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Tonight:



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BRIEFLY Retirement fete

A retirement reception honoring Dr. R. Marc Schwarz will be held from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. today in the Malone & Hogan Clinic lobby. The reception is being hosted by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

set for Dr. Schwartz

Kennel club offers cookbook gift idea

The Big Spring Kennel Club's cookbook, Treats from the Country, is now available for Christmas gift giving.

The cookbook has 200 recipes from club members and friends, including appetizers, main courses, side dishes and desserts.

The book also includes 16 tail-wagging recipes for pet treats.

The cookbooks are \$8 each and available at Suggs Hallmark, the Western Hills Animal Clinic and at Kydees on U.S. Highway 87 South.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



The comeback of the wild turkey is one of the most remarkable wildlife recovery stories in the nation's history. Hunted to near extinction by the 1930s, today wild turkeys number 6.5 million.

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Eight people arrested in task force drug bust

Cocaine, cash, guns, ammunition, vehicles seized

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

In a drug bust that combined the efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, eight men, including at least

David

Gamboa

Ruben V.

Gamboa

Arturo

Delbosquez

from Big Spring, were arrested Thursday morning on charges of conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office, Big Spring Police Department and West Texas Narcotics Task Force were joined by Drug Enforcement Agency, the department of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Department of Public Safety and several regional law

enforcement agencies during the investigation and subsequent arrests. According to a press release issued by

local law enforcement officials, eight fed-

eral indictments for conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine were executed during the pre-dawn raids, which keyed in on several Big Spring residences, including 1809 Johnson; 506 N. Nolan; 1508 Robin; 1600 State; and 2504 Carol.

"A sizable amount of cocaine was located at the residences and seized," said Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith. "We won't know for sure how much cocaine was seized until the lab has a chance to analyze it, but I'm sure it was well over a pound."

Smith said investigators also seized several weapons, ammunition and cash during the searches, as well numerous vehicles that were directly linked to the inves-

'The two agents the BSPD has assigned

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Jonathan DeLeon spends time drawing Tuesday at the Big Spring Boys Club. DeLeon is one of many children who utilize the club after school during the

United Way funds help enhance local Boys Club programs

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Going the extra mile is something the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County helps Tony Gonzales do at the Big Spring Boys Club. The United Way allocated \$16,635 last year for the



number \$14,413 in 2003. "The United Way is

Boys Club and that See BOYS, Page 3A

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins It may be two months late, but autumn has found its way to the Crossroads area and these trees outside

info should be clearer Monday

Project update

City courts federal economic prospect

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

After numerous executive sessions and months of secrecy, more information on the enormous economic

"This is one

of the most

exciting

things I've

participated in during the Kent Sharp 13 years I've been in economic development."

prospect Moore Development for B i g Spring has been courting is expected to be released Monday. Accord-

ing Kent Sharp, executive director of Moore Development, an update on the cities that will be bidding for a large government contract should be available some time Monday.

"The big one is hopefully coming

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Man receives 25 years for six bank heists

HERALD Staff Report

A 34-year-old man was sentenced to 25 years in prison Thursday after pleading guilty this summer to six bank robberies in West Texas including the Western National Bank in Big Spring.

Oscar Costilla Ibarra pleaded guilty to robbing banks in Odessa, Big Spring, Lubbock and Abilene, according to a news release from the U.S. attorney's office in Dallas.

His brother, Irad Costilla Ibarra, 26, pleaded guilty last month to misprision of felony, which is concealing knowledge of a crime.

The Big Spring robbery took place at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 7 when a suspect entered Western National Bank, located at 607 Scurry, and displayed a note to the teller indicating that a robbery was taking place. The sus-

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VFW post awards savings bonds

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

the Howard County Courthouse, producing a beautiful display of color.

The Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 2013 awarded a total of \$550 in savings bonds Thursday to the top finishers in the "Voice of Democracy" and "Patriot's Pen" con-

"They were all excellent entries and it was a difficult decision," said VFW Post 2013 essay contest chairman Leo Welch. An independent panel of judges selected the winners.

In the "Voice of Democracy" contest, open to students in grades 9 through 12, Forsan High School's Burk Atkerson placed first, winning a \$200 savings bond. Second place went to Levi Johnson, also a stu-



HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss This year's winners of the "Voice of Democracy" and "Patriot's Pen" contests receive their savings bonds from VFW Post 2013 essay contest chairman Leo Welch, left, and Charlie Gray, right. On the front row are "Patriot's Pen" winners Cameron Goss, left, Katryna Ceniza and Matt Ritchie. On the back row are "Voice of Democracy" winners Burk Atkerson and Levi Johnson. Manoj Thangum was unavailable for the photo.

dent at Forsan High, Spring High School's who received a \$100 savings bond. Third place went to Big

Manoj Thangum, who earned a \$75 savings

The Democracy"

Obituaries

M.C. 'Clyde' Denton



M. C. "Clyde" Denton, 89, of Big Spring died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004, in a local care facility. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Mr. Denton was born Sept. 27, 1915, in

Trent and married Loyce Bryant June 8, 1940, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Sept.

Mr. Denton was a lifelong resident of Howard County. He was raised in the Knott Community and farmed many places but always returned to Howard County within a year or two, where he farmed until 1988, when he retired to care for his wife.

Work and family were truly his life. He was named Conservation Farmer of the Year in the 1970s. After his retirement, he enjoyed restoring old tractors. At the age of 84, he restored an antique John Deere tractor. Clyde was a good farmer, good husband and a good

He was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ. Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Lynn and Judy Denton of Austin and Kim and Cathy Denton of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kelley and Gary Fuqua of Big Spring and Carla and Silvano Chavez of Hamlin; two sisters, Dorothy Wortham of Midland and Marie Ferrai of Oklahoma; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, one son, one grandson, one brother and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Alzheimers Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-32, Midland 79705, or 14th & Main Church of Christ, 1401 Main, Big Spring 79720.

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

Felipa Briseno



Funeral services for Mrs. Felipa Briseno, 88, of Stanton have been set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Thomas Vempala officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Cemetery.

A rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Briseno was born Aug. 23, 1916, in Lockhart and she passed away Nov. 18, 2004, at Hospice of Midland Inpatient Unit.

She married Jesus Briseno Sr. in Martindale Jan. 7, 1940. He passed away Jan. 17, 1992. Mrs. Briseno was a longtime resident of Tarzan.

She was active in the St. Isidore Catholic Church in Lenorah, where she was a Guadalupana and would prepare meals for priests.

She was a loving and generous mother, grandmother

and friend. She will be missed dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Macario and Canuta Herrera, a daughter Hortensia Parraz, a son, Pedro Briseno, a grandson, John Christopher Briseno and a son-in-law, John Ornelas.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Ornelas of Stanton; a son, Jesus Briseno Jr. and his wife, Rita Briseno, of Stanton; a daughter-in-law, Alice Briseno of Stanton; nine grandchildren, Marc Briseno, Jessica Briseno, Stephen Briseno, Phillip Ornelas, Alex Ornelas, Idalia Reyna, Tomas Parraz, Matthew Briseno and Daniel Briseno; and eight great-grandchildren, Joddi Briseno, Jess Briseno, Joseph Briseno, Joshua Briseno, Elliana Robuck, Tasni Reyna, Tatiana Reyna and Talina Reyna.

Serving as pallbearers will be her grandsons. Funeral services are under the direction of Stanton

Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Support groups

☐ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8-9

SATURDAY

Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5-6 p.m.

MONDAY

2-3 Bedroom

☐ All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Thanksgiving covered dish dinner planned, and the turkey will be provided. Call 398-5522 for more information.

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Gene Allen Paddick

Gene Allen Paddick, 64, of Merkel, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, in an Abilene medical center. Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Merkel First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jimmy Griffith officiating. Burial with military honors will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Gene was born June 30, 1940, in Abilene and married Dorothy Flowers July. 5, 1989, in Atoka, Okla. He graduated from Big Spring High School and was in the U.S. Air Force from 1958 to 1978. He was a member of

Merkel First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Paddick of Merkel; a son, Don Paddick of San Antonio; five daughters, Nancy Bell and husband, David of San Antonio, Della Schaffer and husband, Randy of Louisville, Ky.; Stella Maxwell and husband, James of Shepherdsville, Ky.; Lori Ann Holt and husband, Danny of Dyess Air Force Base, Valuree Hood and husband,-Jonathan of Merkel; his father, W.C. "Dub" Turner and wife Hazel of Big Spring; a sister, Jessie Fredricks of Albuquerque, N.M.; and 16 grandchil-

He was preceded in death by his mother, O'Dessie Wheeler Turner. Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care,

P.O. Box 1922, Abilene 79604.

Lillie Combs

Lillie Combs, 88, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 19, 2004. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral

Police blotter

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

• PETER MANUEL CANDELARIA, 17, of 803 E. 14th Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of hindering an officer's official duties.

