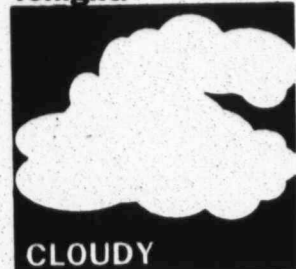


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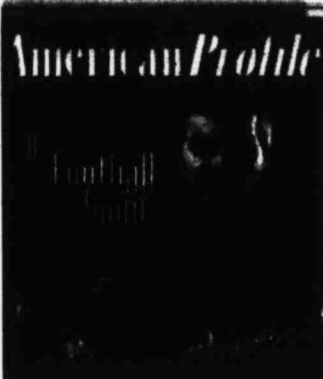
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THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Come Super Bowl Sunday, people in Ada, Ohio, (pop. 5,582) will be watching the game with pride, knowing that every football kicked, passed, or punted was cut, stitched, and tested at a factory in their town.

Ada is home to a Wilson Sporting Goods plant, which manufactures about 800,000 footballs a year, including 24,000 for the National Football League — 72 for the Super Bowl game.

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Veteran encourages citizens to display flag with respect

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

As many area residents continue to proudly display the U.S. flag in a show of patriotism, one local World War II veteran reminds the public that handling the flag properly also shows respect for those who fought for this country's freedom.

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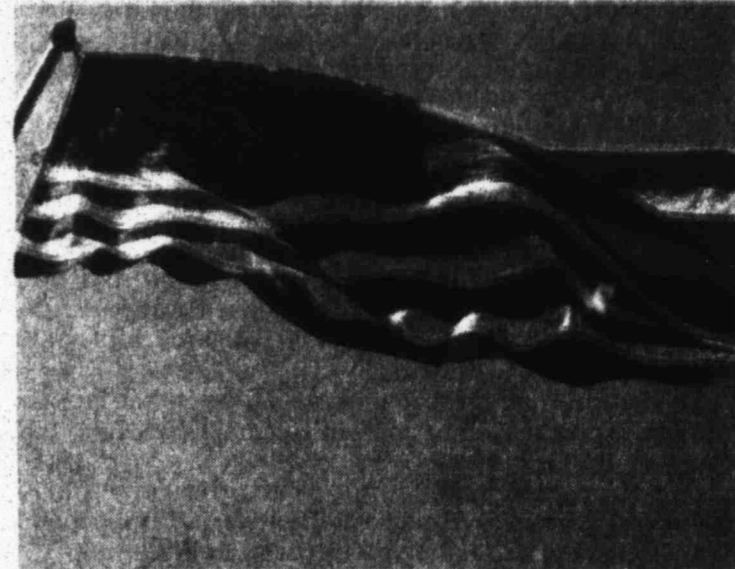
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- New Year's Day, Jan. 1
- Inauguration Day, Jan. 20
- ML King Jr.'s Birthday, Jan. 19
- Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12
- Washington's Birthday, Feb. 15
- Easter Sunday, April 11
- Mother's Day, May 9
- Armed Forces Day, May 15
- Memorial Day, May 31
- Flag Day, June 14
- Independence Day, July 4
- Labor Day, Sept. 6
- Constitution Day, Sept. 17
- Columbus Day, Oct. 11
- Navy Day, Oct. 27
- Veterans Day, Nov. 11
- Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25
- Christmas Day, Dec. 25

Betsy Ross to today and down along the way, people have lost their lives

fighting for that flag."

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Courtesy photo Citizens with worn or faded flags may contact the local VFW post which will make sure the flag is retired with respect.

Preparing for the worst

Drill helps state hospital employees remain on the alert

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Be prepared. It's the mantra of the Boy Scouts, but as the staff at the Big Spring State Hospital demonstrated Thursday morning, it's certainly not limited to campfires and scout badges.

The BSSH staff, along with ham radio operators in Big Spring and Austin, put their disaster preparedness to the test with a live-action drill that simulated the touch-down of a tornado at the facility's campus. Safety and Security Director Chris Churchwell said once the dust settled, he was satisfied with the actions of the hospital staff.

"I'm very pleased," Churchwell said only

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"We're throwing things in left and right that they're not expecting, and they have to be able to think on their feet. They really did an excellent job of that here today."

Chris Churchwell, Safety & Security Director



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins Big Spring State Hospital Service Assistant Jennifer Escobar, left, escorts Heather Jennings, System Support Specialist, out of a building during an emergency drill Thursday at the facility. BSSH employees worked through a scenario that involved a tornado striking the hospital campus.

ALON/BSISD Alliance allows better study of petroleum industry

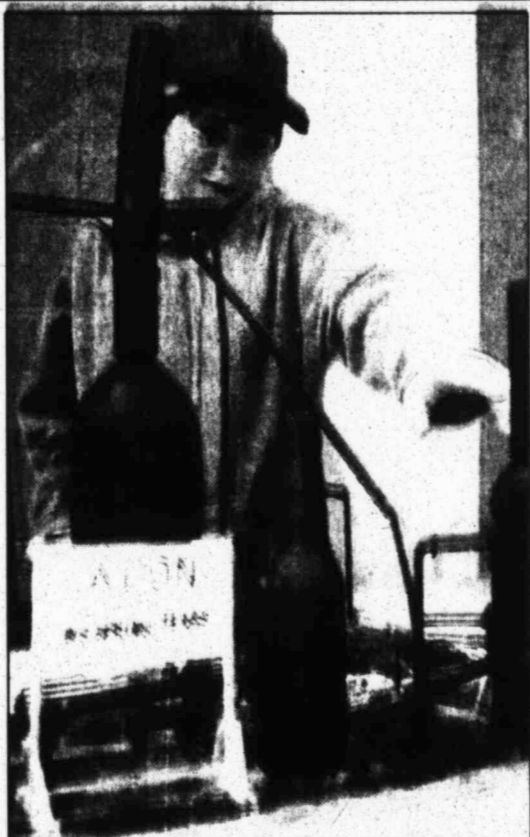
By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Nine days ago, a majority of Big Spring Independent School District students knew very little about one of the community's biggest businesses, ALON USA and petroleum refining.

On Thursday night, the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum concourse was filled with student projects showcasing the lessons learned during a two-week curriculum study centered on the Big Spring Refinery.

"It is outstanding," said Big Spring Refinery Manager Joe Conciene. "The exhibits speak for themselves. The quality, the variety, the amount of people here overall shows the amount of interest. ALON is very thankful that the school district had the foresight to think of this and allow us to participate in this."

In a cooperative effort by the Big Spring ISD and ALON, the district-created curriculum was a way for students to learn about one of Big Spring's most vital businesses during the Big Spring



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody Gollad Intermediate School sixth grader John Groves explains the function of each building in his model of the Big Spring Refinery site Thursday during the Big Spring Independent School District open house.

Refinery's 75th anniversary. "Everything was designed around our Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, which is our state curriculum," said

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School district trustees approve law firm

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring Independent School District trustees Thursday unanimously voted to hire the legal services of Underwood as general council.

The Amarillo-based law firm, which was recently hired by Sands Independent School District, lists Region 17 Education Center as one of its clients and has a branch office in

Lubbock.

The decision came after a meeting lasting two hours and 40 minutes, which included presentations from representatives of four law firms.

Winged 'Caddies' will fly into local airpark this month

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

More than a dozen Beechcraft Bonanza and Baron private aircraft will storm the Crossroads area, as the American Bonanza Society prepares to hold a fly-in later this month at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Local Bonanza enthusiast and society member Dr. Darryl Powell said members are expected to begin landing their planes at the airport around noon on Jan. 30. Powell and other local members plan to make it a weekend to remember for the pilots.

"We're expecting them to begin coming in around noon on that Friday," said Powell, who is coordinating the event. "Once they're here, we'll take them on a tour of Big Spring. We're planning on taking them to places like the Heritage Museum

and the Vietnam Memorial.

"I'll be hosting a special meal for the pilots at my home on Friday night, and local attorney Bob Miller will host dinner the following night. It should be a really fun time for everyone."

Powell said the idea for the fly-in started small, but quickly grew beyond his expectations. "When the American Bonanza Society first asked me to do a fly-in, we were only expecting five or six aircraft," he explained. "It drew a lot more interest than we expected, however, and we're now expecting somewhere between 12 and 15 aircraft to take part."

"We hope anyone that's interested in Bonanzas or Barons, both of which are manufactured by

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What: American Bonanza Society fly-in.

Where: McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

When: Noon, Friday, Jan. 30.

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Obituaries

Jean Phillips

Jean Phillips, 68, of Hachita, N.M., died on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004, in a Las Cruces hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church of Stanton with the Rev. Gene Wenette, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 23, 2004, at the funeral home.

She was born on Dec. 31, 1935, in Stanton, and married Kenneth B. Phillips on July 15, 1953.

Jean was a loving mother, grandmother, and friend. She was an avid reader and a Baptist.

Her survivors include her son, Kenny Phillips of Del Rio; her daughter and son-in-law, Dianna and Carl Wright of Alvarado; three grandsons, Hunter Wright and Travis Wright, both of Alvarado, and Jake Phillips of North Carolina.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Martin County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 929, Stanton 79782.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Take note

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

THE CLASS OF 1974 is looking for the following classmates, if your know where they are please notify Carol Boyd at 432-263-0486 or e-mail Guy Teague at gntea@ddraytech.net; Kim Adams, Stanley Adams, Steve Adams, Terry Allison, Beverly Anderson, Jim Archer, Albert Arriols, Teresa Atkinson, Shirley Atwell, Vicki Axelrod, Blaz Bailon, Diane Baldock, Jackie Barber, Debra Barksdale, Joyce Bennett, Sherri Bertan, Terry Billingsley, John Bowers, Richard Brackeen, Donna Brewer, Kathy Bull, Sherry Burgess, Mary Burke, Greg Burris, Carla Carter, Cindy Cole, Paula Collins, Michael Conley, Karen Conley Melendez, Linda Curtis, Janice Danford, Cynthia D'Angelo, Pam Daniels, Kay Davis, Lorraine Davis, Jimmey Dean, Donna DeFlicht, Joyce DeFlicht, Rosalinda Deleon, Cynthia Dennis, Wendell Dodson, James Dry, Pam Eisler, Dodie Evans, Cathy Ewing, Martha Eyssen, Steve Ferrell, Sandra Floyd, Ramon Franco, Sheri Fry, Karen Fuller, Mary Gainus, Victor Garcia, Lonnie Gary, Raul Garza, Ricky Gilliland, Sandra Gleason, Susan Gleason Williams, Belinda Gomez, Evelyn Gomez, Anna Maria Gonzales, Garland Green, Janis Gregg, Sarah Haas, Donna Hale, Sue Harris, Terry Harris, June Herdick Rhea, Adolpho Herrera, Cynthia Herron, Mitzi Hill, Tracy Hill, Babbette Huckaba, Debra Hurrington, Robert Jackson, Phil Johnson, Patricia Jordan, Calvin Juneck, Virginia Keathley, Matthew King, Patricia King, Kathy Kirksey, Ruth Knight, John Kushaney, Jeff Kuykendall, Barbara Landreth, Karen Lawler, John Lipscombe, Wayne Lister, Barry Loyd, Art Mackie, Rebecca Marin, Jerry Martin, Virginia Martinez, Beckie Mason, Susie McGuire, Mark McLeod, Walter McWhiter, Frances Meade, Patsy Medina, Henry Menchaca, Maria Mendoza, William Messenger, Jeff Miller, Ethel Minter, Barbara Morris, Paula Muskovin, Ronald Myrick, Marilyn Neill, Billy Nugent, Eva Palacios, Phil Parmenter, Vicki Patterson, Lana Perry Bruington, Iris Phillips, Randal Phillips, Cindy Phillips, Barbara Pierce, Carletta Pierce Roberts, Debra Pineda, Cherri Polanco, Eunice Ramirez, Libby Reed, Tony Reidy, Robert Renteria, Jackie Richards, Linda Richardson, Earl Richlart, Daniel Rivera, Bennett Robb, Patti Robertson, Vicki Robertson Martin, James Robinson, Johnny Rodriguez, Jerry Rogers, Martha Rogers, Danny Rountree, Mary Rubio Fierro, Priscilla Rudd Horn, Esperanza Salazar, Irene Saldivar, Carol Scott, Patrice Sherrill Fivash, Rita Sherrill Yeats, Terri Sledge, Doug Smith, Rickey Smith, Dennis Stevens, Harlan Stewart, Leatreca Stewart, Linda Stewart, Sharon Thorp, Sheryl Tibbs Allen, Carolyn Toaz, Tiburico Trevino, Alice Trevino Hernandez, Robbie Tubb, Joyce Turner, Sarah Vigil, Ken Walton, Joe Watson, Debra Way, Randy Weaver, Debbie Wheeler, Cindy Whitaker Jorgenson, Gary White, Kenneth Wilcox, Jimmy Wiley, Julie Williams, Kenneth Williamson, Monte Wood.

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.

