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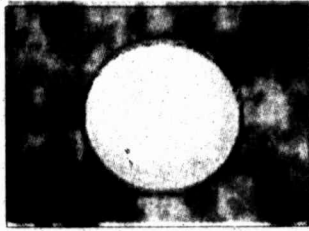
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50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 WEEKEND

January 21, 2005

WEATHER

Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

Blood drives set for Howard County

There are several upcoming United Blood Services drives scheduled in Big Spring.

Friday, New Hope Christian School, 118 Cedar Road, has scheduled a blood drive from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Saturday, from noon until 4 p.m., a blood drive is set in the Big Spring Mall. To sign up for a specific time, call Kathy Lusk at 267-3853.

Then, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., a blood drive is scheduled in the Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway.

Blood drives are also scheduled in February. From 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Feb. 3 a blood drive will take place in the Rip Griffin Truck and Travel Center. From 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Feb. 17 a blood drive is set at the VA Medical Center. The last opportunity to donate blood in February is from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Wal-Mart Feb. 21.

To donate blood an individual must be at least 18 years old or 17 years old with parent's permission.



Cover Story: Football Hall of Famer Joe Namath shares his favorite Super Bowl memories and gives an update on his life.

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Officials: Fire could have been much worse

Early estimates indicate \$80,000 in damage, several days downtime.

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Co-Op Gin of Big Spring is surveying damage caused by a fire that tore through the facility's hydraulic pump room Thursday afternoon.

According to Julie Bartlett, a bookkeeper with the gin, no one

was injured in the blaze.

"It could have been a lot worse," said Bartlett this morning. "We only lost one bale of cotton — the one that was actually on the press at the time of the fire — so we were really lucky."

Firefighters with the Big Spring Fire Department were on the scene first, joined moments later by personnel from the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

"The guys from the city fire department did an excellent job

of knocking the fire down," said Tommy Sullivan, volunteer fire department chief. "The call came in at 5:30 p.m. as a structure fire at the gin. One Big Spring unit and five county units responded to the call."

Sullivan said the fire was caused by an electric motor that shorted out in the gin's hydraulic pump area.

"The fire began there and spread very quickly," said Sullivan. "We were on the scene until about 8:30 p.m. Two of the

gin's hydraulic pumps were damaged in the fire."

Sullivan said the damage to each pump was estimated at approximately \$20,000. He noted that in total there was about \$80,000 in damages caused by the fire.

"We were very fortunate. There were fiberglass panels in the ceiling above the pumps to let light in, and the heat of the fire actually melted those panels, self-ven-

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U.S. President George W. Bush takes the oath of office from Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist during inauguration ceremonies on Capitol Hill as First Lady Laura Bush, center, looks on with daughters Barbara, second from right and Jenna.

Bush takes oath

President lays out ambitious global agenda

By JENNIFER LOVEN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush, head bowed in prayer, opens an ambitious second term in which he boldly promises to reshape Social Security and spark democracy in the Middle East. His Republican allies say they're eager to begin, while Democrats vow to resume their fight against "extreme" GOP policies.

Four days of celebrations surrounding Bush's inauguration were to culminate Friday with an hourlong National Prayer Service, following a tradition set by George Washington. The service, Bush's second visit to

"I'm looking forward to putting my heart and soul into this job for four more years."

—George W. Bush

church in two days, was to bring together 3,200 invited family, dignitaries, administration officials and other guests in the majestic Gothic-style sanctuary of the Washington National Cathedral.

On the program were instrumental and choral music and an interfaith lineup of Christian, Jewish and Muslim clergy, all

to help celebrate through prayer the events of the day before, when Bush placed his hand on a family Bible at the U.S. Capitol and swore a second time to faithfully execute the office of president and uphold the Constitution.

On Thursday the president was on the go all day, from an early morning church appearance to hours in the cold watching the traditional parade down Pennsylvania Avenue to a late night dash through 10 black-tie inaugural balls. The only thing on the president's public schedule for the first day of his second term was the prayer ser-

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KRT photo/Nicolas Khayat-Olivier Doullery, ABACA-Press Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife Lynne dance at the "Stars and Stripes" Inaugural Ball (New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania) held at the Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

Bush dashes through night of celebrations

10 galas in 8 minutes, 54 seconds

By SCOTT LINDLAW

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush sprinted through a round of inaugural balls like he attacked the campaign trail last year, touching down briefly, firing up adoring crowds of thousands, flashing a thumbs-up and quickly moving on.

"I hope you're enjoying this celebration as much as I have," Bush told one throng of revelers Thursday night. But his dash through Washington suggested he'd had enough pomp and pageantry, and wanted his pillow.

"He looked like he's having a great time,

but I bet you that he will make it to bed before 11 o'clock," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

Bush was back at the White House by 10:03 p.m., an hour and 23 minutes ahead of schedule.

Over and over, the president and the first lady danced to a musical medley that included "I Could Have Danced All Night."

Could have, but they didn't. The Bushes twirled all of 1 minute, 36 seconds at their first dance. "It may be the first time in four

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Super search

Pursuit begins for Coahoma ISD superintendent

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma Independent School District trustees have hired a superintendent to find a superintendent.

The school board hired Mabank ISD Superintendent Russell D. Marshall, president of Arrow Educational Services Inc., to conduct a search for a new head man at Coahoma during its monthly meeting Thursday night.

Marshall will be tasked with finding a replacement for Dr. Bill Kingston, who resigned this month after 5 1/2 years at Coahoma.

CISD Interim Superintendent Wayne Mitchell has worked with Marshall and AES in similar searches before, and expressed confidence that the firm will find top-rated candidates for the Coahoma job.

"I have no problem with him at all," Mitchell told trustees. "I've been very pleased with his previous work."

Mitchell said Marshall will begin his search immediately.

"There's no reason to delay," Mitchell said. "In fact, he's already done some preliminary stuff, just in case we hired him."

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Parker resigns from SCISD trustees board

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

ACKERLY — Sands Consolidated Independent School District trustees accepted the resignation of board member Steve Parker during their monthly meeting Thursday evening.

Parker resigned from the school board so that a relative of his could be hired by the district as a special education teacher. State nepotism rules prohibited her hiring while Parker served on the board.

The number of special education students in the district has recently doubled because of an influx of students, making the hiring of a new instructor a priority, Superintendent Wayne Blount said.

Board members now will appoint a replacement to fill the remainder of Parker's term. Blount said a potential replacement has already been identified, but the district will wait until next Thursday's special meeting before officially naming him to the board.

"I don't think you can just call someone and say, 'You've got 30 seconds to decide: Yes or no?'"

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Obituaries

Floyd Christian Benson



Floyd Christian Benson, 78, of Dalhart, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, in a Dalhart nursing home. Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born March 1, 1926, in Pueblo, Colo., to Christian and Maude Benson. He married Betty Lou Norton, Sept. 11, 1970, in Norman, Okla. Floyd had worked as a tool pusher for Robinson Drilling Company before retiring. He moved to Dalhart in 1991 from Big Spring.

Floyd enjoyed fishing, his dogs, being with people and especially being with his family. He was a Baptist. He was veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Lou Benson of Dalhart; five sons, Butch Benson and his wife, Paulette of Wichita Falls, Brad Benson and his wife, Jo of Lewisville, David Benson and his wife, Laurie of Vernon, Keith Ploog of Dalhart and Mike Ploog and his wife, Benita of Dalhart; three daughters, Mona Adams and her husband, Bud of Vernon, Michelle Boyles and her husband, Marvin of Big Spring and Pam Myers and her husband, Henry of Comanche; 15 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Margaret Cody

Margaret Elizabeth Hill Cody of Big Spring, beloved mother, grandma and sister, passed from this life Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005.

She was born Sept. 14, 1918, to A.H. and Annie Laurie Garrett in Midland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and a special daughter, Mary Angela Huffman.

Margaret is survived by her daughter, Vicki Maly of El Paso; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Rosemary Garrett of Big Spring; and sisters, Louise Dunlap of Big Spring, Annie Mae Harris of El Paso and Geraldine Jessup of New York.

Margaret was a very caring person and she will be greatly missed.

Memorial services have been scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at the East Fourth Street Baptist Church in Big Spring. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway Midland (432) 683-5555.

Paid obituary

Arthur D. Barton



Arthur D. Barton, 87, of Forsan died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services are 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Janca, pastor of Forsan Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born June 17, 1917, in Moshem to David Aaron Barton and Connie Cornelius Box Barton. He was a veteran of World War II, worked for Cosden Pipeline for 42 years and was a member of the Forsan Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Lucy Barton of Forsan; one son, Van Barton of Carlsbad, N.M. and one grandson, David Barton of Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by one son, David Barton in 1955.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Florence Nichols Landon



Florence Nichols Landon, 96, of Big Spring died at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, at Mountain View Lodge. Graveside services are 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at Rosewood Memorial Park in Humble the Rev. Dr. Tom Fritts, pastor of Deerbrook Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born May 29, 1908, in Sweetwater to Miller Nichols and Willie Gossett Nichols. She grew up in Knott. She married Okie Landon March 24, 1948 and he preceded her in death Dec. 19, 1980. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She is survived by two sons, Cecil Winterbauer of Big Spring and Don Winterbauer of Humble; one daughter, Charlene Walker of Jasper; one stepson, Okie Ray Landon Jr. of Houston; one stepdaughter, Barbara Bishop of Conroe; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Steve Harvell



Steve Harvell, 52, of Midland died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, in Mooresville, N.C. Funeral services are 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Burial will be in Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 14, 1952, in Temple to Vernon Harvell and Inez Finney Harvell. He was a veteran, serving in the U. S. Navy and was a member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by two sons, Jason Harvell and his wife, Leah of Mooresville, N.C., and Michael Harvell and his wife, Christi of Lake Jackson; mother, Inez Owen of Sand Springs; three sisters, Linda Hoover and her husband, James of Big Spring, Sandra Ward and her husband, Joe of San Angelo, and Brenda Geurin and her husband, Deter of Kerrville; two brothers, Jim Harvell and his wife, Faye and Jack Harvell, all of Sand Springs; two grandsons; a very special friend, Doris Bergerson of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society in care of Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121 Big Spring 79721.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Dorothy Porter

Dorothy Porter, 61, of Big Spring died at 2:55 a.m. Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

• **MARKUS DEWAYNE GRAVES**, 19, of 1005 Stadium, was arrested Thursday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

• **JASON HOWARD PERKINS**, 26, of 1005 E. 12th Street, was arrested Thursday on local traffic warrants.