• SAMANTHA LEIGH CASTILLO, 20, of 1905 Wasson Road Apt. 27, was arrested Thursday on a charge of harboring a runaway child. DAVID MICHAEL WEAVER, 23, of Carrollton,

was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxica-• ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 40, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxica-

SAMUEL TIMMOTHY KELLEY, 19, of 1601

Owens, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication. ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was

reported in the 800 block of 16th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

· EMILIO ALCANTAR RAMIREZ, 59, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

 ANTHONY DAVID FRENZEL, 21, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.

· LUZ JUAREZ, 39, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.

· RANDY RAMIREZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

Take note

□ HOLIDAY TEA FUND-RAISER TO BENEFIT CORNERSTONE CHURCH BUILDING FUND is set for 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday in the YoungLife building, 12th and Owen streets. Holiday gifts and personal care items, including skin care, wellness, fine kitchenware and aromatherpy products will be available through independent consultants. Door prizes will be awarded and all proceeds go to the building fund. The event is free and the public is invited. Contact 816-3082 for more information.

□ SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER IS SELLING KRISPY KREME DONUTS for \$6 per dozen as a Relay For Life fund-raiser. Orders are due Nov. 24 and may be picked up Dec. 3. Also, pink ribbon car magnets are available for \$2.50. Call Amber Rich at 268-4960 for more information.

□ LETTERS FROM SANTA ARE AVAILABLE FROM SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER as a Relay For Life fund-raiser. Each letter will have a North Pole postmark for a \$5 donation. Contact Amber Rich at 268-4960 for more information.

☐ FISH FRY AT AMERCIAN LEGION POST 506 begins at noon Saturday. Delivery and carry-out available. \$7 per plate. 3203 W. Highway 80. Call 263-2084.

□ BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE BUS BARN YELLOW DOGS TEAM at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

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TODAY

· AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. · Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell

· Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

· Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between 3 p.m. and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.

· Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third. Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

· Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call

· Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

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

 Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

TUESDAY • Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in

the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628. · Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 36-24-30-3-11. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday

Winning numbers drawn: 1-9-17-33. Bonus Ball: 1. Number matching four of four: 15. Prize: \$1,269. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$1,250,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-8-2

Weather

Tonight - . Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Light and variable winds.

Saturday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s.

Light and variable winds. Saturday night - . Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent

chance of showers. Lows in the mid 40s. East winds Sunday - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of

showers. Highs in the mid 50s. East winds near 10 Sunday night - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent

chance of showers. Lows near 40.

Monday Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. Monday night - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent

Tuesday - . Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Cooler. Highs in the mid 40s.

Tuesday night - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 30s. Wednesday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid

Thanksgiving day - Partly cloudy. Highs near 60.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Bush seeks global support against terrorists, North Korea

KILLEEN (AP) - President Bush, meeting with Asian-Pacific leaders, is seeking more international backing to both persuade North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons ambitions and to take concrete steps to cripple terrorist networks around the world.

In short, the agenda Bush takes to this weekend's annual 21-nation summit of Pacific Rim leaders looks much like it did last year - and the year before that.

"The big priorities will focus on the security and economic side because they really go hand in hand," said White House press secretary Scott McClellan. "You need to make sure you have security so that you can move forward on the economic side."

After a night at his central Texas ranch, Bush arrives late Friday in Santiago, Chile, this year's host of the two day Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum starting Saturday.

Iraq, once a dominant topic, has largely fallen off the Bush administration agenda.

But North Korea, an "axis of evil" brother of the former Iraqi regime, is high on the priority list. Of the seven foreign countries whose leaders Bush plans to meet with in private one-onone sessions, four of them — China, Japan, South Korea and Russia — are U.S. partners in talks with North Korea aimed at making the Korean peninsula nuclear-free.

Sharon eases conditions for resuming peace talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon signaled that he is dropping what was once his key

demand for resuming peace talks - a Palestinian crackdown on militant

Sharon said in a speech Thursday that while he still wants the armed groups dismantled, any crackdown would be "complicated." He said he now considers Palestinian efforts to stop incitement against Israel as a sufficient sign of goodwill.

Palestinians have refused to confront the militants, saying they fear civil war, and the standoff was one of the key obstacles in resuming negotiations.

Israeli commentators described Sharon's shift in position as dramatic.

"There is no longer the demand ... of total war by the Palestinian Authority on terror groups, collecting weapons and governmental reform," said a commentary in the Yediot Ahronot daily

Home ownership tops Bush housing agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) homeownership tops President Bush's housing agenda, but the biggest battle facing his administration during the second term is how to overhaul a program that helps 2 million poor families pay their rent.

Besides making changes to that program, Bush wants a new tax credit for builders that he thinks could increase affordable housing for middle-income families by at least 40,000 units a year.

The president also wants to reduce local and state regulations that discourage developers from putting up affordable housing. A separate proposal would create zero down-payment loans for first-time buyers whose mortgages are guaranteed by the Federal Housing Administration.

Successes could help Bush reach the goal, which he set in his first term, of 5.5 million new minority homeowners by decade's end.

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national audio essay competition designed to have students express their opinion on a patriotic theme.

In the "Patriot's Pen" contest, a competition for students in grades 6, 7 and 8, Matt Ritchie won a \$100 savings bond with first-place essay, "What Service to Our Country Means to Me."

Cameron Gross placed second in the contest, which earned him a \$50 savings bond Katryna Ceniza placed third and received a \$25 savings bond.

Atkerson and Ritchie's essays were judged at the district level Wednesday in Odessa. The winners will advance to compete in the state-wide contest. The winners will be announced toward the end of December.

National qualifiers in both contests earn an allexpense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. The national first-place winner in the "Voice of Democracy" will receive a \$25,000 scholarship and the winner in the "The Patriot's Pen" winner receives a \$10,000 savings bond.

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BOYS

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big for us because it allows us to do extra things for the kids," said Gonzales, who is the director of the club. "With the help of the United Way, we can look into adding programs and throwing more parties."

Gonzales said United Way is a great help to everyone in the community, as well.

"Cynthia makes things easy for everyone," said Gonzales. "She helps us all operate better with our given budgets.'

Boys Club youth leader Teresa DeLeon, who works with the girls who attend the club in the summer, agrees.

"The United Way helps us spend extra money on the kids," she said.

Gonzales said the United Way is responsible for about one-fourth of the total money used by the organization. The other three-fourths come from public donations and interest investments.

The Boys Club has been a part of Howard County since 1968. The club is for children aged six through 17. The only requirements to join the club is that the boys must be in school and pay a yearly membership fee of \$3.

Gonzales and DeLeon said there are many reasons why the children go to the club, which is located at 212 E. Third

Street.

'They come up here to be with their friends and to make new friends,' said Gonzales. "They do things here that they can't do at home."

"Some of the kids come from single families and they come here because they see the other boys as big brothers," DeLeon added.

During the school year, the club is open after school until 7:45 p.m. Monday through Friday and then it is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The club's summer hours are 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. The building is closed during the lunch hour all summer.

The United Way campaign continues through Nov. 30. To make a donation or for more information, call 267-5201.

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24th & Johnson 267-8288

Lillie Combs, 88, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



PROSPECT

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Monday," said Sharp. "We're hoping some announcements will be made after the due date, which is Monday. We expect several press releases to come out of Monday's deadline."

Sharp said he feels confident in the proposal which could bring a government pilot screening facility to Big Spring, but as with any "prospect" there's a level of unpredictability involved.

"As far as our proposal and strategy are, I'm very excited," said Sharp. "This is one of the most exciting things I've participated in in the 13 Howard College and the county — there have been so many people involved

Sharp declined to go into detail about the type the air base might see more flight utilization, eluding to its time as an Air Force facility.

"It's a pilot screening program for the government," said Sharp, declining to go into more detail. "Next week we'll find out who we're bidding with and some of the propos-

years I've been in eco- als. We're not going to get nomic development, so real specific about some I'm very excited. It's a of the proposal initiavery good experience for tives, but it's going to all of the partners of the bring a lot more clarity to city - Moore Board, the people in the community who have questions and have heard rumors.

"We're excited about it. Obviously the setting is the old Webb Air Force Base, and it would be neat of facility the prospect to see utilization come to might bring to Big those assets out there that Spring, but did say he's have just been sitting excited at the possibility there for such a long time. There's been a lot of industrial use and some general aviation, but near the level of activity the base once had."

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to the West Texas Narcotics Task Force did the majority of the work on this investigation," said Smith. "They were aided by the DEA office in Lubbock, and today's busts are the culmination of approximately 18 months of investigation.

"I was present for some of the busts and everything went very smoothly. No one was injured and everything went very Arrested during the raid

· Ruben Gamboa, 48, of

1809 Johnson Valencia Ruben Gamboa, 30, of 506 N.

Nolan Street · Emanuel Cervantes, 32, of 1508 Robin

· Roberto Franco, 44, of 1600 State Street · Michael Zubiate, 22,

address not provided

· David Gamboa, 52, 2504 Carol

· Arturo Yanez, 52, address not provided · Eric Delbosquez, 19, address not provided

"It would have been really hard for the local agencies to do this without the help we received from the state and federal agencies," said Smith. "I was very impressed with

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the way things went."

