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CISD trustees expected to call for bond election soon

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

After months of slowly edging toward the subject of a bond issue, the Coahoma Independent School District is about to shift into overdrive.

Coahoma school trustees are expected in the next few weeks to call for a bond election to finance about \$11 million in construction and renovations to all three district campuses, administration building and athletic facilities.

Superintendent Jerry Johnson told trustees during their regular meeting Thursday night that a bit of haste is

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Jerry Johnson
CISD Superintendent

now called for. The next available date to hold a bond election is Sept. 10, and since state law mandates that the election must be called at least 62 days

before the election, the trustees must decide on the matter before early July.

To that end, trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on June 30 to formally call for the

election, Johnson said.

"The previous administration here did a good job of explaining the need for this to the public," Johnson said. "This is something the district needs and the public knows that ... There's no perfect time for a bond election, but these improvements are definitely needed."

The \$11 million estimate was presented to the school board by Alan Wolfe of the Lubbock architectural consulting firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, which was hired by CISD earlier this year to draw up a master plan for infra-

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Parade gets rodeo run under way

An avid fan, Buchanan downplays parade honor

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Thursday wasn't Jack Buchanan's first time in the annual Big Spring Rodeo Parade, but he'd be hard-pressed to remember a better vantage point.

Buchanan, who's been involved with rodeos in general and the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo in particular for more years than he can remember, served as grand marshal of the annual parade, which was held under sunny skies and typical mid-June temperatures Thursday afternoon.

Buchanan expressed surprise when he was named grand marshal for this year's parade.

"I think they just picked the oldest guy they could find (for grand marshal)," he joked. "I don't know how they decided that."

Buchanan, who has been on the rodeo's board of directors for "quite a while now," said his favorite sport has changed



BUCHANAN



Six beautiful ladies with six white horses can mean only one thing — it's rodeo time. The ladies from San Angelo's Hardin Simmons' Six White Horses helped kick off the annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Thursday afternoon during a parade down Main Street.

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Coahoma schools working toward high-tech environment

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Thoughts of high-tech environments don't usually conjure images of a small-town school district in West Texas, but personnel at the Coahoma Independent School District are working hard to change that.

Like most, if not all, school districts in Texas, Coahoma ISD has made a sizable investment in computers and learn-

ing software. But the district's passion for technology doesn't stop there, technology director Odis Franklin said.

The district recently finished replacing all of its out-of-date computers with new versions. The old computers will be donated to students and teachers based on need, allowing them to do research and lessons at home.

In addition, Franklin noted that all CISD teachers have

undergone a training program to allow them to become comfortable using technology in the classroom. Also, teachers have the opportunity to take staff-development courses online.

"Our facility is probably leaps and bounds ahead of any place I've been," Franklin said. "Other places I've been didn't make such a big deal out of technology. We have, and it's paid off. The more training teachers have, the easier it'll be

for them in the classroom."

Coahoma High School also offers several technology classes, including Web page design, animation and graphics, desktop publishing, business computer information systems and multimedia.

But the step toward "smart classrooms" is the one that Franklin is most excited about.

Smart classrooms are ones that have a computer, hooked to a computer, that uses an

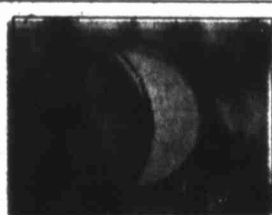
interactive whiteboard.

Teachers and students can interact directly with the computer by touching the whiteboard, which resembles a common easel. The technology can be used for distance learning classes, virtual field trips and regular class presentations, Franklin said.

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

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THIS WEEKEND



Rock singer John Mellen-camp's love for a small town remains just as strong today as it was growing up in Indiana.

He discusses his decision to raise his family in Bloomington.

Hometown Hero: When Leslie Morissette lost her 8-year-old son to leukemia, she converted her grief into good cause by providing computers to other seriously ill children and their families.

FATHER'S DAY MEAL

The Spring City Senior Center, located at 1901 Simler, will hold its annual Father's Day Luncheon at noon Sunday.

The meal for the luncheon will be roast beef, potatoes and carrots. Coffee, tea, water and milk will be available to drink. Dessert for the day will be strawberry shortcake.

The public is invited to attend. The meal will be \$5 per person for all those under the age of 60.

For those 60 years of age and older, an unspecified donation is requested.

For more information call Joann Staulcup at 263-4980.

PIONEER FAMILIES

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Saturday, two families will be honored with the traditional Pioneer Awards — the Read family from Howard County and the Carter family from Glasscock County.



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Obituaries

Anita Ball

Anita Ball, 71, of Sand Springs died Tuesday, June 14, 2005, in Ruidoso, N.M. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Monday, June 20, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services are 4 p.m. Monday at Oakwood Cemetery in Cisco.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 2, 1933, in Bridgeton, Maine. She married D Ball Jr. Jan. 5, 1952, in Cisco. Anita has been a resident of Howard County since 1960. She received her bachelor of arts degree in education in 1971 from Angelo State University in San Angelo. She was a substitute teacher.

She is survived by her husband, D Ball Jr., of Sand Springs; one daughter, Terri Telchik of Big Spring; one son, Wayne Ball of Sand Springs; one sister, Dottie Harmon of Old Town, Maine; two brothers, Harlan Pingree of Austin and Lonnie Pingree of Beaumont; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Richard K. Rawson

Richard K. Rawson, 73, of Big Spring died Thursday, June 16, 2005, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take note

• **PAVING THE ROAD TO CARNEGIE HALL** bake sale fund-raiser to benefit the Big Spring High School band trip in June of 2006 by invitation to Carnegie Hall in New York City is Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. at the east door of Wal-Mart. June 25 a car wash and bake sale is set for the same time at Wal-Mart. Call Mindy at 432-213-3651 for more information.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** needs volunteers to work Sunday afternoons. Call 264-1999 or visit the museum, 1911 apron, to volunteer.

• **COAHOMA PATRIOTIC PARADE** begins at 10 a.m. July 2. Celebration continues in Coahoma Park with a car show, food booths and vendors. Free set up space for interested vendors. Contact Paulette Lindsey at 394-4975 or 270-0875 to secure space.

• **COAHOMA NON-MARCHING BRASS BAND NEEDS MORE MEMBERS**, any age, any instrument, any ability, any experience. For more information, contact Pam Hicks at 394-4312 or Patricia Bennett at 394-4122.

• **TEXAS LIONS CAMP** is looking for children interested in attending camp this summer. Sessions are for children with physical disabilities 7 through 16 years of age. Camp is free for these children. For more information, call Bob Noyes at 267-5811 or 270-0811.

• **SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER'S SCHOOL OF RADIOLOGY** is having a reunion of all past graduates in conjunction with the 2005 graduation July 9 at the Spring City Senior Center. The reunion organizer are looking for these individuals: Tere Barrier, Susan Weaver Burton, Cheryl Carroll, Irma Chavez, Caroline Clifton, Paul Decker, Frank Garfias, Randy Gavin, Michelle Gonzales, Sandy Hatfield, Mickie Johnson, Sarah Martin, Janie McLaughlin, Mary Poston, Debbie Richter, Melissa Shafer and Susan Solomon. Contact Vivian Gordon at 268-4885 or e-mail to vivian_gordon@chs.net.

• **OLD SETTLERS REUNION** from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at the Howard County Fair Barns. Call Heritage Museum for free tickets at 267-8288.

• **HOWARD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL QUILT RECEPTION** is from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage Museum. Free admission.

• **REHEARSALS FOR THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY CHORUS FOR THE POPS IN THE PARK PERFORMANCE** continue each Monday in June from 7 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. in the First Methodist Church choral room. New members are welcome to participate in this annual community event.

• **COMMUNITY-WIDE BABY SHOWER TO BENEFIT BIRTHRIGHT** is set for 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. June 25 at Baptist Temple Church. Call 267-8287 for more information.

• **A MEMORIAL FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF TYBO JACOBS** at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma 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.

• **DEREK CHURCHWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** 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 Fund.

• **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.

Police blotter

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

• **SONYA RENEE DAEN**, 33, of Ackerly, was arrested Thursday on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, displaying a fictitious certificate and a Dawson County warrant.

• **JUAN MIGUEL LERMA**, 17, of 2516 Ent, was arrested Thursday on two local capias warrants.

• **THEFT** was reported:
- in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.
- in the 900 block of Willia.

