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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Verna Martin, left, and Bill Martin made the trip from Lamesa to shop at Payless Shoe Source Friday morning, as store manager Yolanda Robles rings up just one of hundreds of holidays sales. Robles said shoppers were taking advantage of the store's "Buy One, Get One Half-Off" sale, which runs through Monday. The Christmas shopping season began today, with several local stores offering sales. Wal-Mart Supercenter kicked off the shopping season with its annual Six-Hour sale, offering cut-rate prices on many items.

Shoppers hit stores in force

Businesses open as early as 5 a.m. for big after-Thanksgiving Day sales

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

'Tis the season to find bargains, tra-la-la-la-la... The Christmas shopping season officially began today, and Big Spring bargain-hunters were out in force as early as 5 a.m. looking for just the right gift for the holiday.

The opening salvo in the holiday shopping season was fired by the Wal-Mart Supercenter, which commenced its annual day after Thanksgiving Six-Hour Sale at 5 a.m.

With Wal-Mart offering sale prices such as laptop computers for \$378, a good response was expected. The actual turnout, however, was nonetheless impressive.

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opened the doors this morning, I had people waiting outside."

day so far," said Becky Thomas, an assistant manager at the Supercenter. "We were really crowded this morning."

Thomas credited the store's buyers and vendors with offering shoppers a wide range of items.

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Paducah man suffers fatal injuries in rollover

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — A one-vehicle rollover near here late Thursday night claimed the life of a Paducah man.

Jessie Marcado, 28, was declared dead at the scene of injuries sustained when he was ejected from his vehicle, according to a spokesperson at the Department of Safety's regional office in Ozona.

DPS Trooper James Lee Nelson stated in his report that Marcado was driving his 1992 Ford pickup northbound of FM 33 at about 11:15 p.m. Thursday when he apparently drifted into the west side bar ditch.

Marcado then over-corrected and lost control of the vehicle, causing it to flip

over several times and ejecting him in the process.

"Apparently, he was not wearing his seat belt at the time of the accident," the DPS spokesperson said.

There were no other contributing factors to the accident.

Sheriff's deputies from Glasscock County, along with Trooper Nelson, responded to the scene.

Glasscock County Justice of the Peace Marilee Jost declared Marcado dead at the scene, and his body was taken to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

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Balloons, plastic rattles top new list of toys that harm tots

By **BANKS ALBACH**
Knight Ridder, News

WASHINGTON — A consumer watchdog group warned parents Tuesday against toys that can choke, strangle or deafen children or contain potentially toxic chemicals.

The caution, coming just before massive post-Thanksgiving sales Friday, which launches the holiday buying spree, cited some toys that may violate a federal ban on small parts in toys intended for children under age 3. Among them are small plastic rattles with metal balls and tiny finger paint sets.

Researchers for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, an offshoot that consumer advocate Ralph Nader helped found, also

attacked the Yo-Yo Water Toy — essentially a ball on a rubber tether — which they said could strangle a child.

Toy-related injuries have killed 272 children since 1990, according to the group. Last year they killed 16 children and provoked more than 200,000 emergency room visits. Over the past 15 years, 157 kids died after swallowing balloons, marbles, small balls and other toy parts, the group reported. Falling off riding toys such as scooters caused the second largest number of deaths, 73.

Alison Cassady, PIRG's research director, advised parents to think about how toys fit their kids before they buy.

"Parents should think about it"

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KRT photo
Alison Cassady, research director of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, speaks about toys considered to be health risks to children.

Buddy, can you spare a can of food?

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

While many area residents may take the holiday onslaught of food and goodies for granted each year, one Big Spring organization is working hard to make sure those who are less fortunate don't get left out.

The Big Spring Salvation Army is currently holding its annual food drive, and with the Christmas holiday already on the horizon, this year's effort couldn't come at a more critical

time. "Our goal this year is to collect 24,000 cans," said Capt. Russ Keeney, Salvation Army director. "Last year we collected approximately 22,000 cans of food, and right now the cupboards are bare. Every bit of the food we raised last year has been used. We're wiped out."

Keeney said the burden on the area's generous residents has been immense in 2005, having shouldered relief efforts for hurricanes Katrina and Rita. However, the captain said he



Keeney

feels like the Salvation Army can count on the people of Howard County to step up and help out.

"It's been tough because of all the disasters we've had this year," said Keeney. "A lot of people have given so much to those efforts, but I'm sure they won't forget the need we still have right here at home."

Keeney said the food collected

during the drive will help make the Christmas holiday a little brighter for area residents having trouble putting food on the table, not to mention provide emergency food for the coming year.

"The food we collect during the drive goes into our Christmas emergency food boxes," said Keeney. "They are for people who would not normally have any food for Christmas. The boxes will have a lot of canned food in them."

"The cans that are left over

are what we use throughout the year for people who come in and don't have any food. We usually try to give them enough to last two weeks."

Participating is simple, according to Keeney, with dropoff locations at local businesses and schools.

"We have several locations that are participating," said Keeney. "HEB is one of those locations. Wal-Mart is also participating in the drive and will

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SANTA MAY CAUSE DELAY

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Norwegian aviation authorities on Thursday warned that Santa Claus flights could cause delays for airline passengers in December.

It's not St. Nick or his flying reindeer sleigh that cause the problem each year, but thousands of tourists flying through Norwegian airspace each year to reach Santa's village on the Arctic Circle in Finland. About 600,000 people a year visit the Finnish tourist attraction near Rovaniemi, with about 250 charter flights in December alone. Most come from Britain with a peak of more than 30 extra planes an hour taking the shortest route to the Finnish Arctic.

30 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT



MAN, WOMAN OF YEAR

Nominations are being accepted now for Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Man and Woman of the Year.

You must be a member of the chamber to nominate someone. However, those nominated do not have to be chamber members. To nominate someone, you must fill out a nomination form supplied by the selection committee and obtained at the chamber.

Selection will be made on the basis of all around contributions to the community, not just extraordinary performance in the individual's business or employment. Those holding political office are not eligible. Deadline is Dec. 15.

Two dead, three in custody after shooting at Dallas intersection

DALLAS (AP) — Two men died and three people were in custody following an early-morning shootout at a Dallas intersection that could have sparked from an incident as harmless as a wayward glance, officials said.

Dallas residents Henry Pate and Cedric Mosley, both 26, were fatally shot Thursday during the 4:45 a.m. incident at an East Oak Cliff intersection, officials said. The shooting started after Pate began arguing with the male passenger of a pickup truck that pulled

up next to them, police said.

"We don't know if it was something as harmless as one looking at the other the wrong way, or what," Sgt. Ross Salverino, a Dallas homicide supervisor, told The Dallas Morning News.

The pickup sped away following the shootout, officials said. Pate died at the scene and Mosley died two hours later at Dallas Medical Center, the newspaper reported.

Police later arrested the alleged passenger in the

pickup when he arrived at Parkland Memorial Hospital, bleeding from a gunshot wound around 6 a.m. The man told officers he was injured in Pleasant Grove, but they arrested him on suspicion of capital murder.

The suspect, whose name was not released, remained hospitalized Thursday under police guard.

Police later located the alleged driver and female passenger of the pickup, officials said. Both were being questioned Thursday at police headquarters.

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"We had some really good purchases this year," she said. "We actually rolled back the prices on some items even more than what they were marked in the sales flyer."

Thomas declined to discuss actual sales projections, but said officials were optimistic that the store would match last year's holiday sales figures.

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"We anticipate that we'll do pretty well," she said. "We're looking at it to be a bit flat this season. We understand that buyers are a little cautious this year, what with gas prices and all ... We're hoping to run at least flat and not be down."

Another local store that began posting holiday sales prices this morning was Beall's at Big Spring Mall. Assistant Manager Sharon Cofferen was encouraged by the first-

day turnout.

"It's looking pretty good," she said. "We've got people all over the store this morning."

To accommodate the early sales rush, Beall's will be open until 10 p.m. tonight, and from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday, she added.

Payless Shoe Source greeted customers with its Buy One, Get One Half-Off sale this morning, and Manager Yolanda Robles said things were going well at

her store.

"We've actually improved in sales," she said. "Everything is looking very, very good. Before I even opened the doors this morning, I had people waiting outside."

