushing collapse did not cause the Irish Open ordeal, which fueled the tabloids for days.

"It's a question of finding the ground you want to be on, finding the people you want to be with in terms of coaching and just finding your way," Bjorn said Monday. "The problem is, it's so easy in this game when

you start losing your way a little bit, to start listening to everybody. A lot of people start seeking things that don't exist."

Other players have been supportive, a testament their appreciation of golf's fragility. Or perhaps the mutual fear of it.

"A lot of players have been there and know what it's like," Bjorn said. "The players will always support each other, especially through the hard times. The only people that don't really understand are the people who haven't been there. ... It doesn't make you a worse golfer, but it reminds you how quickly you can lose your way or find your way."

Links course stirs fond memories for Leonard

By GLENN SHEELEY
Cox News Service

Troon, Scotland
Much is different in Justin Leonard's life since he won the British Open at Royal Troon seven years ago. The affable Texan is 32 now, with a baby girl. He is much stronger physically, with a fitness instructor and a different teacher, Butch Harmon, who has reworked his swing.



LEONARD

What's also different is that while Leonard's game is hardly peaking, he comes to Troon this week knowing he can win on this same storied property that surrendered his final-round 65 in 1997, overcoming Jesper Parnevik's four-stroke lead.

Although Leonard had won six weeks before in '97 - at the Kemper Open for his second PGA Tour win, coming from five shots back - Troon was only his third British Open appearance.

As things evolved, that might have been crucial to Leonard's story.

"I do look back and wonder about those things," he says now. "My lack of experience at the time may have

Leonard's career was additionally defined by "The Putt Heard 'Round the World" - his off-the-charts 50-footer at Brookline to give the U.S. its amazing Ryder Cup win in 1999.

been one of my greatest assets. I didn't feel the pressure of expectations like it was my tournament to lose or anything like that. I was just trying to shoot the best score I can."

Leonard was sufficiently confident in his game - blindly fortunate, perhaps - to switch from a wooden driver to a metal one for the second round. He added as much as 20 yards off the tee and made two eagles.

Some Troon magic this week would be highly appreciated by the man whose career is sometimes underrated despite wins at the 1992 U.S. Amateur, the 1994 NCAA championship and the 1998 Players Championship. A month after his British Open win, he was second to Davis Love III at the PGA Championship.

Perhaps the rekindling of so many wonderful Troon memories can revive Leonard's game, which has

produced one top 10 finish in 2004 and missed cuts in his past three events - the Memorial, U.S. Open and Booz Allen Classic.

"I've got better shots, my swings are more sound, but I am not getting the same results out of my game right now as I was at this time in 1997," Leonard said recently. "I feel I am a more complete player, but this year just have not shown it. If I can put things together like I did in 1997, I can compete on a high level there."

Scottish links courses have been Leonard's most comfortable British Open venues. He lost to Paul Lawrie in a playoff at Carnoustie in 1999, then tied for 14th at Muirfield in 2002.

"I've always worked on controlling the height of my shots," Leonard said. "I've been able to keep the ball low and have a good short game, which sets up well for links courses."

Champions players deal with injuries

By ALAN TAYS
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West Palm Beach, Fla.
Champions Tour players seem to be going through withdrawal lately. The 50-and-over set is always more prone to pain than its younger counterparts, but last week-end's Ford Senior Players Championship in Dearborn, Mich., was particularly hard hit.

Lower-back pain caused by fused vertebrae prompted Lee Trevino to withdraw on the 14th hole Friday, but he played the rest of the way as a marker with Dana Quigley.

"I won't play again till I get this back operated on and I'm healthy again, which will probably be October," said Trevino, 64.

Tom Watson decided not to play in the Ford and this week's British Open because of weakness in his right triceps caused by a nerve impingement.

Watson, 54, especially was disappointed to miss the British Open because he earned one of his five victories in that tournament, in 1982, at this year's site, Royal Troon.

Watson hopes to return to defend his title in the Senior British Open July 22-25 at Royal Portrush.

Peter Jacobsen underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left hip in March. Two weeks ago, Jacobsen, 60, played in the Long Island Classic, his first event since the operation.