• **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 2900 block of the Interstate Highway 20 S. Service Road.

• **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE** was reported:

- in the 900 block of Birdwell Lane.
- in the 1300 block of Lexington.
• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
- in the 400 block of Runnels.
- in the 1200 block of Sixth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

• **DERRICK TODD DRAKE**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **PETER MANUEL CANDELARIA**, 17, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for burglary of a habitation.

• **CRESS DWAYNE GREEN**, 23, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of theft by check - four counts.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 18th Street and Lancaster. Service was refused.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1600 block of Oriole. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 800 block of W. Fourth Street. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Third Street. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.

Support groups

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

• 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 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

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

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

• 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.

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TODAY

• Big Spring 72nd annual Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

• Lakeview School reunion.
• 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. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• Big Spring 72nd annual Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

• Old Settlers Reunion from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barns. Call Heritage Museum for free tickets at 267-8288.

• Railroad Museum at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.

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

• Howard County Fair Association annual Quilt Reception from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Heritage Museum. Free admission.

• Lakeview School reunion.
• 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.

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.

• 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.

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

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

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

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at 1st and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

• Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

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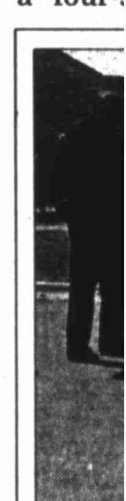
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Reads, Carters to be honored at Old Settlers Reunion

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Features Editor

When the 81st Howard-Glasscock County Old Settlers Reunion gathers at the Howard County Fairbarns Saturday, two families will be honored with the traditional Pioneer Awards — the Read family from Howard County and the Carter family from Glasscock County.

According to information provided by Tammy Schrecengost, curator for Heritage Museum, the Pioneer Awards have been a part of the Old Settlers Reunion since the 1990s.

"This is always an important part of the reunion where we honor those families who came to Howard and Glasscock counties, braving the hot weather and the lack of water and helping to settle this area," she said.

The Read family, to which Linda Berry of Coahoma belongs, began in Howard County in about 1883.

According to information provided to Schrecengost by Berry's son, Cash, an agriculture instructor for Howard College, Charles Duncan Read, born in Kentucky, came to Texas in search of work that would allow him to buy his own land.

He worked for the railroad in 1880 and helped bring the Colorado City tracks into Howard County.

Although his sweetheart, Sue Elizabeth Jordan, urged him to return to Kentucky, where "there was plenty for any man," Read continued to work until he was able to purchase 33 sections of land in the northeast corner of Howard County.

Read returned to Kentucky and married Jordan on Sept. 19, 1883. The newlyweds traveled to Howard County and had three children here, Hezzie Noble, Willard and Norman, born in 1886, 1890 and 1893.

Hezzie Noble purchased a four-section ranch at

the Howard-Glasscock County line from artist H.W. Caylor in 1906. He married Bonnie Bell Leatherwood and Caylor gave the couple a painting of the ranch house and windmill as a wedding present, which still is displayed in family home.

Noble and Bonnie had five children: Charles Duncan, Roger, Fannie Sue, Hezzie Noble and Jane. The eldest, Charles, was born on the Caylor Ranch, although the family returned to the Read ranch shortly after his birth.

The three brothers then worked and managed the Read ranch, which pleased the elder C.D. Read because "at heart he was a businessman and not a cowboy."

Willard married Ruby and Norman married Florence. Neither couple had children.

C.D. and Sue Elizabeth lived in their home in town, where the Municipal Auditorium stands today. After their death, the three sons divided the ranch equally, giving each son a 11-section spread.

"We called them Big Dad and Big Mom," Berry said of C.D. and Sue Elizabeth Read.

All five of Hezzie Noble's children reached adulthood. Charles and his wife lived on the ranch, as does their son, Bob Read today. Roger moved to Las Vegas, N.M., and owned a ranch there which his sons, Bo and John Dee Read still own and operate.

Sue lived in Big Spring until her death in April. The ranch, although not as vast as it once was, is managed today by Berry's husband, Ace and Bob Read. Berry said she lives in the home her grandfather built.

"My son, Cash was the one who said let's not tear it down, let's remodel this because this is our heritage. So that's what we did," Berry said.

She plans to attend the Old Settlers Reunion and has several photographs for display of the family



Linda Berry (right); her husband, Ace; and her son, Cash, attended the annual Legends and Legacies dinner at the Heritage Museum Tuesday night. Berry's family, the C.D. Read family, has been named one of two pioneer families to be honored at the 81st Old Settlers Reunion Saturday.

and their home.

The Carter family from Glasscock County originated with Joe George Carter, who was born in Ohio on April 18, 1865. He homesteaded 320 acres in Glasscock County in 1886, having traveled to the area to find work.

Lillian Marks was born on July 11, 1875, in Kentucky. Her aunt, Mrs. R.W. Settles, encouraged Marks to relocate to West Texas to teach and she was hired as the Panther Draw teacher, "a one-room school in northern Glasscock County. In 1897, she met and married Joe Carter, a dashing, romantic cowboy," according to material provided by Schrecengost.

Married 35 years, the couple had six children: Ruth Lillian Carter (Mrs. Nathan Allen Sr.), Genevieve Louise Carter

(Mrs. Bismark Schafer), Maude Kathryn Carter (Mrs. Ben Schafer), Alice Margaret Carter (Mrs. Frank Convert), Joseph George Carter II and Temp Sentelle Carter.

Joe George is heralded as a "true pioneer, always interested and anxious to try new things." He is credited with planting the first cotton and alfalfa crops in Glasscock County and was also one of the first county commissioners.

Lillian Marks Carter "was described as one of the most cultured ladies in this lonely country." Some of her attributes include writing poetry and stories, which were published in eastern newspapers.

She also successfully operated the family ranch after the death of Joe George.

"Her parties were legendary. One of her major contributions was to write everything down and to keep records of attendance as well as the smallest of details."

The Carters built a home at 810 Gregg in Big Spring in 1915 so their children could attend school here. They returned to the ranch in Glasscock County in 1920. Many of their descendants still call Glasscock County home.

The 81st Old Settlers Reunion is set from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. There is no charge to attend and lunch is free, but reservations should be made by calling the museum at 265-8255.

Marsha Sturdivant is the features editor for the Big Spring Herald.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Police investigate the scene of this accident at the intersection of Lancaster and 18th Street Thursday morning. According to law enforcement officers at the scene, the accident occurred when the driver of a Dodge pickup, traveling east on 18th Street, turned in front of a Ford Windstar van, which was traveling north on Lancaster. No injuries were reported in the incident.

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structure improvement in the district.

Key elements of that estimate include:

- \$7.8 million for improvements to the high school, including construction of new classrooms and field house, renovations at the auditorium and gymnasium and upgrades of the plumbing and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

- \$1.7 million for improvements at the elementary school, including installation of a fire sprinkler system and upgrades of the plumbing

and electrical systems.

- \$1 million for improvements at the junior high, mostly in the areas of plumbing upgrades.

- \$550,000 for renovations of the district administration building and restroom facilities at the football stadium.

Wolfe and trustees spent the better part of two hours discussing alterations and possible additions to that list — including the construction of additional parking spaces, purchase of new playground equipment at the elementary school and relocation of the tennis courts to another site on campus.

Although Johnson and trustees seemed ready to

go ahead with the \$11 million estimate, they also asked Wolfe to further refine his estimate before the June 30 meeting.

"We're hoping to trim that figure some," Johnson said.

In other action, trustees: Accepted the resignation of band director Bailey McNulty and second grade teacher Tammie Price, and approved the hiring of teacher/coach Chris Sumrall and second grade teacher Barbara Reilly.

- Named First Bank of West Texas as depository.

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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:

- Organizers and participants of Thursday's parade which officially opened the 72nd annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.
- Kathleen Liggett, Sharon Chancy and Pat Tate and their third-grade class students at Bauer Elementary School for their donation of "Pennies for Pets" to the Howard County Humane Society.
- Tim Holt, who has been named new head football coach and athletic director at Big Spring High School.
- The model aircraft pilots and enthusiasts who took part in the 24th annual Big Spring Model Aircraft Association's Fly-In and Swap Meet.
- Frank Parker for providing the idea to contact retirees that are former residents of Big Spring and invite them to return home — a project that city and chamber of commerce officials have embraced.
- Heritage Museum employees on their debut of the "Rembrandts to Rodeos" exhibit, as well as all those who attended Tuesday's opening.

