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WEATHER

Tonight:



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ALON USA is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Big Spring Refinery with special events this week. Among them:

- Today, May 21
 - 11 a.m. — Special preview of the Big Spring Refinery 75th Anniversary Exhibit at the Heritage Museum.
 - 12:30 p.m. — Kick-off luncheon at the refinery, featuring an anniversary program and musical entertainment.
 - 2 p.m. — Refinery tours.

- Saturday, May 22
 - 9:30 a.m. — Tours of downtown area.
 - 7 p.m. — Free community festival and concert featuring Asleep at the Wheel, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Doors open at 6 p.m., tickets required.

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Garrett reception planned Saturday

A reception honoring former Coahoma mayor and city council woman Eleanor Garrett for her 18 years of dedicated service to the city of Coahoma is set for Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave. The public is invited.

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Asleep at the Wheel, featuring lead guitarist and vocalist Ray Benson, above, will headline Saturday's concert celebrating the Big Spring Refinery, along with Cory Morrow, right, and the Kaiser Brothers.

Boogie back to Big Spring

Refinery celebration to swing Saturday

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor
For Ray Benson, the 6-foot, 7-inch co-founder of Asleep at the Wheel, performing in West Texas this Saturday will be like returning to the roots of the music he loves so dearly.

"Big Spring is the heart of Bob Wills country so that's good for Asleep at the Wheel. We've always done really well out there. It's a good deal," said Benson, the band's lead vocalist and guitar player. It's been a few years, but Asleep at the Wheel has

played to Big Spring crowds before, once during a concert series put on by Wal-Mart and another time at the Rodeo Bowl during the Howard County Fair. The legendary country swing band is headlining the free concert put on by ALON USA in celebration of the Big Spring Refinery's 75th anniversary. Also performing will be up-and-coming country singer-songwriter Cory Morrow and Jimmy and David Lee Kaiser.

"It's going to be a party. It's going to be a hell of a night."

Ray Benson
Asleep at the Wheel



THE LINEUP

✓ Jimmy & David Lee Kaiser

✓ Cory Morrow Band

✓ Asleep at the Wheel

7 p.m. Saturday,
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
Doors open at 6 p.m.

held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets will be necessary for admission. The doors open at 6 p.m. with the music to begin at 7.

Introductions will be made by local country musician Jody Nix, a longtime friend of Benson and other members of the

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Garden City students graduate tonight; Guerrero, Hoch named top 2004 grads

Special to the Herald

Seventeen students will graduate from Garden City High School during commencement tonight in the Ruth Cook Auditorium.

The ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Christian Guerrero is the valedictorian of the Garden City Class of 2004 with a 4.88 grade point average. She is the daughter of Sergio and Cristina Guerrero. She plans to attend Texas Tech

University to pursue a career in medicine.

Jessica Hoch is the salutatorian with a 4.81 grade point average. She is the daughter of Michael and Melissa Hoch. She plans to attend Southwestern University to pursue a career in medicine.

Other candidates for graduation are Roseanne



GUERRERO



HOCH

Lesley Alvarado, Charles Spencer Burks III, Blake Jordan Chudej, Anna Sophia Flores, Stacy Marie Gully, Amanda Michelle Henson, Brecklyn D'Nae Hughes, Allison Paige Jansa, Leslie Dawn Jansa, Dora Yesennia Martinez, Sylvia Kaye Roberts, Ana

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New Hope Christian School to wrap up year with banquet

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

New Hope Christian School will wrap up its first full academic year Saturday with a banquet and a Christian rock concert.

"We had a great first year," said school administrator Terry Cook. "The students enjoyed learning with the technology-based program and it was a very helpful transition for our high school students who were

enrolled in online concurrent college classes through Howard College."

Saturday's festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with a banquet to honor area high school and junior high students in the Community of Hope First Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall. Only those who purchased tickets by Thursday can attend.

Following the banquet, the Christian rock concert, "Solid Rock," featuring Crimson Soul and the duo Jason Sanderson

and Keil Zepernick will start at 8 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Tickets are \$5 at the door and the public is invited to attend.

The end of the 2003-2004 school year marks the first full year New Hope Christian School has provided classes for kindergarten through 12th grade.

New Hope began offering pre-kindergarten services in the St. Mary's Episcopal School facility shortly after the 42-year-old private institution closed its doors in 2002.

"We already have plans to add an additional class next fall due to early registration," Cook said. "We are also planning a summer program called Jubilee Junction for those families that will continue to need care for their children and we have a great summer curriculum planned for pre-kindergarten through sixth grade."

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Run for the Wall to lay wreath at Vietnam Memorial

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Participants in the Run for the Wall will make a stop in Big Spring Saturday for a wreath laying ceremony before continuing on their journey to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The motorcycle group is expected to enter Big Spring at approximately 10 a.m. for a brief ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial, located on Sword and Rackley streets.

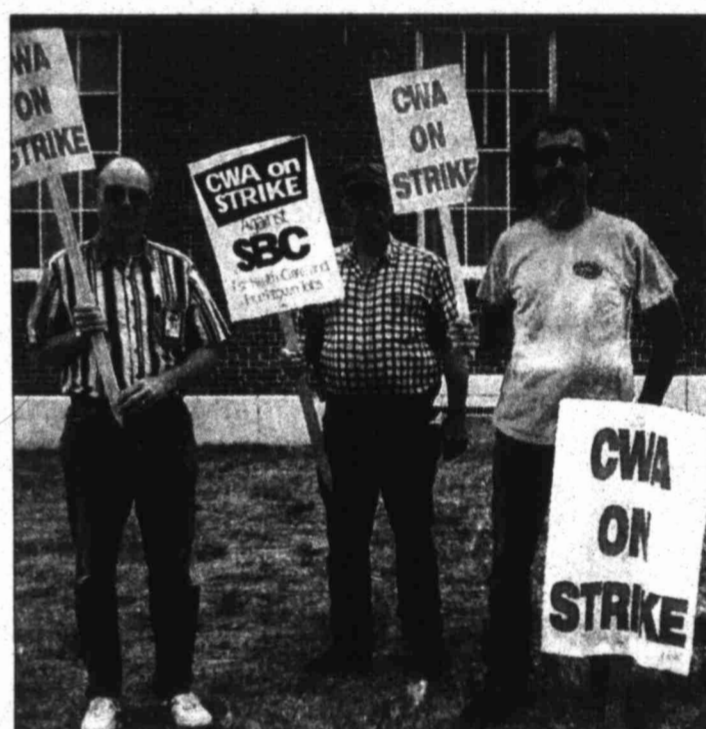
From Big Spring, the group will continue on its journey, which will end on Memorial Day

when the bikers join with the 200,000 other motorcyclists participating in the annual Rolling Thunder procession in the nation's capital.

The purpose of the annual Rolling Thunder procession is to bring public awareness of prisoners of war and those missing in action and educate the public about the numbers of American POWs who were left behind from all past wars.

Participants traveling along the southern

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Communications Workers of America union members Dennis Walker, left, Joe Spindler and Jack Love, all of Big Spring, picket the SBC Communications Inc. building at 801 Runnels St. this morning as part of a national strike over health care and job security issues.

SBC workers strike

Local employees join dispute over health care, outsourcing

Local, wire reports

After a late-evening shift answering directory-assistance calls, Elinda Belous answered the call of her union.

Belous was one of nearly 100,000 unionized SBC Communications Inc. workers who began a four-day strike early today to protest the local-phone giant's latest contract offer.

"Just let them feel a little pinch," Belous said of the brief work stoppage, triggered when contract talks between SBC and the Communications Workers of America (CWA) bogged down over health care and job security issues.

Several Big Spring CWA members joined the strike this morning by picketing the SBC building at 801 Runnels this morning.

The men wouldn't comment until their spokesperson arrived at the protest scene but did confirm they were striking over health care and other issues and expected to be picketing today and Monday before heading back to work.

Turning the tables on the union, the company notified its leadership Thursday night that it would drop its most recent proposal and start from scratch unless the union accepts it by 11:59 p.m. Monday — two minutes

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Obituaries

John Calvin (Jake) Douglass Jr.



Jake (Papa) Douglass Jr., 86, lived a life wisely invested in the service of others. Although no public service will be held, a private family memorial will take place at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Born in the family hotel in Dermott, Ark. on Oct. 6, 1917, he was the son of John C. Douglass Sr. and Melissa Douglass. At an early age he became a believer in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. That belief defined his life as a son, husband, father, friend and citizen. He spent much of the first 60 years of his life in the hotel business, which he learned from his father.

Mr. Douglass died Friday evening, May 14, 2004, at the Gardens of Eden Assisted Living Home, where he had lived for the past 12 months. Words are inadequate to express our gratitude for the gentle and loving care he has been given by the "Garden" staff SuZane, Maria, Rosa A., Grace, Lisa, Melissa, Rosa M., Evelyn, Jane, Beatrice and Yvette during these months. Also, for the past three and one half months he has been under the care of Hospice of Lubbock. His case worker, Debra Wages, RN, and his aide Sylvia have given untold love and support to Jake, Pate and other family members during the weeks before his final and perfect healing.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Pat; his son and daughter-in-law John and Anne Douglass of Amarillo; his granddaughter, Airman First Class Sarah B. Douglass of Tinker AFB, Okla.; his grandson, J. Mathis Douglass of Amarillo; his son-in-law John C. Webb II of Lusk; his grandson John C. Webb III of Bryan; his granddaughter Christie Webb Rose of Nacogdoches; three great grandchildren; brothers-in-law Johnny R. Phillips of El Paso and A.B. Corder of Paris.