Abilene on June 2, following yet another bank heist — this time making away with an estimated \$2,500 in cash from

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pect then requested the teller give him all of the \$100 and \$50 bills. The teller complied and the suspect fled the bank

traveling southbound on foot. No injuries were reported and no weapon American State Bank in was used. The brothers were Abilene. arrested just outside of

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- · Marj Carpenter, former moderator of the Presbyterian Church USA, on being included in the book "American Heroines: The Spirited Women Who Shaped Our Country," by Kay Bailey Hutchison.
- Howard County Library on its celebration of National Children's Book Week.
- Olive Ruth Cowden, on the celebration of her 100th birthday.
- · Regina Sledge, grand prize winner in the Holiday Cookbook Contest, as well as the other winners and everyone who took time to share their recipes with us.
- · Brennan Bailey, Reagan Creswell, Lauren Yeater, Gene Corse, Casi Graves, Levi Johnson, Kandis Carson and Marcelo Barraza — honored as outstanding area seniors by the Big Spring Optimist Club.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

weekend, sponsored by Nosler bullets. I want to present to you what I saw in the name of "sportsmanship"

Two "sportsmen" had filmed footage of shooting a magnificent 10-point buck as it drank water. The deer dropped instantly, it's life ended as it was killed with the bullet. Then there were three other scenes in which a beautiful animal was instantly killed because of the special design of the featured bullet. The intent of the footage, as I interpreted it, was that if one used this featured bullet, one could destroy a beautiful animal a few moments more quickly than with a competitor's bullet.

Then, with final footage, the two hunters had hounds that had been launched into a tracking episode. After the hounds treed a black bear, the two hunters went to where the bear was holding onto branches in the tree. One of the hunters took a long aim and pulled the trigger. The black bear flinched when the bullet hit and it held onto the branches as long as it could. Then it fell into the dogs: Sick as in chicken fighting and dog fighting.

There are people, I realize, who are convinced that the essence of sportsmanship is to heroically protect mankind from animals that live peacefully

in the woods, drinking I watched a television harmlessly from a pool. presentation this past Their attitude is emphasized in the many hunting magazines that defend the right of Americans to spend as much money as possible on guns and ammo to rid the earth of these terrorists.

Somehow there seems to be a connection about profit connected with the support of the right to painfully and humiliatingly kill these beautiful animals for thrill. It seems that some people are incapable of seeing this subliminal. Silly me!

ORAND CARROLL BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR: Although I am really proud to be living in such a wonderful country that allows great freedoms, including freedom of speech and freedom of the press, I am appalled at the things you allow in our paper.

Mr. Bush is our president. He was elected by the people (although some seem to believe just the stupid people). Disagreeing with him is one thing, but Molly Ivins' "Bush a chicken killin'

dog" went too far. As far as I'm concerned it reflects back to you as the editor of this paper.

(11-5-04).Did you even read it first? I don't know how much more of this kind of press I can stand.

JANIE CREEL **BIG SPRING**

Bush to purge those disloyal

hilst the punditry wanders weak and weary in the deep fogs of the "moral values debate," what say we pay some attention to what is going on, eh? According to Newsday, "The

White House has ordered the new CIA director, Porter Goss, to purge the agency of officers believed to have been disloyal to President George W. Bush or of leaking damaging information to the media about the conduct of the Iraq war and the hunt for Osama bin Ladin ..."

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first place, the con-

MOLLY IVINS cept of "purge" has not hitherto played much part in our history, and now is no time to start. Considerable pains have been

extremely good reasons. "Disloyalty to Bush," or any president, is not the same as dislovalty to the country. In fact, in the intelligence biz, opposing the White House is sometimes the highest form of loyalty to country, since when we fight without good intelligence, we fight blind.

taken to protect the civil service

from partisan pressure for

I would not have been troubled to learn there was to be a "purge" at the CIA of those responsible for giving bad information to the administration about Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. Even a "purge" of those who caved in under pressure from the White House to confirm the dubious WMD theory might be useful. (George Tenet is already gone.) But that's not what they're fixing to do here. This is not a purge of incompetent officers or of those who have caved under political pressure — this is a political purge of those "disloyal to George W. Bush.'

That's what I was most afraid of in the next four years: the complete closing of the circle, the old Bush emphasis on loyalty as the first and most important asset, above brains, judgment or expertise. Bush has been making this mistake for years, and it is clear it will now get worse. The clash of ideas is not welcome in his office. He wants everything solved in a one-page memo. This effectively limits him from being exposed to anything but obsequious third-rate thinking. It's precisely how he got into Iraq. One of Bush's personal weak-

nesses is his tendency to go with his "gut" when both facts and logic are against him. This used to be just an intellectual failing, one that led many who know him to conclude he cannot think very well.

It is more alarming to find that those around him are so familiar with the phenomenon that they have now invented a sort of justifying philosophy for it. According to Ron Suskind's much-noted New York Times Magazine article, some White House staffers now refer slightingly to "reality-based" decision-making, as though it were quite inferior to delusional thinking. This bodes poorly.

One does not have to be an expert on the CIA to see the problem here. Bureaucracies are peculiarly vulnerable to bullying from the top: Everyone who has ever worked in an office is familiar with the gesture toward the ceiling for "upstairs" to explain some damn fool command from on high. Punishing those who were right is not smart.

Michael Scheuer, the former head of the CIA's bin Laden unit, who wrote "Imperial Hubris" as Anonymous, has now resigned. The book is about the Bush team's failure to pursue bin Laden and about the diversion of intelligence and military manpower from the war on Al Qaeda to the war in Iraq. The thesis is dirt common, not a state secret.

Another leak involved a report

that concluded the likely outcomes in Iraq are all fairly grim and the worst-case is civil war. Since I wrote the very same thing all by my little self before this war even started, without a shred of input from the CIA, this strikes me as a "leak" of the self-evident.

It's no secret there is a sort of culture war at the CIA — see "Charlie Wilson's War," among others. The tug-of-styles is between gung-ho risk-taking agents prepared to jump into any harebrained scheme and the more cautious higher-ups, often Ivy Leaguers, who worry about dull stuff like breaking international law and starting World War III. Naturally, we like the gung-ho sort ("Huah!"), but it's not a bad idea to keep some grown-ups in charge. Otherwise, you wind up with stuff like the plot to make Castro's beard fall out or Ollie North taking a cake to Iran.

We consistently see this administration trying to solve real policy problems by knocking out dissent, as though dissent itself were the problem. The Bushies always remind me of Cousin Claude, a major political thinker.

Claude says: "Hell, yiss, I believe in the right to dissent. H'it's in the Constitution! What I can't stand is all this criticism. Criticize, criticize, criticize. Why don't they leave poor Dubya alone and let him fight his war in peace?

"We're sendin' our best boys over there, and you know what them Eye-raqis do? They come out at night. Wearin' dirty robes. Not even Christian. If they don't like what we're doin' for eem, whyn't they just go back where they come from?"

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Bush appoints trusted top aides

y nominating National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to become secretary of state and White House Counsel Alberto Gonzales to become attorney general, President Bush is sending a clear message. He intends to keep tight rein over foreign policy and the war on terror during

Second terms can be treacherous, even for presidents who win large popular mandates. Ronald Reagan was re-elected in a 49state landslide in 1984, but the Iran-Contra scandal tarnished his last years

his second term.

CHAVEZ in office. Bill Clinton carried 31 states, plus Washington, D.C., in his re-election bid in 1996, but was impeached (though not convicted) for lying under oath about his relationship with former intern Monica Lewinsky. And, of course, Richard Nixon left office in disgrace two years after he won 60 percent of the vote in his reelection bid, once his role in

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break-in was revealed. Bush's strong management style, moral rectitude and high ethical standards make similar imbroglios unthinkable, but the president's decision to place trusted loyalists in the most important positions in his new administration shows he's leaving little to chance. In Rice and Gonzales, Bush has chosen insiders who were part of his team long before he came to Washington.

approving the 1972 Watergate

You get the sense that he trusts

them completely. He won't have to worry that they will be leaking stories to the media to make themselves look good — and the president less so — if things don't go their way. Nor will he have to worry that his appointees are not on the same page as he is when it comes to policy objectives.

In different ways, both their predecessors failed to inspire similar comfort levels from the president. Colin Powell came into George W. Bush's administration larger than life. Powell commanded more respect in many circles than the new commander-in-chief — as a hostile press never tired of reminding Americans. This had to rub the new president the wrong way. In the immediate aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, President Bush gained almost universal respect, and the power relationship between the two shifted, but the damage had already been done. And it didn't help later on that Powell let his skepticism about the Iraq war become public.

