

FRIDAY

November 26, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 34°-36° TOMORROW 59°-62°

BRIEFLY

Angels available for adoption now

The Salvation Army Angel Tree program is in place for the holiday season. Angels are ready for adoption at Wal-Mart, Teen Angels are ready for adoption at Nannie's Attic and Senior Angels are available for adoption at the Big Spring Herald.

Flu vaccine to be given Monday

Flu shots will be offered at the Department of State Health Services located at 501 Birdwell, Suite 28B on Monday. The immunizations will only be available to those six to 23-months old, 65 and older and those who are at high risk due to chronic illness. Families with children less than six months old will also be able to get immunized. The shots cost \$10 for those that do not have Medicaid or Medicare.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



Professional rodeo is a sport that leads the best in bull, bareback, and saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling and roping, team and tie-down roping, and barrel racing to the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas each December.

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## Salvation Army serves more than 500 people

Volunteers, donations make annual Thanksgiving meal possible

By KENDRA WISS  
Staff Writer

More than 500 people were served at the Salvation Army's annual community Thanksgiving meal Thursday.

"Words cannot express how thankful we are for the community support," said Salvation Army Capt. Linda Keeney. "We are grateful for everyone who came out to help those who are less fortunate."

"More than 500 individuals and families



KEENEY

benefited from the meal and 296 to-go meals were delivered," said Keeney.

Nancy Vasquez, the Salvation Army's social service director, said she wished to thank the following people and organizations on behalf of the Salvation Army.

The college students from Family of Faith Victory Center are to be thanked for providing 16 families with turkeys and boxes of food.

His Refuge pastors Joe and Marcy Hernandez helped by providing four food boxes for needy families.

AutoZone also donated two fully-cooked meals for those less fortunate.

The Goliad Intermediate School Cavaliers donated four turkeys to the Salvation Army.

Vasquez also saluted the Big Spring Fire Department for helping to deliver meals to the homebound.

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## TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HOLIDAY SALES



HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss

Rosie and Julian Franco take advantage of the early-bird shopping values at Wal-Mart at 7 a.m. today.

## Shoppers arrive at stores very early today, taking advantage of post-Thanksgiving sales

By KENDRA WISS  
Staff Writer

Let the shopping begin!

Many Big Spring shoppers began their holiday shopping by waking in the wee hours of the morning to get the best deals.

"We have five boys, so we have to get the best prices for

Christmas," said Rosie Franco. She and her husband, Julian, were at Wal-Mart at 7 a.m. to take advantage of the early-bird specials.

Although the Francos say they are planning to spend less on gifts this year, their cart was already full by the end of their walk through the toy

aisle.

At the Big Spring Mall, the parking lot was filled by 7 a.m. as shoppers began to hunt for holiday bargains.

Jody Swinney, owner of the local Sears store, had \$10 gift cards for the first 25 customers on Thursday.

"The cards were gone by

## Four British employees slain by mortar attack in Baghdad's Green Zone

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A mortar attack killed four employees of a British security firm and wounded 15 others in the Baghdad's Green Zone, a fortified area that houses the U.S. and Iraqi leadership, the company and British officials said Friday.

Britain's Foreign Office said the dead were former Gurkhas, renowned Nepalese soldiers.

"The mortar landed in their camp," said a Foreign Office official on condition of anonymity.

Tim J. O'Brien, spokesman for the London-based Global Risk Strategies, said the attack took place Thursday, when multiple explosions were heard and black smoke was seen rising from the fortified zone on

the western bank of the Tigris River.

"There was an incident yesterday. We lost four people and had 12 to 15 who were injured," he said. "We can't confirm what this incident actually was until we go through internal investigations."

O'Brien declined to provide the identities of the victims, but said that none of those killed were American.

Global Risk Strategies is a London-based firm that provides security in countries including Iraq and Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, U.S. forces found 13 more bodies in and around the northern city of Mosul, the military said Friday, bringing

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## Holiday concert

DRA-sponsored gift to community slated for Saturday night

By KENDRA WISS  
Staff Writer

The Downtown Revitalization Association's third annual Community Christmas Concert is set for 7 p.m., Saturday at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

"We hope this will help people get in the mood for Christmas," said Larry Thibeault, who will be performing at the event. "Hopefully, this will help to jump-start the holiday season."

Allan Johnson, president of the organization, said the annual concert is a gift to the community from DRA members and is free to the public.

What: Christmas Community Concert.

Where: Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

When: 7 p.m. Saturday.

Admission: Free



THIBEAULT

Linda Lyndell will direct Big Spring High School's Rhapsody, bringing "Santa's Frosty Folly" to the stage. The concert will include traditional music, dancing and solos for half of the program. The choir has been invited to sing at a Dallas Spurs game and it will be collecting donations for the trip in a special box in the auditorium foyer.

Following a brief intermission, a Christmas variety show will be headlined by local talent including Thibeault, David Smith and Jackie Henry and will encourage enthusiastic audience participation.

After a rendition of "Santa Claus is

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## A SPECIAL 'THANK YOU'



Courtesy photo

Veterans Administration Medical Center Director Lou Ann Atkins, hands out flags and visits with Goliad Intermediate choir members at the school. VA personnel brought the choir ice cream as a way to thank them for performing at the Veterans Day service.



## Obituaries

## Charles 'Chuck' Meacham



Charles "Chuck" Meacham, 74, of Junction, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday morning, Nov. 24, 2004, at Hill Country Care Center in Junction. Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 3, 1929, in Turkey to Thelma Mary Lyles Meacham and Charles Valmer Meacham. He married Dannabel McRae June 4, 1949, in Afton. She preceded him in death Dec. 17, 1978. He farmed at Turkey and later in Pecos. He lived in Howard County from 1963 until 1978. While in Big Spring, he was in the salvage and trucking business. He later lived in Del Rio and owned Chuck's Boat Rentals. In 1981, due to ill health, he retired and moved to Junction.

He is survived by one son, Dan Meacham and his wife, Pearley, of Big Lake; two daughters, Charlsa Myers and her husband, Bill and Jayne Mansfield and her husband, Benny, all of Big Spring; one brother, Bud Meacham, of Amarillo; two sisters, Nora Buchanan of Amarillo and Peggy Saunders of Junction; five grandchildren, Charles Myers of Big Spring, Christi Myers of Brussels, Belgium, Daniel Meacham and his wife, Jessi, of Copperas Cove, Mysti Mims and her husband, Jason, of Lubbock, and Kassi Meacham of Alpine; and a number of cousins, nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one grandson, Michael Mansfield, Feb. 13, 2004; and one brother, Ed Meacham, Jan. 9, 2003.

The family suggests memorials to the Michael Mansfield Scholarship Fund, First Bank of West Texas, P.O. Box 140, Coahoma 79511.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Paid obituary*

## Take note

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

□ **CORNERSTONE CHURCH MEMBERS ARE WRAPPING CHRISTMAS PRESENTS** at the Big Spring Mall Saturday as a fund-raiser for the building fund. Call 816-3082 for more information.

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

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

□ **GARAGE AND BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT CIRCLE SIX RANCH IN STANTON** is set for Dec. 3-4 at the ranch, which is located six miles north of Stanton on Highway 137. Call 432-458-3467 for more information.

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

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

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

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

□ **A FUND TO HELP WITH EXPENSES FOR THE FAMILY OF MICKEY EMERSON OF FORSAN** has been set up at State National Bank, 901 Main St. Mickey was involved in a motorcycle accident Sept. 23 and is in intensive care in a Lubbock hospital. Contact his mother, Carolyn Winbush, at 263-1178 with any questions.

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## Police blotter

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

- **COURTNEY AUBIE**, 20, of 903 Sgt. Paredes, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft \$50-\$500.
  - **ROMAN CISNEROS**, 27, of 1304 S. Johnson, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving with license suspended.
  - **JOSEPH MOCEIKA**, 24, of 1429 E. 6th Street #34, was arrested Wednesday on local warrants.
  - **MARIA KAY STANDISH**, 31, of 2911 W. Highway 80 #208, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft \$50-\$500.
  - **ROMONA ALVAREZ**, 28, of Winters, was arrested Thursday on capias warrants and charges of failure to identify, citations.
  - **JUAN ANTONIO CANTU**, 43, of 1002 N. Main #38, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
  - **ESEQUIEL FLORES JR.**, 29, of 1619 Harding, was arrested Thursday on a Martin County warrant.
- Note: A police activity log for Wednesday morning through Friday morning was not available at press time.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **HOHERTZ, CHRISTOPHER**, 30, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for two counts of driving while license suspended.

## Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. West winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs near 60. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph in the morning shifting to the east near 10 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs near 60. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows near 40.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs near 60.

Monday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Lows near 40.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs near 50.

Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows near 30.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs near 50.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows near 30.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

## Support groups

## MONDAY

□ Encourager's Support Group for widows and widowers begins at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Enter through the north door. Please bring a covered dish. Call 398-5522 for more information.

## TUESDAY

□ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

## THURSDAY

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

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

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

## FRIDAY

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

## Bulletin board

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

## TODAY

• Thanksgiving Day holiday. Most area businesses and city and county offices are closed. Check with a specific group or club about meeting today.

## SATURDAY

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

• Downtown Revitalization Association Musical Review 7 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

## MONDAY

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

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

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

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

## TUESDAY

• Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.

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

• A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

## WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

## THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

• Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• "Oliver," a community-wide musical production, begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School auditorium. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

• Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

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"We can never have too many neighbors who are bringing something to the table and delivering it," said Vasquez. "The Salvation Army does it alone. We are grateful for the help they have received and look forward to everyone who can help other communities."

For more information about the Salvation Army and its holiday program, call 267-8239.

Contact: Stacy Kendra Wiss at ext. 234 or by email [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com)

## CONCERTS

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Coming to the Big Spring area will enjoy a visit by Santa Claus, who will bring sacks filled with gifts to children in the area.

The DRA is sponsoring the "Angels program." This year's special donation drive is available in the community foyer.

"We invite everyone to come and enjoy the gift to the community," said Johnson. "We hope people will be humming a song like 'Thibault'."