He was preceded in death by his son Bill Mathis Douglass, 1967, and daughter Laurie Douglass Webb, 1998; his sister Francis Douglass and his sister-in-law Beth Conklin Corder.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock.

Paid obituary

Mike G. Ramirez



Mike G. Ramirez, 72, of Big Spring, died at 4:58 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a sudden illness. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Samuel Segundo and Rev. Basilio Esquivel officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 6, 1932, in Howard County to Pablo Ramirez and Petra Gonzales Ramirez. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving as a cook and was a veteran of the Korean War. He married Anna Medina May 9, 1959, in Sterling City. Mr. Ramirez was employed as a baker at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for 20 years. He also owned Big Dipper Donuts and had made donuts for more than 50 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramirez were charter members and very active members of Iglesia Bautista Central. Mr. Ramirez served as a deacon and also played the piano and organ at the church. In addition to music, his hobbies included flying and golf.

He is survived by his wife Anna Ramirez of Big Spring; one son, Paul "Boyd" Ramirez of Big Spring; three daughters, Yvonne Goodner and her husband, Brian, Gina Valencia and Michelle Cervantes and her husband, Manuel, all of Big Spring; one brother, Edward "Lalo" Ramirez of Big Spring; two sisters, Lala Viera and Maria Padron, both of Big Spring; eight grandchildren, Gene Villarreal Jr., Ada Hernandez, Alicia Valencia, Victor Woodruff, Chansea Armendariz, Nicky Ramirez, Michael Ramirez, and Zachary Salgado; four great grandchildren, Amanda Lopez, Casedy Cervantes, Manuel Cervantes IV, and Kappi Moron.

Pallbearers will be Moses Ramirez, Sonny Ramirez, Johnny Ramirez, Pablo Ramirez, Richard Ramirez, Paul "Boyd" Ramirez, and Sammy Viera.

Honorary pallbearers will be Edward "Lalo" Ramirez, Gene Villarreal Jr., Victor Woodruff, Michael Ramirez, Zachary Salgado, Manuel Cervantes IV, Orlando Munoz and Ada Hernandez.

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

Paid obituary

Gene Quigley

Gene Quigley, 77, died on Thursday, May 20, 2004, in a local hospital. Memorial funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, May 22, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Support groups

FRIDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

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Police blotter

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

- **CAST HENRY**, 26, of 4003 Dixon, was arrested Thursday on four local traffic warrants.
- **BRANDI HUTCHESON**, 19, of 316.5 Davis Road, was arrested Thursday and held for the HCSO.
- **TRACI CASTILLO**, 26, of 2009 Runnels, was arrested Thursday on three local traffic warrants.
- **SCOTT AUTRY**, 21, of 606 State, was arrested Friday on a parole violation.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson.

Sheriff's report

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

- **THEFT** was reported in the area of FM 821.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 4300 block of Parkway.
- **ASSAULT** was reported at Coahoma Junior High School.
- **BURGLARY** was reported in the 8400 block of Interstate Highway 20 S. Service Road.

Take note

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

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

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

□ **HAVE YOU SEEN** the movie "The Passion"? If you have seen it, or just heard about it, would you like to receive a free booklet which answers the question "Is the Passion True or False?" Call 263-0680, leave your name and address, and we will be happy to send you this booklet that answers this question, compliments of your friends at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP** is requesting donations of any household items; furniture, appliances, linens, cookware and dishes to be distributed to the needy in Big Spring. Items will be picked up. Please call 263-5683 and leave a message.

□ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

□ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Weather

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Windy. Low around 68. Saturday — Mostly sunny. Windy. High in the mid 90s. Low in the high 60s.

Sunday — Sunny. High around 96. Low in the high 60s.

Monday — Sunny. High around 99. Low in the high 60s.

Tuesday — Sunny. High around 100. Low around 70.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-11-30-33.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Matching four of five: 137. Prize: \$438.
Matching three of five: 4,525. Prize: \$9.
Matching two of five: 45,605. Prize: \$2.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-7-9

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on your dial Wednesday Service.....7:00p.m.

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.
- Heritage Museum offers a special preview of the Big Spring Refinery 75th anniversary exhibit. The exhibit opens at 11 a.m. and is open to the public until 5 p.m. today. The museum is located at 510 Scurry. Free admission to Heritage Museum throughout the weekend.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- **ALON USA** 75th anniversary celebration community begins with a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. followed at 2 p.m. by tours of the refinery.
- Parents Who Care, an organization of parents of the junior class of Big Spring High school, have a work day scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the high school to set up for the prom. Please contact Teresa Warrington at 267-7884 or Varonda Vassar at 263-0497.
- Forsan 2004 graduation ceremonies at 8 p.m. in the Forsan gymnasium.
- Garden City High School graduation ceremony is at 7:30 p.m. in the Ruth Cook auditorium.
- Stanton High School graduation ceremony is at 8 p.m.
- Sands High School graduation ceremony is at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.
- 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

- Heritage Museum offers a special showing of the Big Spring Refinery 75th anniversary exhibit. The exhibit opens at 10 a.m. and is open to the public until 5 p.m. today. The museum is located at 510 Scurry. Free admission to Heritage Museum throughout the weekend.
- A reception honoring Eleanor Garrett for her years of dedicated service to the city of Coahoma is set for Saturday from 2-4 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave. The public is invited.
- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
- Asleep at the Wheel in concert along with a community festival sponsored by ALON USA celebrating the refinery's 75th anniversary at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are required.
- Grady High School graduation ceremony is at 8 p.m. in the Billy B. Baker auditorium, 3500 FM 829, Lenorah.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 704 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.
- 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.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
- 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.

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.

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band. "I've known Ray for 30 years and this was an excellent choice by ALON for this celebration. It's going to be great entertainment. I hope everybody who has a ticket will turn out. I'd like to see that coliseum just running over," said Nix. "Our hats need to go off to ALON for doing this." The musical lineup is impressive. With several albums under his belt, Cory Morrow is quickly gaining a name for himself, especially among college age fans. The band plays self-described "Hardcore Texas Music."

The Houston-born Morrow attended Texas Tech University until he left in 1993 for Austin to begin a music career. It's taken time, but the Cory Morrow Band is finally receiving national recognition. "Cory Morrow is a great singer-songwriter with a great band," said Benson. "The fans will enjoy him. This is really good stuff." The Kaiser brothers, Jimmy and David Lee (who incidentally also attended and graduated from Texas Tech), have been playing music together since they were in grade school. They have released one album, "Spurlock Road," which makes references to an area they are particularly familiar with — the Gulf

Coast. Asleep at the Wheel was formed by Benson, Lucky Oceans and Leroy Preston in Paw Paw, W.Va., in 1970. They moved to San Francisco a year later and released their debut album, "Comin' Right at Ya," in 1973. In 1974, the band moved to Austin, where they've been ever since. These days, Oceans and Preston aren't part of the group. In fact, more than 80 musicians have been part of Asleep at the Wheel since it was formed 34 years ago. Along the way, the band has won nine Grammy Awards. The list of musicians who have recorded with Asleep at the Wheel includes the top names in country music. Willie

Nelson, Merle Haggard, George Strait, Garth Brooks, Vince Gill, Marty Stuart, Dolly Parton, Reba McEntire, Clint Black and the Dixie Chicks have all recorded with the group. They've also been joined by artists who wouldn't be considered mainstream country, such as Lyle Lovett — with whom they won a Grammy — Huey Lewis, Bonnie Raitt, The McGuire Sisters, Squirrel Nut Zippers and others. Big Spring's own Nix jumped in on a version of "Ida Red" on the Asleep at the Wheel album "Tribute to the Music of Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys." The same album includes the classic Hoyle Nix song "Big Ball's in Cowtown," performed by Benson and

George Strait, with Jody Nix singing harmony. He's also sang harmony on other Asleep at the Wheel numbers, including selections from the band's Grammy winning "Ride With Bob" album. If Benson has his way, Nix will join in again Saturday night. "Oh, I know Jody says all he is going to do is introduce the acts. Yeah, right," Benson panned. "But if he ain't workin', we're gonna get him to play." Benson said those who attend the concert can expect a real good time. "I'm really looking forward to this — coming to Big Spring," he added. "It's going to be a party. It's going to be a hell of a night."