• **THEFT** was reported:
- in the 200 block of FM 700.
- in the 1700 block of FM 700.

• **FRAUDULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of Owens.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of Fifth Street.

• **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported:
- in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- in the 700 block of 11th Place.

Sheriff's report

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

• **ROCKY LEE RODRIGUEZ**, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on judgment/sentencing for assault - family violence, unlawful restraint and a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a building.

• **SABRINA GUTIERREZ PEREZ**, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off of bond for abandoning/endangering a child with intent to return - three counts.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 6300 block of North Service Road.

• **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported 100 block of Co-Op Gin Road.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 7800 block of North Service Road.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster at 8:30 a.m. Thursday. Services were refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street at 5:34 p.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster at 10:01 p.m. Thursday. Services were refused.

• **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 100 block of Co-Op Gin Road at 5:51 p.m. Thursday. Fire was extinguished.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Team exhibition game 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Contact the YMCA at 267-8234 or the coliseum at 264-5040 for tickets.
• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY
• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
• Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

Take note

□ **EAGLES LODGE AUXILIARY MEXICAN DINNER** is set to begin at 7 p.m. today. \$5 per plate. The lodge is located at 703 W. Third. Call 263-6862 for more information.

□ **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month, beginning Feb. 2. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

□ **A ONE-DAY SEMINAR, "CREATION: FROM THE BEGINNING - A BIBLICAL VIEW OF THE ORIGINS OF A DEFIANT CULTURE,"** is set for 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday in the St. Paul Lutheran Church parish hall. The event is free and open to the public and lunch and child care will be provided at no charge.

□ **HERITAGE MUSEUM EXHIBIT "TEXAS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY"** remains open through Jan. 31. Admission fees are waived for patrons viewing the exhibit. The museum is also accepting donations of costumes to be used with the new theme party area opening in May. Call the museum at 267-8255.

□ **YELLOWDOG DARE DEVILS RELAY FOR LIFE FUND-RASIER** offers individual-sized, heart-shaped cakes with a Valentine's message for \$4. Order and prepay before Feb. 9. Call the bus barn at 264-4108.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 7-10-21-25. Bonus Ball: 34.
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$225,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 6-11-17-31-32.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-0-7

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy. Lows near 40. West winds 10 to 20 mph.
Saturday - Partly cloudy. Much colder. Highs near 50. Northeast winds 15 to 25 mph.
Saturday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
Sunday - Mostly sunny. Highs near 50. Southeast winds near 10 mph.
Sunday night - Mostly clear. Lows near 30.
Monday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.
Monday night - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.
Tuesday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.
Tuesday night - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.
Wednesday - Partly cloudy. Highs near 60.
Thursday - Partly cloudy. Highs near 60.

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A very special series of meetings the weekend of the 28th, 29th and 30th of January

Ministers from Sharon Schools of Global Ministries International in Canada, and ministers from several U.S. states will minister the word of God on the Kingdom and Sonship. Galatians 4:7. No longer a slave but a son and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. Hebrews 2:10 Bringing many sons to glory, to make their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Music and singing
Food and fellowship will follow the meetings.
Also prayer for your needs.

If you do not have a church home you are welcome to worship with us. Meetings will be Friday thru Sunday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m.

Come worship and learn and grow in the Lord with us.
1905 Scurry St.
For further information call 432/263-2053 or 432/267-8542

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But there will be little time for him to rest, with all the tasks he has named as priorities for himself and the nation:
—Win a war on terror against shadowy, deadly networks.
—Establish stability and democracy in Iraq, a deeply divided country where the American casualty rate has even fellow Republicans urging Bush to say more about how he will get the United States out.
—Add private investment accounts to Social Security, through an as-yet-undefined plan that

has many deeply skeptical.
—Simplify a tax code bloated by thousands of provisions that special-interest patrons will be loathe to relinquish.
—Limit medical malpractice and class-action jury awards.
—Push a "guest worker" immigration plan that conservatives in his own party oppose.
For the immediate future, Bush's list of most-pressing duties include naming someone to the powerful new post of director of national intelligence, watching the Jan. 30 elections in Iraq and mending still-frayed relations with Europe during his first overseas trip of his second term.
"I'm looking forward to

putting my heart and soul into this job for four more years," he said, making no mention of the legislative battles ahead over taxes, expanding immigration laws, Social Security, the burgeoning budget deficit, judges and more.
"We're ready to go to work," replied Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., chairman of the congressional inaugural committee.
Eager to begin, the GOP-controlled Senate convened at mid-afternoon Thursday and confirmed Mike Johanns as secretary of agriculture and Margaret Spellings as secretary of education, the first of Bush's nine new second-term Cabinet officers to win approval.
Senate Democrats are

delaying confirmation of Condoleezza Rice as secretary of state, originally expected on Thursday, until next week. The inauguration, they said, was only a brief respite in their battle against the GOP majority.
Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, told supporters in a fund-raising e-mail that "when the inauguration bands stop playing and Congress comes back into session, we Democrats will be on guard and ready to fight against the Republicans' extreme policies once again."
Bush's inaugural address was light on specifics and heavy on high-minded symbolism.

He pledged to reform "great institutions to serve the needs of our time."
He talked of the spread of freedom and liberty as the oldest ideals of America, and said, "Now it is the urgent requirement of our nation's security, and the calling of our time."
He promised that U.S. relations with other countries would turn on how decently they treat their own people. He used the word "tyranny" five times, "liberty" 15 and "freedom" 27.
"We are led, by events and common sense, to one conclusion," Bush said. "The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands."

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
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WORLD BRIEFS

Palestinian police deploy on Israel-Gaza border, spurring hopes for calm

EREZ CHECKPOINT, Gaza Strip (AP) — Hundreds of armed Palestinian police deployed across the northern Gaza Strip on Friday to prevent rocket fire on Israeli communities, raising hopes that the two sides have found a way to end more than four years of bloody conflict and resume peace talks.
The deployment, with officers wearing red berets patrolling in shiny new pickup trucks, came after Israel and the Palestinians renewed security coordination earlier this week. Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas is also negotiating with armed groups to win their commitment to a cease-fire, and his associates said he is making progress.
Eventually, some 3,000 members of the Palestinian security forces are to take up positions in the northern third of Gaza — a first since fighting erupted in 2000 and Israeli troops began targeting all armed Palestinians, including those in uniform, on suspicion of involvement in the violence.

Boston boosts security as FBI adds 10 more names to those being sought in terror threat

BOSTON (AP) — Airport and transit authorities responded to an FBI report of a possible terrorist attack against Boston by boosting security.
FBI agents are looking into an uncorroborated tip that 16 people — 14 Chinese nationals and two Iraqis — might be planning an attack.
The agency had announced Wednesday that it was investigating six people, four Chinese nationals and two Iraqis; the number jumped by 10 Thursday "as a result of the ongoing investigation" but did not signal that credible evidence has emerged indicating such a plot actually exists, FBI spokesman Joe Parris said.
"Information is still uncorroborated and from a source of unknown reliability and motive," Parris said.

14 killed in car bomb explosion outside Shiite mosque during Muslim holiday

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A car bomb exploded outside a Shiite mosque in Baghdad today where worshippers were celebrating a major Muslim holiday, killing at least 14 people and wounding 40, police and hospital officials said, the country's latest violence in the lead-up to this month's elections.
The car blew up outside the al-Taf mosque in the capital's southwest, where Shiites were celebrating one of Islam's most important holidays, Eid al-Adha, or Feast of Sacrifice. The feast coincides with the yearly pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia.
Attacks on Shiites have increased in the run-up to Iraq's Jan. 30 parliamentary and provincial elections.

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years," Bush quipped before taking his first turn on the dance floor.
By Stop 5, they had it down to 52 seconds. Cumulative total for all 10 galas: 8 minutes, 54 seconds.
Setting the tone for the evening, one White House aide flashed an index fin-

ger at Secret Service agents and proclaimed, "One down" as the presidential entourage left Ball No.1.
Around town, 50,000 people gussied up for official balls draped in red-white-and-blue names like Freedom, Liberty, Democracy, Independence, Stars and Stripes, and they didn't seem to mind Bush's briskness.

