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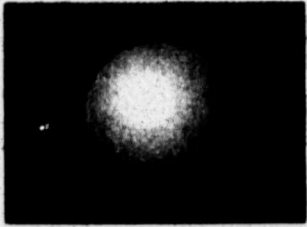
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FRIDAY

February 11, 2005

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 42°-44° TOMORROW 59°-62°

71 percent say OK to gambling

Seventy one percent of those voting in the Herald online poll this past week said legislators should consider legalized gambling as a method to help pay for school finance.

A new poll will be posted today. The question is: What's the best way to eliminate plastic bags getting hung up in our trees?

- A. Ban stores from using them. B. Charge a deposit on plastic bags. C. Don't care.

To vote, visit the heral Web site at bigspringherald.com.

Donkey basketball games Saturday

The Coahoma Parent Teacher Association is hosting donkey basketball at the Coahoma High School Gym Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets for the shows are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Coahoma High, Coahoma Jr. High and Coahoma Elementary, as well as the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Hit-and-run plea nets woman four years

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

A Big Spring woman was sentenced to four years in prison after pleading guilty to the September 2004 hit-and-run death of a pedestrian.

Ishell Lovett Ward, 36, pleaded guilty in 118th District Court Thursday to felony failure to stop and render aid, Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr said.

In addition, Ward, who was on probation for two earlier forgery convictions, had her probation revoked on both charges and was sentenced to 20 months in a state jail facility. She will serve all three sentences concurrently.

Ward was arrested following the Sept. 14 hit-and-run death of Daniel Guzman, 41, of Big Spring.

According to published reports, Ward was the driver of a Chevrolet sedan that struck and killed Guzman on the 500 block of Gregg Street late in the night of Sept. 14, 2004.

Eyewitnesses reported that the driver then immediately left the scene. Ward apparently then abandoned the vehicle and reported it stolen, police reports state.

Ward faced a possible maximum sentence of five years in state prison and a fine of up to \$5,000.

Other pleas accepted in District Court

Thursday included:

Leanne Cherise Simpson, 31, was sentenced to 180 days in a state jail facility after pleading guilty to the charge of theft over \$1,500 but less than \$10,000.

Christopher Lee Partridge and Craig Allan Partridge, ages unknown, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana under four ounces. Their respective six-month sentences in county jail were probated for two years, and each was fined \$1,500, Orr said.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Bee best

Marcy student wins spelling contest crown

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

To the good people at Webster's Dictionary, "absorb" means to take in and make part of an existent whole.

