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WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 42°-46° WEDNESDAY 85°-87°

VA to give flu shots on Friday

The West Texas Veterans Administration Health Care System will be giving flu shots Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Veterans currently registered for health care through the system will be required to show their VA identification card to receive their shots. Veterans not currently enrolled in VA health care will be requested to present proof of eligibility for VA benefits (DD Form 214).

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall Walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizen Center, Industrial Park.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.
□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic 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 are encouraged.
□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.

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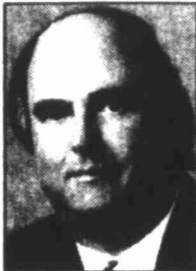
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'Tower of Terror' spook house opens tonight at Settles building

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Halloween comes early to downtown Big Spring tonight as Friends of the Settles open the "Tower of Terror" spook house at the Settles.

"It's going to be larger than last year. There are a lot of new props, more of a maze to go



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through. There are a lot of good things about it," said Mel Prather, co-chairman of the event.

The haunted house opens at 6 p.m. and will continue until about 10 p.m., said Prather. It will also be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, beginning at 6 p.m. and closing later on the weekend.

Tickets are \$3 for youngsters 12 and under and \$5 for everyone 13 and older. Several food booths have been set up for hungry spook house goers.

"They'll have hot dogs, chili dogs, burritos, soft drinks, hot drinks, candy, the

normal stuff," said Prather. Those will be operated by various church and civic organizations.

There is a seating area where parents can wait while their children go through the haunted house if they wish, Prather noted.

"We're excited about the event. It's a good thing for Big Spring and a good thing for kids to have some fun. It's clean fun, no poking or grabbing, but we will scare the daylight out of you, too," he said.

There is still a need for volunteers to help run some of the rooms in the spook

house.

"If someone wants to help out, they should just show up about 5:30. We've got a lot of things going on, so the more volunteers we have, the better it will be," Prather said.

"And they don't need to bring anything. We have extra props and costumes."

Funds generated from the haunted house will go toward refurbishing the former hotel.

"We invite everyone out to the Settles to have a good time. It's good fun and for a good cause," Prather added.



Hugh Raney, park ranger, stands beside a small pavilion near the playground area at Big Spring State Park. Some \$10,000 in improvements has recently been completed at the park. Beginning Nov. 1, state park hours will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week.

Students getting another try at TAAS

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Some Big Spring High School juniors and seniors sat down this morning for another try at the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills.

A passing score on the



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TAAS test, which consists of writing, math and reading segments, is required to graduate in Texas. Local students who have not passed one, two, or all three sections now have the chance to retake the needed parts.

Students are taking the writing portion today, followed on Wednesday by math and reading on Thursday.

"This is not a 'last chance,'" said Principal Kent Bowermon. "We don't believe in last chances."

Instead, juniors and seniors

can take the test again in February along with all district sophomores. Then, in May, seniors who still need to work on one or more sections, can try again May 2-4.

"Last year all of our seniors graduated (by passing the TAAS)," Bowermon said. "We are hoping that trend continues again this year."

He didn't have exact numbers, but Bowermon said the number of students retaking all or part of the test this week is the low

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Sale of Big Spring Refinery moving along, Fina officials say

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

A final phase in the purchase of Fina's Big Spring Refinery may be reached the end of this week, as the dayroom in Dallas will be closed by Friday.

"This dayroom is where we have all the information about the refinery, and it is where prospective buyers have been going to see all our material," said Steve Weber, refinery manager.

Weber said seven to eight different companies have requested bid specification applica-

tions, and are expected to submit bids by mid November.

"Two of these are financial companies, and six are energy-related companies, such as independent refinery companies," Weber said.

An independent financial company is a group of investors who will pool their resources together to purchase the multi-million dollar refinery, he said.

"Often a financial company that purchases something like this will make an offer to the current management team to stay on and run the refinery," Weber said.

He anticipates that the bid process will finalize in mid November, and then the two highest bids will be considered and negotiated.

"Once the two highest bids are received, negotiations may take several weeks. The suggested time frame is that we will have a successful bidder the first or second week in December. Then there is a process called due diligence where all the contracts involved are transferred to the new owner, as well as employee benefits, which can take another two to three months." He said

the size of this investment by any successful company necessitates a great deal of legal process and paperwork, and every facet of the business must be considered carefully.

"We have contracts with various suppliers for water and natural gas as well as electrical contracts, and others. All those will have to be reviewed to make sure everything is in order," he said.

Weber said that although Fina Inc. originally targeted a year-end close and sale of the refinery, practicality suggests the transition will not happen until

March.

"Ownership will not be transferred and we will not be in transition until probably March 1. They had an aggressive schedule that we have just not been able to meet," Weber said.

The future for the Big Spring Refinery's 225 employees is still uncertain, although Weber said he surmises that regardless of who buys the business at least 90 percent of all personnel will be asked to remain.

Shift workers will probably all retain their jobs, and the majority of the engineers and support staff will stay, he said.

County

Commissioners approve legal steps necessary for razing Permian Building

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners Monday helped speed along the demolition of the Permian Building by approving the transfer of the property.

"Taxing entities cannot excuse back taxes owed, and since Big Spring Independent School District is largest and is

owed the most in taxes, the property will be singled over to them by Al Moore," said commissioner Jerry Kilgore.

"The district will then give the property to the city, which will tear the building down at their own expense. Main Street Inc. will then pay the taxes owed, about \$3,000, after demolition of the building," Kilgore said.

The Permian Building, a structure which has been declared unsafe and targeted for demolition since 1998, should be torn down by year's end, according to city manager Gary Fuqua.

City council members approved a bid for its demolition recently, and this latest

action by commissioners is just legal paperwork that must be completed before the building is destroyed.

Other taxing entities will be asked to approve the same procedure.

The sale of three pieces of property was awarded to the highest bidder following bid openings by commissioners. Reeves Moren received the highest bid for properties located on Sycamore (\$2,550) and Blackmon (\$2,100), and Chuck Rosenbaum received the bid for an acre tract of land on Ash Road (\$803.)

Commissioners also approved a bid for a new three-quarter ton pickup from Pollard Chevrolet for \$23,820. The truck was purchased for use by the county extension agent, who needs the vehicle to haul trailers to livestock shows.

And county employees will now have the option of cafeteria plan health insurance, following commissioner action.

Colton Wright with National Family Care insurance presented a package to commissioners that will allow a substantial tax savings for the county on a yearly basis.

"I think this is a good idea and I'd like to do this," said county treasurer Teresa

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Shellbi Stewart and Edrion Houston, third graders at Washington Elementary, work on the school's outdoor display for Red Ribbon Week this morning. The students made a sign using plastic foam cups in the chain-link fence, spelling out a drug-free message.

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OBITUARIES

Francis Schillo

Service is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home for Francis Schillo, 61, of Big Spring. He died Monday, Oct. 25, 1999, as the result of an accident on East Midway Road.

Billy Ray Etchison

Funeral service for Billy Ray Etchison, 77, Waco, was 10 a.m. today at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel in Gatesville with the Rev. Walter Rose and the Rev. Derrick Looney officiating. Burial followed in Osage Cemetery.

Mr. Etchison died Sunday at his residence.

He was born in Osage on June 16, 1922, and married Alma Wanda Ingram Dec. 23, 1946, in Ackerly.

Mr. Etchison had served as a fireman in Fort Hood during World War II. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Ackerly, where they lived for 53 years. He farmed for 42 years, and after retirement, enjoyed traveling.

Survivors include: his wife, Wanda Etchison of Waco; a daughter, Lanelle Etchison Boyd of Waco; a sister, Lila Graham of Gatesville; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the National Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements are with Scott's Funeral Home of Gatesville.

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Thomas. Irene Dominguez, indigent health care director, conducted a closed session hearing concerning indigent health care payments.

Commissioners appointed Bobby Bradford of Crim Engineering to the Texas Veteran Land Board County committee, and agreed to lend votes to Donnie Baker and Eddie Corsey for the Howard County Appraisal District board.

A proclamation was approved and signed designating Oct. 25-29 Red Ribbon Week, after a short presentation by Big Spring High School seniors James Clements, who is president of student council and Blair Nutting, parliamentarian.

TAAS

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est it has been in several years. In fact, the number of students varies with each test, since many who fail have problems in only one section. Math is the portion of the test that gives students the most trouble, Bowermon said.

For the writing portion, students are asked to write a paper on a given topic. Math uses word problems that must be solved, and reading focuses on

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
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Betty Jones, 69, died Sunday. Services are 4:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Francis Schillo, 61, died Monday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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grasping the main idea and other skills. Students are allowed to take as much time as they need for each section, provided they finish within the school day.

For those taking the TAAS, other classwork is temporarily put on hold, Bowermon said. "This is the 'exit test,'" he said. "It comes first."

MOORE

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agenda. Directors will go into executive session to discuss the Signal Homes property. Signal closed its manufactured housing plant earlier this month. Following that session, the board will consider an incentive package to Solitaire Homes, which is interested in moving into the property.

Also on the agenda is awarding a bid for FY 1999 and FY 2000 audits and consideration of the September financials and investment report.

Moore Development Executive Director Kent Sharp declined to discuss Wednesday's agenda in detail, saying he hadn't had time to brief the board.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY
•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Sue Jones, 263-7361 ext. 7179 or 264-7518.

•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 617 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)


•Innovators in glyconutritionals are an independent group focusing on sickness prevention and management utilizing non-toxic simple saccharides to help our body heal itself. Training sessions are the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 1909 S. Gregg. For more information call 267-3013 or 267-2424.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

BRIEFS

THE CHILDREN OF BIG SPRING are invited to a Halloween Spookhouse at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster, on Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. There is no charge. This is to offer children a fun and safe Halloween.