Ashcroft showed considerably more loyalty than Powell, but his aloof demeanor may have been an impediment to forging a close personal relationship with the president. You can imagine the president kicking back to enjoy a football game with Rice or confiding secrets to Gonzales, but it's hard to envision the ever-serious and taciturn Ashcroft in similar settings.

Critics will argue that the president's appointment of Rice and Gonzales could present problems because they are too close to the president. Already Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., has warned that Rice may lack the proper

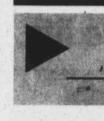
"independence" to be a good secretary of state. Such criticism is wrong-headed. We don't elect Cabinet members. They have no claim to independence from the presidents who appoint them which doesn't mean they are mere yes-men or women. Precisely because Rice and Gonzales have earned the president's complete trust, they can be free to speak their minds when they disagree with him and he will listen.

President Bush has run a tighter ship than most recent presidents, clearly running policy from the White House rather than letting it devolve to the agencies. There's always a danger in every administration that political appointees will become insular and arrogant, but neither Rice nor Gonzales seem prone to those character flaws. Both come from humble backgrounds - which may not be a perfect insurance policy against self-importance, but it helps. Given the dangerous world in

which we now live and the tough fight ahead, not only in Iraq but elsewhere in the war on terror, the president must be able to count on his top aides. He's chosen well for himself and the country in these first two important picks.

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Church News

Community-wide Thanksgiving service

ecumenical Thanksgiving worship service, hosted by St. Mary's Episcopal Church, is set for 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Nov. 24. A number of Big Spring pastors congregations involved in planning this inter-church Thanksobservance, giving including First United Methodist Church, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church and Sacred Heart

Catholic Church. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in community thanksgiving service. The primary purpose will be to thank God for his blessings the to community throughout this past year.

First United Methodist Church

The Rev. Dr. Dave Ring's sermon for Sunday is titled "All Scripture Is God-Breathed." The scripture text is II Timothy 3:14-17. Journey of Faith, the Interpretive dance team from First United Methodist Church in Roscoe, will present "Give Thanks."

Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes meet at 9:45 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal is Sunday at 2 p.m., and Children's Choir Practice is at 4 p.m.

Living Christmas Tree rehearsal continues on Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. Tree construction begins Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. All able-bodied people are invited to help service we are doing a put the tree up.

Decoration of the church for the holiday The evening service season begins at 4 p.m. starts at 6 p.m. Sunday. Volunteers are also needed to help with take a break from our the decorating.

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Monday evening, Sunday school classes will meet in the sanctuary to decorate the tree in preparation for the Living Christmas performances.

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

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

If you do not have a church home, encourage you to visit us at 1512 Birdwell Lane. We are a family church, where visitors become friends and friends become family.

We wish everyone a very happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

For more information you can call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

Baptist Temple

We at Baptist Temple would like to welcome to our staff the Rev. Andy Biles and his wife, Kathryn. The Biles' have two sons, ages 13 and 11. They come to serve on our staff as minister of music and students. They have just moved here from the Abilene area and are just getting their feet wet.

As we extend an invitation to those who are seeking a place of worship, we would like for you to come join us this Sunday as we gather for Bible study and worship. We offer Bible study classes for all ages. In the morning worship verse by verse study of the book of Revelation.

This Sunday we will study in the book of Sunday evening at 5 Revelation to think about Also at 5 p.m., the sermon topic will be children and Youth will "Give Thanks." Sunday meet to make Christmas night we have our

international study on Mexico and a Mexican dinner to follow at 7 p.m. We ask everyone to bring their favorite Mexican food dish.

Our study will begin at 5 p.m. for our children and at 6 p.m. for our youth and adults. The morning Bible study begins at 9:30 a.m. and worship is at 10:34 a.m. We offer a children's church for our children, pre-school through the sixth grade, for morning worship. Evening worship is at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

We offer a financial workshop Tuesday at 7 p.m. It will last about an hour to one and half hours. It will run eight consecutive weeks.

Baptist Temple Church members just wants you to know that you'll find something for everyone and you will always be welcome. We are in the heart of Big Spring with Big Spring on our hearts. For more information call 267-8287, visit our Web site at www.baptisttemple church.org or come and meet with us at the corner of 11th and Goliad streets, where you will find a warm and friendly welcome.

Calvary **Baptist Church**

Calvary Baptist Church welcomes all those who are looking for a place to worship. Calvary Baptist Church is located at 1200 Fourth Street. Preaching services are at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Sunday school is 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study is at 5 p.m.

St. Thomas Catholic Church

St. Thomas Catholic Church, 605 N. Main, will be selling gordita and flauta plates for \$5.50. The plates include rice, beans and salad. Individual gorditas will be \$2 each and individual flautas will be \$1 each. Starting

mission at 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 20. For more information call the St. Thomas Parish Hall at 263-4337.

East Side **Baptist Church**

FEATURES

The Toney Brothers will be with us at 7 p.m. Dec. 3. The Hinckle Family will be singing in the 6 p.m. service Dec. 5. Our eighth annual Children's Christmas Fun Festival will be Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. for children ages 5 through 12. To register your children call the church at 267-1915. If no answer leave a message.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on scripture from Luke 23:33-43. Worship service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 is held at 10:35 a.m. in the parlor.

Opportunities for the week include choir practice Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The church supporting the Salvation Army's Thanksgiving Dinner. Members are asked to donate to the fund for the dinner or to bake about 30 pies.

Church members also are going to serve the dinner and need people to help deliver the dinners as well.

Plans are being made for the Hanging of the Greens, Nov. 28. The time will be announced next week.

Please join us for any of the previously mentioned activities. Everyone is always welcome at First Church, Presbyterian located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

First Baptist Church As we enter this season

of thanks, we, the fellowship of First Baptist Church express to our community thankfulness for the ways that you have given your

support to us through the years. As we lift our thanks to our Lord, we pray that this season of the year will bring to you an attitude of gratitude for all the blessings of your life.

Our services Sunday are: Holy Grounds Café at 9:14 a.m., Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., morning worship at 10:50, and "Love Feast" at 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Happy Thanksgiving.

Christ's Community Church

A Talent Show and Spaghetti Supper are set to begin at 6:30 p.m.today at Christ's Community Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Booths with items to purchase such floral arrangements. handpainted dishes, homemade candles and threedimensional pictures will be available. Also, orders for Thanksgiving will be taken. Tickets are \$5 for each event, or \$8 to attend both. Proceeds go to fund missionary work of Janae Giles, who is attending the missions program at Christian Lubbock University. Contact Don Swinney, 263-9963, for more information.

Cornerstone Church A special Holiday Tea

fund-raiser is set for 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday in the YoungLife building, 12th and Owen streets, for the Cornerstone Church building fund. Holiday gifts and personal care items, including skin care, wellness, fine kitchenware aromatherpy products will be available through independent consultants. Door prizes will be awarded and all proceeds go to the building fund. The event is free and the public is invited. Contact

Cornerstone Church, a Morning International Church, invites children entering kindergarten through fourth grade to a new fall program, "Looking At the

816-3082 for

information.

Pieces," at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, different stories of the Old Testament. A new Sunday school class preschoolers continues with the story of Noah's Ark.

Cornerstone, located at the corner of 12th and Owens streets, offers a family atmosphere of and worship. praise Morning worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday worship is at 7 p.m. Childcare is available for newborns preschool. Call Pastor Craig or Cherise Felty at 263-3072 with questions.

St. Paul **Lutheran Church**

What do the Matrix trilogy films have to do with faith? Join a new adult Sunday school class starting 10 a.m. Sunday in the St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, Ninth and Scurry streets. Matrix films raise challenging moral and philosophical questions. What do they say about the nature of knowledge, faith, love, reality, free will and destiny? This study will help you examine these issues and discuss the movie from a Biblical perspective. You will receive a free copy of the discussion guide. St. Paul's Lutheran Church is located at 810 Scurry. The phone number is 267-7163.

Big Spring, A great hometown, St. Paul, A great home church!

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 401 E. 4th has these opportunities for service and growth this week: 9:45 a.m., Sunday school, 11 a.m. morning worship service. noon. Thanksgiving Sunday night Wednesday night services are canceled. Call 267-2291 for more information.

SPC Jackson returns from Iraq for holiday

Special to the Herald

U.S. Army SPC Anthony (Joey) Jackson returned home for the Thanksgiving holidays from Iraq.

He has been stationed in Iraq for the past eight months, servingh ityh the 1st Infantry Division, Compnay, Batallion.

While at home he said he hopes to visit with family and friends. sleep in peace and eat real food, to his heart's content.

He will be returning to Iraq in early December. After he completes his tour of duty in Iraq, he will be stationed in Germany.

Family members welcoming him home include his parents, Dr. Robert and Rhonda Hayes and Anthony Jackson Sr., his sisters Amy Jackson and Angie Williams and her family, Chad, Trevor. and Hannah.

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U.S. Army SPC Anthony Jackson returned home to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with his family. He rerturns to Iraq in December.



