

MONDAY

January 14, 2002

WEATHER

Tonight:



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Income tax volunteers are needed

IRS instructors will be conducting a training session for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and others who are interested in attending the class.

The training will be held at the Senior Citizen's Center, 1901 Simler Drive in the Industrial Park on Jan. 18 and Jan. 22-25, from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

Persons must pass a test in order to qualify for assisting taxpayers with 2001 tax returns.

Tax assistance will be available Feb. 4 and each Monday through April 1, at 9 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center.

For more information call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522 or the Senior Center, 267-1628.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Senior Circle, 4 p.m., SMMC. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over invited to participate. Call 268-4721.

Big Spring Commandery No. 31 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of Beauceant meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

Big Spring Evening Lions Club meets Tuesday at noon at Senior Citizens Center.

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

Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 6 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with meeting to follow, First and Goliad.

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Parents invited to attend Support at Home/Success at School workshop

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Ricardo Rocha is encouraging parents to be partners with students in their children's education.

The English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher at Big Spring



ROCHA

Junior High teacher will present the program "Support at Home — Success at School" on Tuesday.

"The objective for the workshop is parental involvement," Rocha said. "Parental involvement is very important in our school district and our community if we want our kids to become independent and productive citizens. We want for them to come out ahead of life."

The program is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Big Spring Junior High cafeteria and will be presented in both English and Spanish. Refreshments will be served.

Rocha will cover three main points in program: improving parenting skills, reviewing parental commitment and promoting parental commitment as first teachers and equal partners with educators at school.

"We want parents to be equal partners with teachers because we can not do it alone," he said. "We want parents to get involved and visit the schools, come meet their children's teachers."

A 32-year veteran in education, this is Rocha's first year to teach at Big Spring Independent School District.

The program was created and developed by Rocha and he has presented it locally, state-wide and nationally.

Rocha encourages parents,

teachers and administrators to attend the meeting to learn more about the ESL program.

One point he hopes to get across to the Spanish-speaking-only parents in the program is that they should not be discouraged to visit their child's school because of the language barrier.

"We have to break the barrier," he said. "Many parents don't realize there is someone at the school that speaks their language."

Winged 'Winter Texans' are back

By **APRIL WARD**

Special to the Herald

They soar gracefully above the currents of the ocean, swooping down occasionally to snatch a fish from the water or to cunningly snatch a hotdog from the hand of a seaside vacationer.

Sure, seagulls are a common sight along the coastlines of our nation, but with no ocean nearby, many Big Spring residents can't help but wonder why hundreds of "seagulls" have chosen the former Wal-Mart parking lot on FM 700 as the perfect get-away for the winter.

According to Bebe McCasland, these white birds with gray and black tapered wings are not as much of a rare phenomenon as some might think. Known as the ring-billed gull, these birds are more of an inland gull than a "seagull." Still, they probably altered their migratory path to include Big Spring thanks to the Dairy Queen formerly located adjacent to the old Wal-Mart.

"We started seeing them 12 or 13 years ago by the old Dairy Queen," McCasland said. "The manager called me and said there were two or three seagulls down there. There was an ice storm going on at the time, so he fed them scraps and they've been coming back ever since."

Ring-billed gulls are considered to be very intelligent creatures in their efforts to find food. Although they naturally eat



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

A flock of ring-billed gulls wheels over the parking lot of Big Spring's former Wal Mart location.

grasshoppers, small mice, fish and even eggs out of other birds' nests, they seize any opportunity to eat.

"On the ocean, many gulls eat oysters, but they know they have to find a way to open the shells before they can eat them," McCasland said. "They fly high into the air and drop them on the pavement to open the shell. Then, they fly down to eat the meat."

The birds' eating habits aren't the only things that

make them unique. They have a built-in water filtration system that allows them to drink both fresh and saltwater.

While they aren't native to this area, Big Spring offers the ring-billed gulls conditions ideal for a winter habitat. Since gulls are both land and water birds, the lake offers them protection. They also frequent the city dump for food as well as plowed fields where they can feast on earthworms and other insects. They use

the former Wal-Mart building to their advantage as well.

"In the morning, the sun heats the asphalt parking lot they use for warmth," McCasland said. "They can get on top of the building for warmth or protection."

Ring-billed gulls also have very little fear of people. Unfortunately, this may have been a factor in what McCasland called "a total, purposeful act of cruelty"

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Funding to dominate Big Spring ISD agenda

HERALD Staff Report

Summer school, vocational systems and reading programs are just some of the topics administrators will touch on this evening when the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees convenes.

The meeting is set for 5:15 p.m. at the board room at Big Spring High School. The public is invited.

Trustees will consider making application to the state for funding to assist with summer school in grades three through eight. Summer school is held for other grades as well, but funding for those classes comes from different

sources, administrators said.

The board will also look at a subgrant for the district's High Schools That Work program. The award, which comes from Carl Perkins Funds, is made available to implement vocational and technological student studies.

The funds are used to help implement the program which combines school studies with worksite education.

Funds are also used for career guidance and individualized study.

The board will also consider an amendment to its accelerated reading instruction fund. The amendment

reflects changes in the program, which is for kindergarten through second grade, and how funds are budgeted for those changes.

Also on the agenda:

- retirements, resignations and employments;
- investment training and the district's investment policy;
- an enrollment report;
- school bus purchase request;
- school realignment and public forums;
- TASB school board recognition month;
- annual evaluation of the superintendent.

Hangar 25 schedules membership meeting

HERALD Staff Report

Hangar 25 Air Museum has scheduled its annual membership meeting and is encouraging the public to take part in this year's activities.