Note: Fiddle player Jason Roberts played with Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys for two years before joining Asleep at the Wheel.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
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267-8288

Mike G. Ramirez, 72, died Wednesday. Prayer Service will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

STRIKE

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before strike is scheduled to end. "There's been three months' negotiation. There've been six proposals. And the company's position is that the current proposal that's in front of the union is a fair plan, is a very good plan," said Mike Marker, an SBC spokesman based in Indiana. The union, in a prepared statement on its Web site, said the tactic by SBC and chief executive Ed Whitacre didn't work and that the rank-and-file remains united and determined to win contract improvements. "This take-it-or-leave-it threat is clearly intended to intimidate us and divide us. Perhaps the company thinks it can undermine member support for our negotiators, or get us to alter our strategy," the CWA statement read. "If so, management clearly misreads our membership at SBC and our union. If we really

needed any more incentive to stand strong and united, Whitacre's message certainly gave it to us." An after-hours telephone call to CWA headquarters in Washington, D.C., was not immediately returned early Friday. SBC, the second-largest of the four "Baby Bell" local-phone providers and by far the most profitable in 2003, said about 40,000 managers, contract workers and retirees will cover key tasks during the strike. CWA represents more than 100,000 SBC workers in 13 states: Texas, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma and Wisconsin. Dozens of members of CWA Local 6143 in San Antonio were on the picket line at 12:01 a.m. Friday, when the strike officially began. They cheered loudly when the operators were escorted out of the SBC building by union leaders. A 23-year SBC employee, Belous went through

the last CWA strike against SBC — a four-week walkout in 1983. "It almost killed me," she remembered. "I'm praying it won't be that again." Belous knows many of the fill-in operators here, among them managers who used to work alongside her, and she says there were no hard feelings. She even gave some of them hugs before leaving. But, she said, "There's no way the people in that building can perform the duties that I've done for 23 years." SBC said consumers would see no immediate effect of the strike, but problems were evident just moments after it began. A reporter in Los Angeles who called directory assistance at 12:05 a.m. first received a recorded message saying SBC was having trouble handling the call, and subsequent calls rang unanswered. In Meriden, Conn., nearly 200 striking workers gathered at SBC's technical center and cheered as co-workers walked out

after their shift and joined their ranks. Employee Robert Brown believes the company is obligated to provide its workers with adequate benefits. "I have two children, so benefits are everything," said Brown, who lives in nearby Middletown. SBC has proposed a 4 percent lump-sum payment to workers in the first year of its proposed five-year deal, with annual base-pay increases of at least 2.25 percent in the next four years. But it is also asking workers for higher medical co-payments. CWA spokeswoman Candice Johnson said the company's proposal would increase the average worker's monthly health care expense to about \$70, double the amount under the expired contract. And because SBC's revenue from its core local-

phone service is dropping, the union wants its members to have access to jobs in growing areas within the company, among them Internet support, wireless data service and call centers. Outside contractors, including those with workers in low-wage overseas locations, now handle most of that work.

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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:

- Coby Norman, upon being named principal at Big Spring Junior High School.
- Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf graduates. Congratulations!
- Area high school students who are graduating tonight, including those from Forsan, Stanton, Sands and Garden City.

• Employees at Fibercom, who took care of a young great horned owl and notified authorities so that the bird could be rehabilitated.

• Cornell Corrections, the Mexican government and education system on partnering to offer the Mexican GED to inmates at the Flightline prison unit.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, you love us not because of our actions and what we say, but because you are our Heavenly Father. Thank you for your love.

Amen

Confessions of a bad guitar player

I have a love-hate relationship with guitars. I love them; they hate me. But before I get into that, let me just say that I am really excited about Saturday's concert being put on by ALON USA at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. I think it's going to be a great show. If you have a ticket, go. If you don't, find someone who does and steal. These guys are that good.

I'd like, too, to personally thank ALON for putting on this entire weekend tribute to the Big Spring Refinery. It's a wonderful gesture, not only for the refinery's employees, but the entire Howard County community.

I started playing guitar back in the 60s. It was a student guitar. I don't remember the brand. I lost it many years later when I left it in a heater closet in some apartments in Houston. I came back 45 minutes later and it was gone.

My second guitar was a Fender Duo-Sonic, three-quarter. Of course, I wasn't the only one in the neighborhood with a guitar - this was the 60s after all - and with some friends, we formed a garage band. You could say we were "garage" when "garage" wasn't cool. But we weren't there by choice. It's the only place my mom would let us play once we turned on the amps.

Alas, we suffered from one problem back in those days in Austin. We had darn little talent and even less confidence. You don't get far with that combination.

A few years passed, and when my brother came back from Vietnam, he found me wanting to trade that Fender for a Yamaha acoustic.

"So do it," he said.
"I don't have any money," said I.
That afternoon, the Yamaha was mine, courtesy of an older brother who, before he left for the war, had never referred to me as any-

thing but "Rodent." I don't know whether he grew up during the years he was away or whether I did. But I can tell you I'm glad.

Guitars have a way about them, something I cannot explain. They've saved my hind end more than once. As a teenager, we somewhat naturally wanted what we weren't supposed to have. We got cigarettes from vending machines or where ever, and beer from bootleggers. It was wrong. But it happened.

One summer night after we'd moved from Stamford to Austin, I was back in Jones County, visiting friends. It was just after July 4, time for the Texas Cowboy Reunion. If you haven't been to the Texas Cowboy Reunion in Stamford, you really should go.

Anyway, we'd made some purchases for liquid refreshment and were having our own party right near where the rodeo was going on. Suddenly, lights started flashing and sirens started howling. We were basically trapped. Three troopers - Texas' finest - moved in. A light flashed in my eyes. A quick glimpse of a face.

"Git your outta here," the voice said.

I didn't hesitate.
The night before, I'd played guitar with that very same trooper at his house. Bailed out by a guitar.

I was never very good at playing guitar. You don't get good at something when you pick it up every two or three years for six months.

More years passed and I found myself in a school in Houston. A guy who fancied himself as a someday country star in Nashville talked me into playing with him at

a place called Charlie Brown's. It was a 24-hour restaurant, right around the corner. Just him and me. It didn't build confidence. I remember two of the songs were "Heartaches By the Number" and "Don't Be Angry." People just stared. After two tries, we never went back.

I've picked up the guitar every now and then since. Once, an old boy who was a little on the wild side - now he records gospel music - wanted me to play with him at a club. It never happened. Actually, I'm pretty glad it didn't.

Through the years, I've owned half-dozen guitars or so, none of which was as good as that old mid-range Yamaha, but that's the story nonetheless. A few weeks ago, I went on an Internet binge and started messing around on ebay. I saw some guitars - some good, some not so good - that interested me, and I put in a few bids, about \$1,500 worth. My wife, Dixie, darn near had a heart attack, but as I told her, don't worry; they'll all outbid me. And they did, except for a Harmony, which I reluctantly purchased for \$31. The strings need replacing and it just won't play above the eighth fret or so, but I knew what I was getting into. I like the black finish ("Hello, I'm Johnny Cash").

The only one who sings with me anymore is my dog, Skeeter. She does love to sing. And she doesn't care if I am in tune or not.

Anyway, to get to the point. There are those of us, who "play at" things and there are those who push through to the other end and become among the best there are. Such is the case with Ray Benson of Asleep at the Wheel. He's an extremely talented guitarist and

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Simon says:

It is really a toss-up which is more stressful: work or vacation. If you don't believe that four-leaf clovers are luckier than rabbits' feet, just ask any rabbit. Like Katharine Hepburn, Charlotte Rampling will never lose her beauty.



ROGER SIMON

If you own a laptop or a BlackBerry, you must always have a paperclip close by to reset them if they need it. Pencil points do not work (and might be bad for the device), and forget about pen points. Since I do not always follow my own advice, I have had to awaken sleepy hotel desk clerks at 2 a.m. to demand they search their desks for paperclips. We live in a world in which high-tech devices require low-tech rescues.

"Dinner for Five" on the Independent Film Channel is hypnotically watchable. Anyone who has never gone to an auction is missing a lot of fun. (On the other hand, if you scratch your head at the wrong moment, you might end up having to pay for a Renoir.)

Is it true the Supreme Court is planning Casual Fridays? Somebody explain it to me: We're the only side with airplanes, we're the only side with helicopters, we're the only side with

tanks, we're the only side with artillery, and we're the only side with ultra-sophisticated surveillance systems. So how come guys armed only with rifles and rocket-propelled grenades are giving us such a hard time in Iraq?

I can't believe it: The waiter in the Jackrabbit Slim's scene in "Pulp Fiction" is Steve Buscemi.

My favorite quotation from Mary McGrory: "I have always felt a little sorry for people who didn't work for newspapers."

Although I am not one of them, many people judge other people by their shoes.

Green is a very good color for spring. I wonder who came up with it.

What is the proper etiquette when someone next to you on a plane begins to snore?

Razors now have up to four blades per cartridge and toothbrushes have bigger handles and more bristles. So how come toilet paper is still the same size?

When is the last time you asked anybody for his fax number?

Is it still OK to say, "My bad"? I didn't think so.

Am I the only person who believes that any doctor who performs surgery for "The Swan" should lose his medical license forever?

Paperback pick of the month: "Krakatoa: The Day the World Exploded: Aug. 27, 1883."

Is there anybody who doesn't love a sun shower?

Leave it to British Prime Minister Tony Blair to put it best about the Iraq prisoner torture photos: "We went to Iraq to get rid of that sort of thing, not to do it." At the same time, President Bush was saying, "Because we acted, torture rooms are closed, rape rooms no longer exist." Right.

Guys lose interest when their charcoal grill is replaced with a gas grill. Guys like to make fires. Can we stop saying, "Let's think outside the box"? Saying that has become so inside the box.

Line of the year from former Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders speaking about Bill Clinton: "If he'd been my husband, I would have pinched his head off and told God he'd died."

Some hotel chains have figured out that guests want good beds. And some have figured out that they like nice bathrooms. So when is some hotel chain going to figure out that guests would like a little SOUNDPROOFING?

There is nothing that makes a worse first impression than a limp handshake.

I have never seen a rug shop actually go out of business.

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U.S. forces battle cleric's militia

KARBALA, Iraq (AP) — American AC-130 gunships and tanks pounded militia positions early Friday near two shrines in the center of the holy city of Karbala, and the U.S. military said it killed 18 fighters loyal to a rebel cleric. Hospital officials said the dead included two Iranian pilgrims.