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University of Michigan receiver lost sight of faith, now lets God guide life

By JOHN ELGIN

Knight Ridder Newspapers DETROIT — Bobbing up and down, Jason Avant fervently claps his hands and stomps his feet. His facial expressions vary. At times, his teeth jut out, biting down on his bottom lip. Sometimes he winces with his eyes welling up, other times he's grinning from ear-to-ear. Sweat trickles down his forehead, and he uses a white towel to dry off.

He is wearing a longsleeved, cream-colored, button-down shirt with gray slacks and shiny black dress shoes.

Most people aren't used to seeing Avant like this.

Most are accustomed to seeing him in shoulder pads, the famous Michigan winged helmet and his maize-and-blue No. 8 jersey. Most see Avant drenched in sweat and passionately celebrating only on the football field.

Avant is a wide receiver at Michigan.

He is also a Christian. And his religious faith defines who he is. His cozy church on Detroit's west side and the 30 or so people who worship there every Sunday bring him ultimate joy, not the 110,000-plus screaming Michigan fans at Stadium.

During a recent service at True Worship Church, Avant expresses his Godgiven happiness.

"I got some joy," he sings, over and over, microphone in hand, standing before a congregation that is jiving to the rattling of tambourines, the bellowing of drums and an organ piercing the air. People are wailing and shaking, many of them looking upward. "When a person can just

think about God and all he's done, tears may come Avant says. "Sometimes you think about what God has brought you out of, and you begin to laugh. You never know what's going on. It could be laughing, it could be crying. But it's all praising God. No one can give you that kind of joy.

Avant, 21, remains

Big Spring Art

The purpose of the Big

Spring Art Association is

to advance interest in art

and photography in Big

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recognition and apprecia-

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Anyone interested is

welcome as a visitor and

as a member. Yearly dues

are just \$15. Arlys Scott

will be hostess for

November and she is also

Artist of the Month at the

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Club News

upbeat even though his used drugs and came on the days a recruiter grandmother, whom he calls the most important person in his life, died last month, hours before the Wolverines beat Minnesota.

In a passionate appeal to the congregation the next day, he says, "It's OK!" His voice strains and he cringes, holding back tears. "I know she's in a better place now."

Herein lies the key to Avant's strength: He believes.

He believes it was his grandmother's time and that God was relieving her of her suffering, diabetes, blindness and amputation. He believes football is a gift from God, one he will give up in an instant if he is so called.

Most of all, he believes everything happens for a reason. And this rings especially true with his

Avant is quite fortunate, having overcome threatening conditions as a youngster to accomplish things that most people only dream of.

he is the Wolverines' No. 2 receiver this season, three years, Avant was having caught 29 passes for 353 yards.

His efficiency is impressive: He rarely drops balls, and 22 of his receptions have resulted in God. first downs.

Like everything else in life, Avant gives God the credit for his ability to do remarkable things.

Why?

Because without God, Avant believes, he wouldn't have made it to U-M in the first place.

In his mind, things like this don't happen to someone who didn't meet his mother until he was a freshman in college and whose father was in and At school, he says, gang questions, he regularly out of jail, unable to be members often would try refers to things like the with him much during his childhood.

happen to someone who grew up on Chicago's south side in a community littered with gangs, and violence. drugs Things like this don't happen to someone who grew up living in his grandmother's house with about 10 cousins, aunts and uncles, some of whom

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Olnee Menges was the

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home with bullet wounds and blood stains from fights. Things like this don't happen to someone who was pressured and bullied by gang members in grade school. Things like this don't happen to someone who was flunking classes in his first year of high school.

And things like this don't happen to someone who didn't start playing football until he was a sophomore at Carver High in Chicago.

But Avant defied those

"I think about all the things I was going through growing up_not having a mother in my home, not having a father in my home, living in Him. poverty," Avant says. "All these things that God's doing for me: He's keeping me through these things."

Avant grew up playing basketball. But when he was a sophomore, his basketball coach, Willie Simpson, who also coached the football team, As a junior at Michigan, encouraged him to go out for both sports. Within one of the nation's topranked prep receivers and had a scholarship offer to U-M. That, he says, "just doesn't happen" without

Avant might never have made it out of his Chicago neighborhood, and had the opportunity to become a Wolverine, if he hadn't valued church as much as

Between doing volunteer work for his church and playing sports, Avant stayed busy enough to avoid the negative influences in his neighborhood.

to coerce him into joining strength God has given them and they sometimes Things like this don't would push him around. People also would offer him drugs.

of his cousins made actually motivated Avant, who wanted to avoid making the same mistakes.

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came to watch his team płay.

"It was through the grace of God," Avant says, that he didn't fall into similar traps. "God knew I had something in my life, that he wanted me to do something with my life. He predestined me to do something. My purpose in coming to Michigan wasn't to play football for the University of Michigan. My purpose was to come here and commit myself over to God again."

Avant placed God first in his life during his freshman year at U-M. Before that, he struggled with forces that weakened his relationship with

Soon after he arrived in Ann Arbor, Avant quit going to church. He was going to parties. He was chasing after women. He was concentrating more on his girlfriend than on his schoolwork and prayer life. He was telling lies. He was gambling. He was making cheat sheets for tests.

This all changed in early 2003, when Avant began attending True Worship after his roommate, tailback Alijah Bradley, invited him. Attending the four-hour services every Sunday helped Avant realize he was talking about his faith, but not living it.

"I don't just want to talk about it," he said. "I want to give God the glory and praise in all that I do live my life for Him."

There doesn't seem to be anything phony about Avant's renewed devotion to God.

After interviews he often tells reporters, "God He had to dodge crime. bless." When answering him and the importance of looking at the positive side of things.

His revamped faith The bad decisions some helped him forgive his mother. When Avant met her in Chicago during his freshman year Michigan, he never bothered to ask why she left him when he was an infant. That wasn't important to him. He now talks

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Emotions run high for University of Michigan wide receiver Jason Avant, attending service at True Worship Church in Detroit, Mich.

to her and sees her regu-really admires is that he larly. Avant avoids trouble at

all costs. Shortly after he started

attending True Worship, he broke up with his girlfriend to focus on his relationship with God.

When the Wolverines to Southern California for the Rose Bowl last year, Avant locked himself in his hotel room to avoid succumbing to temptation. He left only to get food and go to practice.

U-M coach Lloyd Carr has seen the effect of faith on Avant.

"I don't think there's any question that Jason is a very spiritual individual, and he's also an extremely competitive guy," Carr said. "The thing I think everybody

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his life.' Avant no longer parties. Instead, he will stay home and play video games with Bradley or go bowling. Bradley says he doesn't think he and Avant

has such great emotional

n't lose control of his emo-

tions even though he's a

"Everybody knows the

part that his faith plays in

great competitor.

control. I mean, he does-

chance. "Our relationship together has grown a lot because we stopped going to the parties and stuff,'

became roommates by

Bradley says. "It helps us a lot because we are with each other. It's not like we're alone, like we're isolated from the team. It just makes it a lot easier.'



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IN BRIEF Garden City dominates all-district superlatives

Youth basketball set at B.S. YMCA

The YMCA has announced that basketball registration for the upcoming season will run through Nov. 20.

Boys and girls age five through 12 may register to take part in one of four age groups.

The registration fee is \$30 and all sign-ups will take place at the YMCA.

There will be no fund-raiser this year, but financial assistance is available for families who require assistance.

An organizational meeting for adults who would like to be age group coordinators has been scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 4. Everyone interested in coaching must attend one of these two scheduled meetings.

The games are scheduled to begin Saturday, Jan. 8.

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

Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming season.

For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 or 517-0300.

The games will be played in local areas such as Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma and will be for the junior high and high school levels.

Big Spring Baseball Booster meeting set

There will be a Big Baseball Spring Booster Club meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the Training Athletic Center.

It will be an organizational meeting to get ready for the upcoming 2005 season.

For more information, contact John Sparks at 263-8527.

Crossroads Super **Bowl announced**

The Crossroads Youth Football Association's 2004 Super Bowl will take place Saturday in Coahoma starting at 9 a.m.

There will be three consolation games beginning at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and the championship games will start at 3, 5 and 7 p.m.

Coahoma's Division I and II teams will meet Big Spring in the title games at 5 and 7 p.m. Forsan will take on Coahoma in the flag division final at 3 p.m.

There will a trophy ceremony after each game.

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor Garden City's district dominance this season

payed off in the end after all as t h e Bearkats landed several players on the all-district

teams,

which was

announced

HALFMANN

recently. Sophomore Alex Halfmann, senior Wade Machicek and head coach Ken Hoskins were the big winners. Halfmann was voted as the District 8-Sixman's player of the year and offensive MVP, while Machicek and Hoskins were named defensive MVP and Coach of the Year,

respectivewas very pleased with the picks and how many got," we

MACHICEK

i d Hoskins. "Every senior on the team made some of kind of team and that is always good. The seniors stepped it up and led the way this year in getting that first gold ball (district championship for Garden City.'

