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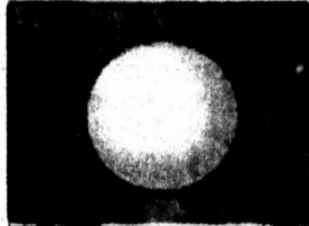
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January 7, 2005

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Results of weekly Herald online poll

The majority of participants answered "yes" to the question "Do you believe combining the city and county law enforcement office buildings is a good idea?" on the Big Spring Herald's online poll.

Among 47 responses, 25 were "yes," 13 were "no" and 9 were "don't care."

This week's poll refers to a bill Texas legislators will be considering. The poll states: Should it be against the law for the driver of a vehicle to use a hand-held cell phone in that vehicle while it is moving, except for emergency purposes?

You need not be a subscriber to the Herald web site at bigspringherald.com in order to participate in the poll.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Martin Luther King III is carrying on the tradition of his father, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. He discusses his work at the King Center and his drive to complete his father's dream.

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Yates' conviction thrown out

Judge says false testimony from forensic psychiatrist tainted jury

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston mother who drowned her five children in the family bathtub is not likely to see freedom soon, if ever, despite a court ruling that throws out her murder convictions and life prison term, attorneys for Andrea Yates say.

If the verdict reversal Thursday by a Texas appeals

court stands, Yates, 40, could be moved to a private mental health center at some point that "would permit some freedom outside four walls and razor wire," lawyer George Parnham said.

"We are not going to seek her immediate release from where she is," he added, saying Yates is receiving proper treatment and is being kept secure at the Skyview Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

in East Texas, about 140 miles north of Houston. "A verdict of this magnitude does not mean that Andrea goes free."

It was at Skyview, in the warden's office Thursday morning, that Yates was told the Texas First Court of Appeals determined false testimony from forensic psychiatrist Park Dietz led to her improper conviction of

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AP file photo

CLINIC OPEN HOUSE



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Mari Torres, an LVN with the Dia De Reyes Clinic, right, explains some of the services offered at the newly opened business to Tito Arcencibia and Sherry Wegner. The clinic, which is located at 1800 Scurry, offers primary health care.

Torture, abuse won't be tolerated, Attorney General nominee promises

By JESSE J. HOLLAND

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Attorney General nominee Alberto Gonzales, under scorching criticism from senators, condemned torture as an interrogation tactic Thursday and promised to prosecute abusers of terror suspects. He also disclosed the White House was looking at trying to change the Geneva Conventions that protect prisoner rights.

Pressed at his confirmation hearing by senators from both parties, the White House counsel defended his advice to President Bush that the treaty's protections did not extend to al-Qaida and other suspected terrorists.

"Torture and abuse will not be tolerated by this administration," Gonzales told mem-

"When you start looking at torture statutes and you look at ways around the spirit of the law, you're losing the moral high ground. ... I do believe that we've lost our way."

—Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., during confirmation hearing for Attorney General nominee Alberto Gonzales



bers of the Senate Judiciary Committee. "I will ensure the Department of Justice aggressively pursues those responsible for such abhorrent actions."

Gonzales said that as attorney general, he would abide by the 1949 Geneva treaty. But he also said the White House was looking at the possibility of seeking revisions to the conventions.

"Now I'm not suggesting that

the principles, the basic treatment of human beings, should be revisited," Gonzales said. "But there has been some very preliminary discussion: Is this something that we ought to look at?"

He said the discussions have not gone far. "It's not been a systematic project or effort to look at this question," Gonzales said. "But some peo-

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TWC: Seminar could save employers thousands of dollars

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area employers can get a jump on the tax season and possibly save thousands of dollars this year as the Texas Workforce Network presents a seminar Friday, Jan. 14, concerning the Work Opportunity Tax Credit.

Vincent Sassi, a representative with TWC's Austin office and an expert on the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, will hold the question and answer session at the Big Spring Workforce Network office located at 310 Owens.

"Vincent is a very good speak-

What: Work Opportunity Tax Credit seminar.

Where: Big Spring Workforce Network, 310 Owens.

When: 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14.

er and is the sort of guy that can make things like this tax credit easier to understand," said Mary Gregg, assistant area manager for the local TWC office. "The session will get started at 9 a.m. and is expected to last about an hour with a question and answer session to follow."

Gregg said area employers who aren't familiar with the tax credit, which is a part of the ongoing federal welfare reform effort, may be missing out on some major tax breaks.

"Employers are always looking for ways to cut their taxes, and this credit can be a really good way," said Gregg. "You can take tax credits for the people you hire if they fall into a certain category — veterans, people receiving food stamps and others — at the end of the tax year. One credit for hiring a veteran, for instance, can be as much as \$2,300. So it's a substantial

amount of money.

"The tax credit was developed as part of the welfare reform effort, and is designed to help get people off of programs such as food stamps and others. In the end, they can really rake in the credits, especially if they have hired several qualifying employees. There's no limit to how many employees you can claim."

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Delayed justice delivered

Man pleads guilty in 1986 death of Big Spring native

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

It took almost 19 years, but Christie Proctor's killer was finally brought to justice.

David Elliott Penton, an inmate at an Ohio prison, pleaded guilty Thursday in McKinney to capital murder in the death of Big Spring native Proctor and two other small children who disappeared from the greater Dallas area in the mid-1980s.

As part of a plea bargain with Collin County prosecutors, Penton will serve three concurrent life sentences for the Texas murders.

Penton, who is serving a life sentence in Ohio for the murder of a 9-year-old Columbus girl in 1988, must serve the remainder of his Ohio sentence before he begins serving time for his Texas crimes. According to Christie's mother, Laura, Penton will not be eligible for parole from Ohio until 2027, meaning that he will likely die in prison.

Laura Proctor expressed satisfaction that Penton has finally answered for his crime.

"I'm very pleased that this matter is over, once and for all," she said. "We heard out of his mouth, unequivocally, that he was guilty of Christie's murder. He will spend the rest of his life in prison, and he won't hurt anybody else."

"Going through a jury trial would have been long ... and very difficult," she added. "I'm satisfied that he's off the streets for good ... As far as my daughter is concerned, that will never go away. There will always be that void."

Locally, Christie's aunt also expressed satisfaction with the sentence.

"I'm glad it's over," KBST newscaster Lisa Brooks said. "I do feel some

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—Laura Proctor, mother of murder victim

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Obituaries

J.W. Thompson

J.W. Thompson, 67, of Killeen, formerly of Big Spring, died Jan. 5, 2005, at his residence. Services are 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, at the Heritage Funeral Home in Harker Heights with Tommy Odell, Tunis Schuurman and Mike Daily officiating. Burial follows in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

He was born Aug. 20, 1936, in Trent and was raised and educated in Big Spring. He worked as an electrician for 30 years and was a pastor for 40 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.M. and Beulah Thompson and his father-in-law, John B. Randolph.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Thompson of Killeen; son, Richard Thompson of Killeen; daughters, Sharae and husband, Reb Thompson-Weedon III of Harker Heights and Christie Thompson of Houston; brother, Luke and his wife, Pat Thompson of Roswell, N.M.; and sister, Juel Deen and husband, Irland McCormick of San Angelo.

The family will receive visitors today from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Heritage Funeral Home.

Kasen Zane Lee

Kasen Zane Lee, infant son of Pfc. David and Michelle Lee, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Irma Vines

Irma Vines, 82, of Belton, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday evening, Jan. 6, 2005, at Scott and White Hospital in Temple. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take note

□ **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM** has its fourth annual tournament today and Saturday in the high school and judges are needed. These events include current events and dramatic and humorous acting events. To volunteer contact Clint Adams at 264-3641.

□ **AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF CHRIS RIVERA, 26, A FORMER COSDEN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION MEMBER**, who died Dec. 28, 2004. The fund is to assist his wife, Natasha Rivera and his four children, all younger than 6, with funeral expenses. The account no. is 760221. To donate contact the credit union at 264-2600.

□ **REGION 18 SERVICE CENTER** has video and audio-visual material used in the schools available for viewing Jan. 27. The session is 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the center, which is located at 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland International Airport. Persons wishing to request preview of the films may call Pam Winn, media supervisor of the education service center, at telephone number 432-567-3260.

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant car seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

□ **A BENEFIT FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED** at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Jeremiah Best, to help with the cost of his cancer treatment. Contributions and prayers are appreciated.

□ **AN ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT TRISTIN RANGEL**, son of Ione and Tim Rangel, has been set up at the Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union, 2204 Gregg St., account No. 529903, to help with medical expenses. He has been diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia and is in a Lubbock hospital.

□ **BUFFALO COUNTRY FINA** is giving away an autographed photograph of Michael Jordan, along with two other Jordan magazine covers, to help with medical costs of 12-year-old Sage Gibson, son of Big Spring Junior High School assistant principal Tommy Gibson, who has been diagnosed with a tumor. For an update on Gibson's condition visit www.carepages.com/ServeCarePage?cpn=Sagepage&u niq=923947. For more information about the Buffalo Fina fund-raiser call 267-5050.

□ **THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL STEADHAM** is in need of help to pay for his funeral expenses. Friends of the family say he had no insurance and died suddenly. An account has been established at the Cosden Federal Credit Union for those wishing to help the family. For more information, call 264-0838 or 264-2600.

□ **THE BIG SPRING WEST TEXAS GIRL SCOUTS COUNCIL SENIOR TROOP 266** is collecting stuffed animals for Scenic Mountain Medical Center's emergency room. A collection box for the stuffed toys will be at Seams-So-Nice in the Big Spring Mall. Or call Laurie Peterson at 432-267-9773.

□ **AN ORIGINAL SUE BAGWELL PAINTING** will be given away in April at the Heritage Museum. Contact the museum at 267-8288 for more details.

□ **FORSAN SCHOOL BAND WILL PERFORM IN WASHINGTON D.C. JULY 4, 2005**, by special invitation, representing Texas. Funds are needed to cover the \$145,000 cost of the trip. Donations are being accepted at the First Bank of West Texas, account name Forsan Band Trip. Contact Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson or band directors Jim Rhoads and Jeremy Higgenbotham at 457-2223.

□ **A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME** has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union. Love From Home is a local

Police blotter

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

- **WYLIE BARNELL STOKES**, 33, of 2612 Chanute, was arrested Thursday on three local warrants.
- **GLORIA GARZA**, 47, of 4202 Parkway, was arrested Thursday and held for the HCSO.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 80.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 2100 block of Gregg Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- **MARIO YANEZ**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **MAJOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near FM 818 and Mustang Draw.

Lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 1-6-7-12-24

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 4-10-26-29. Bonus ball 19.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-5-5

effort to provide personal items needed by the soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Contact the credit union at 267-6373 to contribute funds to offset the cost of postage for the packages mailed to the soldiers.