CISD

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But how quickly Marshall completes his search mainly depends on how one defines "quick."
It will be several weeks at the earliest before the board even begins interviewing candidates, and that process could take even longer, Mitchell said.
"Quick doesn't necessarily mean 'next week,'" Mitchell said. "We're looking at maybe May before we find someone for the job."
AES will earn \$6,500

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Blount said. "We've got to give the person some time to consider this."
Aside from naming a new trustee, the board will also use Thursday's meeting, set for 7 a.m. in the SCISD board room, to name a new special education teacher.
Blount said the district also is in need of a teacher's aide in the special education depart-

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tilating the fire," he said. "Otherwise, we would have had to do the same thing to keep the fire and heat from spreading to other parts of the gin."
Bartlett said the fire will result in at least a two- to three-day stoppage at the gin.
"It's all going to depend on whether or not we can get the parts we need," said Bartlett. "If we can get the parts we'll be back up and running by Saturday night. We lost the entire console in that area, so the damage is pretty bad. If this just puts us two or three days behind, we'll be really fortunate. It could have been a lot worse."
Bartlett said Co-Op Gin of Big Spring has processed approximately 17,200 bales of cotton so far this season.

from the school district for its services.
In other business, trustees:
• Hired the architectural consulting firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to conduct a preliminary assessment of the school district's facilities to see what, if any, improvements need to be made.
The firm will conduct a "preliminary facility condition assessment" over the next few weeks to determine the state of the district's facilities, some of which are more than 50 years old.
Mitchell said the district wants to take a "bet-

ment. Applications are being accepted for that position, he added.
In other business, trustees:
• Extended Blount's contract for a year. Blount's pact now runs through the 2006-07 school year.
• Received a certificate of appreciation from members of the Sands High School student council. January is School Board

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Financial Statement for the Year Ending
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	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$10,137,904	\$1,053,752	\$11,191,656
State Program Revenues	12,482,206	985,754	\$13,467,960
Federal Program Revenues	138,773	3,934,452	4,073,225
Total Revenues	22,758,883	\$5,973,958	\$28,732,841
EXPENDITURES:			
Current			
Instruction	\$12,821,595	\$2,443,790	\$15,265,385
Instructional Resources and Media Services	\$415,293	\$19,072	\$434,365
Curriculum and Staff Development	\$102,460	\$318,333	\$420,793
Instructional Leadership	\$229,550	\$21,829	\$251,379
School Leadership	\$1,336,661	\$20,817	\$1,357,478
Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	762,320	89,723	\$852,043
Social Work Services	22,313	6,663	28,976
Health Services	229,523	4,485	234,008
Student Transportation	530,985	6,373	537,358
Food Services		1,811,850	1,811,850
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,022,746	3,116	1,025,862
General Administration	772,151	2,580	774,731
Plant Maintenance and Operations	3,234,737	28,088	3,262,825
Security and Monitoring Services	38,167		38,167
Data Processing Services	511,462	208,138	719,600
Principal on Long-term Debt	125,241	350,000	475,241
Interest on Long-term Debt	19,001	607,620	626,621
Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	300	375	675
Capital Outlay	15,902		15,902
Total Expenditures	\$22,190,407	\$5,942,852	\$28,133,259
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$568,476	\$31,106	\$599,582
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	81,792		81,792
Other Resources	3,496		3,496
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	\$85,288		\$85,288
Net Charge in Fund Balance	\$653,764	\$31,106	\$684,870
Fund Balances - Beginning (September 1, 2003)	3,903,929	219,797	4,123,726
Prior Period Adjustment	(7,785)	(287)	(8,072)
Fund Balance - Beginning as Restated	3,896,144	219,510	4,115,654
Fund Balances - Ending (August 31, 2004)	4,549,908	250,616	4,800,524

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

- Boeing, which has chosen McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark as the site for a U.S. Air Force Introductory Flight Training program, assuming the aero-engineering giant gets the government contract.

- Individuals who participated in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. March here Monday.

- U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, for her visit to Big Spring this week to tour the VA Medical Center and hold a book-signing for her work, "American Heroines: The Women Who Shaped Our Country."

- Karen McIntyre, who served for several years as Children's Librarian at the Howard County Library, and her husband, John, who are moving from Big Spring. Thanks for your for your years of service and community pride.

- Winners and participants in the Boss Hogg Chili Cook-off at the Harley-Davidson Shop.

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

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Our eighth annual Festival of Lights was another success. We've had calls from McAllen, Dumas and inquiries from Indiana regarding our poinsettias. It was a great festival as we've had so many comments about the beauty of the event.

We attracted 16,676 visitors from 35 states and 12 countries and all over Texas despite several nights of very cold weather. The countries were Australia, Brazil, Belgium, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Germany, Japan, London, Mexico, Poland and Russia.

There were more poinsettias added this year and many enjoyed three huge poinsettias displayed on the side of Scenic Mountain along with a star. We again had 15 poinsettias displayed on the dam, 11 at the spring, four in the duck pond area and two flanked the American flag, bringing total number of poinsettias to 35. We again tip our hats to Gary Morris instructor from Howard College's vo-tech program at Cornell Companies for all the wonderful silhouettes they make for the festival.

In the midst of all the beautiful displays, vandals decided to do their thing by stealing displays, cutting lights, crushing and stealing

flood lights. Those little heathens might think they hampered the festival, but I am here to tell you they didn't.

The Adopt-A-Spot participants are the ones that has kept the festival going. This year we have had new ones join us. We are so grateful for all of them.

Thanks to all of you that volunteered to be greeters. We had some hearty ones that were out despite the very cold weather — 28 degrees on a couple of nights. That is why I feel our visitor count was down this year, but show the faithfulness of our greeters. Jack Cathey provided some wonderful heat those nights.

Oh yes, we had DVDs for sale this year, made by our own Mike Henry of KBST. They are three minutes long, showing some of the displays from this year's event. They are \$5 and we still have a few on hand.

May the Lord bless each and every person that had a part in this event, regardless how big or how small, we appreciate each and every one of you. Should you be interested in adopting a spot, or would like more information, don't hesitate to contact me.

PAT SIMMONS
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
CHAIRMAN

Unlikely duo spur labor reform call

The barons of the American labor movement gathered Jan. 10 at the AFL-CIO fortress across Lafayette Park from the White House, with doors closed to the public as usual. The AFL-CIO Executive Committee's agenda prepared by President John Sweeney allotted 30 minutes for reform of the labor federation. But James P. Hoffa of the Teamsters insisted much more time was needed to debate badly needed changes.

As Hoffa desired, more than two hours were spent on proposals by him and Andrew Stern of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). They would diminish the influence of the AFL-CIO, returning power to individual unions. Hoffa would cut in half money the unions give to Sweeney, suggesting that his presidency has failed in the basic task of signing up new workers.

No final decisions were made, but Sweeney cannot stand up to the Teamsters and the SEIU — the federation's two largest unions. Preferring to operate by consensus, Sweeney is unlikely to resist. Decentralization of power would mark labor's most important organizational change since the AFL and the CIO merged in 1955. Whether it ends the movement's long decline, it means Jim Hoffa and Andy Stern will eclipse Sweeney or whoever succeeds him.

A Hoffa-Stern alliance hardly seemed likely last summer when Stern, in an interview with the

Washington Post, stunned the labor movement. He said a John Kerry presidency would hurt chances at internal labor reform and expressed doubt that organized labor "would survive with a Democratic president." "Ridiculous," Hoffa responded. Stern promptly asserted support for Kerry but still warned that he would take his huge union out of the AFL-CIO if reforms were not enacted.

The new factor is the entrance of Hoffa as reformer, backed by Stern. No two labor leaders seem less similar. An early supporter of Howard Dean for president in 2004, Stern is on the far left wing of the labor movement. Hoffa is viewed as a political moderate who made a serious bid for alliance with George W. Bush. He drew back when he concluded that the Republicans were unwilling to make policy concessions in return for Teamsters support of oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

What Jim Hoffa and Andy Stern have in common now is dissatisfaction with Sweeney's nine-year tenure running the AFL-CIO, during which union membership continued to decline and now represents just 12.9 percent of the work force. Hoffa is particularly unhappy about the growth of an unproductive AFL-CIO bureaucracy and its duplication of functions performed by individual unions.

Hoffa's arrow, shot directly at the heart of that bureaucracy, is a proposal to "rebase" one half of the "tax" that the AFL-CIO collects from each union based on its number of members. Those funds would return to the unions, if committed to organizing. In the case of the Teamsters, that would

cut in half the \$9 million tax. All told, the AFL-CIO receives \$90 million annually in such funds.

These and other reform movements will come up for a vote at the AFL-CIO's July convention in Chicago, when Sweeney (at age 71) may seek a fourth term as president. If he does not, his heir normally would be AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Richard Trumka, but he may be derailed by Hoffa ally John Wilhelm of the Hotel Workers.

However, Hoffa has little interest in who runs the AFL-CIO. He wants to march to his own drummer, and that means he is not wholly committed to the Democrats. The Teamsters were an early supporter of Mel Martinez's successful run for the Senate in Florida, one of five Republican Senate candidates backed by Hoffa. But Hoffa's primary concern is organized labor's declining share of American workers.

The rise of Hoffa represents a stunning reversal of power within the labor movement over less than a decade. Hoffa was narrowly defeated for Teamsters president by Ron Carey in a 1996 election that was voided by a federal special adjudicator for fund-raising abuses. Much of the union establishment, including Trumka and Stern, was implicated in the Carey scam. Now Hoffa is a power who threatens to shatter the comfortable life at AFL-CIO headquarters.