U.S. forces withdrew from a mosque in the city center that had been used by insurgents as a base of operations, but said patrols in the city would continue.

Fighting between American forces and cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's militia was also heavy in Najaf and neighboring Kufa, south of Baghdad. Explosions rocked the center of Najaf, near local government buildings, and Friday prayers were canceled because of the violence. A huge fire blazed in a vegetable market.

House expands child tax credit

WASHINGTON (AP) — A vote to preserve and expand a \$1,000 child tax credit topped a month of House work highlighting President Bush's tax cuts during this election year.

House lawmakers have voted in succession to lock down the president's tax cuts, a broadened bottom tax bracket and adjustments to the alternative minimum tax so that levy on wealthy tax dodgers wouldn't snare more unsuspecting families.

The House voted 271-139 on Thursday

to add the \$1,000 child tax credit to the list of tax reductions they want to safeguard. The bill would cut taxes \$228 billion over a decade and stop the child credit from dropping to \$700 next year.

The Senate plans to wrap extensions of the three popular tax cuts into one bill and pass it later this year. The Republican budget passed in the House envisions a final bill that stops short of making the tax cuts permanent and instead calls for a one-year extension.

Death row inmate back in court

BEAUMONT (AP) — Records from elementary school, the military and prison support claims that the state's longest-serving death row inmate is mentally retarded, a forensic psychologist testified Thursday.

Attorneys asked the death sentence be commuted to life in prison for Walter Bell, who 29 years ago Thursday arrived on death row. They contend he should not be executed for the 1974 slayings of a Port Arthur couple under a U.S. Supreme Court decision banning execution of retarded people. Prosecutors don't believe the ruling applies to Bell.

"The legal landscape has changed a lot in the last 30 years," William Christian, Bell's lawyer, said at an evidentiary hearing. "The fact that Mr. Bell is mentally retarded has not."

Rod Conerly, a Jefferson County prosecutor, questioned the validity of many of the IQ tests and results cited by Mary

Alice Conroy, a Sam Houston State University forensic psychologist.

She was called as a witness for Bell, 50, who as early as 1963 was listed in Port Arthur public school records as mentally retarded with an IQ in the mid 50s. The threshold for mental retardation has been accepted as 70.

Lay, Skilling claim retirement cash

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge has approved three deals that will partially settle lawsuits accusing those overseeing Enron Corp. retirement funds failed to meet their fiduciary duties.

U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon on Thursday indicated she is inclined to give preliminary approval next week to a deal that could get employees most of an additional \$85 million from Enron's insurance policies.

The former employees have contended in a class-action lawsuit that they lost more than \$1 billion because the now-bankrupt energy company and its officers failed to execute their duties in administering Houston-based Enron's pension plan.

Although federal fines and fees by plaintiff's attorneys will probably con-

sume about 20 percent of the total, the remaining \$69 million could be split by as many as 20,000 former and current Enron employees.

The employee retirement plans plummeted in value when the company's stock fell to less than \$1 a share. Before Enron collapsed in bankruptcy amid a sea of scandal in 2001, the stock sold for up to \$80 a share.

Doctors, patients praise pumps

HOUSTON (AP) — A small blood pump not only bolstered 19-year-old Everardo Flores' failing heart but also his self-esteem.

"When I was in school I would fall asleep in every class. I thought I couldn't learn," said Flores, who in November became the first U.S. patient to receive the next generation in heart pumps. "It was just I was so tired. But then they put the pump in and there hasn't been a limit ... I feel good with it."

Flores is one of many patients who have received left ventricular assist devices at the Texas Heart Institute, which for more than 30 years has pioneered work in the development of this medical technology.

Local store to host Kerry fundraiser

Special to the Herald

The Hollywood Metro is hosting a house party for Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry on Saturday. The event, scheduled from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., is one of more than 1,700 parties to be held for Kerry across

the country.

The party will include special sales and other fund-raisers with all profits going to Kerry's campaign. A highlight of the fund-raiser will be a nationwide conference call with the senator.

Funds raised will be in memory of Lucille Hooper, a lifelong

Democrat who died last December. The event is being co-sponsored by her grandson, Daniel Ryan.

The newly opened Hollywood Metro is located at 109 Second St. and features high speed internet access, coffee and sodas and a second hand collectible store with a Hollywood theme.

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just as talented vocally. The rest of the band is equally skilled in what they do. In fact, I think you'll find that the entire evening, from the Kaiser brothers to Cory Morrow to the Wheel will be a showcase performance. If you have tickets, don't think twice about it. Be there.

Having talked to Ray Benson on the phone, I began noticing obvious

similarities between he and I. Like the fact that he is 6-foot, 5-inches tall and I am 5-6. OK, he's really 6-7, but once I look up past 6-foot, I get dizzy anyway.

Like he founded Asleep at the Wheel and I was once. Fortunately for me, I woke up just in time to miss a tree.

I was also gonna mention that he plays a Gibson guitar, and I use a Gibson, too — a Gibson pick on my \$31 Harmony. Uncanny, huh?

Oh, and we were born four days apart. Ray,

you're older. Hopefully wiser.

Folks, Saturday night you'll hear some real guitar, some real fiddlin', some all-around good music.

The Kaisers and the Cory Morrow Band? Welcome to Big Spring. Asleep at the Wheel? 'Bout time you boogied back to West Texas.

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Club News

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association

Officers for the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers were installed Monday in a ceremony conducted by Doris Huijbregtse.

Those who will be serving for the coming year include Janice Bond, president; Loyce Phillips, first vice-president; and Bo Fryar, second vice-president. Jean Slate and Pat Photon will be co-secretaries and Ida Flowers and Don Green will act as co-treasurers. Jean Warren will serve as corresponding secretary. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 16.

Sand Springs Lions Club

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Monday with Fred Franklin, president, presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ben Boadle and the opening prayer was worded by Phillip Reid.

Secretary Madeline Boadle gave a report of the Zone meeting held in lieu of our regular business meeting on May 3. Bob Noyes, zone chairman, presided and each club gave a short report on their activities. There were 23 in attendance.

Betty Franklin made a motion to elect Johnny Moore as vice-president to replace Jarrell Barbee, deceased. Motion seconded and approved.

President Franklin gave a report on the district meeting in Brownwood and in particular the memorial service in which Jarrell Barbee was remembered. Betty Franklin also attended.

Secretary Boadle reported a district meeting is being planned for July 24-25 in Big Spring. More information will be forthcoming.

President Franklin discussed the 75th anniversary of the Downtown Lions Club. Attending from our club was Fred and Betty Franklin and Ben and Madeline Boadle.

Franklin also reported that he and Johnny Moore would be visiting with our business sign advertiser to thank them for their support and introduce our new representative for this project.

The next meeting will be June 14 at KC Steak House with Tom Mills from the Downtown Lions Club doing the installation of officers for 2004-2005.

The hamburger meal with all the trimmings was served by Phillip and Shyrlee Reid.

TOPS TX No. 21

Take Off Pounds Sensibly TOPS TX No. 21 met on Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third with 16 members, one new member and one visitor present.

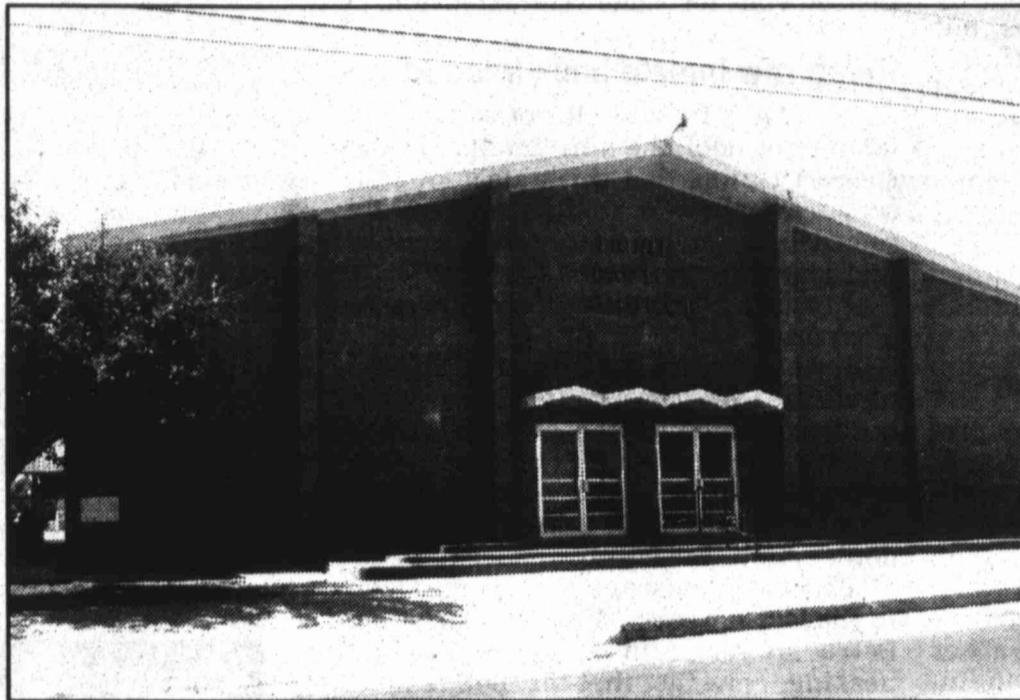
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College Baptist Church

College Baptist Church 1105 Birdwell invites all children years old through grade to join our annual Vacation Bible School from 6-9:30 a.m. The theme is the "Far-Out Rally - Racin' Son." If you need additional information call 267-7429.

