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Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

Pre-Super Bowl BBQ

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1009 Hearn, will hold a pre-Super Bowl barbecue from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

The meal includes brisket, potato salad, beans, bread, dessert and a drink.

Plates are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age 10 and under.

Ethridge ceremony

The public is invited to attend the renaming ceremony of the Coahoma Independent School District junior high school building to the Robert W. "Rob" Ethridge Junior High.

The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. in the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria. Ethridge served as the junior high principal for 24 years and following his retirement continued to make an impact in education by serving as a Howard College trustee.

COMING

THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Long before the stock car engines roar and the rubber hits the pavement, Joe Garone and his team of officials are up making sure every NASCAR race is run by the rule book. To ensure the safety and fairness of the race, they keep their eyes on the cars, drivers, track and weather conditions until the checked flag is waved.

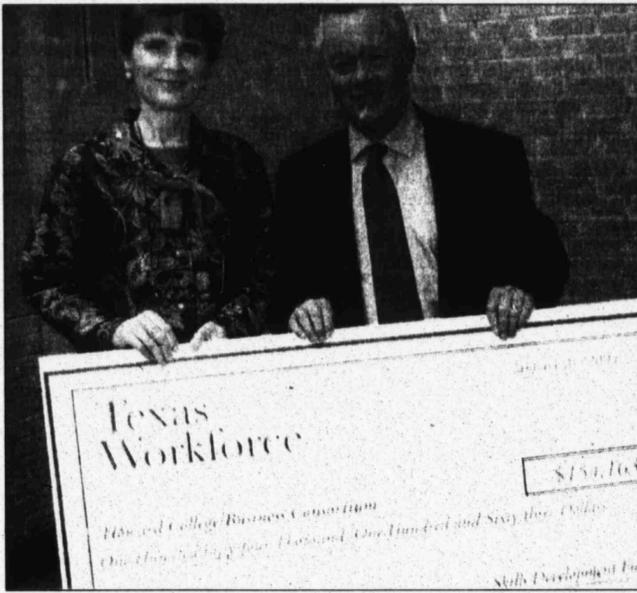
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Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks and Texas Work Force Commission Commissioner Ronny Congleton pose for a photo with a \$154,000 grant check, which was presented from the TWC to the college and an 11-member business consortium Thursday.

Grant allows workers to improve their skills

Businesses partner with Howard College through TWC funding

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

More than 350 Big Spring area workers will have a chance to upgrade or fill new jobs, thanks to a \$154,163 grant from the Texas Workforce Commission.

"In my office as labor commissioner, I'm about creating jobs to put Texans to work and that's what we're going to do," said TWC Commissioner Ronny Congleton, who was in Big Spring Thursday for the check presentation luncheon hosted by Howard College.

The college and an 11-member business consortium partnered

for the grant that will be used to custom train StarTek employees and workers in the medical field.

"The partners involved in this grant submitted a list of employees that will receive training, books, tuition and aid through the grant," said Terry Hanson, Howard College's executive director of workforce development.

"You may have a CNA (certified nurse's aide) that comes in and wants to upgrade to an LVN (licensed vocational nurse) or an LVN to a RN (registered nurse) or a medical aid to a LVN," Hanson continued.

Not only will the program provide much-needed training or upgrade of skills to meet certain needs of the businesses involved with the grant, it will also great-

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Ricky Mitchem, middle, of Mitchem & Sons Wrecker, attempts to maneuver this Bobcat away from a dirt ledge before pulling the machine out of Beals Creek Thursday afternoon. A contractor was almost finished with clearing out the brush along the creek when the machine became stuck.

TOO TAXED?

AARP counselors to begin providing free help with returns

Special to the **HERALD**

AARP income tax counselors will begin free preparation of 2003 income tax returns for individuals on Monday.

The volunteers will assist with tax returns from 9 a.m. until noon each Monday through April 12 at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Dr. in the Industrial Park.

The program is available to all citizens, regardless of age. Parking is available in the east parking lot at the Senior Center.

Please bring your tax booklet received from the IRS; all W-2s, 1099s and other documents received showing 2003 income as well as your 2002 income tax return. Also, this year, you must bring Social Security cards for each person listed on the tax return and for taxpayers who

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Elections to cost county a bundle

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

The race to replace former representative Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, in the Texas Senate is quickly becoming a costly endeavor for Howard County and a confusing process for voters as well.

Voters will soon head to the polls to select between the two top vote-getters of the District 31 seat election held Jan. 20, Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and Kirk Edwards, R-Midland.

The runoff was ensured after none of the seven



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Howard County could end up paying upwards of \$30,000 for elections this year.

candidates running managed to gain 50 percent of the votes.

Seliger managed to reel in 35 percent with much of his support coming from the north part of the district while Edwards gained 21 percent with a strong showing in the south.

Both men are hoping to fill the vacant seat left by Bivins, who resigned his position on Jan. 12 to

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Assault, restraint charges filed against local individual

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

A 34-year-old Big Spring man has been arrested on charges of unlawful restraint and assault/family violence after a local woman reported she had been

sexually assaulted and held against her will.

Darren Webb, 34, was arrested shortly after the crime was reported on Jan. 24. The victim, a 41-year-old woman, was treated for minor

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Howard County Deputy Voter Registrar Sandra Bloom helps Tomelka Hudson check the status of her registration. Bloom said voter registration cards have mailed out and approximately 1,000 have been returned because of incorrect mailing addresses.

Deadline nears to check voter registration status

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

If you haven't received your voter registration card in the mail, it may be time to let your fin-

gers do the walking.

Howard County Deputy Voter Registrar Sandra Bloom said this week that cards have been mailed out, with approximately 1,000 returned

because of incorrect mailing addresses, and although that number may sound huge, it's an improvement over the

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Obituaries

Lois "Happy" Murphree

Lois "Happy" Murphree, 91, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Murphree was born on Jan. 6, 1913, in Lamesa and married Loyd G. Murphree on Dec. 31, 1933, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Nov. 11, 1995.

She had lived in Big Spring since 1918. She was family oriented, and enjoyed taking care of her husband and children. She was concerned for others in the community, especially the neighborhood children.

She had served the Lord faithfully for many years. Mrs. Murphree was a member of Calvary Baptist Church for more than 50 years, serving as a Sunday school teacher for years, and in later years she was a student of the Sunday school class.

Her survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Melvin and Sherrie Murphree of Odessa and Duane and Laura Murphree of Big Spring; three sisters, Theda Kyle of Roswell, N.M. and Elsie Wood and Wanda Ford of Lubbock; six grandchildren, Jeff Murphree and wife, Melinda, Mark Murphree and wife, Yasmin, Brian Murphree, Valerie Murphree, Jana Murphy and husband, Terry, Jason Murphree and Becky Murphree; six great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Ralph Murphree and two grandsons, Scott and Marlon Murphree.

The family will be the home of Duane Murphree, 2919 MacAuslan.

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

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Lucy DeLeon



Lucy DeLeon, 59, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a short illness. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. DeLeon was born March 18, 1944, in Alpine. She is the daughter of Abelino Lujan and Guadalupe Garza Lujan. She married Carlos De Leon on Dec. 28, 1972, in Lamesa. Mr. DeLeon preceded her in death on May 26, 1998. She was a professional seamstress for more than 30 years. She worked for Walls in Big Spring and Prophecy in Lamesa. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

She is survived by on son, Tony Lorenzi and his wife Norma of Post; one daughter Luana De Leon of Big Spring; two brothers, Jesse Lujan and Joe Alfred Lujan both of Seminole; five grandchildren, Maricruz Lorenzi, Andrew Lorenzi, Erik Lorenzi, Colby Crispin and Paige Crispin; several cousins, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents she was preceded in death by one brother Abelino Lujan Jr.

Her pallbearers include Robin Cisneros, Roman Cisneros, Marcus De Leon, David Ybarra, Mario De Leon and Andrew Lorenzi.

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

Paid obituary

Dora Goodwin



Dora Goodwin, 83, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall, chaplain with Odyssey Hospice, officiating. Interment will follow in Warsaw, Mo.

Mrs. Goodwin was born on March 3, 1920, in South Dakota, and married Forrest Goodwin in 1948 in Ottawa, Kan. He preceded her in death in 1998.