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

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Police blotter

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

- TREVA HERNANDEZ**, 26, of San Angelo, was arrested Thursday on two local traffic warrants.
- CONNIE WHEELER**, 27, of 1700 Settles, was arrested Thursday on Nolan County warrants for issuance of a bad check and driving while license invalid.
- JOSHUA BROCK**, 24, of 605 S. Nolan, was arrested Thursday on three local traffic warrants and a capias warrant.
- JAVIER PINEDA**, 23, of 821 W. Sixth Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 500 block of Birdwell.
- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 3300 block of Drexel.
 - in the 700 block of Creighton.
- ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 1700 block of Harvard.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87.
 - in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 800 block of Creighton.
- FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- GUADALUPE MORENO III**, 17, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- CECILIA H. HYDEN**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft more than \$50, less than \$500.
- SELESTINO HERNANDEZ III**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor-third offense.
- NICHOLAS BRANDON READ**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- NICK HERNANDEZ**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- DAVID OLEARY**, 32, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of carrying a prohibited weapon and driving while intoxicated.
- HARVEY BLANTON THOMPSON**, 31, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a parole violation.
- CONNIE WHEELER**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check, two counts, and driving while license invalid.
- THEFT** was reported in the 100 block of Tubb Loop Road.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of Swinney Road.

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.

SUNDAY
□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 to 6 p.m.
□ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

TUESDAY
□ Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday.
The meeting will be held at Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., 1700 Lancaster, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call Raynetta Williams, caregiver coordinator, at (432) 563-1061 or (800) 491-4636 or locally call Debbie Read at Home Hospice at (432) 264-7599.
This group is open to the public and funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

THURSDAY
□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

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Today

Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance is held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited to attend.

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Signal Mt. Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information. Bring a lunch.

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Saturday

Dance at 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. A one time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, located in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport, is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit chair aerobics. People age 50 and older are invited to participate. Call 268-4721 for more information.

The public is invited to the evening Lions Club meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. at La Posada.

Tuesday

Intermediate Line Dance classes meet at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

Wednesday

Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 for more information.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 37-16-1-26-27.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-4-9

Weather

Tonight...Cloudy. A chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. Lows around 50. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.
Saturday...Partly cloudy. A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.
Saturday night...Breezy. Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. West winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to around 40 mph.
Sunday...Breezy. Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. West winds 15 to 25 mph.
Sunday night...Breezy. Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.
Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 60.
Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.
Tuesday and Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Lows in the lower 30s.
Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.
Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.
Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

Justice Department exposes counterfeiting ring

EL PASO (AP) — Fourteen people have been arrested after being charged by a federal grand jury with passing and selling counterfeit \$20 bills in the El Paso area, law enforcement officials said Thursday.

More than \$15,000 in counterfeit currency has been seized after the bills were detected by local banks and a few businesses, said Johnny Sutton, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas. Not all the bills have been recovered, and it is unclear how much may still be circulating.

Fourteen of the 15 people indicted have been arrested, and more arrests and seizures are expected, officials said.

"This is something that strikes at the heart of our community," Sutton said. "It impacts small businesses and women who are working hard and long hours to earn the money that they get."

No counterfeit bills from the ring have been discovered outside El Paso. The bills, which began appearing in November, were made on an offset press and were relatively high-quality, said Jim McGettigan, Secret Service special agent in charge.

Former top Enron accountant pleads innocent

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp.'s former top account-

ant pleaded innocent Thursday to conspiracy and fraud charges related to a series of alleged schemes to hide debt, pump up profits and polish the company's pre-scandal facade of success.

The charges against Richard Causey, 44, came a week after former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy and agreed to help prosecutors pursue possible cases against other top executives.

The indictment handed up Wednesday and unsealed Thursday alleged Causey was a "principle architect" of complicated plots to mislead investors.

The document noted Causey reported to Enron's chairman, chief executive officer and chief operating officer without specifically naming Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling, the men who held those positions in the years leading to Enron's 2001 collapse. Neither Lay nor Skilling has been charged, and both maintain their innocence.

"As charged, the seventh-largest corporation in America was, in reality, and unbeknownst to its shareholders, a precarious business propped up by accounting schemes, and in many areas, was failing," said prosecutor Sam Buell, a member of the Justice Department's Enron Task Force.

Texas could ban feeding animals in state parks

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Parks and Wildlife commissioners plan to vote next week on a rule banning

the feeding of animals in Texas' 120 state parks.

While prohibitions against feeding wild animals have existed in national parks since at least the 1940s, Texas may be the last state to establish such a rule, Walt Dabney, the state parks director, said in Friday editions of the Houston Chronicle.

The commissioners vote Thursday on the proposal, which would carry a \$500 fine for the offense.

Dennis Jones, interim manager at Brazos Bend State Park, said he hopes the rule will save humans from injury and help protect wildlife.

At the 5,000-acre preserve, people feed alligators despite warnings not to do it.

Mother of starved boy jailed on abuse charges

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The mother of a Bexar County boy who died of starvation while in the care of relatives has been arrested on felony abuse charges.

Liza Ochoa, 23, was arrested Thursday in San Antonio, four weeks after the death of 4-year-old Jovonie Ochoa. The boy's 25-year-old aunt, Delores Esqueda, was arrested on felony abuse charges Thursday in Kirby, the San Antonio Express-News reports in its Friday editions.

Authorities are attempting to hold Ochoa accountable for her son's death even though she wasn't living with him at the time and apparently visited him only once in the last six weeks of his life.

Esqueda, along with Jovonie's paternal grandmother and an uncle, were caring for the boy.

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Beechcraft, will come out and see these planes. The pilots would be more than happy to answer ques-

tions and that sort of thing for the public."

Powell said mention of the Beechcraft Bonanza or Baron to any private aircraft pilot or enthusiast always draws a special reaction.

"These are really the Cadillacs of the single engine private aircraft," he said.

"There's really a large array of them out there these days, but most pilots will agree the Bonanza is one of the best."

The American Bonanza Society is a group of 10,000-plus members who own, fly or have a sincere interest in Bonanza, Baron and Travel Air-type aircraft. According

to the organization's Web site, the group first got together to share information and experiences involving the operation and maintenance of the Beech-produced aircraft. For more information on

the American Bonanza Society, visit them online at www.bonanza.org.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

ALLIANCE

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BSISD Curriculum Director Richard Light. "We took the core subjects — science, social studies, math and reading — and integrated the production of projects into the course."

The curriculum focuses on four areas involving the refinery — environmental aspects, scientific principles, the economic impact on the communi-

ty and technological innovations throughout the years.

Although his father works in the petroleum industry, sixth-grader John Groves said he learned several new aspects about the field.

"I knew they sent gasoline but I didn't know they sent diesel and I didn't know that the refinery was that big until I toured it," Groves said.

Washington Elementary School teacher Barbara Ball said her students were fascinated with the vast impact the

petroleum industry has on everyday life.

"The kids enjoyed finding out that lipstick, crayons and bottoms of tennis shoes came from the same natural product," Ball said. "They really didn't know there was so much made from petroleum."

As the daughter of a former Big Spring Refinery employee, Moss Elementary School fourth-grade teacher Shelly Gomez said the curriculum was as much an educational experience for her as for her students.

"My father worked at the refinery and I never understood the complexities of his work," Gomez said. "I think my students now view ALON with a new perspective."

Goliad Intermediate School sixth grade teacher Gail Berringer, one of the teachers involved with the development of curriculum, said the actual implementation in classrooms far exceeded her expectations.

ALON officials are so impressed with the quantity and quality of the products,

Concienne said the company plans to display many of the exhibits during its main 75th anniversary celebration in May.

"This was a great partnership," he said. "We had the information, but the teachers had the expertise and the knowledge of the kids, and put together, it worked."

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

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moments after the all-clear signal was given, bringing the drill to a close. "As usual, our staff really did a good job. We do emergency response training out here because you never know when a disaster is going to strike. The staff is being continuously updated and trained on the subject, and today's drill is the part that actually checks the staff on its response. It helps answer questions such as, do they know their jobs? And at this point, I would have to say they do."

Churchwell said the drill simulated the injury or death of more than a dozen mock victims, who were trapped in one of the facility's buildings.

"We had a simulated tornado that touched down and hit Building 503 at approximately 9:15 a.m.," he said. "Prior to that, we simulated a warning from the

National Weather Service and sounded our siren, which signaled to the staff that there was some sort of emergency and everyone needed to go to the nearest designated shelter area."

"We had roughly 12 to 13 victims inside the building, who we set up in there to give our search and rescue and triage teams some experience. From there we basically worked the drill until we had the building clear, with some of the victims being treated here on campus and others being treated off campus."

While teams searched and tended to the wounded, Churchwell said local ham radio operators, led by radio enthusiast Raford Dunagan, took to the airwaves to test the possible need for communications during an emergency.

"During the drill, I invited members of the Big Spring Amateur Radio Club to come out and assist us with the communications part of this drill," said

Churchwell. "We simulated that all communications coming into or leaving the city of Big Spring were down. We had quite a few ham radio operators stationed throughout the city relaying messages."

"We also have a need to talk to our central office in Austin, and that part hasn't really been tried before. So I worked for the past couple of weeks to set up ham radio contacts in Austin, and today's event included not only radio traffic going from our hospital to local agencies, but also sent and received quite a few messages between here and Austin. The initial indications are that they did an excellent job."

System Support Specialist Iain Sloan headed the search and rescue team for the drill and said the curves they were thrown are an excellent way to prepare for the unthinkable.

"As with all search and rescue situations, we went in blind," said Sloan. "Knowing about the scenario beforehand

still doesn't help because we didn't know who was going to be in the building, or even where."

"Beforehand we were told not to look in rooms where the doors were locked, and as it turned out, some of the victims were behind locked doors. I think they were trying to fake us out."

Sloan and several members of the search and rescue team are no strangers to this type of training, having recently graduated from a community-based class designed to prepare citizens for such a situation.

"The CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training that some of the members of the search and rescue team received beforehand carried a great deal of weight in how we carried out the search," said Sloan. "Gloria Federson, from our communications department; Delbert Green, from the activities therapy department; and myself all went through CERT training together, and we were on the

search and rescue team for the drill today.

"The CERT training was paramount in importance for what we did today. The abilities we learned within the CERT training were the basis for it. It's how we performed the actions and carried out what we had previously been taught."

Churchwell said the state facility performs similar drills approximately twice a year, using the information gathered to better prepare the hospital staff for a disaster situation.

"We do this type of drill twice a year," he said. "It's very important because we can teach the staff how to respond and give them tests, both written and oral, and they generally do well on those. However, when you're in an actual emergency situation or drill

where you're not sure of all of the details and you have to respond, that's where we really get a feel as to whether or not people actually know this."

"We're throwing things in left and right that they're not expecting, and they have to be able to think on their feet. They really did an excellent job of that here today."

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FLAG

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said Leo Welch, a U.S. Army veteran and member of Big Spring's VFW post. "I knew some, personal friends of mine. We fought together. Some were killed the night they landed in Normandy. I'll always remember those guys. They were all my buddies."

Public Law 94-334, a joint resolution passed by the United States Congress, provides a guideline of dos and don'ts on how to properly display the U.S. flag.

Among those traditional customs, Welch points out that when the flag is raised, lowered or is passing in a review, everyone present should face the flag with hand over his or her heart. The exception is military personnel in uniform, who are to salute.

When carried in a parade with other flags, the U.S. flag should either

be at the front and center of the line or to the marching right of the other flags.

During Memorial Day, the flag is to be briskly raised in the morning to the top and then lowered to half-staff in honor of those who died in the service of their country. At noon the flag should be raised to the top again.

Flags displayed from a staff projecting from buildings or window sills should have the union displayed at the peak unless the flag is being flown at half-mast.

When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right. In a window, the union should be to the flag's right when viewed from outside.

When the flag is flown with flags or pennants of states, cities or societies, it should always be at the peak. When flown from adjacent staffs, the U.S.

flag should be hoisted first and lowered last.

Welch added that the public should pay close attention to the condition of the flag.

According to a pamphlet created by the Veteran's of Foreign Wars and Wal-Mart, flags may be washed and cleaned when soiled. When torn or frayed, the flag should be mended.

A worn, faded flag should be retired by first folding the flag and then placing it on a fire. The ashes should then be buried.

Welch added that those with worn or faded flags may contact the local

VFW post which will make sure the flag is retired with respect.

According to the city of Big Spring code enforcement office, there is no city ordinance in regard to worn and torn flags. However, federal code does state that no disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America.

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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:

• **ELMER F. "SMILEY" WILLIAMS** and others who helped bring the **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.** observance from the **VA MEDICAL CENTER.** And, organizers and participants of the annual Martin Luther King Jr. March in Big Spring.

• **SUSANNE REED**, who was named publisher of the *Herald*, and **CHUCK WILLIAMS**, who performed so capably for seven months as interim publisher.

• **THE HARLEY-DAVIDSON SHOP** and **HARLEY OWNER'S GROUP** for another incredible Boss Hogg Chili Cook-Off.

• **KIRK EDWARDS** and **KEL SELIGER** on garnering the most votes in the Senate 31 District special election. We wish you good luck in the runoff.

• **ALON USA BIG SPRING REFINERY** employees on the very detailed and enlightening curriculum they presented to **BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** students over the past two weeks.

