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Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

Fish fry Saturday

American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry Saturday from noon until late at 3203 W. Highway 80. Delivery will begin at 11 a.m. and run through 1 p.m. Plates are \$7 and carry outs are available. For more information or to order, call 263-2084.

Massage anyone?

Need a massage? The Howard College Sports Medicine Department is raising funds by offering a 15-minute massage for \$10.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane. No reservations are needed.

AHA gala

The battle against heart disease is coming to Big Spring Saturday as the American Heart Association presents "Hollywood for Heart," a fund-raising gala featuring silent and live auctions. The gala will get under way at 8 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club and is open to the public. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$25. For more information contact Lauri Phillips at 263-1821.

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Health fair to combine dental hygiene with fun

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Howard College Dental Department will be swamped with eager, young faces ready to learn about proper dental hygiene Saturday during the college's annual Dental Health Fair.

"They have fun and they learn a lot," said Belinda Beck, Howard College instructor. "Basically, they have a chance to look over the clinic chairs, see the lights and especially have fun in a place where they get their teeth cleaned."

Beck said the department is expecting a large turnout for the event, which begins at 10 a.m. and continues to noon at the Horace Garrett Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

"This year our theme is Finding Nemo," Beck said. "We do a walk through in the clinic with the kids and take them to different

What: Dental Health Fair.

Where: Howard College Horace Garrett Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

When: 10 a.m. Saturday.

For: Children, accompanied by a parent.

stations. They'll get to play games and learn about bad and good snacks."

Dental students will also be handing out door prizes, balloons, popcorn and goodie bags for the children and parents who par-

ticipate.

Besides a fun look at what could be considered a scary experience for the children, parents will have an opportunity to make an appointment for their children to have their teeth cleaned before they leave. The clinic charges \$6 per child for an average cleaning.

"This event is free to the public," Beck said. "We plan to have as much fun as we can and teach dental health to the youth of Big Spring."

For more information, call the dental department at 264-5065.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com



Teresa L. Caldwell, Texas Historical Commission program specialist, right, directs a meeting of the Texas Plains Trail Region Thursday while Lynn Hopkins of Borger County looks on. The meeting, held in Big Spring, involved 52 area counties and is part of a THC program to promote tourism in Texas.

Texas Plains Trail Region developing

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Representatives from 52 counties across the state Texas met in Big Spring Thursday as part of an on-going regional initiative to foster tourism.

During the meeting, held at the Dora Roberts Community Center, the Texas Historical

Commission announced Borger as headquarters for the new Texas Plains Trail Region of the Texas Heritage Trails program.

"Our overall goal is to increase visitation to historic and cultural sites across the state of Texas, and by doing so, hopefully the economic

impact will increase in the towns and cities within the regions," said Teresa Caldwell, a THC program specialist.

The Texas Plains Trail Region is the sixth designated region in the state.

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Petition try taxes city resources; but falls flat

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A petition to put Big Spring's half-cent economic sales tax to a city-wide vote has fallen flat.

After more than a week of exhaustive validation, the 1,450 signatures collected by the Concerned Citizens Council and submitted to the City Secretary's Office on

Feb. 10 fell short of the 975 required to force an election.

According to Mayor Russ McEwen, the group submitted 791 valid signatures, with 659 not meeting the necessary requirements.

"You would think a better effort would be made on the part of the Concerned Citizens Council to make sure what they are submitting is valid."



Mayor Russ McEwen

There were a lot of votes from people who had signed the petition more than once," said McEwen shortly after the results were released Thursday afternoon. "We also found a lot of signatures that were from people who don't live within the city. There were signatures from citizens in Coahoma, Forsan and other outlying areas."

While he was glad the petition failed,

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Lightning strikes second, third time at local dealership

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

It's said that lightning does not strike twice in the same place, but that rule obviously doesn't apply to the GM Hot Button contest currently going on at Pollard Chevrolet.

For the third time in little more than a week, a local person has walked out of the dealership the winner of a brand-new GM vehicle, two of which came Thursday in less than an hour.

"It was a big surprise," said Isaac Marquez, a sales consultant with Pollard, "mainly because it was the third one. Everyone has been com-

ing around and saying they saw my picture in the paper last week and thought there was no way there would be another winner here in Big Spring.

"Everyone should have that happen to them at least once in their life"

George Murphy OnStar winner

"Not only did we have a second winner, we had a third. Two in one day. It's just amazing. It boggles the mind."

Thursday's winners, George Murphy and

Alan Kernodle, agreed it was amazing as well, and with just a touch of skepticism, can't wait to see their new vehicle.

"I came down here to get my pickup worked on," said Murphy. "I was fooling around with Isaac and we went out there and played that game in



George Murphy takes a stab at the OnStar Button game at Pollard Chevrolet Thursday morning. Murphy, along with Alan Kernodle, won a new car through the contest Thursday, racking Pollard's number of winners in the game up to three.

one of the cars and won. "When they told me I was a winner, all I could do was ask them if they were kidding. The guy said we're not kidding at all and you just won a car. I still don't believe I

won anything, but I guess I did."

For those looking for the lucky link between the winners, which includes William Sanchez, who won last Wednesday, it would

seem Marquez had a hand in each of the winner's fortune.

"He even pushed the button for me," laughed Kernodle. "I really didn't

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Obituaries

Richard W. Reagan

Richard W. Reagan, 84, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Darrell Hendrickson, pastor of First Church of God, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Born on July 4, 1919 in Big Spring, Mr. Reagan's parents were Bascom A. and Eugenia Reagan, a pioneer Big Spring family. He married Betty Hutchings on Dec. 14, 1946, in Big Spring. Mr. Reagan worked as a union carpenter all of his life and had received his 70-year pin. He enjoyed photography and painted as a hobby.

He was a member of the First Church of God and had held every office in the church through the years. He was a member of Carpenter's Local Union #1634; was active in the Prospector's Club and was a member and past president of the Big Spring Genealogical Society. He had served in the Seabees in the South Pacific during World War II.

His survivors include his wife, Betty Reagan of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Darrel W. and Nelda Reagan of Big Spring and John Wesley and Rita Reagan of Waco; one daughter and son-in-law, Janis Marie and Edwin Halstead of Tucson, Ariz.; one daughter-in-law, Gwen Reagan of Lubbock; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lois and Festus McElreath of Big Spring, and Joyce and John Hawkins of Rochester, Minn.; nine grandchildren, Kevin Reagan, Brian Reagan, Amanda Rankin, Patrick Reagan, Michael Bailey, Julia Bentley, Virginia Groce, Bo Reagan and Juliann Reagan; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Phillip Reagan; his parents; three brothers, Earl, Robert and Bascom E. Reagan and one sister, Hazel McCrary.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Church of God, 2009 Main, Big Spring 79720, or to a favorite charity.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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

Paid Obituary

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-9-33-8-3.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: \$21,072.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Corsicana.

Matching four of five: 164. Prize: \$116.

Matching three of five: 5,939. Prize: \$7.

Matching two of five: 53,451. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-2-4

Take note

□ **A FUND HAS BEEN** established at the First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, to help with the medical expenses of 30-year-old Misty McCullum Wilson, who was diagnosed with cancer more than two months ago. Wilson, who went to Coahoma High School before moving to Lubbock, requires radiation treatments expected to cost \$10,000 per visit.

□ **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.

□ **THE CLASS OF 1974** is looking for the following classmates. If you know where they are please notify Carol Boyd at 432-263-0486 or e-mail Guy Teague at gntea@ddraytech.net: Kim Adams, Stanley Adams, Steve Adams, Terry Allison, Beverly Anderson, Jim Archer, Albert Arriols, Teresa Atkinson, Shirley Atwell, Vicki Axelrod, Blaz Bailon, Diane Baldock, Jackie Barber, Debra Barksdale, Joyce Bennett, Sherri Bertan, Terry Billingsley, John Bowers, Richard Brackeen, Donna Brewer, Kathy Bull, Sherry Burgess, Mary Burke, Greg Burris, Carla Carter, Cindy Cole, Paula Collins, Michael Conley, Karen Conley Melendez, Linda Curtis, Janice Danford, Cynthia D'Angelo, Pam Daniels, Kay Davis, Lorraine Davis, Jimmie Dean, Donna DeFlicht, Joyce DeFlicht, Rosalinda DeLeon, Cynthia Dennis, Wendell Dodson, James Dry, Pam Eisler, Dodie Evans, Cathy Ewing, Martha Eysen, Steve Ferrell, Sandra Floyd, Ramon Franco, Sheri Fry, Karen

Clarification

A headline in Thursday's front page article about Brady Franklin that read "Public donations paid for technology to repair his heart" apparently left some readers with the misunderstanding that Brady's surgery was paid for by Medicaid. The headline refers to the fact that donations to organizations such as the American Heart Association paid for the research to develop the technology used to perform the necessary surgery.

Police blotter

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

• **JOSEMARIA MARTINEZ**, 17, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **RICHARD MARTINEZ**, 19, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CHESTER MCKINEEY**, 33, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Thursday on a capias warrant.

• **SHAJARKEI HAMMOCK WILBERT**, 26, of 1907 Monticello, was arrested Thursday and held for the HCSO.

• **GILBERT PUGA**, 31, of 2400 Main Street, was arrested Thursday on an Ector County warrant for bondsman off of bond for failure to appear and theft by check.

Sheriff's report

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

• **BRYON PATRICK PAYNE**, 20, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of assault/family violence.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 9900 block of Kay Road. Arrest was made.

• **DESTRUCTION OF MAILBOXES** was reported in the 7200 block of Kyle Road.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Northeast winds around 10 mph until early morning becoming light.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs around 60. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night and Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the upper 50s.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy. A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s.

Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Wednesday night and Thursday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

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TODAY

Spring City Senior Citizen Country and Western Dance meet from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited to attend.

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at Howard College Cactus Room.

SATURDAY

The dance of Eagles Lodge begins at 8:30 p.m., 704 West Third. Everyone is welcome.

Potter House, 200 Gregg, is a restored historical home, is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. One-time admission fees of \$2 for adults; \$1 for children and senior citizens is welcomed.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, located at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For information on Big Spring Squares, call 267-7043 or 263-6305.

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

MONDAY

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at the Senic Mountain Medical Center for sit and be fit aerobics. People age 50 and over are invited to participate. Call 268-4721 for more information.

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

Hangar 25 is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Support groups

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 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 to 6 p.m.

MONDAY

□ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

TUESDAY

□ Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., 1700 Lancaster, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call Raynetta Williams, caregiver coordinator, at (432) 563-1061 or (800) 491-4636 or locally call Debbie Read at Home Hospice at (432) 264-7599.

This group is open to the public and funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

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Priest agrees to resign from charity

DALLAS (AP) — A suspended Roman Catholic priest has agreed to retire as executive director of the immigration counseling service he founded after a late-1980s parish sex scandal.

The Rev. Justin Lucio was forced off Casita Maria's board last year in a deal with the Texas attorney general that let him keep his administrative position in exchange for promises of financial reform.

State officials persuaded a judge to seize the charity in December after a new board member quit and complained of continuing fiscal abuses.

Garrett Vogel, a Dallas accountant whom the judge appointed to temporarily run Casita, said Lucio "didn't have a lot of choice" about leaving.

"I assume he decided there was a new sheriff in town and he'd better get out as gracefully as he could," Vogel said.

West Texas calm after dust storm

SOUTHLAND (AP) — The blinding West Texas dust storms that caused a fatal multi-vehicle crash and featured wind gusts reaching 60 mph had subsided by early Friday.

Ron McQueen, a meteorologist for the

National Weather Service in Lubbock, said winds had slowed to about 10 to 15 mph by late Thursday. Winds of around 15 mph are expected Friday, he said.

"The dust has definitely settled down and it's done. We don't have any problems," he said.

Foundation awards last donations

DALLAS (AP) — The Cecil and Ida Green Foundation has awarded its final donations after giving more than \$210 million to medical and educational institutions and other charities in the past several decades.

Cecil Howard Green, one of the four founders of Texas Instruments, died in April at age 102. His wife died in 1986.

Trustees on Thursday said they were closing the foundation and liquidating the money because Green didn't want to leave it in the hands of strangers. The remaining \$33 million will be distributed by mid-March.

In the largest gift announced Thursday, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas will get \$12.8 million to create a center for systems biology. The emerging field incorporates computer science, engineering and imaging technology.

Electric customer complaints to PUC rose 34 percent in 2003

AUSTIN (AP) — Customer complaints about their retail electric providers increased 34 percent in 2003 as a result of billing confusion and aggressive competition among providers, according to a utility consulting firm.

Texas customers lodged nearly 17,000 complaints with the state Public Utility Commission in 2003, up from about 12,700 complaints in 2002, according to a records analysis by the consulting firm Regulatory Compliance Services.

"It's not uncommon to find these kinds of problems early in the process in a market as it begins to deregulate," said Patricia Dolese, owner of the firm.

Texas' electric deregulation law took effect at the beginning of 2002, allowing customers to begin choosing their providers and prompting a flurry of competition among providers.