Jody Swinney of the local Sear's outlet said sales were slower than expected this morning, but added that the store would have plenty of bargains to entice shoppers this holiday season.

"It's a little slower than it seems to have been last

year," Swinney said. "It's not horrible or anything, but it is slower than we anticipated."

But Swinney is not giving up on the holiday season by any stretch. Aside from today's sale, the store will hold a "10 percent off until 10 a.m." sale Saturday morning, "and we'll have a lot of sales that will be going on all season," he said.

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in terms of, 'How does my child play with toys,'" she said. "If your little girl always puts things in her mouth, then don't buy toys with small parts."

How small is small? The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission advises that if a toy or detachable toy part can fit through a cardboard toilet paper tube, then it's too small for toddlers under 3 or kids who put toys in their mouths. The agency requires warning labels on toys with small parts aimed at children between ages 3 and 6.

PIRG and the federal product safety commission — which will release its own hazardous toy list next week — disagree on the danger posed by phthalates, a toxic chemical used to soften plastic.

PIRG researchers claim to have found "detectable" phthalate levels in some teething rings and pacifiers, but commission spokesman Scott Wolfson said "trace" amounts pose no risk.

"Exposure is the key," he said. "In this case it's not enough to say to parents that your child is in danger."

His agency and PIRG researchers also disagree on whether noisy toys can be dangerous. PIRG found some that blasted more than 100 decibels into ears an inch from the sound source, but the commission has never banned a toy for loudness.

Gary Klein, senior vice president of the Toy Industry Association, which represents toy manufacturers, said that none of the toys that PIRG criticized was "an inherently dangerous toy."

"As long as parents read the label," Klein said,

"there is absolutely nothing to worry about."

That doesn't mean that toys won't break into swallowable parts, however. "No toy is guaranteed to be break-free," he said.

PIRG's Cassidy also criticized balloon manufacturers whose products are inscribed with such messages as "Happy First Birthday." Since 1990, 68 children have choked to death on balloons. The commission requires that the packaging on balloons state that they're for kids ages 8 and up.

Other toys on PIRG's caution list:

— Animal Pal Books, by Playmore Inc. Publishers. Velcro tab rips off easily and could choke a child.

— Hot Wheels Rev-Ups Speed Shifters, by Mattel. Rubber tires pop off and could be swallowed.

— Bungee-Roos by Ganz. The 12-inch toggle cord could strangle a child.

— Elite Operations Quantum Blast Set, by Geoffrey Inc. Emits 100-decibel blast an inch from the speaker.

— KidConnection Electronic Guitar, by Wal-Mart stores. Puts out 117 decibels.

To read the Public Interest Research Group report, go to www.toysafety.net

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have a collection cans at each entrance to the store.

"All of the elementary schools are also participating in the drive this year as well," he added. "Many of the schools have turned the drive into a contest to see who can raise the most food. At Goliad Elementary, I understand they're having a competition between the girls and the boys as a part of the drive."

"Big Spring High School will be putting on a winter concert Dec. 15 and

they're dedicating that performance to the Salvation Army. They're asking for people who attend to bring at least one can of food, and they will have a table where cans can be dropped off."

As the organization drives toward its 24,000-can goal, Keeney said he believes the need is going to be greater this holiday season and throughout 2006.

"I think the need for these emergency food boxes is going to increase over the coming year," said Keeney. "I think we're going to see a lot more need this year."

For more information on the annual food drive, call 267-8239.

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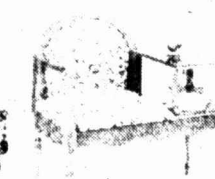

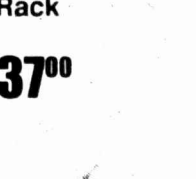









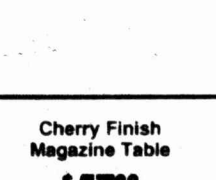

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- The Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, Big Spring Police Department and the Fingerprint America Association on their program to fingerprint and photograph area children.

- The Salvation Army and the many volunteers who helped with another Thanksgiving Day feast.

- All the individuals, groups and organizations that have entered the *Herald* Community Christmas Parade. It's not too late to join the fun. Call the *Herald* at 263-7331 for details.

- The Big Spring High School Steers and the Garden City Bearcats for both advancing to the second round of the playoffs.

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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POINT...

Truth serum needed

What do Democrat leaders really believe concerning their "Bush lied" mantra? If you were to inject the whole lot of them with truth serum and turn them loose with microphones and recording equipment, here's what you might hear:

"Immediately after 9/11, contrary to our guttural instincts, we conceded we had been attacked by international terrorists. Though they probably had legitimate grievances against us, such as our presence in the Middle East and our unfriendly support for Israel, they went too far by attacking civilian targets in New York and Washington, D.C.

"But given our aversion to unsophisticated, black-and-white analyses, our affinity for nuance, our predisposition against recognizing evil in the world, and our inclination toward appeasement, we weren't quite prepared to accept Osama at his word that this had become a global War on Terror (WOT).

"We weren't entirely comfortable attacking Afghanistan because the great Soviet Union became quagmired there and we might further provoke the terrorists, not to mention inflame those little pacifist students in the Saudi-funded madrassas into becoming terrorists and joining the non-global war against us.

"But given the public's post 9/11 passion, we had to get on board against the Taliban. And it's a good thing we did, because we've been able to use that vote to demonstrate we were always hawks in the WOT against the real enemies.

"Indeed, in our intermittent periods of opposition to attacking Iraq, we've pretended President Bush

was too intent on making Saddam Hussein a straw party bogeyman in the WOT in order to avenge his father (or was it to steal Saddam's oil?) to keep his eyes on Osama. Sure, our claim was ridiculous, but that was hardly a reason not to make it.

"When confronted with the embarrassing plethora of tapes and transcripts in which we declared Saddam was an imminent threat to the United States, a possessor of WMD, and feverishly hell-bent on acquiring nuclear weapons capabilities, we've told the public to pay no attention to those men behind the curtain.

"Yes, we really did say those things, but we didn't mean them. We had no choice, politically, given the public's overwhelming support for the war, especially since the president called our bluff when we insisted he consult us prior to taking action.

"Instead of just confessing that we were trying to have it both ways, we found a way to reconcile our inconsistent positions — with yet more inconsistent positions. But we've learned that if you throw enough rubbish out there for public consumption, at the very least you'll confuse the issue enough to establish political cover.

"Consequently, we said that Bush duped us by cherry-picking and exaggerating the intelligence. When GOP nitpickers pointed out we had access to the same intelligence, we alternatively denied it and admitted it, but when admitting it, claimed he had pressured intelligence agencies into doctoring their reports. We know that bipartisan and independent investigators determined otherwise. So sue us!

"We also said that when we voted to give President Bush authority to attack Iraq, which authority was unconditional on its face, we understood that he'd keep exhausting his negotiation avenues.

"Actually, our chutzpah even amazes us sometimes. With straight faces we told the people we 'trusted' President Bush would only attack as a last resort, even though we'd made it clear we wouldn't trust him with his own mother. Though we told them Bush had been secretly planning to attack Iraq since before he was born, we asked them to believe we trusted him not to attack Iraq the first chance he got — with our formal blessing, no less.

"You may recall that we also tried the ploy of demanding we form a stronger 'multilateral' coalition, all the while doing everything we could to sabotage Bush's efforts to build the coalition by arguing against our own participation."

"After all this chaos we've fomented and with the masterful job we've done in undermining the public's support for the war and trust in President Bush, we still don't have a clue what we should do in Iraq other than to keep attacking the president.

"So we demanded a withdrawal timetable and got shot down in the Senate. And in the House vote of us even had the courage to fove consistent with our heated rhetoric.

"Not to worry. The 2008 election is three years off, and that gives us at least two more years of mischief before we have to start coming up with some positive ideas of our own, which won't even be necessary if we're able to pressure Bush into the catastrophic mistake of a precipitous withdrawal. "So cut us some slack. We're just doing what is in the best interests of the country, which is to hoodwink the people into returning us to power."

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DAVID LIMBAUGH

COUNTERPOINT...