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## VOLUNTEERS IRAQ

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"We can never thank the countless community neighbors who helped by bringing desserts, serving and delivering food," said Vasquez. "The Salvation Army couldn't do it alone. We are very grateful for the help we have received and we look forward to seeing everyone who helped at other community gatherings."

For more information about the Salvation Army and its holiday programs, call 267-8239.

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## CONCERT

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Coming to Town," all ages will enjoy a special visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus, who will have sacks filled with gifts for children in the audience.

The DRA is also sponsoring the Christmas Angels program, Teen Angels. This year, a special donation box will be available in the auditorium foyer.

"We invite everyone to come and enjoy this free gift to the community," said Johnson. "And we hope people will leave humming a song," added Thibeault.

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to 35 the number of corpses discovered in the past week in the area shaken by an insurgent uprising.

Eleven of the 35 have been identified as members of the Iraqi security forces, who have been targeted by insurgents. The others have not been identified.

"It's a continued campaign of threats, intimidation and murder by insurgents to spread fear into the public. Their campaign has been directed at what appears to be Iraqi security forces," said Lt. Col. Paul Hastings, a spokesman with Task Force Olympia.

U.S. forces patrolling Mosul and nearby Tal Afar on Thursday morning found nine bodies on the western side of Mosul, he said. Two more bodies were found in the city later in the day.

In Tal Afar, one Iraqi National Guard soldier was found dead while a second body discovered in a different location was unidentified.

The military late

Thursday had reported the discovery of another two bullet-riddled bodies in western Mosul. U.S. and Iraqi troops were hit by mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire as they were retrieving the bodies, according to Lt. Col. Eric Kurilla of the Army's 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment.

The U.S. military spotted at least one team of insurgents firing at them. One Iraqi National Guardsman suffered minor injuries, according to Kurilla.

Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, was the site of a mass insurgent uprising in apparent support of Fallujah guerrillas following the U.S.-led assault on that rebel stronghold on Nov. 8. In the wake of the mass attacks, U.S. and Iraqi forces were sent in to retake parts of the city but insurgents have managed to hit back.

Twenty other bodies have been found in Mosul since last Thursday. At least 10 of the bodies — nine of them shot execution-style — belonged to the Iraqi regular army, based at the al-Kisik military base about 31 miles

west of Mosul, near Tal Afar. Four of the bodies found were decapitated.

In Fallujah, insurgents ambushed U.S. troops as they entered a home during house-to-house searches in the former rebel bastion, killing two Marines and wounding three others, the U.S. military said Friday.

Lt. Gen. John F. Sattler, commanding general of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said the Marines responded with gunfire, killing three rebels hiding inside.

U.S. troops have continued clearing operations in Fallujah, which came under a massive week-long U.S.-led assault that began Nov. 8. Sattler said about 50 percent of the houses in the city have already been cleared.

"We will continue to clear out houses till every one is secure. We've taken more and more of their safehouses. They're running out of places to hide," he said.

Sattler vowed that the city 40 miles west of Baghdad will be safe in time for next January's nationwide elections.

Also Friday, Navy Secretary Gordon R.

England warned of more violence in Iraq ahead of the country's nationwide elections but said that U.S. and Iraqi forces will prevail in securing the vote.

"There will be efforts to disrupt the elections," England said on a visit to Marines at a camp outside Fallujah. "The insurgents don't want the elections to be held and certainly not that they be successful. But we will prevail. We will provide the necessary stability."

In the southern city of Basra, Iraqi forces arrested four insurgents who said they were planning attacks against coalition bases and police stations there, officials said Friday, a day after a joint British-Iraqi operation netted three dozen men in the area.

Iraqi National Guardsmen arrested the four after a brief gunfight at the Al-Yarmouk Hotel. Three of the men came from Fallujah and the fourth from Samarra, according to an Iraqi National Guard official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The four men told Iraqi officials they were plan-

ning a series of attacks in southern Basra, which is the headquarters for some 8,500 British troops, in an attempt to relieve the U.S. military pressure on Fallujah.

One of the insurgents was injured during the gunfight and weapons were found in their hotel room, the Iraqi official said.

The arrests followed a larger operation Thursday where Iraqi National Guards and police commandos, backed by coalition forces, raided several locations in the town of Zubayr, just west of Basra, said British spokesman Maj. Charlie Mayo.

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Lee Priest, 80, died Monday. Memorial Service will be at 3:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Charles "Chuck" Meacham, 74, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 11:30 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

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## SALES

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6:05," said Swinney.

The register lines weaved through the store's aisles as shoppers lined up to make their holiday purchases. "This is a great turnout," said Swinney. "Things are going very well and we are looking forward to a great holiday season."

Many other local stores offered early shopping discounts for those will-

ing to meet the dawn at the checkout line.

For the others who decided to get a few more hours of sleep rather than fight the masses for the big price reductions, take heart. Most Big Spring stores will still be offering discounted prices for the remaining 28 days before Christmas.

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## Fewer exchange students in U.S. schools

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — High school foreign exchange students became such a part of American culture in the 1980s and 90s that, for a while, no Hollywood teen movie was complete without one.

But the number of international students at U.S. high schools has dropped significantly in the last decade, partly because schools and families are less willing to play host.

"We don't really have a lot of research into why it is happening, but it is happening. There are fewer students," said John Hishmeh, executive director of an umbrella group for most of the country's big exchange programs.

Some of the decline may be due to visa rules that took effect in the late 1990s that made it more difficult for international students to attend U.S. public schools, he said.

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## EDITORIAL

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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:

- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2013 "Patriot's Pen" winners Cameron Goss, Katryna Ceniza and Matt Ritchie and "Voice of Democracy" winners Burk Atkerson, Levi Johnson and Manoj Thangum.

- Kim and Jay Phinney, owners of The Karat Patch, on receiving the Rotary Club's Free Enterprise Award.

- Big Spring High School, on receiving a three-year \$150,000 Comprehensive School Reform-Texas High School Initiative Grant Program award from the Texas Education Agency.

- Thanksgiving volunteers. To the many, many volunteers, who at multiple places served up food, fellowship and good cheer.

- Goliad Cavaliers, for their generous donation to the Salvation Army.

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.

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## Small fish in a big sentence

Last week, Utah federal judge Paul G. Cassell handed a 22-year sentence to a man who used a log to beat an elderly woman to death. A few hours later, Cassell sentenced a 25-year-old first-time drug offender to 55 years.

If you think Cassell liked sentencing a small-change drug dealer to more time than a violent killer, guess again. The judge had no choice. Federal law demanded the sentence, despite Cassell's pointed questioning if there was a "rational basis" for sentencing Weldon H. Angelos, the father of two young children, to more time than he could sentence a hijacker, murderer or rapist.

Blame federal mandatory minimum sentencing rules. A jury found Angelos guilty on three separate charges of possessing a firearm while he sold a half-pound of marijuana for \$350. The first charge of possessing a gun during a drug transaction brought a five-year sentence — the second two, 25 years each. That adds up to 55 years, so even if Angelos was found guilty of selling \$1,050 of drugs, Cassell had to follow the rules and sentence him to 55 years on the gun charges. (The judge, however, did use a recent federal ruling as grounds for reducing the sentence for the drug-selling crimes to one day.)

Cassell did the right thing in imposing the draconian sentence. If he ignored federal law, he'd be placing himself above it.

Instead, Cassell sentenced Angelos as the law directed, even as he righteously hectored

Congress to rewrite federal drug laws so that first-time offenders don't serve more time than dangerous career criminals. The judge also urged Angelos' attorney, Jerome H. Mooney, to appeal the sentence and, if appeals fail, seek a presidential commutation.

While civil-rights advocates across America protested the sentence, the Utah U.S. Attorney's office defended the system. To prosecutors, Angelos is no Boy Scout. Officials found some 26 empty duffel bags with marijuana residue. Local feds believed Angelos was a big drug dealer, Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Lund told me, and associated with a violent street gang.

Let me say this: Angelos never was a good poster boy for the movement to humanize draconian federal drug laws. Angelos turned down a plea-bargain sentence of 16 years. He is considered a first-time offender only because a juvenile gun conviction was expunged from his record. And even if Angelos didn't wave his gun in people's faces, he nonetheless brought a gun with him during the transactions.

The reason Angelos has become a national cause celebre isn't Angelos but Cassell. There are more egregious examples of first-time offenders being sentenced to decades for petty dealing, but they didn't come before a judge vocally opposed to the heavy-handed nature of federal drug sentencing.

That said, it simply doesn't make sense that federal sentences often are tougher on small-time drug offenders than on violent criminals. But it happens all the time.

Just last week, the Albuquerque Journal reported on a case in which a federal judge claimed that he sentenced a man who killed his

own mother to six and a half years after he sentenced a 29-year-old mother of three to life without parole because she had a gun while dealing marijuana.

It's not right. Congress passed tough federal drug laws because Washington wanted harsh time for drug kingpins. But too often, prosecutors cut deals that reduce sentences for drug ringleaders who inform on other offenders; prosecutors then show no mercy on low- and mid-level offenders. Often, it's the worst criminals who figure out how to game the system — according to Angelos' attorney, the informant who testified against Angelos had a "bad" rap sheet.

In effect, Angelos is set to spend an extra 30 years in prison — assuming he is let out for good behavior — simply because he wouldn't agree to a plea bargain with the U.S. Attorney's office.

Note that at one point, prosecutors agreed justice would be served if Angelos served 16 years. Now, they are defending a sentence that far outstrips the time many killers serve.

Families Against Mandatory Minimums, based in Washington, estimates that the cost of jailing Angelos will be \$1.3 million.

The cost to Angelos: life behind bars until he is well into his twilight years. His sister told the Salt Lake Tribune that 55 years will be "worse than a death in the family" as the terms will present "constant torture."

Cassell himself called the sentence "unjust, cruel and even irrational." Too bad that in Washington, the federal sentencing system is considered something entirely different: highly popular.

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## YOUR VIEWS

## TO THE EDITOR:

Are you planning to give gift cards this holiday season? Did you know gift cards have an expiration date? I didn't. I was given a gift card purchased at HEB for a holiday and wanted to "save" it for a special use or something I really wanted.