Dolese's analysis of PUC records shows the agency investigated nearly 13,000 of the complaints and found violations in 10 percent of those cases.

PUC spokesman Terry Hadley said the commission has not conducted the same analysis as the consultants, but he said the numbers appear to be accurate.

"I think everyone from lawmakers to the PUC staff to customer representatives expected more complaints as we moved

into competition," Hadley said.

The PUC is investigating nine retail electric providers for possible violations, Hadley said.

The commission fined Houston-based Direct Energy \$750,000 in January for not providing new customers with required information, such as the complete terms of provider-customer agreements.

Dolese said that billing issues accounted for half of the total complaints in 2003, but the PUC only found 5 percent of those complaints to be valid.

Customers made 2,000 complaints about "slamming," or the unauthorized switching of a customer's service provider.

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McEwen said he found the lack of thought put into the effort extremely frustrating.

"It's just frustrating when you look at the number of invalid signatures they submitted," said McEwen. "The city spent \$1,150 to verify these signatures. We had to pull employees off of their normal jobs to take care of this. You would think a better effort would be made on the part of the Concerned Citizens Council to make sure what they are submitting is valid.

"I'm glad the petition failed because I think Moore Development is good for Big Spring. When you have to throw out 659 signatures, however, it's just frustrating."

The petition, had it been successful, would have forced an election to decide whether or not to keep the half-cent economic development sales tax in Big Spring, which is the main source of funding for Moore Development of Big Spring Inc.

Moore Development Executive Director Kent Sharp said he shares in the mayor's frustration, but believes the failure of the petition speaks volumes about citizens' percep-

tion of the economic development entity.

"I think this shows that their group doesn't enjoy the overwhelming support of the community that they believe they do," said Sharp. "I share in Mayor McEwen's frustration in the matter because the cost of this falls on the shoulders of the city and its employees. It just seems like sloppiness to me."

Concerned Citizen Council member Roy Simmons said the failure of the petition is regrettable, but not the end of the group's efforts.

"I'm very sorry we didn't wind up with enough good, strong signatures to do some-

thing about the half-cent tax," said Simmons. "We are going to check our copies of the signatures against the city's and make sure signatures weren't kicked out for the wrong reasons. We're also going to check into whether or not there is a grace period for this situation."

In response to the 659 signatures the city found invalid, Simmons said he simply didn't believe it to be fact.

"I don't believe it," he said. "I believe most of us were very careful about getting the proper residents to sign the petition. I understand there were some from people who live in Coahoma and Forsan, but I sim-

ply don't believe 659 of the signatures weren't valid."

City Secretary Peggy Walker said her understanding of the law as it pertains to the failed petition doesn't allow for any "grace period."

"My understanding of the law is that this petition is finished," said Walker. "Some petitions allow for a supplemental period to gather more signatures, but with this particular petition that is not the case. At this point they would have to start from scratch."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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think I would win anything to be honest with you. I feel good.

"I've never won anything. When they told me I had won, all I wanted to do was sit down."

Murphy said it was a wonderful experience, although he seems fairly sure his lucky streak might meet with serious suspicion when he explains to his wife there will be a new vehicle in their driveway soon.

"I feel very good about it," he said. "Everyone should have that happen

to them at least once in their life. I don't know what my wife's going to say about it. She'll probably check the checking account really good and call the bank and cancel all of our checks."

Of the 1,000 total available vehicle prizes, approximately 625 will be Chevrolets, with a minimum manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) of \$9,995; approximately 15 will be Oldsmobiles, with a minimum MSRP of \$18,950; approximately 130 will be Pontiacs, minimum MSRP \$15,495; approximately 43 will be Buicks, minimum MSRP \$22,305; approximately six

will be Cadillacs, minimum MSRP \$31,060; approximately 70 will be GMCs, minimum MSRP \$15,405; approximately two will be Hummers, minimum MSRP \$49,995; approximately 104 will be Saturns, minimum MSRP \$10,995; and approximately five will be Saabs, minimum MSRP \$26,090.

"They will mail these gentlemen a letter in three days, and it will tell them exactly what make and model of vehicle they've won," said Marquez.

According to game rules, prizes will be delivered approximately 120 days from final verifica-

tion of participant's eligibility. The winners will be responsible for all taxes and expenses, such as sales tax, luxury tax, destination charges, registration, title and license fees, insurance and all other costs incurred in claiming, registering or using the vehicle.

Those wanting to give the button a try will have the chance until the game ends locally on Feb. 28. Marquez said it's simple and definitely worth the time.

"All you need is the last four digits of your driver's license and a home telephone number," he said. "We have six vehi-

cles on the lot that are part of the game, and all you do is press the OnStar button and give them the information and they tell you if you won or not.

"It's simple and easy to do, and it ends this month. GM is giving way 1,000 cars all over the United States in the contest, so it's really weird for us to have three in one place like this."

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"Once a region is designated, it receives a \$50,000 grant for three years which includes hiring of a regional coordinator and to promote historic and cultural resources within the area," Caldwell said.

According to Caldwell, the program is a revamp of the old Texas Travel Trails established by former Gov. John Connally in 1968.

"The legislature asked the Texas Historical Commission to revitalize this program in 1997," she said. "We built our program around that, but although we use the word trail, the program actually encompasses everything within the region itself."

Because of its recognition, the TCH decided to base its updated version off the Trails program, Caldwell said.

"However, we try to make people realize you

don't have to be on the trail to participate in the program. You just have to be in one of the regions," she said.

As part of the program, the THC will work with the region to help design and distribute a pamphlet promoting regional sites.

"That's actually a big marketing piece every region will receive," she said. "We'll distribute about 400,000 copies and the Texas Historical Commission will actually be in charge of producing that with help from the board."

Studies performed by the THC show growth in tourism in areas where a regional cooperative program has been established.

"We have monitored visitation sites and once that brochure is out, we've seen a 20 percent increase in visitation," Caldwell said. "There is an economic impact."

A key component of the program is area counties working together for a single goal — to promote tourism, Caldwell said.

"It's all about partnership. It's all about regionalism," she said. "A site on its own may not be able to keep enough visitors there for a day. However, if they partner with somebody close by, they may visit your site and visit their site and leave money all along the way. That's what this is about."

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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:

• **ALEXANDRIA NEWSOM**, winner of the Forsan Independent School District Spelling Bee, and all of the other contestants who participated.

• **KEI SELIGER**, R-Amarillo, on winning the State Senate District 31 runoff, and to his opponent, **KIRK EDWARDS**.

• **SCOTT KNIGHT**, West Texas Narcotics Task Force member, who pulled an accident victim from his burning vehicle Tuesday night.

• **Hard-working DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TROOPERS, BIG SPRING POLICE OFFICERS, HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WORKERS, local FIRE and RESCUE WORKERS and CITY and COUNTY CREWS** who handled a dozen or more traffic accidents during the recent icy spell.

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Kerry and Jane vs. Bush and Natl. Guard

A 34-year-old flier lists speakers for an anti-Vietnam War rally at Valley Forge State Park, Pa., Sept. 7, 1970. Included were two of that era's most notorious leftist agitators, the Rev. James Bevel and Mark Lane, plus actress Jane Fonda, a symbol of extreme opposition to the war. Leading off the list was a less familiar name: John Kerry.



ROBERT NOVAK

So much for the contention by Kerry supporters that his connection with "Hanoi Jane" (so called for her later visit to the enemy capital in time of war) was accidental juxtaposition in a photograph. In fact, Navy Lt. Kerry returned from heroic wartime service to help lead the radical Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW), whose diatribes against flag and country are shocking from the distance of three decades.

Does this reflect on Kerry's qualifications for the presidency? Perhaps no more than George W. Bush's record in attending National Guard drills in 1972. When Democrats made President Bush's past part of the 2004 campaign, Sen. Kerry's past became fair game. Relentless attention to the Bush record has helped the president's political decline, while the Kerry record has been largely ignored.

Kerry now keeps his distance from Jane Fonda, expressing disapproval of her adventures in Hanoi. Rep. Charles Rangel on CNN's "Crossfire" Feb. 12 minimized a photo showing Kerry

three rows away from Fonda at an anti-war rally: "There was some distance between Jane Fonda . . . and there was a guy that looked like it was Kerry that was a part of the crowd." He added to me: "I just hope that you wouldn't just identify me with your politics just because I took a picture with you."

Actually, Kerry and Fonda both were among war resisters with the most extreme positions in criticizing U.S. participation in the war. Kerry, as the New England representative, attended a VVAW executive committee meeting Sept. 11, 1970. Minutes show plans to picket the National Guard Association convention in New York, to sponsor "war crimes testimony" at the U.N. and to coordinate with Jane Fonda's speaking tour. A later VVAW staff meeting decided to bar the American flag from the organization's offices.

A VVAW flier of their period claims "American soldiers" commit atrocities "every day" against "the Vietnamese simply because they are 'Gooks.'" Kerry bought into the VVAW mantra that war crimes were not isolated in Vietnam. He told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that "in a fashion reminiscent of Genghis Khan," U.S. troops committed unspeakable atrocities while they "ravaged the countryside."

Returning to Kerry's youthful indiscretions is valid only because of the inordinate attention on young Bush in the same period. Kerry's strategists never planned to go down this path, which inadvertently was opened when leftist moviemaker Michael Moore called Bush a "deserter" for allegedly missing National Guard drills.

That triggered a feeding frenzy for Democratic politicians, helped along at first by Kerry.

In 2000, Kerry leaped on the National Guard issue, comparing the Republican candidate unfavorably with "those of us who were in the military." Four years later, Kerry was less direct, linking Bush's Guard service to people who "went to Canada" or "opposed the war." Kerry's surrogate, former Sen. Max Cleland (recently named by President Bush to the Export-Import Bank board) asserted "we need somebody who felt the sting of battle, not someone who didn't."

Kerry has since backed away from the National Guard question and ordered his surrogates to do the same, but that does not cover such irrepressible Democrats as Charlie Rangel. In 1992 when Bill Clinton's non-service was under attack, the congressman from Harlem brushed off his own heroic Korean War record as a way "to get off the street because times were rough." On NBC's "Meet the Press" last Sunday he sang a different song. "I've served in combat," he said, adding that "those who haven't shared it ought to give a lot of space to those that have been there."

Once again, Rangel suggested that Kerry did not even know Jane Fonda. Documents show they shared the same platform and the same wing of the anti-war movement. That is surely as valid as investigating how many National Guard drills Bush attended.

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2004 presidential campaign entertainment

Anyone who is not enjoying American politics at this point is missing an important gene and a sense of humor. Whee, we're off! Like a dirty shirt, like a herd of turtles, it's the 2004 presidential campaign.

My friends, the media have not begun to overuse the horseshoe metaphor. The candidates are rounding the first turn, into the backstretch, a leader breaks from the pack. He stumbles, he falls! Now the long-faced gray from Massachusetts moves up, the showy palomino from North Carolina hangs in, and the General drops out. It's muddy out there. Splat! Splat! Splat!



MOLLY IVINS

My favorite campaign document of recent days is from a conservative email newsletter, Talon (you can't make this stuff up). In the Feb. 13 update, Item One is a nasty piece of gossip about a Democratic contender, whereas Item Three (I swear) is "Gutter Politics to Get Uglier: Reacting in part to the relentless questioning of the President's service record, RNC Chairman Ed Gillespie said Wednesday that despite being so early in the campaign season, the Democrats have made clear they intend to run the dirtiest campaign in modern presidential politics."

I think we need a rule calling for at least two paragraphs between spreading nasty gossip and then decrying the spreading of nasty gossip. On television and radio, 24 hours should be required. Standards must be maintained here, team.

In the category of most ludicrous attack, we have an outcry (well, sort of an outcry) over the horrible news that John Kerry takes money from special interest lobby-

ists. Lowsy, I swan, I had to sit down and fan myself when I heard it. Corporate special interest money in politics! What next? In fact, Kerry has compiled an enviable record by Democratic standards in this field. He's Number One in special interest money, reflecting nothing other than Washington's early conventional wisdom on the subject.

Happily for politics as usual, Kerry has surged to the fore and is now undergoing the pluperfectly idiotic political experience of being called the candidate of special interests by Republicans! Oh, this is so rich, how can you not rejoice? President Bush has only raised 28 times as much money from corporate special interests as John Kerry, and four times as much directly from lobbyists. But that didn't stop the Bush campaign from sending out an email video to 6 million supporters accusing Kerry of being the candidate of the special interests!

In another lovely development, it turns out Al Sharpton's campaign is being "financed, staffed and orchestrated" by Roger Stone, long-time Republican dirty trickster. According to Wayne Barrett in The Village Voice, Stone helped raise money in several states from his own relatives and political pals so Sharpton could qualify for federal matching funds, which is an infuriating waste of taxpayer's money and a perfect example of why public campaign financing laws need to be written carefully. Sharpton on his own doesn't have a broad enough appeal to qualify for federal funds.

Stone has a long history of political skullduggery, including heading the Republican street forces in Miami after the 2000 election that started the "riot" at the Dade County Courthouse. And Sharpton has a long history of playing football with Republicans, including his role in the 2001 New York City mayoral race.