Plain old intimidation

We've had two nifty opportunities to study the Bush spin machine at work here lately, both offering such a neat schematic of how it's done one is tempted to applaud. Or something. The first was the counter-offensive launched by President Bush on Veterans Day against those who have the nerve (!) to notice that the administration manipulated intelligence in order to justify an unnecessary war. Bush, indignation to the fore, righteously denounced his critics for "baseless attacks," "false charges" and "rewriting history" because they are "fully aware that a bipartisan Senate investigation found no evidence of political pressure to change the intelligence community's judgments."

That may be true, but it's also true that the Senate investigation did not look at whether the administration manipulated information once they got it. The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence specifically refrained from looking at whether or not the administration manipulated pre-war intelligence. Got that? All it has done so far is look at the pre-war intelligence by the agencies. It has yet to do the second part of its job, looking at how that intelligence was used or misused.

The Republicans are trying to prevent the committee from doing just that, and Democratic leader Harry Reid is down to using procedural ploys to get around them.

The same failure is true of the "independent" Robb-Silberman commission, appointed to investigate the matter by Bush himself. Judge Laurence Silberman said, "Our executive order did not direct us to deal with the use of intelligence by policymakers, and all of us were agreed that that was not part of our inquiry." In circumspet circles, the word used to describe Bush's argument is "disingenuous." Among normal people, it is called lying.

Among the things we didn't know before the war: — The State Department was

convinced the Niger uranium claim was bogus.

— The source for the claims about biological weapons was a questionable character called "Curveball," who had a drinking problem and was distrusted by German intelligence, which had worked with him.

— We were told with great alarm that Saddam had drones that could deliver weapons, but the Air Force thought that was a joke.

— The Department of Energy never believed the famous aluminum tubes had anything to do with a nuclear program.

— Colin Powell's warnings about mobile weapons labs were not based on solid information. I always thought the single best response to doubt Iraq had weapons of mass destruction was that the United Nations inspectors were over there looking and couldn't find any. This was while Donald Rumsfeld was claiming we knew where the WMD were being stored. So why didn't we tell the inspectors so they could go look there? It never made sense.

As author Eric Alterman notes, we've been having a kind of harmonic convergence of b.s. lately. The administration's first response to challenge is to lie, the second is to attack. Dick Cheney, always good in the attack role, called critics of the war "dishonest," "reprehensible" and "opportunist." Again and again, anyone who raises questions about the reasons for or the conduct of this war is promptly accused of "being against the troops," "hurting morale" and "helping the terrorists."

Dissent equals treason. Anyone who criticizes Bush is unpatriotic. According to this pitiful attempt at intimidation, to notice that this war is a disaster is the same as spitting on our soldiers. Stephen Hadley, Donald Rumsfeld, Bush

and Cheney have all played this card in recent days.

It's just plain old intimidation, trying to scare people into shutting up — it's an old, ugly, mean trick, and it only works against cowards.

The treatment of Rep. John Murtha is a classic example. Murtha, stalwart supporter of the military, described Iraq as a "flawed policy wrapped in an illusion" and called for pulling troops out "at the earliest practicable date." White House spokesman Scott McClellan promptly denounced Murtha for "endorsing the policy positions of Michael Moore and the extreme liberal wing of the Democratic Party."

And the charming Rep. Jean Schmidt of Ohio quoted an Ohio colonel: "He asked me to send Congress a message: stay the course. He also asked me to send Congressman Murtha a message: that cowards cut and run. Marines never do."

But Murtha — 37 years in the Marine Corps, decorated war hero in Korea and Vietnam and widely respected for his knowledge of military affairs — is not easily intimidated. Of the vice president he said, "I like guys who got five deferments and (have) never been there and send people to war, and then don't like to hear suggestions about what needs to be done."

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POINT...

Truth serum needed

What do Democrat leaders really believe concerning their "Bush lied" mantra? If you were to inject the whole lot of them with truth serum and turn them loose with microphones and recording equipment, here's what you might hear:

"Immediately after 9/11, contrary to our guttural instincts, we conceded we had been attacked by international terrorists. Though they probably had legitimate grievances against us, such as our presence in the Middle East and our unfriendly support for Israel, they went too far by attacking civilian targets in New York and Washington, D.C.

"But given our aversion to unsophisticated, black-and-white analyses, our affinity for nuance, our predisposition against recognizing evil in the world, and our inclination toward appeasement, we weren't quite prepared to accept Osama at his word that this had become a global War on Terror (WOT).

"We weren't entirely comfortable attacking Afghanistan because the great Soviet Union became quagmired there and we might further provoke the terrorists, not to mention inflame those little pacifist students in the Saudi-funded madrassas into becoming terrorists and joining the non-global war against us.

"But given the public's post 9/11 passion, we had to get on board against the Taliban. And it's a good thing we did, because we've been able to use that vote to demonstrate we were always hawks in the WOT against the real enemies.

"Indeed, in our intermittent periods of opposition to attacking Iraq, we've pretended President Bush

COUNTERPOINT...

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The Republicans are trying to prevent the committee from doing just that, and Democratic leader Harry Reid is down to using procedural ploys to get around them.

The same failure is true of the "independent" Robb-Silberman commission, appointed to investigate the matter by Bush himself. Judge Laurence Silberman said, "Our executive order did not direct us to deal with the use of intelligence by policymakers, and all of us were agreed that that was not part of our inquiry." In circumspet circles, the word used to describe Bush's argument is "disingenuous." Among normal people, it is called lying.

Among the things we didn't know before the war: — The State Department was

convinced the Niger uranium claim was bogus.

— The source for the claims about biological weapons was a questionable character called "Curveball," who had a drinking problem and was distrusted by German intelligence, which had worked with him.

— We were told with great alarm that Saddam had drones that could deliver weapons, but the Air Force thought that was a joke.

— The Department of Energy never believed the famous aluminum tubes had anything to do with a nuclear program.

— Colin Powell's warnings about mobile weapons labs were not based on solid information. I always thought the single best response to doubt Iraq had weapons of mass destruction was that the United Nations inspectors were over there looking and couldn't find any. This was while Donald Rumsfeld was claiming we knew where the WMD were being stored. So why didn't we tell the inspectors so they could go look there? It never made sense.

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Police: Oregon man steals \$200,000 worth of Lego sets

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Agents had to use a 20-foot truck to cart away the evidence from a suspect's house — mountains of Lego bricks.

William Swanberg, 40, of Reno, Nev., is accused of stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of the colorful plastic building blocks.

Swanberg was indicted by a grand jury in Hillsboro, a Portland sub-

urb, which charged him with stealing Lego sets from Target stores.

Target estimates Swanberg stole up to \$200,000 worth of the brick sets pilfered from their stores in Oregon, Utah, Arizona, Nevada and California. The Legos were resold on the Internet, officials said.

Attempts to reach Swanberg at a county jail, where he was being held

on \$250,000 bail, were unsuccessful. It was not known if he had retained an attorney.

Swanberg is accused of switching the bar codes on Lego boxes, replacing an expensive one with a cheaper label, said Detective Troy Dolyniuk, a member of the Washington County fraud and identity theft enforcement team.

Target officials contact-

ed police after noticing the same pattern at their stores in the five western states. A Target security guard stopped Swanberg at a Portland-area store Nov. 17, after he bought 10 boxes of the Star Wars Millennium Falcon set.

In his parked car, detectives found 56 of the Star Wars sets, valued at \$99 each, as well as 27 other Lego sets. In a laptop found inside Swanberg's

car, investigators also found the addresses of numerous Target stores in the Portland area, their locations carefully plotted on a mapping software.

Records of the Lego collector's Web site, Bricklink.Com, show that Swanberg has sold nearly \$600,000 worth of Legos since 2002, said Dolyniuk.

Lego's Danish founder Ole Kirk Christiansen named the famous bricks in 1934 by fusing two Danish words, "leg" and "godt" meaning "play well."

Children across the world spend 5 billion hours every year playing with Lego bricks, available in 90 different colors.

Actor Pat Morita dies at age 73

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Pat Morita, whose portrayal of the wise and dry-witted Mr. Miyagi in "The Karate Kid" earned him an Oscar nomination, has died. He was 73.

Morita died Thursday at his home in Las Vegas of natural causes, said his wife of 12 years, Evelyn. She said in a statement that her husband, who first rose to fame with a role on "Happy Days," had "dedicated his entire life to acting and comedy."