Well, I did and I found the special occasion that this card was just right to use. The gift was for \$50 and much to my surprise and amazement, when I tried to use the card, there was a zero balance.

How could this be? I had not used this card at all.

On the back of the gift card at the very top there is a printed statement "Treat this card like cash," but below that in much smaller print there is a statement, "...If your card is not used for 12 months, a dormant account fee of \$2.10 per month will be deducted from the balance in arrears..."

Again, I ask, "Did you know there was an expiration date on gift cards? Bet not. The card doesn't tell you in a place where it is evident nor does any advertisement mention that is has to be used in a period of time. Then I looked at a Wal-Mart card — same thing, except they give you 24 months before they start the charges of \$1 and Hobby Lobby — again, 12 months and a \$2 per month charge.

So, if you are thinking of gift cards for your holiday giving, you might think cash or check. At least it doesn't have a dormant account fee taken away each month.

In an article in the November-December issue of AARP magazine, some companies (Starbucks and Blockbuster) have dropped these fees. Several states have passed laws restricting fees, expiration dates or both. More than 30 states are considering similar laws.

GLORIA McDONALD  
BIG SPRING

## DEAR EDITOR,

The family of Curtis James wants to thank the community for the support that made the fund-raiser

for cancer-related medical expenses such a success. A special thank you to Ronnie, Brooke and Gary Grant, the Cossacks Motorcycle Club, Susie Roach, Ricky Morrow, Steve Thomas and Tracy and Holly Lamden from Hobbs, N.M., for providing the music.

We want to thank everyone who came out to the barbecue fundraiser and contributed money, time and items for the auction. We appreciate everyone who helped.

CURTIS JAMES FAMILY  
BIG SPRING

## DEAR EDITOR,

Cornerstone Church wants to thank the overwhelming response from the community and its assistance with our barbecue fundraisers. We appreciate all the donations made toward our building fund.

Also, the Holiday Tea was a success and we appreciate the support we received with that fundraiser as well.

Thank you, Big Spring.

CORNERSTONE CHURCH  
BIG SPRING

## TO THE EDITOR:

After all heads were counted of volunteers that turned out to "Make A Difference," 118 people were out to exercise their bodies picking up trash to "Make A Difference" in our community on Saturday, Oct. 23. They worked on FM 700 at the landfill collecting 69 bags of trash weighing 748 pounds.

Others worked on Wasson Road, Thorpe, Westover, MLK, Mulberry, 15th Street, Sword, the Vietnam Memorial area, at the Airpark, Park Street Park, North Side Park, the Library area and other areas.

Speaking of making a Difference, we did! Throughout Texas, "Make A Difference" Day is observed at this time each year. Everyone can make a difference — plant a tree, paint, visit a neighbor, visit a nursing care facility — anything that can make a difference in a person's life.

RSVP had a drive collecting non-

perishable food items for Adult Protective Services and Meals on Wheels.

Approximately 45 volunteers enjoyed a lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs provided by Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Over lunch they enjoyed a time of conversation and fellowship. Six participants walked away with door prizes donated by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce consisting of gardening bags with some tools and gloves, as well as one car multi-use box.

We want to clean and turn Big Spring around where we can truly say, "Keep Big Spring Beautiful", a "City of Refuge" one of peace and safety. We, the citizens of Big Spring, are the city of Big Spring.

The people that are called the city of Big Spring are our employees, hired and paid for with our taxes. We have our mayor and council elected by us and representing us. Each council member represents a specific district they are accountable to.

City employees are following the guide of ordinances that have been laid out and to be followed by Code Enforcement. If we did not have ordinances and enforcement, our town would be like a city dump. Citizens do not show responsibility they should. Every citizen, whether property owner, renter, owner of vacant lot, building or vacant building should be held accountable for the appearance and upkeep of that property from the front to the back.

Dispose of trash properly by using in trash bags and tying them before placing them in dumpster. Be sure to close the lid of the dumpster. If each person would pick up one piece of trash daily, we would be on the winning side.

Citizens should be respectful of others' property. I encourage every resident of Big Spring to be a good citizen and let's "Make A Difference" in our community.

Let Big Spring shine because we care!

PAT SIMMONS  
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## World briefs

### Nine bodies found in Cancun in apparent drug assassinations

CANCUN, Mexico (AP) — The bodies of nine people, including three federal agents, were discovered at two sites outside Cancun, and police are blaming the killings on a drug turf war in the Mexican resort city.

Five bodies were found just off the highway leading to the airport, on a dirt road 10 miles south of Cancun. All those victims had been shot in the head and one was found with his hands tied behind his back, Assistant State Attorney General Luis Alfonso Chi told a news conference. Authorities recovered an abandoned car nearby.

Three of the victims — Luis Octavio Guzman, Roberto Alcantara and Fernando Perez — were federal police, Chi said.

The other two were identified as Leonardo Martin Flores, a jeweler, and Eduardo Solis, whose hands were tied. Solis' occupation was unclear.

Another four charred bodies were found in the trunk of a burned-out car parked in an illegal dump near the highway between Cancun and the city of Merida, about 6 miles from the Cancun airport.

Police said the killings were reported by two, separate unidentified emergency calls Thursday. The vehicle containing four bodies was still on fire when authorities got there, he said.

Officials had yet to officially determine a motive or suspects in the cases, but the weapons used and the execution-style killings appeared to be related to drugs and Chi said smuggling violence had escalated in the area in recent weeks.

### Five people, including family of four, killed in Thanksgiving Day traffic accident

MARION, Ill. (AP) — A van crossed a median and struck a car head-on, killing five people including a family of four headed to Texas for Thanksgiving.

The crash occurred about 1:50 a.m. Thursday on Interstate 57 near Marion, in the southern part of the state. State police rerouted traffic for about five hours.

Chicago residents Candelario and Blanca Flores and their daughters, Monica, 9, and 6-year-old Elizabeth, were in the van, authorities said. The driver of the car was identified only as a 71-year-old Florida man.

A third vehicle rear-ended the Florida car after it was hit, officials said. Six people in the car were treated for minor injuries at the scene.

### Arizona apprehensions higher than other border states combined

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — More illegal immigrants were apprehended in Arizona during the fiscal year than were caught in California, New Mexico and Texas combined, according to the latest statistics released by the U.S. Border Patrol.

While that distinction is a first for the state, the Border Patrol's Tucson sector has led the nation in apprehensions for the past seven years.

Since 1994, the share of apprehensions along the Mexican border reported in the Tucson sector has grown from 14 percent to more than 43 percent, garnering national attention for rising death tolls, volunteer civilian border patrols and a recent ballot initiative aimed at illegal immigrants.

Along the entire Arizona border, the share has grown from 16 percent to 52 percent.

Andy Adame, spokesman for the Border Patrol's Tucson sector, points to several geographical obstacles in Arizona that aren't necessarily found in other places.

### Ukraine opposition surrounds buildings

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Thousands of Ukrainian opposition supporters encircled the presidential administration and the Cabinet buildings on Friday.

### 14-year-old found with man in San Francisco

HOUSTON — A 14-year-old League City girl has been found in San Francisco after the 22-year-old man accused of corresponding with her on the Internet then kidnapping her last month sent an e-mail to the girl's mother.

Authorities captured Paul Lance Cameron Bennett and the teenager on Wednesday in what Houston FBI spokesman Bob Doguim called a "homeless park."

The FBI found them after tracing an e-mail Bennett sent to Cindy Wilkerson from a nearby McDonald's. The e-mail was in response to one Wilkerson sent to her daughter and Bennett after the girl left home Oct. 25, pleading for her safe return.

He wrote back: "This is the most terrifying thing ever for me. I do love your daughter more than life itself as well. I understand your pain. And we are trying to figure out some middle ground in all this. It may

have been a bit rash. She begged and pleaded with me to leave. She hasn't stopped thinking about you and many tears have been shed by all of us. Get back to you soon. Love, Paul."

Doguim told the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions that an agent in San Francisco spotted the girl and Bennett at the park near the Haight neighborhood.

The Wilkersons were scheduled to leave late Wednesday for San Francisco to reunite with their daughter.

The teen was reported missing after she crawled through a window. The next day, her friends told

refusing to let anyone through as they intensified their protests against the outcome of disputed presidential elections.

The bold move came as European envoys began arriving in this ex-Soviet republic on a quest to nudge the two presidential candidates' camps into talks.

Ukraine, a nation of 48 million, has been seized by an ever-escalating political crisis since Sunday's much criticized presidential vote.

The crisis has brought throngs of protesters into the capital, Kiev, where they have set up a sprawling tent camp along a main avenue and square, braving freezing temperatures for five straight nights.

Official results from the presidential runoff indicate Kremlin-backed Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich won. But his Western-leaning opponent, Viktor Yushchenko, says the ballot was rigged, and Western observers concurred.

### U.N. nuke agency to discuss Iran, S. Korea

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Delegates for the U.N. nuclear agency worked to resolve a dispute over Iran's interpretation of a freeze on uranium enrichment as they prepared to deal with another matter — South Korea and its illicit plutonium and uranium experiments.

Unlike South Korea, the issue of Iran threatened to drag on into the weekend, which would force an extension of the International Atomic Energy Agency board meeting past its planned close Friday.

A report summarizing 18 months of IAEA investigations says the agency remains unable to determine if nearly two decades of Iranian nuclear activities were purely peaceful or if the government had a weapons agenda.

But the main issue is Iran's interpretation of its deal with the European Union to freeze all activities linked to uranium enrichment, which can produce both nuclear fuel and the material for the core of atomic warheads.

Diplomats said Iran continued to demand on Friday that it be allowed to operate some centrifuges — although the EU says the Nov. 7 deal mandates a suspension of all activities related to enrichment, including running the machines that spin gas into fuel-level or weapons-grade uranium.

### Army uses NASCAR in recruiting effort

FORT RILEY, Kan. (AP) — Joe Nemechek is "G.I. Joe" to many NASCAR fans, a nickname stemming from the GoArmy.com logo on the hood and bumper of his Chevy Monte Carlo.