But for sheer, vicious nastiness,

no one can compete with Ann Coulter, whose latest error-riddled effusion is an attack on former Georgia Sen. Max Cleland, who has been critical of the Bush administration. Apparently in an effort to make George W.'s incomplete in the National Guard look better, Coulter wrote a column distributed by the Heritage Foundation saying Cleland, a triple amputee, had showed "no bravery" in Vietnam, "didn't give his limbs for his country," is not a war hero. My favorite sentence is, "Luckily for Cleland . . . he happened (to lose his limbs) while in Vietnam," her point being that if he had been injured at Fort Dix, he wouldn't be a hero.

He also wouldn't have been under enemy fire at Fort Dix. She says he lost his legs in "a routine noncombat mission where he was about to drink beer with friends." Actually, Cleland lost his limbs when a grenade detonated after he and another soldier jumped off a helicopter in a combat zone.

As for not being a war hero, Cleland earned the Silver Star in a separate incident just four days before he was injured. The citation reads, "during heavy enemy rocket and mortar attack, Capt. Cleland disregarded his own safety, exposed himself to rocket barrage as he left his covered position to administer first aid to his wounded comrades. He then assisted them in moving the injured personnel to covered positions. Cleland's gallant action is in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army."

How lucky for Cleland . . .

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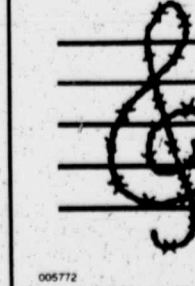
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'Flight Lesson' probes one woman's past relationships

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BOOK REVIEW
PAT WILLIAMS

Years before, she had found her father and her mother's sister Rose in a loving embrace. Anna's immediate reaction was anger at what she perceived as her father's unfaithfulness, as well as a breach of faith on the part of her favorite aunt. Anna felt no excuse could explain the actions of two people she felt should have loved and protected her.

As years passed, Anna learned to steel herself against any outward show of anger, but she never lost the hard feelings in her heart, and she promised herself never to forget.

Now, 16 years later, Anna again walks in on a provocative scene between her husband and best friend, involved in a romantic situation. The old feelings of hurt, anger, and betrayal return in stronger doses this time, compounded by the fact there is no one for her to turn to for solace. Her father and mother are dead,

and the years of estrangement from her aunt have left their relationship without substance.

Aunt Iris, Anna's younger aunt, brings word to her that a family member needs her help. Rose has been managing successfully the family restaurant for years, but in recent months has fallen on hard times. Anna is the only answer to this predicament. Not only is she familiar with the restaurant from the years she worked there, she also is a successful business woman with innovative ideas and managerial qualities.

Family loyalty runs deep in Anna's soul and she reluctantly agrees to return home to save the business, but vows she will stay only long enough to correct the problem. She is not willing to rekindle loving ties or obligations. As Anna tentatively rejoins the community, she reunites with old friends and is forced to learn ways of working in situations she has feared and avoided for so long. One new acquaintance, Mason, comes into Anna's life with a complex personal past of his own, causing her to examine feelings and beliefs she has held so strongly.

The story line continues investigating and untangling relationships gone awry, and follows the characters working on their own

personal development as they learn to support those with whom they have disagreed so violently in the past. "Flying Lessons" is Patricia Gaffney's third novel (a fourth is to be published in 2004). This tale follows Gaffney's pattern of probing women's relationships based on past history. She weaves a well-plotted story line, but in this current novel her characters seem one dimensional.

Even though there is always the underlying issue of family allegiance, these women, especially Anna and Rose, are repetitively stubborn in situations where this quality is either boring or out-of-character. Anna's romantic interest in Mason is developed with many aspects of their relationship undefined. His physical defects seem to be created to give him something unique and pathetic, but neither his nor Anna's feelings about these physical differences are fully explored. This omission made the characters' decisions seem to be created to fulfill a plot outline.

After reading the book, a discussion concerning the title and its meaning to the story would be very interesting. Gaffney certainly left many options open to the reader's imagination. Reading "Flying Lessons" can offer an opportunity to

do a bit of self-analysis. "Flight Lessons," by Patricia Gaffney, Harper Torch, New York, New York, 2003. A former educator, Pat Williams is a previous resident of Big Spring and contributes this column.

House speaker hires defense attorney, turns over documents

By APRIL CASTRO
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN—House Speaker Tom Craddick has hired a defense attorney and agreed to turn over to the Travis County district attorney's office documents related to his quest for the speakership and fund-raising efforts. The move came two days after Craddick said he would not make the documents public. Prominent criminal defense attorney Roy Minton said Thursday he had been hired by Craddick, R-Midland.

"There was a summons issued for him to come up with the pledge cards he received and other documents and he will cooperate completely and comply with the district attorney's office," Minton said.

Gregg Cox of the prosecutor's public integrity unit said his office is investigating alleged violations of state law regarding ethics issues of House speaker candidates. "I can't comment on who or anything like that, but with allegations this serious and this important, I think it's our duty to at least look into it," Cox said. "I'm not saying a crime occurred but it's our duty to at least investigate and determine if a crime occurred." Cox said that others had been subpoenaed in the case, but he would not release their names.

District Attorney Ronnie Earle's office is investigating Craddick's link to the political action committee Texans for a Republican Majority, which was created by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugarland, and is also under investigation.

Craddick spokesman Bob Richter said then-speaker candidate Craddick distributed checks from the DeLay group to Republican candidates for the Legislature, but the checks were from Texans for a Republican Majority and Craddick did not expect anything in return. State law bans any candidate for speaker from soliciting a vote in exchange for money.

"I am satisfied that I, and all other candidates for Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 78th Legislature, conducted our races appropriately, and I

am happy to have helped elect a Republican majority, as I have tried to do since I was first elected to the House in 1968," Craddick said in a statement.

Campaigns for People and Public Citizen, two non-profit watchdog groups, said Tuesday that Craddick should voluntarily make public all speaker pledge cards and related communications and documentation of his activities on behalf of the political action committee.

Craig McDonald, director of Texans for Public Justice, called the summons a "welcome development. Texans have the right to know the extent to which Representative Craddick may have participated in questionable or illegal campaign activities — activities which served as a springboard to the speaker's job," McDonald said.

The 2002 legislative races gave Republicans a majority in the Texas Legislature. Craddick's subsequent election to speaker by members of the House made him the first Republican in the post since Reconstruction.

Republicans used their majority to leverage a

Congressional redistricting measure, which is expected to boost GOP numbers in Washington. The investigation was spawned from a separate one in the Texas Association of Business' use of corporate dollars to buy ads during the election.

"Now it has become public that then speaker-candidate Craddick may have been involved in some of the activities with TRMPAC, with some of this passing out of checks and so forth," Cox said. "It's not the same investigation, but it's coming out of the same set of events."

In another branch of the TRMPAC, the group allegedly sent \$190,000 in corporate donations to the Republican National Committee weeks before that organization doled out the same amount to seven candidates in Texas House races.

It is illegal in Texas to use corporate money in political races. Some open-government advocates say the political action committee Texans for a Republican Majority may have been trying to evade those restrictions by funneling the money through the national committee.

Appeals court to hear arguments to reopen the Roe v. Wade case

By LISA FALKENBERG
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS—The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has agreed to hear oral arguments on a motion to reconsider the U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion 31 years ago.

Norma McCorvey, the former plaintiff known as "Jane Roe" in Roe v. Wade who now actively opposes abortion, filed the motion in June seeking to have the 1973 decision overturned. She said her request is based on decades of scientific and anecdotal evidence showing abortions are psychologically harmful to women.

A federal district court threw out her request days after it was filed, saying it wasn't made within a "reasonable time." But the New Orleans-based appeals court has agreed to hear McCorvey's arguments March 2.

McCorvey said from her Dallas home Thursday that she is heartened by the decision.

"It's something that I've wanted ever since day one, and it's happening," McCorvey, 56, said of overturning Roe v. Wade.

"This will be a lifetime dream come true for me that children will no longer be slaughtered from out of their mothers' wombs."

Sarah Weddington, the abortion rights activist and attorney who originally represented McCorvey, said she is stunned the appeals court would hear arguments on

such a "quixotic" motion. "I was flabbergasted because I think the lower court judge made a ruling that every law professor and almost all lawyers would say, 'Of course!'" Weddington said. "At some point, a case has to be over."

Weddington said she does not perceive McCorvey's motion as a threat to abortion rights. She said McCorvey's change of heart on abortion has no bearing on the rights of all other women affected by the class-action lawsuit.

Dallas County District Attorney Bill Hill, the successor of the late Henry Wade who was named in the original lawsuit, has not filed a response to McCorvey's appeal. That may put the appeals court in the unusual position of hearing arguments from only one side.

Hill's office has argued that he is not the proper party in the issue.

His predecessor, Wade, was named in the original lawsuit because he was charged with enforcing the Texas law that prevented McCorvey from having an abortion.

Because there is no longer such a state law, Hill has no authority to prosecute and should not be sued, said Dolena Westergard, a Dallas assistant district attorney representing Hill in the case.

"It's a historical accident that he should even be involved now. It's the office being named, not the man," Westergard said. "It's an awkward position at this

point because there's no statute on the books for him to support or enforce, and there hasn't been for 30 years."

Westergard said she doesn't believe Hill's absence at the hearing will affect the court's decision.

"The legal issues are quite simple," she said. "They're quite capable of deciding it without the input from lawyers."

More than 20 Texas law school professors concerned about an unbalanced hearing filed a brief Wednesday requesting to be allowed to argue the other side of the case.

"It's important that the court hear from somebody representing the position that the district court took, which I think is clearly right," said David Schenck, a lawyer representing the professors.

Schenck said he was surprised the court agreed to hear McCorvey's arguments in a case that he believes is closed.

"At this point, the case is moot, and she's presenting at best a political question," Schenck said.

The appeals panel could rule a number of ways. It could grant her request to reopen Roe v. Wade and order the lower court to hold a hearing on the evidence, Schenck said, or it could affirm the lower court decision to dismiss McCorvey's request.

If that happens, McCorvey said she would take her motion to the Supreme Court, which would decide whether to hear it.

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Relive the fun movie palace in the First Presbytery of Big Spring presents the Movies w MacDonald.
MacDonald and director at the First Presbytery Church of Fort Worth, will lead singing-alongs accompanied by two 15-minute silent comedies - "Liberty and "Habeas Corpus" Laurel and Hardy
The movies will be at 7 p.m. Sunday. Everyone is invited.
MacDonald, a

Coahoma United Methodist Church
Located at 40 Coahoma United Church Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Service at 11 a.m. Service is a time of worship with Christians churches, with nature, singing and studied. Richard Taylor at St. Luke Midland, will bring a time of follow worship. available for anyone.

First Assembly of God
Pastor R. T. I speak in the 10:45 Sunday on the "Restoration" taken from Jeremiah 33. The 6 p.m. service "Singspiration"

Make Today Your Life-Changing Day...

"Nothing Is More Important Than This Day." -Goethe

Advanced Health Sciences presents
The Completely Up-Dated for 2004 Seminar:

"LOSE WEIGHT NOW!"

NO Counting of Carbs, Calories or Fat Grams,
NO Fad Diets
NO Impossible Diets, **NO** Weekly Meetings,
NO Starvation...

Hundreds of Thousands of People Discovered This Secret. Now You Can Too.



Look at all the REAL food! These are the foods you love that you can still eat, if you want to, enjoy and lose weight with the AHS Method!

CAN JUST ONE SEMINAR CHANGE YOUR WEIGHT, BODY, HEALTH, -YOUR LIFE?

Good news! The one-of-a-kind Advanced Health Sciences Weight Loss Method-LOSE WEIGHT NOW! Seminar is coming to your city and you can join the more than 250,000 people to experience 2-1/2 hours that can change your life! HOW CAN YOU KNOW IF THIS METHOD WILL WORK FOR YOU?

Many of the most successful people with the Advanced Health Sciences Method have had at least 2 of these 6 symptoms of "weight loss resistance syndrome" - how many will you answer yes to?

1. Are you a yo-yo dieter?
2. Have you tried more than 3 diets in the past 2 years?
3. Are you sometimes able to lose weight but never the "fat roll"?
4. Do you eat or snack even when you're not really hungry?
5. Are you unable to control cravings for junk food or sweets?
6. Do you have mid-afternoon energy crashes - and fix them with soda or candy?

*Weight Loss Resistance Syndrome is not a medical term, but a convenient way to describe and understand the habits, behaviors, and experiences of people who find it exceptionally difficult to lose weight.

If you answered yes to 2 or more, you may expect breakthrough success with the AHS Method that you've never before experienced and never would experience with ordinary diets or diet products.

REASONS MANY SUCCESSFUL "LOSE WEIGHT NOW! SEMINAR" ATTENDEES CAME TO THE SEMINAR?

See how many of these you can identify with!