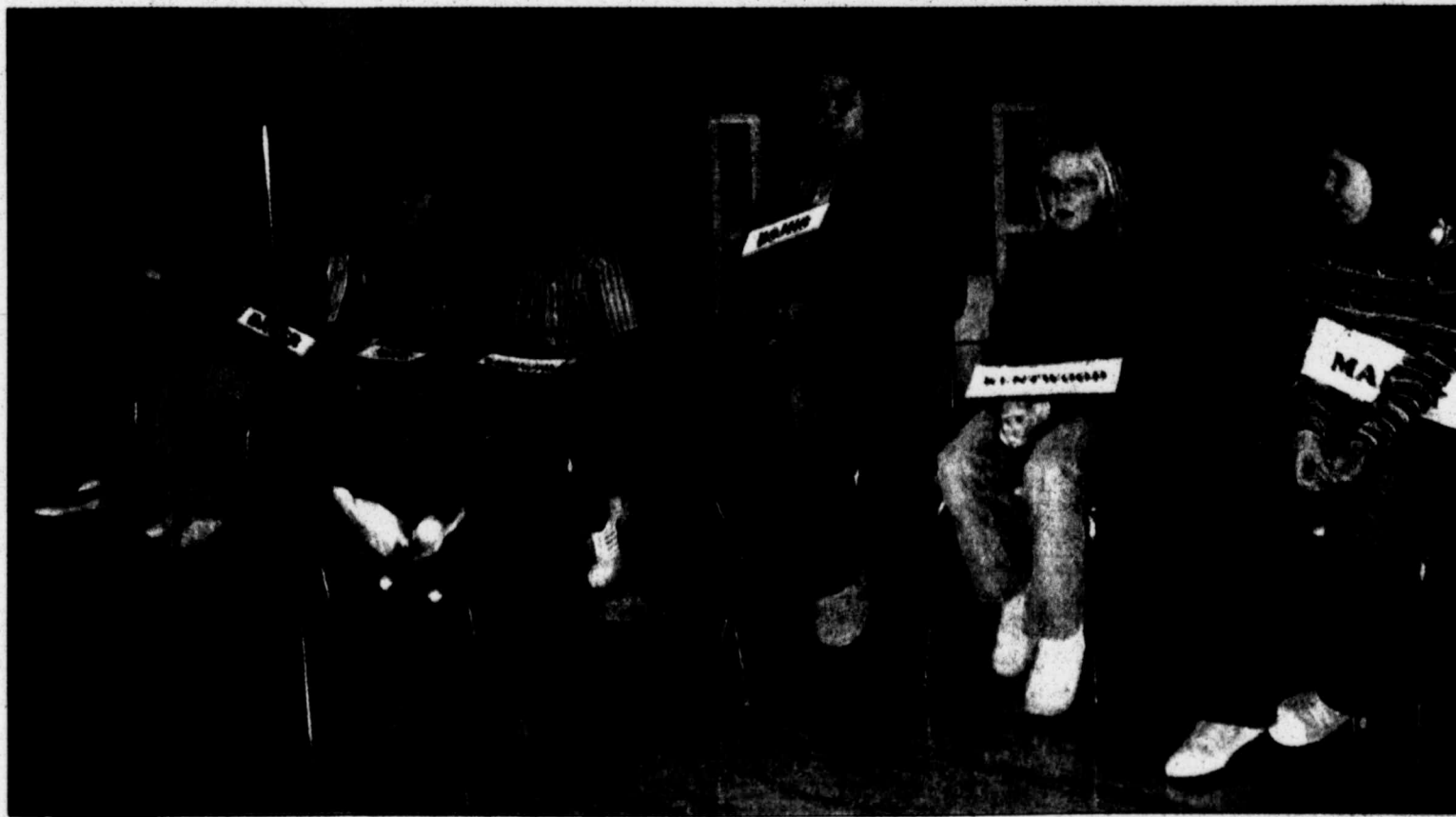
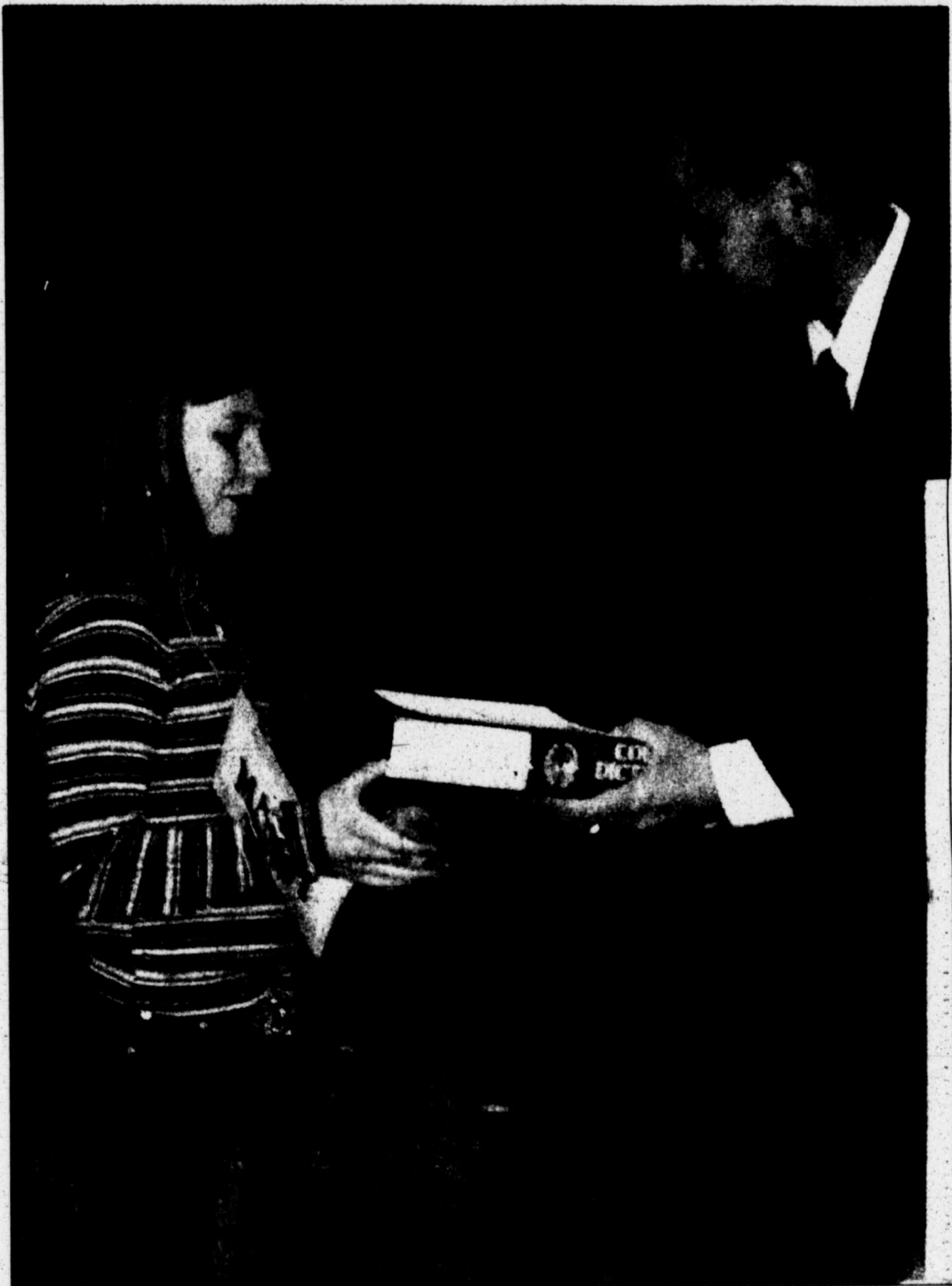
For Katrina Patrowski, it means a free trip to Lubbock — and maybe even Washington, D.C.