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.

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You are gracious, merciful and loving to us, Lord. May we pass along to others your attitude.

Amen

CAFTA is better than NADA, I say

It is not the answer to all Central American prayers. It's not a magic potion or some kind of financial panacea. It's not even a solution to most of the region's problems.

But the Central American Free Trade Agreement is certainly a step in the right direction.

Arguing that CAFTA will not be somewhat beneficial to its participating nations is "totalmente absurdo."

And yet that's what some Latino Democrats in Congress are doing.

They want a perfect CAFTA — with enough labor and environmental guarantees to instantly bring Central America and the Dominican Republic up to U.S. standards. And if they can't have it their way, they won't have it at all.

At least that's their excuse for doing what their party tells them to do.

The CAFTA agreement — with Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua — would not only benefit American manufacturers and food producers by eliminating most tariffs, it would raise living standards and promote democracy in the entire region.

And the time has come for the nation's 41 million Latinos, and especially some 5 million from the CAFTA nations, to speak out in support of this agreement.

Never mind that a majority of the Latinos in Congress are opposed to CAFTA, which is modeled after the North American Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA, with Mexico and Canada.

CAFTA's Latino critics are mostly the Democrats who tend to follow the party line, even when it is contrary to the interests of their

Hispanic community. The leaders of the CAFTA nations are pleading for the agreement, but the first priority of many Latino Democrats is to please their party bosses.

This time, the party line tells them they should oppose CAFTA because it will export American jobs to places south of the border.

For U.S. Latinos who spend a good portion of their income supporting relatives in Latin America, sending them jobs doesn't sound like a bad idea.

And for many Americans who want to stop the flow of illegal immigration, creating more jobs in CAFTA nations may not sound like a bad idea, either.

Traditionally, it is the Democrats who argue that the way to reduce illegal immigration is by providing aid and direction for the region's economies. But when Republicans have a plan to do at least something in that regard, the Democrats say, "No way, it's not perfect!"

What they propose is to do nothing, which is becoming the Democrats' position on almost every issue nowadays.

With congressional committees beginning to write legislation to implement CAFTA this week, a House vote could come soon — as soon as the Republican leadership finds enough votes to prevail. The White House has indicated it wants lawmakers to pass CAFTA before the July 4 recess, if possible.

Addressing the Organization of American States summit in Florida on June 6, President Bush called CAFTA a "historic opportunity to bring prosperity to people who have never known it."

But in a statement opposing CAFTA, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, composed of only Latino Democrats, suggests that a good number of the jobs that would be lost here may belong to U.S. Latinos.

"For instance, 47 percent of

workers receiving federal assistance for being certified as having lost a job due to NAFTA were Latino," the Hispanic Caucus charges in its alarmist statement.

The caucus conceded that "it is clear some sectors in the Latino community benefited" from NAFTA. But then charged that "those benefits were lopsided" because they "widened the gap between the rich and poor."

It sounds like socialist propaganda, doesn't it?

Certainly, in free market economies, the rich may get richer. But the middle class does well and the poor generally get less poor.

The Democrats have dissenters this time, however, even among Latinos.

While the four Latino Republicans in Congress are likely to support CAFTA, the all-Democrat Hispanic Caucus voted 14 to one, with four abstentions, to oppose the agreement.

Rep. Henry Cuellar of Texas is the only Latino Democrat who has come out in support of CAFTA. In fact, he is one of only a handful of House Democrats supporting it.

Some of the other four Latino Democrats who abstained in the Caucus vote are also expected to do what Cuellar has done — which is to think of the people they left back home.

Cuellar has urged U.S. Latinos to consider how the agreement will benefit their brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic and Central America.

And if they set politics aside, most Latinos will see that CAFTA is better than nada.

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What's in a name? A lot, according to this forecaster

Editor's note: Roger Simon is on vacation. The following column was first published in January 2002.

When the towers crashed, and the Pentagon exploded, and the president said we were at war, Corey Ruzicka was not surprised.

He had no advance knowledge of the terrible events of Sept. 11, but he knew from 20 years of research that we were going to war.

And, in fact, he had predicted it in July 2000.

I have been writing about Ruzicka for a few years now. He is an affable advertising man from Arlington, Texas, who has an amazing record of correctly picking presidential winners.

He does no polling. He assembles no focus groups. He talks to not a single voter.

But he gets it right. His method is simplicity itself. I first interviewed him in 1992, when Bill Clinton was far down in the polls.

"Clinton is going to win," Ruzicka told me. "And that's because his name ends in N. He probably will be a one-term president or something will hap-

pen to him in office, however, because his running mate, Al Gore, has a name that ends in E."

I thought Ruzicka was nuts at the time, but not only did Clinton win, something did happen to him in office — he got impeached.

"Of America's 51 presidential elections, 22 of them have been won by the candidate whose last name ended in N," Ruzicka said back then. "And 33 elections have had at least one presidential candidate with an N-ending name."

OK, fine, but why do Americans seem to like people whose name ends in N? I asked.

"Your name ends in N," Ruzicka said.

Good point, I said.

I called Ruzicka back in July 2000 to ask his predictions for that presidential year.

And he gave a very narrow edge to Al Gore.

"When we have had candidates whose names end in E," Ruzicka said, "they have had four wins and eight losses. When we have had candidates whose name ends in H, they have had one win and two losses. President Bush is the only H-name to win."

In other words, Gore had a 50 percent chance of winning, while George W. Bush had only a 33 percent chance. (It should be pointed out, that Gore did in

fact win the popular vote in 2000, so I am calling Ruzicka's prediction pretty close to correct.)

According to Ruzicka's research, the last letter of the vice president's name also has a lot to do with things. Before the 2000 election, Ruzicka mentioned a number of candidates that would be good for both Gore and Bush based on the last letter of the vice presidential nominee's name.

Then he said: "Just as long as nobody picks Chuck Hagel, a Republican from Nebraska or George Mitchell, a Democrat from Maine."

Why? I asked.

"Because," Ruzicka said, "whenever we have a Y- or L-ending winning or losing presidential or vice presidential candidate, we have a major war with major casualties within four years."

I printed that at the time. And when Bush picked Dick Cheney, I didn't give it a second thought. But Corey Ruzicka did.

"I thought 'Holy-smoley, we are going to war!'" Ruzicka said.

This did not keep Ruzicka from voting for Bush and Cheney, because in Ruzicka's mind the damage had already been done: The mere nomination of Y- or L-ender is good enough to ensure disaster.

Ruzicka has a whole list that begins at Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, who was the Federalist candidate in 1808.

Even though Pinckney lost to James Madison, Pinckney's nomination and Y-ending name were good enough to lead to the War of 1812.

But what about the "major casualties" that Ruzicka said would result from Cheney's selection? These, Ruzicka said, could be the 3,000 casualties of Sept. 11 or it could refer to some future disaster while Cheney is vice president.

Ruzicka is, of course, extremely sorry that his theory turned out to be correct, but he says this is all beyond his control.

But what happens, I asked, if Bush picks Cheney or another Y-ender in 2004?

"We would probably have another war," Ruzicka said sadly.

There has been much speculation that Cheney will be dropped from the ticket in 2004 for political or health reasons.

I don't know how Cheney would feel about that, but Corey Ruzicka would breathe a huge sigh of relief.

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HERALD photos/Thomas Jenkins
All types of transportation were on display during Thursday's parade that kicked off the 72nd Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. Clockwise from left, one of the many mounted riders keeps beams a smile at onlookers, while a couple of the parade's other participants steer their vintage tractors in the procession and Bob Noyes and his fellow members of the Suez Shrine pilot their mini-cars. The rodeo continues through Saturday at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Performances are nightly at 8.



PARADE

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quite a bit since he rode rough stock in college and briefly as a professional.

"It's gotten a lot more professional, the stock is better, the contestants are better, and the transportation is more rapid, meaning you can compete in more rodeos than before," Buchanan said. "Several of them make several rodeos a week now."

Buchanan admits he's become "kind of addicted" to rodeo since his teens, when he began riding bulls. He then pursued rodeo in college and professionally for a few years before settling in as a farmer-rancher in Howard County.

"If you ever win some

money, you get hooked on the sport," he said. "But I never won enough to satisfy me."