"I had snacks in my desk at work, candy in my dresser drawers at home. I would be good for a day or two, then secretly binge on junk, then feel guilty. I had doubts about a single seminar helping me, but I just couldn't stand feeling so bad about myself anymore." If you EAT IN SECRET THEN FEEL GUILTY - ending this behavior and ENDING GUILT AND SHAME is a frequent reason people come to our Seminar.

"I was embarrassed by my appearance. I couldn't find any nice clothes to wear. I was always wondering what people were saying about me behind my back. I undressed in the dark, even avoided sex with my husband. I tried diet after diet but couldn't stick to any of them." NO DIET ADDRESSES THE "WEIGHT LOSS RESISTANCE SYNDROME" controlled by your subconscious mind in the ways we do at Advanced Health Sciences!

HERE'S THE "LOSE WEIGHT NOW! SEMINAR" SECRET THAT ALL THESE FAD DIET PROMOTERS, HOPE YOU NEVER DISCOVER

This 'secret' puts 'em all right out of business - and frankly, they've been taking advantage of you! They should be ashamed of themselves. They hype on new diet book after another. Well, this 'secret' is NOT another impossible diet, and lets you eat real foods you like, like a human being. At the Seminar, we give you suggestions to "install" new programming into your awesomely powerful subconscious mind that naturally, effortlessly reduces your appetite, creates desire for healthier food, ends uncontrollable cravings, stops binge eating...for you, so no conscious, teeth-gritted willpower required.

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Here are FACTS --- FACTS: --- about hypnosis, that prove you have nothing to fear, everything to gain: hypnosis was approved by the American Medical Association way back in 1958, 46 years ago. It's taught at Harvard University, Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, other colleges and medical schools. Hypnosis is NOT dangerous. It naturally allows positive suggestions to be installed for you in your own subconscious mind, but a hypnotized person can NEVER be made to do anything they don't want to do. At the Seminar, you are NOT singled out or brought to the front of the room; the entire group has a fascinating, unique hypnosis experience that works to eliminate the "weight loss resistance syndrome" and finally lets you lose weight as you desire!

YOU MUST GIVE UP ON 'DIETS' ONCE AND FOR ALL, AND LET THE ADVANCED HEALTH SCIENCES METHOD WORK FOR YOU

Haven't you already tried enough diets to know - diets do not work. Fact: 98% of all dieters FAIL. If diets worked, there'd be just one. If you've tried them and given up, you can stop feeling like a failure. It's not your fault. These cruel hoaxes are certain to fail. Yes, they ALL work "on paper", mathematically. ANY way you reduce

calories and/or fat and/or carbs dramatically will cause weight loss. HARDLY ANY HUMAN BEING CAN STICK TO ANY OF THESE COMPLICATED, UNPLEASANT, IMPRACTICAL RULES FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME, and the diet hesters know it. Do you know anyone who lost weight with the Gadgets? Belly-rollers, thigh fluffers, rocking chairs, many just wind up in garage sales.

The definition of INSANITY is doing the same things over and over again, yet hoping for different results!!! Stop doing the same things - another diet, another gadget. DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. The Advanced Health Sciences Method is that "something different"! This is a COMPLETE and balanced approach: behavior modification and enhanced self-control through AHS Method Hypnosis, important nutritional education, even optional nutritional products that safely and naturally can boost metabolism, stop cravings, and accelerate weight loss. (Recommended nutritional products available but not required).

WHAT - EXACTLY - HAPPENS AT THE FAMOUS "LOSE WEIGHT NOW! SEMINAR"?



In just 2-1/2 hours your life can change forever. You will have an interesting, exciting experience you'll never forget and will be telling your friends about. You will learn many amazing facts about weight loss, nutrition, and health. You will also have an on-the-spot hypnosis experience, which focuses on "switching off" for you your "weight loss resistance syndrome" and "installing" subconscious suggestions.

QUESTION: Will I be asleep or unconscious or do anything strange while under hypnosis? No, not at all. You will be awake and aware of what's happening, because hypnosis is a form of super-concentrated attention, not a loss of control. You will know when you are experiencing hypnosis, you'll feel wonderfully relaxed yet mentally aware and able to accept and concentrate on helpful, powerful weight loss suggestions without effort. QUESTION: What if I can't be hypnotized? Harvard Medical School says probably everyone can be hypnotized. Incidentally, people with high IQ's and intelligence are good hypnosis subjects because they can concentrate. Being hypnotizable is not a sign of low intelligence or weakness, or anything negative at all.

WHAT IS WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORTED BY AHS METHOD-HYPNOSIS LIKE?

Here's what you can experience after the Seminar: no hunger pangs, no cravings. A surprising preference for healthier foods. A natural and effortlessly changing of your habits. The AHS Method aims at interrupting your "conditioned responses" for you, no willpower needed. The mind controls the body. You can lose weight without feeling deprived. You can feel full and satisfied yet eat less.

QUESTION: I'm on a diet - I believe in - can the AHS Method help? Absolutely yes. According to analysis of 5 weight loss studies conducted by the University of Connecticut, hypnosis can DOUBLE THE EFFECTIVENESS of other weight loss approaches. We mention this solely as an illustration of the power of hypnosis. Our program is different and done as a group and of course your results will vary.

SAVE MONEY-With the AHS Method, you eat regular supermarket and restaurant food. Other hypnosis-based weight loss methods offer individual programs costing more than \$1,000.00 total. Instead, just our one 2-1/2 hour Seminar gives you everything you need! NO weekly meetings to attend (or miss) and feel guilty about...NO embarrassing weigh-ins...NO tasteless, costly, pre-packed meals to buy...NO meal skipping.

OUR AMAZING RISK-FREE GUARANTEE

We give you this TOTAL SATISFACTION GUARANTEE: If, at end of the Seminar, you are not completely convinced you are going to lose weight (without cravings, anxiety, complex diets) and you aren't excited about using the AHS Method, you may simply ask for and receive 100% OF YOUR MONEY BACK. --PROOF, PROOF, PROOF. Over 250,000 people have already attended this Seminar, many coming back a 2nd time to bring their loved ones, friends and co-workers - because it works! Most popular diets are "hot" for only 6 months to a year at most, but this program is in its 12th year!

FREE TAKE-HOME BONUS: Your own hypnosis for weight loss Power Reinforcement Audio Tape or CD (a \$19 to \$39 value by itself).

Advanced Health Sciences presents, the Completely Up-Dated for 2004 Seminar:

"STOP SMOKING NOW!"



NO Anxiety, **NO** Nervousness, **NO** Irritability,
NO Weight Gain...**NO** Patches or Drugs
Hundreds of Thousands of Smokers Have Chosen This Program - Now You Can Too.

Aren't you Sick and Tired of being THE SOCIAL OUTCAST????

At work, you are shoved outdoors, to huddle in the parking lot on your breaks, with the outcast smokers. At the airport, locked inside a plexiglass box with the smokers. At restaurants, shoved into the small Smoking Section by the kitchen doors. Pointed at. Disliked. Even at friends' homes, sneaking a smoke in the bathroom with window open, exhaust fan on. This is no way to live! Don't stay mad about it. Save your health, save your life, change your life by becoming a NON-smoker now.

INCREDIBLY, THERE IS ONE SEMINAR TURNING LIFELONG SMOKERS INTO HEALTHIER, HAPPIER, AMAZED AND PROUD NON-SMOKERS

Good news! The one-of-a-kind AHS Stop-Smoking Seminar is coming to your city and you can join the hundreds of thousands of people to experience 2-1/2 hours that can change your life forever!

HOW CAN YOU KNOW IF THE AHS METHOD CAN WORK FOR YOU?

Many of the most successful people with the AHS Method have at least 2 of these 6 characteristics of "Stop Smoking Resistance Syndrome" - how many will you answer yes to?

1. Do you automatically, almost subconsciously reach for a cigarette after every meal or with every cup of coffee or at other, certain times?
2. If you've tried to quit, have you started piling on weight?
3. If you've tried to quit before, have you gotten irritable, anxious, nervous, "the shakes" craving pangs?
4. Do you feel a need for tobacco and nicotine?
5. Have you smoked every day for 5 years or longer?
6. Do you believe having a cigarette helps you relax?
7. Have you tried patches, "fake" substitute cigarettes or "cold turkey" quitting and been disappointed and frustrated?

"Stop Smoking Resistance Syndrome is not a medical term, but a convenient way to describe and understand the habits, behaviors and experiences of people who find it exceptionally difficult to stop smoking.

If you answered yes to 2 or more, you may expect breakthrough success with the AHS Method that you've never before experienced and never would experience with any other means of stopping. Why? Because your very own subconscious mind can be working against you, actually preventing you from becoming a non-smoker. Please, join the hundreds of thousands of people, so many just like you, who have come to our Seminars to overcome their Stop Smoking Resistance Syndrome.

PROOF YOU CAN QUIT, TOO-LOOK WHO HAS QUIT SMOKING, THE AHS SEMINARS WAY!

Dental Hygienists, Office Managers, USPS Workers, Programmers, Assistants, Factory Workers, Professionals, Cashiers, Young, old, men, women, couples together. Here are few of their comments:

"I recommend it to all my smoker friends, even my Doctor is recommending it as an alternative to the

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Patch. Thank you. -Karen Reed, Registered Nurse, Massachusetts

I quit with this program. My daughter's very happy and proud of me. Holly Averitt



HERE'S THE AHS STOP-SMOKING SECRET

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Use your powerful subconscious mind to keep you from falling back your into old habits, to see yourself as a NON-smoker, give you confidence, and keep you relaxed. You will also be given simple, easy self-hypnosis reinforcement techniques you can use at home, should you ever need them. The AHS Method is also a FULLY INTEGRATED SYSTEM, combining hypnosis, self-hypnosis, relaxing guided imagery with vitally important nutrition information and strategies designed to reduce smoking cravings, help normalize the function of your lungs, so you do NOT crave junk food, and do NOT pile on pounds when you stop smoking! Use all the strategies for a synergistic effect or rely on the hypnosis alone. It's up to you.

NOW THAT YOU CAN QUIT - HERE'S WHY YOU MUST!

FOR YOU: What happens to you when you stop smoking thanks to this Seminar? WITHIN 20 MINUTES of your last cigarette, your blood pressure drops to normal. WITHIN 24 HOURS, your heart attack risks go down. WITHIN 48 HOURS, smell improves, so you enjoy everything from the smell of freshly cleaned

clothes to the smell of flowers. WITHIN JUST TWO WEEKS to 90 days, circulation improves, and lung function increases up to 30%. And it goes on and on. You'll add years to your life and beauty to your skin for every cigarette you don't smoke. YOU FEEL BETTER when you rise in the morning and all day long. You know smoking is like consuming poison. The tobacco companies were finally forced to admit it. You don't eat rat poison. YOU NEED to stop smoking.

FOR YOUR CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN. Nearly one in five non-smokers who still get lung cancer grew up in homes with parents who smoked. Lung cancer risk for the children doubles when both parents smoke. Secondhand smoke danger is real, and causes as many as 50,000 deaths a year. Your smoking today can put your kids through the hell of lung cancer and agonizing, early death while you are still alive to watch it happen. Further, the example you set speaks loudest. Show your kids or grandkids that you have the character and good sense not to light up and inhale poison!

FOR YOUR FINANCES. If you smoke 2 packs a day, you burn up over \$2,300.00 a year, with interest over \$136,000.00 in 20 years. Instead, pay off your home mortgage faster, or take your family on a great vacation, or contribute to your kids' college education. Just the one evening at the AHS Stop-Smoking Seminars can be worth over \$100,000.00 cash to you!!!

WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENS AT THE AHS SEMINAR, THAT MAKES YOU A NON-SMOKER?

In 2 1/2 hours, your life can change forever! You will have an interesting, exciting, one of a kind experience you'll never forget and will be telling your friends about it. You have an on-the-spot hypnosis experience, during which you will be given suggestions to overcome your "stop smoking difficulties" imbedded in your subconscious. QUESTION: Will I be asleep or unconscious or do anything strange while under hypnosis? No, not at all. You will be awake and aware of what's happening, because, actually, hypnosis is a form of super-concentrated attention, not a loss of control. You'll feel wonderfully relaxed yet mentally aware and able to accept and concentrate on helpful, powerful stop smoking suggestions without effort. PICTURE YOURSELF- enjoying the compliments of amazed family and friends. SEE YOURSELF-finally free of this nasty, smelly, dirty, costly habit, feeling younger, sexier, more confident. IMAGINE YOURSELF-brimming with newfound energy!

If You've Tried To Quit And Been Unable To Do So- you may be VERY skeptical and doubtful that this Seminar can be all we promise and can really help you. That's perfectly okay. Come as a "doubting Thomas", leave a non-smoker, or leave with all your money back in your pocket.

HERE'S OUR AMAZING money back guarantee we've offered to over 200,000 people so far and give to you, so you can come to this seminar confident that you, too can be a non-smoker...

Whether you smoke 1 or 4 packs a day, whether you've smoked for 5 years or 50, you will eagerly, cheerfully, confidently throw away your cancer sticks before you walk out the door at the end of this Seminar! You go home a NON-smoker. If, by Seminar's end, you do not feel and know this is true, and you are, in any way, disappointed with this Seminar, you may simply ask for and receive all your MONEY BACK before you leave!