BIG SPRING MOVIE HOTLINE
For showtimes call
263-2479

Happy 4th Birthday

Love,
Daddy, Momma,
Tim & Alicia

Man dies in one-car rollover

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

A one-vehicle rollover claimed the life of a local man about 7:30 p.m. Monday in the 8000 block of East Midway Road.

Francis Schillo, 61, of Big Spring, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Department of Public Safety Sgt. Lawrence Meadors.

"He was dead at the scene and he wasn't transported. The emergency medical service from Big Spring responded to our call, and they had to use their mechanical devices because the truck cab had rolled over," Meadors said.

A tractor-trailer driven by Schillo apparently drove off into a bar ditch on the east side of the county road, Meadors said.

"He tried to drive it back onto the road, and that's when he lost control and the vehicle rolled over," he said.

Meadors, along with DPS troopers Jason Hester and Mike Dawson, arrived at the scene of the accident after a passing motorists alerted them.

"A motorist passing by immediately after it happened called us," Meadors said.

An EMS report indicates extrication, or the "Jaws of Life" were used at the accident site. Meadors said that was because the 18-wheeler came to rest on its top.

An investigation is continuing into the accident, but Meadors said there is no evidence of foul play or criminal activities at this time.

CRIMESTOPPERS

Howard County Crimestoppers is seeking information concerning the theft of two expensive saddles that occurred in the northwest part of the county.

These saddles, valued at more than \$2,000 each, were stolen from the same individual in two separate burglaries, about a month apart.

Crimestoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for this crime.

Anyone with information should call Howard County Crimestoppers at 264-8477, or call the Howard County Sheriff's Office at 264-2244.

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Dell 39 3/4
DuPont 64 1/4
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Intel Corp 73 1/2

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Mobil 94 1/2 - 2 1/2
NUV 8 1/2
Palex Inc. 6 1/2
Patterson Ener 15 1/2
Pepsi Cola 34 1/2
Phillips Petroleum 47 1/2
SBC Com. 45 1/2 + 1 1/2
Sears 27 1/2 - 1 1/2
Texaco 61 1/4
Texas Instruments 81 1/2 + 2
Texas Utils. Co 37 1/2
Total Fina SA 66 1/2 + 1 1/2
Unocal Corp 35 1/2
Wal-Mart 53 1/2
Amcap 17.53-18.60
Europacific 35.14-37.28
Prime Rate 8.25%
Gold 293.30-295.80
Silver 5.19-5.25

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

MONDAY
8:38 a.m. — Mile marker 176 I-20, traffic accident, automobile gas leak, service refused.

1:30 p.m. — 200 block Main St., medical call, patient transported to VA Medical Center.

2:05 p.m. — 1200 block Lloyd, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

5:27 p.m. — 1900 block Wasson, structure fire report, false alarm.

6:53 p.m. — 2800 block Apache, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:57 p.m. — 8000 block E. Midway, traffic accident, extrication.

9:19 p.m. — 1900 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

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

•TERRY COLLINS, 27, was arrested for local warrants.

•CIRILA MENDEZ, 42, was arrested for local warrants.

•ANTHONY MUNOZ, 40, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•CLIFTON GRIFFIN, 59, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 600 block of Caylor. A Sony Playstation, a Nintendo 64, a game cartridge, controllers for both machines, a blacklight lamp, a laser light and coins, all valued at \$365, was reported stolen.

•SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 3200 block of Auburn.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 500 block of Westover.

•FORGERY was reported at the police station.

•CLASS ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1300 block of Harding.

•JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln.

•ASSAULT was reported near the intersection of Ninth and Northeast Main.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued in the 400 block of Gregg.

•THEFT was reported in the

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 0,7,8

Cash 5: 23,27,31,34,39

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

2300 block of Wasson.

•WEEK END REPORT indicates four assault, two family violence, one attempted murder, three burglary of a vehicle and two burglary of a habitation reports.

Also one criminal mischief, one driving while license invalid, one possession of drugs, two runaway and 14 theft reports.

And seven convenience store thefts, 17 information reports, 16 arrests and three minor accident reports.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office had the following arrest reports:

•JOHN HENRY GRAYSON, 35, was arrested for parole violation (HCSO).

•COURTNEY JUSTICE, 23, was arrested on a charge of theft more than \$1,500 less than \$20,000, and motion to revoke probation of forgery (BSPD).

•BRANDON LEE RUSHIN, 29, was arrested on a charge of bondsman off bond of driving while license invalid (DPS).

•JAMES KENNETH NEWMAN, 43, was arrested on a charge of attempted murder (BSPD).

•MICHAEL HEATH BLAIR, 20, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces (HCSO).

•DONALD CRAIG BAKER, 27, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence (HCSO).

•CARMEN MORENO GONZALES, 52, was arrested on a charge of displaying fictitious inspection sticker (BSPD).

•LAURA LEFEBRE, 37, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense (HCSO).

•WINDY LECLAIR, 22, was arrested for assault/family violence (HCSO).

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Month to date 0.32
Month's normal 1.52
Year to date 11.84
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Clinton

WASHINGTON President Clinton's general study of Monday, saying senior citizens should "get on the bus to buy medicine at low cost." He also accused "ceutical industry falsehoods" in a \$1 dollar advertisement aimed at killing him. He included voluntary coverage in Medicare health insurance for the elderly and disadministration. The president's already bitter feud with the pharmaceutical industry over the role in health care also guaranteed year fight between drug benefits, Clinton's prescription has been shelved. Industry ads, character called husband Bill.

Buchanan

FALLS CHURCH Republican president Pat Buchanan GOP on Monday third-party campaign God's country cultural and moral Reform Party offer a real debate and a he said. "Our vaunted term is a snare and fraud upon the r Buchanan, a thr candidate whose conservatism and populism could s from the Rep Democratic nomin He first must w Party nomination, if billionaire Don who joined the York affiliate Minnesota Gov. J or party founder jump in the race. I lshot for the National polls su more than one in port him. Starting down w "our Patriot's Roa cious conservativ words for Presic presidential George W. Bush.

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Clinton orders drug-cost study, criticizes industry ads

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton ordered a federal study of drug costs Monday, saying American senior citizens shouldn't have to "get on the bus to Canada" to buy medicine at lower prices.

He also accused the pharmaceutical industry of "flat-out falsehoods" in a multimillion-dollar advertising campaign aimed at killing his proposal to include voluntary prescription coverage in Medicare, the health insurance program for the elderly and disabled.

The president escalated an already bitter feud between the administration and the drug industry over the government's role in health care. His action also guaranteed an election-year fight between Democrats and Republicans over Medicare drug benefits, now that Clinton's prescription proposal has been shelved by the GOP.

Industry ads, featuring a character called Flo and her husband Bill, claim that

Clinton's Medicare plan would put "big government in our medicine cabinets" and force all seniors into a government-run plan. The White House denies those charges and says seniors pay too much for drugs and need help.

"We cannot stand by and watch the pharmaceutical industry go on and distort this debate," the president said in a speech in the Old Executive Office Building. "We have to expose these deceptions and give the American people the facts."

Clinton directed that the drug study be completed within 90 days.

It will look at different prices for the most commonly used drugs for people with and without insurance coverage. It also will examine drug spending by people of different ages and incomes.

"No senior should have to forgo or cut back on lifesaving medication because of the

cost," the president said. He said, for example, that a popular cholesterol-lowering drug costs \$44 for 60 pills in Canada, but \$102 in New Hampshire. "It's wrong and we have to deal with it," Clinton said.

Attacking industry claims, Clinton said, "I wish they'd spend this ad money explaining why seniors have to get on the bus and go to Canada to buy drugs at less than half the price they can buy them in America."

Alan F. Holmer, president of the industry trade group, the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, said some drugs may be more expensive in the United States than in Canada, because of Canadian or provincial government price controls.

"Our view is that America has the best health care system in the world and we don't want to copy the Canadian system with its rationing of health care, its limits on access to

medicines and its waiting lines that are often three times longer than in the U.S.," Holmer said. He also defended the accuracy of drug industry ads that oppose Clinton's proposals.

Clinton said that 13 million older Americans have no prescription drug coverage and millions more have inadequate coverage. "The Republicans are squandering a golden moment," the president said.

But Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said Medicare premiums would double for seniors under the president's prescription plan. Furthermore, he said a study conducted by the accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers estimated that 50 percent to 75 percent of employers would drop or limit their prescription coverage if Clinton's plan were enacted, eliminating drug insurance for up to 9 million beneficiaries.

Research reveals heart patients who are prayed for fare better

CHICAGO (AP) — Heart patients who had someone praying over them without their knowledge suffered 10 percent fewer complications, according to new research published this week.

"It's potentially a natural explanation we don't understand yet. It's potentially a super- or other-than-natural mechanism," said William S. Harris, a heart researcher and lead author of the study.

Harris and other researchers at the Mid America Heart Institute, the heart program of St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., studied 990 patients admitted during a year to the institute's coronary care unit.

The patients were randomly divided into two groups. In one, patients were prayed for daily by community volunteers for four weeks; the other patients didn't have anyone assigned to pray for them.

The patients, their families and their caregivers were not told they were in a study. The volunteers were told only the first names of the patients and asked to pray daily for their

speedy recovery with no complications.

After four weeks, the prayed-for patients had suffered about 10 percent fewer complications, ranging from chest pain to cardiac arrest, researchers reported in Monday's issue of the Archives of Internal Medicine, published by the American Medical Association.

The findings suggest that prayer might be an effective addition to standard medical care, the researchers said.

At the same time, Harris acknowledged that his study had limitations. Among other things, many patients in the comparison group likely had friends and relatives praying for them, too.

An expert not involved in the work said the study and a similar one in 1988 in San Francisco that involved 393 heart patients had questionable methods.

Both studies tallied complications using their own scoring systems, which have not been proved medically valid, said the expert, Dr. Herbert Benson, a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Buchanan bolts, says Reform Party offers 'true choice'

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan bolted the GOP on Monday to mount a third-party campaign and "rescue God's country" from a cultural and moral pit. "Only the Reform Party offers the hope of a real debate and a true choice," he said.