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When Congress plays judge, watch out

The Department of Justice reacted as expected to last week's U.S. Supreme Court decision that allowed federal judges to set sentences outside federal guidelines. A spokesman said the feds are "disappointed" because this ruling will lead to more disparity in sentencing.

Bunk. For one thing, that statement suggests there is less disparity with mandatory guidelines. That's simply not true. There are huge disparities under the present system. Career drug dealers can see their sentences shaved substantially if they testify against other players in their drug ring — even people below them — while those new to the trade don't have the knowledge to follow suit.

There also is disparity between venues. Supporters of the system argue that uniform guidelines mean that offenders serve the same time for the same crime, no matter who or where the judge is. But the present system transfers discretion from judges to prosecutors. Some U.S. attorneys go for the absolute maximum — decades or more — for first-time non-violent drug offenders, while others show more restraint.

There is disparity between local and federal prosecutions as well. As Justice Anthony Kennedy noted in a speech to the American Bar Association in San Francisco two years ago, a young man prosecuted for possession of 5 grams of crack would serve months if caught by local police but a minimum of five years if caught on federal property and prosecuted by federal officials.

And I hate to tell you this, because it makes the issue all that

much more confusing, but the Big Bench only ruled that the federal sentencing guidelines aren't mandatory. Mandatory minimums — a separate set of federal standards for politically incorrect crime — remain mandatory.

If the Department of Justice wants less disparity, I have a great suggestion: How about a ceiling for first-time non-violent offenders, so that they don't serve more than 10 years?

That would prevent overzealous prosecutors from heaping charges on defendants — hitting them for drug deals conducted by others and charging them for crack (which brings a much stronger sentence) when cocaine traded hands so that a first-time non-violent offender, who is not a kingpin, ends up behind bars for a decade or more, life even, as the career dealers roam free.

Last June, the Supreme Court issued a ruling that threatened to upend the federal sentencing system. The court found that judges could not lengthen a sentence based on the guidelines unless jurors ruled on the facts leading up to the enhancement. It was a Sixth Amendment issue.

Would the new ruling apply retroactively? Would the guidelines be toast?

The legal community waited for later rulings to clarify this. Last week's Booker and Fanfan decision showed a court making a results-oriented decision. Rather than throw out the guidelines or saddle them with onerous requirements, a thin majority of the court instead decided, as Justice Stephen Breyer wrote, to determine "what Congress would have intended" — and they believed Congress would have preferred that the court, given its recent rulings, make the guidelines advisory, not mandatory.

Big problem: Even if the court was right about the intent of those

who passed the 1984 law, this Congress can pass a law that says it wants the guidelines to be mandatory. Then, Booker won't mean anything. Further prosecutions simply will require that juries rule on all factors leading to a sentence.

In civics class, your teacher told you about the balance of power. The executive, legislative and judicial branches compete, and no one branch has the power to weaken the others. Your teacher never told you about the victims. Or the mess that can ensue.

Decades ago, judges chose to get around laws they didn't like — they were acting like lawmakers. Then, lawmakers passed laws that set sentences for trials they'll never see. Judges acted like lawmakers; then, lawmakers acted like judges. Hanging judges.

Eric Sterling of the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation doesn't get the hostility that congressional Republicans feel toward federal judges. Since 1980, he notes, there have only been two years when a Democratic president could name judges and Democrats ruled the confirmation process. As a result, the overwhelming majority of federal judges are "Republican-vetted," Sterling noted.

Congressional activism is not an improvement over judicial activism. It is a marriage of bad government with big government — resulting in big, bad government. It replaces judges choosing which laws they want to enforce with lawmakers sentencing people they will never see.

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The Rev. J. Casal, Treas. Presbyterian Missioner, will both services: recognition Methodist Sunday.

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First United Methodist Church

The Rev. Jose Luis Casal, Tres Rios Presbytery General Missioner, will preach at both services Sunday in recognition of United Methodist Women's Sunday.

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

Sunday at 6 p.m. is the joint worship at First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Donita Lee, pastor of the Coahoma United Methodist Church, will preach the sermon. Snacks will be served following the worship service.

Monday, the administrative council will meet in the Pathmaker's classroom at 7 p.m.

A new worship group will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the choir room. This praise and worship team will sing the third Sunday of every month, beginning Feb. 20. Anyone wanting to be a part of this singing ministry should contact Jim Wright or come to rehearsal.

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

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Opportunities for Christian Growth and Service — 9:45 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m., morning worship; 4:45 p.m., youth, Girls in Action.

Royal Ambassadors, Mission Friends and Mission Babies; 5 p.m., choir practice; 6 p.m., evening worship; Wednesday 7 p.m., Bible study and prayer meeting and youth.

Upcoming Events — Women's Ministry at 6 p.m. Jan. 28 in the Fellowship Hall; Children's bowling party from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Jan. 29, cost is \$2 per child; Vision meeting at 6 p.m. Jan. 30.

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

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The membership of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church encourages you, if you do not have a

Church home, to visit them at 1512 Birdwell Lane. We are a very friendly church that lifts Jesus Christ, our Saviour, up daily.

Sunday in the 5 p.m. service, missionaries to Ecuador, Kenny and Kimberlyn Cantrell will be presenting. Wednesday at 7 p.m., the Singing Dartt Family will be ministering in word and song. They have written the song, "God of The Mountain," with The MacCameys making it famous.

Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

Catholic Diocese of San Angelo

To mark the anniversary of Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision concerning abortion, Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI, will offer a special, Pro-Life Mass at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Sacred Heart cathedral in San Angelo. This special Mass is open to the public.

Youth 2000, a spiritual retreat for area young people 13-30, is set for Jan. 28-30 at St. Stephen's Church in Midland. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 28 and concludes at noon Jan. 30. The cost is \$30. For more information, contact Steve Zimmerman at 325-658-6567 or Dennis Cano at 432-520-3065.

The Diocese is inviting everyone within the 29-county area of West Texas to join in Souper Bowl of Caring project Feb. 6. This program touches the needy and involves young people in helping others. The program encourages everyone to donate \$1 each for the needy as they leave their place of worship Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 6.

The program works with young people who stand at the exits of churches holding large pots and collect the \$1 donations. Each \$1 is then donated to soup kitchens, food banks, charitable agencies or other charities as the donor may select.

In 2004, the effort generated \$4.25 million for local charities across the nation. The program began in 1993 and raised \$20 million that year. With about 130 million people watching the

Super Bowl, the weekend is the largest planned event in the country.

East Side Baptist Church

The Lighthouse Children's Home will be with us Sunday evening at 6. We will also be having a Friday night singing Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

Please come join us at 401 N. Main at 11 a.m. as our youth lead the service Sunday morning. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m.

We will be welcoming as speaker Mark Pittman, the treasurer of the Northwest Texas Conference, the United Methodist Church, who will be speaking about the issues facing small churches, especially as explored by participants of Small Churches Workshop which will take place Friday and Saturday.

We also wish to invite you to attend our Area-Wide Worship Service, to be held at First United Methodist Church Sunday night at 6, when our new pastor, Donita Lea, will be giving the message.

First Baptist Church of Sand Springs

First Baptist Church of Sand Springs presents "God's Best For You Conference," a new vision of stewardship for individuals and churches.

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Session 1 Saturday evening at 7 will help church leaders be good stewards of their church's current resources and plan for the future resources needed to fulfill its unique mission.

Session 2 Sunday at 11 a.m., the worship service explores God's plan to provide for each individual's personal needs. Session 3 Sunday evening 6 teaches biblical principles for taking control of our personal finances.

This conference is provided at no cost by First Baptist Church of Sand Springs. A love offering will be taken during each session the defray the costs of the conference. Please RSVP if you plant to attend to 432-393-5983 or 264-8071.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on scripture taken from Matthew 4:12-23 Sunday. Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m., Take 10 is at 10:35 a.m. and worship service begins at 11 a.m.

Opportunities for the week include choir practice held Wednesday at 6 p.m. Plans are being finalized for the installation of new session members Jan. 30 at worship service. This will be followed by a covered dish luncheon in the fellowship hall after church.

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

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 121st Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church of St. Mary The Virgin is Jan. 30 following the 10:30 a.m. service. All parishioners are encouraged to come and take part in the important procedures of the meeting.

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

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

We would like to invite you to come to our Brown Bag Bible Study Wednesdays at noon in our church office. This will be an especially good Lenten activity, although it would be great if you could join us all year long. Come and reflect on the scriptures that are assigned for the weekend worship services. Growing in faith and understanding can be an enjoyable thing when you do it with members of your community.

Please join us Wednesday at noon and don't forget to bring your

lunch. If you have any questions, please call the office at 432-267-4124, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friends of Unity

Regular Sunday meetings begin at 1 p.m. in the boxcar on the square, 100 Main St.

First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church would like to invite the community to hear "The Stamps Quartet" in concert Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. No tickets will be sold, but a love offering will be taken. Gather up your friends and neighbors and bring them with you to hear a great evening of gospel music.

Cornerstone Church

Church members have coupon books with \$125 worth of offers from local merchants available for \$5, with all proceeds going to the church building fund. Contact 816-3082 for more information.

Cornerstone Church, a Morning Star International Church, invites children entering kindergarten through fourth grade to Sunday children's activities. This month the children will be learning about an extraordinary boy, Jesus. A Sunday school class for preschoolers is also available.

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

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church

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

St. Paul Lutheran Church

The Rev. Dr. Alan Abel has a Bible study class Sunday mornings in the Annex after church based on the book, "The Screwtape Letters," by C.S. Lewis. Dr. Abel is a great communicator and this promises to be lots of fun. Call 267-7163 for more information.