The membership meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31, at the hangar. A free homemade chili supper with all the "fixin's" will be served.

Non-members who are interested in hangar activities are invited to attend. New board members for the coming year will be announced.

Entertainment will be provided by the Night Hawk Jazz Band from Howard College. Hangar 25 Air Museum is

a non-profit facility dedicated to preserving items and artifacts from the Big Spring Bombardier School and Webb Air Force Base.

Currently, the hangar is undergoing another building phase.

A new entryway, sidewalks, landscaping and a gazebo are under construction.

New features will include a media room, an enclosed exhibit area and the stained glass window from the old base chapel.

Hangar 25 Air Museum is in its sixth year of operation.

For more information on the museum or the membership meeting, contact Susan Lewis, coordinator, at 264-1999.



HERALD photo/Andrea Medina

This T-38 airplane was added to the Hangar 25 Air Museum in April 2001. The museum will have its membership meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 31.

Remains of Marines killed in Pakistan crash brought home

WASHINGTON (AP) — As bombing continued in the campaign against terrorism in Afghanistan, five Marines returned home from the war in caskets and enemy prisoners were headed for a high-security jail in Cuba.

The bodies of the Marines, killed in an air crash in southwest Pakistan, were flown first to Germany on Sunday, then on to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

In the southern Afghan city of Kandahar, 30 prisoners left for the U.S. Navy's Guantanamo Bay base in Cuba, three days after an initial group of 20 prisoners was transferred to the facility.

Military investigators continued to search the crash site in a mountainous area of Pakistan for the last one of the seven victims and clues to what caused the crash of the refueling plane Wednesday.

"The search will continue," Lt. Col. Martin Compton of the U.S. Central Command said Sunday. "The Marines will leave no one behind."

Military officials at Dover said the bodies of five Marines arrived there Sunday.

The base chaplain, Lt. Col. Jim Barlow, led a short prayer before the flag-draped coffins were taken to the base mortuary. It was not clear when the bodies would be

flown to their final destination. All were based at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego.

U.S. warplanes, meanwhile, struck again near the eastern Afghanistan village of Zavar, at the site of a huge complex of caves, tunnels and buildings the Pentagon says was used as an underground hideout by al-Qaida and Taliban members.

After more than a week of strikes, Sunday's bombing appeared to be the heaviest attack since last month's strikes on the al-Qaida cave complex at Tora Bora farther northeast.

Chained and wearing white caps covering their faces, the Taliban

and al-Qaida captives shuffled late Sunday, Afghan time, into a C-17 transport plane for the flight to eastern Cuba.

Lights at the U.S. base at the Kandahar airport were shut off except for red low-intensity lights and green chemical lighting. Security was tight, with attack dogs and Humvees armed with 50-caliber machine guns patrolling.

The base at the Kandahar airport is the site of the main detention center for al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners from the war. Officials said 464 were in U.S. custody altogether — 413 in Afghanistan, the 20 in Cuba, the 30 in transit and American John

Walker Lindh on the USS Bataan in the Arabian Sea.

The seven were killed when their Marine KC-130 tanker plane slammed into a mountainside and exploded while approaching an air base Americans have been using at Shamsi in southwestern Pakistan. Although U.S. forces in Pakistan have occasionally faced gunfire and other hostile actions, military officials say they have no evidence that hostile fire brought down the plane.

Officials also have said they have no indication that bad weather caused the crash, which caused an explosion that was seen and heard 20 miles away.

Election overhaul proposals differ widely

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Congress prepares to take up proposals for improving elections, a new survey finds that state and local officials in charge of them are divided over how to do it.

Indeed, local election officials are more willing to try federal proposals than their state counterparts, according to the study commissioned by the nonpartisan Election Reform Information Project and released today.

The results echo the debate on Capitol Hill over election reform.

A \$2.6 billion overhaul passed by the House last month would give states leeway to develop their own standards for improving elections. In contrast, a \$3.4 billion proposal introduced by a bipartisan group of senators sets certain reforms that states must enact. The provision is opposed by state officials but supported

by civil rights groups.

Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott said Friday that he and Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., have agreed that election reform will be the first issue the Senate will address this year. Lott, R-Miss., said he believes the Senate can pass the legislation in two or three days after it reconvenes Jan. 23.

Once the Senate passes its version, as expected, it will be up to House and Senate negotiators to craft a compromise between the differing viewpoints.

The study, conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates, found that state officials overwhelmingly oppose standards concerning voting operations but were willing to accept standards on voting machinery.

Seventy-five percent of state officials surveyed opposed standards for election official recruitment and training; 72 percent

opposed standards for recounts and contested elections.

Likewise, 48 percent of local officials supported standards for recruitment and training, with only 40 percent opposed. Fifty-two percent supported procedures for recounts.

Sixty-nine percent of state officials supported standards on voting machinery, but only 41 percent of local officials were supportive.

The project's director, Doug Chapin, said much of the disagreement comes down to money. The House bill delivers money to states by using a formula for distribution. The Senate bill, which includes mandates, delivers money through grants, and localities can apply directly.

"There are folks out there willing to take the strings if it means they get what they need," Chapin said.

Chapin said the survey indicates that "those on the

ground — the local officials with the authority to purchase voting machines ... have a different idea about election reform than the state officials with the ultimate responsibility for elections statewide."

States and localities did find agreement in their opposition to the Justice Department's involvement in elections. Both bills include substantial Justice Department involvement. None of the state officials and only 5 percent of local officials said the Justice Department should be involved in elections.