"Our vaunted two-party system is a snare and a delusion, a fraud upon the nation," said Buchanan, a thrice-failed GOP candidate whose anti-abortion conservatism and anti-trade populism could siphon votes from the Republican and Democratic nominees.

He first must win the Reform Party nomination, no small task if billionaire Donald Trump — who joined the party's New York affiliate Monday — Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura or party founder Ross Perot jump in the race. Buchanan is a longshot for the presidency: National polls suggest that no more than one in 10 voters support him.

Starting down what he called "our Patriot's Road," the pugnacious conservative had harsh words for President Clinton, presidential front-runner George W. Bush, the Supreme

Court, the Education Department, leaders of both major parties, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan and "the goddess New World Order."

"Let me say to the money boys and the Beltway elites who think that, at long last, they have pulled up their drawbridge and locked us out forever: You don't know this peasant army. We have not yet begun to fight!" Buchanan said.

"Go Pat, go!" shouted more than 300 supporters from the ranks of the Republican and Reform parties, gathered at a suburban Washington hotel.

His sound system repeatedly failing him, the former Nixon White House aide joked, "Who put G. Gordon Liddy in charge of the microphones?"

Buchanan is the sixth person to quit the GOP nomination race, leaving Bush and five others. A compacted primary schedule and the Texas governor's record-shattering fundraising winnowed the field earlier than usual.

Buchanan criticized Bush's education plans and delivered a veiled slap at the GOP front-runner by saying both parties "seek out the hollow men, the

malleable men" as candidates.

In a statement released by his campaign, Bush said, "Pat Buchanan is leaving the Republican Party because Republicans rejected his views during his three failed attempts to earn the Republican Party's presidential nomination."

The remarks were more pointed than usual from Bush. He had measured his words in recent weeks as others denounced Buchanan's views about Nazi Germany.

Presidential rival John McCain of Arizona, who had suggested that Bush was appealing Buchanan, issued a terse statement Monday. "I do not mourn his departure," he said.

Buchanan, whose insurgent campaigns hobbled Republican front-runners in 1992 and 1996, failed for eight months to break out of second-tier status in the Republican presidential field. Though low in polls and money, Buchanan is considered a threat by Republicans.

"There's no place for conservatives to go other than to Pat," said former White House chief of staff John Sununu.

Most polls substantiate GOP fears, although some surveys

suggest that Buchanan would attract as many Democrats as Republicans.

Trump, who called Buchanan "a Hitler lover," dropped his GOP affiliation Monday in preparation for a potential Reform Party bid. He will decide early next year whether to challenge Buchanan.

Ventura, the nation's highest-elected Reform Party member, pledged to remain governor through 2002 but may be wavering.

Perot has not ruled out a third presidential bid.

At stake is more than \$12 million in federal money earmarked for the Reform Party nominee.

Buchanan hopes to forge a coalition of hard-hat Democrats, hard-core social conservatives and Reform Party stalwarts who helped Perot earned 19 percent of the vote in 1992.

Many of his backers are Perot allies. Ventura is urging Trump to run.

"I like what he has to say about trade. I can put the abortion stuff aside," said Valli Sharpe-Geisler, past chairwoman of the California Reform Party who attended the announcement.

Company unveils electronic process that destroys bacteria in meat, fruit

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP) — A company says it has developed a new electric process that can kill almost 100 percent of bacteria lingering in meat, vegetables, fruits and other foods.

Titan Corp. officials unveiled their new SureBeam electric pasteurization process Monday at a test facility in Sioux City.

The process has already had won approval from the Food and Drug Administration, and officials expect acceptance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture before the end of the year.

"What this does is eliminate 99.99999 percent of harmful bacteria, of food pathogens," Gene W. Ray, president of the San Diego-based company.

The SureBeam process works by charging an electronic beam that disrupts the DNA structure of the microorganisms it hits, rendering them sterile. Irradiation, an alternative pasteurization process now being used, exposes food to gamma rays from radioactive material, such as Cobalt 60.

"The SureBeam technology is as safe as a microwave oven," said Dennis Olson, director of the Utilization Center for Agricultural Products at Iowa State University.

"Since electronic pasteurization is effective on all types of meats, poultry, fruits, vegetables and grains — fresh or frozen — the process will revolutionize the way we safeguard our food supply."

Titan officials say the SureBeam process has no effect on the taste or quality of food, but warned electronic pasteurization does not lengthen a food's shelf life and that consumers should still be careful in handling meat.

About 76 million people are sickened annually by food-

borne bacteria such as E. coli, salmonella and listeria, with 325,000 hospitalized and 500 deaths, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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OUR VIEWS

With your help, Christmas parade can be best ever

It's hard to believe, but the annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade is barely six weeks away.

Using the sesquicentennial of Capt. Randolph B. Marcy's discovery of the historic spring as the idea for the general theme, entrants in the 13th annual Herald-sponsored parade will be decorating to symbolize "150 Years of West Texas Christmases" and vie for top honors in each of four categories.

The addition of the Texas Tech University drums corps, the Masked Rider and Raider Red already give this parade an edge over those of past year's.

What's needed to make it the biggest parade ever? In a word, you.

In each of the last two years, the parade's list of entries has hovered right around 100 — and the goal this year is to break the 100 mark, which would make it the biggest Christmas parade ever in West Texas.

Entry forms are available at the Herald — and we hope to see your entry on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 5:15 p.m.

OTHER VIEWS

There were hopes, a few years ago, that North Korea might just quietly implode, as the Soviet Union did, then be absorbed by its neighbor to the south.

The government in Pyongyang was capable of causing trouble, as evidenced by its alleged nuclear weapons development program, but it was assumed that the mischief could be contained until the regime collapsed under its own weight.

Unfortunately, the North Korean government has shown far more resilience than had been expected.

This has obliged the U.S. to find a new policy for dealing with North Korea.

In a step-by-step approach, the U.S. has pledged to further ease sanctions against North Korea, and move toward the establishment of diplomatic relations with Pyongyang.

Progress depends on Pyongyang. It says it wants a new relationship with the U.S.: It must now prove it.

Japan Times, Tokyo

Washington expresses disappointment that Pakistan's new military ruler hasn't announced any specific timetable for a return to democracy, but Clinton's man in Islamabad acknowledges (Gen. Pervez) Musharraf's "patriotic motivation."

This divided reaction accurately reflects the Western-American dilemma in how to deal with this remilitarizing country. On one side, in today's world there is no more room for military dictators.

On the other, no one can say that the ousted Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was a noble fighter against corruption. Pakistan is more dependent than ever on international

financial aid. The new rulers must show that they deserve it, in part through moderation in their foreign policy. The partial military pullback from the border with India is an indication that Musharraf at least understands this.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Frankfurt, Germany

The migration of people and ideas disturbing the contemporary world is striking a new fear within the European Catholic Church. ... Fear of losing its territory, and above all its soul.

It sees itself trapped between two fires. The Dalai Lama arrived in Milan greeted by the wealthy avant-garde, while Islam's domineering voice could be heard in the city's poorer districts.

Religion, culture, society, life, thought, and behavior are understood as a whole in Islam. However, in Europe there are Christians in favor of the marginalization of their own church.

An echo of the drama troubling Christian Arabs in the Holy Land could be heard in the Vatican: the Muslims want to build a mosque in front of a Christian shrine.

The Catholic Church has been leading the peace process in Europe for some time; it's unimaginable that fear could block this precious role.

Paradoxically, Catholic volunteers have been the first to provide aid to Muslim immigrants entering Italy. This unprecedented step has shaken the Church's cultural traditions.

But why fear the future? A united, multicultural Europe presents an entirely new model. We will change but not for the worst.

La Repubblica, Rome

Writer's Art: Getting back to Gibbon

Some years ago, when I was guest-lecturing on the writing art, I urged my better students to sample the style of some of the old boys. My nominations included such venerated figures as Wordsworth, Emerson, Carlyle and Burke. I suggested a long visit with the magisterial prose of Lord Macaulay. The one writer I recommended first of all was Edward Gibbon.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

The great historian was an amazing fellow. Born in 1737, he endured an unhappy childhood marked by recurring illnesses. His contemporaries described him as a puny boy with an oversized head, but his tutors crammed that head with a love for bookish learning. As a teen-ager he mastered Greek and Latin. He became so fluent in French that his first published work, an essay on the study of literature, was written in that language.

In 1764, during a visit to Rome, Gibbon was struck by the thought of writing the history that would become his masterpiece. The first volume of "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" appeared in 1776, the sixth and final volume in 1788. Gibbon became rich, fat and famous. He stood barely 5 feet tall and was as round as a beach ball. He died

in 1794. Dero A. Saunders, who edited a one-volume condensation of the work for Viking Press, quotes Gibbon on his regimen as a writer. He wrote and rewrote his paragraphs and "fried them on his ear" until they sounded and resounded with the cadence he wanted. Even when read silently, Gibbon's prose works on the reader's inner ear. We hear the sonority of cathedral bells. The style is not for everyone, but every serious writer will benefit from his tricks of antithesis and parallel structure.

Note, for example, Gibbon's opening lines: "In the second century of the Christian era the empire of Rome comprehended the fairest part of the earth and the most civilized portion of mankind." Gibbon balanced the superlative "fairest part" with the superlative "most civilized portion." His prepositional phrases were a matched pair, "of the earth" and "of mankind." It was a simple indicative sentence, but it could have been scored for the organ.

He often wrote sentences that were long and complex. Here he is philosophizing on the sad story of the virtuous Marcus Aurelius and his profligate son Commodus: "Most of the crimes which disturb the internal peace of society are produced by the restraint which the necessary, but unequal, laws of property have imposed on the appetites of mankind, by confining to a few the possession of those objects that are coveted by many."

Among Gibbon's gifts was a sure hand for vivid narration.