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

May we concentrate our lives on things that are not seen, Lord, for the earthly things that are seen are only temporary.

Amen

We've got five tries to get it right

Isn't this a great District we live in? Where else would we get five cracks at the ballot box to elect one state senator? If that isn't democracy, I don't know what is.

This all began three days ago when voters (not to be confused with registered voters, most of whom were too busy fantasizing about becoming a star on American Idol to go to the polls) tried to elect a senator for District 31.

District 31, which is sorta shaped like an anemic Florida, worms its way from the top of the Texas Panhandle south to Crane County, somehow dodging Lubbock along the way. Like most districts in Texas, it was drawn up on an Etch-A-Sketch by a psychopath with mad cow disease, at night, wearing sunglasses, and in the dark.

Anyway, "try" to elect a senator is the key word, because with seven candidates in the race, it was virtually impossible that one of them would win 50 percent of the vote. Sure enough, no one did. Voters did what voters tend to do, vote for the candidate they know the best — except in Tennessee, of course. They gave the most votes

to Kel Seliger of Amarillo in the north and Kirk Edwards of Odessa in the south. Those two men will hold a runoff as soon as Gov. Rick Perry pulls away from his American Idol fantasy long enough to schedule the date. So, we'll have a runoff — a tiebreaker if you will — and one person will win. Stage Two will be complete and we can relax... until March.

See, the runoff is just to determine who will fill the unexpired senate term left vacant by Teel Bivins. The winner will serve only until next January.

Bivins, who no doubt is a good man but couldn't often remember directions to Howard County, is presumably headed for Sweden as our nation's ambassador. Apparently it wasn't cold enough for him in Amarillo.

In March, we move to Stage Three of democracy in action. Voters will go to the party primaries and do it all over again. You know all about the primaries. That's where the Republicans elect somebody that agrees to do what Tom DeLay wants and the Democrats elect someone that doesn't agree with anybody. There are other parties, of course, the Liberal Party, the Green Party, the Independent Party and so on. But no one takes them seriously. After all, they spend their time whining about the issues, refusing to face

the most important aspect of campaigning — plastering their name and face across every fence, billboard and television screen until it is seared into the voters' brains.

If you are a Democrat, you're spared a choice in March. Elaine King Miller, who finished fifth in the running Tuesday, is the only Democrat running. She's a lock for November. If you're a Republican, you get to choose from the same six Republicans who ran in Tuesday's election: Edwards, Seliger, Bob Barnes, Lee Gibson, Don Sparks and Jesse Quackenbush. Needless to say, the six-man Republican race could bring about, sigh, ANOTHER runoff, otherwise known as Stage Four.

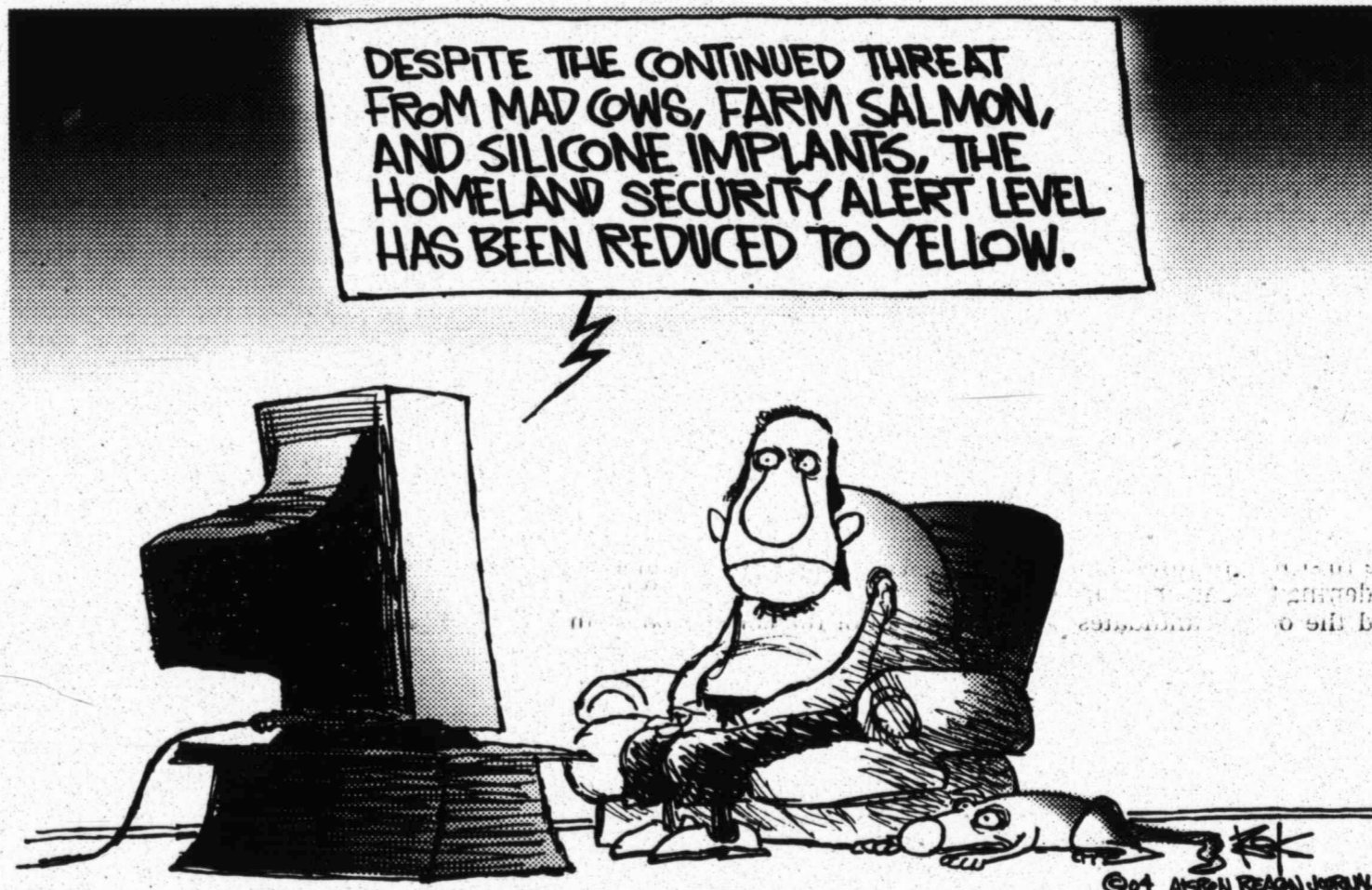
Finally, the whole issue will be settled in November during the general election, assuming voting clerks across the district haven't all quit by then and counties still have money to pay for it.

One more thing. Yes, it would be possible for Edwards or Seliger to win the unexpired term and get defeated in the primary — meaning we'd have elected someone who knows that in nine months they'll be handing the post over to someone they beat less than a month earlier.

That, folks, may not be democracy at its finest, but it's what we got.



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Dean staff: Drinking their own Kool-Aid

I think I know why the other night Howard Dean screamed like a squirrel who had just lost his nuts: He had just been told that New Hampshire voters were even more discerning than Iowa voters.

It is not merely that Howard Dean came in third in Iowa with only 18 percent of the vote.

No, the magnitude of his defeat is far more stunning than that: Dean campaigned in all of Iowa's 99 counties. He was organized in all them, had precinct captains, staffers, volunteers, and the whole kit and caboodle of modern, high-tech campaigning in all of them.

Dean ended up winning two. He won two counties and tied in two others. Out of 99! That is a staggering defeat.

I spent part of the weekend before the Iowa caucuses at Dean headquarters in Des Moines. Large groups of kids wearing orange stocking caps and carrying backpacks and laptops wandered in and out. Boxes of cell phones lay on the floor. Volunteers sat at tables making call after call.

I went to the inner sanctum: the second floor office of the Field Operations Group, where I was solemnly assured that "Dean is first or second in all but six counties in Iowa." I was given a Top Secret color-coded map, which proved — absolutely proved! — that Dean could not lose.

The numbers, I was told, were unbeatable: more than 2,000 volunteers arriving in Iowa in a single day. More than 200,000 doors to be knocked on. Each committed Dean voter to be contacted personally

each day by a Dean volunteer.

"It's about personal contact," a top Dean aide told me. "Our precinct captains have a personal relationship with each voter."

So what happened? I bet Howard Dean is asking himself that today.

First, how closely did we examine those groups of orange-hatted kids? How many were actual human beings, and how many were holographic projections?

Just kidding. Let's not blame the volunteers. Make no mistake: The failure of Dean in Iowa was not about his organization; it was about him.

I was as surprised as anyone. I should not have been. Last March, I wrote an entire story on presidential politics and likability.

"While there are certainly other, and perhaps better, reasons to elect a president," I wrote, "likability continues to be a major concern with candidates and the media as the 2004 presidential race gears up. Though likability is highly subjective, one could argue that from the election of Reagan to the present, the more likable nominee has won the presidency each time."

And how likable was Howard Dean in the last weeks of his Iowa campaign? How likable was he when he shouted down a questioner at one of his speeches? How likable was he when he ran negative ads attacking his fellow Democrats?

And if you were attracted to Howard Dean because he was a new, fresh, non-Washington face, how likable was he when he went grubbing after the old, stale and very-Washington endorsements of Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin and Al Gore?

And even if you don't like the news media, how likable was Dean on Election Day snapping at jour-

nalists because they had the audacity to show up at one of his public events? Or slapping away the microphone of a radio reporter because the reporter had the temerity to try to do his job?

I don't think the Dean staff lied to me. I just think they were drinking their own Kool-Aid. I think they were so deep into the mechanics of the campaign, they were ignoring the big picture — and the big picture was that voters who once liked Howard Dean no longer liked him.

The voters weren't going to say that to the earnest volunteers who came to their doors in the cold. No, the Dean voters simply went to the polls and voted for candidates they liked, candidates who were not Howard Dean.

Next Tuesday, the voters of New Hampshire will get their chance to decide about Howard Dean and the other Democrats running for president.

"Angry Howard" has gotten Howard Dean quite far. It has gotten him \$41 million, a first place ranking in the national polls and a huge organization.

"Angry Howard" did not get him Iowa, however. And one reason he has been acting so goofy lately is because he is terrified it will not get him New Hampshire, either. Dean is not just a candidate in search of a new message. He is a human being in search of a new personality.

In the end, campaigns are not about machinery or color charts or phone banks. In the end, campaigns are about campaigning.

In the end, campaigns are about a candidate who has something to say and knows how to say it.

In other words, Howard Dean has his work cut out for him. © 2004 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

Latest

By Dominic Sam Knight Ridder News Service
Paul Robeson, crusader for social justice and abolitionist, died Tuesday with a commemorative statue in the Black Hebrew Zion Church in Newark, N.J. Robeson was a star in football, track and American football. He was a baritone, he was the world's premier.

But he paid the price for his activism. He was one of the first to be ostracized in the South.

Robeson (1898-1963) in Princeton, N.J., was a runaway slave and abolitionist. He was a Quaker mother's son and a brilliant student in law. He earned a four-

Dem

MANCHESTER (AP) — Girding for the final weekend of Hampshire's primary, the Democratic presidential race is seeking to answer doubts about electability when they are President Bush.

Howard Dean, raspy and still stumbling, is drubbing in the caucuses, sought by his insurgent during a final Thursday night.

"If we're will anything we have to get elected, it's going to lose," said Dean. "We have to believe, whether we win or not."

John Kerry, the first test in widening the gap and the other in New Hampshire.

NASA

PASADENA, Calif. — Anxious NASA engineers sent the Mars rover Spirit Friday as the agency diagnoses and patch up the robotic patient's Spirit rover transmitting data from Mars.

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Latest stamp in Black Heritage Series honors social activist

By Dominic Sama

Knight Ridder Newspapers
Paul Robeson, the celebrated crusader for social justice at home and abroad, was honored Tuesday with a 37-cent commemorative stamp that continues the Black Heritage Series.

Robeson was a talented presence as an end and a linebacker in football, twice earning All-American honors. As a powerful baritone, he was hailed at the world's premier opera houses.

But he paid dearly for speaking out against racism while segregation was tolerated. For years, many in his own country ostracized him.

Robeson (1898-1976) was born in Princeton, N.J., the son of a runaway slave preacher and an abolitionist Philadelphia Quaker mother. He was a brilliant student in high school and earned a four-year academic



scholarship to Rutgers University, where he was valedictorian of his senior class. On the football field, Robeson — who stood about 6 feet 2 inch-

es tall and weighed about 220 pounds — played end and blocker on offense and what is now middle linebacker on defense. He also punted, kicked off and kicked extra points and was named as All-American in 1917 and 1918.

He encountered racism on the gridiron in 1916 when he was forced to sit out an important game at the insistence of the visiting Washington & Lee team, which refused to play against a black man. The game ended in a 13-13 tie.

Robeson entered Columbia Law School and paid his way by playing professional football on weekends, earning a reported \$500 per game. He secured a position with a New York law firm after graduation, but quit when a stenographer refused to take a memo from him. He then pursued his early love of the arts and public speaking.