□ **MANNA RELIEF**, a non-profit ministry that provides glyconutritional supplements to critically ill children, is accepting donations for the program. Call Gene or Robbie Froman at 263-0385.

□ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

□ **ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED**. Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

□ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

□ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

□ **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

□ **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

□ **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday.

Weather

Tonight - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Southwest winds near 10 mph.
 Saturday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
 Saturday night - Partly cloudy. Lows near 40. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.
 Sunday - Partly cloudy. Highs near 70.
 Sunday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows near 40.
 Monday - Mostly cloudy. Highs near 70.
 Monday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.
 Tuesday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.
 Tuesday night - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent

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TODAY
 • AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
 • Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 • Spring City Senior Citizen's country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY
 • Eagle's Lodge Chili Cook-off to benefit West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation begins at 8 a.m. Tasting begins at 1 p.m. in the lodge, 703 W. Third. Call 263-0007, ext. 247 for more information.
 • Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
 • Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY
 • Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the La Posada Restaurant.
 • 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 268-4721.

• 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.
 • Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• 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.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
 • Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• 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.

• Big Spring Commandery No. 31 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple at 221 1/2 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

• Big Spring Assembly No. 211 Social Order of Beauceant meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple at 221 1/2 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.
 • Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

Support groups

SATURDAY
 □ Alcoholics Anonymous 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.

TUESDAY
 □ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY
 □ Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet the fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center beginning in January. Call 263-8273 for more information.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

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By AMY GEIER

Associated Pres

GRANITEVILLE freight train car gas struck a passenger Thursday, killing and injuring many others, nearly all of them by a toxic cloud over this small town's nightfall.

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Freight trains crash in S.C.; eight people killed

By AMY GEIER EDGAR
Associated Press Writer

GRANITEVILLE, S.C. — A freight train carrying chlorine gas struck a parked train early Thursday, killing eight people and injuring more than 240 others, nearly all of them sickened by a toxic cloud that persisted over this small textile town at nightfall.

Authorities ordered all 5,400 people within a mile of the crash to evacuate in the afternoon because chlorine was continuing to leak and the gas was settling near the ground as temperatures dropped. They were unsure when the gas leak might be sealed.

State Sen. Tommy Moore said Thursday night that officials at Avondale Mill, the textile plant where the crash happened, told him eight people were found

dead following the accident, including five inside the mill.

Eight others were in critical condition Thursday night after the 2:30 a.m. wreck of Norfolk Southern trains, in which 16 cars derailed.

Moore said he was told all the deaths were caused by inhaling chlorine fumes, except for the engineer of the moving train, who died in the crash. Sheriff's Lt. Michael Frank said one person was found dead in a home and another was found in a vehicle. Autopsies were scheduled Friday.

Most of the injured were treated for respiratory ailments and released, but at least 45 people were admitted to hospitals, authorities said.

Residents were jarred awake Thursday by the sound of metal dragging and a house-shaking

boom. A chemical fog lay over the crash site when Douglas Brown drove there after hearing the wreck from his home two streets away.

"You could smell it real good. It made your tongue numb, your throat get sore and your eyes get dry," said Brown, 44, who was among those treated.

Authorities convinced all but about a dozen people in the area to evacuate, and set up shelters for evacuees. Gov. Mark Sanford declared a state of emergency for Aiken County.

Sixteen-year-old Natasia Grant was among about 70 people who had taken refuge at a shelter at the University of South Carolina-Aiken. She said the air still smelled like "a pool, but stronger" more than 12 hours after the crash.

"My eyes were burning and

turning red," she said.

The potentially fatal gas can damage the respiratory and central nervous systems, and the throat, nose and eyes. Those who were exposed were told to report to decontamination units at two schools.

Three of the 42 cars on the moving train were carrying chlorine, Norfolk Southern spokesman Robin Chapman said. He didn't know how many of the cars were damaged.

No one was aboard the parked train. One person was injured and trapped inside her car for two hours when a tree felled by a train car hit the vehicle, Frank said. Her condition and those of the crew members were unavailable.

Before the evacuation, nearby residents were told to stay inside their homes. Textile

plants and schools in the area closed, and a 6 p.m.-to-7 a.m. curfew was imposed on Graniteville, about 15 miles northeast of Augusta, Ga.

Two other hazardous materials, cresol and sodium hydroxide, were being carried on the train in liquid form, but were a less immediate concern because they are corrosive only in direct contact, said Thom Berry, spokesman for the Department of Health and Environmental Control. It was not known Thursday afternoon if either liquid spilled.

The National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Railroad Administration sent investigators to the accident, but toxic gas had kept them reaching the site Thursday, NTSB spokesman Keith Holloway said.

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drowning three of her children. Prosecutors did not try her for killing two other children in the June 2001 attacks.

Parnham, who spoke with Yates by telephone, described her as "surprised" and "not unpleased."

"She has lots and lots of questions about what the future holds," Parnham said. "I told her, in so many words, that we weren't able to necessarily answer those questions because many of the decisions relative to what happens to Andrea have yet to be made by the district attorney's office."

Prosecutors said they

would seek a rehearing before the appeals court and, if necessary, move the case up the appellate ladder.

"We're disappointed but not shocked," said Joe Owmbly, the Harris County assistant district attorney who prosecuted Yates. "We will proceed from here."

Yates' husband, Russell Yates, said in an interview on CNN's Larry King Live, "I'm happy, happy for Andrea."

"I think she needs to be in a state mental hospital until she's well," he said. "Had she not been mentally ill, she never would've done what she did."

Yates, who has filed for divorce, said he had not spoken with his wife since the verdict was

overturned. He talked to her Saturday and cannot do so again until February.

A three-judge panel of the appellate court said Dietz, who is also a consultant for the television program "Law & Order," was wrong in testimony describing an episode of the show about a woman found innocent by reason of insanity for drowning her children.

While absolving them of wrongdoing, the judges said prosecutors "connected the dots" with that false testimony to convince jurors that Yates, who watched the TV series, patterned her actions after the episode.

What jurors and lawyers didn't know until after jurors returned their conviction on capital

murder charges was that there was no "Law & Order" show with such a plot.

"We conclude that there is a reasonable likelihood that Dr. Dietz's false testimony could have affected the judgment of the jury," the court said. "We further conclude that Dr. Dietz's false testimony affected the substantial rights of appellant."

Dietz, according to the court ruling, acknowledged his mistake to lawyers before jurors moved on to sentencing. Defense lawyers at the time sought a mistrial but the trial judge refused.

Neither Dietz, nor his firm had comment on the ruling, a receptionist at his Newport Beach, Calif. office said.

"Whatever fallout that

takes place from his false testimony is much of his own doing," Parnham said.

"He's a very intelligent man and no question the 'Law & Order' story was prejudicial," said Dr. Deborah Peel, an Austin-based psychiatrist and past president of the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians. "The 'Law & Order' thing came about unconsciously, sort of wishful thinking."

"It really wouldn't matter to me if he was a hot dog and honest. But for him, to me, Park Dietz's greatest crime was making the jury think Andrea could control her behavior and did know the difference between right and wrong."

Testimony at her trial

showed Yates was overwhelmed by motherhood, considered herself a bad mother, had attempted suicide and been hospitalized for depression.

Five mental health experts testified she did not know right from wrong or that she thought drowning her children was right. Dietz, the only mental health expert to testify for the prosecution, was the lone mental health expert who testified she knew right from wrong.

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ple deal with the lawyers, indicate maybe this is something we should look at."

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said later that Gonzales was referring to "some preliminary, staff-level discussions about recommendations by the 9-11 commission and the Schlesinger Task Force" that investigated prisoner abuses. "They recommended that the government should consider developing a new legal standard or new rules for detainees in the war on terrorism," McClellan said.

Sen. Charles Schumer later urged on Bush to consult Congress and he requested a congressional hearing. "My concern is not that these discussions are taking place, but that they are taking place in secret, behind closed doors, with no outside involvement," Schumer, D-N.Y., wrote the president.

Democrats — and Republicans, at times — criticized the Bush administration's policies on aggressive interrogation of terrorism suspects.

Gonzales is expected to be confirmed when Congress returns after Bush's inauguration on

Jan. 20. He would be the nation's first Hispanic attorney general and replace John Ashcroft.

Democrats said it was Gonzales' January 2002 memo that led to the abuse of suspected terrorists. He had argued in his memo that the fight against terrorism "renders obsolete Geneva's strict limitations on questioning of enemy prisoners and renders quaint some of its provisions."

In the White House, Gonzales was at the center of decisions about "the legality of detention and interrogation methods that have been seen as tantamount to torture," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

Added Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.: The "legal positions that you have supported have been used by the administration, the military and the CIA to justify torture and Geneva Conventions violations by military and civilian personnel."

Gonzales, wearing an American flag pin in his lapel, sat alone at the witness table. Family members sat behind him in the crowded hearing room. Senators addressed the former Texas Supreme Court justice as "judge," but pressed him repeatedly on administration policies.

Gonzales refused to back away from his legal opinion to Bush that terrorists captured overseas

by Americans do not merit the conventions' protections.

"My judgment was ... that it would not apply to al-Qaida — they weren't a signatory to the convention," he said.

Gonzales denied that any of the memos he wrote or reviewed in the White House had anything to do with the abuse.

"Would you not concede that your decision and the decision of the president to call into question the definition of torture, the need to comply with the Geneva Convention at least opened up a permissive environment of conduct?" asked Sen. Richard Durbin of Illinois, the Senate's No. 2 Democrat.

Gonzales said he was sickened and outraged by photos of abuse at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison. He described the U.S. troops in those photos as "people who were morally bankrupt having fun." Other abuses of foreign detainees probably were caused because "there wasn't adequate training, there wasn't adequate supervision."

"I respectfully disagree that there was some kind of permissive environment," he said.

Gonzales' response to some questions seemed to contradict his description of the conventions in his January 2002 memo.

"I consider the Geneva Convention neither obsolete or

quaint," he said at the hearing, promising to ensure U.S. compliance "with all of its legal obligations in fighting the war on terror."

Gonzales declined to give a legal opinion on the prisoner abuse, suggesting he did not want to prejudice a possible criminal case. That led to a 10-minute lecture from Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., on Democrats' long-standing complaints about Bush nominees' refusal to directly answer their questions.

"We're looking for candor, old buddy," Biden said. "I love you, but you're not very candid so far."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said the administration "dramatically undermined the war effort" by "getting cute with the law."

"I think you weaken yourself as a nation when you try to play cute and become more like your enemy instead of like who you want to be," he said.

Gonzales objected to Graham's characterizations and noted the beheadings of Americans by terrorists. "We are nothing like our enemies, senator," Gonzales said.

"But we're not like who we want to be and who we have been, and that's the point I'm trying to make," Graham responded.