She had lived in Big Spring since 1998. She liked to fish, crochet and create crafts. She enjoyed being with her grandchildren and loved her friends and family.

She was a Baptist and a member of the VFW in Missouri.

Her survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Lacy Vaughn of Big Spring; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Shirley and Ed Crenshaw of Ocala, Fla. and Vera and Charles Cunningham of San Angelo; three grandsons and their wives, Joey and Sally Grant and David and Tia Grant of Sand Springs, and Michael and Tiffany Grant of Lubbock; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-32, Midland 79705. The family will be at 902 Runnels.

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

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Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-9-23-28-34.
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: 4-8-1

Robert (Bobby) C. Tovias

Robert (Bobby) C. Tovias, 54, of Sweetwater died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at his residence. A prayer service will be held at 1 p.m., today, Jan. 30, at Cate-Spencer and Trent Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Cate-Spencer and Trent Funeral Home Chapel with Reyes Franco, minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Sweetwater Cemetery with the Nolan County Honor Guard assisting with ceremonies.

Mr. Tovias was born on Nov. 16, 1949 in Sterling City. He married Julia Ornelas on Jan. 23, 1970 in Sweetwater.

He worked for Georgia Pacific and attended Calvario Bautista Iglesia Church. He served the nation during the Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Delfina Tovias Sr.; a brother, Camilio Fuentes, and two sisters, Mary (Cardelia) Tovias and Rosa Fierro.

His survivors include his wife, Julia Tovias of Sweetwater; two sons, Jerry Tovias of Dallas and Jason Tovias of Sweetwater; one sister, Mae Royal and her husband Denver of Abilene; three brothers, Manuel Tovias and his wife Margaret of San Angelo, Johnny Tovias and his wife Oralia of Big Spring, and Tony Tovias of Dallas; sister-in-law, Sylvia Alaniz of Dallas; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Speedy and Georgia Ornelas of Sweetwater; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Ruben Ornelas of Austin, Angie Ornelas of Hillsboro, Derek Olson of Hillsboro, Sandra and Ralph Valdez of Sweetwater; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are by Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

Police blotter

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

- ANGEL TORRES, 19, of 1020 Stadium was arrested Wednesday on two local traffic warrants.
- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
 - in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon.
 - in the 1600 block of Bluebird.
- THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

Sheriff's report

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

- PATRICK MICHAEL RAMACHARAN, 44, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to identify.
- MARK WAYNE HUCKABEE, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- PERRY WAYNE WELLS, 41, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- BILLY EDWARD BURNETT, 60, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- TERRORISTIC THREATS was reported in the 3200 block of E. Highway 350.
- THEFT was reported in the 5200 block of Sterling Road. Complainant reported that his keys had been taken without permission. Deputy responded.

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 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.

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

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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.

SATURDAY

Dance begins at 8:30 p.m. at Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third. Everyone is welcome.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home is open from 1 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.

Hanger 25 Air Museum is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday 1:30 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 over are invited to participate. Call 268-4721 for more information.

Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at La Posada.

TUESDAY

Intermediate line dance classes meet at 9 a.m. in the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

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

VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star, meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

The Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse on Andrews Highway.

American Red Cross, Canterbury, meets at 7 p.m. at 1600 Lancaster.

Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, meets at 2 p.m. in the conference room of Howard County Library, 500 South Main.

Gospel singing is held at Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Light winds becoming south 10 to 15 mph in the late evening and overnight.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. West winds 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Tuesday...Windy. Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 40s.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 50s.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 50.

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Accused cigarette smuggler was known as 'King of the Smugglers'

EL PASO (AP) — The alleged mastermind in a plot to smuggle more than \$37 million worth of cigarettes into the United States was known as the "King of the Smugglers" and operated from a half-million dollar home, officials said Thursday.

A federal indictment unsealed Wednesday alleges that Jorge Abraham, 34, of Sunland Park, N.M., ran an organization that imported cigarettes from Asia and elsewhere, without paying duties or taxes on them. The cigarettes were sold to distributors in Texas, California and New York.

Abraham, a paraplegic who only has limited use of one hand, faces a count of cigarette smuggling and numerous other charges. He faces a maximum of 538 years imprisonment, as well as \$30.5 million in fines, seizures and restitution.

The El Paso native also was charged with conspiracy to import marijuana into the country after he allegedly tried to smuggle 400 pounds of the drug to Baltimore in June.

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past. "We've completed the mass mailout, and we've received about 1,000 cards back from people who have moved," said Bloom. "We need to get those corrections made as soon as possible."

"That's actually less than we usually get. I think it's because we have a better system of keeping the files clean throughout the year now. We used to get about 2,000 back, so I think the way we're cleaning our files through the year is working a lot better."

Bloom said the cutoff date to register in order to vote in the March primaries is closing in, and those who aren't sure about the status of their registration can get more information by simply calling the Howard County tax Assessor-Collector's Office.

"The cutoff date to make the necessary changes in time to vote in the March primaries is going to be Feb. 9," explained Bloom. "That's going to be the last day that people can register to vote in the primary or make changes if they've moved."

"If someone has never registered to vote or has allowed their card to

lapse, they need to call and check their status or come in and fill out a voter registration card. It's better if you come in to fill out the card because the requirements have changed."

While the requirements to be able to vote have changed little over the years, Bloom said one major difference for 2004 could throw a major kink in some voter's plans if they aren't prepared.

"One of the new requirements is a driver's license," she said. "If you don't have a driver's license, we have to have at least the last four digits of your Social Security number."

Bloom said voters who don't register in person will be flagged and asked for identification at the polls.

"If you mail in the application and you're a new voter, the first time you go to vote you're going to have to show some identification," said Bloom. "Even though you have your voter's certificate, you will be flagged and they will ask to see your driver's license. It's important that you make sure you take your driver's license with you."

"There has been some controversy over this and the new HAVA (Help America Vote Act). The Secretary of State is telling us we only have to require ID if they mail

their information in. If you come in and fill your information out in person, you won't have to worry about it when you go to vote."

While voter apathy has played a tremendous role in the lean number of people that have turned out to vote recently, Bloom said the number of suspended voters currently on the rolls in Howard County has played a role as well.

"Right now we have 17,830 registered voters in Howard County," she said. "We currently have 3,440 suspended voters, which are voters who's cards have come back over the last few years because they've either moved within the county or moved outside of it. So technically, 14,390 is a better number when your looking at the number of actual voters in Howard County."

"I'd say out of the 3,440 that are in suspension — which includes the 1,000 cards that came back to us after the mass mail out this year — about half of those are probably not eligible because they've moved out of the county."

For more information on your registration status or to register to vote, contact the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office at 264-2232, located at the Howard County Courthouse Annex.

ARREST

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injuries at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

"This assault happened at a residence on the east side of Big Spring in the evening hours of Jan. 23," said Big Spring Police Department spokesman Sgt. Roger Sweatt. "The suspect in this case, who was known to the victim, refused to allow her to leave the location until the next day."

"Officers were notified and the victim was treated for minor injuries at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The investigation in to the sexual assault is ongoing."

Sweatt said another sex-

ual assault was reported on Jan. 24. The report was made by a juvenile who claimed to have been sexually assaulted by an adult male she knew.

According to the report, the incident occurred at a residence on the east side of Big Spring during mid-December. No physical injuries were reported and the case is currently under investigation by Det. Moe Horton.

Sweatt said the investigation into both cases is still ongoing.

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received a child tax credit payment in July or August 2003, the payment stub or letter from the IRS.

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ly benefit the community, Congleton said.

"There are 362 total people involved that will either be upgraded or hired and they will be trained by Howard College for those specific areas," Congleton said. "What happens is those 11 companies will get a custom-trained workforce, but also it makes those employees that much more available, in case they need a job in the future, to go to work, and it gives them that step up in the economy. It's a win-win situation."

Big Spring State

Hospital CEO Ed Moughon said the program is not only advantageous for his facility but will also change lives.

"Most of these folks entering into the nursing profession are either younger people or older folks that are returning to the workforce," Moughon said. "Inevitably, many of them are females and many are single parent families. When they finish the nursing program at Howard College and they go to work for me, they earn about \$18 an hour plus benefits."

"That's pretty remarkable for spending a couple of years in a special training program at a community college," Moughon continued. "Within a cou-

ple of years, they are making upwards to \$25 as an RN."