In the 1920s and '30s, Robeson found small roles as an actor and moved up to leading roles, including a role in "The Emperor Jones" in 1933. After an opening-night performance of the work in London, Robeson was showered with 12 encores.

He parlayed his rich baritone into an enduring career in opera, performing before segregated audiences at home but hailed openly in Europe. After a visit to the then Soviet Union, he espoused social justice for all people, including colonized Africa. He was far ahead of his time.

Robeson sang before the troops in World War II, but opposed the Cold War.

He refused to say if he was a Communist (he wasn't), and in 1950, the State Department revoked his passport and concerts were canceled.

The U.S. Supreme Court

restored his passport eight years later, and Robeson left to live and perform in Europe. With his health dented by years of hardship and depression, he twice attempted suicide.

Robeson returned to the United States in 1963, and lived his final years quietly in Philadelphia. The Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission and the White House have recognized his West Philadelphia home as a national historic preservation site.

A slight Robeson suffered during his gridiron days was corrected in 1995, when he was posthumously inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Information on the stamp is available at www.USPS.com.

First-day requests should be sent to Paul Robeson Stamp, Postmaster, 213 Carnegie Center, Princeton, NJ, 08540-9991.

Democrats argue over who can defeat Bush

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Girthing for the final weekend before New Hampshire's leadoff primary, the Democratic presidential rivals are seeking to answer lingering doubts about their electability while sharpening their attacks on President Bush.

Howard Dean, his voice raspy and his campaign still stumbling from a drubbing in the Iowa caucuses, sought to reclaim his insurgent message during a final debate Thursday night.

"If we're willing to say anything we have to say to get elected, then we're going to lose," Dean said. "We have to say what we believe, whether it's popular or not."

John Kerry, winner of the first test in Iowa and widening the gap on Dean and the other candidates in New Hampshire polls,

looked at times like he was trying to debate Bush and not his Democratic rivals.

"The president is talking about a very different world than every one of us," the Massachusetts senator said.

"I will put America back to work."

Seven of the Democratic rivals met in a two-hour campaign debate, largely lacking the fire and sniping of earlier encounters in a race that's been jumbled in its opening week. Much of the attention was on Dean, who has been forced to explain a raucous speech he gave after finishing third in Iowa's leadoff caucuses.

"I'm not a perfect person," he said.

"A lot of people have had fun with my Iowa rallies."

Virtually all of the contenders sought to make

the case they offer the best chance for Democrats to oust Bush, an issue that polls have shown is high on the list of concerns for Democratic activists.

North Carolina Sen. John Edwards argued that Democrats can no longer afford to cede the South to Republicans, and argued that his Southern twang was key to victory in that region.

"I grew up in the rural South," Edwards said. "I know inside what people care about."

Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman, bragging that he's the Democrat Republicans most fear, vigorously defended his backing for the war in Iraq, conceding it had cost him in some Democratic circles.

"When it comes to our troops in battle, I will never say no, period,"

Lieberman said. "We owe them our lives and our liberties, and they deserve our unwavering support."

Retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark, back in the mix after skipping the Iowa contest, made the case that Democrats no longer can afford to cede "family values" as an issue to Republicans, and sought to dispel worries that he's a newcomer to the Democratic banner.

"I'm in this party now and I bring a lot of other people to the party," he said. "That's what we need to win in November."

The Democrats charged that Bush's policies have shortchanged the middle class and burdened troops called up by the thousands for overseas duty.

The debate was closely watched because the dynamics of the

Democratic contest shifted sharply this week when Kerry won Iowa's leadoff test, and one-time front-runner Dean finished third. That showing, coupled with a concession speech that's become fodder for late-night talk shows and Internet pundits, has put the spotlight on Dean's effort to recover.

His campaign was hoping for a strong debate showing to begin putting the speech behind him in the closing days of the New Hampshire campaign.

In a debate that largely featured reprises of campaign stump speeches, some didn't see such a breakthrough.

"Nobody stood out. Nobody faltered," said Donna Brazile, who helped run the Democrats' 2000 campaign. "He (Dean) still

hasn't regained his footing."

"He is in a bad box," Democratic strategist Dane Strother said.

The mild tenor of the debate reflected lessons the rivals may have learned from earlier tests. Dean and Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri exchanged spirited jibes in the Iowa campaign, but finished third and fourth, respectively. That rocked Dean's campaign and forced Gephardt from the race.

Several of the contenders passed up opportunities to criticize one another — chances they might have leapt at in earlier encounters.

"This is a time to be affirmative. I'd say nice try," Lieberman told one questioner who had invited him to make a critical comparison with other Democrats on the stage.

NASA hopes to diagnose Mars rover problem

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Anxious NASA engineers sent more signals Friday as they tried to diagnose and possibly patch up their ailing robotic patient after the Spirit rover stopped transmitting data from Mars.

NASA hoped communication with the six-wheeled rover would resume Friday morning after two days without receiving any significant data — a potentially calamitous turn that project manager Pete Theisinger called "a very serious anomaly."

Orlando Figueroa, director of NASA's Mars exploration program, told CNN on Friday morning that NASA had sent signals to the rover and were waiting to hear back from it.

Engineers hope Spirit will manage to send some engineering data, which can be used to assess the health of the spacecraft, pinpoint any problems and allow NASA to begin working on a potential fix or fixes. Officials had said the next best opportunity for actual data to come from the rover was between 6 a.m. and noon EST Friday.

Since Wednesday, its 19th day on Mars, the Spirit has sent back to Earth only meaningless radio noise or simple beeps acknowledging receipt of commands.

Among the possible causes: a corruption of its software or computer memory. If the software is

awry, NASA can fix it from Earth by beaming patches across more than 100 million miles of space or by rebooting the rover's computer. But if the problem lies with the rover's hardware, the situation would be far more grave — perhaps beyond repair.

Baffled scientists struggled to pinpoint the trouble.

"It is precisely like trying to diagnose a patient with different symptoms that don't corroborate," said Firouz Naderi, manager of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory Mars exploration pro-

gram.

Spirit is one-half of an \$820 million mission. Its twin, Opportunity, is expected to land on Mars late Saturday. The twin rovers are supposed to examine the Red Planet's dry rocks and soil for evidence that it was once wetter and more hospitable to life.

Until Wednesday, Spirit had functioned almost flawlessly and NASA scientists and engineers had been jubilant.

Cushioned by its air bags, the rover made a bull's-eye landing, surviving what was by far the most dangerous part of

the mission — the descent through the atmosphere at 12,000 mph. Then on Jan. 15, in another nail-biting moment for NASA, the rover safely rolled down a ramp onto Mars' ruddy soil without becoming snagged.

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Church news

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church will observe Ecumenical Sunday on Jan. 25. Dr. Dave Ring's sermon is titled "We're All in This Together." Scripture text comes from I Corinthians 12:12-31. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. Worship services are held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church will host a joint area Methodist worship on Sunday evening at 6 p.m. The Rev. Gene Weinette from Stanton will be the featured speaker.

Sign-ups for the Leap Year Day Talent Show continue. Talent includes music, drama, dance, comedy, etc. Spiritual is preferred but clean, secular renditions are permitted. The show will be held Sunday evening, Feb. 29. For more information, contact JoAnn Knox or Murray Murphy.

Dates are left on the calendar for those who would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday morning. Contact the church office to sign up.

The Chancel Choir is looking for new members. Anyone who would like to sing in the choir on Sunday mornings should attend choir practice on

Wednesday at 7 p.m. Bell Ringers also invite new members. Bell rehearsal is held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. For more information, contact Jim Wright, music minister.

United Methodist Women group meets this week. The Reba Thomas Circle meets Tuesday at 2 p.m. and the Downtown Circle meets Thursday at noon. Anyone attending Downtown Circle should bring a lunch. Drinks and dessert are provided.

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

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's. This Sunday is our annual parish meeting. Therefore, there will be only one Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting immediately will follow this service. Sunday school for all ages will be held at its regular time, 9:30 a.m. Evening prayers are said Monday through Friday at 5:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel. For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201, or visit the Web at www.stmarysbst.org.

St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church Sunday worship services begin at 11 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Sunday evening worship services begin at 5 p.m. Wednesday Bible study is held at 5 p.m. Calvary Baptist Church, an evangelical Baptist church, is located at 1200 West 4th Street. Herb McPherson is the pastor. All are welcome to the church where Biblical preaching, singing the old time Christian hymns and solid Christian fellowship abounds. Call 263-4242 for more information.

First Baptist Church

Sunday at 7 p.m., the Stamps Quartet will perform in concert at First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700. All are invited to enjoy an evening of gospel music at its finest. There is no admission charge. A love offering will be taken to help support these men in their ministry. All are invited to attend any of the church's worship services. To receive information about activities, call 267-8223.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will teach from Luke 4:14-21 Sunday, Jan. 25 at 11 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten at 10:35 a.m. Working Women's Bible Study is held on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. and choir practice begins at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. Plans are being completed on a youth trip to be held Jan. 30 through Feb. 1 at Prude Ranch. All are welcome to First Presbyterian located at Runnels and 8th streets, phone 263-3695.

Airport Baptist Church

Sunday worship services at Airport Baptist Church begin at 11 a.m. and Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Sunday evening services are held at 6 p.m. Located at 1208 Frazier

St. Paul observes pastor installation

St. Paul Lutheran Church congregation will celebrate the installation of their pastor, the Rev. Wayne K. Frost, at 4 p.m. Jan. 25. The installation ceremony will be led by the Rev. James R. Linderman, president of the Texas District Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Street the church pastor is Bill Ballard. Call 263-4443 for more information.

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

Located at 201 East 24th Street Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church Sunday worship services are held at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bible study is held each Wednesday at 7 p.m. and all are welcome to study and participate in worship under the pastorate of Pastor Elder Machiavello. For more information on the church and its weekly services, contact Pastor

Machiavello at 267-7558 or 267-6543.

First Assembly of God Church

Sunday worship begins at 10:45 a.m.; Bible study is held at 9:45 a.m.; children's church is at 10:45 a.m. Prayer meetings are held at 5:15 p.m. Sundays; family night is held Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Call 267-7971 for more information.

Organist recital at First Presbyterian Church in Midland

Sigurd Ogaard will perform the next program in the Recital Series at First Presbyterian Church in Midland at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 25.

Ogaard is an organist from Norway, currently serving as guest organist for First United Methodist Church of Lubbock. Currently pursuing a master's degree in choral conducting at Texas Tech University, he studied organ at Grieg Academy in Berlin. He has performed more than 80 solo recitals in Norway, Germany, the U.S.A. and England.

First Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Texas and A streets. For more information, call 684-7821.

Pre-Super Bowl barbecue feast to be held

A pre-Super Bowl barbecue will be held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church from 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 31 in the Father Beasley Hall.

Barbecue briskets will be complemented with potato salad, beans, bread, dessert and beverages.

Cost of the meal is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age 10 and under.

The church is located at 1009 Hearn St. Call the church for more information, 267-4125.

...and 'They are precious in His sight'

As we approach "Sanctity of Life" Sunday, I am reminded of the reality of what we have become as a nation.



PASTOR'S NOTEBOOK
ROGER HUFF

"What is that?" We have become a nation where it is more honorable to protect the innocent unborn baby owl, baby seal or baby whale than it is to protect the innocent unborn child. I have still to come to a reasonable explanation why the instinctual animals (those animals who live by instinct rather than reason) of the animal kingdom have become more important and precious than the rea-

soning animals (human beings) who were specifically created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27) and who provide us with a far more productive life than those of wild animals.

What wild animal has ever led a nation as president? What wild animal has ever taught in the classroom and mentored a child? What wild animal has ever written notes on a page that have brought comfort to thousands of people? What wild animal has ever written a novel or poetry that will calm the sleepless night of a young child? Yes, wild animals have a purpose in this world. Some are a food source for humans and other wild animals, some are a nature balancer in the wild and even in our agricultural fields, some even provide comfort and friendship at the domestic level, but is this cause to put them on par with the human life created by God?

I propose we have

turned our world upside down by placing more value on wild animals than we do on the unborn child.

Some contest it is a choice we are guaranteed by the laws of our land. I propose it is a choice—but not a choice after the child is conceived, but a choice before the child is conceived. In America we have become a people of instant gratification and a people with a throw away mentality. We buy things we don't need with instant cash we don't have and we throw away things two-thirds of the world would give their life savings to have.

That same mentality has set the standard in dealing with unwanted results of insatiable appetite for sex. We want all the gratification of what God intended for joy and procreation for the married couple, but none of the responsibility of the results. It is easier to elevate the beasts of the air, sea and fields to a position of protection than

it is for us to take responsibility for our irresponsibility in ignoring the laws of God, and recklessly dispose of the unwanted result—an unborn child.

As a Christian and minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I call particularly on the Christian community to break your code of silence in this matter and speak out not only for the sanctity of the life of the unborn, but for the sacredness of all human life—young, old, disabled, mentally retarded and any other person who has been deemed unwanted or unnecessary. I fear the judgement of Almighty God, and Creator of Heaven and Earth, will soon fall upon not just our nation, but particularly on the silent church. A church, which, for some strange reason, has decided it is not their

responsibility to speak out against sin when they see it. I may be in a minority of pastors in our community, but let this article serve as notice—I still believe sin is sin against the One who brings life and takes life. He is the only One who can and

will determine the beginning and end of life.