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Church News

First Presbyterian to present 'Night at the Movies' Sunday

HERALD staff report

Relive the fun of going to a movie palace in the 1920s as the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring presents Night at the Movies with Robert MacDonald.



MACDONALD

MacDonald, organist and choir director at the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth, will lead the sing-alongs and accompany two 20-minute silent comedies — "Liberty" and "Habeas Corpus" with Laurel and Hardy.

The movies will be presented at 7 p.m. Sunday at the church. Everyone is invited.

MacDonald, a native of

Massachusetts, spent 20 years in the New York City area, serving at various churches. In 1979, he resigned as director of music at The Interchurch Center to become a staff organist at Radio City Music Hall.

His career in music has been primarily for the church. However, he has also served as a teacher of piano and organ, a public school vocal teacher, director of music for little theater productions, a supper club entertainer and much, much more.

As a concert artist, he has played throughout the United States. A life-long member of the American Guild of Organists, he holds an associate degree with that organization and is a former dean of its New York City chapter.

special auctioneers Bubba and Jethro. A reception will be held in the north foyer of the church after evening worship to formally welcome youth minister Chris Tucker and his wife, Sandy.

Youth, next weekend is Disciple Now Weekend. Call the church office, 267-8222, for more information concerning this or any other program at First Baptist Church.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on the text Luke 9:28-36 (37-43) at the worship service beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten is held at 10:35 a.m.

Sunday at 7 p.m., there is a "Night at the Movies." Robert MacDonald, organist, leads in fun sing-alongs and accompanies two 20-minute silent movies, "Liberty" and "Habeas Corpus," with Laurel and Hardy.

MacDonald served as organist at Riverside Church in New York City. He also served as organist at Radio City Music Hall for a number of years. He is director of music at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth.

Other opportunities for the week include Imposition of Ashes at 7 p.m. on Feb. 25. Rev. Miles will begin a Lenten study on the Great Ends of the Church at 6 p.m. on Feb. 29 in the church library.

It will be a six-week study to be finished by Holy Week. Everyone is always welcome at First Presbyterian Church, located at Runnels between Seventh and Eighth.

Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

"By God's Design, Connected at the Heart" is the theme of the first annual "marriage ministry" conference to be held at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church,

today at 7 p.m. Two sessions will be held on Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided. All are invited to attend the conference and church services.

Michael B. Willard, is pastor of the church. Mt. Bethel is located at 630 Sgt. Paredez Street in Big Spring. For more information, call 263-8644.

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 Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have its monthly meeting and breakfast Saturday, starting at 8 a.m. in the chapel.

There will be a Mardi Gras Party with the traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Feb. 24 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Members of The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will cook.

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 25. Lent begins with the Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 7 a.m. in the chapel, and at noon and 7 p.m. in the church.

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:30 p.m. in the church. Both the traditional version of the Stations and the more modern Everyones Way of the Cross will be used.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201, or visit the Web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at the corner of 10th and South Goliad.

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist

A warm welcome is extended to all to come and worship with the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 201 East 24th St. Worship services are held at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. each Sunday. Elder David Machiavello, pastor, will speak from Matthew 5:7 on "Blessed Are the Merciful."

Bible study is held at 7 p.m. each Wednesday where the study continues on the use of musical instruments in the New Testament church. Anyone wanting more information may call the pastor at 267-6543 or 267-7558.

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Coahoma United Methodist Church

Located at 401 N. Main, Coahoma United Methodist Church Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday service at 11 a.m. Sunday at 6 p.m. is a time of worshipping God with Christians from other churches, with prayer, scripture, singing and God's word studied. Richard Edwards, pastor at St. Luke's UMC in Midland, will bring the message. A time of fellowship will follow worship. A nursery is available for anyone who needs it.

vice will be special music and worship.

Each Wednesday night service begins at 7 p.m. and is family night with Royal Rangers, a special program for boys of all ages, and Missionettes, a program for girls of all ages. Adults meet in the main auditorium for Bible study.

All are invited to these services each week at First Assembly, located at Fourth and Lancaster.

First Baptist Church

In addition to our regularly scheduled activities Sunday, there will be a fund-raising luncheon in the Family Life Center immediately following the morning service. Proceeds from this luncheon will assist our Royal Ambassadors in their summer camp expenses. There will be a "Hillbilly Dessert Auction" after the meal with

First Assembly of God

Pastor R. T. Havener will speak in the 10:40 a.m. service Sunday on the subject, "Restoration and Revival," taken from Jeremiah Chapter 33. The 6 p.m. service will be a "Singspiration." The entire ser-

Fat Tuesday pancake supper to aid St. Paul Lutheran youth

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Fat Tuesday is Mardi Gras, the festival for which New Orleans is famous. "Gras" is French for fat and "Mardi" is French for Tuesday. The annual festivities begin on Jan. 6, the Twelfth Night Feast of the Epiphany, when the three kings are visited with the Christ child, and build to a climax on Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, which always occurs on the day before Ash

Wednesday.

Parties and parades continue until Lent begins at the stroke of midnight on Tuesday.

Free will proceeds from the pancake supper will benefit St. Paul youth attending the 2004 National Youth Gathering in Orlando in July.

A special Ash Wednesday service is also planned on the 25th at 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to participate. St. Paul Lutheran Church is located at 810 Scurry.

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Man has spent 70-plus years carving images

Life's woodwork

ALLISON KENNEDY
Knight Ridder Newspapers

COLUMBUS, Ga. — They brighten his house, like a bouquet of flowers in an otherwise plain setting.

Several cover a table. One graces the mantle, another stretches across the front of the hearth.

They are inspired, each with a story behind it — usually a made-up story from their creator, easy to believe.

They are the woodworkings of John Blaker Herod, a 92-year-old Columbus resident and member of Wynnton United Methodist Church who's lived through enough events to create several lifetimes. The Depression, for one. World War II. Raising four children. Various homes and jobs all over the country.

Yet for the past 73 years or so, a consistent activity in Herod's life has been woodworking and painting.

"I pick at it," Herod said. His vast collection says more.

He stumbled on his avocation. During the Depression, he was looking for work in Morgantown, W.Va.

The city was opening a playground and needed a supervisor. But the job required a person who had a craft. Someone suggested he carve something out of soap. He aimed higher. "I got me some wood," he said. He got the job and eventually received his undergraduate degree from West Virginia University in Morgantown. But not before he served in the Army in World War II.

He was whittling on a piece of wood, in fact, when a typhoon hit Okinawa in 1946. It blew his tent away, as well as his carving, which he later recovered in the mud. He still has it — a person coming to life out of a block of wood but not yet completed. He's never finished that one and doesn't intend to.

Then there's a woman holding a baby in one arm and an empty bowl in another. That piece is inspired by a Vietnamese person he's never met, but only imagined. During that war, he envisioned a hungry mother and baby in need, so he created them.

A theme runs through most of Herod's work: the human struggle.

A slight mountain woman.

Four faces of the same person, titled "Who Am I?" which he says represents the masks people wear.

A game of tug-o-war, four people on each side of one long block of wood.

A black man and a white man helping each other lift a log.

"I'm somewhat of a religious man," said Herod, once a seminary student, "and I try to express things as I feel."

He carves in most all types of wood but prefers walnut because of its durability.

One of his four children, his only son, remembers his father's hands busy at work when he was growing up.

"Whenever he had a chance, he had a carving going," said Blaker "Blake" Herod Jr., who works construction in San Rafael, Calif. "I remember he helped us with our coloring books and the shading."

Blake got the gift too. He sculpts and has a graduate degree from a Philadelphia art school. "It's hard growing up with a father so talented," he said, half in jest.

His father's art, he figures, helps keep him sharp and young at heart. "I think it's given him a full picture of life. He's always thinking," the son said.

Herod Sr. doesn't charge for his craft. Never has. He says the price tag he'd place on anything wouldn't seem fair, so he gives it all away. "My kids have as much as this," he said, showing his art displayed around his Columbus



John Blaker Herod, 92, shows his wood carvings in Columbus, Georgia, in January 2004.

home.

He's given his church three large wooden panels that tell the Christian story. Another project he completed recently was for PineEden Retreat Center in Harris County. He made a detailed cross as well as deep etchings into the nondenominational center's chapel doors. He's also given his wares to other congregations around the country.

Herod couldn't tell you how long each project takes. Sometimes a month, sometimes longer. Usually he doesn't face a deadline, so he dabbles in the hobby as he feels inspired. His garage bears testament to his work. Wood pieces lie around like inanimate toys, waiting to come to life by this modern-day Gepetto.

Herod's wife, Thelma Dawson, inherited all this when she married him seven years ago. Their

love story was about 75 years in the making, roughly the same time Herod has been carving. When both lived in West Virginia, Dawson was engaged to another man. But Herod, headed to war, gave her his college class ring anyway. He figured he had a shot at her heart, too.

She had it all those years. When she found the ring again, she tracked him down to California. Herod had

been living in a retirement community in Santa Rosa, near San Francisco.

She simply thought he might want the ring back. Both are widowed, Dawson with three grown children of her own. They have four grandchildren between them.

Monday was their anniversary, and the two act like newlyweds. She apologizes to him when she thinks she's hurt his feelings.

She brags on his carv-

ing abilities, his singing and talent for recitation. Once involved in theater, Herod can recall entire passages from plays, as well as poems. On a recent rainy morning, Thelma asked him to recite a poem by James Weldon Johnson called "God's Trombone." He obliged.

"It's just rote, you see," he said modestly. The Rev. Glenn Martin, their pastor, has heard Herod recite lines for 30 minutes at a stretch.

After singing in his church's 2003 Christmas cantata, he hung up his choir robe because of the long periods of standing required, plus maneuvering the stairs to the loft had become too trying. Bad knees, he explained. A sledding accident in West Virginia when he was a high school senior left him with a broken leg. A friend, also on the sled, was killed.

"That really started it," he said of his art. "I was laid up for months and started sketching."

He paints in oils. That work — mostly nature scenes — covers the couple's walls. His son said his father's favorite sketching spot is on the California coast near Modesto, where a mass of cliffs meets the ocean. "He would go out there and practice his voice," Herod Jr. said.

"He sings here every day and he's a great dancer," Dawson said, followed by a brief pause. "You're supposed to say, 'You're a great dancer, too,'" she chides.

Sometimes she'll tell him that one of his completed projects has a splinter in it, but he won't smooth it down.

"He'll say, 'I've made my statement,'" she said.

CHURCH

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First United Methodist Church

Irvin and Janet Wenger will speak at both worship services on Sunday and in the Pathmakers' Sunday School class. The Wengers have been serving as missionaries in Guatemala.

Sunday school begins at 9:45, and worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

A Joint Area United Methodist Worship is Sunday at 6 p.m. at Coahoma Methodist Church. Dr. Richard Edwards, pastor of St. Luke's in Midland, will preach. Refreshments will follow.

The deadline to register for "All in the Family," the Leap Day Talent Show, is this Sunday. Talent may include music, drama, dance, comedy, etc. Spiritual is preferred but secular is permitted. The show will be Sunday evening, Feb. 29.

For more information, contact JoAnn Knox, Murray Murphy, or the

church office.

Before the show on Sunday, Feb. 29, the youth will serve an Italian dinner. Put the date on your calendar.

The youth are still selling land shares as a fundraiser for the annual mission trip to Juarez, Mexico. The money goes to help buy materials need for the house, food and gas. The trip is planned for Spring Break

in March.

The youth will also attend a screening of "The Passion of Christ" on Feb. 27 at 5 p.m. There are age restrictions. Call Courtney Johnson to get permission to attend.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry.

For more information on any of the programs, call the church office at 267-6394.

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Wranglers deal Hawks' dreams with early barrage

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

ODESSA — The Howard College Hawks' postseason hopes is now officially on life support.

The Hawks, despite an impressive effort from sophomore Joe Powell, suffered an 87-64 loss to the Odessa College Wranglers Thursday night at the OC Sports Complex and fell one game out of fourth place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings with two regular season outings remain-

ing on the schedule.

Odessa College, sparked by 11 first-half three-point shots, improved to 16-11 for the year and 7-5 in conference play. The loss dropped the Hawks, 14-10 overall and 5-7 in conference, to fifth in the WJCAC standings, one game behind Frank Phillips.

Odessa College didn't waste any time in letting the leather fly. The Wranglers followed the lead of sophomore Ahnel Butler early in the contest and streaked to a commanding 13-4 cushion. Six of the Wranglers first seven

Western Junior College Athletic Conference

Men's Standings	CONF.		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
*Midland College	9	1	20	6
*South Plains	10	2	21	7
Odessa College	7	5	16	11
Frank Phillips	6	6	15	12
Howard College	5	7	14	10
New Mexico JC	4	8	16	11
New Mexico Military	2	8	12	12
Clarendon College	2	8	9	18

shots from the field came from behind the three-point arc.