Patrowski, a fourth-grader at Marcy Elementary, correctly spelled "absorb" to grab

top honors in the Big Spring Independent School District Spelling Bee Thursday afternoon.

It took eight rounds, and a fierce challenge from Kentwood Elementary's Hannah Spence, for Patrowski to win the spelling crown. Now, it's off to Lubbock March 5 for the Regional Spelling Bee. The winner there goes to Washington.

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Above, Big Spring Independent School District Spelling Bee Champion Katrina Patrowski, left, is congratulated by BSISD Assistant Superintendent Rey Villarreal. At left, the 2005 District Spelling Bee contestants were, from left: Patricia Morales, Goliad Middle School; Jose Jimenez III, Bauer Magnet; Austin Gibson, Moss Elementary; Tony Lewis, Washington Elementary; Brianna Connors, Big Spring Junior High; Hannah Spence, Kentwood Elementary; and Patrowski, representing Marcy Elementary.

HERALD photos/Steve Reagan

House votes to toughen driver's license, asylum laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — Immigration legislation passed by the House would allow the federal government to complete a controversial fence on the border with Mexico regardless of environmental concerns and force the states to make sure they're not granting driver's licenses to illegal aliens.

The legislation, passed Thursday by a 261-161 vote, also would grant judges broader power to deport political asylum seekers.

States would have three years to comply with the new federal

standards dictating what features driver's licenses must have. They could still issue special driving permits to illegal aliens, but those permits would not be recognized as identities for boarding airlines or allowing entry to federal buildings.

Republicans said the Sept. 11, 2001, hijackers had multiple driver's licenses that enabled them to slip through security and board the planes they flew into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and that crashed into

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Hospital volunteers set to deliver treats

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital's volunteers are recruiting delivery drivers and gift basket designers, and taking last-minute orders for their annual Valentine's Day fund-raiser.

Flowers, candy, stuffed animals, green plants and singing telegrams are still available for pick-up or delivery. Delivery is free and provided by many of the hospital's volunteers or those

"Everything is going well, however, we especially need help on the 14th to make deliveries in the community."

—Co-chair Dorothy Sheppard

who pitch in for one day. "Being a delivery person is just

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### Obituaries

#### Lynda Carol Davis



Lynda Carol Davis, 53, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at the East Fourth Street Baptist Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Rex Clayton, pastor, and the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kermit, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

She was born May 2, 1951, in Big Spring. Lynda graduated from Big Spring High School in 1969 and from Howard Payne University in 1973. While at Howard Payne she was in the honor's program in the Douglas McArthur Academy of Freedom. She had worked as a long distance telephone operator for AT & T for 23 years. Lynda's hobbies were collecting Beanie Babies, antique bottles, stamps and coins. Her loves were her family, church and watching football.

She was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, a member of the Communication Workers of America, the Pioneer Club, the Howard Payne University Alumni Association and the Big Spring High School Ex's Association.

Survivors include her mother, Latrice Davis of Big Spring; her brother and sister-in-law, Charles Wayne and Carol Davis of Austin; her aunt, Mrs. Grady Davis of China Springs; her uncles and aunts, Bill and Dorothy Ellis, Travis and Peggy Ellis, Bob and Treva Ellis and Weldon and Gladys Irion, all of Amarillo; and numerous cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Earl L. "Dick" Davis; her grandparents, N.L. and Ellen Davis and Silas and Maurine Ellis and several aunts and uncles.

The family suggests memorials to either the Building Fund or Library Fund at East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 401 E. Fourth, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid obituary*

#### Donald Charles Blatzheim Jr.



Donald Charles Blatzheim Jr., 67, of Amarillo, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005. Services were 3 p.m. today, Feb. 11, 2005, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church with the Rev. Rex Nicholl of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in the Llano Cemetery. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors in Amarillo.

Mr. Blatzheim was born July 12, 1937, in Dallas. He graduated from Price College High School and attended West Texas State University, receiving a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing. He worked in the petroleum and credit industry and as an insurance adjuster with GAB Robins, retiring in 2002 after 26 years. He loved guns and fast cars.