Jeremiah 1:4-5: "The word of the Lord came to me, saying, Before I formed you in the womb I knew you..."

Roger Huff is pastor of Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene.

Serving America

Navy Chief Petty Officer Joseph C. Spindler

Navy Chief Petty Officer Joseph C. Spindler and his fellow crew members recently hosted actor Ben Affleck aboard the USS Enterprise in the Arabian Gulf.

Spindler is the son of Joe C. and Vera J. Spindler of Coahoma. He is a 1989 graduate of Coahoma High School and joined the U.S. Navy in 1989.

Affleck posed for photographs and accoladed the crew saying, "Thank you for your dedication, your service to the Navy and to this country. You are loved and missed back home and we await your safe return."

Carriers such as the Enterprise are deployed worldwide to maintain a U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. The ship is providing close air support to ground units in Iraq as part of the Navy's 5th Fleet.

Searching for everyday heroes

A new program recognizes everyday heroes.

Sarah Yourman is a 13-year-old with cystic fibrosis, diabetes and Crohn's Disease. She competitively participates in a number of sports and maintains a Web site to teach others that life does not stop with a life-threatening illness. Her advice is to become "an inspiration to others. Your efforts make a difference."

She has been nominated

for the Volvo for Life Awards—a national search for and celebration of everyday heroes.

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Tattoos popular with white collars

MIAMI—Once in vogue with bikers and sailors, tattoos achieved mainstream popularity a decade ago, adorning the skin of celebrities, models and professional athletes.

Today, one in every 10 Americans has a tattoo, up from one out of a hundred three decades ago, according to the Alliance of Professional Tattooists, a nonprofit educational group based in Annapolis, Md.

"I've tattooed everybody—doctors, city councilmen, police officers," says alliance executive director Dennis Dwyer. He's even tattooed permanent eyebrows on the face of an Arizona state legislator. "It's become more socially acceptable."

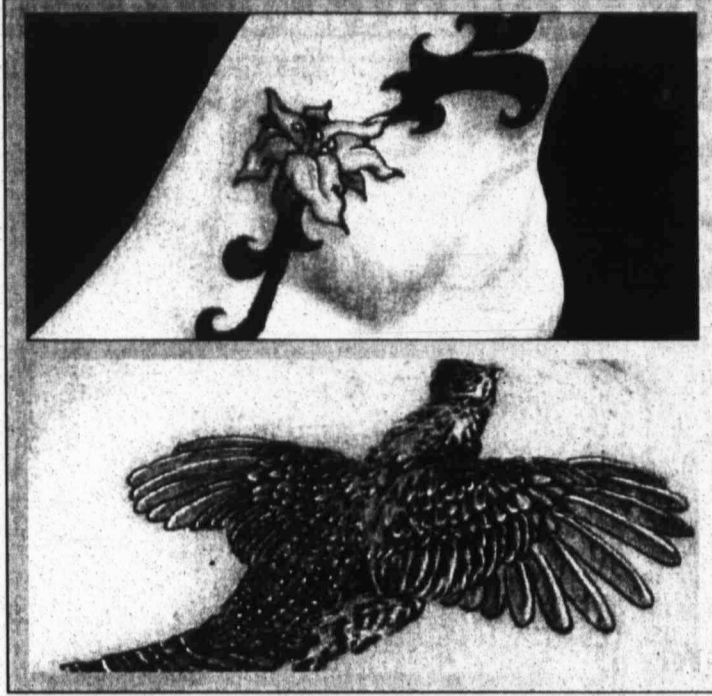
Indeed, skin art has crept into the white-collar world of lawyers, accountants and high-powered executives. But how socially acceptable are tattoos in the workplace?

Though times have changed, most office workers still want to be discreet when it comes to their tattoos, Dwyer says.

"They want a certain mystique," he says.

"They pick an area they can cover with clothing. Common spots are the back, ankle and deltoid. You can show it with a tank top or a short-sleeved shirt. But the neck and face? I'm not sure our culture is ready for that."

Adam Miller agrees with covering tattoos at work. A 29-year-old creative writer at a downtown Miami law firm, Miller had his left upper



It is estimated one in every 10 Americans has a tattoo.

forearm inked with a portrait of Edgar Allen Poe while he was a junior at Florida State University. Because of the location of the tattoo, he says, he's never had a problem at work.

"I don't even know that they know I have it," he says. "There aren't a whole lot of situations where anyone at work would see it."

Miller cautions other curious colleagues against displaying tattoos at work: "That was one thing former FSU President Sandy D'Alemberte said at graduation don't get a tattoo that will show at your job interview."

Danna Can, however, unintentionally flashed hers, and her boss says it probably helped her land the job.

A 30-year-old public relations account executive at DJS Marketing in

Coconut Grove, Can got a tattoo of an angel on her inner ankle when she was 17.

"At the time, it was very cool and edgy," she says. "A lot of women have them, but I'm a professional woman now, and I think it sends the wrong message about who I am."

Her boss, Deborah Scarpa, the owner of the marketing agency, disagrees. She noticed Can's tattoo as Can was leaving after their job interview and says she was impressed.

"I think it's very cool," Scarpa says. "Donna is a very beautiful, elegant woman. The tattoo made me realize she has a lot of diversity to her. I found it intriguing. In the type of business I am in, you don't want someone who's boring. You want someone with an edge." Can admits hers is "not

a conservative industry. When the weather is warm, I wear skirts so you can see it. But I think it's something people judge you on."

While skin art may intrigue some office workers, for others, its time has passed.

Margie Estrada regrets getting her tattoos. A real estate paralegal at Meland Russin and Hellinger in Miami, Estrada got her skin tattooed with a black heart above her ankle, a tear on the left side of her chest and a shooting star on her back in a moment of impulse in December 1999.

"I didn't really discuss it with anyone because they would have talked me out of it," the 33-year-old says. "They were novel for about three months."

She says she's received a couple of negative reactions from co-workers and others, including her 7-year-old daughter, and now she wants to get them removed.

"It hasn't exactly been a positive experience having them, and I realize I did it in an impulsive moment," she says. "Had I thought it through, I wouldn't have done it. Now that I've had them a while, I realize they're not me."

Likewise, Miller won't be adorning his body again. "I was considering getting a raven, to follow the whole Poe theme," he says. "But it's like skydiving: I did it once, and I liked it, but I don't think I'll do it again."

Story by Gregory Schmidt, Knight Ridder Newspapers.

Club news

Stamp Club

The Stamp Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29, at the postal facility at Midland International Airport. Enter the building from the east side, off Wright Drive. The meeting is open to those who have an interest in stamps. A stamp exhibit and swap meet are planned. Evaluations will be available. For more information: Mike at 699-0202.

Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library (FOL) met Jan. 15 at noon at the Howard County Library.

President Jo Ann Staulcup thanked all members who helped decorate a spot for the Festival of Lights and those who assisted in Make a Difference Day. New copies were purchased by the Friends and are available for public use. In new business, Friends voted to assist with the celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday to be held at the library for children of the community on March 2. Friends will provide refreshments for the party, which was attended by 200 children last year. After discussion of the annual book sale, dates were set for Sept. 17, 18 and 20. There was brief discussion of possible participation in community activities for 2004 and this will be discussed further at next meeting. Bill Cox reported that the Permian Chapter of Texas Historical Association will hold its annual meeting Oct. 13 and suggested FOL consider being a part of it. All Friends

were asked to consider what else to do this year and submit suggestions at later meetings. The next meeting will be held at noon Thursday, Feb. 19, at the library. The public is welcome.

Mary Jane Club

Mary Jane Club of Coahoma met Jan. 8 at Jane Phinney's home for a regular meeting. Patricia Barr served as co-hostess. After a short business meeting Joyce Choate gave a program on The Holy Land from a trip taken there in July 1998. The next meeting will be in March for a trip to Midland Community Theater and dinner for a "Ladies Night Out."

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The tulip: elegant but tough

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This offers them good protection from the severe cold. In quite a few of these species the inner side of the skin that covers the bulb is covered with a thick hairy layer that provides extra protection. Not surprisingly these types are often called "wooly tulips."

Given this natural proclivity for high places, it is all the more remarkable that the Dutch should become known for growing tulips when their country is largely situated below sea-level and "enjoys" winters that are more wet than they are cold. Since these are not conditions that make tulips happy, the Dutch have invented systems that provide winter soil drainage.

All through the sandy coastal bulb growing regions one sees farm fields ringed by drainage ditches that draw surplus water quickly from the fields.

From the ditches the water flows to canals that flow to the sea. With a country below sea-level, it is not unusual to see water canals flowing through embankments that tower above the surrounding fields.

Turkey: place of tulip origin?

Today most people (even in the Netherlands) still say that tulips originally came from Turkey and that is where their natural habitat is.

But this is only partly true. A significant percentage of the tulips cultivated in the Netherlands originated from areas now considered part of Russia, around the Black Sea, in the Crimea, and from the steppes located north of the Caucasus.

However in the 1500s when the tulips were first introduced into Europe, these areas belonged to what was called the great Ottoman Empire, also known as the Turkish Empire or Persia. It is known that the Turks were cultivating tulips as early as 1,000 A.D.

Before tulips ever reached Europe, they had enjoyed a long and rich cultural history in Persia.

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Mavericks crush Lakers

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks not beat the Los Angeles Lakers often know how to when they're in. Antawn Jamison leading an 18-point spurt in the quarter that Mavericks injury-depleted 106-87 Thursday keeping alive both teams.

Dallas went straight, struck the best run of the season to matching blowout victory enjoyed early when the Mavericks without Shaquille O'Neal.

They are not they're also MVP Bryant and Kobe Bryant. As a result, dropped three and four of them. They've also straight on the longest skid since 1964.

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See MAVS, PAGE 4

CJHS Colorado City, 4

By BRANDON

Special to the... The Coahoma High School grade Bulldog back from the of the season end by upsetting Colorado City a 43-32 margin. Coahoma just a early 12-4 lead quarter of play looked back.

The Bulldog extended the 26-10 heading half.

Colorado City furious come second half. outscored Coahoma 26-16 clip over two periods.

P.J. Daylon Bulldog attacking the Colorado defense for Donnie Garcia while Jovi Braden Griffin for 12, hitting and five, resp

Sports

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Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
The Howard College Hawks ran their season record to 13-4 Thursday.

Goff, Hawks' defense deal NMMI 67-65 loss

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

ROSWELL, N.M. — Winning close games is becoming a habit for the Howard College Hawks. Howard College outscored the New Mexico Military Institute Broncos by a 10-3 margin over the final 4:27 of play Thursday night and completed a two-game sweep through the Land of Enchantment with a 67-65 victory.

With the win, the Hawks, a 76-75 winner over New Mexico

Junior College on Monday, moved into a tie with Midland College for second place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings. Both teams are now 3-1 and trail defending WJCAC champion South Plains by one game.

Defense — and the outside shot of sophomore guard Steve Goff — saved the Hawks down the stretch. NMMI held a lead with 4:17 left in the game before Goff and the Hawks slammed the door.

Trailing by a 62-60 margin, Goff

gave Howard a lead it would not relinquish again by burying a three-point shot from the right corner at the 3:52 mark. The last of his five treys, the shot gave the Hawks a 63-62 advantage.

Joe Powell and freshman forward Steve Story put the Hawks in complete control from there. After Powell had drawn a charge from New Mexico's Tyler DeGroot, Story powered his way inside for a basket and a three-point lead, at 65-62, with just over a minute remaining.

See **HAWKS**, Page 2B

IN BRIEF

Lady Steers, Steers return to play today

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers and Steers will return to action today.

The Lady Steers, 5-17 and 0-4, will continue District 4-4A play by hosting the Andrews Lady Mustangs. The girls will begin play at 6 p.m.

The BSHS boys will face Andrews at 8 p.m.

YMCA swim team spots available

The Big Spring Family YMCA swim team has positions open.

To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, athletes must be at least six years of age and able to swim two lengths of the pool with proper rotary breathing. Swimmers are responsible for annual USS registration, all entry fees and equipment and all transportation and meals at meets.

For more information call Dolline Budke at 264-8252 or 263-4505.

Ten Star seeking all-star applications

Applications are being accepted for the Ten Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible.

For more information call (704) 373-0873.

BSHS swimmers face 4-4A meet today

Big Spring High School swim team will try and nail down the District 4-4A swimming title today when it travels to Fort Stockton.

The 4-4A meet will continue through Saturday.

Hawks to hold 'Pack the Coliseum' night

Howard College will be holding a "Pack the Coliseum" night on Monday when the Lady Hawks and Hawks host Odessa College. Any fans attending the game wearing red will be admitted free.

Also on tap to perform are the Sweetwater Intermediate School Jump Rope Team. The group will perform its routines during halftime of both games. The Trinity Baptist Church trio of Steve Moses, Tim and Debbie Dunn will sing the national anthem.