In 1984, he appeared in the role that would define his career and spawn countless affectionate imitations. As Kesuke Miyagi, the mentor to Ralph Macchio's "Daniel-san," he taught karate while trying to catch flies with chopsticks and offering such advice as "wax on, wax off" to guide



Morita

Daniel through chores to improve his skills.

Morita said in a 1986 interview with The Associated Press he was billed as

Noriyuki "Pat" Morita in the film because producer Jerry Weintraub wanted him to sound more ethnic. He said he used the billing because it was "the only name my parents gave me."

He lost the 1984 best supporting actor award to Haing S. Ngor, who appeared in "The Killing Fields."

For years, Morita played small and sometimes demeaning roles in such films as "Thoroughly Modern

Millie" and TV series such as "The Odd Couple" and "Green Acres." His first breakthrough came with "Happy Days," and he followed with his own brief series, "Mr. T and Tina."

"The Karate Kid," led to three sequels, the last of which, 1994's "The Next Karate Kid," paired him with a young Hilary Swank.

Morita was prolific outside of the "Karate Kid" series as well, appearing in "Honeymoon in Vegas," "Spy Hard," "Even Cowgirls Get the Blues" and "The Center of the World."

Born in northern California on June 28, 1932, the son of migrant fruit pickers, Morita spent most of his early years in the hospital with spinal tuberculosis. He later recovered only to be

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FEMA gives hurricane victims some more time to leave hotels

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Victims of Hurricane Katrina who are still living in hotels in Mississippi and nine other states have been given more time to find permanent housing.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has extended the deadline for the hurricane victims to move from the hotels from Dec. 1 until Jan. 7. FEMA is paying the hotel bills for the evacuees.

In addition to Mississippi, the extension applies to evacuees in Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama, Nevada, Tennessee and Texas, says acting FEMA Director R. David Paulison.

Pierre Andre' NaBonne Jr., 85, had planned to return to New Orleans Wednesday to live with his daughter until he could find a new retirement facility in the area.

But he said he had to change those plans when FEMA ordered his daughter out of her home because of mold.

He said he is happy that he now can stay in Montgomery, Ala. where he has been living at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

"I heard it this morning on the news," NaBonne said.

Another evacuee, Marisa Smith, 24, of St. Tammany, La., said she was "stressed out" last week when she heard she would have to move out of her Montgomery hotel room.

The Dec. 1 deadline had drawn sharp criticism from Congress, city and state officials and housing advocates, who said 15 days would not be enough time for evacuees to find stable housing.

"I feel relieved. It helps me out just a little bit more," Smith said after hearing about the exten-

sion. "I should be in good hands by Dec. 15 if they let me stay, and they should."

On Tuesday, a FEMA inspector contacted Smith to get information about her home in Louisiana, which Katrina destroyed.

"I feel a little bit more secure now that I've actually talked to an inspector on the phone and I know that there is progress being made. I still have to check back with the inspector again," Smith said. "FEMA has kind of upped their pace a little bit."

Torey Smith, 25, of New Orleans, said the delay gives him time to decide what to do next before he has to move out of his Montgomery motel room.

"This gives me a little time to try to get on my feet. I've decided to stay in Montgomery," Smith said.

"The people here have been nice."

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Church News

First United Methodist Church

Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and United Methodist Student Day. The Rev. Dr. Dave Ring's sermon is titled "A 2005 Thanksgiving Prayer." The scripture text is Psalms 119:105. Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

The Joint Area Methodist Worship is Sunday evening at the North Birdwell Lane Methodist Church with the Rev. Donita Lee preaching. The service begins at 6 p.m.

Living Christmas Tree singers will rehearse from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. every night Monday through Friday.

Poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary beginning Dec. 11. Anyone wanting to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone should contact the church office no later than Dec. 2. Poinsettias are \$15.

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

Salem Baptist Church

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m., morning service is at 11 a.m., and evening service is at 6 p.m. A nursery is available for small children. The Wednesday evening prayer service is at Parkplace at 6 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene

The 19th annual Drive-Thru Nativity is Dec. 9-11 at the church, 1400 S. Lancaster.

Set-up day is Dec. 3 beginning at 8 a.m. with a breakfast for anyone interested in participating in this event that tells of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There are 17 scenes and volunteers are needed.

The children's ministries Kidz Choir is rehearsing "The Christmas Starr" that will be performed in the church sanctuary at 6 p.m. Dec. 4.

The Rev. Byron Brown leads special observances of the Advent season beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday. The event includes special readings and lighting of the Advent wreath, progressing through each Sunday up to Christmas Day.

Sunday evening service is at 6 p.m. Prior to Sunday morning services, from 9 a.m. until 9:45 a.m., coffee, juice and donuts are available in the commons of the main foyer as an opportunity for fellowship.

For more information about any of these ministries, call 267-7015.

East Side Baptist Church

"The Toney Brothers Quartet" will be in concert Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. promising an evening of praise and excitement. Come early to get a good seat.

On Dec. 10, the church will host its popular "Children's Christmas Fun Festival." The event will include crafts, the telling of the Christmas story and a special puppet show. Space is limited, so call 267-1915 or 267-1845

for reservations.

Sunday family service for East Side Baptist Church, located at 1108 E. Sixth St., is 10:45 a.m. A nursery is provided for children age 4 and under.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. for all age groups, and the morning worship service begins at 11 a.m.

The church is located at 401 E. Fourth St. Call Amy at 267-2291 for more information.

Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone offers a family atmosphere of praise and worship. Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to Sunday children's activities. Childcare is available for newborns through preschool.

The church is located at 12th and Owens streets. Call Pastor Craig Felty at 263-3072 with any questions.

Life Church

There are two contemporary worship services Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Children's ministry is provided during both services, such as Noah's Ark for children age 0-3, Zoe Land for children age 4-9 and God's Squad for pre-

teens age 10-12.

Church meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. Small groups, including college, young adults and senior high meet throughout the week.

For more information, call at 432-263-7714. Life Church is located at 600 E. FM 700.

YoungLife

YoungLife is a non-profit Christian organization for high school students that meets at 7:59 p.m. each Monday night of the school year. WyldLife, a junior high school outreach, meets at 7:13 p.m. every other Tuesday.

Both clubs meet at the YoungLife building, 13th and Owens streets. Volunteer adult leaders are needed for the school year. For more information, call director Shelly Warren at 213-4819.

Baptist Temple Church

Bible school begins at 9:30 a.m. Sunday and morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m.

Evening worship is at 6 p.m. The church is located at 400 11th Place. For more information, contact the church at 267-1683.

New Covenant Worship Center

December 4, the Super Sunday Service will take place with the guest

speaker the Rev. Holston Banks Jr., pastor of Shiloh House of Praise.

New Covenant also offers a mid-week service, featuring the Young Ambassador's Program every Wednesday evening at 6. Game nights, study-hall session and Bible drills are some of the activities.

Sunday morning worship services are at 11 a.m.; doors open at 10:45 a.m.

The church is located at 1607 E. Third street. For more information, call 264-0015 or e-mail nccwcl@yahoo.com.

St. Paul

Lutheran Church

Church services are at 9 a.m. Sunday with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. Prayer meeting is Wednesday night at 6:45. St. Paul Lutheran is located at 810 Scurry. For information about Bible study groups, call the church at 267-7163.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The youth are working on the lighted float for the Christmas parade.

Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. The church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

Sunday, the annual Coahoma Ministerial Alliance worship service meets at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Coahoma. The Rev. Donita Lea, pastor of Coahoma United Methodist Church, is the speaker. Fellowship will follow the worship service.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Sunday service is at 11 a.m. The church is located at 401 N. Main St. in Coahoma. For

more information, call 394-4432.

Friends of Unity

As the 19th annual World Healing Day approaches, members are available to talk with others about this worldwide prayer endeavor. World Healing Day began in 1996, a chance to unite people across all barriers in an effort to bring more of the peace of God to the planet Earth.