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

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One-day seminar

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

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

This seminar is conducted by the Rev. Steven Misch, pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Borger. He has done extensive research into the Biblical creation of the earth.


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

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From dial phones to new-fangled phones Communication methods sure have changed

I can remember when I was about 6 or 7 years old, I would be at my grandmother's house, visiting.

She had one of those old-timey phones. You know the ones. You have to crank the handle and it rings a bunch of times and then you tell the operator when she comes on what number to ring for you.

No, it did not work. See. Grandmom had upgraded to the new-fangled modern phone. Seems all phones around that time period were one color...black!

Now this phone would be pretty old by today's standards. It had a dial face on the front and the phone would be put down on the receiver to hang it up. As I remember, the phone had a pointy top to it which seemed to fit into your hand rather well. Sort of a triangle shape. It was a pretty good phone, I suppose.

As I got older, my parents bought a phone for me. Of course, as they were deaf, I would be able to use it a lot, which was kinda neat.

But along with that came a bit of responsibility.

When they needed to contact folks they would give me the number and



BURR LEA
SETTLES JR.

I would dial it. When a connection was made, I would pass on the information my parents wanted relayed and then I would tell them what was being said. This phone was a green square-looking phone but still with a dial face.

I remember the phone company came out with this oval-shaped phone, it was pink. Now that was something for the girls for sure! They just loved that phone. Pink was not a guy color, so I doubted very many boys used them. Except for maybe Elvis. He had a pink jeep. He might have liked a pink phone.

One of the nearest changes to phones was the change of a dial-faced phone to a push-button phone. The dial face would go click, click, click as you dialed the number. I supposed it clicked for each number you selected. So if you dialed a nine it would click nine times.

The push button was different. You just pushed the number and it would get you connected real fast. Just like it does today.

What got me thinking of phones lately was the fact phones have changed so much.

More than anyone would have dreamed, I know if Alexander Bell could see what was going on, even he would be amazed.

I remember, as a child, my mother had car trouble downtown. She

just-parked the car and had to walk to a store and have someone call my dad at work to let him know where we were.

Nowadays you just reach into your pocket, pull out a little thing of a phone (they call it a cell phone) and dial your number.

Yep, now ain't that something? No cord, no phone line to a wall, no extra hassles.

It seems like everybody has one. No, really! You pull out of a parking lot and you can see inside cars and every driver that comes by has a hand up to their ear.

Yep, it's a cell phone. Some have ear buds. One end fits into your ear and the other end fits into the phone so you can talk while you drive without having to hold the phone.

I think it's a bit safer but it sure looks funny. Driving down the road, it looks as if you are talking to yourself.

Now you think that is something? Listen to this — you can call anywhere in the world from anywhere in the world and depending on your plan it does not cost you any more than calling across the street. Now with computers and such, you can send an e-mail from your phone to someone's computer or send them a text message so they can read it instead of having to be interrupted to answer the phone.

And, I have saved the best for last. You can take a picture with your phone! Now who would have thought? Obviously someone did. I am sure someone else laughed at the thought but here we are, with people taking your picture and sometimes without you knowing it.

My, my, my, what will they think of next? Using it as a transporter? Or as a new way to purchase things for the local grocer?

Whatever they come up with I am sure of one thing; we will just have to go out and get a new phone for ourselves, for how could we live without them?

Sometimes I just want to unplug from the world and do things the old-fashioned way.

You want me? Walk over to my house and see me.

Sometimes in this hurry-up world, we lose the value of time, of going slower, of enjoying the ones you are with, of the good old days.

Years from now, these will be the good old days.

Oh well, just give me a call on whatever you have then and perhaps we can have a nice conversation.

Burr Lea Settles Jr., former fire marshal for Big Spring, writes this column for the Big Spring Herald.

One-day seminar focusing on creation vs evolution

Special to the Herald

A four-part seminar on the creation apologetics, led by the Rev. Steven J. Misch of Borger, begins at 10 a.m. Saturday in the parish hall at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

The presentations will cover biblical, scientific and historic references concerning the significance of creation in the life of the church and this culture.

The first presentation demonstrates the importance and relevance of Genesis.

The second session answers the question, "Did all of this take millions of years or just six days?"

The third class will consider the "flood and the fossils," and the final class will demonstrate the importance of creation apologetics in evangelism efforts.

Each presentation will last about an hour and a question and answer period will follow the discussions.

Misch has served in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod since 1982.

He was born in 1955 and raised in Cloquet, Minn., as one of two children of the Rev. Ben Misch.

He received a bachelor of arts degree from Concordia College in St.

Paul, Minn., and he then attended the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

During his high school years, Steven became very interested in fresh water biology, astronomy and physics.

He read, researched and discussed the relationship of science and theology.

He continued to read and research the debate between creation and evolution, learning the principles of both theories.

He has studies "Answers in Genesis" and their teachers, including Ken Ham, David Menton, Carl Weiland and Joseph Sarfatti.

Misch brings the perspective of the Biblical languages, theology and the role of the authority of God's word to the discussion of relationship between faith and science.

With 23 years experience the ministry, Misch currently serves as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Borger.

The event concludes at 3 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Lunch and childcare will be provided at no charge.

Call the church at 267-7163 for more information.

Club News

TOPS TX 21

Leader Donna Menges presided over the meeting of Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX 21 Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third.

Olnee Menges voiced the opening prayer and the TOPS and Keep Off Pounds Sensibly (KOPS) pledges were recited. Shirley Jenkins then led the group in singing the fellowship song.

Two inspirational readings were presented. Carol Smith read, "How Blessed We Truly Are" and Donna Menges read "Hunger for Spring." Cherry Sechelski read a chuckle titled, "Almonds."

Genay Bertran, weight recorder, called roll with members answering with their loss or gain for the week. Ten TOPS weighed in, with Donna Menges being the best loser. Of the three KOPS present,

Cherry Sechelski was the best loser. Each one received the weekly award and a certificate.

Mrs. Bertran also presented Cruz Cruz a charm bracelet which is given to each member six months after joining.

The program, presented by Carol Smith was titled, "101 Reasons for Exercising."

If you are interested in learning more about TOPS you can call 1-800-392-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758.

Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library basement. Artist of the Month, photographer Bruce Schooler, will be featured at the Heritage Museum. Bruce and his wife, Belle were hosts for Tuesday meeting.

Club projects due for the Feb. meeting will be "Pets In Your Artwork" and may be done in drawings, paintings, photographs, woodburnings or other media. Members and visitors are encouraged to bring their project to the Feb. 15 meeting.

In February, Dorothy Murray will lead a round-table discussion on the use of light in paintings and photographs.

Doug Walton will present a workshop in Big Spring at Displays of Splendor March 21-25 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Reservations will be due by Feb. 15 with Sheree Moates at Displays of splendor. This will be the third year Doug has been here for a workshop.

The Odessa Art Association will have their 47th Annual Permian Basin Art Exhibit at Ellen Noel Art Museum in Odessa. Entries are due Feb. 26 at 11 a.m. Categories include

all painting media, sculpture and photography. For more information contact Odessa Art Association, P.O. Box 12466, Odessa 79768-2466.

The Big Spring Art Association welcomes all interest persons at their monthly meeting. A new year began with Jan. 18. Dues may be paid to Estelle Howard, treasurer.

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Howard rodeo sets fund-raiser
The Howard rodeo team has their third-annual fundraiser for Thursday and Friday, Jan. 20-21. The event will start at 1 p.m. and end on the corner of Howard County throughout the night. The college team needs \$1000 for the upcoming rodeo in April. The college will give anyone who will their goat to College.
Ambassador at Dorothy
The Ambassador ball team will exhibit at the Spring at the Garrett College Howard College beginning at 7 p.m. The cost is \$3 for adults, \$3 for youth under 18 and \$1 for youth under 12. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for youth under 18 and \$1 for youth under 12. Tickets are available at the Spring at the Garrett College Howard College game. The game is a fundraiser for the Club of Big Spring.
Coahoma League set
The Coahoma League will have their annual election at 1 p.m. at the Coahoma High gym. The league has many volunteers and much effort. If anyone is interested in becoming a member, contact the parent that attend the meeting. For more information, contact Melissa Sar 3528 or Jill 263-2789.
NHL not closed two days
After two negotiation and the plan to appear to a deal to save the hockey season. Represent the NHL and the players' association. The first game is at 4 1/2 hours the second game is at 7 1/2 hours. The sides are in a deadlock.
Iowa near off No. 1
CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — The Iowa Hawkeyes, including layup and rebounding, over No. 1 Illinois on Thursday night. Head coach Fred Lutebel said the team's rebounding steals as Illinois (10-0 Big Ten) worst shooting the season. Iowa came out with a 10-0 lead in the first half. Greg Bruha scored 16 points to the lead. Iowa's score at 60-50. The game was called at 10:30 p.m. because of a power outage. The game was thrown for a replay.

IN BRIEF

Howard rodeo team sets fund-raiser

The Howard College rodeo team has set up a third-annual fund-raiser for Thursday, Feb. 3, and Friday, Feb. 4.

The event will start at 1 p.m. and take place on the campus of Howard College and throughout the community.

The college rodeo team needs goats for its upcoming hometown rodeo in April. The college will give \$10 to anyone willing to send their goat to Howard College.

Ambassadors to play at Dorothy Garrett

The Harlem Ambassadors basketball team will play an exhibition game in Big Spring at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College tonight beginning at 7 p.m.