Likewise, 75 percent of state officials and 65 percent of local officials said authority should remain with the Federal Election Commission, the poll said.

The survey was conducted October and November. Interviewers questioned election officials in 36 states and chief election officials in 208 counties and cities.

President Bush faints but recovers quickly

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush was doing well and back at work today after fainting briefly in the White House residence while choking down a pretzel a day earlier.

"I feel great," Bush said to reporters on the White House lawn as he prepared to board a helicopter for a two-day trip to the Midwest and Louisiana.

"My mother always said, 'When you're eating pretzels, chew before you swallow,'" Bush said. "Always listen to your mother."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the president had been checked by his physician, Dr. Richard Tubb, Monday and his vital signs were normal.

"I hit the deck. Woke up and there was Barney and Spot showing a lot of concern," Bush said in recounting that he had passed out while watching a football game on television. Barney and Spot are his dogs.

The president looked a bit tired but otherwise fit when he stopped to assure reporters that he was doing well. Bush shared few details about the episode.



BUSH

"I didn't realize what happened before I looked at the mirror and my glasses cut the side of my face," the president said, pointing to an abrasion on his upper left cheek. "I had good blood pressure last night. Good blood pressure this morning."

Tubb said in a telephone interview Sunday that Bush quickly recovered from the episode, apparently brought on by swallowing a pretzel awkwardly which triggered a temporary decrease in heart rate. He said the president had been feeling under the weather over the weekend.

Bush, 55, suffered an abrasion on his left cheek the size of a half dollar and a bruise on his lower lip from falling onto the floor from a couch.

"He said it (the pretzel) didn't seem to go down right," Tubb said in a telephone interview. "The next thing he knew, he was on the floor."

A nurse on duty at the White House was summoned at 5:40 p.m. EST. Tubb was paged eight minutes later. Bush, under his own power, used an elevator to go downstairs to the doctor's office.

Tubb said Bush believes he was out only for a few seconds because when he awoke, his two dogs were sitting in the same position they had been in.

Coroner says scientist died in accidental fall off bridge

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A Harvard University biologist whose body was found in the Mississippi River last month died accidentally in a fall from a bridge, a medical examiner said.

Don Wiley, 57, fell from the Hernando DeSoto Bridge after a minor motor vehicle accident there, Shelby County Medical Examiner O.C. Smith said Sunday.

Wiley had been missing since Nov. 16, when his

rental car was found abandoned on the bridge with the keys in the ignition.

The body was discovered Dec. 20 snagged on a tree near a hydroelectric plant at Vidalia, La., about 300 miles south of Memphis. A wallet containing Wiley's identification was found on the body, which was identified through dental records, police said.

No evidence of foul play was found in the car.

Wiley had been in Memphis for a scientific conference hosted by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He was last seen publicly at a conference banquet.

Wiley's disappearance raised concerns about a possible terrorist connection since he had done research on a number of potentially deadly viruses, including Ebola, a highly contagious and lethal fever.

The FBI said it was leaving the investigation to the Memphis police. Authorities have disclosed no evidence of connection between Wiley's work and his disappearance.

Scientific organizations, including St. Jude, posted rewards totaling \$26,000 for information leading to the "arrest and charge" of anyone responsible for Wiley's disappearance.

Houston-area woman has been missing for six months; still no clues, police contend

LEAGUE CITY (AP) — Despite a \$10,000 reward, private investigators, distribution of fliers and volunteer search groups, a 57-year-old woman remains missing after six months.

Tot Tran Harriman reportedly left her son's League City home on the morning of July 12, 2001, with plans to drive along Texas Highway 35 to Corpus

Christi in search of real estate to purchase.

She was in a maroon 1995 Lincoln Continental with a personalized Florida license plate reading "TOTSYS." The car had a white interior, chrome tail pipes and a square sticker on the right rear bumper that read "PJC."

Harriman, who was said to be 4-foot-11 and about 100

pounds, hasn't been reported seen since. She moved last year to Texas from Milton, Fla., to be closer to her children.

Minh Harriman, 34, the oldest of three grown children, said: "It just still bugs me we can't find any answers."

He took two months off work to focus on the search for his mother.

"The last four months, we've had nothing substantial," said League City police detective Richard Rennison, who said he has driven "every possible way to Corpus Christi." Along the way, he inquired with police and wrecker drivers in every town. He also has searched bodies of water for her car.

No activity has been regis-

tered on Harriman's mobile phone or credit cards.

"A lot of leads turned out not to be true," Rennison said. "We had hundreds of sightings, but none we could substantiate."

The lack of leads has frustrated the Harriman children. Any time they hear news of human remains being found, they check to see whether it might be

their mother.

Her dental and medical records have been sent to various medical examiners' offices.

"Any lady that comes missing, we're all over it," said Minh, who trains NASA astronauts for NASA. "We've got to do what we can do. The possibility is slim, but we're going to take it."

Dumas economic development board under fire for bylaw change

AMARILLO (AP) — Officials with the Dumas Economic Development Corp. want to dispel the suspicion of some residents that they changed their bylaws to protect themselves from voters angry about possible compensation for a pork processing plant.

A special meeting of the DEDB board of directors has been called for Monday after resident Arlie Bownds spearheaded a petition drive to dissolve the DEDC.

"We wanted to lay out our involvement for the proposed Seaboard plant," said

Brian Walters, DEDC executive director.

Seaboard Farms, which is looking for a plant site, visited Dumas in December. Questions have been raised about the DEDC's decision to change its bylaws after that meeting.