The games will begin at 6 p.m.

BSJHS girls to face Andrews on Monday

The Big Spring Junior High School Lady Steers will continue their season on Monday by hosting the Andrews Junior High School Lady Mustangs.

The two teams are scheduled to begin play at 5 p.m. in the BSJHS gym.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule	
Jan. 23	Event, Time, Station
	Spurs vs. Phoenix, 9 p.m., 1490
Jan. 24	Event, Time, Station
	Spurs vs. New Orleans, 7 p.m., 1490
Jan. 25	Event, Time, Station
	Mavericks vs. Sacramento, noon, 1490
Jan. 26	Event, Time, Station
	Lady Hawks vs. Odessa, 5:45 p.m., 1490
	Hawks vs. Odessa, 8:45 p.m., 1490

Mavs crush ailing Lakers

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks might not beat the Los Angeles Lakers often, but they know how to kick them when they're down.

Antawn Jamison scored 26 points in 27 minutes, leading an 18-2 tiebreaking spurt in the third quarter that sent the Mavericks past the injury-depleted Lakers 106-87 Thursday night, keeping alive streaks for both teams.

Dallas won its sixth straight, stretching its best run of the season. The Mavs also came close to matching the 26-point blowout victory they enjoyed early last season when the Lakers were without Shaquille O'Neal.

They are now, too, and they're also missing Kobe Bryant and Karl Malone. As a result, they've dropped three straight and four of five games. They've also lost nine straight on the road, their longest skid since dropping 10 in a row in 1963-64.

Los Angeles put up a bit of a fight, erasing a 13-point halftime deficit in the first four minutes of the third quarter when Slava Medvedenko hit a jumper that tied it at 65.

Then Jamison took over, hitting a layup and two free throws for some breathing room. After Devean George scored for See **MAVS**, Page 2B

CJHS clips Colorado City, 43-32

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Junior High School seventh grade Bulldogs bounced back from their first loss of the season last weekend by upending the Colorado City Wolves by a 43-32 margin.

Coahoma jumped out to an early 12-4 lead after one quarter of play and never looked back.

The Bulldogs then extended the margin to 26-10 heading into the half.

Colorado City staged a furious comeback in the second half. The Wolves outscored Coahoma by a 26-16 clip over the final two periods.

P.J. Daylong paced the Bulldog attack by torching the Colorado City defense for 11 points. Donnie Garcia added 10 while Jovi Paniagua and Braden Griffin combined for 12, hitting for seven and five, respectively.

THE LONG ROAD BACK

Russell looking forward to return after ACL battle

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

For Alvin Russell, his senior season wasn't supposed to happen like this.

When he walked off the basketball court last fall as an all-district junior, he figured a little extra practice in the summer and a trip to the Junior Nationals Basketball Tournament would only make his return this fall that much more special.

Unfortunately a freak accident while stepping off a curb after a summer league basketball game snapped his anterior cruciate ligament and robbed him of a trip to the Junior Nationals. It also left him facing a rehabilitation process that could have ended his blossoming high school basketball career at its peak.

Russell did the something he had done his whole life: He challenged his older sister, Tevayan, who had suffered the same injury a decade before.

Beating her recovery time was all the motivation he needed.

"That helped me a lot," he said. "She really pushed me. We've always been very competitive so I knew I would have to do it (come back quicker). She gave me that extra push in my mind to get back."

Tevayan Russell suffered an ACL tear while playing in the now-defunct Howard College high school basketball tournament in 1990. She returned from the injury See **RUSSELL**, Page 2B



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler
Big Spring's Alvin Russell (shown above in action last year, is looking forward to making his first appearance in a BSHS uniform in the next few days. The all-district performer tore the ACL in his knee last July.

Steers could lose Flenniken for season with injury

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers suffered a tough bit of news Thursday when the team learned it had lost senior Kyle Flenniken for two weeks — and possibly the rest of the year — due to a foot injury he sustained in the first quarter of Tuesday's 90-15 loss to No. 14 Lubbock

Estacado.

Flenniken suffered a stress fracture of a bone in his right foot while turning during the opening minutes. Doctors told the BSHS forward he would miss at least the next four games. "It was just one of



those things," said Flenniken. "I was running down the court and I needed to change directions. I pushed off with it and I heard it pop."

Flenniken played a few minutes after the injury before being retiring to the bench.

By missing the Steers' next four games, Flenniken will miss Big Spring's showdown today with the Andrews Mustangs as well as bouts against San Angelo Lake View, Frenship and Levelland.

Big Spring will begin play against Andrews at 7:30 p.m. in the Steer Gym. The BSHS girls will begin at 6 p.m.

Rebels' game reslated for First Baptist gym

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Rebels' showdown with the Abilene Force will be held at the First Baptist Church gymnasium on FM 700.

The game, according to team officials, had to be moved from the Southwest College Institute for the Deaf gym because of a scheduling conflict.

MLS may expand to San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A group of investors interested in bringing a Major League Soccer team to San Antonio met with MLS representatives earlier this week.

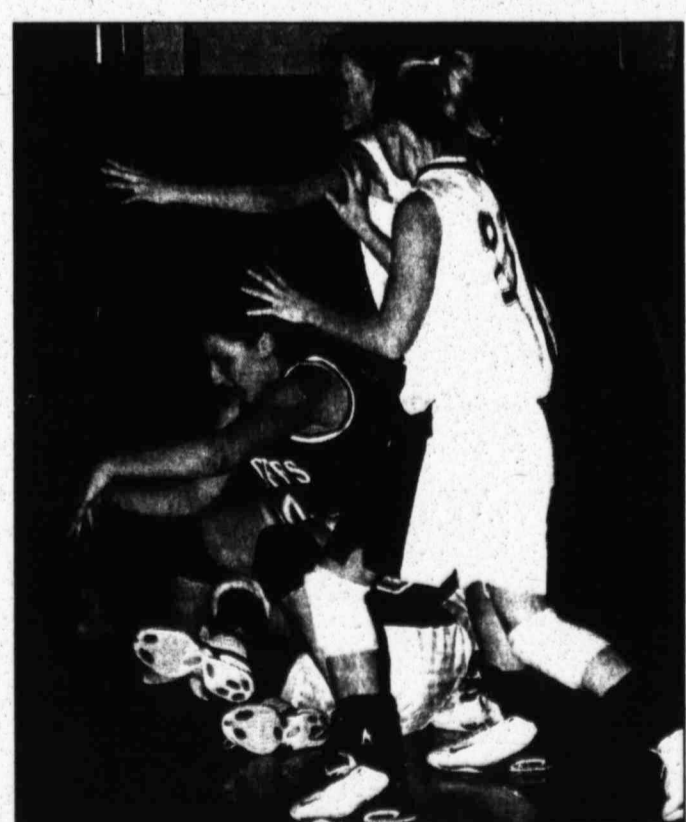
A group of 12 local busi-

The Rebels will begin play at 8 p.m.

Big Spring enters the matchup sporting a 1-1 record in Texas Professional Basketball League play. The Rebels won their home opener by downing San Angelo last week by a 114-94 margin. They dropped a 100-98 decision to Kerrville in their only other outing.

Abilene enters the game at 1-1.

nessmen interested in investing in a team attended the meeting at the Alamodome. The 10-team MLS is looking to add two teams in 2005 and two more in 2006.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Forsan's Casl Graves scrambles for a loose ball during recent Lady Buffs' action. Forsan is scheduled to face the Colorado City Lady Wolves tonight in Colorado City.

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District 4-4A

Girls

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Team Scoring

Table with columns: Player, Team, Pts, Avg. Lists players like Estacado, Frenship, Andrews, Levelland, Big Spring, Lake View with their points and averages.

Team Defense

Table with columns: Player, Team, Pts, Avg. Lists players like Levelland, Estacado, Frenship, Lake View, Andrews, Big Spring with their points and averages.

Individual Scoring

Table with columns: Player, Team, Pts, Avg. Lists individual players and their points and averages across various teams.

3-point Shots

Table with columns: Player, Team, Made, G. Lists players and teams with their 3-point shot statistics.

Boys

Table with columns: Team, Overall (W, L), District (W, L). Lists teams like Estacado, Frenship, Levelland, Andrews, Lake View, Big Spring with their records.

Team Offense

Table with columns: Player, Team, Pts, Avg. Lists players and teams with their offensive statistics.

Team Defense

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Individual Scoring

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3-point Shots

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RUSSELL

Continued from Page 1B and earned all-state accolades in basketball and volleyball. "They told me it would take nine months to recover from it," said Russell, who managed to stay involved with the team during his recovery by taping games, sitting on the bench and keeping statistics.

Going through rehab is painful. You have to admire him for making the effort to get back

Jim Kinnear Big Spring head coach

"You have to give him credit," said Big Spring head coach Jim Kinnear. "Going through the rehab is painful. You have to admire him for making the effort to get back."



Big Spring senior Alvin Russell is hoping to return to play only six months after tearing his ACL.

required him to work on his own. "It was really hard to do," he said. "No one likes to put themselves in pain. It hurt, but I had to do it in order to play again. You have to be really motivated to come back quickly."

because of her. She was my biggest motivation." For the Steers, Russell's return will improve the team's depth. "We'll gladly take him back," said Kinnear. "It's another body for us. We could use that right now. We're down to nine. With Alvin coming back, we'll be able to rest some people a little more."

again is the biggest thing for the three-year varsity letterman. "Just getting the chance to play with my teammates again will be a big thing for me," said Russell, an all-district performer last fall. "I've been waiting for a long time to get back out there. Hopefully I can get in there somehow."

HAWKS

Continued from Page 1B Powell stretched the Hawks' lead to four moments later by hitting the front end of a two-shot opportunity with 16 seconds left. DeGroot, who finished the game with 21 points, gave NMMI one last hope. The sophomore guard knocked down a three-point shot from the wing with four seconds left, cutting Howard's lead to 66-65.

lead before DeGroot and Kevin Brandon ignited a 9-2 run that gave NMMI a 21-14 lead. The Hawks answered right back, however. Goff and Story both pushed home shots in the ensuing four minutes as Howard pulled to within 27-26 before Dominique Green knocked down a shot that gave HC a 28-27 lead with less than six minutes to play in the first half. Offensively, the Hawks turned in an impressive ball-handling effort. Howard College did not

commit a turnover until the 5:51 mark of the first half. For the game, the Hawks turned the ball over a season-low nine times.

NMMI rallied back to take a 34-32 lead before Johnny Jones sent the game into the half knotted at 36-36 with a driving layup.

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MAVS

Continued from Page 1B the Lakers, Jamison answered with another layup. A wide-open 3-pointer by Antoine Walker followed, then a jumper from Michael Finley prompted a time-out by the Lakers. Finley came back with a 3-pointer, then Walker made a nifty bank shot between three defenders, although he failed to turn it into a three-point play. Jamison capped the run with another layup. The Lakers finished the quarter with just four points in the last 8:01. George led Los Angeles with a season-high 24 points. Medvedenko and Kareem Rush each scored 18. Finley led Dallas with 31 points. Walker had 23 points and Dirk Nowitzki had 16 points.

PGA TOUR

Parnev plans f

By CRAIG DOLC Cox News Service

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PGA TOUR

Parnevik curbs plans for TV pilot

By CRAIG DOLCH
Cox News Service

West Palm Beach, Fla. Even before he made his motion picture debut last month, the world always was a stage for pro golfer Jesper Parnevik. Whether playing on the PGA Tour or doing magic tricks for friends, he loves to perform.

So it shouldn't be surprising that Parnevik says he'd like to pursue an acting career. But he's looking for something more than the small role he played in "Stuck on You."

"I want to be the lead actor," Parnevik said. He may get his chance. Parnevik, the son of comedian Bo Parnevik — Sweden's equivalent of Bob Hope in his prime — said he has had talks with a production company to do his own TV series. Parnevik said it would be patterned after Seinfeld co-creator Larry David, who stars in a show about his own life on HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

"We were going to shoot the pilot this fall, but it got delayed," Parnevik said by phone from Hawaii recently. "I would kind of play myself with actors. It would be a show about my life, but there would be a script."



PARNEVIK

Parnevik said one reason the show was put on hold was so he could concentrate on pulling his game out of a two-year slump. A harsh critic might say Parnevik, 38, was acting as a professional golfer last year as he had only one top-10 finish in 20 tries while he dealt with the effects of hip surgery. Since finishing a career-best eighth on the PGA Tour's money list in 2000, he has fallen to No. 31 in 2001, No. 63 in 2002 and No. 118 last year.

But Parnevik believes he's back to the form that earned him five PGA Tour wins in a four-year span during the late 1990s. His effort last week was inconclusive: He finished tied for 15th in the Sony Open.

"I'm finally back to where I want to be," Parnevik said. "I've worked so hard on my game, I didn't want anything to take away from my focus."

Parnevik also sees a day when he'll be involved in show business, but on the opposite side of the camera.

"Writing is where my biggest interest is," he said. "I love to write funny stories with twists."