Last Wednesday, he said the hip was making good progress, but that afternoon he quit after 17 holes of his pro-am round. He withdrew before his starting time Thursday.

Sam Torrance, another senior rookie, also withdrew because of a neck injury.

David Graham wasn't entered in the Ford, having withdrawn from the Bank of America Championship three weeks ago and not playing since.

On Thursday, Graham, 58, issued a statement saying he is back home in Montana and has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure.

"I will be out of competitive golf indefinitely, but I'm hoping to return to the Champions Tour in the future," Graham said.

And then, of course, there is Quigley. The Ford was his record 250th consecutive event for which he has been eligible. To mark the occasion, the tour gave him an iron - not to suggest his clothes need pressing, but to note his status as the tour's iron man.

OTHER TOURNAMENTS

PGA TOUR B.C. Open

- Site: Endicott, N.Y.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
- Course: En-Joie Golf Club (6,974 yards, par 72)
- Purse: \$3 million. Winner's share: \$540,000.
- Television: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.)

LPGA TOUR

Giant Eagle LPGA Classic

- Site: Vienna, Ohio
- Schedule: Friday-Sunday
- Course: Squaw Creek Country Club (6,545 yards, par 72)
- Purse: \$1 million. Winner's share: \$150,000.
- Television: None

CHAMPIONS TOUR

- Next event: Senior British Open, July 22-25, Royal Portrush Golf Club, Portrush, Northern Ireland

THE GOLF DOCTOR

True lies

Using brain scans, researchers at the Institute of Neurology in London proved that when you imagine an event like your golf swing the mental picture activates most of the brain networks used for a real swing. And the more you do this imaging, the stronger the neural footprints become.

Since your central nervous system can't tell the difference between a perfectly imagined event and a real one, the better you are at creating lifelike images of good shots, the easier it is to implant them as real.

As I outline in my book, "The 30-Second Golf Swing," if you

implant the false memory of a good shot it will become part of your history. In other words, you can be a historical revisionist by seeding your brain with memories of good shots even though you didn't actually hit them.

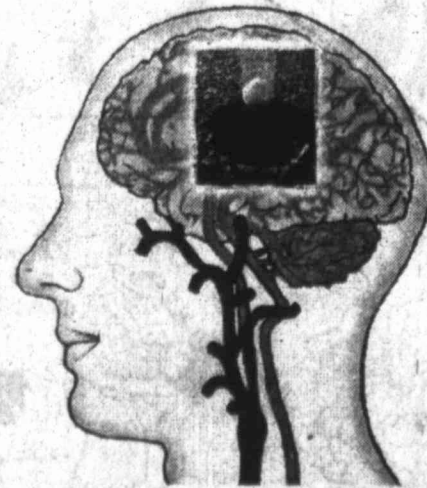
One caveat: Do this with shots you actually have the ability to hit or else your brain won't buy it. It's not helpful to imagine a 300-yard drive if you simply can't hit one.

Put this technique to good use by imagining a shot you hit poorly, such as a driver that went OB or a pressure putt you missed. Then choose one resource that you need in order to have a good outcome. It might be that you tried to

hit your driver too hard and the resource you needed was better timing. Whatever it was, identify it and then insert it in the image process.

If the necessary resource is not within your capabilities, make it your priority to acquire that resource. If you always slice your driver, take a lesson; not a general swing lesson but a "resource acquisition" lesson dedicated to curing your driver slice. If you're nervous, practice your breathing until you can control the anxiety.

If you institute a program of specific resource acquisition for each weakness in your game, soon you will have a powerful repertoire with which to image.



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ASK THE PRO



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

Q: I have problems getting over water hazards. It's not that I can't hit over the water; sometimes I just miss the shot. How can I be sure I'm doing the right thing when I decide to go for it?
— Woody C., from the Web

A: Take one more club across water. This is a simple rule of thumb any time you're faced with a long carry over water.

As a corollary to the above: If you need a 4-iron or more to carry the water, lay up. Stick to this rule consistently and you'll avoid wasting strokes on penalty shots and save a whole bunch of money on golf balls.