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PLEADS

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times that life (in prison) is more punishment for him than the death penalty would have been ... He took Christie's life, and he altered our lives, but we're not going to allow him to control our lives."

Nine-year-old Christie had moved with her family from Big Spring to North Dallas just a few months before she was abducted a few blocks from her home on Feb. 15, 1986. Her body was found in a field south of Plano in April 1988.

Laura Proctor said that Texas authorities had sus-

pected Penton of her daughter's murder for several years, but it was not until 2003 that he was extradited from Ohio to face charges.

Penton also pleaded guilty to the murders of 5-year-old Christi Lynn Meeks and 4-year-old Roxann Reyes.

Christi Meeks was abducted near her

Mesquite home in January 1985 and found dead two months later in Lake Texoma, while Roxann Reyes was kidnapped from behind her home in Garland in November 1987, and found dead near the small town of Murphy a few months later.

Penton had pleaded guilty to manslaughter in

the "shaken-baby" death of his 1-month old son in 1985. He fled while free on bail during his appeal of that sentence.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

- Relay for Life organizers and volunteers, who cranked up plans for another fund-raiser this year.

- The men and women who took the oath of office last week, including County Attorney Mike Thomas, Constables Mark Winn and Boyce Hale, Tax Collector Kathy Sayles, Peace Justice Bennie Green, Sheriff Dale Walker, Commissioners Bill Crooker and Emma Bogard and District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

- Cpl. Alfred Dickens and his wife Jamia, parents of the first newborn of 2005, Thomas Boyd Dickens.

- American State Bank and Wells Fargo, for assisting tsunami relief efforts by donating funds as well as serving as drop-off points for citizens who wish to help.

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:

I read with sympathy, and anger, about those whose Christmas decorations were stolen and about the vandalism at the Festival of Lights. It is absolutely shameful what these thieves and vandals did.

Well, today I am writing about one more act of thievery. While we were parked at Wal-Mart, some thief took our yellow "support our troops" magnet right off our car. Perhaps it was the black car parked next to us when we went in. It would have been easy for them to just reach out and grab it and nobody would see.

But whoever you are, shame on you. I am sure you didn't steal it because you are patriotic. But you

can't take away our patriotism. We are still proud of our troops and our country.

The only thing about writing letters to the editor about these ignorant people is that they probably can't read. Or won't read.

When would they have time if they are out stealing from folks?

So our comments will most likely go unread by those who really need to read them. But if one of you thieves happens to read this, or have it read to you, keep in mind that while you are out there destroying or stealing property, your acts will not go unpunished. There are consequences to this kind of behavior.

MARTHA MYERS
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The Herald welcomes letters to the editor.

- Limit your letters to no more than 300 words.
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Death with vanity: A rotten state

There is true rot in a state that regards those who want to kill the sick as more compassionate than those who want to treat the sick, but that is what the state of California could become — rotten — if Sacramento enacts a measure that would legalize physician-assisted suicide. Assembly member Patty Berg, D-Eureka, is working on a bill for California modeled on Oregon's assisted-suicide law. Why? Her husband died of a stroke in 1987, she told the San Francisco Chronicle, and "had he survived the stroke, he would not have been able to swallow on his own. I know he would have begged me to hasten his death. And, of course, I would have done it."

I called Berg to discuss her measure, but she could not get back to me by my deadline.

Oncologist H. Rex Greene, medical director of the Dorothy E. Schneider Cancer Center in Burlingame, Calif., bristled at Berg's assessment. "It ridiculously oversimplifies the details of decision making in end-of-life care," he said. If a stroke victim was massively disabled and made it clear that he wanted no artificial feeding, no care on a machine, "that person can refuse feeding and hydration: end of story," he said.

But that's not assisted suicide. There is a world of difference between refusing extraordinary care — a basic right — and asking a doctor to give you poison. That's why the California Medical Association has opposed assisted

suicide.

Oh, but boosters will tell you that the compassionate thing is to support a change in the law to accommodate helpless patients consumed by pain. Such horror stories twice have led Oregon voters to approve assisted-suicide ballot measures.

Yet the 171 people known to have used medical assistance to end their lives under the Oregon law since 1997 don't fit the profile of the helpless and pain-racked patient sold to Oregon voters, Greene noted. Only 22 percent listed fear of inadequate pain control as their reason for choosing suicide. More telling — 87 percent cited fear of losing autonomy.

As Linda Ganzini of the Oregon Health & Science University told The New York Times, the fear that led to most of the assisted suicides wasn't inadequate care, but "for them, the real problem is people taking care of you."

So while advocates talk about helping people who otherwise might choke to death, the real issue is personal control. These people think they would rather die than lose control; they'd rather die than depend on help from others. So they hide behind the sick as they try to change the rules of medicine — when no law prevents them from simply buying a gun. "The p-word is not 'pain.' The p-word is 'pride,'" Oregon oncologist Kenneth Stevens told The New York Times. "Rather than being death with dignity, it's death with vanity."

As an oncologist, Greene said, he has had a dozen patients ask him for help to end their lives. With one sad exception, Greene was able to find out what their concerns were and address them. For example, when a patient explained she had been fighting with her

daughter, mother and daughter reconciled, and the woman died a natural death, free from pain. "But if you live in Oregon," he said, "they say come back in two weeks" — after the 15-day waiting period, to get the lethal dose of medicine.

And get this statement on Oregon's assisted suicide from Dr. Marcia Angell, former executive editor of The New England Journal of Medicine, to The New York Times: "I am concerned that so few people are requesting it. It seems to me that more would do it. The purpose of a law is to be used, not to sit there on the books."

Hmmmm. Not enough people in Oregon are killing themselves? Something must be done. What are all those sick people doing clinging to life when they should be deleting themselves? What Oregon oncologist Stevens called vanity, Angell told the Times, "somebody else might call ... admirable independence."

The worst of it is, I said to Greene, people see Angell and Berg as more compassionate than you are.

"I run a palliative-care facility," Greene responded. "We do the heavy lifting." That is, healing people, relieving their pain and caring about them.

Not killing them. Note: My husband, Wesley J. Smith, is a consultant to the International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide.

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Inside report: Non-human cloning

Since the Dec. 3 meeting of President Bush's Council on Bioethics, the struggle over embryonic stem cell research has been altered. Dr. Bill Hurlbut, a physician and Stanford biology professor, proposed a cloning-like procedure to harvest stem cells that would prevent even beginning the creation of a human organism or anything with human characteristics.

Hurlbut made the presentation to his colleagues on the council as a "third option" in the "current conflict over the procurement of embryonic stem cells." He suggested it as "a technological solution to our moral impasse." Robbie George, the eminent Catholic layman and Princeton law professor, supports this line of inquiry. Only one council member opposed Hurlbut's proposal.

The impact of this new development on anti-cloning legislation cannot be determined. Sam Brownback of Kansas, Senate sponsor of the bill to ban cloning, has not taken a position on Hurlbut's initiative while lauding use of adult stem cells for medical research. The Dec. 3 discussion at the President's Council only begins exploration of the moral considerations as the scientific inquiry proceeds.

Opponents of President Bush's ban on federal funding of embryonic stem cell research say they are against human cloning. But if stem cells prove the medical boon that proponents claim, they will need to be produced by something like cloning. That is why Senate

liberals in the last Congress used the filibuster to stop the anti-cloning bill passed by an 86-vote margin in the House on Feb. 27, 2003. The 2004 elections produced an apparent net gain of five anti-cloning senators, still 10 short of the 60 votes needed to end a filibuster.

Prior to the Dec. 3 meeting of the President's Council, Hurlbut shopped his proposal around Capitol Hill with mixed reaction. Critics contended the process simultaneously creates and destroys human clones in collecting stem cells and thus fails on ethical grounds.

In his presentation to the council, Hurlbut asserted the controversy over embryo destruction for the purpose of fighting disease "is unlikely to be resolved through deliberation or debate." He added: "A purely political solution will leave our country bitterly divided, eroding the social support and sense of noble purpose that is essential for the public funding of biomedical science."

To resolve "this apparently irresolvable impasse," Hurlbut continued, "we believe there may be morally uncontroversial ways to obtain embryonic stem cells." He then said entities "that lack the qualities and characteristics of an organism appear to be capable of generating embryonic stem cells or their functional equivalent."

The only clear criticism on the council came from Dr. Paul McHugh, psychiatry department chairman at Johns Hopkins University. He warned that Hurlbut could be making a "hybrid which would be super-human in some kind of way." Hurlbut responded: "You create an entity that never rises to the level of what can properly be called a

living being." McHugh suggested Hurlbut was making "a doomed hybrid" that would not be permitted to become a human being.

"Not doomed," responded Hurlbut. "Only doomed if it's alive first." Hurlbut, a conservative himself, was supported at the meeting by conservative Catholic George's questions. He asked: "So you, yourself, would not want to see the proposal go forward unless it could be shown that in the human case, we would not be creating an embryo?" "Yeah," Hurlbut replied, "that would violate the very principle we're trying to defend." They agreed animal experimentation would come first.

When I asked Sen. Brownback about Hurlbut's inquiry, he took a wait-and-see approach on grounds that nobody yet knows enough about it. Brownback then cited progress being made in using non-embryonic stem cells. He pointed to the recent report by Prof. Song Chang-hun of South Korea's Chosun University about a 37-year-old spinal cord patient, in a wheelchair for 19 years, standing up and walking with help of a walker 40 days after being treated with umbilical cord stem cells.

Bill Hurlbut, however, believes embryonic research is inevitable and does not see sufficient lines of stem cells available to make progress. Before his initiative can achieve its purpose of ending the impasse, substantial scientific progress is necessary. The larger task may be making ethical and moral decisions about non-human cloning.

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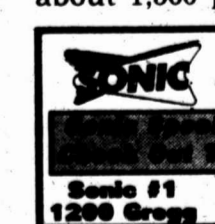
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Church News

First United Methodist Church

Sunday the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring's sermon is titled "Very Wise Men." The scripture text is Matthew 2:1-12. Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes meet at 9:45 a.m.

At noon Sunday, the Chancel Choir will have an Epiphany luncheon at the Country Club. Choir rehearsal will be at 2 p.m. in the choir room.

Parents' Night Out is from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., and the youth will have a combined meeting at 6 p.m. in the Partee Building.

Photographs of the Living Christmas Tree are now available from Greenhouse Photography for viewing and purchase at www.studiologin.com/ghp.

The church is trying to get current addresses for the military men on the Prayer List.

Please contact Holly Moor at 263-8106 to update addresses.

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

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Opportunities for Christian growth and service this week include 9:45 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m. morning worship; 4:45 p.m. youth, Girls in Action, Royal Ambassadors, Mission Friends and Mission Babies; 5 p.m. choir practice; 6 p.m. evening worship. Wednesday 7 p.m. Bible study and prayer meeting and youth.