He dearly loved verbs that were active, not passive. In Chapter Five of the first volume, he covered the confusion that followed the assassination of Commodus in A.D. 193 and the murder of Pertinax, his honorable successor. The infamous Praetorian guards then sold the empire to a wealthy senator, who in turn was ousted by a brilliant and crafty general, Septimius Severus. The victorious Severus rounded up the Praetorians in an open field: "He sternly reproached them with perfidy and cowardice, dismissed them with ignominy from the trust which they had betrayed, despoiled them of their splendid ornaments, and banished them, on pain of death, to the distance of an hundred miles from the capital."

Severus delivered a funeral oration for the slain Pertinax "with studied eloquence, inward satisfaction, and well-acted sorrow."

This is how Gibbon covered Rome's conquest of Britain: "After a war of about forty years, undertaken by the most stupid, maintained by the most dissolute, and terminated by the most timid of all the emperors, the far greater part of the island submitted to the Roman yoke." The passage has all the complex simplicity of a fugue for harpsichord.

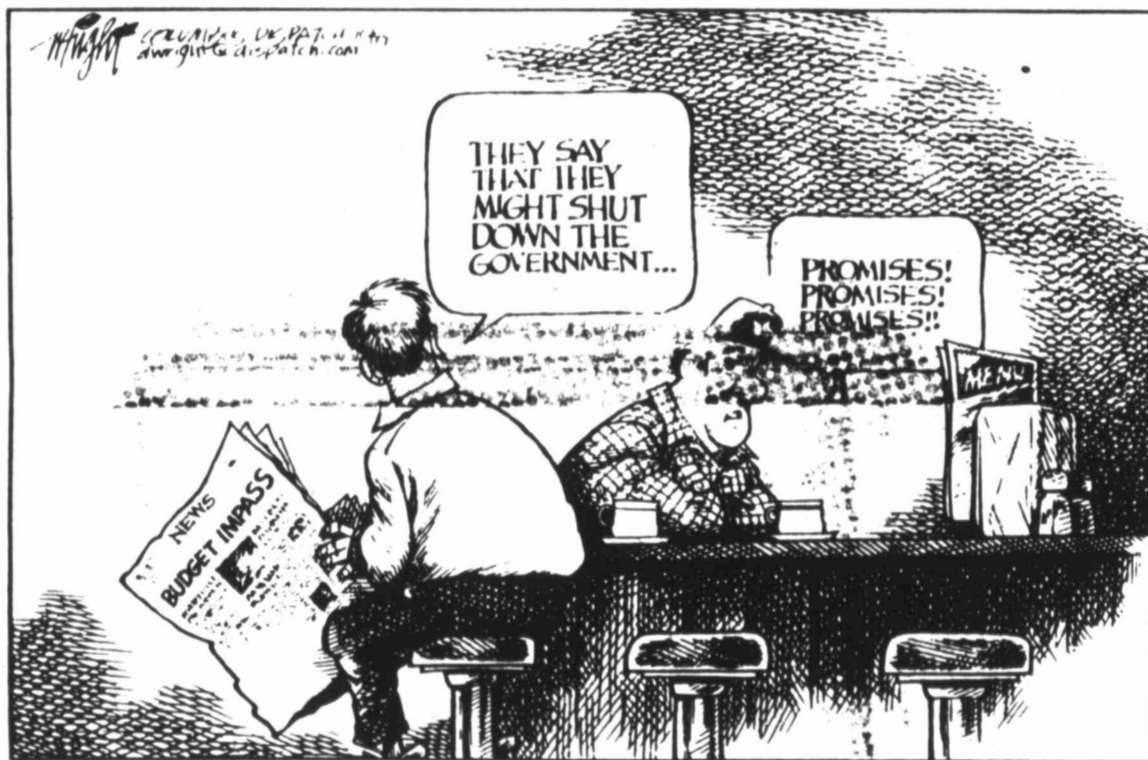
Gibbon continues: "The various tribes of Britons possessed valor without conduct, and the love of freedom without the spirit of union. They took up arms with savage fierceness; they laid them down or turned them against each other with wild inconstancy; and while

they fought singly, they were successively subdued." He speaks of the Caledonians in northern Britain: "Their incursions were frequently repelled and chastised, but their country was never subdued. The masters of the fairest and most wealthy climates of the globe turned with contempt from gloomy hills assailed by the winter tempest, from lakes concealed in a blue mist, and from cold and lonely heaths over which the deer of the forest were chased by a troop of naked barbarians."

Gibbon was wonderfully quotable. He packed into a single phrase a formula for presidents and secretaries of defense. The early Roman emperors "preserved peace by a constant preparation for war." He remarked "the propensity of mankind to exalt the past and to depreciate the present." In his final volume he summed up the long story in a measured paragraph:

"The decline of Rome was the natural and inevitable effect of immoderate greatness. Prosperity ripened the principle of decay; the causes of destruction multiplied with the extent of conquest; and as soon as time or accident had removed the artificial supports, the stupendous fabric yielded to the pressure of its own weight."

I know that scholars of the 19th and 20th centuries have challenged Gibbon's interpretations of history, but no one can sensibly disparage the beauty of his writing. He heard the stately music of words and marched with legions to lasting fame.



FBI enters CIA turf overseas

The CIA is not allowed to conduct operations on FBI turf: U.S. soil. No such restriction excludes the FBI from CIA turf: foreign soil.

When Louis Freeh took over the FBI director's slot in September, 1993, 55 agents worked in overseas offices. Now there are over 200 FBI employees overseas in what will be 37 offices at the end of this year, with six more pending for Asia and the former Soviet Republic. And those are just the advance forces. When something big occurs, FBI agents swarm on the scene. From June 1998 to June 1999, more than 1,000 FBI agents were sent abroad to pursue domestic leads.

Kenya was the largest FBI crime scene ever processed, sources tell us. More than 1,100 FBI agents took up residence in a tent city to investigate the bombings. "Look at the major bombings in the last few years," our source said. "Each time the FBI is given immediate access, we solve the crime." An FBI agent from South Africa was the third person on the scene in Kenya. The embassy bombings case is still pending, though the FBI has many of the alleged culprits in captivity.

The FBI-CIA problem is one of overlapping jurisdictions, especially when those "jurisdictions" are other countries. Six years ago, at the announcement of the FBI's international expansion, CIA and FBI officials reportedly sat down agents from both agencies and told them, "You will learn to live together or you will pack your bags and go home."

The FBI and CIA do not share office space and have to be careful about what information they pass between offices. The FBI is a criminal-investigation agency, whereas the CIA conducts intelligence-gathering for national security.

The FBI compiles facts to bring to trial in the United States, and because of strict judicial laws, it must be careful not to let CIA intelligence taint its investigation. The FBI is also cautious not to obtain evidence through a CIA agent who could then be subpoenaed.

If a CIA agent's mission is exposed, he or she has ceased to be useful to the agency.

The FBI investigates criminal activity: the who and the how to bring the culprits to justice on U.S. soil.

The CIA identifies the organization: the who and the why to try and prevent it from ever happening again.

Unlike CIA operatives, FBI agents are never undercover. They are completely overt. Here is how it works: If the FBI is tracking a criminal in the United States who was receiving many phone calls from a particular number in Russia, an agent will be sent to Russia to track down the number, the person making the calls and the purpose of the calls. But neither the FBI nor the CIA have the power of arrest or the authority to operate overseas.

The reality is clearly otherwise, as we witnessed with the apprehension of Mir Aimal Kansi, the murderer of motorists just outside the CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia. A reward was posted, a tip received, and FBI agents tracked him down and captured him on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border in 1997, national sovereignties notwithstanding.



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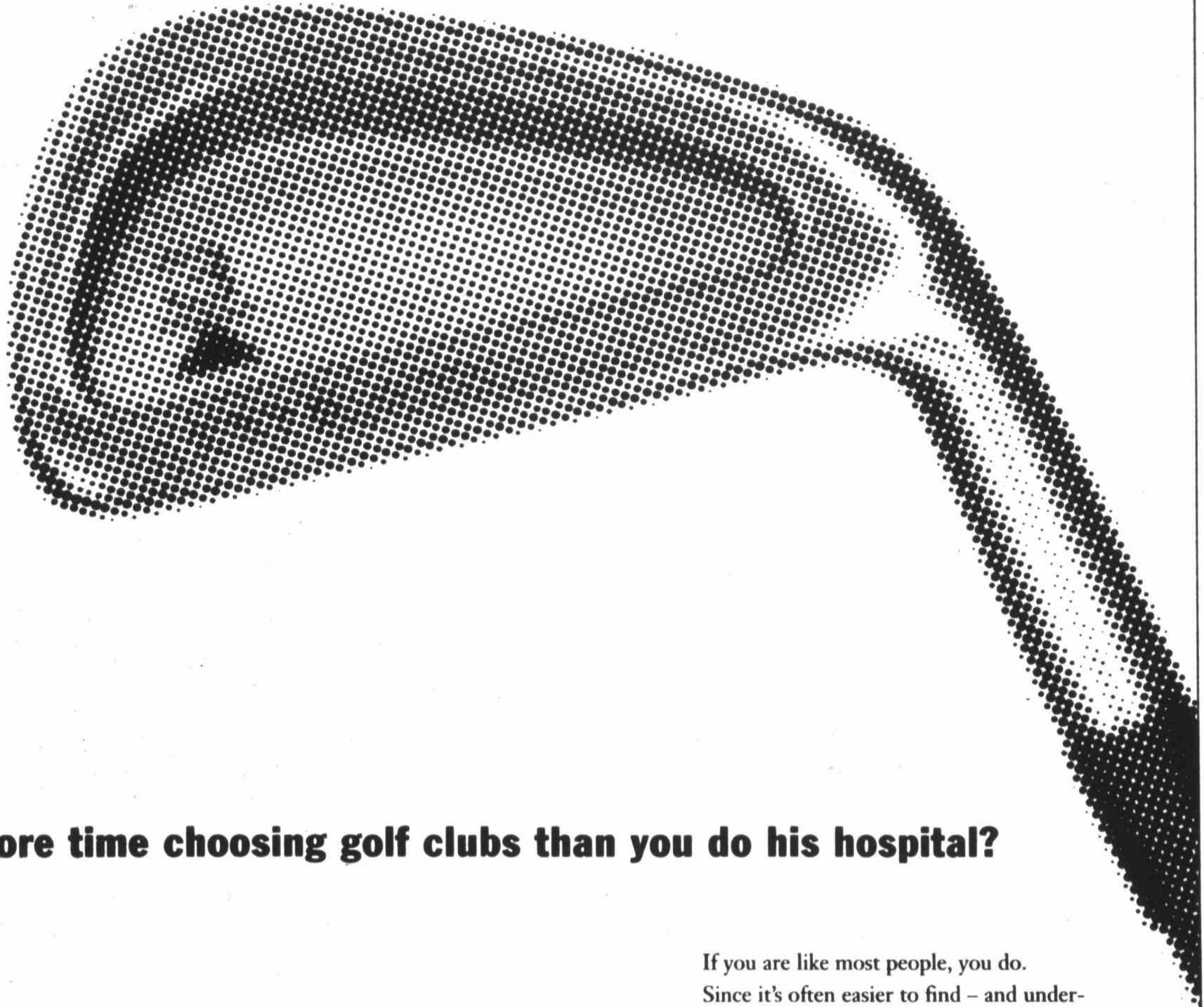
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IN BRIEF