Shortly after the December visit, the board voted to change its bylaws to a corporation that allows communities to spend money on civic projects not allowed under the old corporation. But, under the new bylaws, the development board could no longer be dissolved by voters when

placed on a ballot by a petition with 10 percent of the regular voters.

Bownds said that while placing the dissolution of the DEDC on the ballot was no longer an option, he intended to proceed with the petition and present it to the city council. More than 400 have signed the petition, he said.

Bownds said he had received more than 100 e-mails from angry citizens.

"People are just furious that the citizens are being left out of the process," Bownds said in the Amarillo Globe-News. "It's

all a sham, a bunch of people that are businessmen pushing this thing through."

Walters said the accusations were unfounded.

"A group of volunteers collected bylaws from (economic development corporations) around the region, and unknowingly wrote bylaws" that eliminated the possibility of voter dissolution, he said.

Should Seaboard locate a plant in Dumas, Walters said the DEDC capital incentives committee would make \$400,000 available to help cover infrastructure

costs and encourage building of housing, and \$40,000 for parks and other amenities and to cover costs that would result from the location of a pork processing facility.

Walters said the DEDC has helped with Seaboard's efforts to establish local con-

tacts, make project-specific requests and acquire information pertinent to such requests.

The DEDC also conducted an impact study on the possibility of a proposed Seaboard plant to be located 10 to 15 miles south of Dumas.

Second fire in two months reported at Pasadena refinery

PASADENA (AP) — For the second time in two months, a fire broke out at the Crown Central Petroleum refinery in Pasadena.

Company officials said

Sunday's fire began about 7:30 a.m.

Bill Tyler, the company's human resource manager, said a failed valve caused isobutane, a flammable fuel, to leak into a vessel during

its start-up process.

The unit, which makes refined gas, had been shut down since November for a periodic cleaning and inspection.

An in-house fire team and

firefighters from the Channel Industries Mutual Aid organization responded to the blaze. No hazardous material was released, Tyler said.

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Churches help with education

Several Howard County churches have made it their mission to ensure that young students will have the tools they need to get a better chance at an education.

These churches were following the lead of Coahoma Methodist, which has kept a year-round mission to collect school supplies or other items for that community's elementary-age children.

All three churches continue their missions and plan to make donations again when supplies begin to get low.

One of the greatest things we can do as adults for our community is to ensure that our children have every opportunity for success.

These students are the community leaders of tomorrow. We must prepare them well.

If you would like to help in the effort, contact North Birdwell Lane Methodist, First United Methodist, Coahoma Methodist or Wal-Mart for more details.

We appreciate the work these churches and business are doing, and the many others in Howard County who realize how important it is for a good education.

OTHER VIEWS

Mexico is eager to reassure its citizens in the United States that, while gone, they aren't forgotten and it is going into U.S. courts to do it.

In an unprecedented gesture that puts teeth into President Vicente Fox's pledge to represent Mexicans on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border, the Mexican government has availed itself to the U.S. system in order to help Mexican workers in the United States.

Though it was Mr. Fox's predecessor as president, Ernesto Zedillo, who first took aim at the DeCoster Egg Farm in Turner, Maine, in 1998, the Fox administration is still firing away. The world's largest supplier of brown eggs to grocery stores, DeCoster is accused of mistreating its Mexican workers.

The unusual part is that among the original plaintiffs was the nation of Mexico. And although our southern neighbor eventually was dropped from the suit, the Fox administration is working behind the scenes to seek justice for the DeCoster workers. It already has spent about

\$100,000 on lawyers and mediators. Mr. Fox is naming a special prosecutor responsible for filing more DeCoster-type cases in U.S. courts in the future.

It's a new world. Traditionally, Mexicans who migrated to the United States were ignored by the country they left behind. Shunned as deserters, they often fell prey to unscrupulous employers. Now, with Mexico stepping up to act as protector of its paisanos, it will be harder for employers to get away with abuse or mistreatment. And that's a good thing. It is also a positive development that the issue of the welfare of Mexican laborers in the United States will likely continue to play a prominent role in negotiations between the two countries, including discussions over importing "guest workers" from Mexico.

Some may wince at the idea of a foreign government trying to influence the employment policies of U.S. companies. But let us not forget that those companies put themselves in that position when they opted to utilize foreign labor.

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Our attitudes do control our lives

William James of Harvard University, the father of American psychology, once said, "The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind."



JIM DAVIDSON

This profound statement made many years ago, contains tremendous potential to help us become happier and more successful human beings.

My wife has a sweatshirt with the words, "I have an attitude" printed across the front. To symbolize the word "attitude," there is also a picture of a duck with the most awful facial configuration you can imagine.

Unlike computers, which can only store facts, statistics and other data, the human mind also has the capability of storing feelings and emotions. The marvelous human mind, with its many and diverse powers is what produces thoughts, and these thoughts become the basis for our actions.

There have been a number of people and organizations who have conducted studies to determine the basis for personal success and they all pretty much conclude the same thing. Mental attitude accounts for about 85% of our overall success in life, while skills and knowledge make up the balance.

true, life experience that can help us see how important our mental attitude really is and why it controls our lives. In the 1958 World Series between the New York Yankees and the Milwaukee Braves, during the late innings of a very crucial game, Elston Howard, power hitting Yankee catcher, was up to bat. With the count three balls and two strikes, the Braves' manager went out to the mound to talk with Warren Spahn, his great left handed pitcher.