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

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The members of Birdwell Lane Baptist

Ellen Noël Art Museum sets shrimpfest 2005

The Ellen Noël Art Museum announces changes for Shrimpfest 2005, set for Feb. 28. Shrimpfest is a Cajun style, all-you-can-eat shrimp feast. Now in its 19th year, Shrimpfest is the major annual fundraising event for the Ellen Noël Art Museum at the Ector County Coliseum, Barn "G".

General admission tickets go on sale Feb. 1 for \$35 each and \$30 for kids under 12 and senior citizens.

Seating is limited to about 1,500 people at the

Church wish everyone a very happy new year. Church members believe in reaching the lost and building the believer, and visitors become friends and friends become family. Everyone without a church home is invited to visit at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and at 5 p.m. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For information call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

The Rev. Dr. Alan Abel is beginning a new Bible study class Sunday mornings in the Annex after church based on the book, "The Screwtape Letters," by C.S. Lewis. Dr. Abel is a great communicator and this promises to be lots of fun. Call 267-7163 for more information and to provide a count so books may be ordered. Bring a friend, this will be great.

The Wednesday noon ladies Bible study group begins a new study Jan. 12. The study group is reading and discussing "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Phillip Yancey. All are welcome. For more information or to enroll in the class, call the church office at 267-7163.

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Calvary Baptist Church

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

Cornerstone Church

Church members have coupon books with \$125

worth of offers from local merchants available for \$5, with all proceeds going to the church building fund.

Contact 816-3082 for more information.

Cornerstone Church, a Morning Star International Church, invites children entering kindergarten through fourth grade to a new fall program, "Looking At the Pieces," at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, featuring different stories of the Old Testament.

This month the children will be learning about an extraordinary boy, Jesus. A Sunday school class for preschoolers is also available.

Cornerstone, located at the corner of 12th and Owens streets, offers a family atmosphere of praise and worship.

Morning worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday worship is at 7 p.m.

Childcare is available for newborns through preschool.

Call Pastor Craig or Cherise Felty at 263-3072 with any questions.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

The Vestry will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the parish hall.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on the text taken

from Matthew 3:13-17 at worship service Sunday. Worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 is at 10:35.

Opportunities for the week include a session retreat at the Morgan Ranch from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday.

Wednesday, committee meetings are at 5:30 p.m. and choir practice is at 6 p.m.

Please join us for any of the previously mentioned activities.

Everyone is always welcome at First Presbyterian Church, located on Rannels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

Friends of Unity

A time for spiritual sharing at 1 p.m. will precede "The Study of Quest: A Journey of Spiritual Rediscovery" at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The Rev. Jim Sims, minister of Unity Church of West Texas, will be teaching from "Parenthesis in Eternity," by Joel Goldsmith at noon Tuesday.

The phone number at the center is 267-8783.

East Side Baptist Church

The public is invited to the regular Sunday service at 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The Friday Night Singing is set for 7 p.m. Jan. 28. Everyone is invited to join the church members for worship.

February 13, the Anderson Family will be singing in both the morning and evening service.

East Side Baptist Church is located at 1108 E. Sixth St.

Call 267-1915 with any questions.

Leave a message on the answering machine and the call will be returned.

Club News

TOPS TX 21

Thirteen members of Take Off Pounds Sensibly TOPS TX 21 met Monday in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 W. Third. Weigh-in began at 5 p.m. and the meeting started at 5:30 p.m., with leader Donna Menges presiding.

Both the TOPS and Keep Off Pounds Sensibly pledges were recited and members then joined in singing the fellowship song.

Martha Christy gave an inspirational reading titled, "Just for Today" and Donna Menges read a chuckle titled, "Senior Special."

There were 10 TOPS members and three KOPS members started a new year and avoided the roll call. At the beginning of each year the recorded weight for the first weigh-in dictates which division a member competes in for that year.

Duffy Yancy gave the program, "Fat Burner Weight Loss Supplements," followed by a general discussion and encouragement to start the new year off with a good loss for next week.

Interested in TOPS? Call 1-800-392-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758 for more information.

Ten free flowering trees from National Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation before Jan. 31.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The 10 trees are two White Flowering Dogwoods, two Flowering Crabapples, two Washington Hawthorns, two American Redbuds and two Goldenrain trees.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow, the foundation's president, said.

"They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white and yellow flowers - and also provide winter berries and nest-

ing sites for songbirds." The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6-12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 or online at arborday.org.

Biblical creation one-day seminar set

A one-day seminar, "Creation: From the beginning - A Biblical View of the Origins of a Defiant Culture," is set for 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Jan. 22 in the St. Paul Lutheran Church parish hall.

The event is free and open to the public and lunch and child care will be provided at no charge.

This seminar is conducted by the Rev. Steven Misch, pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Borger.

He has done extensive research into the Biblical creation of the earth.

Call the church office to make arrangements for child care or with any other questions at 267-7163.

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AARP senior citizen driver safety course

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There is a \$10 fee for the books. Most auto insurance companies give a discount on insurance premiums once the course is completed. To register call the senior center at 267-1628. Class size is limited to 35.

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Webb Air Force Base Reunion

Keep Webb Alive in 2005 is the theme for the Webb Air Force Base Reunion, set for October 2005 at the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

Plans are being formulated now for the event and all Webb Air Force Base alumni and interested persons are invited to attend.

Contact Hangar 25 at 264-1999 or mail to P.O. Box 2925, Big Spring, for more information.

Or e-mail hangar25@crcom.net and write reunion in the subject line.

Also, updates and schedules will be posted on the museum's Web site, www.hangar25airmuseum.com.

USS Maddox

Destroyer reunion set

A reunion for Navy personnel stationed aboard the USS Maddox Destroyer is set for Sept. 15-18, 2005, in Mobile, Ala., organized by the USS Maddox Destroyer Association (DD-168, DD-622 and DD-731.)

Contact Cliff Gillespie, 215 Wichita Ave., No. 605, Huntington Beach, Calif. 92648, or call 714-960-5283 or e-mail cwgilles45@aol.com.

YoungLife seeks adult volunteers

YoungLife, a non-denominational organization for high school students, seeks Christian adult volunteers to attend club each Monday night.

The only requirements to be a volunteer with YoungLife are that an adult like teen-agers and attend church regularly. A background check is conducted.

Club meets at 7:59 p.m. each Monday night of the school year and features skits, songs music, fellowship and a short message about the importance of making solid life decisions.

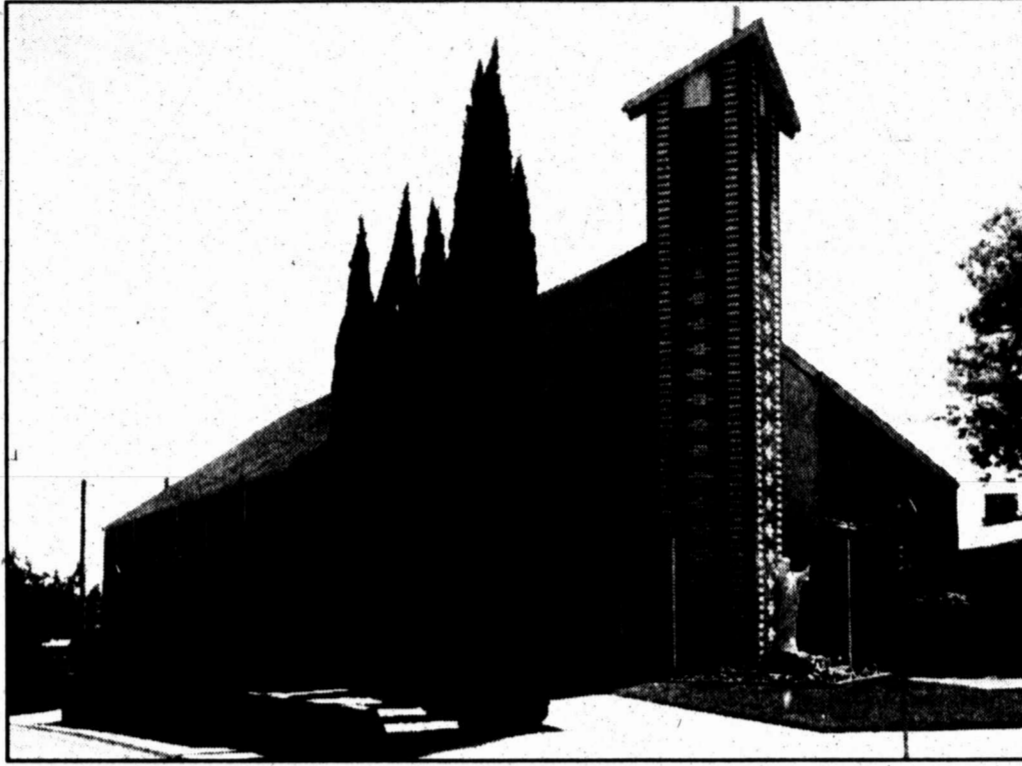
Each summer the club members attend YoungLife camp in Colorado.

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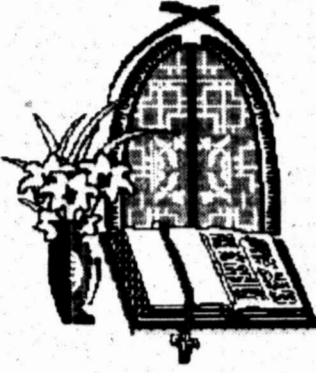


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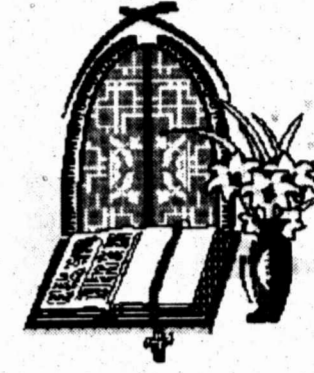
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Lady Steer B Club meeting

The Lady Steer B Booster Club meeting at Thursday, Jan. the ATC, will change from a monthly date. All parents involved in volleyball, chess and track are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Abner at 264-6100 or Kerry Rodriguez at 6100.

Several area begin district

Most of the girls' basketball season will begin district tonight. The Lady Steer B will be in action against Lakewood beginning at 7:30 p.m. while the Bulldogs will host Hawley at 7:30 p.m.

The Garden boys and girls starting district tonight, as well as the Bearkats and Kats will host tonight as the game will start at 7:30 p.m.

The Big Spring will be in action tonight at Lubbock Co-op while the Steer Gym will host at 7:30 p.m.

The Coahoma travel to Eula Forsan boys' team hit the road to Goldthwaite as well.

Gonzaga nar escapes San

SANTA Calif. (AP) - Raivio scored high 32 points and six 3-pointers all 10 of his for the Bulldogs opened defense West Coast Co. title as No. 11 defeated San 91-87.