Parnevik says working with actors Matt Damon and Greg Kinnear in "Stuck on You" was difficult, but not as hard as when he appeared with Jay Leno on "The Tonight Show" a few years ago. In films, an actor has a perpetual mulligan.

"Being on the Jay Leno show was 10 times worse," Parnevik said. "You know it's live, and anything that's bad is going to be on the show. Doing the movie was a lot easier because if you messed up, you'd just shoot it over."

Parnevik's biggest goal on the course this year is to try and qualify for his fourth consecutive Ryder Cup at Oakland Hills. It won't be easy: Parnevik, who has a career 4-3-4 Ryder Cup record, rarely plays the European Tour, so his only hope is through his world ranking (he's dropped to 194th) or be one of captain Bernhard Langer's wild-card picks.

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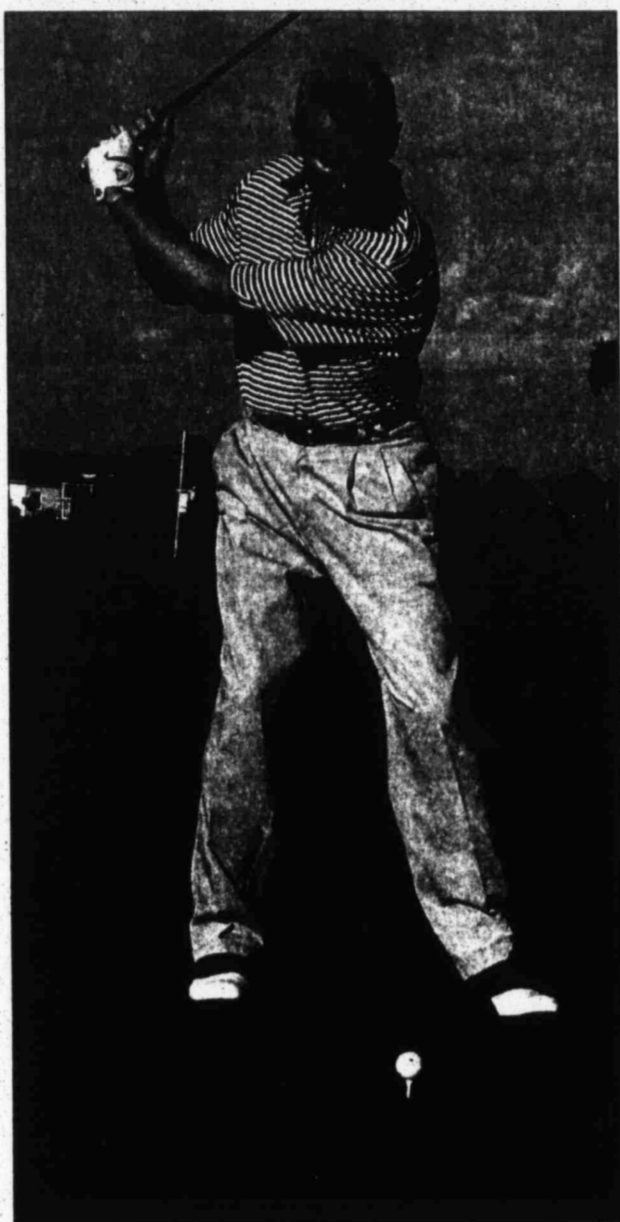
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- Site: Kaupulehu-Kona, Hawaii.
- Schedule: Friday-Sunday
- Course: Hualalai Resort Golf Club (7,053 yards, par 72).
- Purse: \$1.6 million. Winner's share: \$250,000.
- Television: The Golf Channel (Friday-Saturday, 7:30-10:30 p.m., 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.; Sunday, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; Monday, midnight-2 a.m.).

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



In the photo above, my trunk is still nearly perpendicular to the ground meaning I'll be "all arms" on my downswing and unable to generate much power.



With my right shoulder turned behind my neck and my left shoulder behind the ball, I'm in position to maximize the power of my swing.

Go the distance

Incomplete shoulder turn costs you off the tee

By T.J. TOMASI
Cox News Service

ABOUT THE WRITER



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If you're suffering from lack of distance, it may well be that you are making an insufficient or incorrect shoulder turn. However, the term "shoulder turn" can be confusing in two respects.

First, the shoulder is one of the most sophisticated and complicated joints in the body, with the largest range of motion of any joint. So what exactly should we turn when a "shoulder turn" is called for?

If you ask most people to touch their shoulder, they put their hand about where the body of their shirt turns into the sleeve. This makes sense because they are identifying the area where the humerus (upper arm bone) is inserted into the shallow cavity in the shoulder blade commonly called the shoulder socket.

But in golf, the shoulder is not restricted to the socket; turning your shoulder correctly involves turning

the whole shoulder complex — all four joints, five linked bone groups and 30 muscles.

In the first photo here, I have turned what most people would call the left shoulder until it's under my chin by moving only my upper left arm in the shoulder socket. This is an incorrect shoulder turn. The fact that my trunk is still nearly perpendicular to the ground is evidence of this "false" turn. From here I'll be "all arms" on my downswing and unable to generate much power.

Contrast this to my position in the

second photo, where I have moved the whole left shoulder region behind the ball. The spot where the body of my shirt meets the sleeve is still just under my chin, but my trunk is now angled away from the target. Even my left latissimus dorsi (a triangular muscle that covers the lower half of my back) is visible. This turn is packed with potential power.

The second area of confusion arises because we golfers have two shoulders that can move independently of each other. To make a correct shoulder turn, you need to turn both shoulders. Look again at photo 1. As insufficient as my left shoulder turn is in this picture, at least it is turning, but my right shoulder has shrugged upward and has not turned behind my neck.

In photo 2, I have turned both shoulder regions. That is what you have to do for longer shots. See how my right shoulder region is not even visible in this photo. It is behind my neck where it should be.

FITNESS

Rotator cuff does heavy lifting

Before the mid-1990s it was thought that the deltoid muscles (the largest muscles of the shoulders, lying along the top of the shoulder joint) worked in synchrony with the rotator cuff muscles during the golf swing. However, research using electromyography (a measuring of the micro volts of electricity given off whenever a muscle contracts, providing a sign of activity) found that when you swing correctly, the rotator cuff muscles do considerable work while the deltoids are virtually inactive.

The rotator cuff, comprised of four muscles that underlie the deltoid, functions independently of the deltoid. To improve your golf swing, the rotator should be strengthened to prevent the more dominant deltoid from taking over. Activities such as tennis serves,

swimming using the overhead stroke and exercises like the military press should be avoided if you're training for golf because they work the deltoids in lieu of the rotators.

One of the best rotator cuff strengthening exercises is as follows. Hold light weights in your hands (2 to 5 pounds), and turn your thumbs toward the ground. Slowly raise your arms with your elbows slightly bent until they are directly in front of you.

Lift your arms only as high as your shoulders (any higher and you work the deltoids). Then slowly lower them to the starting position and repeat.

Keep your body as still as possible throughout the motion. Build up to three sets of 10, three times a week to keep these muscles strong. As always, check with your doctor before starting any exercise program.

—T.J. Tomasi

TEERING OFF

Fear factor fades on PGA Tour

By T.J. TOMASI
Cox News Service

In golf there is no bigger intimidation factor than length off the tee. This is as true at the local country club as it is on the PGA Tour, where it's known as the "Tiger Effect" because players marveled at how far Tiger hit his drives.

From 1997 through 2001, Tiger's average driving distance was 294.8, 296.3, 293.1, 298.0 and 297.6 yards, respectively, ranking him second or third each year.

But in the last two years Tiger slipped to sixth and then 11th in the driving distance category, even though his driving distance stayed about the same (293.3 yards and 299.5 yards). In other words, the field started to catch up with him, and as the gap closed, his competitors began to change their attitude.

Tiger still scores better than anyone else over the long run, but many players are beginning to realize that if they play their best and Tiger brings his "B" game, Tiger can be beaten.

Davis Love, a longtime squatter in the shadow of the Tiger, summed up the new "Tiger can be had" attitude at the start of the 2004 Mercedes Championship: "Obviously, Tiger is the best player, but now everybody has their share of something from last year. It got spread around a little bit."

Ernie Els recently concurred: "A lot of guys are hitting it as far as or longer than Tiger. Still, Tiger hits a lot of shots that we can't hit; he hits that 2- or 3-iron that goes up high and comes down soft."

That may be true, but when was the last time you felt intimidated by a guy who could hit his 2-iron higher than you could?

ASK THE PRO

Q: I was doing a practice stroke on the tee box of a certain hole and the club head accidentally hit the ball, moving it about 10 feet. My playing partner said that was a penalty. I thought there was no penalty since I hadn't teed off yet. Who's right? — John E., Manila, Philippines

A: You are right. There is no penalty. Here are the two pertinent definitions:

1. Stroke: A "stroke" is the forward movement of the club made with the intention of fairly striking at and moving the ball.

2. Ball in Play: A ball is "in play" as soon as a player has made a stroke on the teeing ground.

So since you did not make a stroke (you had no intention) and since the ball was not in play (the ball was on the teeing ground and you had not yet made a stroke), you incur no penalty. Simply start over.

The situation would be different if the ball was in play (for example, on a second shot). In that case you would incur a penalty for moving a ball in play, and it would have to be replaced.

To Ask the Pro a question about golf, e-mail him at: TJInsider@aol.com.

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All in the family

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The four boys (as well as Nicklaus' son-in-law Bill O'Leary) are all design associates for Jack's company, which maps out golf courses all over the planet. They are all darn good at it, too. In fact, last year both Gary and Steve designed courses that were named among the top 10 new private courses in the United States.

Every golf fan has heard of Nicklaus'

playing prowess (18 professional majors), but he has also operated a hugely successful design business since 1966, with 262 courses open for play around the world.

The youngest and the oldest

The USGA has been running golf tournaments for more than 100 years, but in 2003 it crowned both the youngest and oldest winners ever for its adult championships.

In June, 13-year-old Michelle Wie of Honolulu captured the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links, 1 up over Virada Nirapathpongorn at Ocean Hammock Golf Club in Palm Cost, Fla., to become the youngest player ever to win an adult USGA event. And at the age of 69, Canadian Mariene Streit became the oldest when she won the Senior Women's Amateur

Championship at Barton Creek Resort and Club in Austin, Texas, in September.

We also recorded a ninth place finish at an LPGA major championship, the Dinah Shore. But just how good the current crop of junior girls is was evidenced at the 2003 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship where, in spite of her accomplishments against the adults, Wie did not even make it to the semi-finals against her fellow teenagers.

Streit joined Jack Nicklaus as the only other person to win USGA championships in at least four different decades. This is remarkable when you consider that none of her victories occurred in the 1960s and '70s. Her first USGA championship came at the age of 22 in the 1956 Women's Amateur. She won again in the '80s, '90s and 2000s.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Enjoy your success before moving on to the next conquest. A spontaneous getaway with your partner has a positive effect on your relationship. A phone call brings the chance to put an issue to rest.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). No matter what rung of the success ladder you find yourself on, remember you are the CEO of your own life. Write a personal mission statement, and refer to it when you feel like you are drifting off course.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Be careful not to procrastinate or ignore important issues. This applies to your love life, too. The sticking points won't change if you keep putting off what needs to be done. A Sagittarius has a crush on you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Is there a roadblock keeping you from continuing on your chosen journey? All is not lost! Think of it merely as a detour in the path to your greatest achievement. Not every goal is a straight shot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you reward yourself (maybe a special dinner and brand new CD to listen to while you dine), you send a message to your mate: "I deserve the VIP treatment." More adoration is sure to follow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You haven't been left behind, tossed aside or forgotten. If you remember correctly, it was your idea to lie low for a while. You still have friends, and they still love you for who you are. Deliver a gift in person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Hold your cards closer to your chest today. There may be someone who intends to take credit for your original idea. Be an example. It's more profitable than revenge. And it takes a lot less work to pull off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can't help but stand out. Do not apologize, and be proud of who you are. You can't please everyone all of the time, so please yourself instead. Stop, and think about whose opinion really matters to you and why.