Texas awards many of these grants during the year, and Congleton said the money is a well-spent investment.

"We put a lot of money into it, but a lot of money comes back to us," Congleton said. "It comes back through the revenues of the families earning income and what that does — either for the state or the community or the federal government. It all pays off and it's all about putting Texas folks to work."

Members of the 11-business consortium are the Big Spring State Hospital, Cardiologists of Lubbock, Comanche Flats, Malone

and Hogan Clinic, Lakeview Head Start, Martin County Hospital District, Medical Arts Hospital of Lamesa, Stanton Medical Center, the Texas Department of Health, the VA Medical Center and StarTek.

Employers interested in finding out more information about the Skills Development Fund for Self-Sufficiency can visit the TWC Web site at www.texasworkforce.org

ELECTIONS

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accept President George W. Bush's nomination as the next ambassador to Sweden.

The cost for these unexpected elections is quickly adding up for Howard County.

County Clerk Donna Wright estimates, at a minimum, the Jan. 20 election cost an extra \$5,000 in unbudgeted expenses, and with the runoff looming, the county could easily foot another \$5,000 or more.

"That's quite a bit of unbudgeted money," Wright said.

The runoff, set Feb. 17, will determine who will serve out Bivins' remaining term, but not who will win the November election.

Because of the way the special election/runoff fell

within the normal schedule, voters will choose a successor for Bivins and then turn around to face the same group of candidates in the March primaries.

Six candidates are on the Republican primary ballot for March, almost ensuring yet another runoff.

The winner of the Republican primary will face Democrat Elaine King Miller of Amarillo in November. Miller, who received 8 percent of the vote in the Jan. 20 election, is the only Democratic candidate for the seat on the March ballot.

Adding to this bizarre scenario, Seliger or Edwards could win the seat in the special runoff and lose in the Republican Primary. This scenario would essential-

ly make the winner a lame duck senator, serving for less than a year after winning the seat.

There is an upside for the county to this rash of elections. The political parties, not the county, are responsible for funding the primaries.

"All the filing fees collected around the state level pays for the election and the runoff," Wright said. "The only thing the county provides in the primaries is to run the election hall."

The county does foot the bill for the November elections, which Wright estimates will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

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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:

• **BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES, SECURITY PERSONNEL, BIG SPRING AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** members and others who helped participate in a disaster drill last week to ensure the facility was prepared.

• **BIG SPRING ROTARY CLUB** members who presented the first Dr. Preston-Harrison Scholarship, and to the recipient, Matthew Reyna.

• **BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL** for recognizing the value of participation in the West Texas Narcotics Task Force.

• **LOREN BUSS**, who piloted a Beech AT-11 trainer from Monte Vista, Colo. to Big Spring this week "bring her back" to its old training grounds again and participate in Hangar 25 Air Museum's annual membership event.

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

You will bring our life to the right conclusion, Lord, when we trust in you.

Amen

Knock down and drag out

This is how primaries are supposed to be: knock-down and drag-out, and the last man standing wins. They are supposed to tell us who has a glass chin and who can come back from a body blow. They are supposed to be testing grounds, crucibles, trials by combat. Like getting old, running for president is not for sissies.

"Part of running for president is just slogging on," John Kerry told me at the end of another long campaign day, sitting in a darkened bus that was hurtling through the snow-covered forests of New Hampshire. "Running for president is a tough, long, hard process. And before you get in it, you should know that part of it is a test. When the going gets hard, can you remain steady? People want to see that. That is the watchdog role that the people play. They want to see if you really can do it."

People have become an almost forgotten part of the campaign process. In the early months, there are only polls and pundits, strategy sessions and staff work. It is easy to forget voters actually exist. But Iowa reminded everyone.

Howard Dean's fall from atop his front-runner perch was stunning. Having campaigned relentlessly in all 99 counties of Iowa for months, having spent millions of dollars and having assembled what he said was a ground organization without peer or precedent, Dean won exactly two counties and tied in two others, coming in a poor third to John Kerry.

Candidates have lost Iowa and gone on not just to win the nomination, but also the presidency. But the Iowa loss made Dean look mortal. It reminded people that he could bleed, that he was not a god.

Moreover, the loss kicked two legs out from under the three-legged stool of the Dean campaign: The first leg was Dean's promise to bring new voters to the Democratic Party. Far from bringing new voters to the party in Iowa, Dean couldn't even hold on to his old ones.

The second leg was the promise that Dean could turn out a vote and not just assemble bloggers and Internet contributors. Dean failed that test also, garnering only 18 percent of the vote to Kerry's 38 percent.

Dean's campaign stool still has one leg left: his message of opposition to George Bush. Dean's bashing of Bush earned him early notice, early money and early support. But in politics, imitation is the sincerest form of thievery, and Dean's message has been co-opted by the other candidates.

All of them are against the war to one degree or another, and the entire Democratic pack is now relentlessly against George Bush and eager to tap into the rage that Democrats have felt ever since Florida was awarded to him by the Supreme Court in 2000.

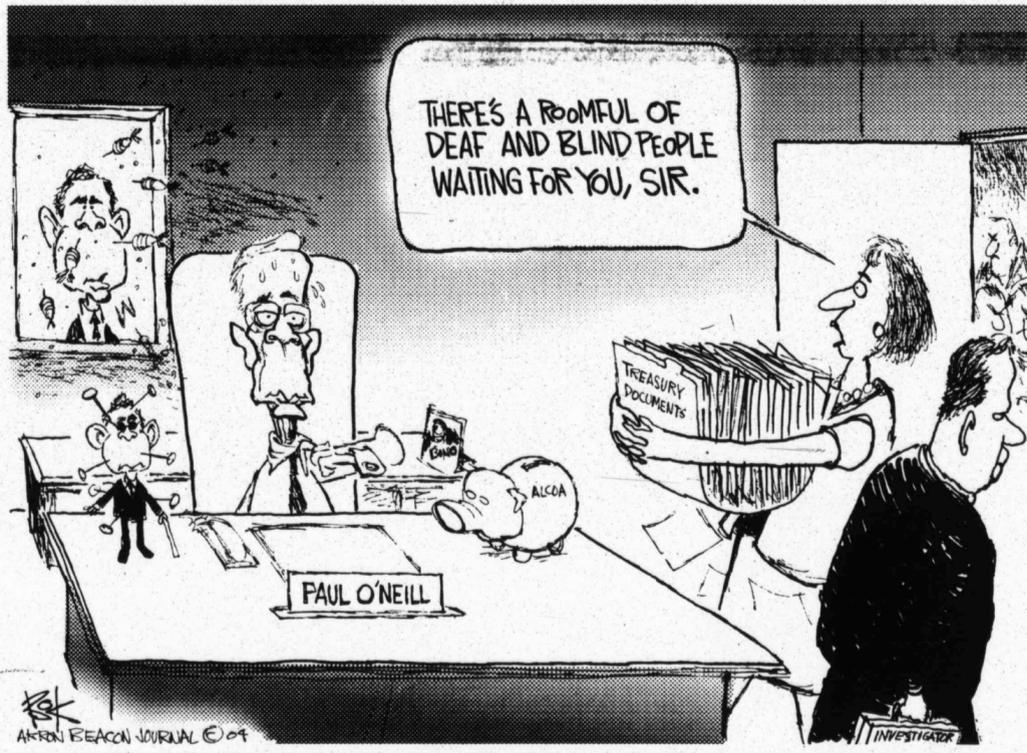
In crowd after crowd, the plea from Democratic voters is the same: We just want somebody who can win. Electability trumps issues. So the Democrat who looks like he can actually beat Bush has a good chance of getting the nomination.

When Dean was sitting atop the polls and on a mountain of money — a record \$41 million raised — the other candidates had a hard time getting their message into the media. Not any more. Now Dean is just another candidate, he has only one leg of his message left, and the mad scramble is on.

It is possible to sit atop a one-legged stool, but one's balance has to be perfect — and Dean's election night "I Have a Scream" speech in Iowa has placed his balance in question.



ROGER SIMON



YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
Recently my 7-year-old son and his friend walked out into a pasture in the Tubbs Addition area.

Fearing he was lost, I called the Howard County Sheriff's Office for help.