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Sponsoring Nemechek is part of a military recruiting strategy, which includes advertising at football games and rodeos, aimed at maintaining the all-volunteer force during the war in Iraq and the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

"We have to get the best young men and women in the Army to continue," said Tom Tiernan, a 22-year Army veteran who is now a civilian employee leading the marketing program.

The program's success is open to debate. A federal General Accounting Office report concluded last year that the military — even though its advertising spending rose from \$299 million in 1998 to \$598 million in 2003 — couldn't truly evaluate such campaigns because "joining the military is a profound life decision."

### Man kills eight at Chinese high school

BEIJING (AP) — A man with a knife broke into a high school dormitory and killed eight students in the deadliest of a series of knife attacks at Chinese schools in recent months, the government said Friday.

Police were searching for the man following the attack late Thursday at the No. 2 High School in the

city of Ruzhou, which also injured four students, the official Xinhua News Agency said. It didn't give a possible motive but said police believe they know the man's appearance.

The attacker broke into the dormitory at 11:45 p.m. and "chopped eight people to death and four to injury," Xinhua said. It had said earlier that the attack in central China took place Friday morning.

No one was available for comment at the Ruzhou police headquarters.

It was the fourth knife attack reported since August at a Chinese school or day care center. The earlier assaults left one child dead and a total of 42 people injured.

### Earthquake rocks West Papua province

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A strong earthquake rocked Indonesia's West Papua province Friday, killing at least 13 people and causing dozens of buildings and homes to collapse, officials said.

The magnitude-6.4 quake struck at 11:25 a.m. and was centered 20 miles from the Papuan town of Nabire, 2,000 miles northeast of the capital Jakarta, said seismologist Edison Gurning.

At least 13 people were killed and 65 injured, Nabire Deputy Police Chief Maj. Wempi Batlauri said.

The quake destroyed 170 homes and shops, three bridges, a church and a government telecommunications building, he said. Authorities closed the local airport after a crack was found in the runway.

Indonesia, the world's largest archipelagic nation of 17,000 islands, is prone to frequent seismic upheaval because of its location on the margins of tectonic plates called the Pacific "Ring of Fire."

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## Club News

West Texas  
Pachyderm Club

The West Texas Pachyderm Club will hold a joint November-December meeting Thursday, at noon in the Big Spring Country Club, because of the holidays.

Club members will be electing officers for the new year and looking at some exciting new directions for the club.

## TOPS TX 21

Martha Christy voiced the opening prayer when Take Off Pounds Sensibly TX No. 21 met at the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 W. Third, Monday at 5:30 p.m.

The TOPS and Keep Off Pounds Sensibly pledges were repeated and the fellowship song was sung.

Carol Smith gave a reading titled, "Attitudes," Genay Bertran read, "My Doctor is My Shepherd" and Donna Menges read, "Happy Thanksgiving."

Following the minutes read by Gladys Russell, Genay Bertran called the roll.

Ten TOPS and three KOPS answered roll call. Best lost of the TOPS for the week was Hughetta Roberts and the KOPS best loser was Lynne Criswell.

Each one received the weekly best loser award and certificate.

The club welcomed one visitor, Jennifer Shaffer.

After the program given by Duffy Yancy, the club was dismissed with encouragement to do better next week.

Interested TOPS? Call 1-800-392-3677 or locally 263-1758 or 263-1758.

## Driver Safety Course

A senior citizen driver safety course will be taught at the Big Spring Senior Center Thursday and Friday, starting at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. each day with a half hour off for lunch.

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

This course is the nation's first and largest classroom refresher for motorists age 50 and older. It deals with the physical changes of the mature driver and identifies ways that such drivers may compensate for said changes.

The course material is based on research about what is needed by this age group to update driver knowledge and skills.

Since 1979, when this course was first offered, more than 10 million people have completed this course. This represents about 9 percent of those eligible to take it.

## Lamesa

## Community Players

The Lamesa Community Players will present "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of a Christmas Carol" by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jr. at 8 p.m. Dec. 9-11 and at 2 p.m. Dec. 12 at the playhouse, 214 N. Austin St., Lamesa.

Tickets are \$7. Reservations may be made by calling 806-872-7205.

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Sunday Praise & Worship.....6:00 p.m.

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Thursday Missionettes.....6:30 p.m.

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## People believe

By BERTA DELGADO

The Dallas Morning News says the world as a student for Time magazine. From Jerusalem to Tiananmen, Beirut to Moscow, erred wars and summits and bombings.

A British national Oxford graduate speaks Russian, French and German. Among his degrees, a doctorate in Russian history. His most recent published work, "A Man of the Spirit," is a biography of George W. Bush. A devout Christian is the founder of a worldwide organization for Christian journalism. He spoke with The Morning News.

Here are excerpts from Q: Did President Bush win him term?

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## People believe some very strange things all over the world

By BERTA DELGADO

The Dallas Morning News David Aikman traveled the world as a correspondent for Time magazine. From Jerusalem to Tiananmen Square, Beirut to Moscow, he covered wars and revolts, summits and suicide bombings.

A British native, he is an Oxford graduate who speaks Russian, Chinese, French and German. Among his degrees is a doctorate in Russian and Chinese history.

His most recent work, published earlier this year, is "A Man of Faith: The Spiritual Journey of George W. Bush."

A devout Christian, he is the founder Gegrapha, a worldwide organization for Christian journalists. He spoke with The Dallas Morning News.

Here are excerpts:

Q: Did President Bush's faith win him a second term?

A: Yes. I think that Karl Rove's 4 million (evangelical voters who stayed home in 2000) that Democrats thought were a phantom showed up. They didn't sit on their hands. They were extremely zealous. And those are the people who made it such a squeaker in 2000 and lost it for (Bob) Dole in 1996.

Q: Will other candidates now reach out to evangelicals?

A: American voters, including evangelicals, are rather wise. I don't think they would have voted for just anybody who happened to make the right theological noises and coughed in their direction once or twice. They felt, correctly, that Bush was much closer to their core positions on a variety of issues than his opponent. I think it's unwise to try to dissect the American electorate as series of constituencies that have to be catered to in a precise way.

Q: Why have many in the secular media been so ignorant or oblivious regarding evangelicals?



KRT photo/ DARNELL RENEE  
Author and journalist David Aikman, the author of "A Man of Faith: The Spiritual Journey of George W. Bush."

A: I would use the term tone deaf. It sometimes involves ignorance but more often than not just plain lack of intuition. Let's face it, people who are attracted to journalism tend to be inherently slightly rebellious. We don't like absolutes. We don't like people telling us what to do or what to believe. We're inherently skeptical of anybody who claims to have the answer with a capital A.

On the whole, it's a very healthy attitude to have as a reporter. (But) we often overlook people who believe very fiercely things that we don't particularly regard as serious. I don't think that the tone-deafness applies only to evangelicals. I think it applies to virtually any religion.

Q: Do Americans understand more about Islam since 9-11?

A: Not much. Your average reader is about as uninformed as before. But anybody with a reasonable interest in the news would have learned quite a lot about the different facets of Islam. It's not been an absence of information.

I would say overall there's a reluctance philosophically on the part of Americans to believe that people, when they say very strange sounding things, actually believe them. We sort of react, "Oh he's not being serious," or, "He doesn't really believe that." But in fact, a lot of people believe some very strange

things all over the world. Bin Laden was talking about the fatwa against Americans back in the 1990s. I wrote about it. I thought what he was representing was altogether ominous.

Q: What are the prospects for Mideast peace post-Arafat?

A: We have a little breathing space. If the current, transitional leadership (of the Palestinians) can enforce its authority and perhaps even get re-elected, if they can get the security forces to support them, there's a reasonable chance that there can be meaningful negotiations with Israel. But failing that, if, heaven forbid, Palestinians fall back into a state of civil war, I don't think there's any chance at all.

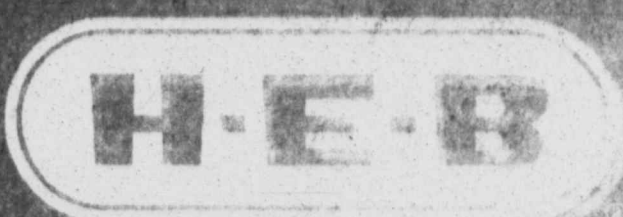
Q: John Shelby Spong, the liberal, retired Episcopal bishop, told us last week that the church in Europe is dead.

A: That's the one thing I would agree with Spong about.

Q: What brought that about?

A: The identification of church and state, which existed in every country, meant that when people became disillusioned with state they always did sooner or later they became disillusioned with the church. And that happened from Britain to France to Germany.

The second thing is that European culture was influenced much more by the secularism of the French Revolution.



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## Church News

**East Fourth Street Baptist Church**

East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 401 E. Fourth St., has these opportunities for Christian growth and service for this week: Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship service 11 a.m.; Youth, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends and Mission Babies at 4:45 p.m.; choir practice at 5 p.m. evening service at 6; Wednesday Bible study, prayer meeting and youth at 7 p.m. Call 267-2291.

**Birdwell Lane Baptist Church**

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

We want to wish everyone a very happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

From 10 a.m. until noon Dec. 5, the Hinkle Family Singers perform. They are a family who minister in word and song. Sunday worship is at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are 7 p.m. Wednesday. For information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

**Catholic Dioceses of San Angelo**

Monday, at 8:30 a.m., in anticipation of World AIDS Day, which is Dec. 1., Bishop Pfeifer will have a special mass for AIDS victims at Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Angelo, located at 19 S. Oakes St. Bishop Pfeifer has requested that all the churches in the dioceses of San Angelo, which take in 29 counties in West Texas, offer prayers for those who are suffering from HIV/AIDS. As the bishop will be at a meeting in south Texas on World AIDS Day, the mass for that day is being anticipated and the public is welcome to attend.

**First Presbyterian Church**

The scripture for the first Sunday in Advent is taken from Matthew 24:36-44. The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will be the speaker. Worship service will be at 11 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 is held at 10:35 a.m.

Opportunities for the week include the Hanging of the Greens during morning worship Sunday. Miles will explain the significance of each article as it decorates the sanctuary.