The cost will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and \$1 for youth accompanied by an adult and youth under the age of five are free when accompanied by an adult.

Tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring YMCA, KBST, the Big Spring Herald and at the coliseum during the night of the game.

The game is a fund-raiser for the Rotary Club of Big Spring.

Coahoma Little League sets election

The Coahoma Little League will have its annual elections meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Coahoma Junior High gym.

The league needs as many volunteers and as much effort as possible.

If anyone is interested in becoming a board member, coach or team parent they should attend the meeting.

For questions or more information, call Melissa Sanchez at 213-3528 or Jill Ringener at 263-2789.

NHL not closer after two days of talking

After two days of negotiations, the NHL and the players' association appeared no closer to a deal that could save the hockey season.

Representatives from the NHL and the players' association met for 4 1/2 hours in Toronto, the second straight day the sides held discussions in an attempt to end the four-month lockout.

Iowa nearly knocks off No. 1 Illinois

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Luther Head scored 25 points, including a driving layup with 40 seconds remaining in overtime that sealed No. 1 Illinois' 73-68 win over No. 23 Iowa Thursday night.

Head also grabbed six rebounds and had six steals as Illinois (19-0, 5-0 Big Ten) overcame its worst shooting night of the season and a late Iowa comeback.

Greg Brunner's drive to the hoop tied the score at 65-65 with 3.8 seconds remaining and came after Dee Brown missed one of two free throws for the Illini.

Double trouble for Howard at Clarendon

• Hawk women get plagued by fouls, lose close one to rival

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

CLARENDON — Foul trouble plagued Howard's women's basketball team Thursday on the road as rival Clarendon took advantage of Latoya Fairley fouling out and edged the Hawk women, 50-46, in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action.

Howard trailed 31-23 at halftime, but outscored its rival 23-19 in the final 20 minutes to close the gap, but in the end, the foul problems were too tough to overcome.

Sophomore Ciara Tidwell finished with a double-double, which included a team-high 15 points, while freshman Jennifer Pena added 14 points, including four 3-pointers.

Fairley, the team's leading scorer, was held to just eight points before fouling out. Her 21 points per game entering Thursday was ranked No. 5 in the nation.

Sophomore Jessica Shusteric added six points, as well.

Howard drops to 12-9 on the season and 0-2 in the WJCAC Conference. They will host New Mexico Junior College Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum beginning at 6 p.m.

The win improved Clarendon to 15-4 overall and 2-0 in the conference.



Howard College freshman Ariel Rhodes takes the ball strong to the basket and draws contact from a defender from Frank Phillips Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawk women traveled to Clarendon last night and lost a close one, 50-46.

• Unexpected first win followed up by unexpected first loss

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

CLARENDON

Twenty-eight turnovers and hot shooting by Clarendon doomed the Hawk men Thursday on the road as the Howard men's basketball team lost to its rival, 89-82.

"It was a combination of Clarendon playing well and us playing poorly," said Howard coach Mark Adams. "They shot the ball very well and we didn't defend very well."

Clarendon hit seven out of eight 3-pointers in the first half alone, which helped get them out to a 41-36 halftime lead.

"Clarendon's gym is a hostile environment and we didn't react to it very well," said Adams. "Our lack of experience showed last night."

Freshman Charles Burgess led the Hawks with 26 points, but he also had eight turnovers.

Freshman James Barrett and sophomore Munir Shakir added 17 and 14 points, respectively, while Louis Rodgers had 10 points.

Rashad Mintz had three points and 10 turnovers.

Howard (15-3, 1-1) entered the game giving up just 55 points per game.

The Hawk men will host New Mexico Junior College Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum beginning at 8 p.m.

WJCAC scores from Thursday

Midland 61, Odessa 50
South Plains 89, NM JUCO 80
Clarendon 50, Howard 46

WJCAC scores from Thursday

Midland 93, Odessa 67
South Plains 80, NM JUCO 47
Clarendon 89, Howard 82

T-Mac gets last laugh against Orlando, despite hearing boos

By MIKE BRANOM

Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tracy McGrady ignored the boos and the angry crowd. He just played hard — and won.

Playing in Orlando for the first time since a bitter parting last summer, McGrady scored 27 points to lead a balanced offense and the Houston Rockets beat the Magic 108-99 on Thursday night.

"I was so focused," said McGrady, winner of two scoring titles in four seasons with Orlando. "I knew the reception I was going to get, but while I was out on the basketball court I was just trying to find ways to get myself going and make my team better."

Unlike his time in Orlando, when McGrady was often the Magic's

first, last and only scoring option, his Rockets teammates can help — and he is willing to lean on them.

Yao Ming added 20 points, and Bob Sura had 19 points, a season-high 11 rebounds and nine assists. David Wesley scored 18, and Juwan Howard 13.

"I didn't want to come out and make it a Tracy McGrady show, jacking up shots and playing outside the offense," said McGrady, who shot 8-of-21, including 1-for-7 on 3-pointers, but made 10 of 12 free throws.

Magic forward Grant Hill said this was one of the best floor games he had ever seen his former teammate play.

"I think he realizes that other guys getting touches, getting involved early

helps closing games out," said Hill, sidelined for almost all of McGrady's stay in Orlando. "It might not be as sexy as scoring 50 ... but you can see the growth on his part."

Yao made his first seven shots, which had to please McGrady. In Orlando, he quickly grew tired of looking inside and seeing has-beens (Patrick Ewing, Shawn Kemp) and role players (Andrew DeClercq, Michael Doleac).

Steve Francis, the biggest name Orlando received in the McGrady trade, led the Magic with 28 points and nine assists. Kelvin Cato, who also came over from Houston, tied his season high with 14 points.

Hill had 21 points on 10-of-16 shooting, the day after an MRI exam on his sore right wrist showed only a bruise. On Tuesday, he scored a season-low eight points on 4-for-14 shooting.

"Part of me thought I shouldn't go," Hill said. "But it's Houston, Steve Francis, Mac, TNT."

The sellout crowd, focusing its frustration for last season's 61-loss debacle on McGrady, booed him from introductions on. Many waved signs roasting "Me-Mac" for his recent disclosure that he slacked off during his final season here.

Although the booping was expected, it was still jarring because McGrady could do no wrong here for three seasons.



Houston's Tracy McGrady gets up for a big dunk during the first half of his team's game with Orlando at the TD Waterhouse Centre in Orlando, Florida Thursday. McGrady led the Rockets to a win over his former team.



Houston's Tracy McGrady leaves the court after the Rockets' 108-99 win over the Magic at the TD Waterhouse Centre in Orlando, Fla., Thursday. McGrady helped the Rockets to the victory, despite being booed all night by fans of his former team.

Philly coach tired of Pro Bowl honor, wants more

By ROB MAADDI

AP Sports Writer
PHILADELPHIA — Andy Reid is tired of going to Hawaii.

For the last three years, Reid and the rest of the Philadelphia Eagles' coaching staff have spent the week after the Super Bowl in Honolulu leading the NFC's Pro Bowl team, the result of losing the conference championship game.

Reid will gladly trade those floral shirts and leis for a trip to Jacksonville this year.

"I never thought I'd say I don't want to go to Hawaii," Reid said. "You get to this point, you really aren't that worried about what happened in the past. You are so focused in on what you need to do right now and the type of things that you are doing right now."

Playing in the past three NFC championship games gives the Eagles a significant edge over Atlanta in big-game experience. Losing all three of those games also put all the pressure on Philadelphia to get to the Super Bowl for the first time in 24 years.

The Falcons, meanwhile, have far less to lose. A year ago, they were 5-11. Now they're a victory away from the second Super Bowl appearance in franchise history; the other was in 1999.

"We're just going to go up there and play loose and let it roll," Falcons rookie coach Jim Mora said. "We don't feel any pressure. It's house money we're gambling with. So we're just going to go up there and fling it around and see if we can't stay on the field with them for a little while."

The Eagles have traveled this road before, only to get derailed at the last stop before playing for the NFL title. They were favorites at home the last two years against teams who played in a warmer climate and had trouble winning on the road and in cold weather.

It could be downright freezing when the Eagles (14-3) host the Falcons (12-5) on Sunday afternoon, with forecasters calling for snow.

"I don't think it'll be a factor," Falcons quarterback Michael Vick said. "Football is played in all types of conditions: rain, sleet, snow or whatever. The game is not going to be called off. This is for all the marbles."

Last year, Carolina came to Philadelphia, ignored the elements and stunned the Eagles 14-3. Two years ago, Tampa Bay closed out Veterans Stadium with a 27-10 win, its first playoff victory in temperatures under 40 degrees. In 2002, the Eagles lost at St. Louis 29-24.

"This is a totally different team, different players, different philosophies," said running back Brian Westbrook. "We're going in with a fresh attitude and we're ready to play."

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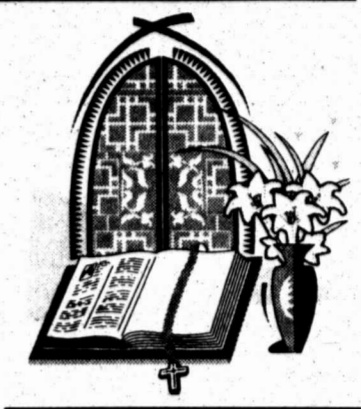


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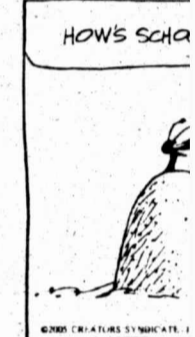
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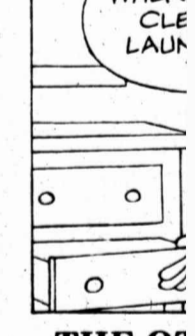
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The Gemini moon rules the early and most productive hours of the day. Do all you can before the moon goes void in the afternoon. Suddenly, a logy feeling takes hold, and if you can afford to take a nap, this may be the most effective use of a few hours. Aquarian-inspired dreams are vividly fantastic. Share subliminal insights with friends.