Midway Baptist Church

Midway Baptist Church will host the Cowboys Sunday. The Calvary are a Christian music duo who is to spread the Jesus Christ and to others through and testimonies. Mike Ables & Repka from Bel been ministering for eight years continuously. God's grace a sion in their n He honor's th ence to Him. In late 2002, t Cowboys rele: first song to Country radio the Lord ble: with their fir one song on charts; they v five nominee Duo of the Y Christian Cou Association, also honored v appearance Learning Ch Light Of The television pro Calvary Cowl where ever G share with yo has done for t lives. Join us t at 11 a.m. for a time of worshi mony. Sunday Sch 9:45 a.m. We thing for all a

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Church News

College Baptist Church

College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane, invites all children ages 4 years old through sixth grade to join us for our annual Vacation Bible School from 6-9 p.m. June 6-10. The theme this year is the "Far-Out Rickshaw Rally - Racing to the Son." If you would like additional information or if you need a ride, call 267-7429.

Midway Baptist Church

Midway Baptist Church will host the Calvary Cowboys Sunday. The Calvary Cowboys are a Christian country music duo whose purpose is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and minister to others through song and testimonies.

Mike Ables and Bruce Repka from Bellville have been ministering together for eight years and continuously experience God's grace and expansion in their ministry as He honor's their obedience to Him.

In late 2002, the Calvary Cowboys released their first song to Christian Country radio. In 2003, the Lord blessed them with their first number one song on the CCRB charts; they were a top-five nominee for Vocal Duo of the Year in the Christian Country Music Association, and were also honored with a guest appearance on God's Learning Channel, the Light Of The Southwest television program. The Calvary Cowboys travel where ever God leads to share with you what He has done for them in their lives. Join us this Sunday at 11 a.m. for an awesome time of worship, and testimony.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. We have something for all ages.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. If you do not have a church home we invite you to visit us at Birdwell Lane Baptist Church where visitors become friends and friends become family. We believe in reaching the lost and building the believer.

The Senior Saints meet twice a month for fun and fellowship. We invite you to come and visit the Senior Saint night every second and fourth Thursday from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m.

Our youth are getting ready for youth camp and

anxiously awaiting for school to be out. We have an exciting summer of activities planned.

We invite you to stop by and visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane or for information you may call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

Life Church

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

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

First Baptist Church

We invite anyone seeking a church home to visit First Baptist Church. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. followed by worship at 10:50 a.m.

Our pastor, the Rev. Dennis Teeters, will continue his sermon series on "Restoring Your Spiritual Passion" with this week's subject "Read." Our evening worship begins at 6.

Summer is upon us, and there are some exciting things planned for the children at First Baptist Church. Programs include Mother's Day Out (birth - pre-kindergarten), Summerama (for children who have completed kindergarten-fifth grades), Music Camp (kindergarten-sixth), Vacation Bible School June 14-18 - 9 a.m. - noon, and many other programs. Call 267-8223 for more information.

Living Hope Church

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First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on John 17:20-26 in worship service on Sunday. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and "Take Ten" is at 10:35. Worship service is at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Opportunities for the

week include: Presbyterian Women's Meeting to be held at 2 p.m. May 25 and choir practice on Wednesday 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.

First Assembly of God

David and Nancy Cave, missionaries to Mexico, will be ministering in the 10:40 a.m. service this Sunday at First Assembly of God.

The Caves are in their second decade of ministry in the country of Mexico and will be sharing some of their experiences and how God is moving in this country.

David and Nancy are involved in Bible school teaching, training pastors and church leaders for service across Mexico. They also are active in church construction. Using Global University materials, the Caves assist churches with evangelism and discipleship training materials. In the evening service

at 6 the public is invited to hear Joey and Stacy Jaynes as they minister in both music and the Word.

Joey and Stacy have been ministering in Phoenix at Light House Assembly for the past several years. Light House Assembly has had outstanding growth having grown to an attendance of 1,000 each Sunday in the past few years.

Pastor Havener and the congregation of First Assembly invite the public to join them for this special day of ministry and worship.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

The North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church located at 2602 N. Birdwell Lane announce a time change for the Sunday evening worship service. Because of the longer days, the service will start at 6 p.m.

Plans are being made for the annual conference of United Methodists to be held in June in Abilene. North Birdwell will be sending five representatives to this meeting where the policies and

doctrines of the church are set, appointments of local pastors is announced and awards are given to outstanding churches in the area. Bishop Max Whitfield will preside over the meetings.

An administrative council meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. May 23 in the fellowship hall. Business items to be presented will include the upcoming Vacation Bible School and the proposed addition to the church building. Anyone interested in the church is invited to attend this meeting.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church has Sunday worship ser-

VICES at 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday School classes are available for all ages beginning at 10:30 a.m. There is also a Bible study group on the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The newly organized United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Pastor Joel Miller and the congregation invite you to attend any of these services. You will be welcomed with open hearts, open minds and open doors.

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Church News

Coahoma United Methodist Church

At Coahoma United Methodist Church are proud of our youth. We are proud of our seniors. On Sunday at 11 a.m. we will honor our seniors by giving them Bibles. The youth will lead the worship service with speaker K.K. Kellar. Plan to be here for a special Sunday at 401 N. Main. Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. and Sunday service is at 11 a.m. Nursery is available.

Catholic Churches of Howard County

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Eucharist, confirmation, if married; married in the Catholic church) are needed as sponsors. What does a sponsor do? Come learn more about your faith and share your rlife journey with those who are inquiring about your faith. When can I start? Whenever you're ready. Summer dates are as follows: Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. June 1, 15 and 29. July 6 and 20 and August 3, 17 and 31.

Where do I go? Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1009 Hearn. The house between the church and the school. Feel free to park in the front or the back and use the front or the back door. If you have questions please call Elfi Tucker at 816-6247 or 393-5313, St. Thomas Church at 605 N. Main, 263-2864; Sacred Heart Church at N. Aylsford, 263-7884; Immaculate Heart Church at 1009 Hearn, 267-4124 or St. Joseph Church on South Street in Coahoma, 267-4124.

Club News

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order and Olnee Menges voiced the opening prayer. The TOPS pledge was recited by all present followed by the singing of the fellowship song. Minutes of the previous meeting was read by Gladys Russell and Hughetta Roberts called the roll. The TOPS best loser for the week was Olnee Menges, and the best loser of the three KOPS (Keep Pounds Off Sensibly) was Lynne

Criswell. Pat Aaron was welcomed as the newest TOPS member and the visitor was Cynthia Rutledge from Dallas. The program was presented by Linda Schmidt with great participation from all the members. Anyone interested in TOPS can call 1-800-392-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758. You are also invited to just drop in on any Monday night at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center by 5 p.m.



The Fox Family of Nashville will be at the Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene Sunday at 6 p.m. The public is invited to this free concert featuring the Fox Family performing a variety of southern gospel and contemporary Christian music.

Who's Who



Malorie Elizabeth Paredez



Laura Davis Lipham

Malorie Elizabeth Paredez, 14, has been chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss Texas pageant to be held August 8-9 in the Hotel Intercontinental in Dallas. The pageant is held for girls ages 13 through 15.

The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland® in California. Pageants are held for girls ages 4 to 18, in five age groups.

The National American Miss pageants are dedicated to celebrating America's greatness and encouraging its future leaders. Each year the pageant awards thousands in scholarships and prizes to recognize and assist in the development of young women nationwide.

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The National American Miss pageants is based on inner beauty, as well as poise and presentation. Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self-confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving personal goals.

Miss Paredez's activities include playing basketball, running track and participating in church youth functions. She also enjoys running, singing and hanging out with her friends. Miss Paredez's sponsors include The Tot Stop Childcare and various family members.

Laura Davis Lipham has been named Valedictorian with Highest Praise for the Arlington Baptist College 2004 graduating class. Other honors she received were the National Dean's List, Arlington Baptist College Dean's List, Collegiate All-American Scholar Program, National Collegiate Education Award and Who's Who among American Colleges and Universities.

Laura graduated from Big Spring High School in 2000 and began touring with the Arlington Baptist College Ensemble Ministry during her first two years of college. She is graduating with a bachelor of science degree with a major in music education and a minor in Bible.

She is the daughter of Sheryl Allen of Oklahoma City and Robby and Sherry Davis of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Weldon and Genelle Tibbs and Sondra McKinney, also of Big Spring. Laura's husband, T.J., is a 2003 graduate of Arlington Baptist College. He and Laura are now on staff working with the youth at Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Prairie.

Commencement was held on May 20 with the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Big Spring, speaking. Trinity is also Laura and T.J.'s home church.

Submit Who's Who items to life@bigspringherald.com by noon Wednesday



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IN BRIEF

Big Spring Country Club touney set

A parent and child two-person scramble tournament has been announced by the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament (either open division or trophy division) will take place June 5-6 with shotgun starts both days. Saturday's competition begins at 9 a.m. and Sunday tees off at 1 p.m.

The open division tournament will cost \$80, while the trophy division is \$30. Carts are not included. However, private carts are welcome.

The divisions are broken up into ages 5-11, 12-15 and 16-18. A parent may play with more than one child. The entry fee on the second team is half price. There will also be barbeque served on the course Saturday.

If interested, call 432-267-5354 to sign up.

Over 80 scramble set for mid-June

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting an over 80 golf scramble June 19-20.