It was shortly thereafter I saw friends and neighbors come together like family to help find my son and his friend. I didn't know most of the volunteers, but they touched my heart as they worked together.

I would like to say thank you to the sheriff's department, friends and all the volunteers for finding my son and his friend.

RAMONA MANCHA
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
I would like to voice my opinion related to school holidays. I do not think that it is fair that our students do not have the opportunity to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Ever since my children have been involved in school related activities, our family has not been able to participate in the "March" on MLK

Blvd. Because the holiday is observed on the third Monday in January, we cannot participate as this is basketball season.

Parents are torn between participating in the activities, or watching their child play basketball.

I know I'm not the only parent who feels this way. I've talked to several which prompted this letter. When I was a child, my mother gave my siblings and I the opportunity to stay home if we chose to. However, this resulted in an unexcused absence. Also, approximately two or three years ago, my child brought home a form asking parents to select the holiday that they would like for the upcoming year. I voted for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, with no results. I feel that this holiday should be observed as this is a remarkable part of history. Our children are taught in school how important Dr. King was. If he was so important, how come our school district does not recognize the third Monday of January as a school holiday?

President Reagan signed a bill in 1983 to observe this day. Twenty

years later and our children are still in school on this day. By the way, they are out of school on Presidents Day. What is so important about this holiday? We need to evaluate our student holidays so that families can celebrate together the tremendous efforts of Dr. King. I challenge the school board to evaluate this for the upcoming year. I plan to make sure it is observed as a school holiday.

TERESA WALKER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
I wonder if most people of Big Spring are aware that some city employees are using city vehicles for transportation going to and from work.

I wonder if it would be cheaper to furnish a bus for their transportation to and from work — maybe even furnish transportation for going for lunch.

Why not furnish free transportation for all city employees instead of just a few? What do you think?

JOE T. GAMBLE
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While the TV news channels are focused totally on Democratic primaries, I am blessed to be able to share openly my opinions on the subject of my choice. Free speech is a great American freedom!

Week after week, pastors and church leaders are selected to use this space to "sound off" about anything we choose.



PASTOR'S NOTEBOOK
KEN F. McMEANS

Though I have no idea how many of you actually read this column, it is, none the less, a great blessing, honor, and privilege to participate.

I don't know when these lines were last used to say "thank you" to the *Herald*, but I would like to do so now.

Through ownership, management, and format changes, this space continually has been made available to local pastors.

Over the past years, we've opened some interesting discussions here. We've talked about the fearful reality of hell, and the blessings of heaven. We've talked about war and peace.

We've shared our hearts' concerns for the people of our community, and the

desire to see our churches filled with people. We've communicated the authenticity of God's Word, the Holy Bible, and how it is the only measure for absolute truth.

We've written from the depths of our hearts, and you read, and read, and occasionally responded to the writings. Thank you, readers!

Pastors I know in this community really do love God, and care about people.

I am a Baptist by choice and belief. There are many critical doctrines where I do not agree with other local pastors.

They disagree with me, as well. In common, we all desire to know and teach the absolute truth about God, and His plan

for mankind.

To my knowledge there is no animosity built up between the varying denominations of Big Spring.

None would argue with Micah, the Old Testament prophet who said, "He has shown you, Oh man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you? But to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

In stronger words, the Lord God Himself cries out to His people in II Chronicles 7:14, with this admonition, "When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people; if My people, who are called by My Name, will humble them-

selves and pray, and seek My Face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."

Stronger still, the scripture clearly says, "Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole."

This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the Chief Cornerstone.

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:10-12.

And, finally, Jesus Himself said, I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through Me." John 14:6. May God's Word always ring true.

Thank You for being a great community!

To learn more about the God of your local pastors attend church services Sunday at a church of your choice.

Don't be afraid to ask questions. Without a doubt, God has the answers you need.

If you don't have a church home, we would love to see you at ours. May the Lord Himself richly bless our town. Hope to see you on Sunday!

Ken McMeans is pastor of College Baptist Church.

Red Cross traveling to educate need for blood donations

While the majority of Americans agree that blood donation is a great way to serve the community, only one in 10 say they donate blood regularly.

These are two of the key findings of a new study conducted on behalf of the American Red Cross Save A Life Tour 2003.

Experts say the study reveals a lack of understanding on the part of the public about the importance of donating blood. According to the survey, nearly 18 million adults do not feel their blood donation would make a difference and another 13 million don't understand the blood donation process.

At the same time, the

demand for blood is clear. Research shows that every two seconds, someone in America needs blood. Every day 38,000 donations are needed in the United States to help save the life of cancer patients, accident victims, children with blood disorders and others. To encourage more eligible Americans to donate blood regularly, the Red Cross has embarked on a six-month nationwide campaign called the "Save A Life Tour 2003" Since May, two convoys have been traveling to communities nationwide educating the public about the donation process and the difference just one pint of blood can make in someone's life.

In the convoy is an interactive mobile museum, a custom vehicle outfitted with interactive video displays, many of which are available in

Spanish, to teach visitors about the need for blood.

The survey also showed that 11 percent of Americans do not donate blood because they don't

know who will receive their donation. Five percent do not donate blood because they do not believe that there is a blood shortage, when in fact, the nation's blood

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Church news

First United Methodist Church
First United Methodist Church will observe Holy Communion on Sunday. Dave Ring's Communion Meditation is titled "Darkness and Light" from John 1:1-14. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., and worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday is "Souper Bowl of Caring," sponsored by the Youth Group. Members may drop money in the soup pot after worship services or donate can goods. The money and food will be donated to those needing food and shelter. Sunday at 4 p.m., the Youth will meet at the Ring's home for a Super Bowl party. Registration forms for the "All in the Family,"

the Leap Day Talent Show are available in the church office. Talent may include music, drama, dance, comedy, etc. Spiritual is preferred but (clean) secular is permitted. Deadline to register is Feb. 22. The show will be Sunday evening, Feb. 29. For more information, contact JoAnn Knox, Murray Murphy, or the church office. First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of the programs at First United Methodist Church, call the church office at 267-6394.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
All are invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Episcopal Church Women meet at 11:45 a.m. Sunday, in the church library. Evening prayer is 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 Web site www.stmarysbst.org. The

church is located at 1001 South Goliad.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church
The Singing Hinkle Family will minister in song and preaching during the worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday. The church welcomes all visitors to come and enjoy a great blessing in song and fellowship. Call 267-8214.

First Baptist Church of Big Spring
Saturday is Project Hopes day for First Baptist Church. Participants will meet in the Family Life Center at 8:30 a.m. and go out from there. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m., morning worship at 10:50 a.m.; Sunday Night Live at 4:30 p.m.; Youth Super Bowl Party in the Family Life Center at 5 p.m.; evening worship at 6 p.m. Dr. Charles Lowery is guest speaker Sunday evening. Dr. Lowery is a pastor, has a private practice, college professor management consultant, and corporate motivator. Men from church will drive a van to the Men's Rally at Circle Six Ranch Baptist Church in Stanton where Lowery will appear. Anyone need-

ing a ride, call the church office, 267-8223, to reserve a place in the van.



Dr. Charles Lowery

Men's faith rally planned
More than 500 men and boys will convene at 5 p.m. Monday for a barbecue meal at Circle Six Ranch Baptist Camp in Stanton and a faith seminar. Cost for the meal is \$8. The program will begin at 7 p.m. with the Singing Men of West Texas, directed by Ty Morris from Crestview Baptist Church, Midland. Featured will be Charles S. Lowery, Ph.D. An offering will be accepted to help pay expenses for Circle Six Ranch Baptist Camp. Dr. Lowery will speak at 11 a.m. on Sunday at The First Baptist Church Stanton, and at 6 p.m. at The First Baptist Church Big Spring. Lowery's books, videos, audiocassette tapes will be available.

Gospel Tabernacle

The annual meeting of people far and near will be gathering at Big Spring Gospel Tabernacle, 1905 Scurry Street. These special meetings will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, at 10 a.m. Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday. Emphasis is on the Kingdom of God, Sonship and Restoration. Ministers from several U.S. states and Canada will be featured. In Acts 3:21 it reads Times of Restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Isaiah 11:9 and Isaiah 40:5 tell that the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. In Hebrews 2:10, it reads bringing many sons to glory, to make captain of their salvation made perfect through sufferings. We are to become sons of God. As in Romans 8:18, consider that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to compare with the glory which be revealed in us. We are to grow in Christ to become sons of God. In 1 John 3:1, it reads, Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. In Romans 8:19, all creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. People (could mean sons) that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits. Worship and learn with the congregation and grow in Him, Ephesians 4:13. Special music and singing, food and fellowship are held after each meeting. There are no charges or registration fees. Phone 432-263-2053 for more information.