Powell kept the Hawks close, however. The HC guard knocked down three treys in the first 11

minutes and enabled the Hawks to pull to within 27-20 with 9:15 left in the half.

Odessa posted a 24-22 run over the final nine minutes and took a 51-39 lead into the half.

The Wranglers, who are slated to face NMMI Monday, closed out the contest by scoring a 36-35 margin in the second half.

The Odessa Lady Wranglers completed the two-game sweep earlier in the day by downing the HC women by an 89-51 margin. OC hit 12 three-pointers in the game.

Players rally in support of CU coach

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)

— A half-dozen former Colorado football players defended their suspended coach Thursday, saying he has provided discipline and morality amid accusations that recruits were lured with sex and alcohol.

Standing in front of a crowd of reporters, Scott Nemeth and Rashidi Barnes said the scandal at the school had gotten out of hand.

"We're losing focus here," Barnes said. "We have basketball, track, football and a number of athletes who are being bombarded by the media. They had nothing to do with anything, they don't know anything (and) we need to just let the kids get their education."

Coach Gary Barnett was put on paid leave late Wednesday for criticizing the ability of former player Katie Hnida after she said she had been raped by a teammate in 2000. He called her an "awful" and "terrible" player, comments university officials said were unacceptable given her allegation of sexual assault.

University president Elizabeth Hoffman also said she was dismayed by comments attributed to Barnett in a 2001 police report filed by another woman who said she was raped by a football player.

The report quoted an unidentified woman saying Barnett told her he "would back his player 100 percent" if rape charges were pursued. The woman declined to file charges.

Barnett was suspended amid a growing list of allegations involving the football program, including rape, alcohol-fueled recruiting parties, escort services and strippers.

University officials say Barnett's job status remains uncertain pending the outcome of an investigation.



Melissa Hoch shows her support for the Garden City girls' basketball team by placing cups in the fence to spell out "Lady Kats". Hoch has one of the more unusual outlooks in the area as she is directly connected with two high school playoff teams — Garden City and Grady. A teacher at Grady High School, her daughter Jessica plays for Garden City. Both Garden City and Grady continue their playoff runs today in the area round of the Class A postseason party.

Area squads set to continue their state playoff runs today

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Playoff basketball fans woke this morning and found themselves in hog heaven as there is no shortage of activities on the menu.

In all, four area teams will put their season's hopes on the line today when they square off in crucial matchups throughout West Texas. Among the squads set to play are the Coahoma Bulldogs, the Garden City Lady Kats and the Grady Lady Cats.

The Bulldogs will be looking to wrap up the No. 2 seed in the

Area High School Playoff schedule

The following is a look at the area playoff games slated for today.

Boys	
Coahoma vs. Crane (district playoff)	5 p.m. at Greenwood
Grady vs. Loreo (warm-up game)	4 p.m. in Lubbock

Girls	
Garden City vs. Loreo (Area)	7 p.m. in Brownfield
Grady vs. Spur (Area)	8 p.m. in Post
Whitarral vs. Borden Co.	7 p.m. in Floydada

Class 2A state playoffs today when they face Crane in a District 3-2A play-in game, beginning at 5 p.m. in the Greenwood High School gymnasium. The winner of the matchup will finish second in the loop race and advance to face New Deal in the bi-district round on Tuesday, while the loser

will grab the No. 3 seed and face Lubbock Roosevelt in the opening round.

Crane managed to sneak through the back door earlier this week to tie the Bulldogs for second in the District 3-2A race. Coahoma lost its regular season finale to Colorado City, enabling Crane to tie Bulldogs at 7-3 in loop play.

Crane and Coahoma split their to games this season.

The Garden City Lady Kats and Grady Lady Cats will both be facing area playoff bouts tonight. Garden City, fresh off a 53-20 past-See **PLAYOFFS**, Page 2B

Trade deadline passes without move by Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — Another NBA trading deadline passed Thursday without Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban and general manager/coach Don Nelson making any deals.

It is the second straight year the Mavericks didn't make a roster-altering deal at the last minute. The two years before that, Dallas was involved in deadline-beating trades

that included a combined 15 players, a draft choice and millions of dollars.

This season, the blockbuster trades came before the first game was played.

In August, the Mavericks sent playoff star Nick Van Exel, who came from Denver in a 2002 deadline deal, to Golden State for Antawn Jamison and Danny Fortson. Antoine Walker arrived from Boston mid-

way through training camp, along with Tony Delk, in a deal for Raef LaFrentz, who was came with Van Exel from the Nuggets.

At the trade deadline last season, the Mavericks had the league's 41-12 best record en route to a franchise-record 60 wins. This year, Dallas is 34-20 and in third place in the Midwest Division.

SMU to drop successful track and field team

DALLAS (AP) — An SMU athletics committee Thursday approved a recommendation to drop the school's successful men's track and field program, a move based on gender equity.

"My recommendation is based on our need to focus human and fiscal resources and to continue to distribute them equitably," athletic director Jim Copeland said.

The SMU Board of

Trustees will consider the issue in its meeting Friday, and likely will approve the recommendation by its athletics committee that also includes dropping men's cross country.

IN BRIEF

Little League sign-ups to begin Feb. 21

Registration for the 2004 Big Spring Little League season will be held Saturday at the Big Spring Mall. Registration through the week will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. During the weekend, sign-ups will be from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Children ages 5 through 16 who live within the Big Spring Little League boundaries are eligible to enroll. Registration is required even if the child played previously.

At least one parent or legal guardian must be present and an original or state-certified copy of the child's birth certificate is required. For more information, call Chuck Rosenbaum at 263-1792.

BSCC to hold 4-man scramble on Feb. 28

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a 4-Person Scramble on Feb. 28-29 beginning with a 1 p.m. shotgun start on both days. Entry fee is \$75.

For more information call (432) 267-5354.

Coahoma Little League meeting set

The Coahoma Little League Baseball organization will begin preparations for the upcoming season when it conducts its 2004 league officer elections on Monday.

The election will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

Registration of players for the upcoming season is scheduled to begin in Coahoma on Feb. 28 from noon to 4 p.m. at the junior high.

Bulldogettes to face alumni on Feb. 21

The Coahoma Bulldogettes will begin their 2004 season on Saturday when they square off against the school's past on Alumni Day.

The game, which will feature former CHS stars such as Kenni Kay Buchanan, will start at 2 p.m.

Piston get Wallace in trade with Hawks

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Pistons acquired Rasheed Wallace from Atlanta for a pair of No. 1 picks and four reserves — Bob Sura, Zeljko Rebraca, Lindsey Hunter and Chucky Atkins — in a three-way trade also involving Boston.

The deal also cleared about \$10 million in salary-cap space for the Pistons.

Olympic athletes to be tested for drugs

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Athletes will be tested for the steroid THG at the Athens Olympics this summer, and a test for the banned, performance-enhancing human growth hormone could be ready for the Games.

But International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said none of the athletes will know whether they are being tested for hGH.



Mario Perea and the Howard College Hawks will face the Midland College Chaparrals in WJCAC South play today at noon. The Hawks are 4-0 in conference action.

PLAYOFFS

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ing of the Roby Lady Lions Tuesday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, will face Lorenzo at 7 p.m. in the Brownfield High School gymnasium.

The Lady Kats, now 25-4 for the year, will be facing a Lorenzo squad that finished the regular season as the District 5-A runners-up. The Lady Bulldogs ousted Knox City Tuesday by claiming a 44-31 win.

Lorenzo enters the game sporting a 22-6 mark.

The winner of the Garden City-Lorenzo contest will advance to play the winner of the Stratford-Smyer matchup next week.

For Grady, in the first year under head coach Lin Fink, the playoff road goes to Post for an area showdown with the Spur Spurettes.

The two teams will begin play at 8 p.m. at Post High School. The winner will face either Fort Elliott or Hedley in the second round.

The Lady Cats, led by Kelsey Tubb and freshman Brittany Rivas, head into the game on a high note. The Lady Cats improved to 24-6 Tuesday by pounding out a victory over the fifth-ranked Aspermont Lady Hornets in a bi-district playoff bout played in Westbrook.

The Borden County Lady Coyotes will also be in action. The BCHS girls, 25-6 overall, will face Whitharral beginning at 7 p.m. in Floydada.

The winner of the Borden County-Whitharral bout will face either Channing or Happy in the third round.

The third-ranked Grady Wildcats will make their final pre-playoff tune-up outing today at 4 p.m. when they invade the Rip Griffin Center at Lubbock Christian University to face Lorenzo.

Grady, 29-1 and the District 8-A, Division II champions, will begin their playoff quest Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Post against the Rule Bobcats.

AREA PLAYOFF PAIRINGS
GIRLS
Area Round
CLASS 5A
Region I
Monterey (12, 15-16) vs. Duncanville (W4, 30-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Mabee Complex, Abilene
Mansfield Summit (14, 27-6) vs. Amarillo (W2, 24-4), 6 p.m. Friday, Midwest State, Wichita Falls
Coronado (12, 25-4) vs. Midland Lee (W3, 22-7), 6 p.m. Friday, Lamesa
Cedar Hill (14, 26-8) vs. El Paso Eastwood (W1, 29-2), 7 p.m., Friday, Midland Christian
CLASS 4A
Region I
El Paso Bowie (11, 20-6) vs. Frenship (W4, 25-6), 6 p.m. Friday, Mabee Complex, Abilene
Hereford (12, 20-7) vs. El Paso Riverside (W2, 21-5), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Ector JH, Odessa
Frisco (16, 21-10) vs. North Crowley (W8, 23-6), 6 p.m. Friday, Northwest HS, Justin
Fort Worth Durbin (17, 23-5) vs. Denton Ryan (W6, 20-10), 8 p.m. Friday, Grapevine
El Paso Parkland (12, 19-8) vs. Plainview (W3, 25-2), 4 p.m. Friday, Odessa College Sports Center, Odessa
Leveland (14, 18-11) vs. El Paso Chapin (W1, 19-5), 7 p.m. CST Thursday, Artesia, N.M.
Lewisville Hebron (16, 26-5) vs. Fort Worth Wyatt (W7, 25-3), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Grapevine
Granbury (18, 21-10) vs. Burk Burnett (W5, 20-8), 8 p.m. Friday, Northwest HS, Justin
CLASS 3A
Region I
Tulia (11, 21-7) vs. Kermit (W4, 20-8), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Christian University
Sweetwater (12, 20-6) vs. Muleshoe (W2, 28-5), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Post
Breckenridge (13, 14-16) vs. Godley (W8, 28-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Stephenville
Kenedale (12, 21-10) vs. Ballinger (W6, 25-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Dublin
Perryton (11, 16-12) vs. Snyder (W3, 27-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Hutchinson Center, Plainview
Denver City (13, 13-14) vs. Canyon (W1, 26-2), 7 p.m. Thursday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock
Vernon (15, 25-6) vs. Lake Dallas (W7, 23-7), 8 p.m. Friday, Midwest State, Wichita Falls
Sanger (17, 13-8) vs. Graham (W5, 24-5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Weatherford
CLASS 2A
Region I
Sonora (12, 14-14) vs. Shallowater (W4, 29-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Odessa College Sports Center, Odessa
Tanoka (14, 19-9) vs. Wall (W2, 21-8), 7 p.m. Friday, Stanton
Lockney (15, 19-14) vs. Anson (W8), TBA
Haskell (15, 20-8) vs. Canadian (W5, 25-2), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Childress
Reagan County (12, 26-4) vs. Seagraves (W3, 25-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Midland Greenwood
New Deal (14, 26-4) vs. Alpine (W1, 17-10), 7 p.m. Friday, Andrews
Eastland (18, 26-5) vs. Friona (W5, 23-5), 8 p.m. Friday, Lamesa
CLASS 1A
Division I
Region I
Grover (W1, 19-9) vs. Sudan (W3, 26-4), 7 p.m. Friday, West Texas A&M Events Center, Canyon
Petersburg (W5, 20-10) vs. Hamlin (W7, 27-6), 8 p.m. Friday, Merkel
Stratford (11, 20-6) vs. Smyer (W4, 25-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Caprock Activities Center, Amarillo
Lorenzo (15, 22-6) vs. Garden City (W8, 24-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Brownfield
Division II
Channing (W1, 20-8) vs. Happy (W3, 23-5), 6 p.m. Friday, Tascosa Activities Center, Amarillo
Whitharral (W5, 16-6) vs. Borden County (W7, 25-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Post
Fort Elliott (W2, 28-1) vs. Hedley (W4, 28-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tascosa Activities Center, Amarillo
Spur (W5, 23-5) vs. Grady (17, 23-7), 8 p.m. Friday, Post

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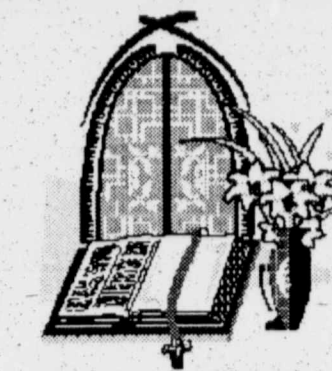
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BIRDIES AND BOGEYS

Thanks, but no thanks

Hands down, the worst golf commercial ever has got to be the McGregor ad featuring a handsome young tour player named Aaron Baddeley in a vintage convertible with three cheerleaders in the back seat cruising around helping frustrated golfers. At every juncture, as the hunk saves the hacks, the cheerleaders bleat out "Baaads." And bad it is.