Adam added 18 points and Gonzaga (11-1) had its seventh winning snapped with loss to Miss 30.

Kyle Bailey points and Perkins added Santa Clara which lost straight. Gonzaga won nine straight the series.

Washington Trojans by 2

LOS ANGELES — Tre Simmons 22 points and Huskies won ninth straight 12 Washington ed rival USC. Washington Pac-10 is off start since 19 Freshman Young scored 20 points in the half for the Trojans (7), who have a Pac-10 game interim coach Saia.

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Troy Hyde at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

IN BRIEF

Lady Steer Booster Club meeting set

The Lady Steer Booster Club will be meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, in the ATC, which is a change from its original date.

All parents of girls involved in volleyball, basketball, cheerleading and track are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 264-0023 or Kerry Rodriguez 263-6100.

Several area teams begin district play

Most of the area girl's basketball teams will begin district play tonight.

The Lady Steers will be in action at home against Lake View beginning at 6 p.m., while the Coahoma Bulldogettes host rival Hawley at 7:30 p.m.

The Garden City boys and girls will be starting district play tonight, as well. The Barkats and Lady Kats will host Dawson tonight as the girl's game will start at 6 p.m.

The Big Spring boys will be in non-district action tonight against Lubbock Cooper inside the Steer Gym starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Coahoma boys travel to Eula and the Forsan boys and girls hit the road to take on Goldthwaite at Wylie, as well.

Gonzaga narrowly escapes Santa Clara

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Derek Raivio scored a career-high 32 points, made six 3-pointers and hit all 10 of his free throws for the Bulldogs, who opened defense of their West Coast Conference title as No. 11 Gonzaga defeated Santa Clara, 91-87.

Adam Morrison added 18 points for Gonzaga (11-2), which had its seven-game winning streak snapped with a 63-61 loss to Missouri Dec. 30.

Kyle Bailey had 26 points and Doron Perkins added 22 for Santa Clara (7-9), which lost its fifth straight. Gonzaga has won nine straight in the series.

Washington routs Trojans by 25 points

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tre Simmons scored 22 points and the Huskies won their ninth straight as No. 12 Washington defeated rival USC, 84-59.

Washington (13-1, 3-0 Pac-10) is off to its best start since 1982.

Freshman Nick Young scored 18 of his 20 points in the second half for the Trojans (7-7), who have yet to win a Pac-10 game under interim coach Jim Sala.

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Dallas vs. Houston	11:30 p.m.	2490
Missouri vs. Oregon	8:15 p.m.	2490

Troubles on Howard hardwood

Hawk basketball programs run into pre-conference wall at tournaments

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Both Howard College basketball teams were in action Thursday night and each team ran into troubles at their respective tournaments.

The Hawk men lost their second game of the season in overtime to Cochise.

The Howard women lost their second straight following the break during play at the NE JUCO

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HAWK MEN

HOBBS, N.M. — The Howard men dropped to 13-2 after its 70-64 over-

time loss to Cochise (Arizona) at the New Mexico Junior College Classic.

Rashad Mintz and James Barrett led Howard

with 16 and 10 points, respectively.

The men return home to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Monday to battle against the Hardin Simmons JV beginning at 7 p.m.



HAWK WOMEN

STERLING, Colo. — The Howard College women's team struggled to score for

second straight night as the Hawks fell to Northeastern Junior College, 70-56.

The Hawk women only trailed by seven at half-time, but Northeastern started the second half with a big run and pushed its advantage to 24 points. Howard cut its deficit to 11 with 4:50 to play before eventually losing by 14.

Freshman Latoya Fairley led Howard (11-7)

with 18 points and 10 rebounds, while freshman Jennifer Pena added 12 points.

Sophomore Jessica Shusteric had a nice all around game with nine points, seven rebounds, four assists and two steals.

Freshman Milica Rogic added seven points and 10 rebounds, while freshman Kristen Ray and sophomore Lyndzay Longacre scored six and four, respectively.

Steer freshman team continues domination

Clemons' 23 points leads Big Spring freshman to big win

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

MERKEL — Terrance Clemons and Jason Walker each scored in double figures Tuesday night and led the Big Spring freshman team to a convincing 53-33 win over Merkel, improving its overall record to 8-3 on the season.

"The team's work ethic is real good and they have gotten better each week," said Big Spring freshman coach Nick Roberson. "They are learning how to win close games and they are learning how to pull away from teams they should pull away from."

Clemons finished with a team-high 23 points and Walker added 16 points as the Steers won easily

despite, according to Roberson, not practicing during the break.

"It is a pretty good little squad and I am proud of them," said Roberson.

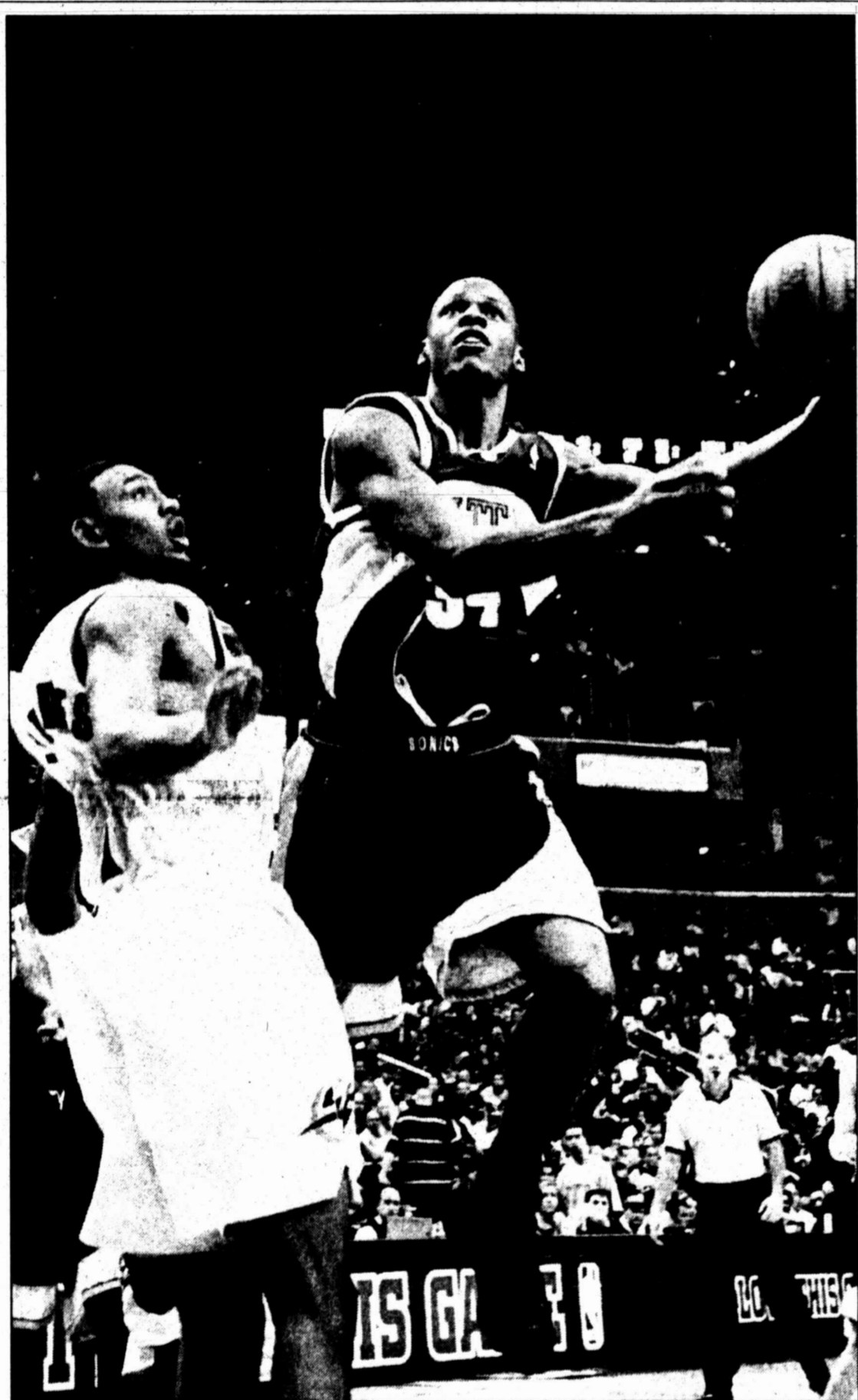
Zach Dawson deserves some credit for the win, said Roberson.

"He did not score a lot of points, but he has been playing well for us at the point guard position," he added.

Brandon Ontiveros is the team's best defensive player according to Roberson

and Ryan Gonzalez, Justin Wilson, Raymond Rodriguez and Kyle McDaniel all played well on defense Tuesday, as well.

The team will play against Lubbock Cooper tonight at 6 p.m. at the Big Spring Junior High. The JV game is also at 6 p.m. in the same location, while the varsity game starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Steer Gym.



Seattle's Ray Allen (34) takes a shot in front of Washington's Jared Jeffries (1) in the second half Thursday. Washington won the game and had six players finish in double-figures.

Vilma named best rookie defender

By BARRY WILNER

AP Football Writer

NEW YORK

Jonathan Vilma brought exactly what the New York Jets needed on defense with a performance so brilliant he won The Associated Press 2004 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year award.

Vilma, the 12th pick in last year's draft, did it with the speed and exuberance that convinced New York to make him the first linebacker chosen. A terror at the University of Miami, Vilma moved into the starting lineup in Game 3 and led a defensive revival that lifted the Jets (10-6) into the playoffs.

No longer did the Jets lack the quickness and aggressiveness so desperately desired at linebacker. Vilma even made those around him better, and not many rookies manage to do that.

"I know our draft class was really loaded with a

lot of good talented defensive players, so it would mean a lot to me," Vilma said after earning 21 votes from a national panel of 48 writers and broadcasters who cover pro football. "When I first came here I told a lot of the media that I'd prepare and play as if I'm a starter. When I got my opportunity, I got my chance, so it was just a matter of getting the experience. I didn't have to change any of my ways or my habits."

Lucky for the Jets he didn't. Vilma took over in the middle, an even bigger challenge because he was required to call signals.

The Jets asked Vilma to do just about everything. He began the season behind Sam Cowart, but the veteran was sidelined in the second game by a sprained left knee. That was all the opening Vilma needed as he went from part-timer to star.

Vilma was at his best in

a 13-3 victory at Arizona. He had 10 tackles, one interception and one fumble recovery. The interception came early in the fourth quarter with the Cardinals driving. The fumble recovery came on Arizona's next drive.

He scored on a 38-yard interception return in the finale, giving the Jets a lead they couldn't protect. He was the first Jets rookie to return an interception for a TD since safety Erik McMillan in 1988.