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Pre-Super Bowl barbecue 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, in the Father Beasley Hall. Cost of the meal is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age 10 and under. Call the church for more information, 267-4125.

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► Club news

Optimist News
Last week Optimist Club members heard about Taser guns from Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith and about county fines and fees from Mike Welling, Howard County warrant officer. "If you owe the county

fines, fees, or court costs, and you are in default, we will find you," said Welling. Welling's job opened in December as a result of the Howard County Commissioner's decision to pursue outstanding collections. Welling previously served

as Martin County sheriff and has many years in law enforcement. A \$5 hot check could end up costing an approximate \$205 in fines and warrant fees, he told the group. Police Chief Smith told members that taser guns have a 15-foot range, and

they shoot two barbs on wires.

He said he experienced the blow of a gun and still carries a red mark on a

leg from the impact. Taser guns usually cost as much as a handgun, and when utilized by officers they "safely restrain and cuff a

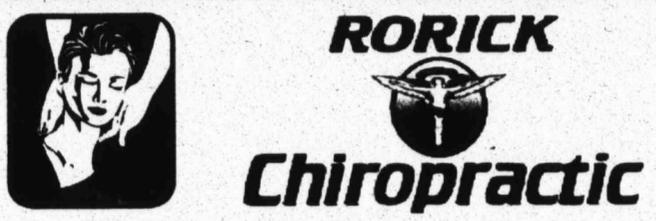
suspect without permanent harm to the suspect or the officer. That's a win-win situation," Smith further explained.

'Season of Nonviolence' covers the globe

A Season of Nonviolence will be observed Jan. 30 to April 4 worldwide. The primary objective being to create an awareness of nonviolent principles and practice as a powerful way to heal, transform and empower lives and communities. The "Season" honors the mem-

ory of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This observance, promoted by the M.K. Institute for Nonviolence, was begun seven years ago by Arun and Sunanda Gandhi. The United Nations has been launching it for five years. Fifty

percent of United States governors and many mayors have issued official proclamations for the 64-day observance time. Activity has evolved in 201 cities in 40 states and 10 countries. More information is available on the Web site www.agnt.or.



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Johnny Jones and the HC Hawks suffered a tough 78-68 loss to South Plains Thursday.

South Plains holds off Howard, 78-68

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor
LEVELLAND — The South Plains Texans did it again. South Plains rallied from an early deficit Thursday night and then scored a dominating 25-11 run in the final seven minutes en route to claiming a 78-68 win over the Howard College Hawks in the Texan Dome. The win was South Plains' fourth straight over the Hawks, dating back to last fall. The Texans defeated Howard last sea-

son twice in regular season play and then again in the Region 5 Basketball Tournament finals. With the victory, South Plains remained atop the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings with a perfect 6-0 record. The Hawks slipped to 4-2. Howard College, which had entered the game having won four straight, jumped out to a quick lead. Steve Goff knocked down a three-pointer just 17 seconds into the contest and

sparked a 13-4 run. The Texans, now 17-5 overall, answered back. South Plains reeled off 11 unanswered points and grabbed an 17-15 lead at the midpoint of the first half. Howard, now 13-5 for the year, regrouped from there. The Hawks outscored South Plains by a 16-9 margin over the ensuing eight minutes and built a 33-24 lead with two minutes left in the half. The Texans, behind Dennard

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers boosters to meet Monday

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet Monday in the Athletic Training Complex.

All parents of high school girls participating in the softball program are encouraged to attend.

The BSHS softball season gets started Feb. 12. Practice begins Monday.

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.

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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.

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Wildcats can clinch playoffs with win

The third-ranked Grady Wildcats can clinch a playoff berth today with a win over the Borden County Coyotes in District 7-A action.

Grady, 23-1, is slated to begin play at 7:30 p.m. in Lenora.

Hawks open baseball season vs. NMMI

Howard College, under new head coach Britt Smith, will get its 2004 college baseball season under way this afternoon when it hosts New Mexico Military Institute in a double-header at Jack Barber Field.

The first of the two seven-inning games will begin at noon.

Youth hoops tourney set for March 13-14

The Best of the Best Basketball organization will be hosting a youth basketball tournament for boys and girls ages nine through 19 in Beaumont on March 13-14.

For more information call, 1 (866) 831-2002 or visit the organization's website at www.bestofthebestbasketball.com.

Forsan to face Stanton in 3-2A play

The Forsan Buffaloes will hit the road today to face the Stanton Buffaloes in District 3-2A play. The FHS girls will begin at 6 p.m.

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Lady Hawks vs. Midland, 5:45 p.m.	1490

South Plains edges Howard

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor
LEVELLAND — The South Plains Lady Texans added to the Howard College Lady Hawks' woes Thursday night by claiming a 66-47 victory in the Texan Dome.

With the loss, the Lady Hawks dropped their fourth straight game and fell to 1-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. South Plains improved to 2-4.

South Plains, 13-10 overall, took control of the contest quickly. The Lady Texans opened the contest by streaking to a 24-10 lead over the initial 16 minutes.

South Plains closed out the first 20 minutes with an 11-point lead, at 29-18.

The Lady Hawks, who committed 20 turnovers in the affair, rallied back, however. Howard College rode the efforts of Desire Bostice and Kristen Valentine reeled off a 10-2 run to open the second half and pulled to within three.

That was as close as the Howard College women could get. South Plains, which hit 22 of 29 free throw attempts, outscored HC by a 35-19 margin over the remaining nine minutes — including a 14-3 run in the final three minutes.

The Lady Hawks weren't as fortunate at the charity stripe. Howard went to the free throw line just three times in the game.

Bostice led all HC scorers with 14 points. She also had a team-high 11 rebounds. Valentine also hit double figures at 10.

Stephanie Gonzales led South Plains offensively, scoring 17 points. Tara Lyle also collected 17 while Danielle Wilhelm added 11.

The Lady Hawks, now 9-13 overall, will host Midland College Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Coahoma boys, C-City to meet for 3-2A lead

The Coahoma Bulldogs will try and move a step closer to the District 3-2A basketball championship tonight when they host the Colorado City Wolves in a matchup of district unbeaten.

Coahoma, 12-10 for the year, is scheduled to face Colorado City, 15-10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Coahoma Elementary School gymnasium.

Coahoma and Colorado City both enter the final game of the first half of district play at 4-0.



KRT Select photo
Carolina's Rod "He Hate Me" Smart gesters to reporters during Media Day activities Tuesday in Houston. Smart and the Panthers are scheduled to face New England in Super Bowl XXXVIII Sunday at 3 p.m. at Realliant Stadium.

Super Bowl loss can wreck a team's season and image

By CHRIS HARRY
The Orlando Sentinel
HOUSTON — (KRT) — In Minnesota, there's an old joke about why Columbus gets all the credit for discovering America when many theorists believe — with good reason and evidence — that Vikings made it here a century earlier.

As they say in Minneapolis, blame it on those Super Bowls.

Descendants of Leif Erikson might have conquered the North Sea and Atlantic Ocean to find their way to the New Land, but Fran Tarkenton, the most famous Minnesota Viking of them all, is remembered best for never finding the Promised Land.

"The Vikings ended up with a horrible rap," Tarkenton has said more than once since playing quarterback in three of Minnesota's four Super Bowl defeats in the 1970s. "And I did, too."

There have been players — too many to name — who have played double-digit years in the NFL and never made it to the Super Bowl. Of the league's 32 franchises, seven have failed to reach the world's most famous football game. Getting there, players and coaches agree, is one of the most difficult things to do in all of sports.

But the Vikings of the late '60s



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and early-to-mid-'70s, the Denver Broncos of the late '80s and Buffalo Bills of the early '90s combined to go to 11 Super Bowls in a 24-year period.

Alas, they also combined for 11 losses.

These were teams positioned for a run at immortality as dynasties, yet time has reduced their achievements to objects of ridicule.