The parade Buchanan led down Main Street Thursday was described as one of the best in recent years by organizer Johnny Middleton. About 40 entries, including Hardin-Simmons University's "Six White Horses," midget cars from area Shriners' organizations, and a gaggle of antique cars and tractors participated in the parade.

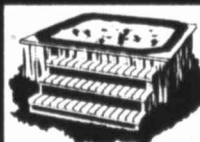
"It looks like it's as good or better than last year," Middleton said. "But the last several years have been good, too."

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Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

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First United Methodist Church

Father's Day Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring's sermon is titled "O Absalom, Absalom!" The scripture text is II Samuel 18:24-33. Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Saturday Fun Days is from 10 a.m. to noon and 8 to 10 p.m. at Westside Community Center. The Hispanic Ministries will have Bible study, videos, arts and crafts and snacks for the children.

Spirit Wind, the official youth choir of the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, will perform in concert Saturday at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Local singer Josh Plaia is a part of the 2005 Spirit Wind.

The United Methodist Army, a group coming from southeast Texas, will be in Big Spring this week.

This group of 90-plus Methodists will make no-charge repairs on the homes of 25 to 40 low-income families in Big Spring.

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

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

Midway Baptist Church

Saturday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., the youth will be sponsoring a pancake dinner and silent auction. Businesses and individuals have donated many items and services for the silent auction. The proceeds will go to help the youth with the expense of camp.

Services are: Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.; worship at 11 a.m.; children's church at 11 a.m.; Team Kids, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action and Youth meet at 5 p.m.; Sunday evening service at 6 p.m.

Wednesday night is a fellowship meal at 5:30 p.m.; youth and children's choir practice at 6 p.m.; adult Bible study and Little Dribblers is at 7 p.m.

Midway Baptist Church is located at 6200 S. Service Road. Call 263-6274 or e-mail midway@crcom.net for more information.

Baptist Temple Church

Baptist Temple Church is going on safari June 26-30. Vacation Bible School 2005: "Kingdom of the Son: A Prayer Safari," will travel through the

Lord's Prayer from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. The week begins with a party at 4:30 p.m. June 26 with fun activities and hot dogs.

A community-wide baby shower to benefit Birthright is set for 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. June 24. Shower items and donations are accepted for donation to Birthright to give to expectant parents to encourage them to choose life for their babies.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday morning service is at 10:45 a.m.; Sunday evening service is at 6 p.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting is at 7 p.m.

Baptist Temple is located at 11th and Goliad. For more information, contact the church office at 267-8287 or visit the Web site at www.baptisttemplechurch.org.

Friends of Unity

Friends will be sharing the work of the Holy Spirit during the Quest study at 2 p.m. Sunday. The newly formed Course in Miracles group meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. All are welcome. The Center number is 267-8783.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's Sunday. Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 9:30 a.m.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have its monthly meeting and

breakfast Saturday starting at 8 a.m. in the chapel.

St. Mary's Inquirers' Class is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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

YoungLife

Three YoungLife Big Spring leaders are escorting 12 local high school students to Frontier Camp in Buena Vista, Colo., July 2-10. Donations are accepted to cover the cost of this trip.

A special fund-raiser is set for June 25 at Sonic Drive-In. YoungLife is a non-profit Christian organization for high school students. For more information or to contribute to YoungLife, call 264-1234.

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church 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.

Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone Church, an Every Nation Ministries church, has worship service beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday honoring all fathers. Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to Sunday children's

activities.

The New Youth, for grades five and six, study Creationism at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The Youth for grades seven through 12, also meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The youth are raising funds for a national conference in Nashville, Tenn., in July.

Cornerstone, located at the corner of 12th and Owens streets, offers a family atmosphere of praise and worship. Childcare is available for newborns through preschool. Call Pastor Craig or Cherise Felty at 263-3072 with any questions.

First Church of the Nazarene

Family ministries night is Wednesday. The family night meal is in the fellowship hall from 5 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults; kids ages 3-10 are \$3; and 2-years-old and younger eat free. Maximum cost per family is \$20.

Several activities are planned from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Wednesday which are: a women's Bible study in the gym classroom under Salt Shaker; gym games for the senior and junior high age; adult class one with Leonard Hadley in the Commons; adult class two with Bob Goodwin in the Fellowship Hall's northwest classroom; discipling class with Pastor "B" in the conference room; home builders' fellowship with Tommy and

Teresa Welch in the Fellowship Hall's northeast classroom; and Wednesday Night Kids in the Kid's Building.

Choir rehearsal is in the sanctuary from 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Worship begins at a new time Sunday. Coffee, donuts and fellowship time is 9 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. and Sunday Celebration is at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Children's Church and KinderChurch is in the Kid's Building. Sunday night Celebration of Praise is at 6 p.m.

New Covenant Christian Worship Center

New Covenant Christian Worship Center has an exciting experience planned for July. Pastor Michael and First Lady Bella Willard and staff personally welcome everyone to any of the worship services offered at New Covenant.

"Super-Sunday" worship service Sunday is at 4 p.m. Johnny W. Allen of Miracle Temple Church of God in Christ of San Angelo will be the special guest speaker.

Wednesday at 6 p.m. is mid-week worship service. The doors open at 5:45 p.m. and Sunday morning worship services is at 11 a.m. The doors open at 10:45 a.m. The church is located at 1607 E. Third street.

For more information, call 264-0015 or e-mail nccwcl@yahoo.com.

Church and Club News policies and publication deadlines

The Big Spring Herald accepts submissions from all area churches and clubs for publication in the Friday edition.

Church News should be concise and may not be written in first person.

The goal of Church News and is to inform the public about upcoming church events and opportunities.

All submissions should contain a contact name

and telephone number.

Club News is published to inform the public about meeting times and locations as well as officers and activities.

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Photos are accepted. Submissions are due by noon each Wednesday for Friday publication and will be edited for content, style and space.

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A Pastor's Message

Recently I preached a sermon titled, "Where Will You Pitch Your Tent?"

My time was spent reliving the life of Lot as he chose to leave his uncle Abraham and settle close to the town of Sodom.

The Bible states that Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom. The opening of his tent faced this city. The Bible also states that God had already pronounced the cities as evil, so we can clearly see that Lot had purposed in his heart where he wanted to be located.

He also chose to leave his guardian, mentor and accountability when he left Abraham to go out on his own.

We have the same choices as Lot had.

We can leave those who are choosing God and His ways, we can place our desires on things that satisfy our longings, but when we do we must understand that God counts physical desires as evil.

The choosing for self was the sin committed in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve chose what they saw and desired over following God.

God has given us free will over our lives. We must choose daily whom we will follow.

God's ways are to make sure that we have guardians who mentor us and give us accountability for our lives.

You can pitch your tent where you want and reap what your heart desires or you can follow along with those who seek after God and His ways.

Joshua stated the case very well when he said, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Lot lost his wife, his future son-in-laws and his possessions. He chose worldly pleasure over a Godly life by not following along with Abraham. Where have you pitched your tent? Abraham did not force Lot to move away or to stay. This was a choice made by Lot. We have choices that must be made as well. Many have seen it to their advantage to leave church, to seek their own way.

The church was designed by Jesus and He heads it and is a guardian, mentor and accountability partner in life. It is never easy to be in church, just as it would not have been easy for Lot to stay with Abraham.

There would have been many troubles to work out. The truth is that if Lot had chosen God over his own desires, he could have guided his children and his children's children to truth and abundance of life. He is now known as the man who chose his passions over his passion for God.

Everyone is going to leave a legacy. What will be your legacy?

Would you rather your family, neighbors and coworkers pitch their tents toward Sodom or, be like Abraham who pitched his tent and made an altar to the Lord?