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Annie's Mailbox
Dear Annie: A friend of mine recently fell down some stairs and fractured her arms. At first, "Carol" admitted she was drunk. Now she tells people she "slipped."
This woman has a history of getting drunk and then blaming others for her mishaps. She once accused a friend of stealing her wallet, when it was actually in her closet. After she drove over a curb and blew out her tire, she said someone slit it. Another time, she wrapped her car around a fire hydrant and insisted she was hit by another driver. All these things happened while she was under the influence of alcohol.
Friends, including me, have tried to tell Carol to quit drinking or slow down, but she refuses. Right now, she looks ridiculous with casts on both arms, and she's too embarrassed to return to work or talk to any of her friends.
Carol denies she has a problem with alcohol. I would like to save her before she does some serious damage to herself or someone else. Any suggestions? — A Concerned Friend
Dear Friend: You cannot save Carol if she is unwilling to admit she has a problem with booze. You can, however, contact Al-Anon for some help and suggestions, and we hope you will do it soon. Carol is headed for serious trouble.
Dear Annie: Now that outside temperatures have dropped in many parts of the country, fire and burns are a significant health concern.
As a major burn center, Loyola University Medical Center sees an increased number of burn patients, especially children, who are hurt in house fires as a result of accidents with kerosene or gas space heaters, or other electrical appliances. There are more than 1 million burn injuries in the United States each year. Space heaters alone are associated with 25,000 residential fires each year nationwide.
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19). Make an effort to learn something new. Doing one spontaneous thing — having an expensive lunch or taking a walk along the water — can break the cycle and clear the mental clouds. Results will follow quickly.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Increase your circle of friends by accepting an invitation to a social gathering tonight. Make a goal to introduce yourself to every single person. A not-surprising romantic connection arises.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your reputation as the person who can get things done entitles you to some new admirers. A windfall comes from being in the right place at the right time. Your personal achievement: an anonymous gift to a charity.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can't help everyone all the time. Set some boundaries, and be strong. It may be difficult at first to say no to a close friend, but your relationship will be more balanced for it in the end.
WEEKEND LOVE REPORT: The moon transiting from Aquarius to Pisces gets the weekend off to a nebulous start. Singles may wonder, "Are we friends or more?" It gets more obvious as the weekend progresses. ARIES: Make it easy for people to tell you the truth. TAURUS: Don't accept blame for anything that's not your cross to bear, or you'll only harbor resentment later. GEMINI: Getting emotionally involved has rewards equal to the risk your heart takes. CANCER: Big joy comes when you provide love where you see it lacking. LEO: If dating, brainstorm about how you're going to be distinguished from the rest. You deserve to shine. VIRGO: If your sweetie feels he or she can express freely, the weekend is very romantic. LIBRA: Luckily, you have a sense of humor and won't let one bad experience keep you from doing what you believe in. SCORPIO: Accelerate romance by acting boldly. SAGITTARIUS: You'll feel like giving later. Take care of yourself now. FELICITY: You don't need to feel guilty for saying no. AQUARIUS: Love luck accompanies chance meetings, deliveries and spur-of-the-moment invitations. PISCES: Your fun-loving mood makes life exciting for others, too, so loosen up.
COUPLE OF THE WEEK-END: Cancer and Aries meet on many levels but mostly in the bedroom. Aries loves the brand of sensuality that is strictly Cancer, and Cancer knows Aries will protect, serve and encourage the same from a partner. The negative side of this relationship is Cancer sometimes resents Aries' intensity level. Aries must be sensitive to Cancer's tender emotions, even though Cancer seems to be tough as nails.

KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR
should be followed carefully. Parents and guardians need to be especially careful with small children to prevent scalds, by checking whether bath water is too hot or ensuring pot and pan handles on the stove top are turned inward, so children cannot reach up and spill boiling water or hot cooking oil on themselves.
Please encourage your readers to use heaters, electrical appliances, candles and other sources of open flame safely to prevent house fires. Winter is an enjoyable time of year, and we want everyone to stay healthy and safe. Your readers can learn more about fire prevention tips during the winter months by visiting: www.luhs.org/burnprevention.
— Richard L. Gamelli, M.D., Director, Burn and Shock Trauma Institute, Loyola University Health System, and Robert J. Freeark, M.D., President-elect, American Burn Association
Dear Dr. Gamelli and Dr. Freeark: Thank you for the timely warning. Readers, please make it a family project to check out the fire-prevention tips.
Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to annies-mailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.
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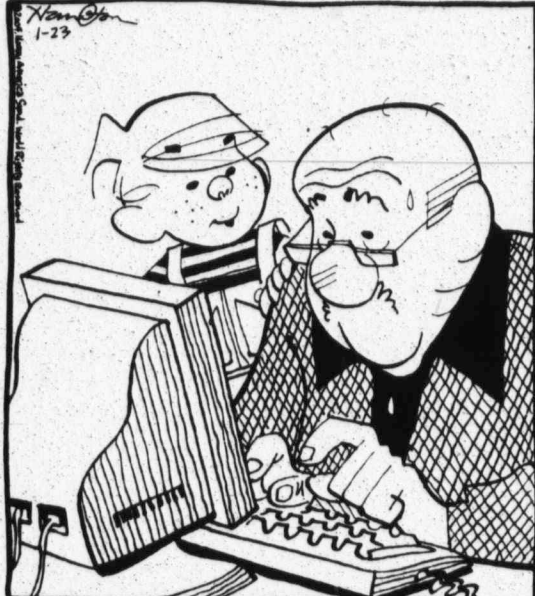
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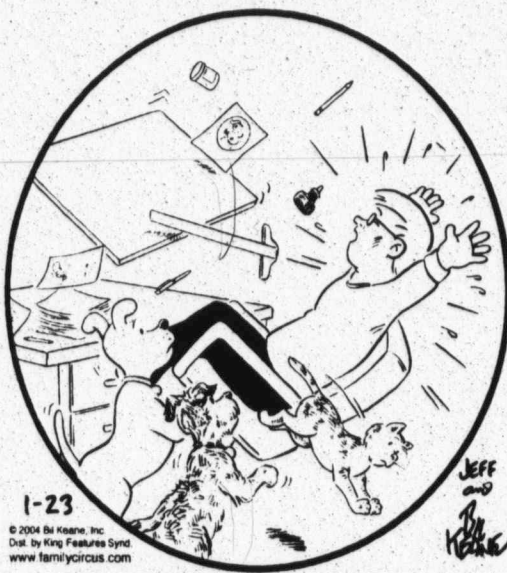
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7:30	Wheel-Fortune	Wheel-Fortune	Velo de Nova	Totally Outrag	Ent. Tonight	Amor Descarado	DateLine NBC	Movie: The 6th Day (CC)	John Hagee	Wash. Week	Gold Star Racing	Movie: The Usual	Movie: The Mask of Zorro (CC)	Movie: Toy Story (CC)	Welcome to the NFL	Boxing: Friday -- Pemberton	Houston Rockets at Indiana Pacers	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: Flat Race (CC)
8:30	George Lopez	George Lopez	Te Amare en Silencio	Boston Public (CC) (DVS)	JAG (CC)	El Alma Herida	Ed (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Update/Israel Richman	Now With Bill Moyers (CC)	American Chopper	Movie: Army of Darkness	Movie: The Mask of Zorro (CC)	Comicview	Barbarian	vs. Sheila	Indiana Pacers	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: We Were Soldiers (CC)
9:30	Time to Live	20/20 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	70s Show	News	Mujeres Apasionadas	Third Watch	Movie: The 6th Day (CC)	Hour of Healing	Perious Fight America's	American Hot Rod	Movie: The Mask of Zorro (CC)	Nightly News Music Special	Barbarian	Tennis: Australian	Basketball: San Antonio	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: We Were Soldiers (CC)	
10:30	News (CC)	News	Primer Impacto	70s Show	News	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show	Day (CC)	Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Gold Star Racing	Movie: The Mask of Zorro (CC)	Midnight Love	Barbarian	Open - Early Rounds (CC)	SportsCenter	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: We Were Soldiers (CC)	
11:30	Ent. Tonight	Extra (CC)	Los Melches	Becker (CC)	Spin City	Al Rojo Vivo	Late Night	Rev. J. Hansen	Sign Off	American Chopper	Movie: The Horror of	Movie: Play It to the Bone	Comicview	Barbarian	SportsCenter	To Wong Foo, Thanks for	National	Lampoon's Van Wilder	
12:30	Live (CC)	Live (CC)	Angela	Blind Date	Show (CC)	Maria Celeste	Fraser (CC)	Movie: Last Action Hero	Update/Israel Decker-LaG.	American Hot Rod	Frankenstein (CC)	Movie: Play It to the Bone	Comicview	Barbarian	SportsCenter	To Wong Foo, Thanks for	National	Lampoon's Van Wilder	

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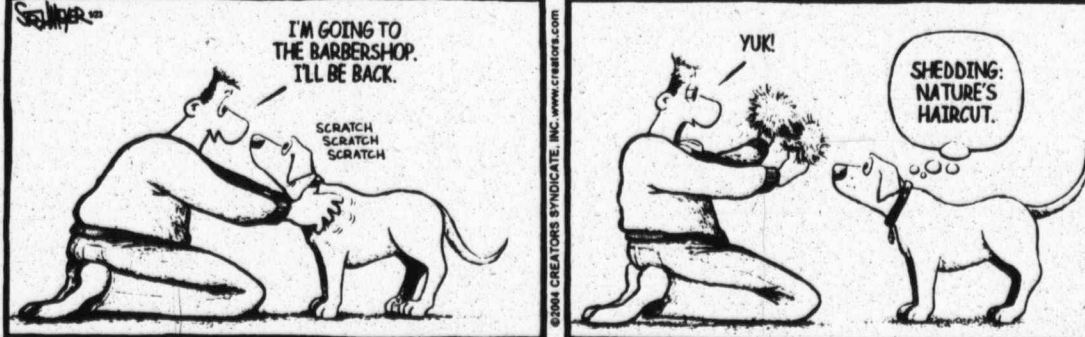
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2004. There are 343 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 23, 1973; President Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War.

On this date: In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1920, the Dutch government refused demands from the victorious Allies to hand over the ex-Kaiser of Germany.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his candidacy for the Democratic presi-

dential nomination. In 1943, critic Alexander Woollcott suffered a fatal heart attack during a live broadcast of the CBS radio program "People's Platform."

In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution proclaiming Jerusalem the capital of Israel.

In 1964, the 24th amendment to the Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified.

In 1968, North Korea seized the U.S. Navy ship Pueblo, charging its crew with being on a spying mission. (The crew was released 11 months later.)

In 1985, debate in Britain's House of Lords was carried on live television for the first time.

In 1989, surrealist artist Salvador Dali died in his native Spain at age 84.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jeanne Moreau is 76. Actress Chita Rivera is 71. Actor-director Lou Antonio is 70. Actor Gil Gerard is 61. Actor Rutger Hauer is 60. Rhythm and

blues singer Jerry Lawson (The Persuasions) is 60. Sen. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del., is 57. Singer Anita Pointer is 56. Actor Richard Dean Anderson is 54. Rock musician Bill Cunningham is 54. Rock singer-musician Patrick Simmons (The Doobie Brothers) is 54. Rock musician Danny Federici (Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band) is 54. Rock singer Robin Zander (Cheap Trick) is 51. Princess Caroline of Monaco is 47. Singer Anita Baker is 46. Reggae musician Earl Falconer (UB40) is 45. Actress Gail O'Grady is 41. Actress Mariska Hargitay is 40.

Answer to previous puzzle

SILM	ADAGE	STAR
LOCO	FIRES	HUGO
ALES	GNATS	BOBEY
BATHS	HEBA	MOTES
PEAR	LEASH	
ASSIGNS	IRK	UMP
HIPTO	AFRO	MAI
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ANN	PROM	SCENE
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URAL	LENTO	TRAM
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BEEI	STONE	REDS

Newsday Crossword LEAD-FILLED FOODS by Craig Kasper Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Plasterer's strip
- 5 Dear old
- 8 Went over the limit
- 12 Buffalo iceman
- 13 Either of two December dates
- 14 Take an oath
- 15 Broadcasting
- 16 Signer's need
- 17 Linger longer
- 18 Lead-filled spread?
- 21 Gift for 5 Across
- 22 Soaked
- 23 WWII code machine
- 27 Matures
- 29 Tie the knot
- 30 Run DMC's genre
- 31 Words to live by
- 34 Lead-filled vegetables?
- 37 Lapse in judgment
- 38 Lingus
- 39 Come up
- 40 Lead-filled butcher buy?
- 42 Walking sticks
- 43 Switch positions
- 44 Role model for sluggards
- 45 Safe havens, figuratively
- 47 Attention
- 49 Leave thunderstruck
- 50 Major car-racing sponsor
- 53 Lead-filled seafood dish?
- 57 Designer Simpson
- 60 Feathery accessory
- 61 Uncertainty
- 62 Desert near the Gulf of Aqaba
- 63 Throw sparks
- 64 Erstwhile Indians
- 65 Start to gum up
- 66 No longer in the USMC
- 67 Crossword clue notation
- DOWN
- 1 Porch, in the Pacific
- 2 Put down
- 3 Take a tumble
- 4 Ingredient for Colonel Sanders
- 5 Alcohol, for one
- 6 Stave off
- 7 Claim to be false
- 8 Hindu ascetic
- 9 For each
- 10 Attention
- 11 Not sweet, as wine
- 12 Put in order
- 14 Warning to the crowd
- 19 Meadow mommy
- 20 Transport for Hawkeye
- 24 Speck
- 25 Rectory
- 26 Church recesses
- 27 On
- 28 He instituted glasnost
- 29 Former European bloc
- 31 Subatomic particle
- 32 University of Maine site
- 33 Word on a penny
- 35 Genealogist's "originally"
- 36 Time periods
- 41 Lulu
- 46 CSA fighter
- 48 Atoll
- 49 "That's"
- 50 Tidbit in a newspaper
- 51 Yam, e.g.
- 52 Dogs and cats
- 54 Construction beam
- 55 Think-tank product
- 56 Soak up, in chemistry
- 57 Mandela's org.
- 58 Key close to Home
- 59 Narcissist's strong point