"We went to four straight Super Bowls, and that's something I don't think will ever be duplicated," said former Bills linebacker Darryl Talley, who retired 10 years ago and now lives in Orlando. "The only thing we can be accused of is not finishing those great seasons."

A missed field goal at the gun against the New York Giants in Super Bowl XXV was forgivable, even though Buffalo was favored by a touchdown in the game. But decisive losses to Washington and

Dallas twice made then-coach Marv Levy's annual pregame decree ("At least we're here.") ring somewhat hollow.

Especially by the fourth time. "Had we won just one of those games," quarterback Jim Kelly said, "they'd be talking about us as one of the greatest teams of all time."

Truth be told, the Bills and Vikings of their eras deserve such recognition.

Not so for the Broncos of the '80s; they were coached by Dan Reeves and reached the Super Bowl because of quarterback John Elway's heroics and lots of role players. Elway's next-closest teammate with star credentials was linebacker Karl Mecklenburg.

But scan the rosters of the "close, but" Bills and Vikings, and you'll find players who were among the best of their generation.

In time, no less than five players from those Bills teams will be enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Kelly, Levy and wide receiver James Lofton are in. Defensive Bruce Smith and running back Thurman Thomas will follow. Those teams also featured wide receiver Andre Reed, center Kent Hull, linebackers Cornelius Bennett and Talley, and safety Leonard Smith.

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Steers, Lady Steers travel to Levelland today for key bouts

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor
The Big Spring Steers will try and end their four-game slide in District 4-4A play today

when they close their first half of loop play with a bout against the Levelland Lobos at the LHS gymnasium. The BSHS girls will begin the basketball dou-

ble-header at 6 p.m. The Steers, 4-20 overall, enter the game sporting a 0-4 mark on 4-4A action. Levelland, 7-17 for the year, is 1-3. The Levelland girls, 14-

12, are currently tied for second with Andrews in the loop standings with a 4-2 record. The Lady Steers, coming off a thrilling win over Lake View Tuesday, are 1-5.

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From '90-93, the Bills earned 36 Pro Bowl selections.

Talley, who made it to two of those Pro Bowls, grew up in Ohio watching the NFL on Sundays. Almost as easily as he can recite the Bills' star-studded lineups, Talley has no problem recalling some of those great Vikings teams he watched for years. But he does have one problem with those Vikings teams.

"It's a shame how history has treated them," Talley said. "I just hope history is kinder to us."

The Vikings' four Super Bowl losses — against the Kansas City Chiefs (in Super Bowl IV), Miami Dolphins (VIII), Pittsburgh Steelers (IX) and Oakland Raiders (XI) — were double-digit defeats. But no one who played in those days would deny that then-coach Bud Grant was among the best ever to walk a sideline, that Tarkenton was the engineer of a sensational offense and that defensive tackle Alan Page, anchor of the "Purple People Eaters," at times was unblockable.

Grant, Tarkenton, Page, offensive tackle Ron Yary, defensive end Jim Marshall and safety Paul Krause are enshrined in Canton, Ohio. In addition, tailback Chuck Foreman, wide receiver John Gilliam, center Mick Tingelhoff, defensive end Carl Eller, cornerback Bobby Bryant and kicker Fred Cox were elite players at their positions.

"All I know is that the Minnesota Vikings made four Super Bowls in a short span, and that's pretty good," Krause once said. "I've never understood why one game makes a team great or a player great."

Grant, now 76, was 168-108-1 in his career and won 11 division titles. An avid outdoorsman, Grant's home in Eden Prairie, Minn., reportedly is decorated with all sorts of hunting and fishing memorabilia, but nothing to commemorate a football career worthy of that bronze bust in Canton.

"If I had a choice between putting up a picture of some ducks or a picture of a football team, I'd rather look at the ducks," Grant said. "One thing that makes sports so great is, you don't have to dwell on yesterday"

"I don't see that my situation would be any different today if I had won four."

On the contrary. History recalls Lombardi, Shula, Landry, Walsh and Gibbs a lot differently than it recalls Grant, Levy and Reeves.

And that, frankly, is a joke.

HAWKS

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Abraham, cut the Hawks' lead to 35-32 at the break.

Abraham finished the contest with a game-high 23 points.

South Plains, which benefitted from 30 HC fouls that led to a 32-of-46 effort from the free throw line — took control in the second half. After battling back to take a 58-57 lead with 6:43 to play, the Texans hit stride.

Steve Goff led all Howard scorers in the contest with 13 points. Freshmen Steve Story and Johnny Jones added 12 apiece. Joe Powell had 10.

HC shot just 10 free throws in the game, making six.

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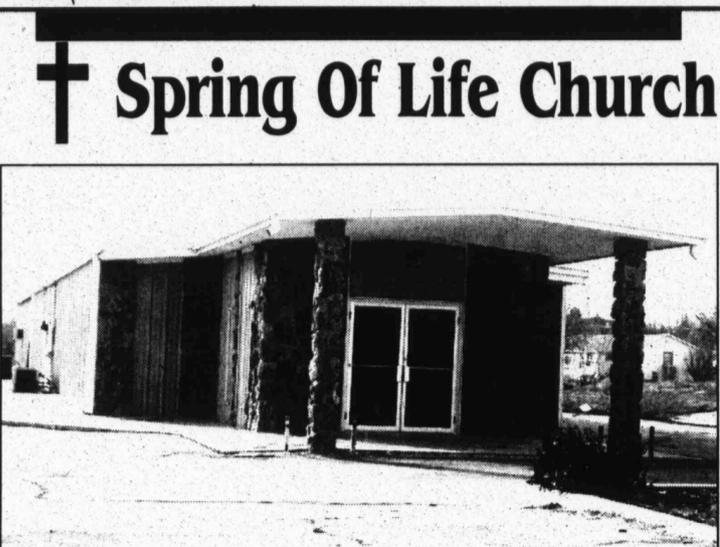
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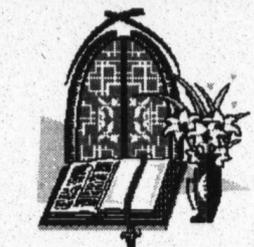
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PRO GOLF

Skip Monty? Tough call for Langer

By CRAIG DOLCH
Cox News Service

West Palm Beach, Fla.

Nobody has been in a tougher spot in a Ryder Cup than Bernhard Langer, who missed a 6-foot putt in 1991 that would have enabled the Europeans to retain the trophy at Kiawah Island. His opponent that day, Hale Irwin, later said that Langer was put in that position because he could handle the outcome better than anyone.

Langer doesn't have to worry about facing similar pressure now that he's agreed to be the European captain and not try to play in his record-tying 11th Ryder Cup this fall at Oakland Hills, near Detroit. But he could be dealing with an equally dicey situation: Does he leave European star Colin Montgomerie — with whom Langer was unbeaten as a partner in 2002 — off the team?

Langer acknowledged recently that making his two wild-card picks will probably be the most difficult part of his job. The Hall of Famer also said Montgomerie won't be given a free ride on the team, even though he has the best winning percentage of any European (66.1) with an overall mark of 16-7-5.

"I certainly hope he will make the team because he's a great player," Langer said in a phone interview from La Quinta, Calif. "But you never know. You need to have a good 12 months when qualifying. It's happened to other great players who didn't make a Ryder Cup team because they weren't playing well."

Langer was one of them. He was left off the 1999 team, the only Ryder Cup he's missed since 1981. It didn't matter that Langer is second to Nick Faldo on the Europeans' all-time list for matches (42), points (24) and won matches (22).

With Montgomerie 25th on both lists for Ryder Cup points and world rankings — the top five are chosen off the world rankings, then the next five on the European points list who have not already been selected — it appears the only chance that Montgomerie has is as a wild-card pick in August. He has dropped to 44th in the world rankings.

Langer, 46, has plenty of other decisions to make before then. Major decisions like what clothes the team will wear, where the players will sleep, and more.

Langer said it's important that he and American captain Hal Sutton continue to make sure the matches don't become as antagonistic as they were at Kiawah and at Brookline in 1999.

"It doesn't matter too much who wins or loses," Langer said. "The game of golf is larger than any one team. I hope these matches are very competitive, but with the highest level of sportsmanship."