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The Rev. Rex Clayton is pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

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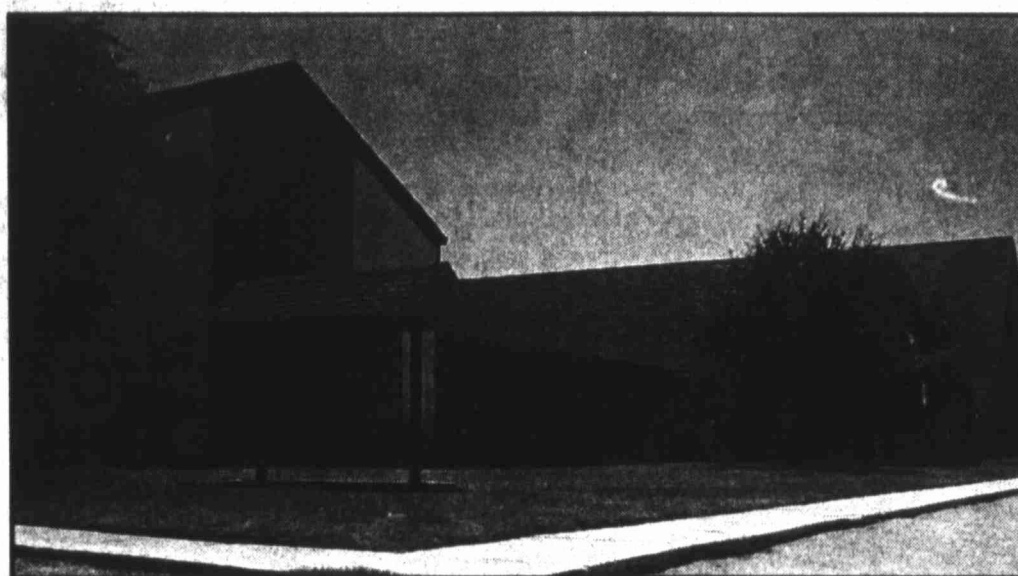
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IN BRIEF

B.S. Country Club sets junior clinics

The Big Spring Country Club has set up a summer junior clinic and an advanced summer junior clinic.

The clinics run through August 4. Both clinics will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The junior clinic costs \$150, while the advanced junior clinic costs \$200.

All participants in the advanced clinic must be entering ninth grade or pass a skills test.

The fee includes instruction and range club membership for the child for June through August.

For more information, call the golf shop at 267-5354.

Coahoma's annual ragball tournament set for end of June

The annual ragball tournament, which takes place in Coahoma, has been set for June 24-26 this year at the Coahoma softball park.

The sign-up date has been scheduled for June 24 at 5 p.m.

Booths will also be available for any organization which is interested in a fundraiser. The deadline to sign-up for a booth is today.

For more information, contact Patric Robinson at 432-393-5622 or Randy Clanton at 432-393-5338.

Coahoma sets dates for baseball camp

Coahoma High School and head baseball coach Brad Harman have set the school's annual baseball camp for June 27-30 at Bulldog Field in Coahoma.

The camp costs \$75 per athlete and will run from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. all four days. It is also for ages 6-18, but no Coahoma High School students can attend as mandated by UIL rules.

Each camper will need to provide shoes, cap, glove, and one baseball, but you are also allowed to bring your own bat.

Each camper will also be given personal instruction that covers all main phases and fundamentals of baseball. Proper techniques in hitting, fielding, pitching and baserunning will be taught.

The campers can expect a T-shirt, certificate as well as other possible prizes and awards. The camp will be led by Coahoma coach Brad Harman and will be assisted by other qualified personnel.

For more information, contact Harman at 816-8258.

Big Spring sets first Quarterback meeting

The Big Spring football booster club has set its first quarterback club meeting of the year for Monday at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring ATC.

For more info, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.



Itasca's Chris Harris tries his luck in the bareback riding competition during the first night of the 72nd Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Thursday at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Harris was one of only two riders in the competition, but he scored a 76 to lead the way in the event.

Lehrmann, Guy score big on rodeo's opening night

Kelly's double duty puts him out in front of competition

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Tommy Guy and Robert Lehrmann were much better than the competition Thursday night as the two out-of-towners find themselves in first place of their respective events.

Guy, who is a former National Finals Rodeo (NFR) qualifier, scored a 9.5 in the tie down roping, while Lehrmann wrestled his way to a 4.9 in steer wrestling as a decent crowd kicked off the opening night of the 72nd Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Jay Peters, Michael Otero, Joe Richards and Skooter Bell all recorded times of under 12 seconds in the tie down roping, while Seth Dylla

scored a 5.9 in the steer wrestling event and Mike Dickey added a 6.6.

Chris Harris of Itasca scored a 76 to lead the way in the bareback riding event. Queensland, Australia's Lance Kelly scored a 69 and currently holds down second place.

Kelly also competed in the saddle bronc competition and holds down first after the first night as he scored a 78. J.W. Todd is in second with a 74, while Curtis Garton scored a 72.

The bull riding competition did not go well as far as riders staying on for eight seconds. J.W. Harris was the only competitor to score points as he scored a 76.

The best score in the barrel racing event was Cindy Smith's 17.23. Mary Burger, Debbie Bloxom and Kirstin



Forsan's Noah Carriger successfully competes in the muton bustin' event before the start of the rodeo Thursday night. Carriger had one of three best scores in the children's event on the night.

Pistons roll again, series now tied at 2

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Lindsey Hunter hit the jumper, drew the foul and backpedaled in slow motion, soaking up every decibel of the crowd's adulation.

Yes, Lindsey Hunter, the Pistons' defensive specialist, the affable veteran guard whose shots usually inspire audible cringing at the Palace, not standing ovations.

But by that point in the third quarter Thursday night, nobody could be surprised by anything Detroit did in its 102-71 victory over the San Antonio Spurs in Game 4 of the NBA Finals.

Hunter hit shot after difficult shot while scoring 17 points in his best offensive game in nearly three years. The Pistons nearly ran coach Larry Brown's offense to perfection, setting a finals record with just four turnovers.

And Detroit's relentless defense was even more magical, crowding and shoving the Spurs into pure frustration. Tim Duncan, the two-time finals MVP, became so discombobulated that he forgot to slap his teammates' waiting hands while trudging to the bench in the final minutes.

"When we're good defensively and we do share the ball, it's hard for us to lose," Hunter said. "It was a great game. We had a lot of memorable games last year, but this ranks among the best."

In just five days, the NBA Finals have flipped. Although the best-of-seven series might be even in the standings at two games apiece, it now has a decided tilt to the east.

The Spurs were halfway to another title before they visited this raucous arena in the Detroit suburbs, where the defending champions wrapped up two outstanding performances with the most one-sided finals victory in five years.

"We were phenomenal tonight," Brown said. "I really believe in all honesty this is the best game on a team I've been involved with at this level, this is the best we've played. This was a pretty special game."

Though seven Pistons scored in double figures, they won with defense. Detroit held San Antonio to the fifth-lowest scoring performance in NBA Finals history while limiting Duncan to 5-of-17 shooting and harassing his teammates into terrible games.

Though Manu Ginobili still insists his bruised leg is fine, he was held to 12 points. While Duncan got 16 points and 16 rebounds, he spent the final minutes motionless on the bench.

"We're feeling good," said Ben Wallace, who again tag-teamed Duncan with Rasheed Wallace. "Everybody's got their legs back. Everybody is looking fresh. Everybody is coming out, looking to make plays. That's the way we've got to be from here on out."

"We know what it takes to win a championship. We've been there before."

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IN BRIEF

Howard announces
men's basketball
camps in mid-July

The Howard College men's basketball staff will host two week-long camps in the month of July.

The first camp will take place July 10-14, while the second camp starts July 24 and ends July 28. Both camps will cost \$250 per player who wants room and board and \$175 for a commuter. Both camps will take place at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawk camp format consists of morning and afternoon sessions. All sessions include specialized clinics on both the offensive and defensive phases of the game.

For more info, contact Mark Adams at 816-6957 or Jason Sautter at 816-3200.

"Best of the rest"
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Comanche Trail Golf Course presents "the best of the rest" two man partnership golf tournament June 25-26.

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Howard women's
basketball sets
three camp dates

The Howard College women's basketball program will be hosting two more camps this summer.

The camps will both take place July 18-21.

The second camp is open for kindergarten through third grade boys and girls. Registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. July 18.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and costs \$50 per person.

The third camp is for fourth through sixth grade girls. Registration for this camp will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. July 18.

The camp runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$60 per person.

For more information, call head coach Earl Diddle at 264-6043 or assistant coach Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

RODEO

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Carlson weren't far behind, though, as they all recorded times under 18 seconds.

The mutton bustin' competition has grown the past several years, so much that two sessions per night are needed. Noah Carriger of Forsan led the first group of little riders and Trey Bingham and Holder Biermet, both of Big Spring, were the high scorers in the second group.