He is survived by a brother, James Blatzheim and his wife, Pamela of Amarillo; a niece, Barbara Woody and her husband, Briton of Nixa, Mo.; and a nephew, Phillip Blatzheim and his wife, Alexandra of Cypress.

The family asks that memorials be to American Cancer Society, 3915 Bell St. 79109 or a favorite charity.

*Paid obituary*

### Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. today:

- **TRAUMA** was reported on the 400 block of N.E. 10th St. A person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 2600 block of Ridgedale St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on the 2500 block of Gregg Street. Two persons were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Dogwood and Wasson roads. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 2300 block of Driver Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported on the 1600 block of Nolan Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported on the 4100 block of Parkway Drive. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.

#### Freddie Letha McGrath



Freddie Letha McGrath, 85, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, in a local nursing home. Memorial services are 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Carroll Kohl officiating and the Rev. Wayne Frost of St. Paul Lutheran Church assisting.

She was born June 17, 1919, in Neches and served three years in the United States Army during World War II as a nurse at veteran's hospitals in California and Waco. She came to Big Spring in 1956 and worked as a registered nurse at the V.A. Medical Center for 23 years, retiring in 1979. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

She is survived by one son, Michael James McGrath of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by one son, Larry McGrath in 1976 and three sisters, Liz Hale, Ann Wilkerson and Jo Cope.

The family suggests memorials to Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 765, Big Spring 79721-0765.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

#### Norma Ruth Roche

Norma Ruth Roche, 78, of Florence died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at her residence. Graveside funeral services were 2 p.m. today, Feb. 11, 2005, at the Garden City Cemetery.

Born June 15, 1926 in Big Spring, she grew up in Garden City and graduated as valedictorian of Garden City High School. She married Warren P. Roche Jan. 11, 1950, in Austin and she taught school in Killeen and Florence. She attended Faith Family Church in Georgetown.

She is survived by her husband, Warren Roche of Florence; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dr. Rocky and Jeanet Roche of Florence, Randal and Susan Roche of Georgetown and Robin Roche of Florence; one daughter and son-in-law, Delsa and Bill Stafford of Florence; one sister and brother-in-law, Millie and Jay Cunningham of The Woodlands; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Harry Calverley; her mother, Anna Ruby Hardy and her stepfather, J.W. Hardy.

Arrangements are under the direction of Crawford Bowers Funeral Home of Killeen.

#### Austin G. Sherrill Sr.

Austin G. Sherrill Sr., 87, of Big Spring died at 9:55 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at the V.A. Medical Center following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

#### Mable Dickenson

Mable Dickenson, 73, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. today:

- **DAVID RENTERIA**, 38 was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated, second offense.
- **LEANN SIMPSON**, 31, was sentenced to 20 months in state jail facility after being convicted of theft over \$1,500.
- **JUANITA PAMELA RITZ**, 40, was arrested on a charge of possession of a gambling device/equipment/paraphernalia.
- **KEVIN RITZ**, 39, was arrested on a charge of possession of a gambling device/equipment/paraphernalia.
- **ISABEL TORRES**, 45, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported on County Road 34.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported on the 300 block of Denton Road.

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

- SATURDAY**
- Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge located at 21st and Lancaster streets. Breakfast is served.
  - Free eye glasses are available from 9 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. in the Event Center, 1607 E. Third.
  - Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

### Police blotter

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

- **PAMELA KAY LEFLER**, 42, 1301 Mulberry, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ISABEL TORRES**, 45, Lamesa, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THOMAS CLARK**, 56, Kermit, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RICKY WINTERS**, 41, 309 N.W. Ninth St., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open container.
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported on the 1700 block of Scurry Street and the 200 block of Circle Drive.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported on the 600 block of Warehouse Road.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was issued on the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** was reported on the 1300 block of Virginia Street.
- **THEFT** was reported on the 1800 block of Gregg Street (twice).

### Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 7-11-15-17. Bonus Ball: 25.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.  
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$225,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 13-14-16-20-27.  
Number matching five of five: 0.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-1-7

### Weather

Tonight...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain. Not as cool. Lows in the lower 40s. South winds around 10 mph.  
Saturday...Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Highs around 60. South winds 10 to 20 mph.  
Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with slight chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.  
Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Northwest winds 15 to 20 mph.  
Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.  
Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.  
Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 40.  
Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.  
Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

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### NEWS

North Korea dialogue with Seoul, South demanded bill to defuse the tension is a nuclear power said in a South Korean newspaper. Han Sung Ryun, U.N. delegation official, said Pyongyang's nuclear weapons are a threat to the United States and it has nuclear weapons. North Korea against a U.S. join six-nation talks. "We will return a reason to demand Seoul's interview in March have direct dialogue that the U.S. toward us.

### FENCE

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### BEE

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### TREATS

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**North Korea demands direct dialogue with U.S. to defuse tension**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea has demanded bilateral talks with the United States to defuse the tension created by its announcement that it is a nuclear power, the communist state's U.N. envoy said in a South Korean newspaper interview published Friday.