'Meet the Teams' night is tonight at The Dorothy

Howard College's athletic department will host a "Meet the Teams" event at 7 tonight at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawks and Lady Hawks basketball teams and coaching staffs will be introduced, followed by a 10-minute intrasquad scrimmage.

Refreshments will be served and 1999-2000 team schedules will be available.

Local athletes get medals at Special Olympics event

A total of 15 athletes from Howard County earned honors Saturday during the Area 18 Special Olympics Softball Tournament at Hogan Park in Midland.

Josh Hughes and Tommy Lasater earned gold medals in individual skills competition, while Teresa Guitierrez was an individual silver medalist.

Howard County' entry in the T-ball tournament earned a silver medal as well.

Members of that team include Choyia Baker, Aurlio Cortez, Mary Helen Gonzales, Loretta Mireles, Cecil Mitchell, Hal Porter, Aireba Taylor, Charles Thomas, Cynthia Velasquez, Seth Kirn, Stephen Lawson and Steven Mills.

YMCA offering free racquetball lessons

The Big Spring Family YMCA is currently offering free racquetball lessons to adults and youngsters 10 and older.

The hour-long sessions are offered on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon through Nov. 20.

Jim Wright, a YMCA board member, will conduct the lessons on the YMCA's newly-renovated courts.

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

Flamezzz win two straight in UGSA Division II play

The Division II Flamezzz chalked up 13-7 and 11-2 wins over the Big Spring Blue team in recent United Girls Softball Association fall action.

Courtney Rodriguez chalked up the pitching win in both games and played a pivotal role at the plate in the 11-2 victory, clubbing two home runs and a single to finish with 6 RBIs.

Lisa Shaffer and Whitney Marquez also added offensive punch in both games.

Maci Johnson and Krista Chesworth provided most of the offensive highlights for the Blue squad.

In Division IV play, the Big Spring Blue rebounded from an 0-3 showing in a five-team round robin tournament to take a 6-5 win over the Big Spring Red.

Nicole Chesworth and Jessica Canales combined for the pitching win, as well as playing key offensive roles.

Canales hit a home run and singled, while Chesworth joined Valeria Aguirre, Jeri Denton and Vanessa Rodriguez with singles.

Vanessa Ochoa suffered the loss for the Red squad, as she and teammates Sherry Burdette, Trista Casey and Jackie Brown all managed hits.

BSHS baseball boosters slate meeting for Nov. 1

The Big Spring Baseball Boosters Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Schedules for the 2000 season for varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams will be distributed during the meeting.

Boosters will also discuss facility improvements.

Parents of all Big Spring baseball players, as well as any other fans of the program are urged to attend.

ON THE AIR

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BSHS swimmers get mixed results in double dual meet

By HERALD Staff Report

ANDREWS — A double dual meet with Andrews and Pecos provided drastically different results for Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers swim teams Saturday.

The Lady Steers took the girls' division of the meet, scoring 41 points to Pecos' 35 and Andrews' 18. But the Steers finished third in the boys' division, managing just 10 points, while Pecos ran away with a 64-point win and Andrews followed with 28.

Three relay wins proved pivotal for the Lady Steers, as the foursome of Tz Marsch, Nadia Torres, Melissa Sheedy and Vanessa Yanez opened the meet with a 2:22.20 clocking for first place in the 200 medley relay.

Later in the day, Yanez and Torres would team with Heidi Robinson and Michelle Stokes to post a 2:08.01 to win the 200 freestyle relay, and in the final event of the afternoon, Marsch, Robinson, Stokes and Sheedy combined for a 4:28.59 in the 400 freestyle relay to complete the sweep.

Sheedy added two more first-place finishes, posting a 1:20.31 in the 100 breaststroke and a 1:12.06 in the 100 butterfly, while Marsch added another first in the 200 freestyle (2:28.71) and a second-place finish in the 100 backstroke.

Robinson also figured strongly in the win, taking the 100 freestyle title with a 1:04.31 clocking and was second in the 200 individual medley.

Stokes also added individual gold, win-

ning the 50 freestyle with a 31.07 clocking. She also finished third in the 100 freestyle.

Torres chipped in a third-place finish in the 100 breaststroke and added fourth place in the 200 individual medley.

Yanez rounded out the Big Spring girls' scoring with fourth-place finishes in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle events.

"It was a good meet for our girls," Big Spring coach Harlan Smith said after the Lady Steers' 400 freestyle relay cemented the team victory. "But we just don't have enough depth on our boys' team to be competitive against teams as strong as Pecos."

The best showing the Steers could muster were second-place finishes in the

200 individual medley, 100 butterfly and 400 freestyle relay.

Doug Willberg provided the second place clocking of 2:24.01 in the 200 individual medley relay, while Wolfgang Robinson was second in the 100 butterfly with a 1:09.37.

Willberg and Robinson joined Josh Pike and Michael Carrasco in posting the second-place time of 4:03.89 in the 400 freestyle relay.

But the only other point the Steers could muster came in the 50 freestyle where Carrasco finished third with a 26.31-second clocking.

The Steers and Lady Steers will now prepare to host the Big Spring Invitational meet set for Friday and Saturday at the Big Spring YMCA pool.

Strange's day turns tragic for golf world

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Curtis Strange knows what it's like to catch the blame for being on the losing end of the Ryder Cup, and he hasn't even been captain yet.

A member of five teams, the two-time U.S. Open champion knows the drill. Players usually get credit for the victories, coaches almost always get blamed for the loss.

The last time Strange was involved in a Ryder Cup, he was Lanny Wadkins' captain pick in 1995 and went 0-3, losing the pivotal match to Nick Faldo when he missed par putts on the last two holes.

In 2001 at The Belfry, Strange gets a chance to leave a different impression.

He was officially named captain of the U.S. team that will try to retain the Ryder Cup in England in two years under what could be a volatile atmosphere, especially considering the hard feelings left behind after the Great American Comeback in Boston.

Strange said he was up to the task. "My mission is to win, simple as that," he said from PGA of America headquarters in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Strange, 44, succeeds Ben Crenshaw as the 22nd captain for the United States. He was considered the leading candidate as soon as the United States won 14-13, but still was thrilled to finally get the call.

"He possesses a combination of intensity and courage that will serve as an example for his team," PGA president Will Mann said. "His dedication to golf, the impact he has made in the major championships, his Ryder Cup experience and his relationship with the players make him an ideal individual to captain America's next Ryder Cup team."

While Strange hasn't won since his second U.S. Open title in 1989, he stays in close contact with the players while playing about 15 tournaments a year and working as an analyst for ABC Sports.

Key players already have shown their approval.

"It will be neat to have him over there in that environment," Tiger Woods said last week.

Tom Lehman called it a "great choice, a natural."