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Club News

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



Dedication of furnishings given to VA Medical Center

Courtesy photo
Members of the Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of Big Spring, the Lt. William Brewer Chapter and the Col. Theunis Dey Chapter, both of Midland, and the Permian Basin Chapter of Andrews, of the Daughters of the American Revolution donated a leather sofa, two chairs, a table, a lamp and a picture to the VA Medical Center fifth-floor nursing home in the visitor's alcove. A plaque dedicating the area was presented Veteran's Day by Iva Jo Hanslik, center, VA Medical Center community relations director and Lou Ann Adkins, far right, director of the VA Medical Center, to Carolyn Winkler, left, and Jere Hubbard of the Lt. William Brewer Chapter, Charlene Ragan of the Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, Sue Ann Damron of the Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, Billie Helton of the Permian Basin Chapter, and Sadie Hudson of the Lt. William Brewer Chapter. Winkler is the Regent Damron is the veteran representative and Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, Ragan and Helton are deputy veteran representatives and Winkler is regent.

TOPS No. TX 21

Twelve members of Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX21 met Monday night at 5:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third.

Leader Hughetta Roberts called the meeting to order and the opening prayer was voiced by Cherry Sechelski.

Members recited the TOPS and Keep Off

Pounds Sensibly (KOPS) pledges, then joined in singing the fellowship song.

Wanda Lee read "Family" and Carol Smith read "My Friends at TOPS."

Members answered with their loss and gain for the week as Genay Bertran called the roll.

Best loser of the three KOPS present was Lynne Criswell and Shirley Jenkins was best loser of

the nine TOPS present. Each one received a certificate.

Roberts reminded members of the Christmas party Dec. 1 at her home, with a traditional Christmas dinner.

Gifts will be exchanged. Carol Smith presented the program.

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IN BRIEF

Basketball officials needed for new year

Basketball officials are needed for the 2005-2006 basketball season involving junior high, freshman and junior varsity games in Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City and Sterling City.

If interested in officiating, contact Adam or Mandi Rodriguez at 263-8731 (after 6 p.m.), 517-0300 or 816-1963.

Sign-ups for YMCA basketball underway

Registration for the Big Spring YMCA youth basketball league is taking place now until Dec. 3.

The league is for boys and girls ages 5-12. Some 13-year-olds may play depending on their date of birth.

Practices are scheduled to begin Dec. 19. Kids who played last season may play on the same team from last year.

All games are scheduled to be played Saturdays beginning Jan. 7.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

Big Spring sets volleyball clinic

A volleyball clinic for girls aged third through eighth grade has been set up for Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The clinic will take place at the B.S. Junior High and it will be instructed by J.E. Thomas, who is the Midland College assistant coach.

The cost is \$25 per player.

For more information or to register, contact Della Partee at 267-4038.

Cost-cutting Marlins finalize blockbusters

MIAMI (AP) — The cost-cutting Florida Marlins finalized their big trade with the Mets, sending slugger Carlos Delgado to New York for first baseman Mike Jacobs and two minor leaguers.

Just hours later, the Marlins completed the other big deal they struck this week by shipping ace Josh Beckett, third baseman Mike Lowell and reliever Guillermo Mota to the Boston Red Sox for four prospects.

The Mets will also receive \$7 million from the Marlins to help cover the \$48 million Delgado is owed over the next three seasons.

The minor leaguers going to Florida in that deal are pitcher Yusmeiro Petit and infielder Grant Psomas.

The Marlins, who won their second World Series title only two years ago, will also receive Hanley Ramirez, Boston's top shortstop prospect, along with minor league pitchers Anibal Sanchez and Jesus Delgado.



Howard College freshman Tomisha Martin goes up between two Garden City defenders during the Hawk women's big victory against the Broncbusters Wednesday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Howard led by as many 13 points in the game before holding off Garden City Community College late.

Howard women record big victory against Garden City

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Howard College women's basketball team got a much-needed victory on the eve of Thanksgiving as the Hawks took down Garden City Community College, 60-55.

The Hawks led by as many as 13 points in the game before making things interesting down the stretch with fouls and Garden City free throws.

"It was a big win for us," said Howard head coach Earl Diddle. "There were a lot of distractions with Thanksgiving, our immediate leaving after the game to go to El Paso and the fact that not many people were on campus, but the girls focused and got the victory."

The Broncbusters did not go down without a fight. Howard freshman Tomisha Martin scored four points with eight minutes to go in the game to put the Hawks up 13 points, but Garden City slowly trimmed down its deficit.

"This program finished fifth in the nation three years ago," said Diddle. "Garden City has a lot of tradition so we knew they wouldn't go down easily."

The Hawks missed six free throws in the final eight minutes and stopped the clock on defense enough to give Garden City nine made free throws inside of 6:35 to play in the game.

Freshman Chanel Jones-Delas and sophomore Latoya Fairley both fouled out with less than two minutes to go

in the game after each picked up their fourth fouls just minutes earlier. That allowed Garden City to cut the deficit to six points with two minutes left in the game, but never got closer than five the rest of the way.

"Garden City managed the clock well down the stretch," said Diddle. "We tried to keep the clock moving and they tried to stop it. I am concerned with the fouls. We can't be the team we need to be if we continue to foul."

The Hawks connected on just 13-of-29 free throws in the game, but another concern deals with rebounding as Howard struggled to secure the defensive board on several occasions. Garden City took the shot clock inside of five seconds on several possessions, but often got the ball back after crashing the offensive glass.

"If the team is going to continue to improve, we have to wrap up the defensive possession by securing the rebound," said Diddle. "Its disappointing, but we've been playing a lot of games lately and haven't been able to work on that in practice."

Garden City took the lead early in the game, but six straight points from Fairley put Howard up 9-8 with 12 minutes to play in the first half. The biggest lead in the first half for Garden City was five, while Howard led by as much as four.

The Hawks maintained a four-point lead in the second half until sophomore Jennifer

Pena connected on a 3-pointer to push the advantage to seven. Back-to-back baskets by freshmen Kim Gilyard and Krystle Childs pushed the lead to eight and then a 3-pointer from Sara Rondeau extended it to nine. Then Valerie Burnam's jumper pushed it to 10 before Martin's free throws made it 51-38.

The Hawks played the game without freshman Kendra Marney, who is recovering from a mild concussion. Fairley led the Hawks with 20 points, but made just two-of-nine shots from the foul line. Pena scored nine points and Jones-Delas added eight. Rondeau hit two 3-pointers and finished with seven points.

Gilyard scored six points, but added great energy off the bench and gave the Hawks several second chance opportunities on offense.

"Kim's had back-to-back good games for us," said Diddle. "She trusts what we are doing is very coachable. She provided us with good energy off the bench."

Delia De La Torre and Ebony Allen each had 11 points to lead the Broncbusters. Renae Berry added 10 points. Garden City converted 11 of its 20 free throw attempts.

Howard will remain busy over the break. The Hawks left for El Paso immediately after their game Wednesday. They will spend Thanksgiving there before traveling to Arizona for two games against Mesa and Scottsdale today and Saturday.

Hawk men advance to OC's tournament semis, MC looming

• No. 9 Howard gets first shot at No. 10 Chaps in Odessa

By TROY HYDE

ODESSA — The ninth-ranked Howard men's basketball team had no trouble with Hill College Thursday in the opening round of the Odessa College Thanksgiving Shootout and will now face arch rival Midland College in the semifinals tonight.

Howard sophomore Dezmon Harris played his best game of the year as he led the Hawks to a 74-51 victory over Hill. Harris finished with 19 points, five assists, four rebounds and two steals and the Hawks also got nine points and eight rebounds from sophomores Charles Burgess and Louis Rodgers.

Odessa's Thanksgiving Shootout	
Thursday's results	
Howard 74, Hill 51	
Midland 82, Dixie State 75	
Lee 90, Eastern Okla. 68	
Cecil 78, Odessa 59	

Howard improved to 8-0 with the win and will now take on 8-1 and 10th ranked Midland College tonight at 6 p.m. Midland won a close game with Dixie State College Thursday, 82-75. Also winning Thursday was Lee College, which took down Eastern Oklahoma, 90-68, and Cecil College, which defeated host Odessa, 78-59.

The winner of the Hawks and Chaps game tonight will take on the winner between Lee and Cecil Saturday night in the tournament's championship game at 8 p.m.

Dayne's run, Elam's kick sends Broncos past Cowboys in OT

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Ron Dayne was ready, and it showed.

Despite not having carried the ball in nearly two months and not knowing he'd even play until a few hours before kickoff, Dayne responded with his best performance in four years.