Han Sung Ryo, a senior diplomat at North Korea's U.N. delegation in New York, was the first North Korean official to speak to outside news media since Pyongyang's Foreign Ministry defied the United States and its allies by declaring Thursday that it has nuclear weapons, its first public announcement that it has weapons.

North Korea said the weapons are a deterrent against a U.S. invasion and that it doesn't intend to join six-nation disarmament talks any time soon.

"We will return to the six-nation talks when we see a reason to do so and the conditions are ripe," Han told Seoul's Hankyoreh newspaper in a Thursday interview in New York. "If the United States moves to have direct dialogue with us, we can take that as a signal that the United States is changing its hostile policy toward us."

Han's suggestion came as the two-year-old standoff over North Korea's nuclear weapons programs plummeted to a new chill with Pyongyang's statement Thursday.

**With House passage expected, Bush soon to get bill curbing class action lawsuits**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is only days away from handing President Bush and business groups a big victory by curbing multimillion-dollar class action lawsuits.

Despite complaints the legislation could hurt consumers, the Senate overwhelmingly passed the bill 72-26 on Thursday. The House will take it up next week and send it to the president to sign into law.

"Our country depends on a fair legal system that protects people who have been harmed without encouraging junk lawsuits that undermine confidence in our courts while hurting our economy," Bush said in a statement.

Bush and others who have pushed for the legislation for almost six years say the measure is needed because greedy lawyers have taken advantage of the state system by filing frivolous lawsuits in state courts where they know they can win big dollar verdicts.

Senators who back the bill say lawyers make more money from such cases than do the actual victims,

and that lawyers sometimes threaten companies with class action suits just to get quick financial settlements. Ordinary people will not lose their day in court, the bill's proponents say.

**AP Poll: Older Americans key to slip in Bush approval rating**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The public's confidence in President Bush's job performance and the nation's direction has slipped in the opening weeks of his second term, particularly among people 50 and older, according to an Associated Press poll.

Adults were evenly divided on Bush's job performance in January, but now 54 percent disapprove and 45 percent approve. The number who think the country is headed down the wrong track increased from 51 percent to 58 percent in the past month.

The survey wasn't all bad for the Bush administration: People are slightly more optimistic about the possibility of a stable, democratic Iraq.

The poll, conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs, was taken after the president's State of the Union address and the elections in Iraq and at the start of a heated debate over creating personal Social Security accounts.

Older Americans, especially those 65 and above, were most responsible for the declining confidence and approval numbers.

**FENCE**

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the ground in Pennsylvania.

Ten states now don't require license applicants to prove they are citizens or legal residents: Hawaii,

Maryland, Michigan, Montana, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin and Utah. Tennessee issues driving certificates to people who cannot prove they are legal residents.

"Today there are over 350 valid driver's license

designs issued by the 50 states," said the bill's author, House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis. "We all know it's very difficult for security officials at airports to tell the real ID cards from the counterfeit ones."

Governors, state legisla-

tures and motor vehicle departments protested the bill, calling it a costly mandate that forces states to take on the role of immigration officers. The Congressional Budget Office estimated the bill would cost local, state and tribal governments \$120 million over the next five

years. A similar measure was rejected by Congress and the White House in December when it was part of a bill reorganizing intelligence agencies. It won the Bush administration's support this week but still faces stiff opposition in the Senate.

The bill is drawing criticism from Mexico, particularly its call to complete the building of a fence along the U.S.-Mexican border south of San Diego.

**BEE**

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D.C. later this year for the National Bee, sponsored by Scripps-Howard.

The daughter of Joe and Lisa Patrowski admitted she had to conquer a case of stage fright before she was able to conquer the spelling challenge.

"I was scared walking up to the microphone," she said. "Some of

those words I wasn't too sure of, but I got through it."

After four rounds, the field narrowed to Patrowski, Spence, and Washington Elementary champion Tony Lewis. Lewis hung tough until the sixth round, when he tripped over the spelling of "eventide," leaving the stage to the two smallest competitors.

Patrowski did some tripping herself on the next word, misspelling "scoff." Spence, however, was unable to spell the word

correctly, bringing on the eighth and decisive round.

Patrowski correctly spelled "mandate," but Spence faltered on "posttest." The eventual champion correctly spelled that word, then "absorb" to claim the title.

The 78th local spelling champion received a dictionary for her efforts, and plans to put it to good use in the next few weeks as she prepares for the regional bee.

For now, however, she plans to

enjoy her success.

"This feels good," she said smilingly.

Other competitors were Brianna Conners, Big Spring Junior High; Patricia Morales, Goliad Middle School; Jose Jimenez III, Bauer Elementary; and Austin Gibson, Moss Elementary.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

**TREATS**

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the most fun," Valentine's Day Co-chair Shirley Bodin said. "Everyone is glad to see you, and you feel as if you've done something nice."