"The last hard thing Langer will have to do as captain is watch the matches."

"It's going to be more difficult to be standing on the sidelines," he said. "You kind of feel helpless."

BIRDIES AND BOGIES

Foot in mouth

The hands-down winner in the "bad case stated poorly" category is Scott Hoch, whom you can always count on to speak his mind. Hoch said before the Hawaii Open: "I actually played in the U.S. Open when I was 17 and didn't make a birdie in 36 holes. There shouldn't be a 14-year-old playing, especially when it's the wrong sex. Wait until you earn it. She doesn't have a chance in hell of making the cut. She doesn't have a prayer."

Part of his prediction came true, as Michelle Wie didn't make the cut (her even-par 72-68 missed by one stroke), but beating 47 pros and tying with 17 others is success by any standard.

And how did Scott Hoch do against the "wrong sex" 14-year-old who "didn't have a prayer"? He was one of the 47 guys she beat.

SCHEDULE

PGA TOUR: FBR Open

- Site: Scottsdale, Ariz.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
- Course: TPC of Scottsdale (7,059 yards, par 71).
- Purse: \$4 million. Winner's share: \$720,000.
- TV: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and ABC (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

CHAMPIONS TOUR: Skins Game

- Site: Maui, Hawaii.
- Schedule: Friday-Saturday
- Course: Wailea Golf Club (6,936 yards, par 72).
- Purse: \$600,000 (Nos. 1-6, \$20,000 each; Nos. 7-12, \$30,000 each; Nos. 13-17, \$40,000 each; No. 18, \$100,000).
- TV: ABC (Saturday-Sunday, 12:30-3 p.m.).
- Players: Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Lee Trevino, Tom Watson.

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Exact age of Bob Panasuk, the youngest player who ever made the 36-hole cut on the PGA Tour: He was 15 years, 8 months and 20 days old when he made the cut at the 1957 Canadian Open. Michelle Wie, who missed the cut by one stroke in Hawaii, turned 14 last Oct. 11, so she still has time to break that record.

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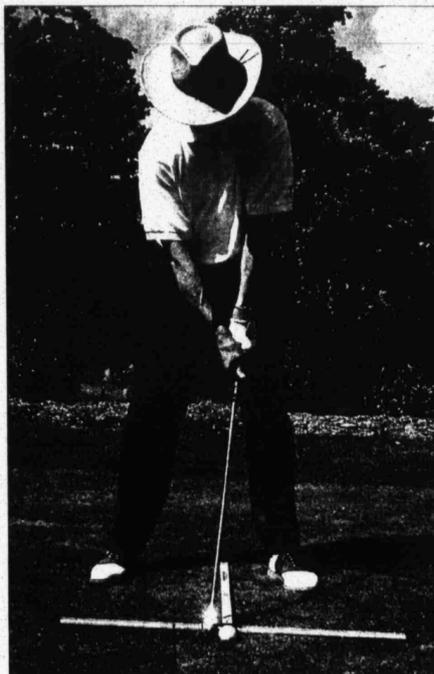
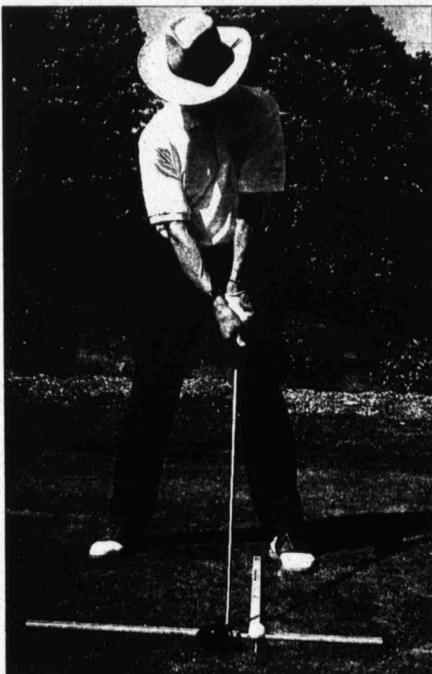
I bet you didn't know that there is a stat category on the PGA Tour called "proximity to the hole from the sand." Justin Leonard led the tour in this category last year, averaging 7 feet, 1 inch on his 127 sand attempts.



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Number of times in 2003 that Jim Furyk (above) three-putted. Only 25 times in nearly 2,000 holes—that is incredible!

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



Finding the proper placement for your ball will help promote a collision just after the club head has reached the bottom of the swing arc and is on the way up. This is the collision point that will optimize the launch angle and driving distance.

Location, location, location

By T.J. TOMASI
Cox News Service

When you hit a bad shot, the common explanation usually involves your golf swing. You were too handsy or you didn't shift your weight properly.

But there is another cause of bad shots, one that is easier to fix than a swing fault. It's your ball position.

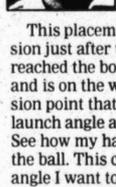
When you set up to the ball, basically what you're doing is arranging a collision between the club head and the ball, and if the ball is misplaced, a mis-hit results.

Position the ball too far forward and your shoulders open (face to the left of the target for a right-handed player). This encourages an out-to-in swing path characteristic of a slicer. Position the ball too far back, and your shoulders close, promoting an in-to-out path that can produce a hook.

For a driver or other woods on a tee, a golfer with my body type should position the ball off his underarm, as I am demonstrating in the first photo here. I've placed guides on the ground so I can check my position. You should do the same.

ABOUT THE WRITER

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This placement promotes a collision just after the club head has reached the bottom of the swing arc and is on the way up. This is the collision point that will optimize the launch angle and driving distance. See how my hands are slightly behind the ball. This creates the same shaft angle I want to return to at impact.

For my 5-iron (second photo), I have placed the ball off my left cheek to make sure I hit the ball with a descending blow (before the bottom of the swing arc), the collision point that will optimize the iron launch angle and help ensure the proper distance control.

This is the same position I use for any iron, from the 5 through the sand wedge. Again, notice the reference

Adage as true for golf as it is for real estate

boards. This time my hands are ahead of the ball in the position I want to mirror at impact.

For fairway woods hit off the ground, or for a long iron such as a 3 or 4, the ball should be positioned in between these two extremes—opposite the logo on my shirt.

Your body type and your golf swing should match. In my book, "The LAWS of the Golf Swing," I divide players into three prototypical body classifications: Leverage Players, who have balanced body characteristics; Arc Players, who are long-limbed and thin-chested; and Width Players, who are short-limbed and rounded. Then I outline three basic swing types—Leverage, Arc and Width (thus the LAWS)—that match the three body types.

I'm a Leverage Player and the ball positions shown here are for golfers with a similar build. If you tend toward either of the other types, the rules of thumb are that Arc Players should position the ball more forward and Width Players farther back. You can find more details in "The LAWS of the Golf Swing," available at www.barnesandnoble.com.

TEEING OFF

Too good to be normal

By T.J. TOMASI
Cox News Service

The "It's-good-to-be-normal" hounds are loose again and they're going after Michelle Wie and her family, barking at them for stealing her childhood, pressuring her into becoming an adult too soon, skipping school and all manner of anti-normal behaviors. But what's so great about being normal?

At this year's Hawaii Open, Friday attendance was up 22 percent over the same day in 2003. The difference: the presence of the non-standard, irregular, uncommon, atypical, extraordinary ninth-grader who



is a once-in-a-millennium physical genius at golf.

Tiger Woods was asked if he could have made the cut on tour at that age. "No way," he replied. "The same thing would've happened to me at 14 as it did when I was 16 (at the 1992 Los Angeles Open, where he missed by plenty). I wasn't good enough."

The "Tiger model" followed by Earl Woods (Tiger's dad) states that you should "dominate at the level you're at before you move on to the next level." That's good advice for most, but Michelle Wie is several cuts above everyone else.

Her recent success at the Hawaii Open shows that her development as a savvy, well-spoken and very happy young girl is something to behold. Wie was having a ball—she even skipped down the 10th fairway for a while until she remembered where she was. Exploitation never looked like this much fun.

How many 14-year-olds do you know who could shoot a 68 from the back tees against the best players in the world, then take over the announcers' booth and not miss a beat? Somebody is definitely doing something right. As commentator Charlie Reimer said to Ernie Els, "Not only is she trying to take your job, she's trying to take mine, too."