It was too late! Warren's computer-like mind registered the thought "high outside pitch," which is exactly where the ball went! The manager was right: Elston Howard hit it out of the park. As Elston circled the bases, Warren Spahn threw his glove down in the dirt and made what has become a classic statement. He said, "WHY would anyone motivate themselves or others with

the reverse of an idea?" You see, because of the way the human mind is constituted, we always move in the direction of our currently dominant thought.

The reason attitudes control our lives is simple. We always move in the direction of our currently dominant thought. When we are thinking good and true things and have worthy goals to strive for, a positive attitude will definitely give us the advantage.

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.



Saudis warn about the U.S.

Members of the Washington media typically receive holiday greetings from the Saudi Arabian ambassador. But this year Prince Bandar, the kingdom's long-serving representative, sent journalists a PBS series on Islam and a book explaining the Islam faith.



JACK ANDERSON

It was a telling gesture because it reveals just how nervous the Saudi royal family is about its image in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks. Fifteen of the 19 hijackers were Saudi nationals, graduates of Saudi schools where anti-American rhetoric is a curriculum staple.

The Saudi elites have long had a cozy relationship with the governing class in Washington, despite the supposedly negative view of America they perpetrate in their schools and media. Money talks, and any discrimination they might experience as Arabs in the United States vanishes in the context of their oil wealth and the importance of keeping that oil flowing.

Some may wince at the idea of a foreign government trying to influence the employment policies of U.S. companies. But let us not forget that those companies put themselves in that position when they opted to utilize foreign labor.

are abuses to be sure, but people of Middle Eastern descent do have recourse to various democratic institutions, including the press, to air their complaints and seek redress.

Yet the Saudi government is so on edge that it is advising its citizens against traveling to America, warning them that they will be harassed and hounded and seriously endanger themselves. Immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks, the Saudi government chartered a jet to fly back home numerous members of the extended family living and studying in the United States.

The Saudi government feared the U.S. Justice Department would round them up and somehow make them culpable for what their relative, Osama bin Laden, was believed to have masterminded. The FBI checked out the passenger list before the jet was allowed to leave for Saudi Arabia, which was prudent.

Politicians who denounced profiling as racist when it was used to stop young black men driving on the New Jersey turnpike now view it as a common sense reaction to the targeting by Arab men of innocent civilians at the World Trade Center. The incident may have been unnerving for some when a Secret Service agent of Arab descent was removed from a flight on Christmas Day on his way to join President Bush's protective detail in Crawford, Texas.

Perhaps the airline authorities could have acted more expeditiously to confirm his identity. But the American Airlines pilot was within his rights to refuse passage to an armed and angry man who apparently hadn't filled out the forms properly.

As long as bin Laden is thought to be alive, ties between Saudi nationals and the renegade son will be under scrutiny. Wealthy Saudis have contributed money to his network, and many ordinary Saudis are sympathetic to his cause. U.S. Special Forces combing the caves of Afghanistan reportedly are digging up and measuring corpses left after the U.S. bombing to see if any could be the 6'5" bin Laden.

Making the capture or killing of bin Laden the criteria for success was a mistake. The goal is to keep America safe and to render bin Laden powerless — dead or alive. Keeping him on the run can accomplish the goal. There may be some ethnic tribes that will harbor him, but he no longer has a country to turn to as a safe haven, the way Nazi war criminals did when they eluded capture for so many years.

The Saudi royal family will rest a lot easier once bin Laden is accounted for. But unless Prince Bandar and others recognize their government's role in creating the conditions for Islamic terrorism, the videos and books they're sending out tell a story that has little to do with reality.

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The Big Spring Booster Club 6:30 tonight Spring High Athletic Training room. All interested parents and students encouraged to meet which will be held to last about 7:30 p.m. For more information call Jim Clemens 1069.

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ON THE RADIO

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Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men 6 p.m. — No Syracuse, ESPN 7:30 p.m. — Little Rock at New Mexico, ESPN 8 p.m. — Tech, ESPN 11 p.m. — New Mexico, ESPN

TENNIS 8:30 p.m. — Open, early round ESPN2.

IN BRIEF

Baseball boosters to meet tonight

The Big Spring Baseball Booster Club will meet at 8:30 tonight in the meeting room at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

All interested friends, parents and sponsors are encouraged to attend the meeting which is expected to last about an hour.

For more information, call Jim Clements at 267-1069.

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Lady Raiders suffer OT loss to Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas and Texas Tech are teams headed in opposite directions, even if just by the slimmest of margins on the court.

At No. 16, Texas is on the way up. The No. 10 Lady Raiders, meanwhile, are struggling to find a victory before a season goes too far south.

Texas (12-2, 4-0) continued its best-ever start in the Big 12 with an 87-83 overtime victory Sunday that sent Tech (9-5, 1-3) tumbling to its first three-game losing streak in 13 years.

Heather Schreiber scored 28 points and Stacy Stephens had 26, all but two of hers coming after halftime, as Texas improved to 5-1 this season against ranked opponents. Five days earlier, the Longhorns knocked off No. 6 Iowa State 66-65 at home.

"It wasn't a complicated thing," said Texas coach Jody Conradt. "Get the ball in the hands of Schreiber or Stephens."

Tech, which lost star forward Plenette Pierson in December with a season-long suspension for violating team rules, had no answer inside for the front-line duo.

Stephens had just two points in the first half mostly because she played just eight minutes with foul trouble.

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Men
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TELEVISION COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
6 p.m. — Notre Dame at Syracuse, ESPN.

7:30 p.m. — Arkansas-Little Rock at New Orleans, FXS.