Vilma had six tackles in that game, giving him 116 for the season. He also had two sacks, three interceptions, four passes defended, one fumble recovery and one forced fumble.

Houston cornerback Dunta Robinson was second with 12 votes, followed by Denver LB D.J. Williams with seven and Washington safety Sean Taylor with 3. Williams and Taylor also played at Miami.

Texas delivers knock out blow to Memphis

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — If Texas wanted a rough-and-tumble game before heading into the Big 12, the Longhorns got it.

Leave it to beefy sophomore forward P.J. Tucker to provide the muscle to get them through it.

Tucker scored four points in the final 42 seconds, including a fast-break dunk after a turnover, and No. 15 Texas powered past Memphis for a rugged 74-67 victory Thursday night.

"I got a gift," Tucker said. "Then I made the highlight play."

Texas led 69-67 when the Longhorns pressured Memphis guard Darius Washington into losing the ball as the shot clock was winding down.

Tucker tipped the ball forward, picked it up and raced downcourt to throw down a one-handed jam over Memphis' Rodney Carney.

"I knew I had to dunk the ball because Carney is so athletic and can jump up to block the shot," Tucker said. "He wasn't done. Tucker, who led Texas with 18 points, was fouled after rebounding Washington's missed 3-pointer and hit back-to-back throws with 17 seconds

left to seal the victory. Washington scored 23 points and Carney had 18 for Memphis (7-7).

The rough-and-tumble game showcased a flashy backcourt matchup between freshmen point guards Washington and Gibson. The teams played a rough, physical contest from the opening tipoff as Memphis' beefy front-court challenged Texas on every ball near the basket and players from both teams dived to the floor in wild chases for loose balls.

Memphis coach John Calipari drew a warning for wandering too far up court to protest a foul and Tucker and Memphis' Joey Dorsey were summoned by a game official.

"It was the most physical game we've played all year and we responded well to that," Texas coach Rick Barnes said.

The game was its roughest in the second half when Texas' Jason Klotz punched Simplicio Njoya in the stomach as the two got tied up in a screen.

Njoya went to his knees briefly but finished the game. None of the officials saw the punch but TV replays caught it.

Texas opens Big 12 play Sunday at home against Baylor.

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IN BRIEF

Frye leads Arizona to dominating victory

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Channing Frye had 20 points and eight rebounds to lead the Wildcats to their ninth straight victory as No. 13 Arizona demolished California, 87-67. Hassan Adams added 16 points and Ivan Radenovic had 14 points and seven rebounds for Arizona (12-2, 2-0 Pac-10), which beat the Bears for the 11th time in the last 12 meetings. Richard Midgley scored 14 points to lead California (8-5, 1-2).

Georgia Tech ruins Miami's ACC start

ATLANTA (AP) — Will Bynum scored 21 points and No. 9 Georgia Tech ruined Miami's Atlantic Coast Conference debut with an 80-69 victory Thursday night.

The Yellow Jackets (10-2, 1-0) bounced back from an overtime loss at No. 2 Kansas, a game in which leading scorer B.J. Elder injured a hamstring that could keep him out through this weekend.

Luke Schenscher added 15 points for Georgia Tech, while Jarrett Jack had 14 points and nine rebounds.

Guillermo Diaz had 27 points for the Hurricanes (9-3, 0-1), who moved from the Big East to the ACC this season. They had an eight-game winning streak snapped.

Cincinnati makes easy work of DePaul

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jason Maxiell scored 19 points to lead Cincinnati to an 83-54 victory. The Bearcats have now won 26 of 29 over DePaul, including 14 straight on the Bearcats' home court.

Armein Kirkland had 18 points for Cincinnati (12-1, 1-0 Conference USA).

Quemont Greer, who leads the conference in scoring at 24.1 points per game, had 12 on 4-of-13 shooting for the Blue Demons (8-4, 0-1). That ended his school-record streak of eight consecutive games with at least 20 points.

Washington makes case against West

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Wizards made the most of their first national TV appearance in 20 months, building a quick lead with balanced scoring in a 107-96 victory over Seattle.

Gilbert Arenas scored 27 points and Larry Hughes had 21 to lead six players in double figures as the Wizards improved to 5-5 against teams from the Western Conference, the latest notable milestone in what has so far been Washington's most promising season in nearly two decades.

The Wizards, winning their third straight to start a five-game homestand, took advantage of a tired Seattle team that often appeared to have its mind on the trip home after a nine-day, five-game East Coast road trip. The Sonics lost by 18 at Orlando Tuesday and finished the trip 3-2. Rashard Lewis had 35 points and 11 rebounds for Seattle.

Parker leads S.A. to double-digit win over Pacers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tim Duncan and the San Antonio Spurs knew exactly what to expect from Indiana.

Duncan scored 27 points, Tony Parker had 26 and San Antonio clamped down on defense in the second half for a 111-98 victory over the Pacers on Thursday night.

"These are great games for us," Duncan said. "We know they're a tough defensive team. They have (former Spurs assistant coach) Mike Brown, who basically runs our defense. He runs our zone. It's like playing ourselves on defense."

Manu Ginobili added 18 points and Duncan grabbed 12 rebounds for

San Antonio, which improved to 8-0 at home against Eastern Conference teams and 16-1 overall at the SBC Center.

The Spurs earned their seventh double-digit victory in eight games, but it didn't come easy.

Jermaine O'Neal had 32 points and nine rebounds for Indiana, and Jamaal Tinsley finished with 18 points and eight assists.

"They played very well," O'Neal said. "There were some questionable things that happened with the officials, but you've got to play the game, and the Spurs just outplayed us tonight."

Parker got San Antonio off to a fast start by scoring 10 points in the first

quarter on a series of layups.

Still, the Spurs only led 57-51 at halftime despite shooting 54 percent from the field and 50 percent from 3-point range. San Antonio also held a 10-0 advantage in second-chance points through the first two quarters and a 10-point edge in the paint.

For the game, the Spurs outrebounded Indiana 43-23.

"Our undoing tonight was the difference between the rebounds and second-chance points," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "We shot a good percentage and we didn't play great defensively, but when you have a difference of 20 possessions you're going to pay

the price against a good team."

O'Neal scored 14 points in the first half and Tinsley added 13. O'Neal was able to draw three early fouls on Spurs center Rasho Nesterovic, who played only eight minutes in the first half.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich turned to Robert Horry with Nesterovic in foul trouble, and the veteran responded with his best performance of the season. Horry scored 10 points, grabbed five rebounds and had two blocked shots, including a monstrous swat on O'Neal's drive in the first quarter.

"He's been great," Parker said. "Robert in

the last couple of games brings us a lot of energy. He had great blocks and hit some 3s. That's what we need from him. He's playing great."

With Horry starting in the second half, San Antonio went on a 22-12 run to open the third quarter.

Duncan, Parker and Bruce Bowen combined to score all the points during the run.

The Spurs outscored Indiana 46-36 in the paint, but the Pacers' frontcourt of O'Neal, David Harrison and Jeff Foster did pull their team to 84-78 at the end of the third quarter.

The Spurs closed the game with a strong defensive effort in the final period, however.

Hamilton makes NBA history, like it or not

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Richard Hamilton is considered to be one of the best mid-range shooters in the NBA.

The Detroit Pistons shooting guard's misfiring on Thursday night earned him recognition like no other.

Hamilton became the first player in NBA history to lead his team in scoring without making a field goal, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. He went 0-for-10 from the floor but still paced Detroit with 14 points in the Pistons' 101-79 loss to the Memphis Grizzlies.

"It was just one of those nights," said Hamilton, who made all 14 of his free throws.

Bonzi Wells spoiled the strange night for Hamilton of the Pistons as he scored 23 points to lead Memphis to victory.

Hamilton, Detroit's leading scorer, wasn't the only Pistons player to struggle against the surging Grizzlies. Memphis held the defending NBA champions to 31.3 percent shooting, forced 23 turnovers and blocked 15 shots.

"Defensively, we were very active," Grizzlies coach Mike Fratello said.

The Pistons were very lethargic, drawing the ire of their coach — again. "I never thought I would have to coach effort," Larry Brown said. "I've never had to do that in my entire life, and this is the last group that I expected to have to do it with."

"Maybe a game like this will make us recognize how bad it is."

Though the Pistons (17-14) have played uninspired basketball for much of the season, they had won five of six and are only one game off last season's pace.

"This is definitely not a finished product and I'm glad it's not because this is not the time for that,"

Chauncey Billups said. Memphis (17-17) reached .500 for the first time this season by extending their season-high winning streak to five games. The Grizzlies were 5-11 when they hired Fratello on Dec. 2 to replace the retired Hubie Brown.

"It's big to be .500, especially with a win in Detroit," said Mike Miller, who scored 17. "Now we can start making progress toward where we want to be by the end of the season."

The Pistons won it all last season with hustle, tough defense, unselfish play and balanced scoring.

Memphis used that formula to hand them their most lopsided loss since a 32-point defeat at San Antonio two years ago.

Detroit trailed by just nine at halftime before Memphis led by 22 points in the third quarter and coasted in the fourth.

"They've got a championship, so I guess they can take a night off," Wells said. "We don't have a championship, so we're hungry."

The Grizzlies had 32 assists, many due to fantastic ball movement, and seven players scored at least eight points.