There will be a \$60 per player fee plus golf cart, but private carts are welcome, as well.

The tournament will have a shotgun start and will begin at 1 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

The entry fee includes a barbeque on the course Saturday and a practice round Friday (golf cart extra.) The field will be flighted by first round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of entries.

For more information, contact the pro shop at 432-0267-5354.

First-annual generic softball touney set

The first-annual "generic brand" softball tournament will take place May 22-23 at Cotton Mize Field in Comanche Trail Park.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$115 and the tournament is for class D and E only. Trophies and t-shirts will also be awarded to first through third place.

For more information, contact Ray Deleon Jr. at 432-213-0594, Dominique Gonzales at 432-263-8219 or Chris Carrillo at 432-816-6695.

San Angelo sets all-star classic date

The 11th annual all-star classic basketball tournament has been scheduled for May 22-23 in San Angelo.

The tournament will feature both a men's and women's division. The cost for men is \$175 per team, while a women's team cost \$75. There is a 10-player maximum for both divisions.

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Event, Time	Station
Rangers vs. Yankees, 12:30 p.m.	1490

Errors doom Lady Hawks in opener

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Howard College's first-ever NJCAA National Tournament appearance got off to a rocky start at Hancock Park in Clermont, Fla., Thursday. The Lady Hawks committed three errors against eighth-seeded Wabash Valley in the opening round which led to three unearned runs and a 4-1 loss.

But, a 3-0 win against North Central Missouri in an elimination game kept the Lady Hawks' season alive in the double elimination tournament.

"It is just nice to be here," said Coach Derek Clapp. "It feels even better though to get that first-ever national tournament win."

Howard 1 Wabash Valley 4

The ninth-seeded Lady Hawks (38-21) took on Wabash Valley in their first national tournament game ever. Wabash Valley has been to the tournament four straight years, but finished 0-2 last year.

Howard got off to a great start and scored its only run in the first inning.

Monica Droz opened the game up with single and then reached second on a sacrifice bunt by Michelle Teller. After the sacrifice, Dionne Lopez hit a single into the outfield, allowing Droz to put the Lady Hawks up 1-0.

Eventually Howard would get runners at second and third base before the Warriors ended the threat. Lopez tried to score from third on a passed ball, but was tagged out at the plate.

Wabash Valley answered in its half of the first inning, however.

After a lead-off walk and a flyout by the Warriors, Howard's Analisa Arellano committed a throwing error, which put runners on second and third for Wabash Valley.

Jennifer DeMay, who started the game and took the loss on the mound, fielded the next ball and recorded the out at first, but one run crossed the plate for the Warriors.

Another error by Arellano put Wabash

Valley on top, 2-1.

"The girls were tight and nervous to start," said Clapp. "Analisa doesn't usually make errors. I think it was just jitters."

DeMay went five innings and gave up three runs on four hits, while striking out two. Only one run was earned, however.

Wabash Valley pushed its lead to 3-1 in the third after three singles and an error by Angela Piper. Then added an insurance run in the sixth inning to go up by three. Howard could not rally in the top of the seventh and the Warriors claimed victory.

"I thought we were fine early and we hit the ball solidly, but we got underneath their pitcher's rise ball and it was hard to catch up to at times," said Clapp.

The Lady Hawks recorded six foul outs and several other pop outs and fly outs.

Droz, Lopez and Marci Shephard each had two hits to lead Howard's offense.

Not only did Howard lose the game, but they may have also lost Amy Hitzfeld to an injury after she hurt herself sliding into second base. Hitzfeld sat out of game two, but her status for the rest of the tournament is still uncertain, said Clapp.

"I just didn't want to take a game off," said Clapp. "This is nationals, but the girls also have lives after softball."

Howard outhit Wabash Valley 8-5, but stranded several runners on base throughout the contest.

Howard 3 North Central Missouri 0

Despite strong winds blowing in from left field, Howard recorded the win in its second game of the day, beating North Central Missouri, 3-0.

The Lady Hawks had six hits in the game, but the winds took several more away, said Clapp.

"The balls that would be out in most parks were getting stopped by the wind," he added. "The balls just hung up there."

Erin Mulvey started the game on the mound, but was pulled after one inning. She loaded the



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard's Marci Shephard checks swings at the plate during a game at the Region 5 Tournament in Midland. The Lady Hawks won the regional tournament and advanced to their first-ever NJCAA Tourney. Howard lost the first game to Wabash Valley, 4-1, after committing three errors in the field. Shephard went two-for-three at the plate.

bases in the first after giving up two walks and a single.

DeMay relieved her and got the win. She pitched six strong innings, gave up one hit, while striking out six and walking five.

The game remained scoreless through five innings, but Howard broke through in the sixth inning.

Lopez started off the inning with a single. Shephard then reached after a bunt single, but both runners advanced to second and third, respectively, after a Lady Pirates error.

After an intentional walk to Piper and a strikeout by Paula Sanders, Arellano came through with the bases loaded.

Arellano's sacrifice fly scored Lopez from third

and then an error by North Central Missouri allowed Shephard to cross, as well. Piper scored later in the inning to put Howard up 3-0.

After giving up a lead-off walk in the top of the seventh inning, DeMay sat down the Lady Pirates in order to give Howard the win.

The defense behind DeMay was great, led by Droz's outfield assist at the plate and Sanders' two leaping grabs at shortstop.

"The defense always plays great for Jen," said Clapp. "If you run on Monica then your going to be in trouble. Paula also played great at shortstop."

Lopez and Piper had two hits apiece, while Shephard and Kristen Jones also singled.

The Lady Hawks took on Neosho Community at 11 a.m. today, but the result was unavailable at press time.

Howard hopes to have pitcher Andrea Renteria back for the rest of the tournament, as well. Renteria sat out the first day with a sickness.

"She got sick on the way over here and might be suffering from food poisoning, but hopefully we can get her something to eat tonight and she can get some rest so her strength will be ready for Friday," said Clapp. "Jen will most likely start the first game, but we also hope Andrea can give us some innings."

Texas' other tournament representative, Texarkana, lost its first two games and has been eliminated.

Big Spring gears up for defending champs

By JEFF LANE

Special to the HERALD

The Big Spring Lady Steers will meet the Crowley Lady Eagles, the 2003 4A state champions, Saturday at the Region 1-4A semi finals. The game will begin at 2 p.m. at Abilene Christian University.

Big Spring defeated El Paso Chapin last week, 12-0, while Crowley (23-6) squeaked by Wichita Falls Rider, 3-0.

It will mark the second time this year the two squads have met with Crowley squeaking out a 1-0 victory earlier this season in a scrimmage that went four innings due to inclement weather.

The match-up promises to be a dandy as ace pitchers Alex Watkins and Meagan Denney square off. Both have

been stingy from the mound in the playoffs, only giving up one run between them.

Big Spring has outscored its opponents by a margin of 33-1 in these playoffs.

Crowley has not given up a run in their three games while scoring fifteen.

Watkins says she is treating this game like any other.

"I just stay focused on what I am doing on the mound," she added. "There is that added pressure when you are pitching but, with the defense I have behind me I don't get too worried out there."

Last week several of the Lady Steers, including Watkins, were able to see Crowley play Wichita Falls Rider.

"It was definitely good

for us to see them" said Watkins "We were able to see weak points in their lineup and what tendencies Meagan has on the mound."

Big Spring has also been strong at the plate in the postseason, averaging 11 runs a game. Leading the way has been senior Whitney Hufford, who has emerged in the playoffs as the Lady Steers' leading hitter.

"I just go to the plate expecting to get a hit, remembering the basics and focusing on what I need to do to help the team" said Hufford.

Big Spring has turned up the intensity this week adding extra BP (batting practice) to an already steady dose of hitting all year long.

Heather Vassar says the key is to "stay

focused at the plate and be patient."

Vassar led the team in hitting this year during district play.

"We have studied some of (Denney's) tendencies and we think it will really help us," the junior adds. "If we stay relaxed and trust our instincts we will be fine."

The Lady Steers have never made it out of the semifinals and face a tough test again this year in Crowley.

Hufford says that Crowley is the team to beat. "They are defending champs and that's who you want to play when you are in this position."

Head coach Lea Daggett says the extra batting and the scouting has helped, but that isn't all.

"These girls have been

ready since early on. They have showed tremendous focus all year and it has not slacked off at all this late in the season, he added.

"I have said it all along that they are a close team and they believe in each other. We believe our defense is better and that our hitting is better than Crowley's. If we stick to our game we'll be in great shape."

The Lady Steers insist they are not looking ahead, however, a late season match-up with district rival Andrews could be just around the corner. Andrews plays in the other Region 1 semi-final game against Fort Worth Brewer, a team Big Spring has already beaten this year.

That game will immediately follow the Lady Steers game in Abilene.

Golf Insider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Continue through your finish position to an after-finish

By T.J. TOMASI
Universal Press Syndicate

The golf swing ends in a pose that takes energy to sustain. After you've fired the club head through the hitting area, the momentum of your club, hands and arms has pulled your body into the position I am demonstrating in the first photo below. I'm standing erect, looking over my right arm, watching the ball fly toward the target with all my weight on my front foot.

However, contrary to what the word "finish" implies, I'm not done yet. To successfully complete a swing, you should allow momentum to rebound your body into the position I call the "after-finish," as demonstrated in the bottom photo below. The key is to let your muscles come to rest in the low-energy after-finish position rather than the high-energy finish of the first photo.