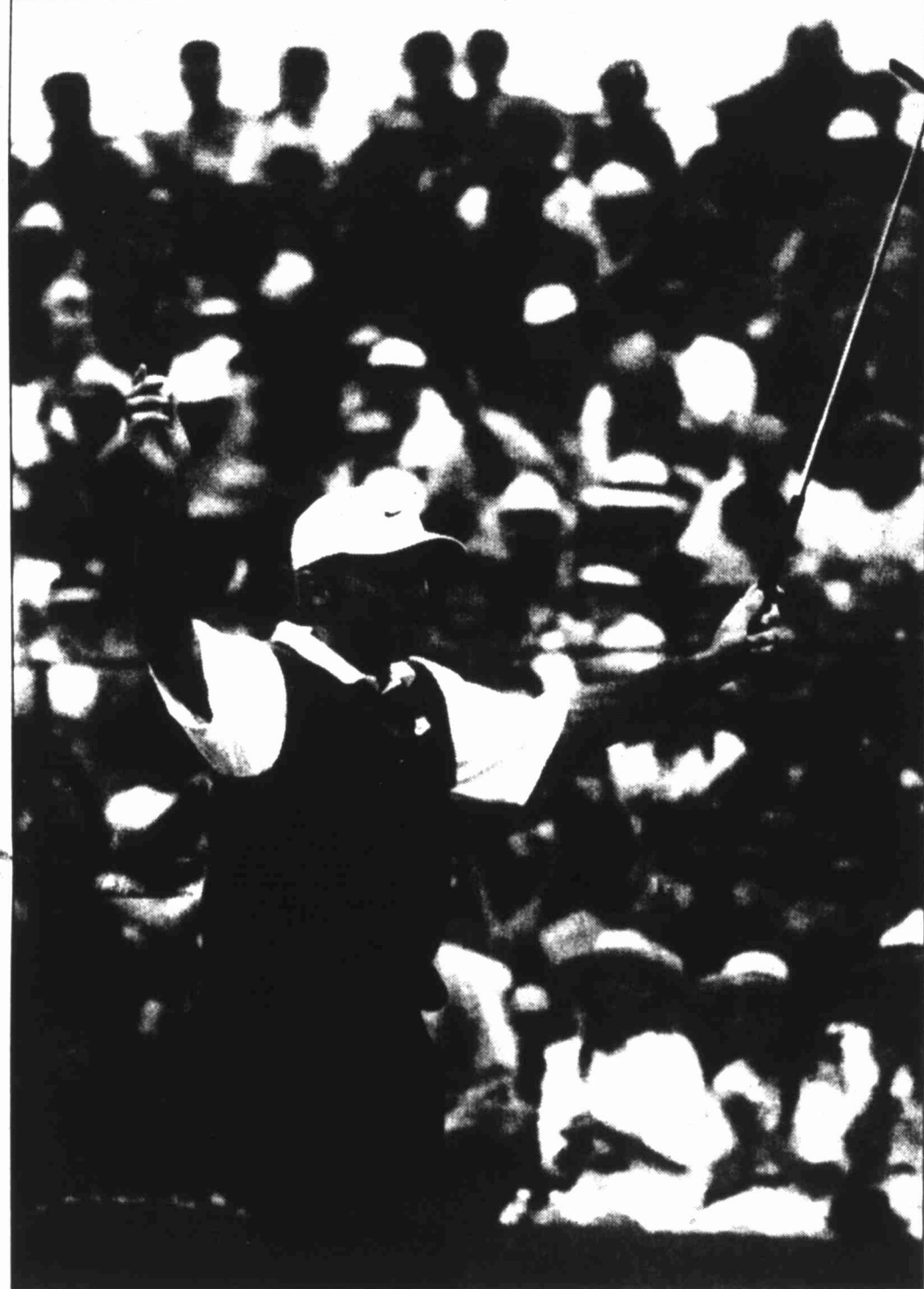
"He's competitive, he's fiery. He won't be above speaking his mind," Lehman said. "And players love it when a captain speaks up for them."

Gentle Ben, he isn't.

Strange was often regarded as temperamental during his prime, in which he was one of the most dominant players of the 1980s. He had such singleness of purpose that he often came across as gruff when things weren't going his way.

Still, Strange never looked for a fight and won't seek one at the Belfry.

He said one of his first priorities will be to talk with the European captain about the intensity that has been building in the biennial matches. Sam Torrance is considered the frontrunner to succeed Mark James.



Curtis Strange, shown here after winning the inaugural Greg Norman Classic in 1993, was named Monday as the United States' new Ryder Cup team captain. Strange takes over after Ben Crenshaw led the U.S. team to a victory last month.

"We're aware of what happened, and we don't expect it to happen again," Strange said.

Europeans complained bitterly about insults from the gallery. Inside the ropes, they accused U.S. players of inciting the raucous fans and crossing the line of sportsmanship by charging across the 17th green when Justin Leonard holed a 45-foot putt.

Jose Maria Olazabal still had a 25-foot putt that would have kept the match alive and the cup undecided. When the cheering subsided, he missed, although the two-time Masters champion later said the celebration did not affect the outcome.

"It might be over the edge and we apologized," Strange said. "Hopefully, they accept our apology."

Strange called the fans at Brookline, Mass., the "greatest in the world," in

part because he won the first of his Open titles at The Country Club in 1988, beating Nick Faldo in a playoff.

"The Belfry is not going to be as tough as people imagine," he said. "They root hard for their own team, which they should. Part of my job is to prepare my team for the task at hand, not only to win the cup, to prepare for fans rooting very strongly for their own team."

Strange has won 17 times on the PGA Tour, but not since he became the first player since Ben Hogan to win back-to-back U.S. Opens in 1989.

He is prepared to be under the spotlight once again.

"Hopefully, the accolades won't go to me if we win because it's the players," Strange said. "If we lose, it comes back to me, and that's OK. If you think you're good enough to win, you better have the guts to lose."

Payne Stewart among 6 dead in plane crash

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

There was never any mistaking Payne Stewart.

Not with the fancy clothes that brought images of golf at the turn of the 20th century. Not with that gorgeous, relaxed swing that brought him three major championships and respect in the five continents on which he won.

When Stewart put his mansion in Orlando, Fla., up for sale, one prospective buyer was Michael Jackson. The pop singer had no idea who the owner was until his manager told him Stewart was the golfer in the colorful knickerbockers.

"Oh," Jackson said. "That guy." Stewart was so much more. He embodied the spirit of the Ryder Cup. He played with grit and he won with grace.

On Monday, Stewart boarded a Learjet 35 that he co-owned for Dallas to consider a golf course design project. The plane flew uncontrolled for hours before crashing in South Dakota, killing Stewart and at least four other aboard.

"This was one of the most terrible tragedies of modern-day golf," said Arnold Palmer, a former neighbor when Stewart lived in the Bay Hill development of Orlando.

Jack Nicklaus, who feared one of his golf course designers was rising on the plane, recalled the graceful swing, indomitable spirit and contagious humor.

"Payne was just coming into his own, and it is truly sad to think that he has been lost in his prime," Nicklaus said. "He will be sorely missed by anyone who ever knew him, and the golfing world of watching him play."

Perhaps Tiger Woods best summed up the shock that hit the PGA Tour on Monday when news spread that Stewart was dead at age 42.

"There is a certain void and emptiness I feel right now," he said.

Also on the plane was a manager from Leader Enterprises, Robert Fraley, the chief executive officer whose clients included New York Jets coach Bill Parcells, and president Van Arden.

Nicklaus said Bruce Borland, Jr. was believed to be on the same flight. Borland's wife said she talked to an employee who had greeted her husband at the private jet airport and confirmed he intended to board the flight.

After a stop in Dallas, Stewart was on his way to the Tour Championship in Houston, the end-of-the-year tournament for the top 30 money winners. Stewart was No. 3 on the money list at just over \$2 million, his best season.

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Braves, Yankees both hoping for history to repeat itself

NEW YORK (AP) — If ever a team looked like it had no chance in the World Series, it was the New York Yankees.

Three years ago, that is. "When we won the first two games here in 1996, no one gave them a chance, either," Atlanta third baseman Chipper Jones said Monday.

"And they came back against our staff when they were in their prime. It's definitely a steep hill to climb, but it's possible," he said.

Down 0-2 after a bumbling effort in a 7-2 loss, the Braves brushed up on their batting and history during an off-day workout at Yankee Stadium.

Atlanta is hoping to repeat the Yankees' performance of October 1996, when New York overcame its shaky start to win four straight.

"Any team that has good pitching like we have, we can always reel off three in a row," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "We've always been able to do some-

thing like that.

"It's no different now," he said. "But we've got to be hitting the ball a little better, too. They have great pitching."

Andy Pettitte will start for the Yankees in Game 3 tonight. As it stands, Tom Glavine is scheduled to pitch for the Braves.

Scratched from starting the opener because of the flu, Glavine has lost 5-to-7 pounds since then and looked pale Monday.

"I don't know how much weight you can gain back eating soup and eating crackers. But I feel OK," Glavine said.

"I don't know how my stamina's going to be, to be honest with you. I think if it was a summertime game and it was going to be 100 degrees, I'd be a whole lot more concerned about it than I would be tomorrow, where it's going to be cool," he said. "That obviously will help a whole lot."

If Glavine cannot pitch, John Smoltz will take his place.

Halfway to their second consecutive title and 25th overall, the Yankees have outpitched the club with the most vaunted rotation in the majors. Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez held the Braves to one hit for seven innings in the opener, then David Cone did the exact same thing in Game 2 Sunday night.

Pettitte pitched the game of his life against Atlanta three years ago, outdueling Smoltz 1-0 at Atlanta to give the Yankees a 3-2 edge in the Series.

"That was '96. The past doesn't mean much around here now," Pettitte said.

The Braves won two of three at Yankee Stadium in July during interleague play. Of course, based on what everyone saw at Turner Field this weekend, it's hard to imagine Atlanta will last long unless it gets a lot better, a lot sooner in all areas.

Here's another tidbit: Never in their postseason history have the Braves been eliminated in a best-of-7 series in under six games.

As if it did not have enough things already in its favor, New York also gets to use the designated hitter for the games at Yankee Stadium.

That means either Darrel Strawberry or Chili Davis will be in the lineup Tuesday night, both swarming potent bats. The Braves plan on using Jose Hernandez as their DH and, with Pedro Martinez pitching, probably will have Eddie Perez, Bret Boone and Walt Weiss back in the lineup after a one-game benching.

"The demeanor is still the same," Jones said. "We've played well here in the past. Hopefully, we can draw on that and use it to our advantage."

"It's going to be tough. But we've still got life," he added. "We've still got some fight in us."

The Yankees are aware of that. They're aware of history, too.

"It'll benefit us," first baseman Tino Martinez said. "We'll be focused and guard against being complacent."

Texas changing remains

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas City's archrival La Marque is the Class 4A Pre-Associated Press football poll, but movement elsewhere remains.

Texas City moved to No. 2 after its while La Marque positions to No. 6 panel of 20 sports broadcasters.

Stephenville held at No. 1 in the while Schertz Cl

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The Associated Press football poll with first parentheses and rec 23. Voting done by sports writers and broadcasters.