The seven seniors that made some kind of all-disteam include Machicek, Trey Hillger, 9.1 yards per rush offen-Tim Schniers, Mitch sively.

Rider, Colby Hirt, Travis Coats and Robert Lopez.

Halfmann was voted player of the year after throwing for 1,523 yards and rushing for another 424. He accounted for 33 touchdowns (29 passing) and threw only three interceptions.

Halfmann was also named to the district's first-team defense after recording 27 tackles and three interceptions.

Machicek's defensive MVP came after he recorded 80 tackles (third on the team), 13 tackles for loss, five forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries.

Hoskins was named coach of the year after leading the Bearkats, who dropped from 11-man to Six-man in the offseason, to an undefeated district record.

Garden City landed 12 of the 23 first-team spots, as well.

Earning spots on the first-team offense were Hillger, junior Cory Multer, Schniers, sophomores Jared Bradford and Taylor Niehues senior Mitch Rider.

The defensive first-team included Multer, Hillger, Halfmann, senior Travis Coats and sophomores Colton Schwartz and Colby Hirt.

Hillger rushed for 1,223 yards and reached the end zone 25 times on offense, while bringing down 67 ball carriers on defense. He also averaged

formed in the bareback

McDowell and Hendricks

received no points and

Headley turned in a 61-

Dustin Specht performed

in the calf roping compe-

tition and turned in times

of 9.9 and 11 seconds.

respectively. Heberger

broke a barrier and

Specht fell down before

tying down his calf, said

head coach Greg Kernick.

The rodeo continues

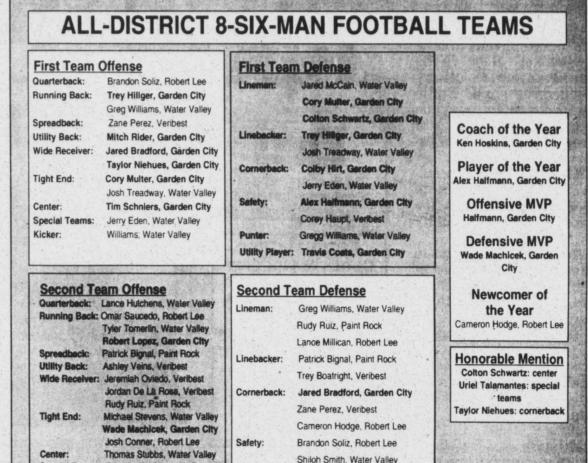
today and goes through

Saturday. Howard begins

Aaron Heberger and

point performance.

competition.



Multer earned a firstteam spot as a tight end on offense and a lineman on defense. He caught 11 passes for 164 yards and two touchdowns on offense, while accounting

Special Teams: Zach De La Garza, Veribest

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for 50 tackles on defense. Both Bradford and Niehues were named first-team wide receivers. Bradford caught a teamhigh 21 passes and eight touchdowns, while Niehues was second on the team with 18 catches and five touchdowns.

honorable-mention selection on defense.

Jordan De La Rosa, Veribest

Utility Player: Jesse Trevino, Water Valley

Rider was voted as a first-team utility back after rushing for 228 yards and four touchdowns this year, while Lopez earned a spot on the second-team as a running back after earning 688 yards and 11 touchdowns on the ground. Lopez also ran for an average of 14.6 yards per carry.

Schwartz (lineman), Bradford also made the Hirt (linebacker) and defense, Coats (utility) were all teams player.

while Niehues earned an voted to the first-team defensive unit.

Schwartz was second on the team in tackles with 85, but 16 came behind the line of scrimmage. Schwartz was also a part of the honorable-mention offensive team.

Hirt accounted for a team-high 92 tackles and three interceptions.

The final all-district spot for Garden City was taken by Uriel Talamantes. He made the honorable-mention offensive squad as a special

Hawk women fall at WJCAC

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

second-team

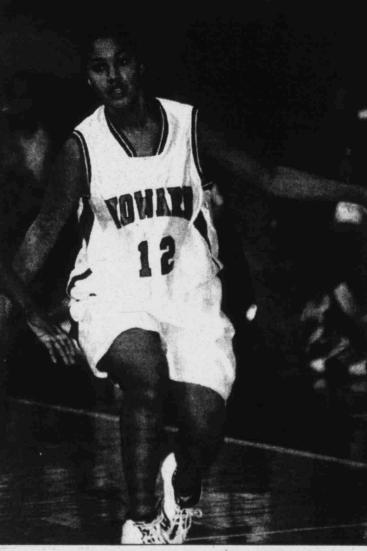
Things are not always supposed to be easy and the Howard College women's basketball team found that out the hard way Thursday during the first round of the WJCAC Tournament in Odessa.

The Hawk women took on rival Odessa in their opening game and lost 77-46. The Howard deficit was only six points at the break, as well.

"We stayed close for a half against a good Odessa College team, but couldn't sustain any kind of effort in the second half that would help lead us to a win," said head coach Lorin Miller.

Freshman Charmaine Callahan, who left today for her native Germany to take care of a personal issue, led Howard (6-1) with 12 points. Callahan has to update her student visa and will return to the Hawk women's team after Christmas.

Earlier in the day, New Mexico Junior College lost to defending NJCAA champion Trinity Valley and Midland College was defeated by South Plains, 65-50. Howard will play the loser of the Frank Phillips and Clarendon matchup, which was



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Howard College freshman Ariel Rhodes takes the ball up the court in a previous game. The Hawk women lost Thursday to rival Odessa in the opening round of the WJCAC Tournament, 77-46. Howard's second round game begins today at 3:30 p.m. against either Frank Phillips or Clarendon.

played last night, but between Howard and at 3:30 today.

scores were not available either Frank Phillips or at press time. The game Clarendon will take place

FRIDAY NIGHT FORECASTERS

Final Results

Final Records: Last Week: Games Behind



Jed Headley all per- and 7 p.m.



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at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum during a Howard basketball

game. The promotion, which is done at every home game,

Alcazar leads Howard

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The Howard College

rodeo team began its final

Thursday in Lubbock and

two Hawk members find

themselves in the top-10

McDowell scored 72

points in the bull riding

competition and is cur-

rently sitting sixth, while

freshman Juan Alcazar

scored a 6.8 second time

McDowell and freshmen

after the first day.

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Charles Hendricks and its competition at 9 a.m.

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

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By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer BALTIMORE Baltimore Ravens middle linebacker Ray Lewis Vinny runs into Testaverde and Eddie George during pregame warmups Sunday, he will greet them with an affectionate hug.

After the opening kickoff, Lewis will seek to again wrap his arms around his friendly rivals.

He will then attempt to deposit both members of the Dallas Cowboys onto the unyielding artificial turf.

Testaverde and Lewis played together on the Ravens for two seasons, and Lewis has been banging helmets with George since they entered the in league 1996. Baltimore's All-Pro standout has enormous respect for both players, but that won't stop him from hunting them down Sunday and doling out no small measure of punishment.

"I'm always excited to play against Eddie," Lewis said. "Eddie's a good friend. Eddie's one of those classic warriors hat you love to step onto the football field with. He's going to do his thing, I'm going to do my thing, he's going to talk, I'm going to talk."

Lewis and George used to run into each other literally — on a regular basis when George carried the football for the Tennessee Titans, who were in the same division tne Kavens. Realignment ended that duel, but George's move to the Cowboys during the offseason brought about one more clash between the former firstround picks.

"For him to be in Dallas, and now we're playing them, everything has run its course,' Lewis said.

The Lewis-George confrontation used to receive attention because both players were stars on Super Bowl contenders. The Ravens (6-3) still have designs on winning the championship, but the Cowboys (3-6) are in the midst of a nightmare season after going 10-6 a year ago.

There are plenty of reasons for the demise of the Cowboys, although little blame has been heaped upon the 41-year-old Testaverde.

Yet plenty of Dallas fans are calling for Drew Henson, 24, to take over at quarterback.

It's a situation that Testaverde knows too well. After being run out of Tampa Bay early in his career, he latched on with the Cleveland Browns, who moved to Baltimore and became the Ravens in 1996.

Testaverde threw for 4,177 yards and 33 touchdowns in 1996, then put up credible numbers in 1997.

But he was benched in the latter part of the year and left Baltimore in a

huff. He returned Baltimore with the New York Jets in 2000, coming up short in a 34-20 defeat. and was ultimately displaced by Chad Pennington. Now

Testaverde is clinging to the starting job while looking over his shoulder

"It's their decision, and I don't have to like it," he said.