Co-Chairs Bodin and Dorothy Sheppard have spent the past month working alongside numerous volunteers to prepare products for delivery.

"Everything is going well, however, we especially need help on the 14th to make deliveries in the community," Sheppard said.

People enjoy volunteering for the Valentine's Day fund-raiser so much they often take a vacation day from work to help out.

Community Relations Director Billie Christie-Morgan said

"Without the help of delivery veterans like and Ouida Watznauer, the delivery task would seem impossible. They know the location of every street in town."

A large selection of items, including a Valentine for your pet is included in this year's offering. Volunteers added homemade doggie treats, along with a large, stuffed chew toy for sale.

Singing telegrams will be available on Monday, but other items will be available Friday, Feb. 11 and Monday, Feb. 14 for delivery. Cash-and-carry items also are available at Howard College, First Bank of West Texas — Big Spring and Coahoma, and Citizens Federal Credit Union.

Singing telegram coordinator JoBeth Corwin has recruited six teams of four to five singers. These volunteers will serenade people in their homes, restaurants and places of employment for a \$20 donation.

"It's really rewarding to sing at the nursing homes and to shut-ins," singer Pat Simmons said.

Each person who receives a singing telegram is serenaded with a song and given a heart-shaped box of candies. Song selections range from serious to romantic to humorous. A limited number of slots are available for the singing telegrams,

Christie-Morgan said.

Offerings include: a basket or tub filled with goodies, \$35; Musical animal with heart-shaped box candy, \$25; Singing telegram with heart-shaped box of candy, \$20; Bear with heart-shaped box of candy, \$20; Pillow/kittens with Elvis Presley tin of candy, \$15; Animal and goodies in plastic Valentine carrier, \$15; Plastic cup with ani-

mal and lollipop bouquet, \$12; Beverage mug with snacks, \$10; Homemade candy in heart box, \$10; Ivy plant, \$10; Animal and candy in small plastic bucket, \$10; Doggie treats and doggie toy \$10.

Deliveries are free, or items may be viewed and

picked up at the Community Relations Office.

For more information, call (432) 268-7536 or 268-7533.

All proceeds directly benefit the patients at Big Spring State Hospital.

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Austin G. Sherrill, Sr., 87 died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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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:

• Area Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, for another successful food drive Saturday, as well as their flag retirement ceremony on Sunday. A special salute to the Cub Scouts, who celebrated their 75th anniversary in this area over the weekend.

• Big Spring native Dr. Freddie C. White, head of the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Georgia, who was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Southern Agricultural Economics Association.

• The Northside Community Center board of directors, Big Spring City Council and, of course, the Dora Roberts Foundation, for agreeing on a pact to building a new center building.

• Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board and staff on another positive banquet. Kudos, too, of course for all of the award winners.

• Marcy Elementary student Katrina Patrowski, winner of the District Spelling Bee. Congratulations to all of the participants, including runner-up Hannah Spence from Kentwood Elementary, Tony Lewis, Washington Elementary; Brianna Conners, Big Spring Junior High; Patricia Morales, Goliad Middle School; Jose Jimenez III, Bauer Elementary; and Austin Gibson, Moss Elementary

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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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we live with You and die with You, Lord.

Amen

## Is peace possible this time around?

If a picture is worth a thousand words, the image of Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas reaching across the table to clasp hands with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon speaks volumes. Abbas looked almost professorial, with his horn-rimmed glasses and conservative business suit and tie, in stark contrast to his predecessor, Yasser Arafat. Gone were Arafat's trademark stubble, desert fatigues and keffiyeh, the checkered Arab headscarf that became all the rage among campus leftists a few years ago. And the sartorial symbolism is more than superficial.

Arafat's garb reminded everyone that he was more comfortable wielding an AK-47 than he was signing peace agreements. No matter what Arafat said with Western cameras rolling or in the presence of Bill Clinton — who hosted Arafat 13 times, more often than any other foreign visitor to the White House during Clinton's eight years in office — Arafat remained a street-fighting thug to his last gasp. With Arafat dead and Palestinians allowed to pick their own leader, which they did just weeks ago when they elected Abbas, perhaps peace is finally possible.

This week's meeting in Sharm el Sheik, Egypt, is the first between the Israeli head of state and the leader of the Palestinian people in nearly five years. During most of that time, the Intifada, the Palestinian uprising which has

killed more than 4,000 Israelis and Palestinians over the last four years, made it impossible for any talk of peace between Israel and the Palestinians. Now, Abbas has pledged to "cease all acts of violence against all Israelis everywhere," while Sharon has promised in return to "cease all its military activity against all Palestinians everywhere." It was the kind of all-encompassing commitment on both sides unimaginable in the Arafat era.