Class 5A

1. Midland Lee (15)
2. Lewisville (4)
3. Austin Westlake
4. South Grand Prairie
5. Katy
6. Duncanville
7. Humble Kingwood
8. Euless Trinity
9. Amarillo
10. Pasadena Doble

DROPPED OUT:

Cove, No. 6. Conover: Others receiving Cove 19, SA Mac/Eisenhower 13, Roosevelt 8, Com Killeen Ellison 1, Lu

Class 4A

1. Stephenville (18)
2. Texas City (2)
3. Schertz Clement
4. Dallas Highland
5. Belton
6. La Marque
7. Smithson Valley
8. Netherland
9. Brenham
10. Ennis

DROPPED OUT:

Neches Groves. Also receiving vote Wyatt 8, Greenville Dunbar 6, Sherman Brazosport 2, CC Ca 2, Brownwood 1, Mesquite Potest 1.

Class 3A

1. Sealy (20)
2. Atlanta
3. Newton
4. Aledo
5. Commerce
6. Fairfield
7. Cleveland
8. Crane
9. Crockett
10. Breckenridge

Others receiving vote Childress 16, Corr Royce City 9, Dibol 7, La Grange 5, Mc Gonzalez 2, Liberty 1, Aransas Pass 1.

Class 2A

1. Omaha Paul Pe
2. Mart (4)
3. Celina (2)
4. Iraan
5. Boyd
6. Grand Saline
7. Brookshire-Roy
8. Comstock
9. Goldthwaite
10. Garrison

Others receiving Lexington 10, Refr Falls City 6, Meri Evadale 3, Karn Paducah 2, Celest

Class A

1. Wheeler (18)
2. Detroit (2)
3. Dawson
4. Baird
5. Aspermont
6. Marl
7. Iola 6-1
8. Menard
9. Wortham
10. Bartlett

Others receiving Memphis 10, Naz Falls City 6, Meri Evadale 3, Karn Paducah 2, Celest

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Texas City win creates change in 4A; No. 1's remain same in AP poll

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Texas City's victory over archrival La Marque shook up the Class 4A portion of The Associated Press high school football poll, but there was little movement elsewhere in the rankings.

Texas City moved up one spot to No. 2 after its 21-16 victory, while La Marque dropped four positions to No. 6 in voting by a panel of 20 sports writers and broadcasters.

Stephenville held its ground at No. 1 in the 4A rankings, while Schertz Clemens, Dallas

Highland Park and Belton each jumped one spot to No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5, respectively. Ennis entered the 4A poll for the first time this season at No. 10.

Midland Lee, Lewisville and Austin Westlake held steady in the top three positions in the 5A poll, while previously fourth-ranked Copperas Cove fell out of the Top 10 after a surprising 24-7 loss to Waco. Converse Judson, ranked No. 6 last week, also dropped from the rankings after losing to San Antonio Madison 24-14.

The last seven spots in the 5A poll were filled by South Grand Prairie, Katy, Duncanville, Humble Kingwood, Euless Trinity and newcomers Amarillo and Pasadena Dobie.

The 3A, 2A and 1A polls are identical to last week's. Sealy, Atlanta and Newton remain atop the 3A poll; Omaha Paul Hewitt, Mart and Celina lead the way in 2A; and Wheeler, Detroit and Dawson held their ground in 1A.

SCHOOLBOY POLL

The Associated Press high school football poll with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Oct. 23. Voting done by a panel of 20 sports writers and broadcasters.

Class 5A	Record
1. Midland Lee (15)	8-0
2. Lewisville (4)	8-0
3. Austin Westlake (1)	8-0
4. South Grand Prairie	7-1
5. Katy	7-1
6. Duncanville	7-1
7. Humble Kingwood	8-0
8. Euless Trinity	7-1
9. Amarillo	8-0
10. Pasadena Dobie	8-0

DROPPED OUT: No. 4 Copperas Cove, No. 6 Converse Judson.

Others receiving votes: Copperas Cove 19, SA MacArthur 15, Aldine Eisenhower 13, Garland 11, SA Roosevelt 8, Converse Judson 5, Killeen Ellison 1, Lufkin 1, Waco 1.

Class 4A	Record
1. Stephenville (18)	8-0
2. Texas City (2)	8-0
3. Schertz Clemens	8-0
4. Dallas Highland Park	8-0
5. Belton	8-0
6. La Marque	6-1
7. Smithson Valley	8-0
8. Nederland	8-0
9. Brenham	8-0
10. Ennis	7-1

DROPPED OUT: No. 10 Port Neches Groves.

Also receiving votes: Coppell 8, FW Wyatt 8, Greenville 8, Bay City 6, FW Dunbar 6, Sherman 6, Snyder 3, Brazosport 2, CC Calallen 2, Hallsville 2, Brownwood 1, Corsicana 1, Mesquite Poteet 1.

Class 3A	Record
1. Sealy (20)	7-0
2. Atlanta	8-0
3. Newton	7-1
4. Aledo	7-1
5. Commerce	8-0
6. Fairfield	8-0
7. Cleveland	7-1
8. Crane	8-0
9. Crockett	8-0
10. Breckenridge	7-1

Also receiving votes: Forney 17, Childress 16, Corrigan Camden 10, Royse City 9, Diboll 8, Abilene Wylie 7, La Grange 5, Marlin 4, Yoakum 3, Gonzales 2, Liberty Eylau 2, Alvarado 1, Aransas Pass 1.

Class 2A	Record
1. Omaha Paul Hewitt (14)	8-0
2. Mart (4)	8-0
3. Celina (2)	8-0
4. Iraan	8-0
5. Boyd	8-0
6. Grand Saline	8-0
7. Brookshire-Royal	7-1
8. Comfort	8-0
9. Goldthwaite	7-1
10. Garrison	8-0

Others receiving votes: Gunter 11, Lexington 10, Refugio 9, Stanton 9, Canadian 6, Elysian Fields 6, Olney 6, Alto 4, Cooper 4, Hemphill 4, Sonora 3, Seymour 2, Shiner 2, Blanco 1, Pilot Point 1.

Class A	Record
1. Wheeler (18)	7-0
2. Detroit (2)	8-0
3. Dawson	8-0
4. Baird	8-0
5. Aspermont	7-1
6. Marfa	7-0
7. Iola 6-1	
8. Menard	7-1
9. Wortham	7-1
10. Bartlett	7-1

Others receiving votes: Milano 12, Memphis 10, Nazareth 7, Sudan 7, Falls City 6, Meridian 5, Claude 3, Evadale 3, Karnack 3, Jarrell 2, Paducah 2, Celeste 1.

Steelers defense comes up big in stopping Falcons

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Hall of Famers Jack Ham and Jack Lambert sat a few feet away as the Pittsburgh Steelers mounted two desperate goal line stands in the final two minutes.

The Atlanta Falcons probably aren't convinced they didn't sneak onto the field to lead a defensive charge that stirred Steelers memories of the '70s.

The Steelers honored their 1974 Super Bowl championship team that won with defense and a running game, then relied on that same formula — and Atlanta's ever-growing frustration — to hold off the Falcons 13-9 Monday night.

"The emotion of the 1974 team coming back made it a special night," Steelers coach Bill

Cowher said. "I'm just glad we were able to finish this game off the way they would have."

Just as they have throughout a disappointing season that has followed their unexpected run to the Super Bowl in January, the Falcons (1-6) couldn't finish — not once, but twice.

"For some reason, this year it seems we're falling a little bit short on a lot of plays," fullback Bob Christian said.

Oh, so short.

Down 13-0 and unable previously to mount the semblance of an offense, the Falcons scored when Chris Chandler hit Terance Mathis on a 5-yard pass with 6:42 to play. Finally, they had a sliver of hope.

They had more after Jerome

Bettis fumbled at midfield with 3:39 remaining, allowing Chandler to hit Mathis for 40 yards to the 7. Ken Oxendine's 6-yard run made it second-and-goal from the 1.

The Falcons still need that one yard.

Christian lost a yard on two carries, stuffed on second down by Kevin Henry and by Levon Kirkland on third down. Oxendine got the ball again on fourth-and-goal from the 2, but was halted inches short by Kirkland and Holmes with 1:50 remaining.

It was enough to bring even the '74 Steelers out of their canopy-covered seats just beyond the end zone.

Think the Falcons wish that

star Jamal Anderson, out for the season with a knee injury, could have made those carries?

"It's disappointing when you have three shots at getting it in the end zone and you can't get it in," Falcons coach Dan Reeves said.

It was even more disappointing less than two minutes later.

The Steelers' offense couldn't move the ball, just as it couldn't most of the game, so Josh Miller ran out of the end zone for a safety rather than risk a blocked punt.

The ensuing free kick gave Chandler room to operate, and he hit Christian for 8 yards and Tim Dwight, making his first NFL start, for 27 to the 5-yard line.

STEWART

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ever.

The pro-am today at Champions Golf Club was canceled. The tour said his spot in the field will not be replaced.

A blue ribbon was attached to his nameplate in the parking lot.

"It is difficult to express our

sense of shock and sadness over the death of Payne Stewart," PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said. "This is a tremendous loss for the entire golfing community and all of sports."

Disbelief followed praise as word spread through the tight-knit community of professional golfers that spans the oceans.

"A true sportsman on the

course and a gentleman off it," said Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal, choking back tears. "We have lost a precious man and someone who still had good years ahead of him."

Stewart's finest moment in a 20-year professional career came on Father's Day at Pinehurst No. 2, the famed course in North Carolina that became a stage for great drama.

A year after Stewart lost a four-stroke lead in the final round of the U.S. Open at The Olympic Club, he trailed Phil Mickelson by one stroke with three holes to play, then one-upped the final three greens for a stunning victory.