Children of the church will join in making gingerbread churches with Gale's Bakery Dec. 5 at Dora Roberts Community Center.

These churches will be delivered to shut-ins. Also on Dec. 5, the Symphony Guild will again hold a reception at the church after the Tour of Homes. Mike Mitchell and the choir have planned vocal music, instrumental music and congregational singing of traditional Christmas music during the reception.

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

Eighth streets.

**East Side Baptist Church**

The Toney Brothers will be with us at 7 p.m. Dec. 3.

The Hinkle Family will be singing in the 6 p.m. service Dec. 5.

Our eighth annual Children's Christmas Fun Festival will be Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. for children ages 5 through 12.

To register your children call the church at 267-1915. If no answer leave a message.

**Calvary Baptist Church**

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

**Cornerstone Church**

Church members will be wrapping Christmas presents at the Big Spring mall Saturday for the

Cornerstone Church building fund. Contact 816-3082 for more information.

Cornerstone Church, a Morning Star International Church, invites children entering kindergarten through fourth grade to a new fall program, "Looking At the Pieces," at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, featuring different stories of the Old Testament. A new Sunday school class for preschoolers continues with the story of Noah's Ark.

Cornerstone, located at the corner of 12th and Owens streets, offers a

family atmosphere of praise and worship. Morning worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday worship is at 7 p.m. Childcare is available for newborns through preschool. Call Pastor Craig or Cherise Felty at 263-3072 with any questions.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

Join a new adult Sunday school class starting 10 a.m. Sunday in the St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, Ninth and Scurry streets.

The Matrix films raise challenging moral and philosophical questions. What do they say about the nature of self-knowledge, faith, love, reality, free will and destiny? This study will help you examine these issues and discuss the movie from a Biblical perspective.

You will receive a free copy of the discussion guide. St. Paul's Lutheran Church is located at 810 Scurry. The phone number is 267-7163.

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The Crossroads is looking for ball officials upcoming season. For more information, contact Rodriguez at 517-0300.

The games played in local such as Big Forsan and C and will be junior high and school levels.

**YMCA extend-**

**youth registra-**  
The YMCA announced the basketball registration for the upcoming season will through Friday.

The organization meeting for adult would like to group coordinators still scheduled Tuesday, Nov. Saturday, Dec. Everyone interested coaching must one of these two meetings. The teams formed Saturday.

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

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

**B.S. football l-**

**set for Dec. 2**  
The Big Spring football banquet is set for Monday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior Cafeteria.

The meal will be \$10. For more information, call the Training Center at 3662.

**Sign ups now**

**Coahoma 'dril-**  
The sign-ups for Coahoma Dribblers Basketball League will take place Nov. 30-Dec. 3.

Coahoma Junior Gym. The registration will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., while the games begin at 8 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.

The league is for boys and girls ages 10 and up, through grade 12. The cost is \$25.

**Pittsburgh up-**

**West Virginia**  
PITTSBURGH Tyler Palko, quarterback, has nearly all the West Virginia defense completed.

Pittsburgh's defense, completed third-down pickoff, drove Pittsburgh's defense to a 16-13 upset victory over the No. 10 Mountaineers.

Until Palko's reception of Marshall's pass, Pitt's only touchdown had followed a five-touchdown drive against Notre Dame.

He finished with 165 yards.

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Event Times:  
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Dec. 2, 7 p.m.  
Dec. 3, 7 p.m.







## HOWARD

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Monday."

Fairley averaged just over 17 points per game before scoring 26 against the Hardin Simmons junior varsity Monday. Tidwell is averaging 11 points per game.

"We know we have enough to compete," said Miller. "We just have to come out ready to play every single night."

## Hawk men at

**Eastern Arizona Classic**  
Howard's mens team will also find some good competition at the Eastern Arizona Classic as they look to challenge Eastern Arizona Friday and Central Arizona Saturday.

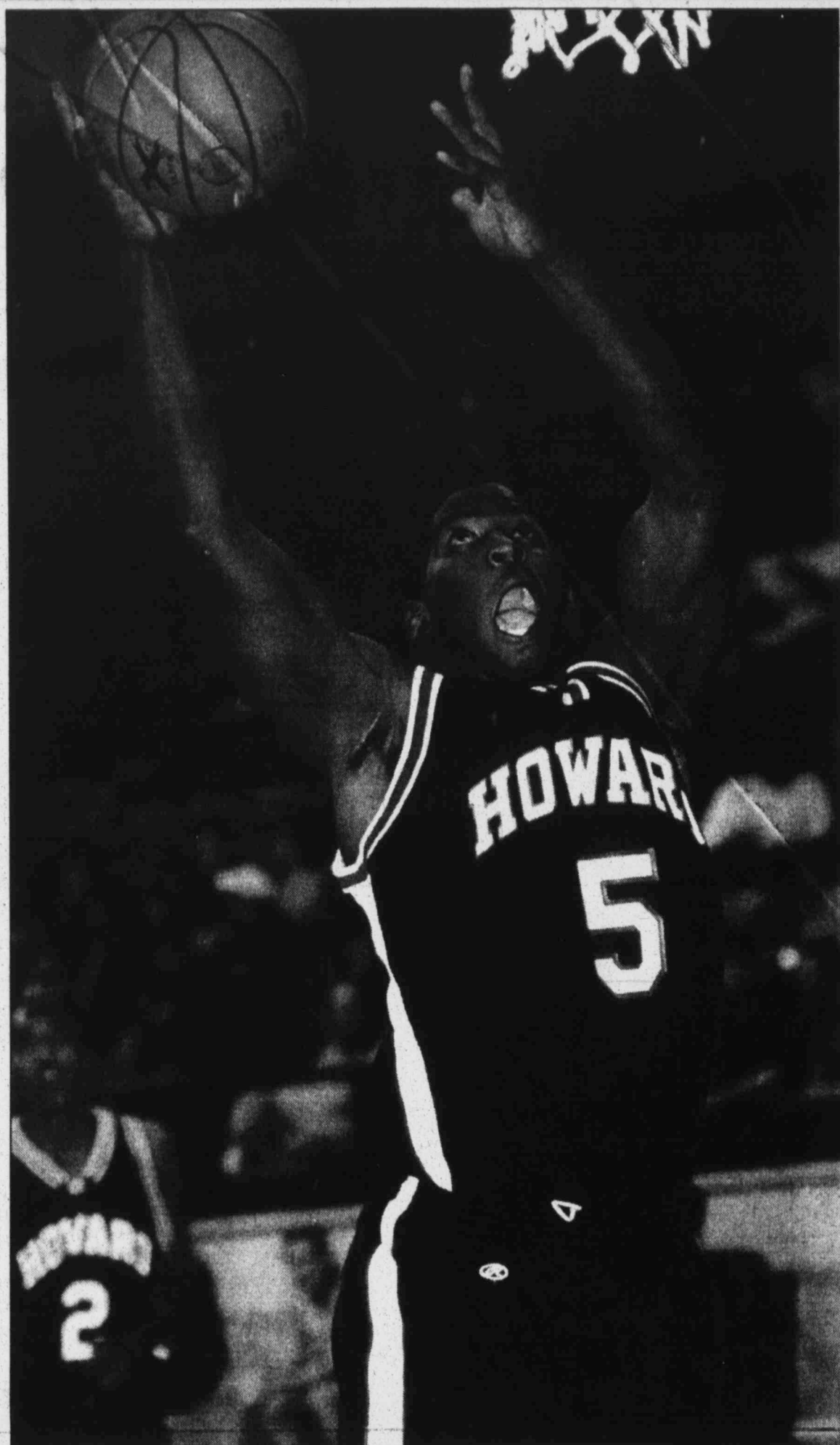
The Hawk men, who are coached by Mark Adams and Jason Sautter, enter the tournament with a 7-1 record. They are coming off a 22-point road victory over the UTPB junior varsity Monday. The Hawks also captured third place at the South Padre Island Tournament last weekend. They suffered their first loss of the year at the hands of McLennan, but neither coach felt the Hawks played very well.

"It was good tournament for us," said Adams, who is in his first year as Howard's head coach. The new players and new coaches will take a little time to get going but we are getting better each day.

"The tournament was a great experience for our guys and we got tougher from it as well."

Adams expects a challenge from both Eastern and Central Arizona as both teams have good size and experience.

The Hawk men will face Eastern Arizona at 7:30 p.m. Friday then challenge Central Arizona at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.



Howard College freshman James Barrett goes up strong inside during a game earlier this season. Barrett led the Hawk men with 23 points Tuesday against the UTPB junior varsity team. The Hawk men traveled to the Eastern Arizona Classic Thursday. They play a game tonight and will also play Saturday night. The women are competing Friday and Saturday at the Dodge City Classic.

## Manning throws six TD passes in Colts' 41-9 rout over Detroit

DETROIT (AP) — While Peyton Manning tried to downplay his individual accomplishments, receiver Brandon Stokley heaped on the praise.

"He's the best that's ever played this game as far as quarterbacks are concerned," Stokley said. "When he's retired, they'll compare everybody to Peyton Manning."

On Thursday, Manning threw six touchdown passes — three each to Stokley and Marvin Harrison — in less than three quarters in the Colts' 41-9 victory over Detroit. The Indianapolis star has 41 TD passes this season, seven short of Dan Marino's 1984 record, and set an NFL record with at least four TD passes in five straight games.

"I feel uncomfortable talking about anything individual," Manning said. "I just want to keep winning."

He gave way to backup Jim Sorgi late in the third quarter, giving up a chance to tie the NFL record of seven touchdown passes shared by Sid Luckman, Adrian Burk, George Blanda, Y.A. Tittle and Joe Kapp.

"Whatever record they want to break, they have a chance," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said.

Manning helped the AFC South-leading Colts (8-3) win their fourth straight game, finishing 23-of-28 for 236 yards and zero interceptions.

"Four touchdowns seems like an off week for him," Stokley said. "You expect that from him. It's kind of funny to expect four or five touchdowns from a guy every game."

Manning tried to deflect credit to his teammates, especially running back Edgerrin James, saying that linebackers have to respect the run.