8 p.m. — Texas at Texas Tech, ESPN.
11 p.m. — Air Force at New Mexico, ESPN.

TENNIS

8:30 p.m. — Australian Open, early round coverage, ESPN2.

Redskins axe coach; reach agreement with Spurrier

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twelve months ago, owner Dan Snyder declared that the Washington Redskins were "Marty Schottenheimer's organization from the standpoint of the final word."

Snyder later decided that he'd given the coach too much power, and last week asked for some of it back. Schottenheimer refused and was fired Sunday night, setting the stage for Snyder to hire his preferred choice all along: Steve Spurrier.

Spurrier, who rejected Snyder's overtures before Schottenheimer was hired a year ago, has reached an "agreement in principle"

with the owner for a five-year contract worth about \$25 million, a source with knowledge of the Redskins' negotiations said on condition of anonymity.

Snyder met several times during the last week with Schottenheimer, including twice Sunday, in an attempt to get the coach to renegotiate a clause in his contract that gave him the ultimate authority over player-related matters. That clause was highly touted by Snyder when he gave Schottenheimer the title of director of football operations, but debateable personnel moves made the owner decide that he'd swung too

far from hands-on to hands-off.

"Coach Schottenheimer gave 100 percent of his efforts to the Redskins and made positive contributions to the team," Snyder said. "Our decision was a difficult one and was based on philosophical and management issues, not on coaching ability."

Spurrier, on the other hand, has said he doesn't want to be anything more than a coach. The Redskins will now hire a general manager or someone with a similar title, with Bobby Beathard, Ron Wolf, Bruce Allen and Vinny Cerrato among the possible candi-

dates. Schottenheimer will receive the \$7.5 million remaining on the four-year, \$10 million contract he signed a year ago. The Redskins went 8-8 in his only season, becoming the first NFL team to go from 0-5 to 5-5.

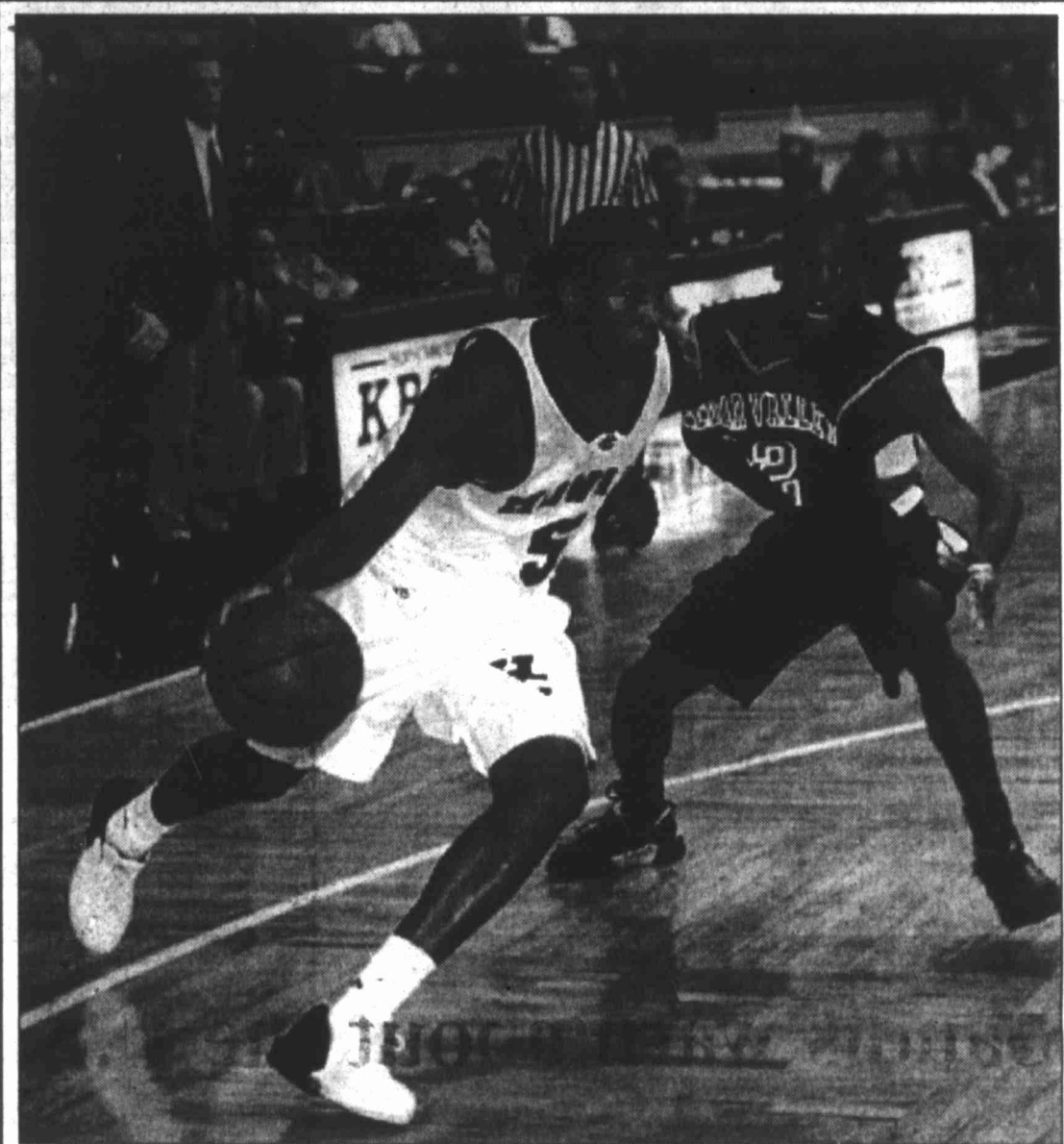
Spurrier became the country's most-wanted coach after he suddenly quit Florida on Jan. 4 and declared himself ready to take on the NFL. A colorful sideline presence and a mastermind at offensive game-planning, Spurrier won six Southeastern Conference titles and one national championship and went 122-

27-1 in his 12 seasons with the Gators.