School daze

The ultimate good news/bad news scenario of the year comes from John Proud, coach of the Punahou School girls' golf team. When he found out that one of his best players will not play on the team this year, Proud responded with: "It would have been good for us not only for her score, but also for the experience for the other girls." The good news was that this star player, Michelle Wie, is eligible to play for the school team; the bad news is she's so busy playing in LPGA and PGA events that the ninth grader doesn't have the time.

Third time a charm?

For the third year in row, Lee Trevino has announced that this will probably be his last full season on the Champions Tour. He was suffering with a bad hip at the Champions Skin Game earlier this month, and it was obvious, especially on side hill lies.



TREVINO

Even though Trevino hits a lot more draws on the Champions Tour than he did on the PGA Tour, his swing is still based on his lower body clearing very aggressively. When his hip acts up, he hits a lot of pulls, which is the last thing a left-to-right player wants in his miss-pattern.

Two of a very few

Jim Thorpe won twice on the Champions Tour last year and earned \$1.8 million (second only to Tom Watson), more than any other black player has ever won on the Champions Tour.

In a recent interview, Thorpe recalled that when he started on the PGA Tour there were about 12 black players on tour and now there is only one — Tiger Woods. He also remarked that he is amazed that there aren't any black players on the LPGA Tour.

It certainly makes you wonder why initiatives to attract more minorities to this great game have been so unsuccessful in producing world-class players. It has got to be that access on a consistent basis is still very limited.

SCHEDULE

PGA TOUR

Nissan Open

- Site: Los Angeles.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
- Course: Riviera Country Club (7,250 yards, par 71).
- Purse: \$4.8 million. Winner's share: \$864,000.
- Television: USA (Thursday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.) and ABC (Saturday, 3-6 p.m.; Sunday, 3-6:30 p.m.).

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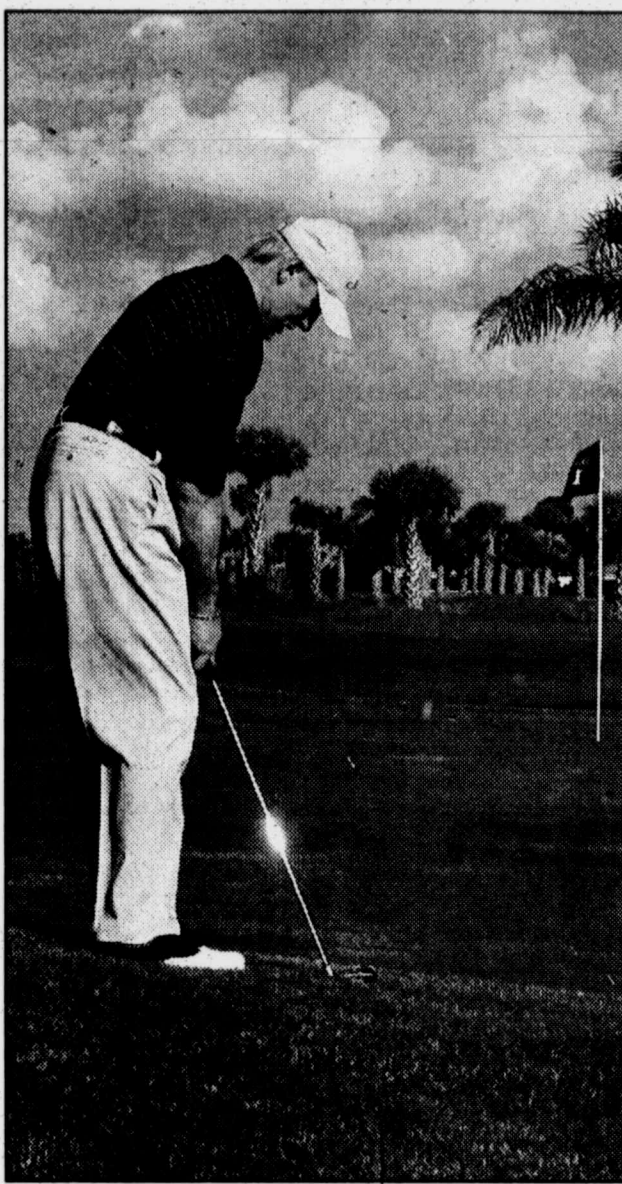
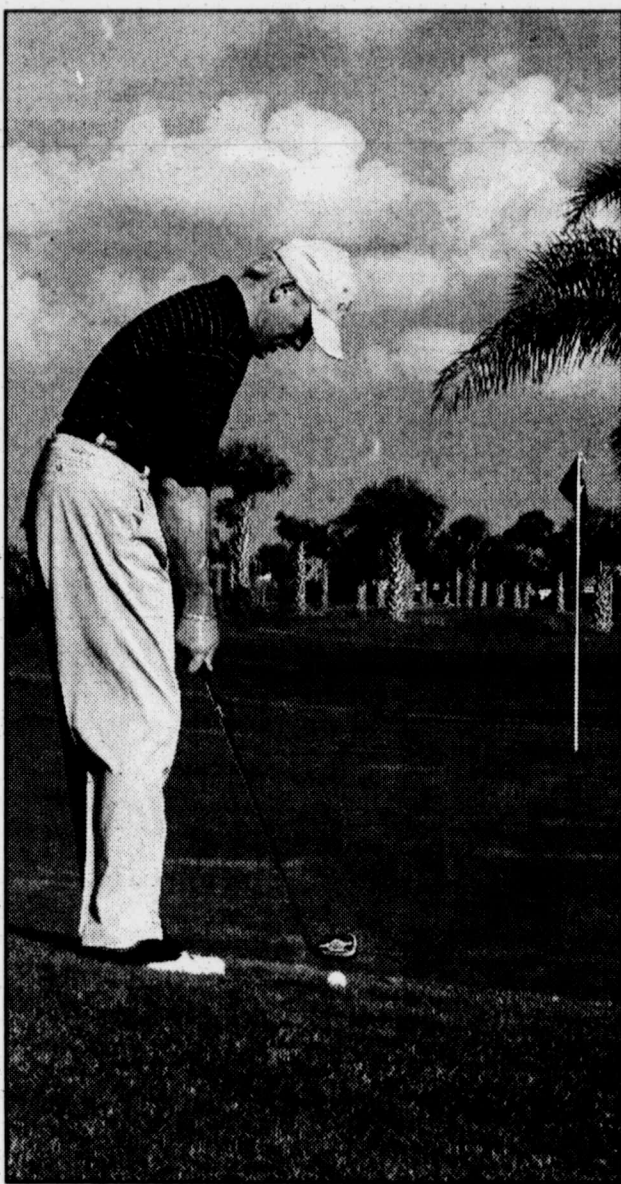
Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am

- Site: Lutz, Fla.
- Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
- Course: TPC of Tampa Bay (6,638 yards, par 71).
- Purse: \$1.6 million. Winner's share: \$240,000.
- Television: The Golf Channel (Friday-Saturday, 1:30-4 p.m., 9-11:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2-4:30 p.m., 9-11:30 p.m.).

LPGA TOUR

- Next event: Welch's/Fry's Championship, March 11-14, Randolph North Golf Complex, Dell Urich Golf Course, Tucson, Ariz.

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



Choosing a club with low loft, such as my 5-iron, above, will help eliminate sidespin by keeping the club head close to the ground (right). Another advantage is that a low-lofted club limits the flight time of the ball, allowing for more shot control.

Well-grounded

Best chips roll, not fly to their target

By T.J. TOMASI
Cox News Service

ABOUT THE WRITER



Dr. T.J. Tomasi is director of instruction at Lyman Orchards Golf Club in Middlefield, Conn. To ask him a question about golf, e-mail him at: TJInsider@aol.com.

The chip is a short shot you can excel at if you understand these two basic principles:

1. Keep your chip on the ground as much as possible because it's easier to control a rolling ball than one that flies in the air.
2. For this type of shot, sidespin is the enemy of accuracy.

When you chip, change clubs the same way you do for a full-swing shot. Here's the rule: the lower the loft, the more run time; the higher the loft, the more air time.

Pick a spot about 3 feet onto the green where you want the ball to land. With practice, you'll be able to eyeball the distance from that spot to the hole and select the right club for the job, but let's run through the calculation.

A 5-iron chip has a flight-to-roll ratio of 1-to-7 — for every part of the journey that the ball is in the air there are seven parts of roll on the ground.

If your ball lies 3 feet off the green and the flag is 45 feet from the

edge of the green, you are 6 feet from your landing area (3 feet plus 3 feet) and the flag is 42 feet from the landing area (45 feet minus 3 feet). That is a 6-to-42 ratio, or one part flight to seven parts roll.

This is the exact circumstance I am facing in the photos here, and this is why I'm addressing the ball with a 5-iron.

If I had selected a pitching wedge (the club many amateurs use to chip, no matter the distance), I would have had to land the ball much closer to the hole because the loft on the face of the pitching wedge dictates a 1-to-2 flight-to-roll ratio. That amount of air time is

tough to judge.

In this case, a 5-iron is a better choice than the pitching wedge because it's easier to achieve the correct distance rolling the ball along the ground than flying it in the air.

Principle No. 2 states that sidespin is the enemy of accuracy. This is another reason to choose the least-lofted club for the job at hand. Using too-lofted a club would force me to make a much higher swing with an open face capable of imparting sidespin to the ball, and whenever you introduce sidespin you can't be sure if the ball is going to run, check or slow down then skid to a stop.

With the 5-iron chip, I can keep the club head close to the ground at the top of the backswing, as I am in the second photo. The lower the club head, the less side spin is created.

While you don't need to do mathematical calculations for every chip, it's a good idea to understand the concept of flight-to-roll ratio: Land the ball about 3 feet onto the green and let it run the rest of the way to the hole. As the amount of roll to the hole increases, the loft of your "chipper" decreases.

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Help for your hurting back

The motions that hurt most golfers with bad backs, hips or knees is bending over during a round to tee up the ball, picking the tee up after hitting, or retrieving the ball from the cup. If you have a "bending" injury there is no limit to the uncomfortable situations you can get yourself into while you're playing.

Now a company called Upright Golf maintains that it can keep you upright in key situations on the course where you might otherwise aggravate an injury by bending or stooping. One of its most intriguing products, called Joe's Original Backtee, allows you to tee up a ball without bending.

You insert your tee into a tapered V-slot device that clips onto the grip of any club, then simply lean on the club to push the tee into the ground and pop a ball on the tee from an attached scissors-pick. Take the Backtee off the club, hit the shot, put it back on the grip and pick up the tee (the tee can be still standing, leaning or on the ground; it doesn't matter).

It may sound complicated, but you can learn to use it in about two minutes. The price is \$11.95. To find out more about Upright's products, visit www.uprightgolf.com. It should make your golf day a lot more enjoyable.

—T.J. Tomasi

TEEING OFF

Women need equipment tailored to their game

By T.J. TOMASI
Cox News Service

One of the most upsetting statistics in golf is that one out of every two women who take up the game quit after 24 months. There are a number of reasons for this, but one of the most common is that the game is made hard for women because many of them play with inferior equipment. Sometimes it is the arrow and not the Indian that's responsible for a bad shot.

Many women players have difficulty generating enough club head speed to consistently get the ball airborne with the longer clubs, which have less face loft. They have no trouble with the 5-iron through pitching wedge, but they hit the rest of their clubs all about the same distance.

This begs a question from an inquiring mind: "Why do I need all those other clubs in the set if they all go the same distance?" I've asked club manufacturers about this, but they have always responded with a shrug — until now.

Finally, using the information provided by modern-day launch monitors, club manufacturers such as Callaway are making sets available this year that are more suitable for golfers with slow swing speed.

Here's how it works. A woman who hits her driver about 120 yards spins the ball at about 4,000 rpms (revolutions per minute). Her spin rate for the pitching wedge is about 5,000 rpms. The rate is fairly constant throughout the set, meaning she has only a 40-yard gap between her longest and shortest clubs (by contrast, the average man hits his pitching wedge 100 yards and his driver 220 yards — a 120-yard gap).

The strategy for these women is to have fewer clubs (more woods and fewer irons) and to space the lofts far differently than the spacing in a traditional set.

For example, a woman's set of clubs would include: a 14-degree driver, 18-degree 3-wood, 20-degree 5-wood, 24-degree 7-wood, 28-degree 9-wood, 32-degree 7-iron, 38-degree 8-iron, 44-degree 9-iron and a 50-degree pitching wedge. Throw in a sand wedge and a putter and you have a set that numbers 11, but fills in the 40-yard gap more evenly (and with more versatility).