"At least four of the six touchdowns were play action," Manning said.

James ran for 105 yards, Harrison caught 12 passes for 127 yards, and Stokley had five receptions for 57 yards.

The Lions (4-6) lost their fifth straight game.

They fumbled four times in their territory, missed a field goal and stalled repeatedly in the red zone.

Fittingly, backup quarterback Mike McMahon fumbled on the final play before scooping up the ball and throwing a game-ending interception.

Joey Harrington was 14-of-23 for 156 yards before he was benched late in the third quarter. His job. McMahon was 11-of-15 for 105 yards.

## NFL GLANCE

By The Associated Press

## Thursday's Games

Indianapolis 41, Detroit 9  
Dallas 21, Chicago 7  
Sunday's Games  
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.  
Washington at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.  
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
New Orleans at Atlanta, 4:05 p.m.  
Buffalo at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.  
N.Y. Jets at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.  
Miami at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.  
Baltimore at New England, 4:15 p.m.  
Oakland at Denver, 8:30 p.m.

## Monday's Game

St. Louis at Green Bay, 9 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 5  
Arizona at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.  
Houston at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
Minnesota at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m.  
San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 p.m.  
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.  
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.  
New England at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
Denver at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.  
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.  
Green Bay at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.  
Monday, Dec. 6  
Dallas at Seattle, 9 p.m.

## Healthy Jones leads Cowboys past Chicago, 21-7

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — Finally healthy, rookie Julius Jones is showing why Bill Parcells was willing to trade out of the first round in the draft when he had his choice of any running back.

Jones showed off his speed, a few nifty moves and some perseverance Thursday, running for 150 yards and two touchdowns to help the Dallas Cowboys beat the Chicago Bears 21-7.

The former Notre Dame star also showed durability, with 33 carries just four days after running 30 times in his starting debut for the Cowboys (4-7).

"He's determined. I think he's got some stamina and he doesn't get discouraged," Parcells said. "Yeah, he showed me something. He sure did."

That's a high compliment, considering the questions that were raised after Jones missed the season opener because of a rib injury and then broke his shoulder blade in his NFL debut in Week 2.

His older brother, Thomas, started at running back for the Bears.

Thomas Jones was the best thing the Bears (4-7) had on offense, but his 46 yards on 14 carries and 48 more on six receptions weren't enough.

The brothers shared a long hug after the game, with Thomas holding Julius' head and whispering congratulations into his ear.

Julius Jones had a 55-yard TD run on the Cowboys' opening drive.

He took the handoff from rookie Drew Henson, who made his first start, and froze two safeties with a nifty move before scoring.

After gaining 95 yards on his first 15 carries, Jones was held to 5 yards on his next 10 tries. The second-round pick bounced back with 50 yards — and a 4-yard TD run — after that.

"I guess I showed (Parcells) I can be in there and be consistent and handle the carries," Jones said. "Hopefully, he can continue to count on me and have faith."

Henson was 4-of-12 for 31 yards and an interception, returned 45 yards by R.W. McQuarters for the Bears' lone touchdown.

Vinny Testaverde, who didn't practice much this week because of a sore shoulder and back from a hit last Sunday, took over at quarterback for Dallas in the second half. The 41-year-old Testaverde was 9-of-14 for 92 yards and the go-ahead 5-yard TD to Darian Barnes.

The Bears lost their second straight since winning three in a row. Again, an ineffective offense (140 total yards) was mostly to blame.

"We haven't been able to run the ball. We're not getting much out of our passing game," coach Lovie Smith said.

Rookie quarterback Craig Krenzel went 5-for-10 for 46 yards, then left with a sprained right ankle midway through the second quarter. Jonathan Quinn was 10-of-21 for 86 yards with two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Henson's last start at quarterback had been

Jan. 1, 2001, for Michigan in the Citrus Bowl before three summers in pro baseball. He led an opening 62-yard, five-play drive but then struggled against the blitzing Bears.

"He did all right," Parcells said. "It was just situations he was not seeing, simple things that he had a little trouble recognizing."

"He needs a lot of work, and that's OK. The guy hasn't played a lot."

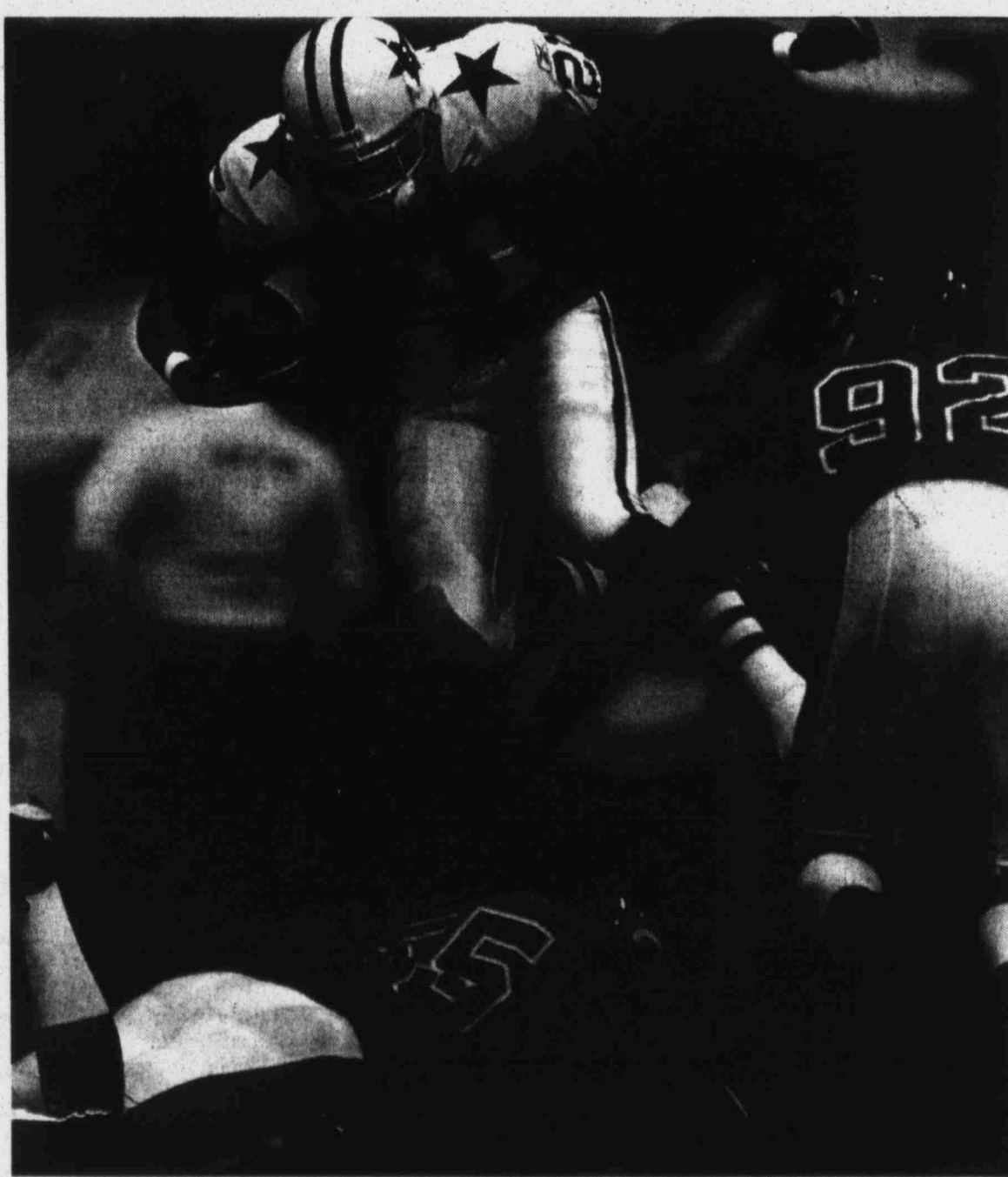
Four days earlier in his NFL debut, Henson was 6-of-6 for 47 yards and a TD after replacing Testaverde in a 30-10 loss in Baltimore.

Last April, no running back had been picked when the Cowboys traded their No. 1 to Buffalo and moved down 21 spots. Steven Jackson, Chris Perry, Kevin Jones and Tatum Bell were gone when it was Dallas' turn again.

But Julius Jones was a back they had targeted when they bypassed their first pick.

"What you saw tonight was some of that vision," owner Jerry Jones said.

"And a little bit of the way he picks his way through there kind of reminds of another guy (Emmitt Smith) that's played a lot of ball here," he added.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're not required to know it all, but do take hold of your own mission. This inspires confidence from your team. By the way, taking a day trip in a group of more than four is not advised, as it's too chaotic and exhausting!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Life challenges you to be the leader. If you're responsible for others, they're really studying you now. Moms and dads need to consult one another in order to present children with a united front.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You don't have win the prize to learn the lesson. But in order to get an "A" for effort, you must show plenty of enthusiasm and willingness.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The smart, creative people claim you as one of their own. If you've

Relationships have the potential to be too exciting! Retreat from the drama.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The thing about hanging around flinty people is, as irritating as they can be, they often spark something by telling the truth. What was unconscious becomes conscious. Mull over your realizations privately.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be wrapped up in the business of making everyone feel at home. Don't be tricked into thinking you've got to spend a lot to get a lot. Everything can be kept to a reasonable budget with a little ingenuity.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you feel marvelous, you act marvelous, and that's just what the impressionable people around you need to see right now. Examples of how to live life in a celebratory way are few and far between.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone has started a job and left it for you to finish! It's annoying — until you realize that all this taking care of business makes you deadly attractive! All the attention you're getting fluffs your ego!

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The smart, creative people claim you as one of their own. If you've

been sitting on an idea, get off of it today. Let it go, or make it happen. Lucky connections with a Cancer or Pisces will speed things along.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Potential partners — for companionship, business or love — abound. However, you may be too sluggish and sleepy to notice. Physical exercise will help set you back to high-functioning mode.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Matters of commerce get your energy up, and you'll be driven to find the best deal. Strong hunches lead you to the right doors. When someone younger gives you his or her admiration, be gentle with the gift.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are probably better things to do with your time than to pursue elusive love — but somehow, those other things just don't seem as fun. Your passionate nature is stirred up by anything you can't have.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're not exactly in an easy-to-please mood. You crave the more expensive luxuries such as fine dining, dancing and entertainment. However, something as inexpensive as a bubble bath is a decadent, heavenly event.

## Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Thirty years ago, when I married my husband, "Jeff," I couldn't foresee any major problems with marrying a man who was 25 years older. I was then 26, and he was 51. Now I am 56 and Jeff is 81. After completely ignoring me sexually for the past 15 years, Jeff suddenly announced that he is unhappy. The main cause of his complaint is our complete lack of physical intimacy.

I'd like to know what sand pile Jeff has had his head in all this time. I reminded him that I begged him to go to marriage counseling 15 years ago when he became impotent after prostate surgery. I pleaded with him to talk to his urologist and at least hold me instead of staying up each night until I had gone to sleep.

People who know us assume Jeff is a wonderful provider and husband. Until impotency curtailed his activities, Jeff also was quite a skirt chaser. There have been times when I've been ready to throw him out, but some family crisis always seems to interfere. I care for Jeff, but no longer in any romantic way. If he were younger, I wouldn't hesitate to ship him out. In the meantime, I am very lonely. Any suggestions? — Loveless in Louisiana

Dear Louisiana: One or two. Jeff is 81. Is there any possibility that his recent demands are due to incipient dementia or physical problems? He might benefit from a complete check-up. Second, please consider counseling for YOU. It would be useful if Jeff came with, but it is not an absolute necessity. Marriage includes a promise to make every effort to get through the rough times. You can benefit from discussing your unhappiness with a trained professional who can steer you in the right direction. Good luck.

Dear Annie: I can't believe you came to the defense of "Montana Woman," who complained that older men have too much ear hair.

As a 75-year-old man, I have to defend our naturally occurring excess ear hair. First of all, I am not going to start poking scissors into my ears to deal



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

with the problem, and my wife can't help because she has carpal tunnel syndrome and can't even handle a pencil. I do make feeble attempts with the pop-up trimmer on my electric razor, but my eyes are not good enough to see what I am doing. So my ears have to wait to be trimmed by my barber when he trims my eyebrows and nose hairs. This I do on a monthly basis when my hair needs cutting, but at \$25 a pop, I'm not going to do it more frequently.

If "Montana" has such a problem with old men's grooming, she should focus her attention on younger men or avert her eyes. One has to wonder why she is staring into men's ears anyway. — Bill from Connecticut

Dear Bill: A lot of hairy men (and women who care about the subject) wrote to us about this. Here are two views:

From Round Rock, Texas: I read your column every single day and had to comment. As a 46-year-old man, I am lucky not to have nose hair, but I do have ear hair. There is not a gizmo made that removes ear hair without pulling, yanking or tearing it by the roots. Believe me, I've tried everything. Thank God my wife thinks the small amount of hair bordering my ears is sexy. I'm lucky to have found her.

Midwest: That hairy gentleman compared excess nose and ear hair with sagging breasts and wrinkles. Tell you what. When it becomes as easy to correct wrinkles and sagging as it is to trim nose hair, then he can make the comparison. Sounds like yet another male double-standard to me.

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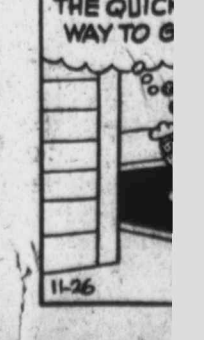
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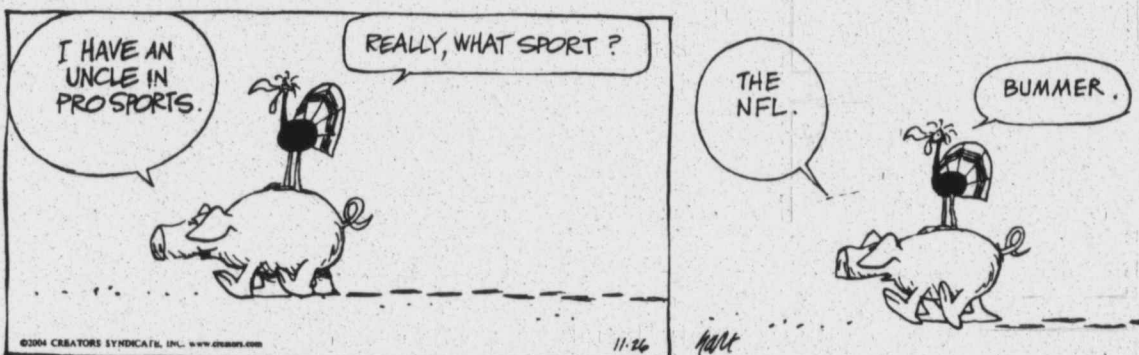
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This Date In History

By the Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 26, the 331st day of 2004. There are 35 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 26, 1942, the motion picture "Casablanca," starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, had its world premiere at the Hollywood Theater in New York.

On this date:

In 1825, the first college social fraternity, Kappa Alpha, was formed at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

In 1832, public streetcar service began in New York City. The fare: 12 1/2 cents.

In 1940, the half-million Jews of Warsaw, Poland, were forced by the Nazis to live within a walled ghetto.

In 1942, President Roosevelt ordered nation-

wide gasoline rationing, beginning Dec. 1.

In 1943, during World War II, the HMT Rohna, a British transport ship carrying American soldiers, was hit by a German missile off Algeria; 1,138 men were killed, including 1,015 American troops.

In 1949, India adopted a constitution as a republic within the British Commonwealth.

In 1950, China entered the Korean conflict, launching a counter-offensive against soldiers from the United Nations, the United States and South Korea.

In 1965, France launched its first satellite, sending a 92-pound capsule into orbit.

In 1973, President Nixon's personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods, told a federal court that she'd accidentally caused part of the 18 1/2-minute gap in a key Watergate tape.

In 1986, President Reagan appointed a commission headed by former Sen. John Tower to investigate his National Security Council staff in the wake of the

Iran-Contra affair.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Robert Goulet is 71. Impressionist Rich Little is 66. Singer Tina Turner is 65. Singer Jean Terrell is 60. Pop musician John McVie is 59. Actress Jamie Rose is 45. Country singer Linda Davis is 42. Blues singer-musician Bernard Allison is 39. Country singer-musician Steve Grisaffe is 39. Actress Kristin Bauer ("Two and a Half Men") is 31. Actor Peter Facinelli is 31. Actress Maia Campbell is 28. Country singer Joe Nichols is 28. Actress Jessica Bowman is 24. Singer Lil Fizz is 19.

Answer to previous puzzle

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**ACROSS**

- Steep-sided hill
- Reagan secretary of state
- High-ranking Hindu
- Rotation line
- As well
- Act to the hilt
- Extend across
- Like the Marx Brothers
- Doctor's device
- Start of a quip by author M.D. Rosenberg
- Smell terrible
- Holiday to dye for?
- Compass reading
- Difficult work
- Oklahoma city
- "... see the whites of eyes"
- Skill
- Interrogate closely
- Middle of quip
- Pantheon figures
- "Smoking or ...?"
- Spinning engine part
- Grandmother of Enos
- Carrey's pet detective
- AARP members
- Indian Ocean arm
- Walton and Waterston
- End of quip
- Defendant's play
- Brink
- Gourmand's passion
- acid (B-complex vitamin)

**DOWN**

- On a grand scale
- 67 (Montreal world's fair)
- The King and I backdrop
- Santa portrayer in Elf
- Less distinct
- "The Last Frontier"
- "Send in the Clowns" starter
- Los Caprichos painter
- Strike from the books
- Build up
- Stimulate, as one's memory
- Bolted down
- The lady there
- MGM, familiarly
- John Carradine's middle son
- Says "nyah-nyah" to
- Proof approver
- Sweeney Todd props
- He puts on a show
- Tuesday (Mardi Gras time)
- Did away with dandelions
- Boast of
- Hook shot's path
- 36 "Now or Never"
- Quid pro
- Paper Moon Oscar winner
- My, in Versailles
- Bowling segment
- Grand Canal locale
- Applications
- Suburbanites, in autumn
- 1925 Pulitzer novel
- Up to now
- "Is that so?"
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- Minor whirlpool
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# Golf Insider

By T.J. TOMASI

## BIRDIES AND BOGEYS

### Grilled shark

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is suing Greg Norman's Australian Grille, a restaurant in Myrtle Beach, S.C., for closing its doors on Memorial Day weekend in both 2003 and 2004. The claim is that the closing was to avoid having to serve blacks in town for the Atlantic Beach Bikefest. Norman's lawyer said it was a business decision: The estimated 350,000 bikers participating in the fest caused a gridlock that prevented patrons from getting to the restaurant. Several other restaurants were also named in the lawsuit.

### Home for halloween

Remember that old song "I'll Be Home for Christmas"? Well, Tom Lehman's version is "I'll Be Home for Halloween." And that's exactly what he did, skipping the Chrysler Championship and its huge purse because he promised his kids he'd be there to see their costumes. Lehman, whose top form has returned of late, will be our Ryder Cup captain in 2006, and if anybody can get the U.S. team to play the kind of golf it's capable of, it's him.



LEHMAN

### Let the sun shine in

It's a long-held belief that if you're playing golf in the cold you must wear a hat because you lose most of your body heat through your head. But Dr. Daniel Sessler of the University of Louisville medical school begs to differ.

The old wisdom is based on a 50-year-old study involving bare-headed subjects in sub-zero insulated suits. Dressed that way, of course it appeared that the head was the major source of heat loss, but only because it was the only uncovered part of the body.

Dr. Sessler estimates that the head is responsible for only about 10 percent of heat loss, so you can ditch the hat and catch a few D's (vitamin D) in the winter as long as the rest of you is covered up.

## GOLF BY THE NUMBERS

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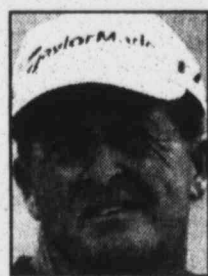
The number of fairways hit by Isabelle Beisiegel in her first round of tour school — PGA Tour school! It's her first attempt to become the first woman to qualify for the PGA Tour. Despite hitting every fairway, she shot 84 and finished last, but vowed to try again next year.