Where the critics go wrong is in giving advice geared to an everyday, standard-issue crowd from which excellence flows in a trickle. But with genius, be it intellectual, creative or physical, excellence is a flood that sweeps away those who lobby for sameness and carry on about the need to be normal.

"I don't want to be normal," said Wie, and we shouldn't want her to be, either.

DON'T MISS IT

Lessons online

If you want my 50 Best Tips, then Don't Miss the February issue of Golf Tips magazine. In addition to the magazine instruction, there are five video lessons online that help explain a few of the more advanced moves needed to get around the course in as few strokes as possible. Go online to www.golftipsmag.com, then click on the video link. And make sure you check out the From the Editor section on page 11 of the magazine. It describes what I went through to get the shoot done.

—T.J. Tomasi

ASK THE PRO

Q: Recently, in one of your articles, you referred to a "claw" putting grip. What is the claw? — C.M., from the Web

A: The claw grip is an unorthodox grip that more than a few players on the PGA Tour are now using as an answer to their putting woes. Touring pro Skip Kendall doesn't use the claw, but he is the man credited with showing Chris DiMarco and Mark Calcavecchia how it is done.

Chris and Mark have been "clawing" for a long while, and both have enjoyed much success with it. Both Kevin Sutherland and Mark O'Meara have had good results, too.

There are several variations, but the following is the "normal" version of this unusual grip:

First, hold the handle with your left hand only, using a standard grip. Then let your right arm hang naturally by your side with the fingers pointing toward the ground and stretch your right thumb down so that the webbed area between the thumb and the forefinger is taut and each finger on the right hand is extended.

Then slide the right hand toward the target until the web gently touches the handle of the putter below your standard left-hand grip. Keep some bend in your right elbow, and keep the fingers in your right hand extended.

DiMarco says the claw keeps his right side out of his stroke. Calcavecchia says it cured him of the "twitches."

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

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Knollwood Heights Apartments, LP is making an application for Housing Tax Credits with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Knollwood Heights Apartments to be located near the NE Corner of Martin Luther King and West Marcy Dr., Howard County, Big Spring, Texas 79720. This proposed to-be-constructed apartment community will be comprised of 60-units of which 2% of total will serve tenants with incomes less than 40% of the area median family income, and 98% of total will serve tenants with incomes less than 60% of the area median family income. For a family of 1, 2, 3, & 4 those income levels are \$11,400 to \$17,400, \$13,240 to \$19,860, \$14,920 to \$22,380, and \$16,560 to \$24,840 respectively. The total restricted income percentages of the Development is 100%. The number of units and proposed rents (less utility allowances) for the subject property's tax credit units are:
[16] 1 bed/1bath Units for \$380
[24] 2 bed/2 bath Units for \$465
[20] 3 bed/2 bath Units for \$515
If awarded credits, this development would be ready for occupancy by approximately July of 2005. For information contact Justin Zimmerman with Witout Properties, Inc. located at 1730 E. Republic Road, Suite F, Springfield, MO 65804 and telephone number is 417-883-1632. For information, see www.tdhca.state.tx.us #4094 January 30 & February 2, 2004

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
The social Gemini moon makes it a challenge to get any work done, unless your job relies heavily on chatting up the customers and being generally jovial. Everyone wants to go out, but nobody wants to make a plan, so leaders will be much appreciated. Remain versatile, as anything can happen to spice the evening up.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Maybe it's the kind of hobby that can never be fully realized, but still, you have fun trying to be perfect. Activities in several different areas of life will make you well rounded and, actually, happy. Don't let your vision get too narrow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your workload is heavy, but keep a cheerful attitude, and everything is accomplished when it's supposed to be. Trying to do it all alone is no fun. Make plans with friends to inspire you toward goals that are good for your business.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Usually, you are amenable and will try to accommodate others in business. But it's simply more important now to maintain your position. If you don't compromise, you'll get your way, which is better for everyone.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You can get almost anything you want by talking positively about it to the right people. Note: I said "anything," not "everything." Focus. The social scene holds gems for you. At the very least, you'll find new people entertaining.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Progress that has been hampered (by that person who's basically a pain) will now start flowing the way it's supposed to. Give your difficult person what he or she wants. It's not hard, but you might have to swallow your pride first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your mission: to get Mr. or Ms. Wonderful to spend some time with you. Of course, an upbeat, happy attitude is essential, but anyone can muster up a smile. Bring along your razor wit, too, and don't be afraid to take risks with it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're being watched at work, which bodes well for promotion. Higher-ups want to see that you're not swayed by every little distraction and mishap. Plan your workday before you even clock in. Sagittarius is especially impressed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This is no time to play nice. Letting someone be disrespectful of your feelings is a sure way to kill the possibility that he or she will regard you highly in the future. Put an end to bad behavior by speaking up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Forge ahead with

implementing your part of an agreement without worrying about what the other person is doing. Others get into gear when they know you're already in action. Enjoy a few good laughs at work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Thankfulness attracts abundance. A phone call is the best way to express gratitude; the personal touch makes the difference for a hard-to-please someone. With elders, show modesty and willingness to learn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The lengths you'll go to have fun! Doing what you thought you never would do is exciting, so take a walk on the wild side! The evening is friendly and flirty, with numbers exchanged and promises made to get together soon.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Authority figures are impressed with you, too, but this is only the beginning of what you can do. Push yourself. Being a little uncomfortable is only proof that you are growing. Relationships teach you what you are made of tonight.

WEEKEND LOVE REPORT: It's a social, anything-goes type weekend. Getting to know new people is easy, but getting deep isn't.—**ARIES:** Romantic happenings unfold before you've got time to make a judgment or get any idea about the outcome.

TAURUS: Babe-in-the-woods innocence attracts both wolves and angels, but you are wiser to the ways of love than you let on. **GEMINI:** Take a break from all twosomes, and do things on your own. **CANCER:** If you see early signs that a romance is going to be a disaster, bail. It's easy to get out now. **LEO:** Everyone seems to have an opinion about your personal life. Listen to your heart.

VIRGO: Find ways of economizing your social life — like throw a party and see 50 friends at once. **LIBRA:** You'll get sophistication points based on where you hang out. **SCORPIO:** Distance (either physical or emotional) makes the heart grow fonder. **SAGITTARIUS:** You make a sexy connection with someone who can speak volumes without uttering a word.

CAPRICORN: So many people want your attention. Cut to the quick with effective conversations. **AQUARIUS:** You attract equally bright individuals. **PISCES:** Look for hot tips on the Internet or in a popular publication.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Aquarius and Gemini have so much in common, being two bright air signs that love to be wrapped up in a friendly conversation. The problem is that they fall more easily into an intellectual conversation or a fit of giggles than they fall into a passionate embrace. This weekend, it's enough to have the kind of friendship that the whole world envies. Passion comes later out of continued respect.

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 30, the 336 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 30, 1968, during the Vietnam War, the Tet Offensive began as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese provincial capitals.

On this date:

In 1649, England's King Charles I was beheaded.

In 1882, the 32nd president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, N.Y.

In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany.

In 1933, the first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit.

In 1948, Indian political

and spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi was murdered by a Hindu extremist.

In 1962, two members of the "Flying Wallendas" high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance in Detroit.

In 1964, the United States launched Ranger VI, an unmanned spacecraft carrying television cameras that was to crash-land on the moon.

In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

In 1979, the civilian government of Iran announced it had decided to allow Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who'd been living in exile in France, to return.

In 1981, an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade honoring the freed American hostages from Iran.

Ten years ago: The Dallas

Cowboys repeated as NFL champions as they defeated the Buffalo Bills, 30-13, in Super Bowl 28. It was the fourth straight Super Bowl loss for the Bills.

Today's Birthdays:

Comedian Dick Martin is 82. Actress Dorothy Malone is 79. Producer-director Harold Prince is 76. Actor Gene Hackman is 74. Actress Tammy Grimes is 70. Actress Vanessa Redgrave is 67. Country singer Jeanne Pruett is 67. Country singer Norma Jean is 66. Vice President Dick Cheney is 63. Rock singer Marty Balin is 62. Actor Charles S. Dutton is 53. Singer Jody Watley is 45.

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Newsday Crossword

BODY TONING by Merle Baker
Edited by Stanley Newman

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