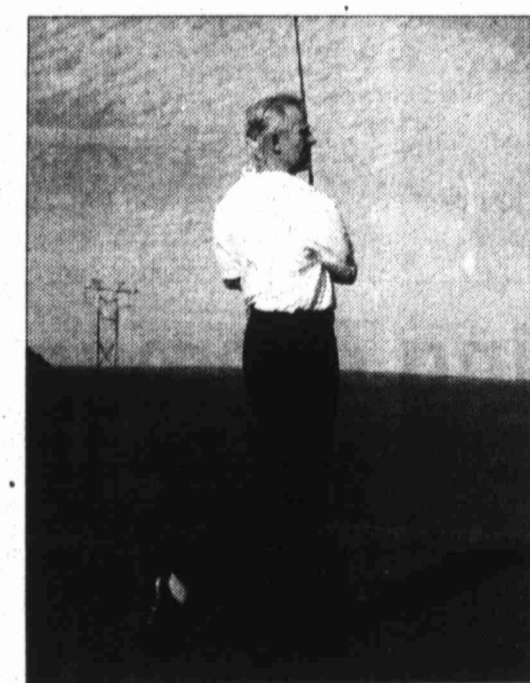
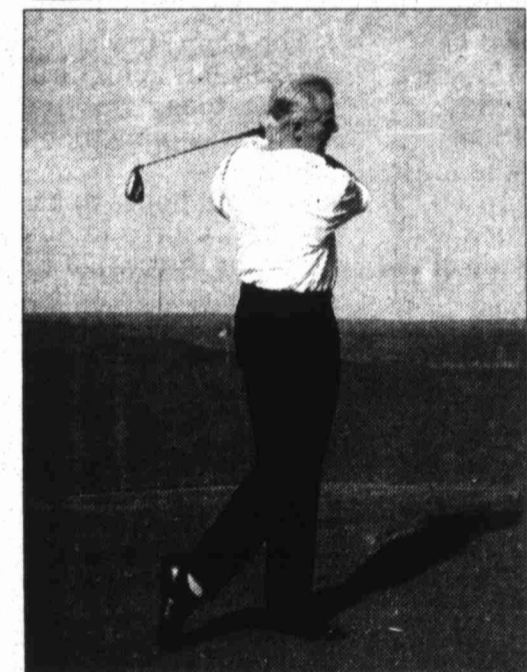
There are three important reasons that you should continue through your finish position to an after-finish. First, it is much easier on your body. Holding the finish puts lots of strain on your back, and years of holding the finish could cause damage that, in the extreme, could require surgery.

Second, in a motion like the golf swing that contracts the muscles and stretches the tendons, your body seeks to return to the safety of the resting, non-tense state as soon as possible, and it is the after-finish that allows it to do so.

Third, sustaining life is all about maintaining energy levels, and even in such a minor event as a golf swing the brain is true to its charter — conserving energy is much more efficient than having to replace it.

In photo 2, I'm continuing to watch the ball fly toward the target, but have rebounded with my upper arms against my body and the club shaft perpendicular to the ground with the club head directly above my hands. This is a very restful position, a low-energy state my body eagerly seeks.

Holding the club head above my hands has effectively made the club head much lighter. I could stand this way for quite some time. The only position more restful would be to let the club slide through my hands and fall to the ground, but then I would have to expend energy to pick it up.



Holding the finish (top) puts strain on your back, and years of holding the finish could cause damage.



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Se Ri Pak, 26, qualified for the LPGA Hall of Fame with her victory at the Michelob Ultra Open at Kingsmill. She will be eligible with her 10th year of LPGA membership in 2007.

Fast track to glory

Only LPGA has 20-somethings in Hall of Fame

By CRAIG DOLCH
Cox News Service

West Palm Beach, Fla. When the LPGA Tour changed its Hall of Fame criteria in 1999, Patty Sheehan was among those who praised the alterations. Without them, she said, the Hall of Fame is "going to end up being a shrine for a bunch of dead old ladies."

Now it's soon to become home to a couple of Generation X kids.

When Se Ri Pak, 26, qualified for the Hall of Fame with her victory at the Michelob Ultra Open at Kingsmill, it marked the second consecutive LPGA player in her mid-20s to get elected. The other was Karrie Webb, who qualified four years ago at 25. Prior to that, Annika Sorenstam qualified at 29.

For most athletes, getting inducted into their sport's Hall of Fame is the final achievement of their illustrious careers. But on the LPGA Tour, where induction is based purely on performance and not politics, you have the opportunity to get in before you've reached your prime.

Is that right? Has the LPGA gone from being too difficult to qualify for the Hall of Fame (only five players were inducted from 1965-1990) to too easy (six players have qualified since '90)? Or is the tour just blessed to have three superstars playing at the same time who would have been Hall of Famers under any criteria?

"I think you've got to look at the people involved," LPGA Tour Commissioner Ty Votaw said recently. "These three players are among the best who have ever played in any generation."

"When we revised our points for qualification into the Hall of Fame, I don't think any of us would have



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Annika Sorenstam (above) and Karrie Webb (below) both qualified to enter the LPGA Hall of Fame before their 30th birthdays.

anticipated these three would make it as fast as they did. But I don't think that calls into question the credibility of the points. It just shows they're great, great players."

Under the old system, a sliding scale was used where a player got in if she won 30 titles and two majors, 35 titles and one major or 40 titles.



Now, it takes 27 points to get elected, with players receiving one point for a win or a major award (Rookie of the Year, Player of the Year, Vare Trophy) and two points for a major. But they must have won a major award and they have to have been a member for at least 10 years — Webb doesn't get in until 2005, Pak in 2007.

A major reason why the LPGA's version of the Big Three has gotten in so quickly is they've cleaned up in the majors, winning a combined 16 championships. Under the old criteria, Webb (29 career titles, six majors) would be a win away from qualifying and Pak (22 titles, four majors) eight wins away.

Judy Dickinson, who won four LPGA titles and was heavily involved with the committee that revamped the Hall of Fame criteria, insists it's too early to know if the new requirements are too lenient. She points out the only active players within six points of qualifying are Laura Davies (25 points), 40, and Dottie Pepper (21), 38.

"When you look past those two, there isn't a lot there," Dickinson said. "I still don't think it's too easy. JoAnne (Carner, a Hall of Famer also on the committee) thinks it's too hard."

Besides Davies and Pepper, the only two who have a realistic shot at qualifying are Meg Mallon, who at 41 has 18 points, and Liselotte Neumann, who has 13 points at 37.

Still, in no other professional sport can a star get elected into the Hall of Fame in their mid-20s. One would think that would lead to a motivation. Webb averaged 4.4 wins a year the five seasons before qualifying, but only two wins a year since. By comparison, Sorenstam averaged three wins in her six seasons prior to getting elected, but 7.5 victories in the four years since.

"Making the Hall of Fame is one of their goals, but it's not their only goal," Votaw said. "Annika has found a way to just keep going. She's created new goals for herself."

TV gigs aside, Masters win hasn't changed Mickelson

By GLENN SHEELEY
Cox News Service

Irving, Texas

For those whose televisions have been broken since the azaleas peaked, the unofficial count shows Phil Mickelson appearing on shows with Jay Leno, David Letterman and Craig Kilborn since winning the 2004 Masters.

He even opened a session at the New York Stock Exchange.

One week he had golf's giant monkey on his back; the next week he was spending more time in makeup than on the practice range, getting more air time than Dr. Phil.

"I don't feel too differently,"

Mickelson said last week before competing in the Byron Nelson Classic.

"I haven't been asked to sign too many Masters flags in the past," Mickelson said.

"But I sure seem to be doing a lot of that lately, which is a good problem to have."

Otherwise, nothing has changed for Mickelson, the energetic family man. He travels with his wife, Amy, and his three children whenever possible.

"This year's been a lot of fun," said Mickelson, meaning the golf part, which produced two victories and eight finishes in the top five. "I could really sense it was going to be a different year before the year started. . . I'm off to a wonderful start and I'm certainly excited by the prospects."

The credibility factor that always washes over a player after a major seems even greater with Mickelson, who spent a decade as golf's tragic figure, then won at Augusta National with an electrifying, 72-hole birdie putt. Asked whether he feels Mickelson is acting differently since the Masters, Tiger Woods smiled and said, "Oh, yeah. . . I've never seen him on so many TV shows before."

But do the players view Mickelson differently since the Masters?

"Not me," Woods said, "because he always had the talent. We see him all the time. It doesn't change. We knew he had the talent to win. . . He's always been a very confident player."

Woods said the difference might come in upcoming majors, beginning with next month's U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills.

"I think the biggest thing for Phil in the future is that he didn't have [the Masters] handed to him," Woods said. "He actually went out and won it. I mean, Ernie [Els] didn't dog it coming in. He played great golf. That's going to serve [Phil] well in the future."

Keeping with what worked at Augusta, Mickelson will spend a couple of days playing Shinnecock before U.S. Open week, when he will turn 34. Nine years ago, Mickelson tied for fourth at Shinnecock, losing by four shots to Corey Pavin largely because he played the 16th hole in 4-over par.

Third at Bethpage Black two years ago, Mickelson considers himself better equipped to contend at an Open, with his driver once again friendly (65.1 percent of his fairways hit), his game plan more conservative and his short game solid.

They've also removed many trees from Shinnecock, which could bring more wind to the tournament. And by increasing the shaved areas around the greens, they become more, well, Augusta-like.