Filling in for injured Tatum Bell, Dayne rumbled 55 yards on the second play of overtime and Jason Elam followed with a 24-yard field goal to give the Denver Broncos a 24-21 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Thursday in the kind of tight, tense game expected in a clash between first-place teams.

Dayne ran for 98 yards, his most since Sept. 30, 2001, and the third-most of his career. He also scored his first touchdown since the 2004 opener, when the 1999 Heisman Trophy winner was still with the New York Giants — all because a bruised chest forced Bell to sit out.

Dayne joined the Broncos this offseason for the minimum salary in hopes of reviving his career in an offense that consistently features one of the NFL's best rushing attacks. He wound up being active only five of the first 10 games and came into this one without a carry since Oct. 2. He'd gained only 53 yards all season.



Denver Broncos running back Ron Dayne (33) breaks free from Dallas Cowboys' Keith Davis (29) for a 55-yard run late in the game Thursday on Thanksgiving at Texas Stadium in Irving. Denver defeated Dallas 24-21 in overtime.

Golf Insider

By T.J. TOMASI

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Handicap headaches

The handicap system as established by the USGA has undergone some changes since it was instituted in 1912. In the past, your handicap was calculated using the difference between what you shot and par. If par was 72 and you shot 82, your handicap was 10.

This method still works if you don't have time or the need for a "formal" handicap, but there was a problem in counting every round a player turned in because a sandbagger (someone who rigs his golf scores) could intentionally shoot a bad round to inflate his/her handicap. To plug this gap, the modern handicap is calculated using the 10 lowest scores out of the 20 most recent rounds.

Today there is also a "handicap index," which attempts to quantify a golfer's potential ability. The handicap is adjusted to reflect how the scores are actually distributed per hole. One golfer might play par golf for 17 holes and then make a 10, which would affect the handicap the same as a golfer who made 10 bogies. The former player would be too tough, the latter an easy opponent to give strokes to.

To prevent this from happening, the number over par on each hole is now limited relative to a golfer's current handicap. For example, if your handicap is nine or less, the most you can take for computing your handicap on any hole is two over par, and that is your adjusted score for handicap purposes.

This refinement is known as Equitable Stroke Control (ESC). It is summarized below:

Handicap	Max # on any hole
9 or less	double bogey
10-19	7
20-29	8
30-39	9
40+	10

THE MODERN GAME

A wedge from the rough

There's no doubt that Tiger's back in form. When he's even close to his best, he is soooooo much better than everyone else.

In 2005 he led the tour in money won and scoring, plus he won six times, including two major titles. He finished second in driving distance (316 yards), first in birdie average, first in par breakers, and first in the "all around" stat, which takes into consideration all the categories kept by the PGA Tour.

However, in driving accuracy he was 188th. How does he drive it so crooked and play so well? The answer is that when the average player hits a bad drive, it's really bad, off the edge of the fairway, it's in the rough, but it's still playable.

Tiger hit 57 percent of his greens from the rough (eighth on tour) and 70 percent of his greens overall (fifth on tour). Driving it off line is OK if you drive it far and not very off line.

Most TV viewers think they are seeing a wild driver when they watch Tiger, but they're really seeing a modern player playing the modern game: Hit the ball over all the trouble, gouge it out of the rough and onto the green with a short iron, then putt the eyes out of it.

BIRDIES AND BOGIES

Can't export honesty

According to golf writer David Lloyd, who visited China recently, the country is filled with sandbaggers whose handicaps are inflated to such a degree that the handicap system, even though it is USGA-based, is meaningless.

"In China," Lloyd explains, "the urge to win is intensified by high stakes that often involve valuable prizes, such as intercontinental business-class flights and jewelry. Misdirected and misplaced kudos attached to winning also play their part in raising the stakes."

It's not that the USGA handicap system is flawed, it's that the ethics of a game where a player calls a penalty on him or her if don't travel all that well. We can export golf, but not honesty.

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



Tour player Bill Glasson (left) powers his swing with a strong upper body, but without much help from his legs, the legacy of high school football injuries that have required four knee operations. By contrast, young gun Charles Howell (right), who says golf is his passion, can throw his entire body into each drive.

Bum knees take their toll

Long after the high school cheers are silent, the legacy of decimated knees remains. Case in point is one Bill Glasson, a seven-time tour winner who ranks 94th on the all-time money list. Certainly not bad, but there is no question that his career has not been all it might have been due to a series of physical problems that influence the way he swings the club.

Glasson has a perfect build for golf. He's 5 foot 11 and a solid 175 pounds, but he's had 19 operations, including elbow surgery, four sinus operations, hip and forearm surgery and the most damaging of all, the football-related injuries leading to four knee operations.

Golf swings do not develop in a vacuum, so it's not surprising that Glasson's swing reflects his physical condition. Notice the difference in leg action between Glasson on the left and a fit youngster named Charles Howell on the right, who never played a down of football in his life. Howell uses his legs to drive through the ball, whereas Glasson deploys his legs as two posts that merely support the effort of his

ABOUT THE WRITER



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upper body.

While effective, Glasson's technique requires great strength (which he has) and immaculate timing (which he doesn't always have). When his timing is off, his power actually works against him, causing shots to fly long and wrong.

Timing is a shaky edifice to build your swing on, but in Glasson's case he has no choice. In the consistent swing, the hands are responders, not initiators. It is the lower body that sets up the release of the angles of power stored up during the backswing, removing the need for conscientious timing from the equation.

Take, for example, the 90-degree angle formed by the front arm, wrist

and the club shaft. In a repeating swing, the release of this angle is triggered when the right side of the body runs into a posted lower left side formed by the left leg and hip. There is no need to time the release because the move is timed for you by the correct use of your lower body.

Imagine snapping your favorite person with a towel. Your weight hits your front foot and your arm stops abruptly, sending the snap on its way. Like the snap of the towel, the best swings require the least timing, and they also require an active lower body that moves first to start the downswing.

Bill Glasson has done very well with the hand (or knees) he was dealt, and with only four years to go, he could be a force on the senior tour, where the courses are a good deal shorter and most of the tournaments are only three rounds.

What can you learn from Bill Glasson's swing? Using your upper body almost exclusively works if, and only if, you shift your weight to your front leg to start the downswing. Without this move, Glasson would be just another gimp-legged golfer.

GOLFOFFLINE



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Go figure

Having a problem figuring out your handicap? Then don't miss Golfonline, where you'll find a way to calculate your estimated handicap. All you do is select the number of rounds played, then input your scores along with the corresponding rating and slope. To find it once you arrive at the site, click the "Get a Handicap" button. It's hole 15 at www.golfonline.com.

TEERING OFF

Leisurely pro pace sets poor example

Slow play is making it difficult for golf to grow. The total number of golfers hasn't changed much in the last five years (about 26 million). When it takes five hours plus to play a round of golf, you know there are a number of people who simply don't have that kind of time to spend.

Who is at fault? It could be the example set by tour pros like Ben (slow as a cane) Crane and Glen (all day) Day, who clog up the course and receive nothing in the way of penalty. For example, during the third round of this year's PGA Tour Championship, Crane and Scott Verplank were consistently 1/2 holes behind the group in front of them, and "nobody did nothing."

When Crane was questioned about his "pokey Joe" routine, he said, "I know I'm slow, and I'm trying to do something about it, but it will take time."

This is just a nice way to tell everyone to go stick it. If he was fined two shots every time he got a bad time, he'd "do something about it" PDQ.

This isn't to say that there are no guidelines on slow play on the PGA Tour. When a group is judged to be out of position, they go on the clock. At that point, each player in the group is given a certain amount of time to play his shot. Exceed your time twice when you're on the clock and you get a penalty. The problem is the officials hardly ever impose a penalty, so slow players just ignore the rules.

Vijay Singh, never one to mince words, lays the blame at the feet of the tour itself — not the policy, but the enforcement.

"They're just too chicken to do anything," said Singh. "They talk about it, but never take action. That's what's been going on for years. That's why the pace of play has actually slowed down this year as opposed to last year."

It does no good to fine a player \$1,000 when he makes over \$1 million a year — that's tip money. And no player in PGA Tour history has ever been penalized a stroke for slow play, yet that's what it's going to take to beat the slow-play problem.

Golf pros are models just like any other professional athletes. There are more young people watching golf than ever before, and they're learning how to play like snails by watching their heroes sitting on their golf bags in the fairway with three groups piled up on the tee.