Anyone who watched the televised summit, hosted by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and King Abdullah II of Jordan, immediately grasped the difference between this and previous meetings of the two parties when Arafat was at the helm. In October 2000, Arafat met at Sharm el Sheik with then Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak. But President Bill Clinton ran the show during that round of talks, with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan present to give his imprimatur to the meeting. Nothing positive happened at the 2000 confab, despite Clinton's involvement. As The New York Times reported at the time, when the talks ended "all [Clinton] could do was read an agreement that neither Ehud Barak, the Israeli prime minister, nor Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, was willing to sign, to read aloud or to answer questions about."

But this week's summit seemed different. Of course the players had changed on both sides of the table. Not only was Arafat gone, but the hard-liner Sharon had replaced the moderate Barak — yet it is Sharon who has pledged

unilaterally to withdraw settlements from Gaza and parts of the West Bank. And the United States, wisely, decided to stay away and let the parties talk directly.

Still, it is too early to declare Sharm el Sheik II an unqualified success. The symbols were right — down to the flying of the Israeli flag, something missing at the 2000 Sharm el Sheik meetings. However, symbols only go so far. Abbas has the more difficult task and the most to prove. Sharon has announced that Israel will pull back its troops from Bethlehem, Jericho and Ramallah, and lift roadblocks that make it difficult for Palestinians to travel to jobs. The Israeli public will back Sharon, so long as a new wave of violence does not ensue.

But Abbas must shut down the terrorists who operate within his territory — especially Hamas. The terrorist organization has already said it is not bound to honor the truce declared Tuesday, which a Hamas spokesman described as a unilateral declaration by the Palestinian Authority. If Abbas fails to crack down on the terrorists, all the earnest words and brave symbolism in the world won't bring peace to this troubled region.

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## Kerry: Democrats must not change message

I recently had a conversation with former Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry on his future and the future of his party:

ME: Many are now pointing to the last election and saying that the Democratic Party is in deep trouble and needs fundamental change. What do you think?

KERRY: Those naysayers are completely out to lunch. They don't know what they are talking about. On every issue that speaks to the qualities of people's lives, we won and will continue to win.

ME: But you lost the presidency.

KERRY: In effect, in a narrowly divided country, it came down to Sept. 11. That is unique and unprecedented. We did an extraordinary job. We got almost 10 million more votes than Clinton and 6.5 million more than Gore. People were invigorated, and the youth vote came out.

This augurs well for the future. Sept. 11 was a tough hurdle and the differential. If 60,000 people had voted differently — half the people in Ohio Stadium — everyone would be writing about, "Why did Bush lose?"

I think that our party tapped very significantly into people's vision for the future. The Republicans didn't have one. Where was their education policy? Where was their health care policy? They are the ones that ought to be worrying!

ME: But it's Democrats who seem to be worrying and saying they no longer know what the party stands for.

KERRY: Our grass-roots are strong, and we are very optimistic. It is hogwash that we don't know what we stand for. We stand for children, not tax cuts for the

wealthy. Our values are not encouraging jobs to go overseas.

ME: Doesn't the Democratic Party have to change its message? What is the Democratic Party going to do?

KERRY: The Democratic Party stands for a proud set of principles and values. Service to country; service to community. Do we not want to stand for that? All these hand-wringing lamentations aren't going to change what is on the table to deal with: that the deficit is out of control.

ME: So you are going to continue to say what you said during the campaign.

KERRY: I look forward to going out and continuing this battle. We exceeded our expectations on turnout in every precinct. The problem was our expectations were too low.

ME: Did Sept. 11 make the election unwinnable for you?

KERRY: Unwinnable? That's for others to judge. I can't tell you that. We were climbing in the last week, and then, with the appearance of the Osama bin Laden tape, we flat-lined. If we had job numbers (in the media) that weekend instead of the Osama bin Laden tape ... but you move on.

I am proud of the campaign. It was a hell of a good campaign. They counted us out in New Hampshire; they counted us out before the convention; they smeared us and lied — but we came back to even and were climbing in the last days and came within half a football stadium of winning.

ME: So Democrats don't have to do anything differently to win?

KERRY: We have to reach out for folks, but not by changing into something else. We have to persuade people of the virtue of what we stand for. People make much of the "life" issue, but we had one question on that in three debates. I welcome the discussion and debate.

ME: Some think the party needs a candidate who is not

Washington-based.

KERRY: Personally, I thought George Bush was Washington-based, too. That's silly. We need to do a better job organizing more people, and we have to be smart about motivating our people to get out. This was not about some issue that we somehow failed to articulate and motivate to people.

ME: Are you the head of the party? Are you the voice of the party?

KERRY: There are a lot of different voices. I don't claim singularity. There are elected and unelected voices up and down the line, including the activist community.

ME: You haven't grown a beard, and you are not hiding out.

KERRY: On the contrary, from day one I have been working and organizing and continuing and thanking people of the party and of the campaign.

ME: How have people been reacting to you?