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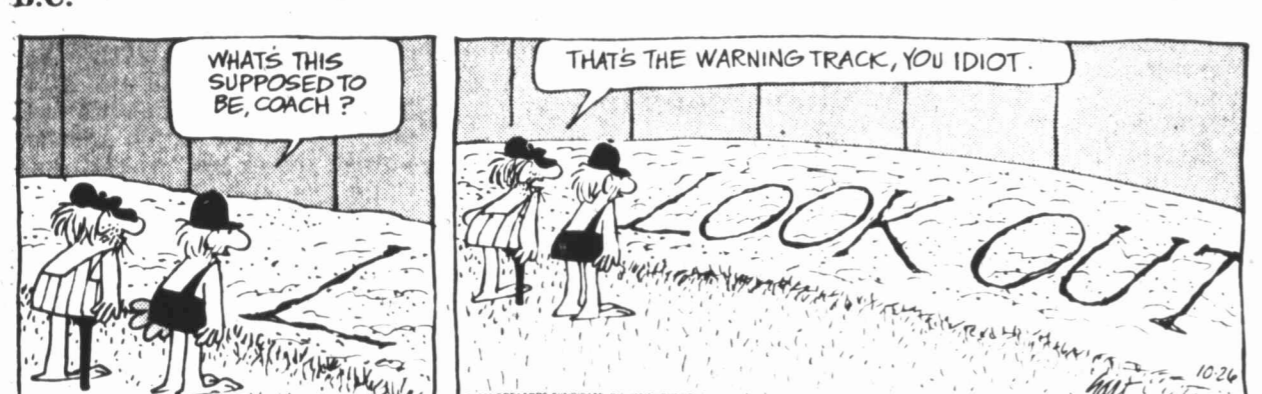
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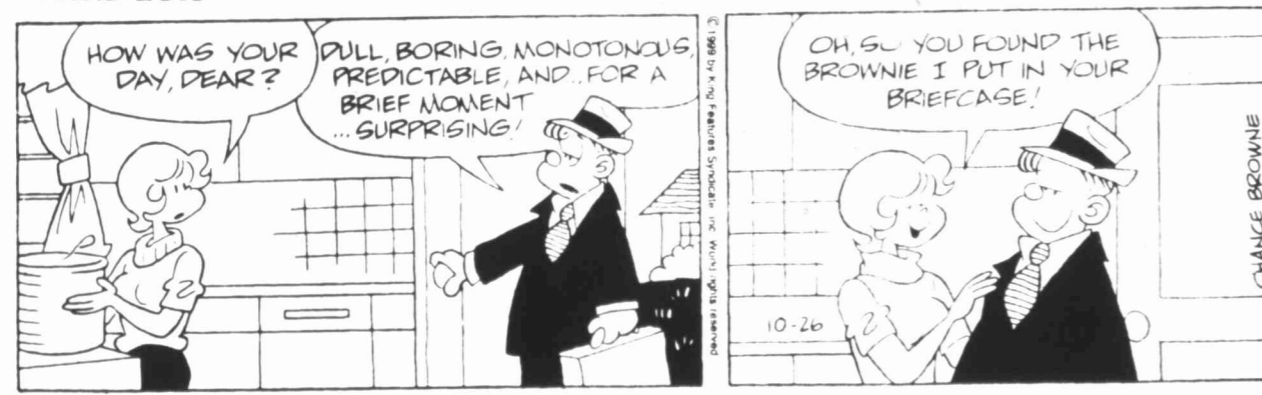
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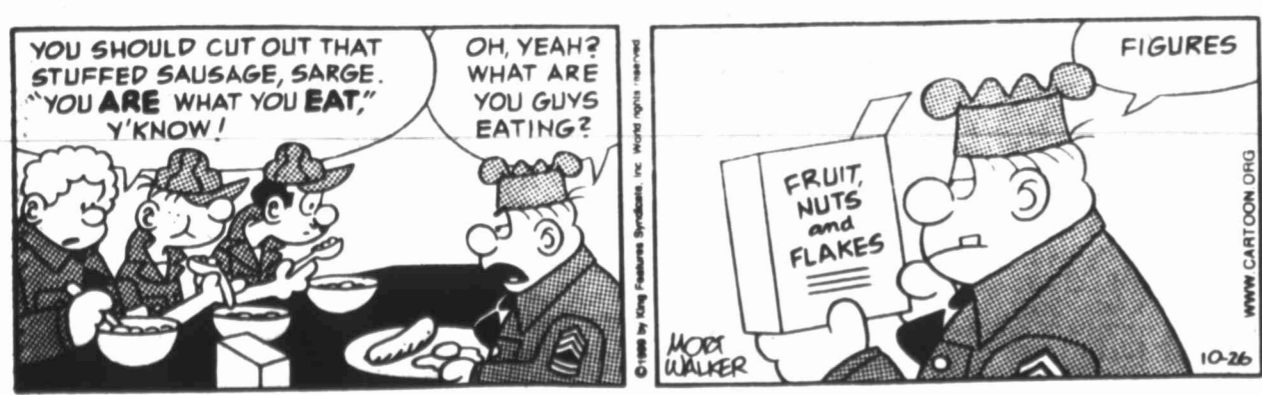
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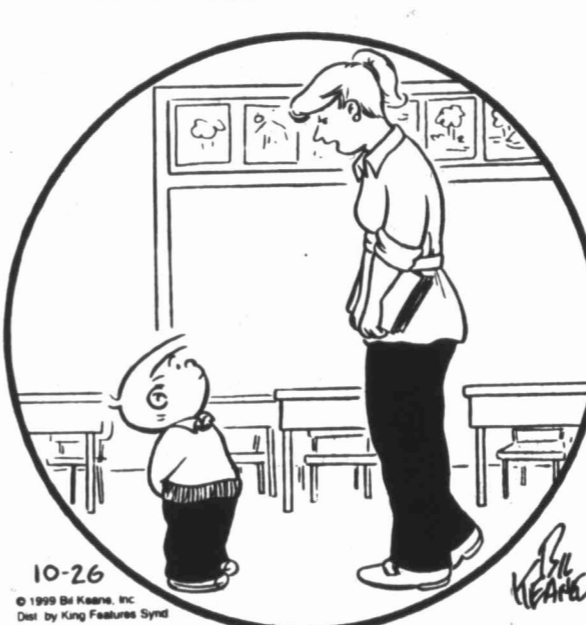
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 26, the 299th day of 1999. There are 66 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 26, 1949, President Truman signed a measure raising the minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour. On this date: In 1774, the First Continental Congress adjourned in Philadelphia. In 1825, the Erie Canal opened in upstate New York, connecting Lake Erie and the Hudson River. In 1942, the U.S. ship Hornet was sunk in the Battle of Santa Cruz Islands during World War II. In 1958, Pan American Airways flew its first Boeing 707 jetliner from New York to Paris in eight hours, 41 minutes. In 1967, the Shah of Iran crowned himself and his queen after 26 years on the Peacock Throne. In 1972, national security adviser Henry Kissinger declared, "Peace is at hand" in Vietnam. In 1975, Anwar Sadat became the first Egyptian president to pay an official visit to the United States. In 1977, the experimental space shuttle Enterprise glided to a bumpy but successful landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California. In 1979, South Korean President Park Chung-hee was shot to death by the head of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, Kim Jae-kyu. In 1984, "Baby Fae," a newborn with a severe heart defect, was given the heart of a baboon in an experimental transplant in Loma Linda, Calif. (Baby Fae lived 21 days with the animal heart.) Ten years ago: Washington, D.C. attorney Paul Tagliabue was tapped by NFL team owners to be the league's new commissioner, succeeding Pete Rozelle. Five years ago: Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and Prime Minister Abdel Salam Majali of Jordan signed a peace treaty during an extravagant ceremony at the Israeli-Jordanian border attended by President Clinton. One year ago: Russian President Boris Yeltsin was ordered by his doctors to cancel a one-day trip to Austria so he could recuperate from high blood pressure and extreme fatigue. The Education Department reported that the default rate on student loans had fallen into single digits for the first time. Today's Birthdays: Singer Neal Matthews (The Jordanaires) is 70. Actor Bob Hoskins is 57. TV host Pat Sajak is 53. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is 52. Actress Jaclyn Smith is 52. Singer Maggie Roche (The Roches) is 48. Musician Bootsy Collins is 48. Rock musician Keith Strickland (The B-52's) is 46. Actor D.W. Moffett ("For Your Love") is 45. Actor Cary Elwes is 37. Actor Dylan McDermott is 37. Singer Natalie Merchant is 36.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Gem weight, 6 Regan's father, 10 Movie pig, 14 Daisy type, 15 Pinnacle, 16 Inter (among other things), 17 Talk-show host O'Brien, 18 Lingerie pieces, 19 Scoundrels, 20 Free, 22 Leg joint, 23 Bill-topper, 24 Tree juices, 26 Actor DeLuise, 29 Facet, 31 Dutch flowers, 35 "Ars Amatoria" poet, 37 Camus novel (with "The"), 39 Gymnast Comaneci, 40 Purchase option, 43 Pittsburgh product, 44 Vague amount, 45 Transmit, 46 Extreme panic, 48 Classify, 50 Cover crop, 51 Canned-pork product, 53 Standard, briefly, 55 Cat call, 58 Covering debts when they occur, 63 Advocate, 64 Stepped (on), 65 Propeller rotor, 66 Rank partner?, 67 Bologna money, 68 Macbeth's title, 69 Give dinner, 70 Long-haired pack animals, 71 Merchant's figures, 3 Cloth tear, 4 Asian nannies, 5 Doctrines, 6 September holidays, 7 Beige, 8 Pile up, 9 Change place cards, 10 Congratulatory pats, 11 Aida of "M*A*S*H", 12 Wait, 13 Facility, 21 Israeli port, 25 Football kick, 26 Verb for thee, 27 Egg-shaped, 28 Cheapskate, 30 "St. Fire", 32 Wastes time, 33 Spinlet, e.g., 34 Annie's dog, 36 Anil or wood, e.g., 38 Citrus drinks, 41 Drop heavily, 42 Roman tyrant and others, 47 In a deeply absorbed manner, 49 Secret meetings, 52 "West Side Story" song, 54 Dark olive brown, 55 Bungle, 56 Pennsylvania port, 57 Glare at, 59 New City, 60 River to the Caspian Sea, 61 Kelly or Autry, 62 Has debts

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