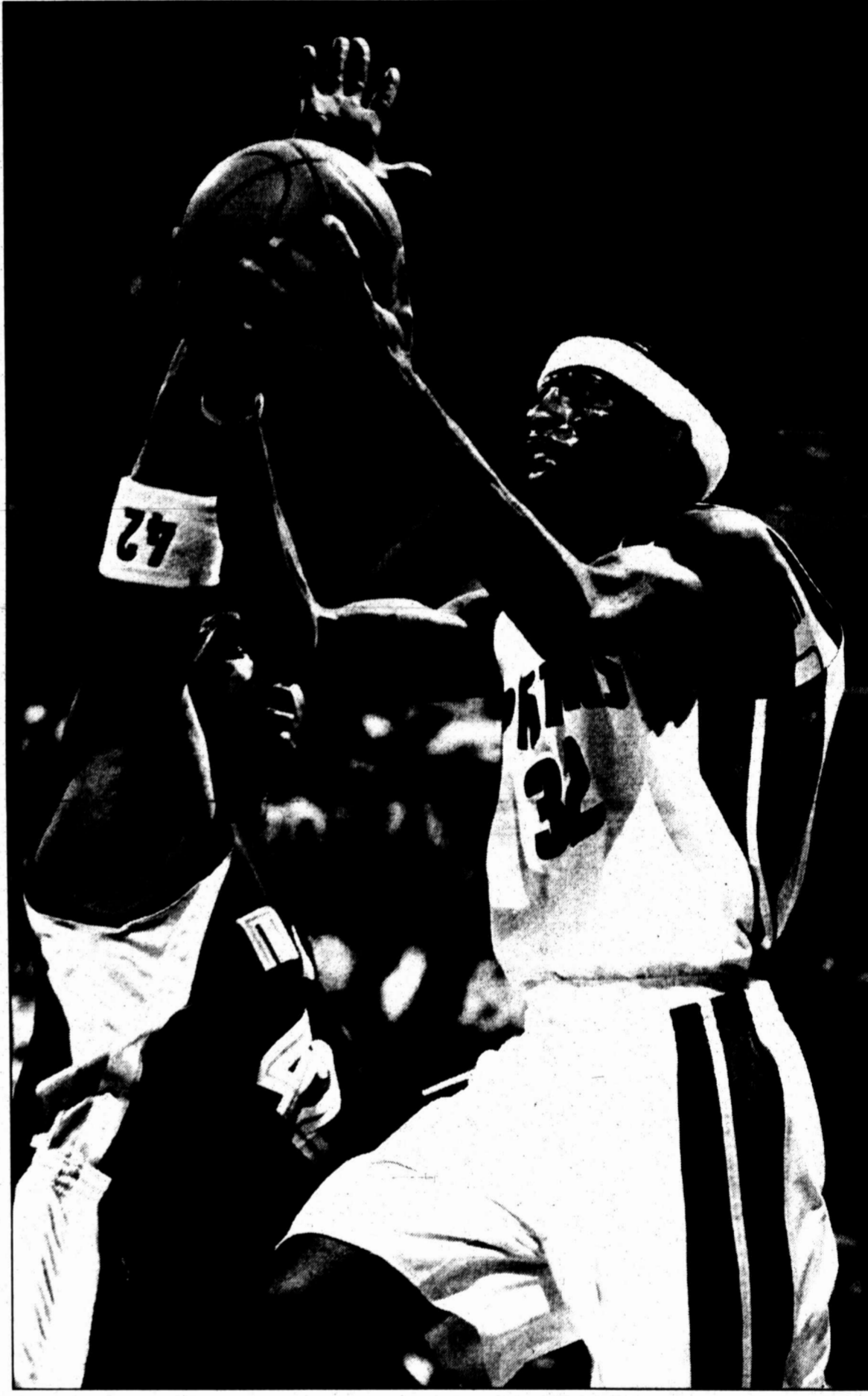
Pau Gasol had just 12 after averaging 24 in the previous four games, but his teammates picked up the slack.

Shane Battier had 12, reserve Stromile Swift scored 11 and Lorenzen Wright added 10. Jason Williams had 11 assists and only one turnover.

"We don't have a dominant superstar, much like Detroit, so no one feels the pressure to carry the team," Battier said.

When the Grizzlies weren't getting easy dunks, they were making wide-open shots. They made 12 of 21 3-pointers.

"There's no question that we were in one of those zones from the 3-point line," Fratello said.



The Pistons' Richard Hamilton drives against the Grizzlies' Lorenzen Wright during the first period of their game Thursday at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Hamilton led Detroit in scoring with 14 points despite not hitting a shot from the field.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The sun and Jupiter have terse words, bringing focus to just what it is we think we deserve. Entitlement is tricky business. Sure, the Zen approach of expecting nothing works for the highly evolved. But for those of us who aren't quite there yet — and don't plan on getting there anytime soon — setting our sights too low will feel like a mistake.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Believe in your talent. Beware of the trap of becoming an armchair philosopher or poet when you could rise to the level of a practicing artist. All of the rewards go to those who are willing to dig in and do the work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's a big challenge to break out of your fixed mind-set now. It seems that things are as they have been eternally and as they will remain forever. Being around a mentally bendy Aquarius or Libra is the remedy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's go-go-go time. The pace is fast, so not only are mistakes ignored, they are also of little consequence. The quantity of production outweighs its quality in the end. This evening brings riotous fun.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Young people learn quickly because they have no preconceived notions. It's impossible to learn what you think you know already. A relationship can blossom when you stop anticipating the other person's next move.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Everybody loves a shortcut, and you'll find one that many would benefit knowing. Keep it to yourself for a while, though. Your expertise is well earned, and others will respect it more when you don't share so readily.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sweet gestures and kind

words are exchanged. Friendships develop when you reach out because you want to, not because you've got anything in particular to gain from the interaction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're a dear; you're a doll; you're a pal! And this is why so much of your time is at other people's disposal. No one is going to think you're the bad guy if you say, "I wish I could help you, but I can't!"

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The stars remind you of the physical limitations we all share. Since you can't create more time in the day, in order to improve your life, you'll have to create more value. Aim for a bigger accomplishment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Anywhere people gather to work on health is fabulous for your love life. If you are in a relationship, reinforcing your commitment to health makes you feel sexy. And if single, you'll meet others with like values.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It seems that your mood depends solely on how a key relationship is going for you. It's time to take the power back that you're so readily giving away. Feast at life's table instead of settling for the crumbs on the floor!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Ask for more — just for the heck of it! People are surprisingly agreeable to your requests. The experiences you gathered from dating Mr./Ms. Wrong will help you make the most of tonight's adventure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your self-concept is going through another one of those incremental changes. Experiment by thinking, talking and dressing differently. Discovering a new aspect of yourself is like happening on a sunken treasure!

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have been married for five years. It is the second marriage for both of us, and we each have children from our previous marriages. My wife's 16-year-old son, "Bill," was living with us, and that is the cause of our problems.

Bill has been through a lot in his short life. Unfortunately, my wife fails to discipline Bill. She'll make a half-hearted attempt but never sticks to it. This has created tremendous dissension — in fact, the problem is so bad that we are now going through a divorce.

My wife has moved in and out of the house three times in the last six months and is currently out. I have exhausted my pastor and spent hundreds of dollars on counseling with and without her. We both still love each other but have recognized that we cannot live together under the current circumstances.

Last night, she came to the house to get some of her things. One thing led to another, and we ended up making love. Now I don't know what to do. It sounds unhealthy to date your soon-to-be-ex. I do love her, and we get along great when we're not in the same house. We had big plans for retirement, and now she wants to simply keep dating me and fulfill those dreams when we retire in eight years.

Should I go with the flow

and see what happens, or painfully break it off for good? — Really, Really Confused

Dear Confused: There is no law that says you can't date your soon-to-be-ex. If your problem is solely that you disagree on disciplining Bill and prefer not to live together while she is raising him, there's no reason not to maintain the relationship until Bill is an adult and on his own, if that is what you wish.

Dear Annie: I have been dating my boyfriend for one year. Everything has been great, but we are both attending college, and he lives six hours away. We communicate every day, and when we are together, we get along really well.

This is a busy and stimulating time in my life. Often, I find myself feeling very alone at night, and on the weekends I sometimes stay in and talk to my boyfriend on the phone rather than go out with friends or attend parties.

I wonder if I am missing out on a singular experience due to my relationship, or if I should hold on to something I think might have a future. Also, I am only 20 and not sure if it is too early to know if I am really in love. — Confused

Dear Confused: Your age isn't the issue — but the fact that you aren't certain, and think you may be missing out, is cause to reassess things. It means you might later regret not taking advantage of the social life available during these college years.

Your boyfriend could feel the same way, so discuss with him the possibility of both of you dating others. We think it's a good idea.

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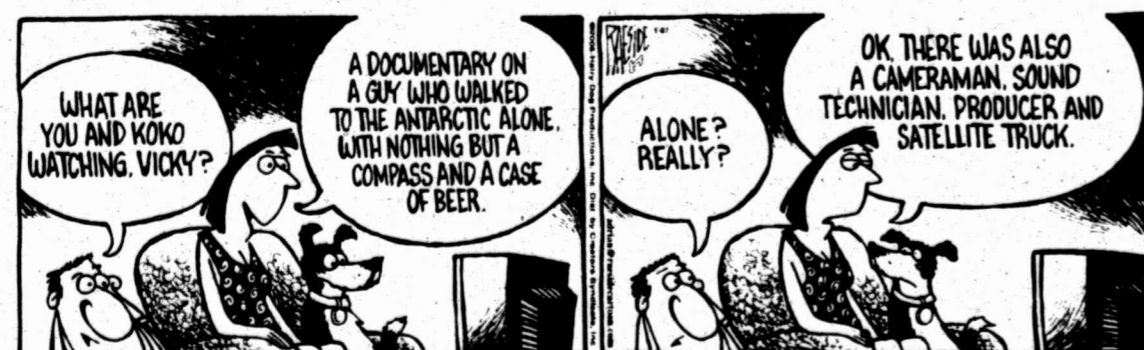
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This Date In History

By the Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 2005. There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 7, 1789, the first U.S. presidential election was held. Americans voted for electors who, a month later, chose George Washington to be the nation's first president.

On this date: In 1610, the astronomer Galileo Galilei sighted four of Jupiter's moons.

In 1800, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, was born in Summerhill, N.Y.

In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

In 1942, the World War II

siege of Bataan began. In 1953, President Truman announced in his State of the Union address that the United States had developed a hydrogen bomb.

In 1955, singer Marian Anderson made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in New York, in Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera."

In 1955, the opening of the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa was televised for the first time.

In 1972, Lewis F. Powell Jr. and William H. Rehnquist were sworn in as the 99th and 100th members of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1989, Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son, Crown Prince Akihito.

In 1999, for the second time in history, an impeached American president went on trial before the Senate. President Clinton faced charges of perjury and obstruction of justice; he was acquitted.

Today's Birthdays: Author William Peter

Blatty is 77. Country singer Jack Greene is 75. Pop musician Paul Revere is 67. Magazine publisher Jann Wenner is 59. Singer Kenny Loggins is 57. Singer-songwriter Marshall Chapman is 56. Actress Erin Gray is 55. Actor Sammo Hung is 53. Actor David Caruso ("CSI: Miami") is 49. "Today" show co-host Katie Couric is 48. Country singer David Lee Murphy is 46. Rock musician Kathy Valentine (The Go-Go's) is 46. Actor David Marciano is 45. Actress Hallie Todd is 43. Actor Nicolas Cage is 41. Actor Doug E. Doug is 35. Actor Kevin Rahm ("Judging Amy") is 34.