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require so much practical attention that you may channel your inner Tina Turner, crying: "What's love got to do with it?" Remedy the situation by injecting some old-fashioned romance into the equation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Interpersonal skills are hot. Getting people to do the right thing is easy for you -- everyone seems to want to please you. You're not being graded in a relationship, but if you were, you'd get an "A."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's appealing to tangle with the authority figure. Flexing your inner teen is thrilling and perhaps foolish, but you can't help yourself. Could it be your real issue is with your father?

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: Passion is not dead, but it's definitely sleeping this weekend. **ARIES:** Ask yourself the golden question: If you had no restrictions on love, what would you do to make a difference in the lives of others? **TAURUS:** Giving two minutes of heartfelt attention and affection every day this weekend will be better than spending hours together without really connecting. **GEMINI:** Complain less; compliment more. **CANCER:** Love is messy and complex -- and if it weren't, you wouldn't be interested. **LEO:** To be fulfilled, you must help that silent person express love and fear. **VIRGO:** You're feeling pretty satisfied and won't want to risk to see if you can take love to a deeper level. **LIBRA:** When the object of your affection pulls away, it's your signal to go forward, and vice versa. Keep up the dance -- don't run off. **SCORPIO:** Love is rather inconvenient, not sticking to your preconceived idea of what it should be. **SAGITTARIUS:** Romance may be sedate, but friendship is lively. **CAPRICORN:** Enhance your self-belief. Believe in your ability to attract exactly the kind of love you need. **AQUARIUS:** You feel downright sexy! **PISCES:** Your temper will be tested.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Aquarius and Cancer share a certain zaniness, but Cancer likes to express this in the comfort of home, and Aquarius is more likely to be wacky right out in the open for the whole world to see. These two appreciate one another's unique way of embracing life, even when they can't relate to it. The romantic fires are stoked when Cancer hosts an intimate cocktail party or dinner party at home.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Shrewd strategies are needed to compete in your current work environment. Know your opponent. A Nigerian proverb applies: "When the mouse laughs at the cat, there is a hole nearby."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Childish energy runs you -- it's kind of charming! You could even develop a crush. Whatever you do, don't tell lies. They will quickly envelop you like a sticky spider web.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If today had a soundtrack, it would include the comical plucking of a banjo. The music gets faster and faster, and you dance frantically in an effort to keep time. Laugh about it, and you're brilliant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your money sector lights up with killer ideas and lots of motivation. It's like you're in Economics 101 and the rest of the class is still playing with crayons. Act on your inspiration immediately!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Environmental issues shape your progress. Probably your work setup is still not conducive to maximum output. A Virgo or Aquarius can help. Make changes, and production will soar.

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WHY DO YOU DO IT? I LIKE THE FEELING OF POWER.

BLONDIE

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE CHANGES OTHERS HAS MADE AT OUR OFFICE FOR THE COMING YEAR? BEFORE I SAY ONE WORD ABOUT OTHERS... I NEED TO CHECK YOU FOR A WIRE!

BC

HOW'S SCHOOL, SON? IT'S A DRAG! WHAT DO YOU MEAN? YESTERDAY WE LEARNED TO ADD, TODAY WE LEARNED TO SUBTRACT. SO? WE DON'T SEEM TO BE GETTING ANYPLACE.

WIZARD OF ID

DIDN'T THEY TEACH YOU A TRADE IN PRISON? SURE, WANT TO BUY A LICENSE PLATE?

AGNES

ARE YOU MAD ABOUT SOMETHING? YES... BUT I HAVE A TRIED-AND-TRUE COPING MECHANISM THAT WORKS WELL. I TAKE MY ANGER, SQUEEZE IT INTO A TIGHT LITTLE BALL, AND HURL IT WITH ALL MY STRENGTH! A LITTLE ANGER BALL! THAT IS SO VERY OPRAH! YOU RECOGNIZE THE ANGER AND DISPOSE OF IT HARMLESSLY. ACTUALLY, I TRY TO POP SOME PUNK IN THE FACE WITH IT.

HI AND LOIS

WHERE'S MY CLEAN LAUNDRY? I PUT IT ON YOUR BED LAST NIGHT! OOPS, I THINK I SLEPT IN IT.

THE OTHER COAST

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SNUFFY SMITH

DON'T SNUFFY KNOW YA CAN'T TEACH OLD DOGS NEW TRICKS? HE'S DES'PRIT, ELVINEY!! WHEN DID YOU SAY LUKEY'S COMIN' HOME? NO, NO, NO, UL' SUICT!! STAY ON TH' BLACK SQUARES!!

BEEBLE BAILEY

HERE COMES THE BLIMP TO COVER TOMORROW'S PARADE. Y'KNOW WHO THAT BLIMP REMINDS ME OF? HOW COME I NEVER GET A BLIMP?

This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 21, the 21st day of 2005. There are 344 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 21, 1915, the first Kiwanis Club was founded, in Detroit.

On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis, of Mississippi, and four other Southerners resigned from the U.S. Senate.

In 1924, Russian revolutionary Vladimir Ilyich Lenin died at age 54.

In 1942, Count Basie and His Orchestra recorded "One O'Clock Jump" in New York for Okeh Records.

In 1950, former State Department official Alger Hiss, accused of being part of a Communist spy ring, was found guilty in New York of lying to a grand jury. (Hiss, who always maintained his innocence, served less than four years in prison.)

In 1950, George Orwell, author of "1984," died in London.

In 1954, the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched at Groton, Conn. (However, the Nautilus did not make its first nuclear-powered run until nearly a year later.)

In 1976, the supersonic Concorde jet was put into service by Britain and France.

In 1977, President Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

In 1997, Speaker Newt Gingrich was reprimanded and fined as the House voted for the first time in history to discipline its leader for ethical misconduct.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Paul Scofield is 83. Actress Ann Wedgeworth is 70.

Blues singer-musician Snooks Eaglin is 69. Golfer Jack Nicklaus is 65. Opera singer Placido Domingo is 64. Singer Richie Havens is 64. Singer Mac Davis is 63. Actress Jill Eikenberry is 58. Country musician Jim Ibbotson (The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 58. Singer-songwriter Billy Ocean is 55. Actor Robby Benson is 49. Actress Geena Davis is 48. Basketball player Hakeem Olajuwon is 42. Actress Charlotte Ross is 37. Actor John Ducey is 36. Actress Karina Lombard is 36. Rapper Levirt (B-Rock and the Bizz) is 35. Rock DJ Chris Kilmore (Incubus) is 32.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- Leave at the altar
- Skirt style
- Airline serving Israel
- Madcap
- Military stations
- Hinge (on)
- Supplements, with "out"
- Three-sided sails
- Admired one
- If Roast Beef Could Fly author
- Dance with dips
- Tchaikovsky masterpiece
- 5, to 10
- Approximately
- Nose-wrinkling stimuli
- Mike Brady and Homer Simpson
- Curiosity-piquing ad
- WWW search results
- Franklin flew one
- Barbershop request
- Start of a 20 Across
- Shinbone
- Rain-delay coverup
- Relax restrictions
- Completed
- Turn a ___ ear
- Trough site
- Ram's remark
- Sine ___ non
- End of a 20 Across
- English earldom
- Gift wrapper's roll
- Third World locale

DOWN

- Saxophone range
- Rorschach image
- Stuttgart article
- Film spool
- First or foreign follower
- Do something in blackjack
- Bandleader Shaw
- Geographer's sphere
- Motocross track's surface
- Lieu
- Skipper of the Pequod
- "___ alive!"
- Olympics contest
- All set
- Wheel of Fortune turn
- Raison d'___
- Where derbies may be held
- In an unclear manner
- Clumsy sort
- Astor's stock in trade
- On the trail of
- Dumbfound
- Bring in the harvest
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- Without a guarantee
- Slight progress
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- 14th anniversary gift
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- See 63 Down

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Golf Insider

By T.J. TOMASI

BIRDIES AND BOGEYS

Predictions for 2005

• Jonathan Kaye will win three times on the PGA Tour.

• At 15 years old, Michelle Wie will become the youngest winner ever of an LPGA Tour event.

• Steve Williams, Tiger Woods' caddie, will be suspended from the tour for a month over a spectator incident at the USGA Men's Open at the Pinehurst Resort and Country Club in June. Tiger will win three straight times during his absence.

• Colin Montgomerie will be voted 2005 "comeback bachelor of the year" for dating Spanish supermodel Ines Sastre after his unhappy and very public divorce in 2004.



WIE



MONTGOMERIE

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



Note the position of my left arm and hands over my toe line. I can draw an imaginary line through the butt end of the club, which is pointing approximately at the target line.



Swinging the club to the position above teaches you how to release the leverage of your swing through the ball. Done correctly, this position is known as being "on plane."

TEERING OFF

Get your motor running

Whenever you play or practice, you should always warm up first. The purpose of warming up is twofold: It gets the blood flowing into the muscles you'll need to execute your golf swing, and it allows you time to put aside non-golf concerns so your mind is free to focus on the task at hand.