The Howard County Sheriff's Posse was awarded the first place trophy for the parade performance, while Big Spring High School won the popular calf dressing competition featuring local area high schools. Garden City was second, while Coahoma took third.

Another highlight from Thursday's opening night was the honoring of Jack Buchanan, a long-time rodeo board member.

Danny McDowell, who competed for Howard College the past several years, is one of several to be featured on Friday night as he will try his luck in the bull riding competition. Also, local barrel racer Crystal Sturm of Big Spring will compete. Jeff Crowder highlights the saddle bronc competition, while Rickey Riley and Jim Bob Clayman hope to finish on top of the steer wrestling event.

Saturday's rodeo will be highlighted by Howard College assistant rodeo coach Jennifer Driver as she competes in barrel racing. Barry Simpton, Jim Locke, Lisa Ogden and Kay Blandford are all former NFL players, will also be performing.

The rodeo begins at 8 p.m. nightly.

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Madisonville's John Schueneman wrestles down a steer during opening night competition at the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. Schueneman failed to get his steer down and received a no time for the event.

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We're trying to get back to the top."

Game 5 is Sunday night at the Palace, where last season the Pistons became the first team in NBA Finals history to win all three middle home games in the 2-3-2 format. The Spurs are in danger of becoming just the third team in NBA history to blow a 2-0 series lead in the NBA Finals. Only six teams have even lost after taking a 2-1 lead — and though the Spurs still can count on their considerable home-court advantage in the final two games, they've lost consecutive finals games for the first time in franchise history.

Detroit took control with a 14-0 run spanning the first two quarters, jumping to a 51-36 lead after what Popovich called the worst half of basketball in NBA Finals history. Hunter scored seven straight points in the third quarter while the Pistons stretched their lead to 19 points — and they emphasized every point in the fourth, outscoring San Antonio 28-14.

"We came out very flat in the first half," said San Antonio's Tony Parker. "Just missed shots, (made) a lot of turnovers, got beaten on the boards. All of the stuff that we talked about after Game 3 happened again tonight. ... We need to refocus. We have two days to think about it and come back strong Sunday."



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dresser, sewing machine, microwave,
baby stuff, clothes,
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2 FAMILY Carport Sale: 512
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Loop (off Jeffrey Road), Friday
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Morning is one giant yawn. It's difficult to get the right person on the phone, and everyone is late to the meeting. But evening makes up for the frustration. The smoldering Scorpio moon swoons like

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a saxophone solo, serenading the night. It's not about love, but it may feel that way as all kinds of similar emotions go masquerading as love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Friends clamor for your attention. After all, you're the life of any party. Give in to their wishes, and throw a get-together for the whole crew. Tonight, your take-charge mentality helps you deal with a crisis in a proactive way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The big, bold, bad truth is unavoidable — yet somehow you avoid it. Winston Churchill said, "Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened."

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F. Charles Haigh
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

21). Originality emanates from you, and you can't wait to share it. Unfortunately, you'll have to sit through a dog and pony show before you get to the things you really want to focus on. Be patient — soon it will be your turn.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll take things apart just to see how they tick. Praise for your brilliance might be overlooked just now, but don't you worry, you'll get enough before Sunday to make you feel embarrassed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You see the world from your own cockeyed perch. For this reason, you can relate to the other mavericks of the world, and in fact, they are drawn to you. Make sure you're looking hot wherever you go.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's no big underlying philosophy today — you just want to keep going and so you do. You have a special knack for understanding the difference between the male and female point of view, and that helps your love life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're cool, mellow and real. A romantic hopeful may have to be gently let down. The only distinction this person lacks is a sense of humor. Too bad that means everything to you!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your main preoccupation is love or something like it. Through this "study," the whole world opens up to you. So don't worry when they accuse you of being single-minded. It's working for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The details will drag you down if you let them. Take a broader per-

spective, and you'll get where you're going with half the effort. The bird's-eye view of the world reveals all kinds of shortcuts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Lay groundwork for future business — you're already getting interesting calls, leads and maybe even start-up money. For really good luck, try new activities alone. You're destined to meet someone intensely fantastic!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Nobody means to be insulting, and yet, the remarks coming your way are less than appropriate. You can think of several tart rejoinders, but unfortunately, not until the offending party has left. Tomorrow, your wit is back in full force.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Praise is nice and all, but you still want someone to pay you for your ideas. Talent alone isn't enough to get you there. A stellar attitude, however, makes a difference. Some of you will meet old love tonight and feel no pain.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: Date night couldn't be hotter! Everywhere you go will be crowded, but that's the fun part! **ARIES**: There's no real gain from being self-effacing. Show up strong. **TAURUS**: You feel you are at the mercy of your own heart and will be relieved to know that a crush is mutual. **GEMINI**: The tables turn in love, and the one who's given you a shoulder to cry on will now require yours. **CANCER**: It's the little gestures that matter now, like picking the towel up off the floor and washing your own cup. **LEO**: Partners test each other. Keep criticism constructive or keep mum.

VIRGO: A special connection might be made with a Taurus. **LIBRA**: You're attracted to friends and loves who show some initiative. **SCORPIO**: Even though a loved one seems more comfortable in a dominating role, what this person really craves is someone to take the lead: **SAGITTARIUS**: A loved one's efforts to please you are touching, if somewhat misdirected. **CAPRICORN**: Give yourself a little more credit. Love has taught you things that a formal education never could. **AQUARIUS**: Take the hands-off approach to romance, and the object of your attraction chases you. **PISCES**: Don't let unreasonable expectations keep you from enjoying who a loved one really is.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Scorpio and Aries are passionate — sometimes wickedly so. Scorpio knows how to play the tortured soul, and Aries feeds into the poetic drama of it all because life feels utterly more real when in the clutches of such a riveting soap opera. This weekend, the curtain falls, and it's time to start the play all over again. These two may find a way to be friends first this second time around. (Good thinkin'!)

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Annie's Mailbox®

Dear Annie: My sister, "Chelsea," has two young sons who were in my wedding last year. As a thank you, I sent them a foosball table. Chelsea decided her house didn't have room, so she returned the table to the store and put the credit on her personal account. She promised to put half the amount into each son's college fund. I have no idea if this happened or not, and no thank-you note was ever sent.

Both of these nephews enjoy playing dress up, and they have put on some theatrical shows for me, using their mother's old clothing as costumes. I sent them two unused feather boas for their collection. Chelsea later told me that she and her husband do not want to endorse cross-dressing, so the boas were given away.

I find it offensive that Chelsea "edits" the gifts I send. My relationship with her and her husband isn't the greatest anyway, and now I find it hardly worth maintaining. I could understand if I gave the children drugs and porn, but these gifts were sent with the best intentions.

Is my control-freak sister the problem, or is it me? — Well-Meaning Auntie

Dear Auntie: These gifts may be delightful, but if Chelsea disagrees, you are not entitled to undermine her authority as a parent. Parents get to determine what gifts are acceptable for their children. Not everyone has space for a foosball table, and if Chelsea doesn't want to encourage her sons to dress in women's clothing, that's up to her. (There's no excuse, however, for not sending a thank-you note.)



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Since this has been a problem for you, next time you want to purchase something for the boys, it might be nice to call Chelsea and ask if what you had in mind is OK. That's what a well-meaning, and thoughtful, auntie would do.

Dear Annie: My husband of 56 years has several health problems, and he is under the care of competent physicians. In the past year, however, his attempts at humor have become embarrassing, loud and profane, especially in public.

"Marvin" thinks his swearing and inappropriate remarks are funny. They are not. I've asked each of his doctors if this problem stems from his medications and have been told that it's mostly his age.

Marvin directs these unfunny remarks at strangers as well as family members. Recently, we were at our favorite restaurant and Marvin said to our young waitress, "This place is so dark, we could have sex on the table." It was humiliating both to the waitress and to me.

Marvin knows I hate this, but he doesn't stop. Can you help? — L.I. Wife
Dear Wife: Marvin may have less control over his

inhibitions than he used to. Ask his doctors to look for signs indicating he has incipient dementia or has suffered a small stroke. Beyond that, you must firmly confront Marvin every time he does this, making him more aware of the crudeness of his remarks and the hurt feelings he is leaving in his wake. He will be defensive, but let's hope he also will be more careful.