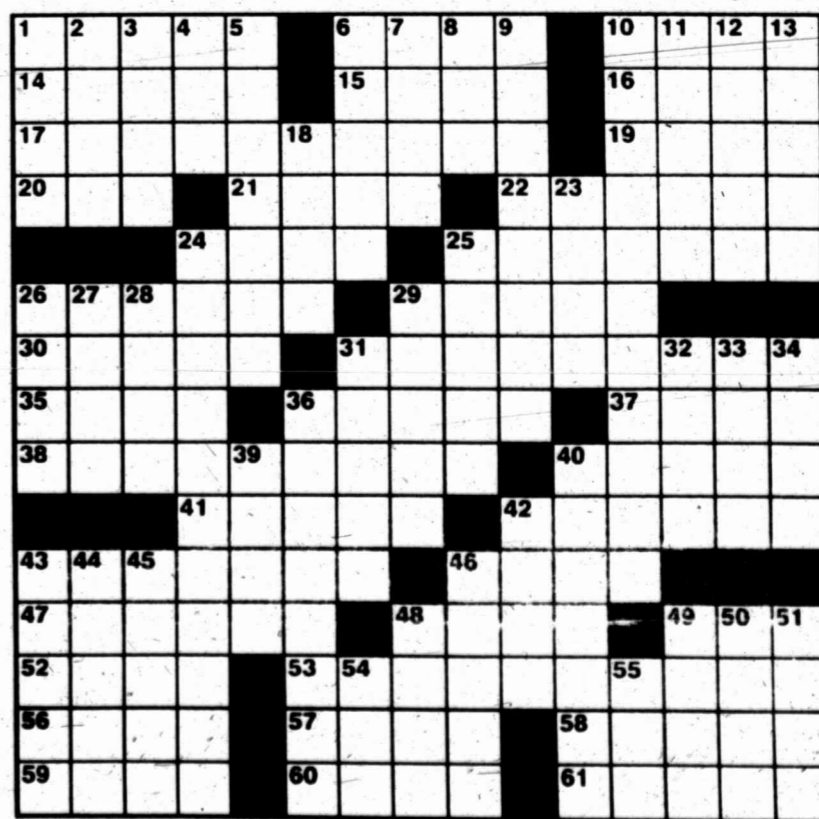
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Golf Insider

By T.J. TOMASI

BIRDIES AND BOGEYS

Kite has it right

Tom Kite announced recently that he will cut down his schedule on the Champions Tour this year to play more tournaments (about 15) on the regular PGA Tour.

Insider Take: At 55, Kite has done about everything in golf and he's still got game. At his level, he's competing for the history books. If he wins, he'd become the oldest player to ever win on the PGA Tour. Sam Snead holds the current record: He won the 1965 Greater Greensboro Open when he was 52 years, 10 months and eight days old. It's just the kind of record the great Tom Kite would love to hold.

For the man who has everything

He's got yachts, sports cars, palatial digs, a wine label, his own clothing line and just about everything else you can think of except, it appears, a rule book. Greg Norman was disqualified at two tournaments last year — both times for improper drops from a water hazard; one on the PGA Tour at the Honda Classic and the other on the European Tour at the BMW Asian Open. It kills the sponsors when Norman goes home early because he's still a big draw.

Show me the money

While there is no danger of Kendallmania breaking out, journeyman Skip Kendall passed Jack Nicklaus on the all-time PGA Tour money list. After the 2004 golf season, Nicklaus now stands at No. 103 on the list. Among the 14 who passed him this year were Woody Austin, J.L. Lewis and Kendall, who has never won a tournament on the PGA Tour.

Mallon on the move

Most of the players on the LPGA Tour will tell you that the most popular player out there is Meg Mallon. That's why her monster year in 2004 was so well-received. Meg won three times, including the USGA Women's Open at the Orchards Golf Club in Massachusetts. Mallon is now only 5 points short of automatic induction into the LPGA Hall of Fame, and at age 41, she has a realistic chance to reach that goal in 2005.



MALLON

GOLF BY THE NUMBERS

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The number of foreign-born players who won on the PGA Tour in 2004. American-born players won 23 times. Does this help explain our Ryder Cup problems?

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Thanks to ShotLink we know that in 2004 Vijay Singh made putts totaling 1.53 miles.

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The average age of the 144-player field at the 2004 USGA Women's Amateur Public Links Championship. As further proof that female golfers are getting younger and better: Michelle Wie is the youngest winner of a USGA event other than a junior event, having won the 2003 USGA Women's Amateur Public Links Championship when she was a 13-year-old.

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The number of national titles Ryan Moore won in 2004. He became the first golfer since Bobby Jones to win three national titles in the same year, including the U.S. Amateur at the famed Winged Foot West Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y. In all, Moore won nine of the 17 tournaments he entered.

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



The student in these photos is turning his hips about 40 degrees and his shoulders about 80 degrees — less than the 45 degrees and 90 degrees most commonly prescribed, but still retaining the all-important 2-to-1 ratio for maximum coil.



2-to-1 coil delivers power

It may sound like a baseball score, but 2-to-1 is the key ratio that produces coil. Here's how it works. Your muscles are like lazy house guests: They won't do anything unless you make them. It's much easier to skip the big-muscle shoulder turn and simply lift the club up to the top of the backswing using the small muscles of the arms and hands. But it's the wrong way to reach the top because without a shoulder turn you lose coil.

If your swing lacks power, it may well stem from a lack of coil. This is the problem that teaching pro John Bierkan, is working on with his student in the two accompanying photos.

The proper twisting or "coil" has two main components. First, the trail hip rotates over the trail heel. To get

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his student to satisfy this element properly, John is utilizing a training aid called the "spine board."

When his student was in the proper address position, John placed the board about 2 inches behind him so that at the top of his swing, the student's right cheek touches the board. To do this correctly, the student must rotate his right hip over

his right heel.

This proper movement for a right-handed player also involves loading up on the right heel. This ensures that there has been a correct weight shift and that you have turned behind the ball with the pressure on your right foot "heavy" on the heel.

The second component of a good coil is the turning of the shoulders more than the hips. This is best seen in the front view. Here, while the student maintains contact with the board (absent a spine board, a straight-backed chair will work just as well), John turns the student's shoulders to the max.

Each student's maximum is dependent on his or her individual flexibility. The important thing to remember is the proper coil ratio: 2-to-1.

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Surrender to the process

To learn golf, you must be willing to surrender to the process of learning, i.e., you have to put your ego in the trunk and assume the role of student. This surrender is not quite as easy as one might think. Sometimes the very success golfers have in their professional lives distracts from their ability to learn golf.

I work with a lot of people who are successful in business, and as such, they become used to controlling their environment. Any part of the business process that is out of their control is dangerous to their livelihood,

and therefore, they have built up a healthy aversion to variables they can't manage.

So it makes good sense that included in the successful person's business keys are the three M's: monitoring, manipulation and management, coupled with the implicit belief that all problems, no matter how severe, can be brought to heel by strong and ongoing application of the three M's.

As effective as these keys may be in business, the three M's are not always helpful in learning golf because they often lead to impatience and unrealistic expectations. Golf is not a sport that yields mastery on demand, for no

matter who and what you control in your non-golf life, in golf you still have to pay your dues the old-fashioned way: You have to LEARN it, and that means submitting to the process of learning.

A few years ago, a famous golf teacher was instructing the king of an eastern country and the king was not happy with his progress. After too much complaining by the royal chopper, the teacher told him: "Your Highness, you know you're the king, I know you're the king, but the ball — it doesn't know you're the king!" Nor, he might have added, does it care. To be a good learner in golf you

TEEING OFF

European Tour snubs Jimenez

In 2004, Vijay Singh didn't play in the required number of European Tour tournaments to retain playing status on the tour; he didn't win a single event on that tour, and his best finish was 15th. But the winner of the Player of the Year Award on the European Tour was Vijay Singh. Go figure.

The winner was determined by a poll of European Tour officials, golf writers and golf broadcasters who completely "dissed" their own tour by not choosing the player with the best record, Miguel Angel Jimenez, who won four European Tour titles and was on the victorious Ryder Cup team.

What are these people thinking? Singh bothered to play in only four events while Jimenez was a full-time supporter of the tour.

Granted, Singh had a monstrous 2004, but he had it on the PGA Tour. Selecting Singh as the Player of the Year on the European Tour simply because he'd played it years before going to the United States is ludicrous. It's like the Baltimore Orioles naming Babe Ruth as their "All-Time Slugger" because they signed the Babe to his first pro contract before he moved on to the Boston Red Sox and then the New York Yankees.

The Player of the Year should (1) have actually played regularly on the tour during the year in question, and (2) have played the tour better than anyone else. And Singh failed to do either.

The choice was an insult to all European Tour members, but especially Jimenez, who finished second in the voting. Besides playing with distinction on the winning Ryder Cup team, Jimenez won the Johnnie Walker Classic, the Algarve Open de Portugal Caixa Geral de Depositos, the BMW Asian Open and the BMW International Open. He also moved up in the Official World Golf Rankings from 94th at the beginning of the year to 12th!

Maybe they didn't like Jimenez's hairdo (or, in this case, his "hair don't"), a god-awful concoction that culminates in an orange pug, not quite worthy of being a pony tail. It's said that European Tour conditions are spartan, with poor practice facilities the norm, but surely they have mirrors.

In any case, leaving the choice to the opinion of a few officials and some media folk doesn't cut it. To paraphrase Shakespeare: "Methinks there is a French judge in there somewhere."



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DON'T MISS IT

Good training

The Train 2 Engrain Swing System is a self-help device that can be positioned to act like a spine board, the training aid used in the instructional article above. It can also be configured to help you with your stance, takeaway, swing plane, putting, chipping and more.

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ASK THE PRO

Q: I have been playing golf for four years and shoot around 115. The people I play with all hit their iron shots better and farther than I do, and I'm certain that taking a divot is the key to their superior iron play. They take divots and I don't — at least not with any consistency. I've tried a lot of things on my own to cure this problem, but to no avail. I'm very frustrated. Do you have any swing keys, tips or drills that may help? — Kevin T. Albany, Ga.

A: Sounds like your swing arc is too shallow. To promote a steeper angle of attack, practice hitting balls out of a thin divot hole. I know this sounds strange, but

placing the ball in a divot forces you to develop a swing with a descending blow. You have to hit the ball on the downswing or it has no chance of getting airborne.

At first you will have to play the ball back toward your right foot (for a right-handed golfer) and open your stance (toe line to the left of the target for a right-hander) to give you the feel. After you train yourself to feel this steeper swing arc, put the ball in a normal lie and gradually move the ball to its normal position between your feet. Then square up your toe line.

Keep me posted on your progress and we'll make adjustments as you go. To Ask the Pro a question about golf, e-mail him at: TJInsider@aol.com.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- PGA TOUR: Mercedes Championships**
- Site: Kapalua, Hawaii.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
- Course: Kapalua Resort, The Plantation Course (7,263 yards, par 73).
- Purse: \$5.3 million. Winner's share: \$1.06 million.
- Television: ESPN (Thursday-Saturday, 7-10:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7-10 p.m.).

2005 MAJORS SCHEDULE

- Masters: April 7-10, Augusta National, Augusta, Ga.
- U.S. Open: June 16-19, Pinehurst Resort and Country Club, Pinehurst, N.C.
- British Open: July 14-17, St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland.
- PGA Championship: Aug. 8-14, Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, N.J.