There are three stages to a proper warm-up routine: stretching, practice swings and hitting balls to gradually increasing distances.

Stretching

Here is a quick program using your golf cart that will stretch the most injury-prone muscles used during your golf swing. Consult your physician before you try any of them.

1. To stretch your lower back and thighs, stand facing your cart and hold on to the handle of the seat with both hands. Then slowly bend both knees as you stretch your lower body away from the cart until your arms are fully extended and you are in a squatting position. Hold this position for 10 seconds and then repeat the exercise three times.

2. To stretch your hips, rest a golf club shaft across your upper back and stand about 30 inches away from the side of your golf cart. Keeping your right foot stationary, stride forward with your left leg and plant your left foot onto the floor of the golf cart.

Now, with your left leg bent, slowly shift your weight until it's over your left foot, making sure your left knee does not extend past your toes. Adjust your distance from the cart based on the length of your legs and your flexibility. Repeat this stretch three times with each leg.

3. To stretch your shoulders, stand with your back to the cart about 18 inches from the side of the cart. Then, with your left arm at shoulder height, reach back with your left hand and grasp one of the rails that support the roof of your cart. Now, slowly turn your body away from your extended left arm until you feel the stretch in your left shoulder. Repeat this stretch three times with each arm.

Practice swings

Start slowly, using a sand wedge, and make a continuous series of swings without stopping. Start at the address position and make a complete swing and when you reach your finish, swing the club back again and make another full swing. Keep going for about a minute.

Gradual increase in distance

Tea up 10 balls and, using a 7-iron, start a series of progressively longer swings. The first three balls should fly about 20 yards, the next five in increasing 10-yard increments (30, 40, 50 etc.), and hit the last using your full swing. Teeing up the balls helps you alleviate any worries about the lie. Remember, you're just trying to get loose.

This should be your warm-up procedure whether you are about to start a practice session or a round of golf.

Caution: If you are about to start a round, don't turn your warm-up into a swing overhaul session. Never search for a swing just before you go to the course. The best way to prepare for play is to use a warm-up procedure that reads you for solid contact.

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Too many teachers spoil the lesson

John Callahan, PGA teaching professional at the prestigious Brae Burn Country Club in Purchase, N.Y., recently returned from teaching in the Philippines and told me how hard it was to teach there because of a difference in the culture.

It was a case of too much of a good thing. The people are so helpful that it can ruin a lesson. When his students arrived for lessons they were bombarded by advice from everyone in the area.

"It's part of their culture to help," says Callahan. "When my students went to the driving range they were surrounded by people. Other golfers, caddies, even the apprentice caddies whose job it is to tee up balls for the people on the driving range — they all had advice. It was impossible to keep them away. They had good intentions, but it made it much more difficult for my students to learn."

How much more difficult could be found in a thank-you letter John shared with me from a woman who took part in his golf clinics. Here's an excerpt:

"It is true that the way to develop self-confidence is to do the thing you fear, and I was able to do this in the days I practiced when you were in the Philippines. But it wasn't easy. At first I was afraid to hit the ball because it might not go that far, or I might not hit it at all. However, I was especially fearful because of all the people around me trying to help. Sometimes I was not doing any good because of the pressure of trying to do well for these people."

It's good that people care enough to give advice, but it's bad for your game if you listen. If there are 26 million golfers, that means there are 26 million instructors, aka people who can't resist the urge to share their wisdom about the golf swing, no matter how bad their own game is.

Do yourself a favor and remove a big barrier to learning: When someone offers you advice, just say no thanks, with emphasis on the NO.

Timing is everything

If you lack consistency — some shots hook and others slice — then you should take a close look at your timing. To have a sound swing, the release of the club head into the ball and the rotation of your body must be synchronized.

In this regard, it's helpful to know what a proper release of the club head feels like. This can be learned by doing the two-part "Plane Drill."

Part 1: From your address position (for a right-handed golfer), swing the club back until your left arm is parallel to the ground, as I have done in the first photo here. Your left arm and hands should be over your toe line and an imaginary line drawn through the butt end of the club should be pointing approximately at the target line. This position teaches you how to swing the club "on plane" during the backswing.

Part 2: Swing the club down from the top until a point after impact is reached where your right

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arm is parallel to the ground (second photo). Here your right arm and your hands should be over your toe line so that an imaginary line drawn through the butt end of the club once again points at the target line. Swinging the club to this position teaches you how to release the leverage of your swing through the ball. Again, done correctly, this position is also known as being "on plane."

Learning the mechanics of the proper release of the club head into the ball is only half the battle

because your body must keep pace with your release. All the moving parts must be rotating together, but not at the same speed. Your club head may be moving at 90 mph, your hands at 15 mph and your chest at 2 mph, but they all must be moving at the same rate of rotation.

If your body rotation is too slow through the hitting area, your hands will outrace your body, flipping the club face closed and causing a hook or a pull. If your rotation is too fast, your release will be late, which holds the club face open and causes a slice or a push.

Obviously, to play your best golf you must discover how fast you should rotate your body to optimize your release. I call this "calibrating your time IQ." When you see experts hitting balls one after another, they are not practicing mechanics (there is no such thing as muscle memory); they are syncing their time IQ, working on the "when" rather than the "what."

GOLF BY THE NUMBERS

20

The number of consecutive rounds Brad Faxon played at one stretch last year without a three-putt.



21

Vijay Singh led the PGA Tour with 21 "hole-outs" in 2004.

2

For the second year in a row, Annika Sorenstam was voted the Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year. Since 1931, golfers have been selected 21 times for this award. The leader by far is Babe Didrikson, who was chosen No. 1 five times for golf (1945, '46, '47, '50 and '54) and once for track (1932). Sorenstam received 40 first-place votes while Diana Taurasi, who led Connecticut to the NCAA women's basketball title, finished second.

2

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The margin of victory for Grace Park, who won the 2004 LPGA Vare Trophy for the lowest scoring average on tour: Grace finished at 69.99. Lorena Ochoa was second at 70.02. It should be noted that Annika Sorenstam had a 68.70 scoring average, but did not complete enough rounds to qualify for the Vare.

81

The age of the oldest person (Milwaukee pro Dick Lynch) to file an entry for last year's USGA Men's Open; he didn't show up, but maybe this year.

ASK THE PRO

Q: I'm a senior golfer who needs some help. Last year I played to a 25 handicap, but I tried to increase my driving distance by going to a driver with a bigger head and a stiff shaft. Now I'm playing to a 36. I believe I made a bad choice of equipment. Do you think that my game would improve if I had different clubs? I sure would like to get back to the way I used to play, if not better. — **Beverly B., Avon Park, Fla.**

A: I do think that your game would improve if you had golf clubs fit to your swing. Clubs that match your swing will certainly help you get that handicap back

down.

The bigger head that you went to last year is probably not a problem, but the stiff shaft raises a red flag. I have found that incorrect shaft flex is the most common characteristic of misfit clubs.

The shaft is often referred to as "the engine of the club," but if it's wrong for you, it's no more useful than a car without gasoline. When a shaft is too stiff you'll struggle to get the club head back to the ball and tend to hang on your back foot to help the ball into the air.

LPGA pro Pat Lange, founder of Lange Golf, says that she "found early on that there was not a shaft made for women that seemed to be flexible enough for a certain popu-

lation of female players."

A properly fit shaft does three things for you:

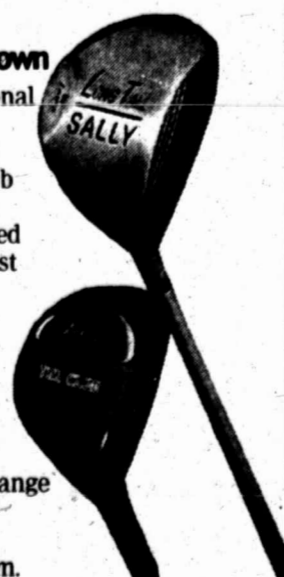
1. It adds a powerful kick to your shots.
2. It returns your club face to square at impact.
3. It allows you to swing in balance.

You can find out more about shaft flex and other important club specifications in my book "Play Better Golf for Women." I recommend that you read it and then go to a PGA or LPGA professional in your area who is a certified club fitter. In the meantime, go back to the more flexible driver you used last year (I hope you kept it as a backup).

DON'T MISS IT

A club of your own

LPGA professional Pat Lange is the founder of Lange Golf, a custom club manufacturer for women. I've worked with Pat in the past and her company makes some nice-looking clubs, utilizing the latest technology in club fitting. To find out more and/or to find a Lange club fitter in your area, log on to www.langegolf.com.



SCHEDULE

PGA TOUR

Buick Invitational

• Site: San Diego.
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
• Courses: Torrey Pines, South Course (7,607 yards, par 72) and North Course (6,874 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$4.5 million. Winner's share: \$810,000.
• Television: USA (Thursday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.) and ABC (Saturday, 3-6 p.m.; Sunday, 3:30-6:30 p.m.).

CHAMPIONS TOUR

MasterCard Championship

• Site: Kaupulehu-Kona, Hawaii.
• Schedule: Friday-Sunday
• Course: Hualalai Resort Golf Club (7,053 yards, par 72).
• Purse: \$1.6 million. Winner's share: \$250,000.
• Television: The Golf Channel (Friday, 7:30-10:30 a.m.; 7:30-10:30 p.m., 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.; Sunday, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; Monday, midnight-2:30 a.m.).