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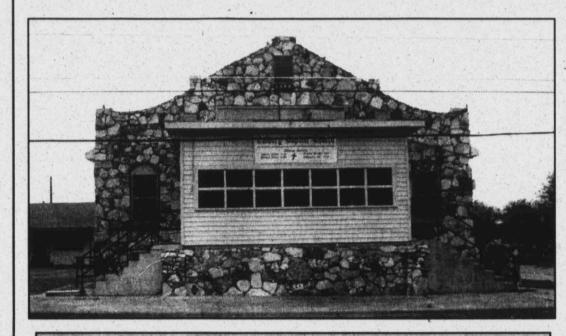


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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're like the smart kid in the class with your hand in the air the whole time. Why won't the teacher call on you? See what happens if you pull back. Let your quiet confidence show that you know all the answers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If patience could be bottled, you'd have enough in storage to last you through the winter. But, alas, you can't even lend your extra supply to those who really need it. Your zen state is mighty attractive, though, especially to Aries.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You sprinkle generosity on everyone you encounter! As long as you're the self-appointed fairy godmother/godfather, you may as well give to people who actually deserve it, too. Take note of the real gems around you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Aimless and unsystematic thoughts can be the most wonderful kind! By being less structured, you allow little tidbits from the collective unconscious to drop into your mind, and this is where the big ideas get their start.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're pretty deep, you know. You'll meet a real character someone who can enrich you with eclectic scholarship. Pay attention, though it's hard to follow this person's whimsical line of thought.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The financial picture improves when you see yourself as a salesperson view everyone you meet as a potential convert. Whether selling an idea or a product, or simply winning people over to your team, you're successful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some of your self-care practices have slipped by the wayside. Compensate for your recent neglect. Be willing to pay more to get the style, service and choice you prefer. Everyone benefits when you're well tended.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're at the epicenter of work activities. Dare to shut off the phone for an hour so you can concentrate on finishing the most important task. In love, because you're serious about a relationship, it moves forward. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-**

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friendship, love or work, privately resolve to be in the relationship for the long term. This actually takes the pressure off. since now you've got the luxury of time to iron out your differences.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've got many messages to convey. If done eloquently, you raise your status in the eyes of a VIP. Upgrade your communication by learning a new word, preferably one you can substitute for the overused "awesome."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a bit detached, but it's not a bad thing. It's like you're moving through the traffic of life in the top floor of a double-decker sightseeing bus. Sometimes, an overview is exactly what's needed to make smart decisions.

WEEKEND REPORT: Love under the Pisces moon takes on weighty significance. Consider that it's possible to have more than one soul mate. ARIES: Spin a mystery

for your loved one to unravel.

TAURUS: Communication is the difference between getting your needs met and not. GEMINI: You are not

defined by how others react to you. The more you believe this, the more attractive you become. CANCER: Romantic

opportunity literally knocks on your door. LEO: Trying to play

games is useless when you really like somebody. VIRGO: Once the ball starts rolling, you'll find you've got more opportunities than time to explore them.

LIBRA: The easiest way to attract love is to do what you say you're going to do.

SCORPIO: Telling the truth about your love life to yourself is even more important than what you say to others.

SAGITTARIUS: Ambivalence is the enemy. Tell a sweetie exactly where you stand, and save yourself months of vacillating. **CAPRICORN: Romantic**

competition reminds you that your object of affection is a worthy subject. **AQUARIUS:** Guard your closest relationship, as it

affects every other aspect of your life. PISCES: Glamorous surroundings will bring out your natural grace and

attractiveness.

COUPLE OF WEEKEND: Pisces and Taurus don't need words to communicate the depth of their feelings for one another, but they don't have a telepathic bond, either. Theirs is a primal connection. As long as Taurus remembers not to be practical all the time and Pisces lets Taurus be instead of trying to manipulate, they can get along famously. All these

two have to do is spend

the whole weekend one

on one.

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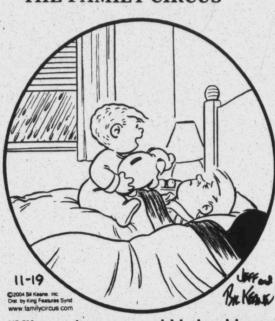
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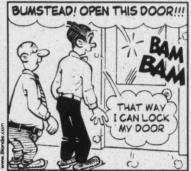
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This Date In History

By the Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 19, the 324th day of 2004. There are 42 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 19, 1863, President Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address as he dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield in Pennsylvania.

On this date: In 1794, the United States and Britain signed Jay's Treaty, which resolved some issues left over from the Revolutionary War.

In 1831, the 20th president of the United States, James Garfield, was born in Orange, Ohio.

In 1919, the Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles by a 55-39 vote, short of the two-thirds majority needed for ratification.

In 1942, during World War

II, Russian forces launched their winter offensive against the Germans along the Don front.

In 1949, Monaco held a coronation for its new ruler, Prince Rainier III, six months after he succeeded his grandfather, Prince Louis II.

In 1969, Apollo 12 astronauts Charles Conrad and Alan Bean made man's second landing on the moon.

1977, Egyptian In President Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to visit Israel. In 1984, nearly 500 people

died in a firestorm set off by a series of explosions at a petroleum storage plant on the edge of Mexico City. In 1985, President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev met for the

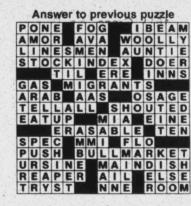
first time as they began their summit in Geneva. In 1997, Iowa seamstress Bobbi McCaughey gave birth to four boys and three girls only the second set of

been born alive. Ten years ago: The U.N. Security Council, anxious

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to stop Serb attacks on the "safe area" of Bihac in northwest Bosnia, authorized NATO to bomb rebel Serb forces striking from neighboring Croatia.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Alan Young is 85. Former U.N. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick is 78. Talk show host Larry King is 71. Talk show host Dick Cavett is 68. Broadcasting and sports mogul Ted Turner is 66. Singer Pete Moore (Smokey Robinson and the Miracles) is 65. Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, is 65. TV journalist Garrick Utley is 65. Actor Dan Haggerty is 63. Fashion designer Calvin Klein is 62.



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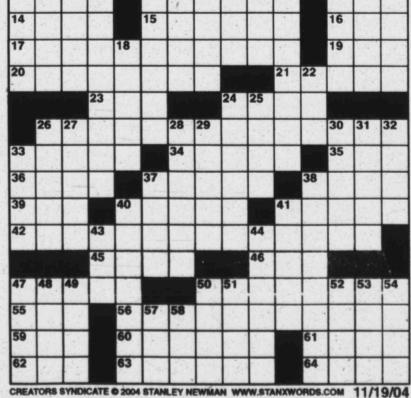
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Golf Insider

By T.J. TOMASI

SCHEDULE

LPGA TOUR **ADT Championship**

- · Site: West Palm Beach, Fla. · Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
- · Course: Trump International Golf
- Club (6,506 yards, par 72). · Purse: \$1 million. Winner's share:
- \$215,000. · Television: The Golf Channel
- (Thursday, 2-4:30 p.m.; Friday, midnight-2:30 a.m., 4:30-7 p.m.; Saturday, 1-3 a.m., 4:30-7 p.m.; Sunday, 1-3 a.m.) and CBS (Sunday, 1-3 p.m. or 3:30-6

WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **World Cup** · Site: Seville, Spain.
- · Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. · Course: Real Club de Golf de Sevilla
- (7,140 yards, par 72). · Purse: \$4 million. Winners' shares:
- \$700,000 per player. · Television: ESPN (Thursday-Friday,
- 7-10 a.m., 1:30-4:30 p.m.) and ABC (Saturday, 4:30-7 p.m.; Sunday, 3-6
- · Format: Two-man teams representing 24 countries. First and third rounds, best ball; Second and fourth. alternate shot.

PGA/PGA EUROPEAN SENIORS

- **UBS Cup** · Site: Kiawah Island, S.C.
- · Schedule: Friday-Sunday. · Course: Kiawah Island Club,
- Cassique Course (6,945 yards, par 72). · Purse: \$3 million. Winners' shares: \$150,000 per player.
- · Television: The Golf Channel (Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.)
- · Format: United States vs. Rest of the World. 12-man teams (six players age 40-49, six 50 and older). Friday, six alternate-shot matches; Saturday, six best-ball matches; Sunday, 12 singles
- matches. · United States: Arnold Palmer (playing captain), Fred Couples, Ray Floyd, Fred Funk, Jay Haas, Scott Hoch, Hale Irwin, Tom Kite, Craig Stadler, Curtis

Strange, Hal Sutton and Tom Watson.

 Rest of the world: Gary Player (playing captain), John Chillas, Rodger Davis, Barry Lane, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle, Carl Mason, Mark McNulty, Colin Montgomerie, Peter Senior, Sam Torrance and Ian Woosnam.

-All times Eastern

BETTER BODY, BETTER GOLF

Your gluteals

Because the proper swing is a chain reaction beginning from your core, located around your navel, it is important that this muscle group be in the best possible shape. Your gluteus muscles (also called the "gluteals") are part of this group. Below are two exercises to stretch and strengthen them.

External rotators

Sit up straight on the floor and cross your right leg over your left, keeping your left leg extended straight out and your right knee bent. (When you assume this position correctly, your right ankle will be just to the left of your left knee.)