GOLF SPOKEN HERE

LAUNCH ANGLE

The angle created between the path of your golf ball and the ground when your golf ball leaves the tee. Ideal is between 14 and 15 degrees.

SCHEDULE

All times EST
PGA TOUR
Merrill Lynch Skins Game
 • Site: La Quinta, Calif.
 • Schedule: Saturday-Sunday
 • Course: Trilogy Golf Club (Yards: 7,068)
 • Purse: \$1 million.
 • TV: ABC (Saturday, 1:30 p.m.; Sunday, 3:30 p.m.).
 • Field: Tiger Woods, Fred Couples, Fred Funk and Annika Sorenstam.

LPGA TOUR
 • Next event: Dec 17-18, Wendy's Three Tour Challenge, Henderson, Nev.

CHAMPIONS TOUR
 • Next event: Dec. 3-4, MBNA WorldPoints Father-Son Challenge at ChampionsGate Resort in Orlando, Fla.

ASK THE PRO

Q: Now that it's colder, our fairways aren't in very good shape, so I want to play preferred lies, but a golfer I golfed with said that I couldn't play the ball that way because it's not in the rule book. Is he right? — **Cody P., from the Web**

A: There are two kinds of lies in golf (well, there are more than that if you count the lies at the 19th hole):

1. Play it as it Lies: Where, under the Rules of Golf, you play the ball as it has come to rest on the course. Also called "playing it down."
2. Preferred Lies (sometimes known as "winter rules" or "playing it up"): You can roll the ball onto a better lie in the fairway. This is a special case and is often used when the condition of the fairways is poor. To be official, it must be posted as such.

You can, of course, simply agree to play it up, but the round has no official standing (e.g. for handicap) unless it's posted.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It's one of the greatest things in the world to be able to do this. I'm not looking for what people think of me for doing it. It's a real cleansing and has really helped my soul."

— **Dana Quigley, who donated his Charles Schwab Cup earnings (\$500,000) to charity**

Quigley is not your mega-rich tour player who's been earning millions for years. For most of his golf career, he was a club pro, and it's only been since he turned 50 that he's had access to the big bucks, so his "giving back" is heavy on the "giving." Kudos.



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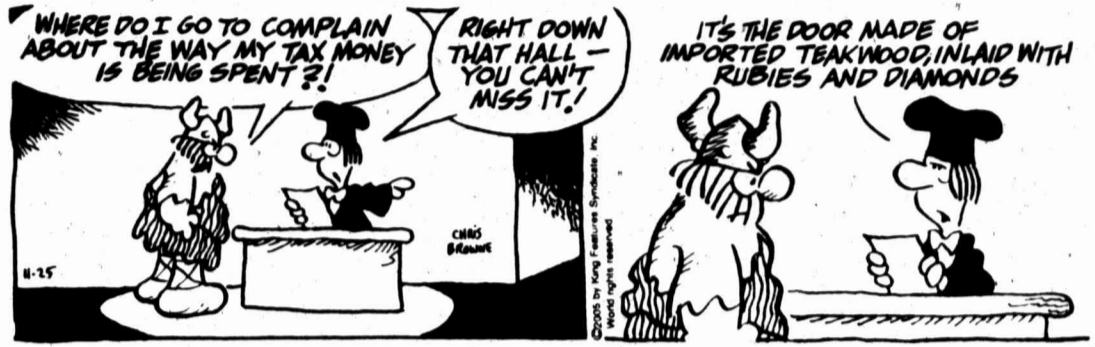
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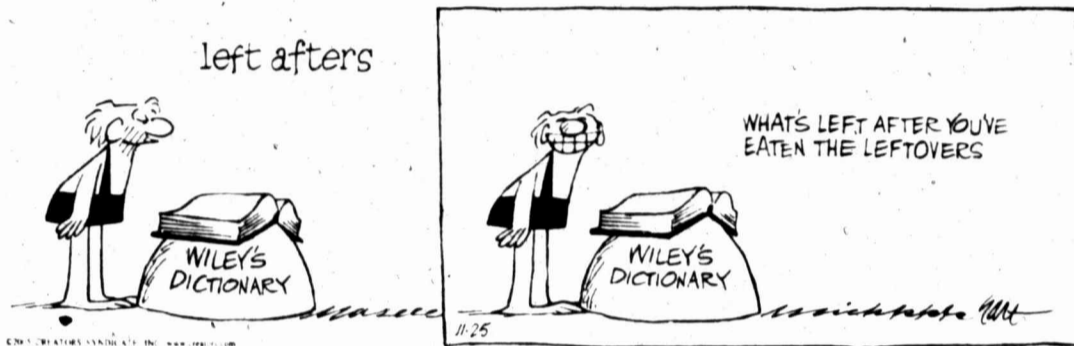
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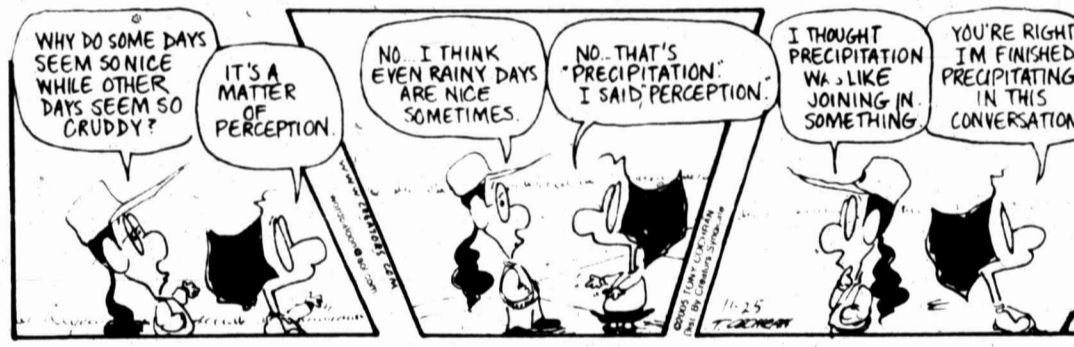
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Nov. 25, the 329th day of 2005. There are 36 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 25, 1963, the body of President Kennedy was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

On this date:

In 1758, in the French and Indian War, the British captured Fort Duquesne in present-day Pittsburgh.

In 1783, the British evacuated New York, their last military position in the United States during the Revolutionary War.

In 1957, President Eisenhower suffered a slight stroke.

In 1973, Greek President George Papadopoulos was ousted in a bloodless military coup.

In 1985, Ronald W. Pelton, a former employee of the National Security Agency, was arrested on espionage charges. (Pelton was later convicted of selling secrets to Soviet agents.)

In 1999, 5-year-old Elian Gonzalez was rescued by a pair of sport fishermen off Florida, setting off an international custody battle between relatives in Miami and Elian's father in Cuba.

In 2002, President Bush signed legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security, and appointed Tom Ridge to be its head.

Ten years ago: In his weekly radio address, President Clinton appealed to America's values and interests as he pleaded for support for the Bosnia peace agreement.

Five years ago: Hundreds of military veterans and retirees, angered by the rejection of overseas absentee ballots in Florida, held a noisy demonstration in Pensacola, one of several rallies Republicans and Democrats staged across Florida.

One year ago: A man with a knife broke into a high school dormitory in Ruzhou, China, killing nine boys as they slept. (Chinese authorities later executed a 21-year-old man who confessed to the attack.)

Today's Birthdays: Former Chilean dictator General

Augusto Pinochet is 90. Actor Ricardo Montalban is 85. Actress Kathryn Crosby is 72. Actor Matt Clark is 69. Actor Tracey Walter is 63. Author, actor and game show host Ben Stein is 61. Singer Bob Lind is 61. Actor John Larroquette is 58. Movie director Jonathan Kaplan is 58. Rock musician Eric Grossman (K's Choice) is 41. Singer Stacy Lattisaw is 39. Rock musician Rodney Sheppard (Sugar Ray) is 39. Rapper-producer Erick Sermon is 37. Actress Jill Hennessy is 36. Actress Christina Applegate is 34.