On Saturday, Spurrier denied he had met with Snyder, but the source said the contact has been primarily with Spurrier's representatives. Attempts by The Associated Press to reach Spurrier were not successful.

His hiring would represent the type of high-profile signing, preferred by Snyder, whose players have included Deion Sanders, Bruce Smith and Jeff George.

Spurrier's offense would offer a stark contrast from the conservative approach used by Schottenheimer.



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro
Howard College guard Rodney Blackstock (5) drives toward the basket past Cedar Valley College's Marcus Taylor during the Hawks' home win over the Suns on Wednesday. Blackstock and the Hawks open Western Junior College Athletic Conference play on the road tonight when they take on Odessa College's Wranglers. The Howard and Odessa women kick things off at 6 p.m. Both games will be broadcast on KBST-AM 1490 with the pre-game show beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Kelly wins Sony in 200th tour start

HONOLULU (AP) — Jerry Kelly sat in a high-back chair with a purple-and-white lei draped around his neck and a victory smile that was a long time coming.

The Sony Open was his 200th start on the PGA Tour, but it wasn't his first chance to win. Just four months ago, Kelly was poised to win the Reno-Tahoe Open until making triple bogey on the 16th hole, allowing John Cook to beat him by one shot.

No wonder he got a little nervous Sunday when he found Cook hot on his heels down the backstretch at Waialae Country Club.

"I just didn't want Reno to happen again to me," Kelly said. "I wasn't going to do the things that let someone else win. I wanted to win the tournament."

He took care of that with two flawless swings when the pressure peaked.

Needing a birdie on the 551-yard closing hole to win, Kelly split the middle of the fairway with a 3-wood, then hit 3-iron from 231 yards about 45 feet above the hole. He lagged his eagle putt to 12 inches and tapped in for his first victory.

He closed with an even-par 70 and finished at 266 for a one-stroke victory over Cook, who was done in by a

cell phone that rang when he was at the top of his swing on the 17th.

PGA champion David Toms, playing in the final group, caught Kelly at 13 under through five holes, only to give it back on the next hole by hitting his tee shot into the bushes. It was too risky to take a penalty stroke, so Toms went back to the tee and made double bogey.

He never challenged again and finished with a 72, four strokes behind.

Jay Don Blake had the best score of the round — a 5-under 65 — but he started too far back to have any chance of catching Kelly.

Ravens' defense smothers Dolphins in wildcard win

MIAMI (AP) — The Baltimore Ravens will strut, not stagger, into Pittsburgh this time.

The defending Super Bowl champions overwhelmed Miami with a dominating defense and a grinding running attack, and beat the Dolphins 20-3 in a wild-card playoff game Sunday.

The victory set up another rematch with the Steelers (13-3).

Pittsburgh won the last meeting between the AFC Central rivals, edging the Ravens 26-21 in Baltimore on Dec. 16. The Ravens were victorious in the first meeting, winning 13-10 at Heinz Field in early November thanks to Kris Brown's four missed field goals.

"Forget the regular season," Baltimore defensive end Peter Boulware said. "What matters is what happens in the playoffs."

It certainly seems that way for the Ravens (11-6), who have won five consecutive postseason games.

They struggled at times during the regular season and needed a win last week over Minnesota to make the playoffs. But they looked

like the defending Super Bowl champs against the Dolphins (11-6).

For Miami, the ending was painfully familiar. The Dolphins are the only team to reach the playoffs each of the past five years, but they've made an early exit every time by a combined score of 164-16.

The Dolphins couldn't run and couldn't stop the run against Baltimore, a bad combination that resulted in another lopsided postseason loss.

Good wasn't good enough against the Ravens, whose vaunted defense allowed only 151 yards, and Miami's lone score came after Baltimore fumbled the opening kickoff. The Dolphins managed just one first down in the opening 23 minutes and finished with nine.

Baltimore stuffed the Dolphins' feeble ground game — holding Lamar Smith to 6 yards on six carries — blanketed their receivers, harried Jay Fiedler and forced three turnovers.

The Ravens also showed surprising punch on offense. They rushed for a season-high 226 yards.

Lucky bounce gives Pack big play in win over 49ers

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Just when Terrell Owens was about to break the Packers' hearts with late heroics again, Mike McKenzie did what Green Bay couldn't three years ago.

With the Packers clinging to an 18-15 lead with just under five minutes left Sunday, Owens got behind McKenzie and was wide open down the right sideline for the go-ahead score.

But Jeff Garcia's pass hung ever so slightly and McKenzie closed in to punch the ball away and right into the hands of fellow cornerback Tyrone Williams at the Green Bay 7.

Brett Favre then engineered an eight-play, 93-yard touchdown drive that sealed Green Bay's 25-15 wild-card victory and secured a trip to St. Louis for the semifinals. "I'm not going to sit here and say I tried to tap it to Tyrone," McKenzie said. "But I definitely was able to get a good play on the ball and I was able to kind of tap it up in the air."

Besides, the Packers (13-4) will

take a lucky bounce after what happened the last time these teams met in a playoff.