Dear Annie: I read about the wife whose husband watched child porn on the Internet. My brother-in-law is spending 22 months in prison for doing this. He was caught looking at child porn on his own computer, in his own home. He went in for what he thought was a hearing and was taken straight to jail. With no time to arrange his affairs, he lost his car, his business, his home and most of his possessions. He will come out a convicted felon and a sex offender who must register with the authorities wherever he lives.

Please warn your readers who may be dabbling in this. — Felon's Sister
Dear Sister: Another reason to keep this trash off your computer and out of your home. Maybe it will have an impact. Thanks for writing.

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This Date
In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 17, the 168th day of 2005. There are 197 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 17, 1775, the Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill took place near Boston. The battle, which actually occurred on Breed's Hill, was a costly victory for the British, who suffered heavy losses while dislodging the rebels.

On this date: In 1856, in Philadelphia, the Republican Party opened its first convention. In 1928, Amelia Earhart embarked on a trans-Atlantic flight from Newfoundland to Wales — the first by a woman.

In 1940, France asked Germany for terms of surrender in World War II.

In 1963, the Supreme Court struck down rules requiring the recitation of the Lord's Prayer or reading of Biblical verses in

public schools.

In 1972, President Nixon's eventual downfall began with the arrest of five burglars inside Democratic national headquarters in Washington, D.C.'s Watergate complex.

In 1992, President Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a breakthrough arms-reduction agreement.

Five years ago: In Cuba, more than 300,000 people turned out to protest the continued stay of Elian Gonzalez in the United States; it was the largest such demonstration since the previous December, when Cuba launched a national campaign of mass gatherings demanding the boy's return.

One year ago: A bipartisan report found that officials, blindsided by terrorists and beset by poor communications, were so slow to react on Sept. 11, 2001, that the last of four hijacked planes had crashed by the time Vice President Dick Cheney ordered hostile aircraft shot down. President Bush disputed the Sept. 11 commission's finding that Saddam

Hussein had no strong ties to al-Qaida, saying the former Iraqi leader had had "numerous contacts" with the terrorist network.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Lupus is 73. Singer Barry Manilow is 59. Comedian Joe Piscopo is 54. Producer-director-writer Bobby Farrelly is 47. Actor Olympic gold-medal speed skater Dan Jansen is 40. Actor Jason Patric is 39. Tennis player Venus Williams is 25. Actor-rapper Herculeez (Herculeez and Big Tyme) is 20. Actor Damani Roberts is nine.

Thought for Today: "Mediocrity knows nothing higher than itself, but talent instantly recognizes genius." — Arthur Conan Doyle, British writer (1856-1930).

Answer to previous puzzle

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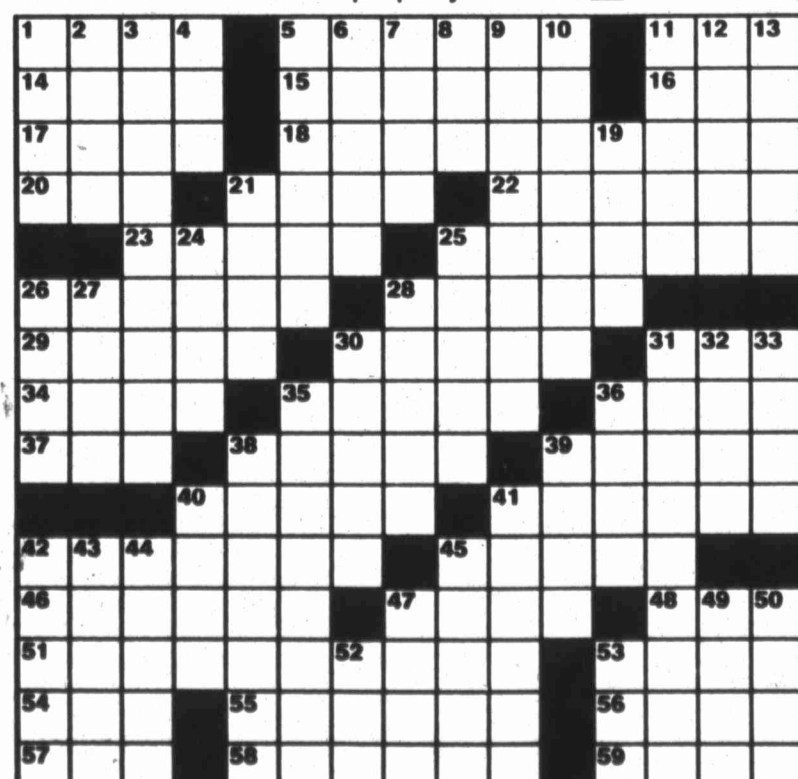
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Golf Insider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Make the soft pitch a sure thing

By T.J. TOMASI
Universal Press Syndicate

Many golfers would rather set their hair on fire than pitch a ball over a hazard, but that's because they use the wrong technique and get lousy results: either a skull across the green or a fat shot that lands in the hazard they are desperately trying to avoid.

The soft pitch is actually a simple shot, and once you master the setup and syrupy nature of the swing, you will be able to hit these high, soft shots on command.

To set up for the soft pitch, open your stance about 30 degrees, and place 75 percent of your weight on your target leg. Play the ball forward in your stance (off your forward heel), and position your hands in the middle of your body.

When you tilt forward from the hip sockets to place the club head behind the ball, you will set your "spine angle," which must stay constant throughout your stroke. A sure way to destroy a pitch is to "lift and dip," so learn to maintain your posture. A solid spine angle also helps with balance.

Make your pitching backswing short for control. With a slight turn of the chest away from the ball, allow your wrists to cock fully, so that the back of your right wrist (for right-handers) has plenty of wrinkles in it.

Your hands will swing no farther than chest high, but the wrist set will elevate the club above your shoulders. The relationship of the club head to your hands is now set, and will stay constant throughout the remainder of your stroke.

The forward swing is initiated by the hips and chest turning to face the target. As your shoulders turn around your stable spine, the shaft of the club will be returned to the ball at the vertical position established at address, which allows the loft and bounce of the club to produce a high, soft shot with little or no divot. After the club is set, your hands are passive — they simply maintain the angle formed at the end of the backswing.

The pace of the pitch is syrupy and patient. Maintain a constant rate of body rotation until everything you own faces the target and the club shaft points to the sky.

The player in the photos below is demonstrating a soft, high pitch designed to clear a hazard that is about 20 feet in front of him with the flag another 15 feet on the green — that's a total of 35 feet to the pin.

Notice in the first photo that the club head is high above the player's shoulders while his hands are chest high. This unlocks the loft of the club without using a full arm swing, something you can't afford for such a short shot. To some, this will feel like a lot of swing for such a short shot, but to produce a high shot you need a high club head. The key is keeping your hands low.

Coming into impact, in the second photo, the golfer's hands are now about thigh high, but his right forearm still looks at the sky and he will keep it that way all the way through to his finish.

Maintaining this "palm up" position assures that the forearms will not release (rotate) as they do in the full swing. The idea is to slide the wedge under the ball using the bounce of the club head, and you can't do that if the toe of the club is passing over the heel.



The golfer's hands (bottom) are thigh high, but his right forearm still looks at the sky and he will keep it that way all the way through to his finish.



Cox News Service File photo

John Daly said of Pinehurst, "I love the golf course, but I just know it's going to be unfair like it always is when the USGA comes in there."

Daly wants USGA 'to settle down' setup

By GLENN SHEELEY
Cox News Service

Pinehurst, N.C. — The last time John Daly was at Pinehurst No. 2 for a U.S. Open, he played polo at the eighth hole, magnifying his explosive image.

In 1999, frustrated after a second putt failed to climb the slope of the green and rolled back to his feet, Daly whacked the ball while it was still moving — blasting it across the green.

It earned him a two-stroke penalty, and he eventually finished with an 11 on the hole for a final-round 83 and a 72-hole total of 29-over par.

The real upset? That Daly made the cut and was still playing a U.S. Open on the weekend. Six years later, still convinced that the United States Golf Association's chief intent is to torment him, Daly comes to this week's Open with even fewer expectations.

"I'm only playing because it's our national Open," Daly said at the Memorial after missing the cut, walking to his waiting truck. "I'm going in there thinking about playing two days and getting out of there. That's pretty much what will happen."

Daly qualified for this year's open by finishing in the top 30 on the 2004 money list and being in the top 50 in the world rankings this year.

As for the blowup in '99, Daly has never looked back. Two holes later that day, in the 10th fairway, he remembered playing partner Tom Kite saying he might have responded similarly.