Thought for Today: "Self is the only person that can ever bind the soul." Henry van Dyke, American clergyman (1852-1933).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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| 15 Synthetic fabric | 5 Louvre work | 12 No longer out |
| 16 Corn Belt state | 6 Investment options | 13 Where to pick up kittens |
| 17 Soon, in poems | 7 "I cannot tell" | 21 Complain |
| 18 Catches red-handed | | 22 Patronize, with "at" |
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Consisting of: Misc. items.
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Consisting of: Misc. items.
#4791 November 18 & 25, 2005.

No. P-13,356
ESTATE OF
JAMES HENRY LEMONS,
DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Henry Lemons, Deceased, were issued on the 21st day of November, 2005, under Docket No. P-13,356, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Lisa Nichols and Xan Lemons Painter.

Claims may be presented in care of Lisa Nichols and Xan Lemons Painter to the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of
James Henry Lemons
c/o Lisa Nichols
3822 Grape Creek Road
San Angelo, TX 76903
and
Estate of
James Henry Lemons
c/o Xan Lemons Painter
9000 N. CR 31
Big Spring, TX 79720

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED this 21st day of November, 2005.

LISA NICHOLS, Independent Executrix of the Estate of James Henry Lemons, Deceased
XAN LEMONS PAINTER, Independent Executrix of the Estate of James Henry Lemons, Deceased
#4796 November 25, 2005

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
By now, retrograde Mercury has become nerve-wracking. It doesn't have to be so frustrating, though. The lesson is one of listening. The tried-and-true trick of repeating what you've heard to be sure you've interpreted it right could save hours of waiting, wondering, running



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Bonnie D. Fuqua, deceased, were issued on November 18, 2005, in Cause No. 13352, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas to Gary Fuqua, Independent Executor.

The address to which claims should be presented is as follows:
Gary Fuqua
715 Colgate Avenue
Big Spring, Texas

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the representative at the address above set out.
DATED this the 21st day of November, 2005.

LAW OFFICE OF TIMOTHY D. YEATS, P.C.
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(432)267-1907 (Fax)
By Timothy D. Yeats
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#4797 November 25, 2005

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE LETTER OF NOTICE
ABANDONED VEHICLE:
TO Whom Ever It Concerns
FROM: Civil Investigator, Dean Restelli Howard County Sheriff's Office

This is to notify you that this department has taken into custody the following described Abandoned Motor Vehicle:

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The Vehicle may be reclaimed at
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#4798 November 25, 2005

around ... and it feels wonderful to understand and be understood.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). No matter whom you're with, you bring out their feisty side, but luckily, also their humor. The way to get through this socially stressful day is one laugh at a time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you, like to keep your options open, you may be trading immediate freedom for ultimate dissatisfaction. It's a simple fact: Planning ahead allows you to accomplish more.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your work requires you to be creative, and you're so lucky in this regard! You'll find an idea already formed, neatly packaged and there for the taking. Now all you have to do is execute it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Nothing is lost on you now. You've been looking at your family relationships your whole life, but today could be the day you finally "see" them for the first time. Share profundities with your best friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Relationships are wrought with unfinished business and open promises. Some would be content to leave ends loose and flapping in the wind. You like things to be wrapped up. You must reach for conclusions in order find them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The planets help you

to push beyond appearances. The more inside information you can garner, the better your shot at success will be. You'll reach many a verbal agreement, but it's smarter to get it in writing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The anticipation of love puts a rosy hue over every other area of life. Whether you're single or married, home alone or in a crowded room, love is not something that happens to you — it's something that's created inside of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People will talk of your talent, even if you don't feature it. For most people, this would be wonderful, but you're so private that adulation just makes you feel weird. Worry not — your fans are on your side.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's an art to living well, and you're the master of it. When good fortune befalls you, grab it and go! A Leo is your ally. Together, you'll turn daily doings into something grand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Update your wish list — you've outgrown what you thought you wanted. Rather than focusing on what doesn't work, enhance what does, and build on that. Tonight: The one who communicates the best gets the girl or the guy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are too close

to your latest masterpiece to know what to do next. Step back to gain objectivity. Or better yet, leave your project altogether and come back to it on Monday.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A situation on the job makes you realize how much you do every day that is taken for granted. Ask for what you're worth. Research what others are making doing similar work. Knowing this figure empowers you.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: Dates may feel rigid until the evening hours when the Libra moon drives us toward a more easygoing connection.

ARIES: Watch out — new sweeties are more complicated than they look. **TAURUS:** Change your look. It attracts new love or gives an ongoing relationship a thrilling spike. **GEMINI:** No matter how you feel about other areas of life, when it comes to love, you radiate confidence.

CANCER: Arguing is pointless, even though you're right. Give in. **LEO:** When your love pulls back again and again, and you are still moving forward, it's no longer a dance — it's a chase. Don't pursue!

VIRGO: Following your curiosity leads you to the place where new love is. **LIBRA:** Dates go well, but be sure not to make light of things that other people take seriously. **SCORPIO:** Love feels young and

naive, as though you've never experienced it before. **SAGITTARIUS:** Keep your word in all you do, even if it seems like it's going to be hard for you. **CAPRICORN:** It is dangerous to make many demands on a partner or a potential partner — this person is already working at full capacity. **AQUARIUS:** Relinquishing control to a loved one now is the best way to obtain it later. **PISCES:** You'll be asking with your heart, "Does he/she truly love me?" Ask with your mouth, too.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Libra and Sagittarius are getting planetary love this weekend and will be especially attractive to the rest of the zodiac because of this. If they choose each other, they'll be warding off lots of other offers, but it makes the affair all the more interesting. The bigger the plans for this weekend, the better. If a lot of money gets spent, it's worth it, as this is an unforgettable time in this couple's relationship.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am recently divorced and need a little perspective. My ex-husband and I used to fight constantly over his use of pornography. Late at night, I would discover him on inappropriate computer websites. I destroyed videos he thought he had hidden, and I asked him to cancel his girlie magazine subscriptions (which his father paid for).

We have two children under the age of 10. Now that my ex is a single man with his own home,



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

he feels free to display crude posters on the walls and keep dirty magazines lying around without regard for my son or daughter.

I know that a lot of women are OK with pornography, but I am not. I've spoken to my ex about this, but he grew up around pornography and is comfortable with it. He thinks the kids will be fine, too. Is this harmful enough to my children that I should seek legal counsel? Am I a prude, or has a line been crossed? — Disgusted and Afraid in Wisconsin

Dear Disgusted: Your ex should not be displaying pornographic images around his underage children, or giving them the impression that this is acceptable. The fact that he is "comfortable" with porn doesn't make it

healthy for your children. If your ex refuses to put this trash away when the kids visit, you should absolutely discuss it with your attorney. Someone needs to protect them.

Dear Annie: I was not surprised to read your answer to "Feeling Used in Washington, D.C.," who married a rich guy who makes her pay some of the bills. You said her husband should contribute five times more to the household expenses since his income is five times higher. Of course you would say to see a lawyer.

Let's say the husband, "Harold," takes your advice and contributes \$5 to the household, and his wife contributes \$1. Total household assets: \$6. There is no problem, until she decides to divorce Harold. Now the judge will order an even split, with the wife receiving \$3 and Harold receiving \$3. The wife walks away having tripled what she brought to the marriage. Is this fair?

Harold's wife should contribute as much as she is entitled to receive upon a divorce. I realize the average female does not want to plan financially for the possibility of divorce, but Harold is wise to do so. — Been Used for Thousands

Dear Been Used: Why do so many men assume that staying home to raise the children, cook, clean, do laundry, run errands, etc., is essentially worthless? These are major contributions to the family and the household, for which women are NOT paid. We also think any guy who makes five times what his wife earns and expects her to chip in for his extravagances is a cheapskate. Here's one more:

Dear Annie: I have been married for 51 years to a tightwad. His salary also was five times mine, so he gets more Social Security. Also, I stayed home to take care of two children for 17 years while my husband was accumulating money in his IRAs and acquiring his pension.

However, things changed when we set up a revocable trust and I received half of our assets. The house is in his name only, and the pension and IRAs are not included in the trust, but some of the stocks and bonds were turned over to me. I pay all my own expenses, including clothing, doctor and medication bills.

Recently he asked me to contribute to the household expenses. I told him, "Sure. But then I will give you a bill for house-keeping, laundry, cooking, etc." I haven't heard a word since. I highly recommend this approach to Harold's wife. — Older and Wiser

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