On Jan. 3, 1999, Owens caught a 25-yard touchdown pass in the midst of four defenders with three seconds left to give the 49ers a 30-27 wild-card victory over Green Bay.

McKenzie's play came two weeks after he sealed a victory over Minnesota with an interception return for a touchdown, which helped the Packers secure a home playoff game, where they improved to 13-0.

This one meant much more. Owens, who led the league with 16 touchdown catches this season, was held to four receptions for 40 yards and didn't score.

The Packers headed their quarterback's call to open up the passing game and they scored 19 points in the second half after trailing 7-6 at halftime.

Brett Favre completed 16 of 21 passes for 226 yards in the second half and 22-of-29 for 269 yards overall.

MONDAY

JAN. 14

Table with 24 columns representing different TV channels and their programming for Monday, Jan 14. Columns include KMYD, KPEJ, KERA, FAM, KOSA, WFAA, KWES, WTBS, UNI, DISN, NASH, TMC, SHOW, HBO, KMLM, A&E, DISC, TNT, TLC.

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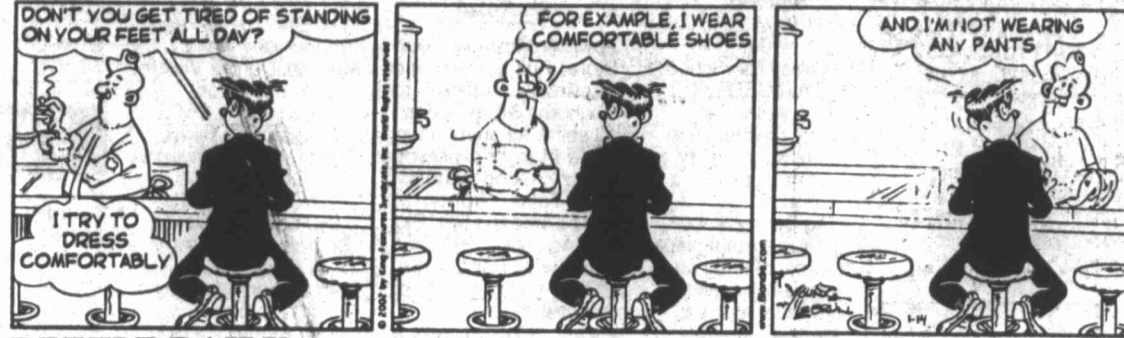
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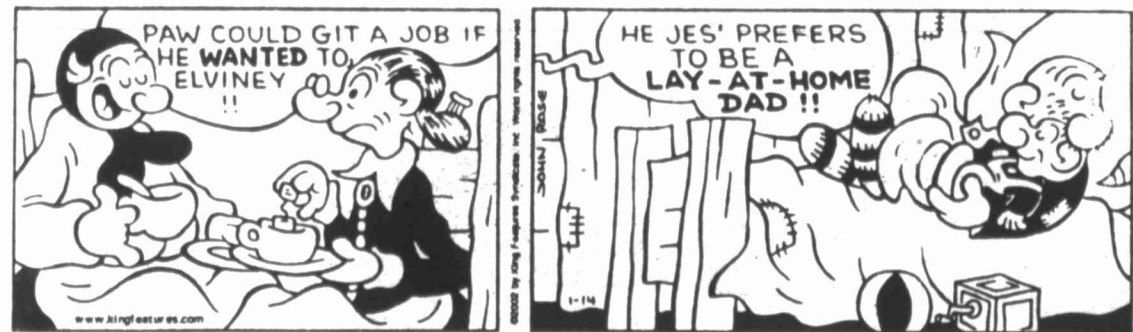
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 2002. There are 351 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Jan. 14, 1952, NBC's "Today" show premiered, with Dave Garroway as the host. In 1639, the first constitution of Connecticut — the "Fundamental Orders" — was adopted. In 1742, English astronomer Edmond Halley, who observed the comet that now bears his name, died at age 85. In 1784, the United States ratified a peace treaty with England ending the Revolutionary War. In 1858, French emperor Napoleon III escaped an attempt on his life. In 1898, author Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, better known as "Alice in Wonderland" creator Lewis Carroll, died in Guildford, England, less than two weeks before his 66th birthday. In 1900, Puccini's opera "Tosca" received a mixed reception at its world premiere in Rome. In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill opened a wartime conference in Casablanca. In 1953, Josip Broz Tito was elected president of Yugoslavia by the country's Parliament. In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with a pledge of "segregation forever." In 1969, 25 crew members of the U.S. aircraft carrier Enterprise were killed in an explosion that ripped through the ship off Hawaii. Ten years ago: Historic Mideast peace talks continued in Washington, with Israel and Jordan holding their first-ever formal negotiations, and the Israelis continuing exchanges with Palestinian representatives. Today's Birthdays: CBS commentator Andy Rooney is 83. Former CBS newsmen George Herman is 82. Country singer Billy Walker is 73. Blues singer Clarence Carter is 66. Country singer Billie Jo Spears is 65. Singer Jack Jones is 64. Singer-songwriter Allen Toussaint is 64. NAACP Chairman Julian Bond is 62. Actress Faye Dunaway is 61. Actress Holland Taylor is 59. Actor Carl Weathers is 54. Singer-producer T-Bone Burnett is 54. Movie writer-director Lawrence Kasdan is 53. Rock singer Geoff Tate (Queensryche) is 43. Movie writer-director Steven Soderbergh ("Traffic") is 39. Rapper Slick Rick is 37. Actor Dan Schneider is 36. Actress Emily Watson is 35.

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