"I think most other players would have done that," Daly said. "I don't have any regrets at all. It was no worse than Kirk Triplett on 18 at Olympic Club (in '98, putting a ball in motion). They put a pin up there, the ball stops and it rolls back eight feet."

With such tiny, crowned greens at Pinehurst — covered with bentgrass, not the slower bermuda grass Donald Ross employed — the USGA must be extremely careful where it cuts the holes every day, or the potential for another nightmare is there.

Don't look for Daly to presume that after a severe setup at

U.S. OPEN FACTS

• **What:** The 105th United States Open Golf Tournament.

• **Where:** Pinehurst Resort and Country Club (No. 2), Pinehurst, N.C.

• **When:** Play begins June 16.

• **Rounds, playoffs:** Four rounds are scheduled to be played, concluding Sunday. If a playoff is necessary, it will be a full round the following day.

• **Purse:** \$6,250,000; first-place money will be \$1,125,000.

• **Field:** 156 golfers will be cut after 36 holes to the low 60 scorers (and ties), and players within 10 strokes of the lead.

• **Last year:** Retief Goosen shot a final-round 71 at Shinnecock Hills to hold off Phil Mickelson and win his second U.S. Open title.



Goosen and Mickelson were the only two players under par for the tournament. Ernie Els, who had contended, shot a final-round 80 to finished tied for ninth.

• **More information:** www.usopen.com

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Shinnecock Hills last year, which became almost unplayable at places, the USGA will tread cautiously into Pinehurst.

"No, they don't care," Daly said. "Have they ever? I love the golf course, but I just know it's going to be unfair like it always is when the USGA comes in there. Donald Ross didn't build that golf course, I don't think, to have shaved edges."

"I just know that when you go into a U.S. Open, you could be the best ballstriker that week and be 20-over par in two days," Daly said. "I just hope we don't have a scene like we did last year. I'm so glad I didn't play."

Last month at the Byron Nelson Classic, Daly's comments to reporters indicated a U.S. Open attitude already formulated.

"I mean, when is enough?" he said. "That's what the players want to know: When is enough?"

Guys shouldn't get penalized for hitting great shots on that par-3 (seventh hole) like they did last year (at Shinnecock). When you've got to aim at a bunker on a par-3, something is not right.

"I want the USGA just to settle down a little bit," Daly said. "Give us a chance, and if we hit good shots, we should get rewarded for them."

As for Daly's infamous impatience, displayed again in March with four whacks against the rocks at the 18th hole of the Bay Hill Invitational, he's not concerned.

"I was watching that Bobby Jones movie ['Stroke of Genius'] the other day," Daly said. "Man, I thought I had a temper. I didn't know he had a temper like that. It was amazing. If he had been on TV, I think he'd have had more fines than me."

SCHEDULE

LPGA TOUR

Rochester LPGA
• **Site:** Pittsford, N.Y.
• **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday.
• **Course:** Locust Hill Country Club (6,192 yards, par 72).
• **Purse:** \$1.5 million. Winner's share: \$225,000.
• **Television:** The Golf Channel (Thursday, 3-5:30 p.m.; Friday, 4-5:30 a.m., 3-5:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 4-5:30 a.m., 2-4:30 p.m.; Monday, 4-5:30 a.m.).

NATIONWIDE TOUR

Knoxville Open
• **Site:** Knoxville, Tenn.
• **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday.
• **Course:** Fox Den Country Club (7,142 yards, par 72).
• **Purse:** \$475,000. Winner's share: \$85,500.
• **Television:** None.

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR/PGA EUROPEAN CHALLENGE TOUR

Aa Saint-Omer Open
• **Site:** Saint-Omer, France.
• **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday.
• **Course:** Aa Saint-Omer Golf Club (6,880 yards, par 71).
• **Purse:** \$485,880. Winner's share: \$80,970.
• **Television:** None.

CHAMPIONS TOUR

• **Next event:** Bank of America Championship, June 24-26, Nashawtuc Country Club, Concord, Mass.

LEADERS

WORLD RANKINGS

1. Tiger Woods, USA	12.74
2. Vijay Singh, Fiji	12.36
3. Ernie Els, SA	10.25
4. Phil Mickelson, USA	9.23
5. Retief Goosen, SA	7.72
6. Sergio Garcia, Spn	6.74
7. Adam Scott, Aus	5.98
8. Chris DiMarco, USA	5.50
9. David Toms, USA	5.24
10. Kenny Perry, USA	5.09
11. Padraig Harrington, Ire	4.93
12. Luke Donald, Eng	4.64
13. Angel Cabrera, Arg	4.43
14. Davis Love III, USA	4.42
15. Stewart Cink, USA	4.28
16. Stuart Appleby, Aus	4.12
17. Darren Clarke, Nir	4.08
18. M.A. Jimenez, Spn	3.85
19. Mike Weir, Can	3.78
20. Justin Leonard, USA	3.71

MONEY LEADERS

PGA TOUR		
Player		Money
1. Vijay Singh		\$5,322,444
2. Phil Mickelson		\$4,215,494
3. Tiger Woods		\$4,100,290
4. David Toms		\$3,251,343
5. Kenny Perry		\$2,455,813
6. Fred Funk		\$2,303,317
7. Chris DiMarco		\$2,244,229
8. Adam Scott		\$2,130,908
9. Justin Leonard		\$1,993,711
10. Luke Donald		\$1,919,818

LPGA TOUR

Player	Money
1. Annika Sorenstam	\$1,503,238
2. Cristie Kerr	\$831,602
3. Lorena Ochoa	\$537,268
4. Paula Creamer	\$500,075
5. Juli Inkster	\$398,058
6. Natalie Gulbis	\$388,361
7. Catriona Matthew	\$378,102
8. Wendy Ward	\$352,676
9. Paola Jones	\$333,012
10. Gloria Park	\$327,717

CHAMPIONS TOUR

Player	Money
1. Dana Quigley	\$1,253,447
2. Tom Jenkins	\$943,191
3. Hale Irwin	\$839,187
4. Des Smyth	\$786,911
5. Jim Thorpe	\$779,568
6. D.A. Weirberg	\$774,747
7. Wayne Levi	\$754,082
8. Mike Reid	\$700,284
9. Mark McNulty	\$672,009
10. Morris Hatafsky	\$645,011

BY THE NUMBERS

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Consecutive years the U.S. Open has been a sellout. Roughly 38,000 tickets sold for each day of this year's Championship.

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Years since the last repeat U.S. Open champion. Curtis Strange won the event in 1988 and '89.

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Stay in motion at address

Tension can ruin a golf swing quicker than you can say, "Tension can ruin a golf swing!" That's one reason you'll see good players incorporate some type of "keep in motion" movement in the routine they use to start their swing.

As unique as these motions are to the individual, they all serve the same purpose — they allow you to remain in continuous motion so you don't have to begin your swing from a static position. What you need is the type of start to your swing that keeps the paralyzing grip of tension at bay so you can put your best swing on the ball.

Here are some in-motion techniques that

1. Hover the club head about an inch over the

ball.

2. Shuffle your weight gently back and forth from foot to foot.

3. Move the back knee in toward the ball to start the swing.

4. Rotate your head away from the target.

5. Cock and uncock your wrists without moving your arms.

6. Shuttle your arms back and forth without cocking your wrists.

7. Tilt your spine toward and away from the ball as you waggle the club head.

8. Press your hands forward toward the target just before you start your takeaway.

9. Push the butt of your club down toward your front foot.

10. Lift your back heel slightly off the ground, then re-place it to start your swing.

ASK THE PRO



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Q: I have trouble controlling the speed of my body. No matter how hard I try to slow it down, I leap onto my left side before my arms even move. I've seen video and my body moves way too soon coming down. — Randal, from the Web

A: You'll be happy to know that you have the same problem as Tiger, so I'll give you the same drill I'd give Tiger (if he asked, which he hasn't). I call it "staying back," and here's how it works:

During your downswing, your arms need time to drop, and this drill teaches you to coordinate your right-side rotation with your arm swing. To get the feel of this delayed right side, exaggerate the flare in your right foot to 50 degrees. This will give you the sensation of how your knees separate during the downswing, which gives you a bow-legged look at this point in the swing.

Hit balls in this position and note that while your weight shifts to your left hip to start the downswing, your right side doesn't start to rotate until the club drops down.