"I've been able to drive it well enough in Opens to contend," Mickelson said. "I'm certainly not going to hit every fairway. . . But I've noticed this year that when I do miss a fairway it's by a much smaller amount."

EQUIPMENT

How light is just right?

New space-age materials for drivers have done wonders for the average golfer. The theory is sound: You can swing a lighter driver faster, and more club-head speed can translate into more distance.

Plus, a driver that's too heavy (even by just a few grams) leads to fatigue, fostering the feeling that "effort" is the answer. It feels as if you must speed up the club by manipulating it, and this leads to balance problems and inconsistent shots, especially at the end of a round when energy reserves run thin.

There is, however, a point of diminishing returns that varies from golfer to golfer. Drivers that are too light can produce slower swing speeds, just the opposite of what you want. Using a driver that is too light makes it difficult to feel where the club head is during the swing, and this leads to a higher percentage of off-center hits and inconsistent shots.

Here's what I suggest to find that happy medium between too heavy and too light. First, try out new drivers immediately after a round

to find one that you can hit consistently while still fatigued. You want one that you can rip off the 18th tee as well as you do off the first tee.

Second, to maximize both distance and accuracy, identify the lightest driver that yields the most consistent center hits by visiting an experienced PGA club-fitter who will use impact tape to chart your face impacts. You won't end up with the lightest driver on the market, but you will find the lightest one that's right for you.

—T.J. Tomasi

ASK THE PRO



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

Q: I'm a 2-handicap, but I have never taken a lesson. I've learned by reading and observation. I especially enjoyed your book "The 30-Second Golf Swing"; it helped me a great deal. However, in developing the "strength and weakness profile" that you suggest, I discovered a flaw in my game; my pitching, compared to the rest of my game, is weak (about like a 5- or 6-handicap) and is keeping me from scoring better. Can you suggest a book on pitching and/or give me a few rules of thumb? — Bill R., from the Web

A: Often, pitching seems to be the last shot good golfers take seriously. My book "Play Better Golf" has a lot of material on it and will help. But in the meantime, here are a few "rules" that you requested:

1. Use a narrow stance and play the ball

back. Start, swing and finish with your weight on your forward foot.

2. Pitching should be done with "dead" hands. They should be used only to cock the wrists on the backswing. There should be no independent effort to hit the ball with your hands.

3. Begin your wrist cock as soon as you take the club away from the ball. The wrist cock should be gradual and completed by the end of your back swing (differing lengths for different length shots).

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Legals

No. P-13,164
ESTATE OF AGNES CURRIE, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Agnes Currie, Deceased, were issued on the 17th day of May, 2004, under the docket No. P-13,164, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to John Andrew Currie. Claims may be presented in care of John Andrew Currie to the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Agnes Currie
c/o John Andrew Currie
903 Dallas
Big Spring, Texas 79720
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 17th day of May, 2004. JOHN ANDREW CURRIE, Independent Executor of the Estate of Agnes Currie, Deceased. #4222 May 21, 2004.

West Texas for MHMR 409 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas is accepting sealed bids on the following used vehicles:
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

The moon enters emotional Cancer. It's an excellent time to use your body as a barometer to get insight about your life. Maybe it's a knot in your stomach every time you're around that certain charismatic person or the way you feel lightheaded whenever a colleague starts to talk. Heed the signals your body is giving you.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The lesson is about self-reliance. When others disappoint, you learn that you can depend on yourself. It's almost like they are giving you a gift, even when they are letting you down! Your positive attitude attracts romance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The desire to set things right burns through this day. You'll have the inspiration and just the right words to express what's on your mind, and you can expect a change to happen after you've announced it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Go to sleep early, as tomorrow is hectic. Take time to be creative, and go with new ideas. The person who tells the truth is the ultimate victor, winning your heart. A Cancer or Sagittarius love is favored.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Get specific with your requests, and make sure they are answered specifically, too; vague promises will annoy you. Travel is on your mind — or are you just trying to escape a pesky problem? Find a healthy way to vent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Some people crack under pressure, but you only crack down and get more work done. This afternoon, you'll get more help out of your colleagues after you turn on your charm. Use humor to win over the opposition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Important career moves should be chosen for their long-range potential, not short-run financial gains. Get the facts. Do not guess. You get somewhere faster because you're cautious and practical.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be a terrific negotiator, and joining forces could push you ahead. Stop complaining about the little things, and love your partner for the big things. Money tip: If you're content with what you have, you're rich.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Things have been a little unusual lately, but

now, restoring normalcy is a top priority. Singles living in the fast lane opt to slow down and concentrate on personal goals — which is when you meet the exact right person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Franz Kafka once wrote that there are some things one can only achieve by a deliberate leap in the opposite direction. You'll be taking such a leap today — scary, exhilarating and brave!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A friend needs help with a problem that is entirely of his or her own doing. Don't be too quick to bail someone out, or you could rob him or her of the lesson. New ways of learning are featured tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your judgment is stellar, and others defer to it now more than in the past. It feels good to be trusted, but part of you may be resentful that you're the one making all of the decisions. Tonight, you lock eyes across a crowd.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are overdue for a surprising find. A vast supply of information is yours through the membership of a network or book club. If a Virgo has a new idea, listen closely, because there's a future in it.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: Venus and Neptune flip our expectations of love into almost the opposite of what they were before. If you needed freedom, you now need closeness, and if you wanted security, you now want risky excitement!

ARIES: Venture out on your own — you'll be approached by potential love as bold as you are! **TAURUS:** Your excellent manners attract someone with class. **GEMINI:** No matter who you are with, you shine like a jewel. **CANCER:** Competition comes on the scene — you're up to it, though. **LEO:** Be fair to a sweetie, seeing the good and the bad. **VIRGO:** You're well suited to someone you would never have chosen before this. **LIBRA:** Domestic life improves once you give proper respect to the in-laws. **SCORPIO:** You can get away with dating several prospects at once if you don't get serious with any of them. **SAGITTARIUS:** Concentrate on developing friendships. Feelings of love creep up on you. **CAPRICORN:** Do more listening than talking, and you'll win a heart. **AQUARIUS:** In your book, the sexiest organ of the body is the mind — the brainier, the better. **PISCES:** Make your desire known, as people are not very intuitive now, but they are eager to please.

Annex

Dear Speechless: You are under no obligation to return the sewing machine, but it might help to explain why to your father. Tell him the machine means a great deal to you and his request hurt your feelings. To keep peace in the family, how about offering to let your stepmother sew the curtains at your place? It will give you an opportunity to get to know her better, have a cup of coffee and chat, while the work gets done and the machine stays on the premises.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Dover, N.H.," who asked about taking her young sons to the ladies' room. When I traveled with my nephews, ages 4 and 6, I came up with a solution. I let them use the men's room, but told them they had to sing loudly together the entire time they were in there. They gleefully complied since it allowed them to use the "big boys" bathroom.

They knew if they stopped singing, Auntie had no problem walking in, so they were consistently cooperative. Not only could I hear the boys clearly because of the reverberation of the room, it made everyone around us smile. — North Powder, Ore.

Dear Ore.: What a clever and amusing solution. We salute you.

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Annex's Mailbox: Advice for

Dear Annie: Three years ago, my son met "Stacie" in college. Shortly thereafter, he converted to Stacie's religion. I was not terribly bothered by this. Stacie is a lovely girl, and I was delighted when my son announced their engagement.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Stacie's parents invited me and the rest of our family for a "get-to-know-you" dinner. When we arrived, we were surprised to find missionaries from their church present. It soon became apparent they intended for us to convert. We politely told them we were not interested, but the rest of the evening was quite uncomfortable.

Stacie's parents are paying for the entire wedding. Stacie's father now informs us that the kids will be married in their church's sacred temple and only the "faithful" are allowed to enter. That means none of my son's family or friends will be able to come to the ceremony. Her father then added that only immediate family will be permitted at the reception, which means my son's friends and extended family are not welcome to witness or participate in any part of the wedding day.

I was willing to go along with this for my son's sake, but my other children are furious. They told their brother, "If we aren't good enough for the wedding, we don't want anything to do with the reception, either." Now no one is speaking to each other. My son and Stacie are miserable, Stacie's parents are livid, and I am stuck in the middle. Is there anything I can do? — Groom's Heretic Mother

Dear Mother: You cannot reason with someone whose religious beliefs preclude associating with anyone who thinks differently. Why not host a separate reception for the couple, inviting whomever you wish, perhaps when they return from their honeymoon? Many

parents do this for children who elope, and we think it is a lovely way to include those who could not be at the ceremony.

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter from a woman asking how much she should tip her hairstylist. As a professional hairstylist, I would like to respond.

In a low-priced chain salon, the stylist typically earns minimum wage. But in privately owned salons, the average pay is often 50-percent commission. If a stylist is charging you \$70 for a cut and color, you probably should leave a \$15-\$20 tip, as that stylist may be receiving only \$35 for the hour's work. But if a stylist down the street charges \$200 for the same service, you already have paid plenty for that person's time, and a tip is not necessary.

Tips are nice, but we would rather have a client's return business and the referrals of friends and family. — Any Stylist, Anywhere

Dear Any Stylist: We're not sure other stylists would agree with you, but we appreciate your take on the subject. Unfortunately, most clients do not know whether or not their hairdressers are earning minimum wage or a commission. We say, when in doubt, tip.

Dear Annie: My husband and I own a retail business that is a generous supporter of many local charity and community groups.

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