'No real rush' for Duval to return to competition

Despite a recent report that David Duval likely will return to competition for The Players Championship March 25-28, instructor David Leadbetter, while optimistic about the former No. 1 player's improvement, says that "nothing is automatic right now." Not even playing in the Masters.



DUVAL

Indeed, there's nothing to keep Duval from waiting until summer, if that's what it takes. It all depends on his confidence and progress.

"There's no real rush," Leadbetter said Wednesday from Orlando. "It's not do-or-die that it has to be TPC or Augusta. It's going to be when he feels his game and his head are ready for it."

The only apparent sure thing is that Duval, 32, who made only four cuts in 20 events last year and fell to 242nd in the world rankings, is getting married during the first week of March to Susie Persichitte, an interior designer from Denver he met last summer at The International.

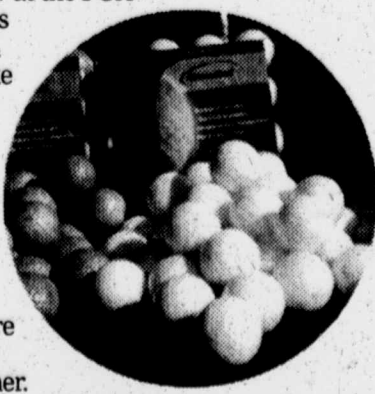
While Leadbetter is encouraged that Duval has started to fade the ball again, he's concerned about the timing of Duval's return. If Duval eventually eyes TPC, it might be smarter to start back at, say, either the Honda Classic or Bay Hill, rather than face the pressure of a debut at Ponte Vedra Beach in his hometown tournament.

DON'T MISS IT

Almost golfing

One of the best products I saw at the PGA Merchandise Show last month is called the AlmostGolf ball, a reduced-flight ball that looks like a regular golf ball, but due to its light weight, it carries only about 100 yards. It gives you feedback as to how well you struck it — high, low, slice or hook — and you can use it both indoors and out without hurting anything or anybody. I'm going to set up a miniature course in a field by the driving range for my juniors this summer. With this ball, they can blast away and have a great time. Don't miss it at www.almostgolf.com.

—T.J. Tomasi



GOLF BY THE NUMBERS

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Number of top-10 finishes Vijay Singh has — more than anyone else on the PGA Tour over the last four years. Tiger has 52 and Phil Mickelson has 46. Singh now has 12 consecutive top-10 finishes.

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Number of top-10 finishes Jim Thorpe has — more than anyone else on the Champions Tour over the last four years.

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ASK THE PRO

Q: I was playing in a stroke-play tournament and my fellow competitor on a par 3 hit her ball into a heavy thicket short and to the left of the green. She hit a provisional and knocked it to about 2 feet from the hole.

She walked directly to the green and did not search for her original ball. I think it was because it would have been impossible to make less than a double bogey from where she was.

I took a look in the bushes and found her original ball, then told her where it was. She refused to come and identify the ball, and declared her original lost. She knocked in her putt for a 4. Was she correct? — Sally B., West Palm Beach, Fla.

A: No. She should have inspected the ball that you found and, if it was her ball, she should have played it or proceeded under the unplayable ball rule. Her provisional should have been abandoned once the original was found.

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

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

The sun has transited into a new realm, and the moon is new. This is a stellar time to start something. All dates go well, as it's easy to extend kindness and curiosity about our fellow beings under the Pisces solar influence. But first dates are especially wonderful. You learn so much it's like the first, second and third date all in one.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Exotic ideas hold fascination for you, and you may even be fearless in your attempt to make one of them happen in real life. It just won't be the same when executed, and the lesson is that some paths are best not taken.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are so devoted to your work, it's hard to break away early. That said, if it is at all possible, do so! Loved ones have wild plans that you'll want to take part in. Style upgrades may be on your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The big question of the day is, do people really change? Someone is asking for a second chance. You're in a trusting mood and might just be loyal enough to allow yourself to be vulnerable one more time. Good for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Donald Trump made his career on powerful negotiating, and he believes it's something you're born with. But I believe that the stars can help you out with negotiating on certain days, and today is one of them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You love a good show of theatrics from time to time, but that person who always goes to extremes is getting on your nerves. In fact, he or she is toxic!

Avoid this person for as long as you can, and you'll actually be healthier.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everyone is teaming up, and you feel like you're back in the fifth grade choosing sides for volleyball. Anyone who doesn't pick you, with your nimble mind, is bound to lose! Sagittarius and Taurus have a potent influence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Revel in your natural exuberance! Part of the reason you so effectively captivate your public is that you refuse to believe that everything has a profound meaning. Sometimes, it's just about being joyful for the sake of being joyful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There is dignity in everything you do today. Everyone needs someone in his or her corner, and it seems that today you are that designated person — a friend to the friendless.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A bit of selfless service early in the day will get you off to a positive start. You have more to offer others because you're not obsessed with your own image and personal concerns.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Gazing out the window of your life, you'll probably hear that existential question pop into your head, "Where am I?" Remember, silly? You were ready for new terrain, and now, it's all around you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Everyone has a need for emotional breathing room. Don't threaten a loved one's freedom if you want him or her to be carefree and happy with you. Forget about the future, and be gracious and generous in the

present. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Superficial interests seem to take over the lives of those close to you, but you are in a different headspace entirely. You're more attracted to the rare individual who lives life unencumbered by the need to always be satisfied.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: What an excellent time to get to know someone! Under the Pisces influence, compassion is high, and it's easier to say, "Look, this is who I am. Love me or leave me" because the chances he or she will choose "leave me" are greatly reduced.

ARIES: You're exceptionally attractive. Count your blessings at home; someone feels overlooked. TAURUS: Write love letters — you've got a gift for it. GEMINI: Someone with a lot to gain from knowing you makes a strong play for your attention. CANCER: If you want a commitment, ask now. LEO: Get in touch with your body's needs: Give or get a fabulous massage. VIRGO: Love is soul-satisfying if you're willing to give it your attention. LIBRA: There's an element of strangeness in your love life, but that's what makes it fun.

SCORPIO: Romantic embers are rekindled with an old flame. SAGITTARIUS: If still in limbo, you deserve a better relationship than the one you are accepting. New prospects come out of the woodwork. CAPRICORN: A romantic hopeful can do something to help your business. AQUARIUS: Romance must be made a priority to succeed.

PISCES: Don't sacrifice love for something you value less.

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Annie's Mailbox
Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My two sons, ages 3 and 4, always use the women's restroom with me in public places. However, my 4-year-old insists that he is a "big boy" and can use the men's room by himself.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

I am not comfortable with this and will not allow him to use the men's room alone. So tell me, how much longer can I take my boys with me into the women's room without making the other patrons feel uncomfortable? — Dover, N.H.

Dear Dover: Since women use individual stalls, you can continue taking your sons with you until you think they are old enough to use the men's room alone, say age 7 or 8. Most bathroom customers are quite understanding about this. Men have similar problems when bringing their young daughters into the men's room.

You also can look for bathrooms that are unisex, or you can ask a salesperson to escort your child to the proper restroom. Stand outside the door in case there is a problem, and if things take longer than you think necessary, shout a warning and then go in and check.

Dear Annie: I am an ordained minister in a mainline church, having graduated from a nationally accredited seminary. I always cringe when someone suggests a person go to a minister for counseling. I took the required number of courses in counseling, but lay pastors and even some ordained pastors have little training.

My seminary advised us to ascertain the depth of the problem brought to us, and if we did not think we could substantially improve the situation in no more than three counseling sessions, to refer the person to a professional counselor. With few exceptions, we

ministers have no more business counseling people than the barber. Our training is theological and spiritual, and we can be good at helping people mature their faith. Please send troubled people to their pastor only for spiritual help, prayer, forgiveness, assurance of God's love, or for referrals to real counselors. Thank you for putting the word out. — Anonymous Minister

Dear Minister: Some people are more apt to listen to a spiritual adviser than a professional counselor. Often, a consoling shoulder and gentle guidance open doors that have been shut for years. And since you can refer them to "real counselors," you provide a true service to those who otherwise would not get any help at all. You do more good than you know.

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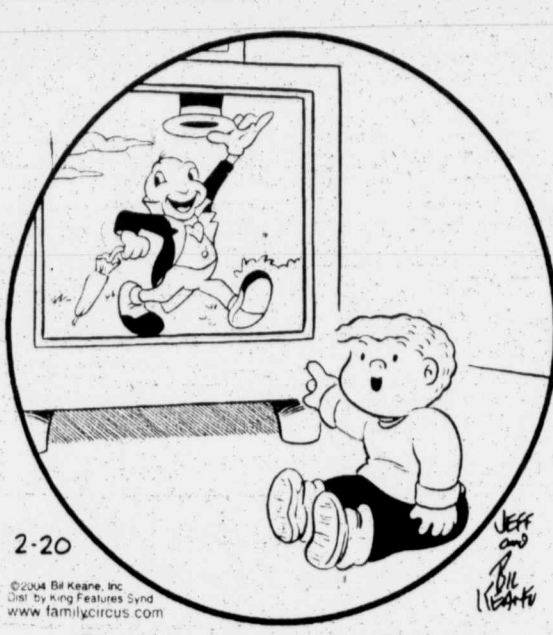
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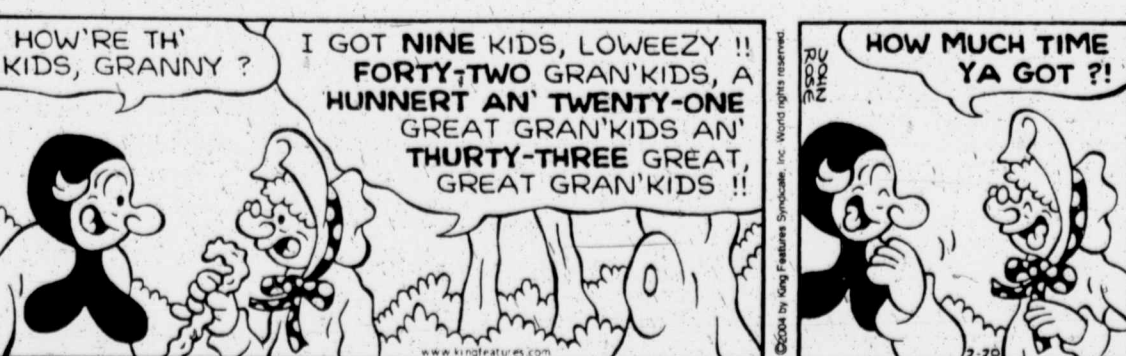
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 2004. There are 315 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth, flying aboard Friendship Seven.

On this date:

In 1790, Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II died.

In 1792, President Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.

In 1809, the Supreme Court ruled the power of the federal government is greater than that of any individual state.

In 1839, Congress prohibited dueling in the District of Columbia.

In 1895, abolitionist Frederick Douglass died in

Washington, D.C.

In 1933, the House of Representatives completed congressional action on an amendment to repeal Prohibition.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers began raiding German aircraft manufacturing centers in a series of attacks that became known as "Big Week."

In 1965, the Ranger Eight spacecraft crashed on the moon after sending back thousands of pictures of the lunar surface.

In 1971, the National Emergency Warning Center in Colorado erroneously ordered U.S. radio and TV stations off the air; some stations heeded the alert, which was not lifted for about 40 minutes.

In 1981, the space shuttle Columbia cleared the final major hurdle to its maiden launch as the spacecraft fired its three engines in a 20-second test.

Birthdays:

Today's Fashion designer Gloria Vanderbilt is 80. Movie director Robert Altman is 79. Actor Sidney Poitier is 77. Actress Marj Dusay is 68. Jazz-soul singer Nancy Wilson is 67. Singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie is 63. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Phil Esposito is 62. Movie director Mike Leigh is 61. Actress Brenda Blethyn is 58. Actress Sandy Duncan is 58. Rock musician J. Geils is 58. Actor Peter Strauss is 57. Rock singer-musician-producer Walter Becker (Steely Dan) is 54. Actor Edward Albert is 53. Country singer Kathie Baillie is 53. Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is 50. Actor Anthony Stewart Head is 50. Country singer Leland Martin is 47. Actor James Wilby is 46.

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- 9 Closet need
 - 10 Eban of Israel
 - 11 Lunch wagon's take?
 - 12 Artful move
 - 13 Knight's mount
 - 18 Sale label
 - 22 Mansard, e.g.
 - 24 Razor sharpener
 - 27 Unknown auth.
 - 28 "Caro ___" (aria)
 - 29 Cavalryman's insect?
 - 30 Prefix for state
 - 32 Recipe phrase
 - 35 Silly Soupy
 - 37 Broccoli ___
 - 38 Weaponry
 - 40 Elko's st.
 - 42 Conical homes
 - 45 Vintners' vessels
 - 47 Lift up
 - 50 Shaver's faceful
 - 52 Flier Earhart
 - 53 Slack-jawed
 - 54 Turned white
 - 56 Author Norman Vincent
 - 59 Goons' guns
 - 60 Heed the alarm
 - 62 Goes bad
 - 63 Flat fish
 - 64 Change-machine input
 - 67 Spitfire fliers: Abbr.

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