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The number of golfers in millions in the year 2020, as predicted by Golf %, a group of industry leaders who hope that by increasing the number of regular women players and promoting the spread of golf leagues the number of players can double in 16 years.

77.23

The percent of fairways hit by Fred Funk in 2004. It was good enough to lead the tour, but not by much. Scott Verplank was a whisker worse at 77.13 percent. Funk has always been arrow straight, but a few years ago Verplank managed to finish last in both accuracy and distance, a disastrous twosome when you're playing for money.



FUNK

## IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



PGA professional John Bierkan (right) tests the lie of a golf club. The fitting cart pictured has all the combinations of specifications necessary to customize a set. In addition, the fitting process is coordinated by a special computer program in the cart.

# Fit for golf

## Custom fitting clubs to your swing will help get your game on the right track

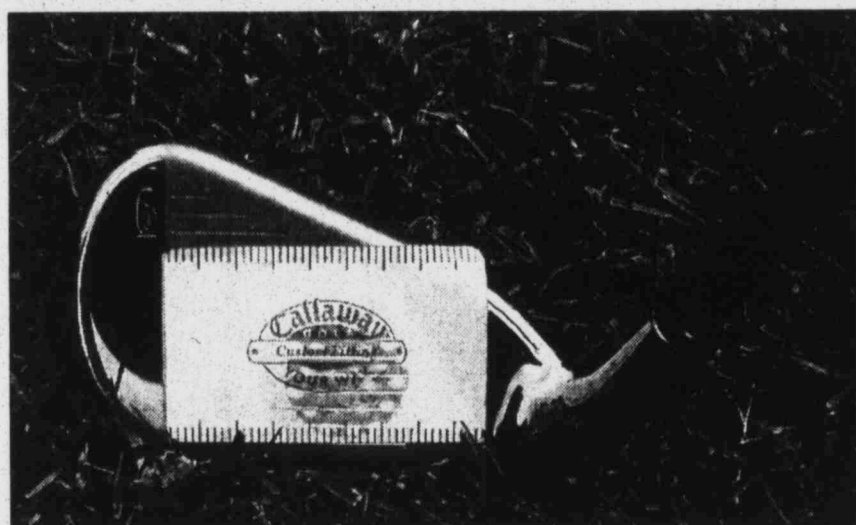
To maximize your performance in golf you should fit your golf clubs to your personal characteristics, such as swing speed, strength and flexibility.

For example, a club shaft that is too stiff for you encourages you to leave your weight on your trailing side during the downswing in order to get the ball up in the air. Thus, you subconsciously introduce an error into your golf swing to compensate for a misfit club specification.

In the accompanying photos, expert club fitter and PGA professional John Bierkan is testing the lie of a golf club. The fitting cart pictured has all the combinations of specifications necessary to customize a set. In addition, the fitting process is coordinated by a special computer program in the cart.

The specifications that have the most effect on your swing, and are of primary importance to you as a golfer, are:

- 1. Lie angle:** The lie angle is measured by a line extending from the center line of the shaft to the ground when the club is soled correctly. A lie angle that's too upright at impact causes a pulled shot. Too flat a lie (toe down), produces a push.
- 2. Club length:** To find out which length is right for you, place tape on each club face as shown in the second photo and try out three different shaft lengths, hitting 10 shots with each length. When your percentage of off-center hits is greater than 30 percent, the shaft is not for you.
- 3. Shaft stiffness:** Most golfers use too stiff a shaft. Your goal is to swing the most flexible shaft you can handle without the ball flying all over the place. If your shots are going low and to the right, and you're right-handed, your shafts are too stiff. If your shot pattern is



To find out which length is right for you, place tape on each club face and try out three different shaft lengths. When your percentage of off-center hits is greater than 30 percent (discerned by ball marks on the tape), the shaft is not for you.

## ABOUT THE WRITER



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unpredictable, your shaft is probably too flexible.

**4. Loft angle:** The non-technical description of loft is how much your club face looks at the sky, and this has a major effect on the height and trajectory of your golf shot. There are usually 4 degrees of loft between each iron, e.g., if your 7-iron has 40 degrees of loft, then the loft of your 8-iron is 44 degrees. Every degree of loft is worth 2½ yards of distance, so there are 10 yards between each iron. (If your 7-iron carries 140 yards, your 8 should

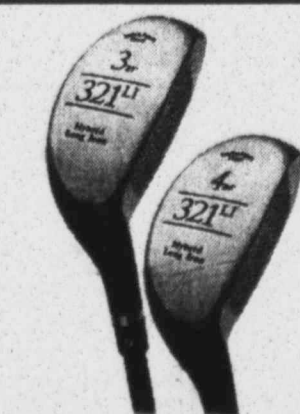
fly 130.)

**5. Weight:** There are two types of weight measurements — total weight and swing weight. The total weight of the golf club is the actual scale weight or "ideal weight." It's important because if your club is too heavy for you, your swing gets out of control; if it's too light you can't feel the shaft.

The swing weight is the relationship between the length of the club and the amount of weight in the club head. How the weight is distributed determines the "feel" of the club head.

While there are other specifications, lie, loft, length, flex and weight are the "big five," and if you get them right you'll have a set of clubs that rewards balance, timing and the energy transfer necessary to get the ball to target.

If you're serious about your game, you should have a custom-fit set of clubs. I believe it's so important that I include a club-fitting session in all of my lesson packages.



Replacing long irons and even medium-length irons with user-friendly hybrids can help relieve stress on the hands.

## ASK THE PRO

**Q:** I've heard a lot about the new rescue clubs. Are they any good, and should I get one? I'm a 15 handicap. — **Todd, from the Web**

**A:** A hybrid is just that — a combination of an iron and a wood. The length of the shaft is shorter than a wood but longer than a long iron.

But all hybrids are not the same. Some are more like irons with flat faces, while others have some bulge or roll. Some have fade built in, while others have a bias for the draw.

Hybrids are fast replacing the long irons because they are easier to hit from a wide range of lies. To

## TEEING OFF

## Need a solution? Ask your POP

On a darkened street, CBS anchorman Dan Rather is accosted by a man who grabs the lapels of his trench coat and screams, "What's the frequency, Kenneth?" Was the man a deranged lunatic or was Rather mixed up in some left-wing plot gone sour? Impossible to tell in the absence of direct proof.

In Nazca, Peru, there are giant animal drawings in the desert stretching over 37 miles. Is this an ancient airport built by extraterrestrials as some, such as Erich von Däniken, author of "Chariots of the Gods," believe? The drawings can be viewed in their entirety only from an airplane, but is that proof enough that space people visited Earth?

A golfing savant famous for the number of balls he hit each day becomes one of the best ball strikers in golf history. His swing is unorthodox, but savvy marketing promotes his technique and claims that all golfers should not only change their swings to match his, but also buy special clubs. Is this the golfing Rosetta Stone that reveals the secret of the perfect swing — a secret not discovered by Bobby Jones, Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan or any other expert in golf's long history?

Into the interim between fantasy and fact steps the principle of parsimony (POP). When you come face to face with phenomena that have competing or suspect explanations, the principle of parsimony dictates that you should make no more assumptions than the minimum needed to explain the event.

Applying the POP to our examples means that in the absence of proof, you conclude Dan Rather was attacked by a nut — no need for a tangled conspiracy theory to explain it. The animal drawings were the work of the Indians who lived there; space ships are not required.

And while the golfing savant hit the ball well, so do the vast majority of PGA Tour players who use neither his method nor his special clubs. The simplest answer to all the hype is that this particular savant's way is just "another way" rather than a "better way."

Basically, in golf as in life, when faced with multiple explanations, choose the simplest until more evidence comes along.

Golfers are the most promiscuous consumers on the planet. They too quickly adopt any new theory that comes along — a modus operandi that can ruin your game.

A hearty dose of skepticism is a sign of an enlightened player. Rushing to try every fad will make your game bad — very bad.

## DON'T MISS IT

### Cure for a slice

If you're having trouble with the slice, don't miss the Plane-EZ swing trainer. It's designed by top teacher Bill Harmon, who describes it as follows:

"It maintains the critical distance between the elbows, yet allows for a greater range of motion than other training aids. The Plane-EZ attaches below the elbows to allow a full, unrestricted shoulder turn and is fully adjustable for right- or left-handed golfers, ages 12 and up. You can practice with or without golf balls, on the range, in the backyard or even in your living room!"

I use this aid almost every day when I'm teaching, and I especially like it because you can hit balls with it on. Check it out at [www.golfaroundtheworld.com/plex.htm](http://www.golfaroundtheworld.com/plex.htm).



The Plane-EZ can be helpful while practicing either with or without golf balls.

## BETTER BODY — BETTER GOLF

### Rx for stiff hands

There are not a lot of choices among medications for arthritic hands, especially now that COX-2 inhibitors like Vioxx are problematic. But if you suffer from arthritis, there are other ways to make your golf more pain free.

Since arthritic hands can prevent you from closing your fingers around the club, experiment with jumbo-sized grips that allow you to wrap your fingers more loosely around the club. You can also try weight lifter's gloves, which feature open fingers and padding across the palms to dampen vibration.

Another tactic is stuffing a thin sheet of foam rubber in an oversized golf glove between glove and palm. Or consider using graphite shafts; they are softer to hit and there are plugs you can put in your shafts that further cut the jarring from off-center hits.

If these measures don't relieve the pain, I suggest you tee up every shot or carry a small mat to hit off. The mat will give a bit when you hit the shot and that will save your hands. Although it's against the rules of the game, it will allow you to play a casual round of golf without worrying about inflaming your hands.

Also, eliminate long irons and even medium-length irons, replacing them with the more user-friendly hybrids that are now readily available.

Last, take some lessons. The majority of the vibration that aggravates your arthritis is caused by off-center hits that force the club head to twist in your hands. As your swing improves, the number of centered hits will also, and there's nothing that feels better than a shot hit dead in the center of the club face.