Put your hands around your right knee and bring the knee slowly toward your left shoulder. Feel the stretch in the right buttock and hold for 25 seconds. Do this three times and then switch legs to stretch the left

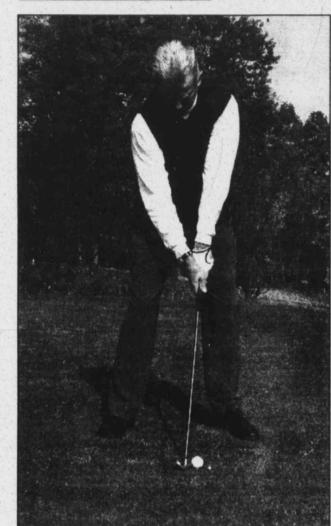
Internal rotators

Lie on your back with your knees bent so that your lower legs (knees to ankles) are parallel to the floor. Then cross your right leg over your left so that right ankle is touching your left

Now pull and push at the same time: Push your right knee away from you with your right hand as you pull your left knee toward your chest with your left hand wrapped around the back of your left thigh. Hold for 25 seconds. Do this three times and then switch legs to stretch the left buttock.

As always, consult your doctor or physiotherapist before doing these exercises to make sure they are right

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME





To feel the correct mix of down vs. forward, address a teed-up 7-iron using a second tee located 1 inch in front of the ball that is pushed down so only the head of the tee is exposed (left). Then make a swing just clipping the second tee and take a shallow divot (right).

What's up with hitting down?

very golfer has heard it a million times: "Hit down on the ball." But often this advice is exaggerated in its execution, leading to an ultra-steep approach to the ball that destroys all chance of solid contact.

To understand what's up with hitting down, you need to examine several concepts.

CONCEPT 1: DOWN AND FOR-WARD

Motion in two directions is involved in the downswing: down and forward. And while they coexist, they are not present in equal proportions at any point during the downswing.

The majority of the "down" occurs early with the "forward" part a small contributor. But as the downswing nears the threequarters mark, the mix begins to change. Once the club head finishes the majority of its down motion, it still has most of its forward left, thus the arc of the club head begins to flatten as it nears

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Golfers who exclusively think "hit down" foul the mix of downand-forward, tending to be too steep. Those who think only "forward" will be too shallow.

CONCEPT 2: LOFT

The ball is driven airborne by being compressed against the club face then separating from the club face on an angle determined by the club you are hitting -- 9-irons go high, 3-irons go low. You don't have to "help" this process; in fact, you must stay out of it and allow the loft of the club face to do its thing.

CONCEPT 3: CONTACT POINT

Standing at address, look at the ball and imagine two lines bisecting it, one along the target line and the other perpendicular to it. This divides the ball into four quadrants, and from your perceptive at address (assuming you are a right-handed player), your job is to make contact on the lower right quadrant, i.e. the club arrives on an inside path.

To get my students to implement these concepts I have them do the following drill. First, address a teed-up 7-iron using a second tee located 1 inch in front of the ball that is pushed down so only the head of the tee is exposed, as I am doing in the first photo here. Then make a swing just clipping the second tee and take a shallow divot as I have done in photo 2.

This drill will give you the feeling of the correct mix of down vs. forward. Too much down and you'll miss the tee, too much forward and you can't take a divot.

TEEING OFF

Golf parents put kids first

ince when is there no yelling and screaming at a soccer game? Well, not a peep is heard on Saturdays, Silent Saturdays, as they're called, in Westin, a suburb near Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

In Westin, as well as other places across the country, the crowd is not allowed to be vocal or shout instructions while the kids are playing. It's kids' soccer, protected from overinvolved parents and other adults who have become so intrusive that it takes all the fun of it for the kids.

Jim Thompson, director of the Positive Coaching Alliance, says, "parents are quiet and the kids enjoy themselves more when there's no yelling."

Rick Wolff, chairman of the Center for Sports Parenting, is a bit more direct in his open letter to parents: "For starters, we need to remember the season belongs to the kids, not us. Your days as a budding athlete are behind you, so don't use your child's sports as a chance to relive your years."

In addition to their vicarious involvement, many parents believe that all the commotion and stress prepares kids (many of them as young as 6 years old) for the dog-eat-dog business world they will face later in life. But why take all the fun out of the game, shouting at the opposition and arguing with the referees?

Fortunately, golf is not like soccer, baseball, football or hockey. In golf, the rules prohibit instruction from the crowd during a tournament. Even though there have been charges leveled at some Korean parents, accusing them of using hand signals to direct their daughters' games, for the most part golf parents are non-interfering, settling for a polite golf clap and a soft word of encouragement. This type of deportment separates golf from the other sports, and it sends a strong message to the kids: We love you first and your game sec-

Take a cue from Earl Woods, who showed Tiger that he cared about Tiger first and Tiger's golf second. As Tiger lay in his crib, Earl would repeat over and over: "Daddy loves you. I am here for you. Daddy is so proud of you. I want you to be happy." And that was long before the agents, the money and the glory.

Thanks to Woods and thousands of golf parents like him, golf has Silent Saturday 24/7. Let's keep it that way.

ASK THE PRO

Q: I play golf well into the fall in New York, until the snow flies, in fact. Besides taking an inordinate amount of time to find a ball in the leaves (on what seems like every other hole), it really runs up my scores because I lose so many. Does the USGA make any provisions for these circumstances? — Hal K., from Valhalla, N.Y.

A: In the spring, summer and fall I teach at the Lyman Orchards Golf Club in Middlefield, Conn., so I am very familiar with the "leaf problem.'

To answer your question, no, the USGA does not make any provision, but then again it does not allow scores to be posted for handicap purposes after the third week in October either. This is partially due to what it deems as "unfair" conditions, such as the leaves, that would unduly run up scores and distort handicaps.

At most clubs in my area, when golfers play a friendly match during the late fall they play what's called "the leaf rule." It's a strictly unofficial rule that allows you to drop a ball without penalty (where you think it should be) when you hit into the leaves.

No tournament would ever be played under this rule, but it certainly keeps things moving. Without it rounds might take six hours.

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

BIRDIES AND BOGEYS

Too much vavoom

The LPGA Tour wants to upgrade its image in part by showing its sexier side, but I'll bet tour officials aren't too happy with the Natalie Gulbis layout in a puerile new hip-hop magazine. The title of the pictorial is "Fore Play" (now that's original), and it features the young player in various poses, one of which shows her in a tiny bikini holding the flagstick while answering IQ-wrenching questions such as, "Can you tell anything about a guy by the length of his

drive?" (wink, wink) and "Is your fairway well-manicured?" (honk, honk).

What was her gatekeeper father, an imposing figure who looks like Vlad the Impaler on a bad hair day, thinking when he approved this one? Biker dad must have been on idle to let this bastion of bathroom humor have access to his daughter.

Insider Take: If Miss Gulbis wants to be under par, she made it this time - way under.

Name the bouncer Which one of these four used to be a bouncer? Mike Weir Jeff Sluman

Corey Pavin Vijay Singh Can't decide without a hint? OK, the player in question won more than \$10 million this year on the PGA Tour. Still not sure? One more hint - he hits left-handed almost as well as he hits from the right side.

The mystery athlete is VIJAY SINGH: "I've done a lot of things," says Singh. "I was a bouncer one time. ... I guess that's the most dangerous thing that I've ever done."



Natalie Gulbis' pictorial in FHM features the LPGA player modeling swimsuits on a golf course.

GOLF BY THE NUMBERS

76, 74

The last two scores for David Duval in the 2004 season. In nine tournaments, including the U.S. Open, he made three cuts. He's on the comeback trail because he has finally accepted that his old swing, even though it led him to be No. 1 in the world, was too full of compensations to hold up. He's changed his grip, cut down on his lateral sway and changed his club face from shut to square at the top of the

swing. 2005 should be his comeback year.



Andre Stolz's world ranking when he won the Michelin Championship in early October. How meaningful are the rankings in predicting who will win on any given week on the PGA Tour? Lately, except for Vijay Singh, not very. After Stolz's victory, Brent Geiberger, ranked 219, won the Chrysler Classic of Greensboro, followed directly by Ryan Palmer, who fired a 62 in the last round to take first in the Funai Classic at Disney World; he was ranked 217.



The results from a recent Sports Illustrated poll that asked, Which season is more impressive, Tiger's nine-win, threemajor 2000 or Vijay's onemajor, nine-win 2004? Tiger (right) carried the day by 76 percent over Vijay's 24 percent. Still, if Singh (left) keeps winning, Tiger might curse his luck to be born in the era of such a dominant player.



The number of matches Larry Nelson won in the 1979 Ryder Cup. He went 5-0, but it wasn't enough to influence the voting for the next American captain - it will be Tom Lehman in 2006. Will Nelson ever get his chance? Maybe in 2010, because 2008 is filled with Azingers, as in Paul.