KERRY: All over the place, we have been getting a phenomenal reception. People are very warm, and it's amazing. In airports, stores, in streets, here and elsewhere. People are genuine about continuing the fight.

ME: Are you going to run for president again?

KERRY: I want to continue the fight. A lot have said, "Go run again." There is lots of positive feeling and energy. Folks are not discouraged. But it is way too early to think about.

ME: But the Democrats have not renominated a losing presidential candidate since Adlai Stevenson in 1956.

KERRY: I don't think anybody has tried. He was the last to try. Look at the facts.

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# Church News

## The Andersons will perform at East Side Baptist Church

The Andersons will be at East Side Baptist, 1108 E. Sixth St., singing for worship at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. and for a 6 p.m. concert.

The Andersons surrendered to full-time evangelistic service in January 1997. Based in Brownwood, they have traveled extensively throughout Texas and parts of the northern and central United States. They travel year-round in a fifth-wheel travel trailer, which serves as home away from home. When they are not traveling, they are active in their home church, Faith Baptist Church in Brownwood, where they currently serve as staff evangelists.

Mike, reared in a Christian home, dedicated his life to the Lord's service in 1981. He has been involved in church music ministry since 1984 and has served on the staff of several churches. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in music education and vocal music from Howard Payne University and the University of Texas at Austin, respectively. Although

trained in music, the Lord has opened the door for Mike to preach for revival meetings, special services and his home church.

"I feel very fortunate and blessed for the calling God has placed upon my life. The Lord has truly given me the desire of my heart to be able to sing and lead worship. I consider every opportunity I have to proclaim the Word of God an awesome responsibility and a great honor. And to be able to share in this evangelistic effort with my family brings great joy to me," he said.

Karen, reared in the home of a Baptist preacher, has been an active part of church music ministry most of her life, both as a singer and pianist. Her gifts in music have earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in vocal music and education from Howard Payne and Tarleton State University in Stephenville, respectively. Karen served as choral director at the Brownwood Intermediate School for 14 years before resigning to travel full-time in evangelism.

"Music has always been an important part of my life and I'm glad God is allowing me to serve Him in it. Growing up in a pastor's home not only instilled within me the fundamental truths of faith, but the importance of living my life in obedience to Christ. And for that, and all of the other things God has used to enrich my life, I am thankful. But, I know I wouldn't be truly happy if I wasn't doing what He wanted me to do. That is why I find such satisfaction in what I do, because God is in it," she said.

Austin has experienced life on the evangelistic trail with his mom and dad since he was 2 months old. He likes to travel and see different parts of the country. His likable personality affords him to make new friends wherever he goes.

He is most noted for branding a guitar, boots and hat. He is homeschooled and does very well in his studies.

They are a faith-based ministry which operates solely upon the offerings and contributions of the church.

6 p.m. Wednesday.

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

### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. The Vestry meeting is Monday at 6 p.m. in the Parish hall.

St. Mary's Pastoral Care Committee meets Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the church office.

St. Mary's Lenten program begins Wednesday. This year, we will view and discuss a series of short videos from "Pioneers of the Spirit." The All-Parish Meatless Pot Luck Supper is at 6 p.m. We will end with a brief service of Compline.

During Lent, St. Mary's will have Stations of the Cross Fridays at 5:30 p.m. in the church. Everyone is invited to this time of devotion.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at [www.stmarysbst.org](http://www.stmarysbst.org). St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

### First Assembly of God

Teen Challenge is coming to First Assembly of God Sunday.

Teen challenge is an international organization ministering to both men and women around the world who have had problems in their lives. Many have been involved with alcohol, drugs and other abusive substances. The organization is unique because of its high rate of success with those who enroll in the program.

The Teen Challenge Center of Midland, a group of about 40, will be sharing and demonstrating the power of Jesus Christ through music and testimony.

A 16-voice choir, "Lost and Found," will be performing, along with other musical selections in the 6 p.m. service.

The Rev. R.T. Havener and the congregation of First Assembly of God Church give everyone a special invitation to come and enjoy this outstanding evening service.

### Friends of Unity

Inspired by the memorial anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the observance of A Season of Nonviolence was founded by Arun and Sunanda Gandhi of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence.

The primary objective of A Season of Nonviolence is to create an awareness of nonviolent principles and practice as a powerful way to heal, transform and empower lives and communities.

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### First United Methodist Church

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

Bishop Max Whitfield will meet with church members in Garrett Hall from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The Children's Choir Kickoff Party is 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Skateland Sunday. Children's Choir is open to children 4 years old through fifth grade.

The youth are selling stock for building supplies to help with the Spring Break Mission Trip. Contact any youth member to buy stock and support this mission.

The church is looking for white cloth napkins for a special event in March. Anyone who would like to donate white cloth napkins should contact the church office.

The Beth Moore Bible Study of David begins Feb. 16. The study group will meet Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Dave Ring will offer four sessions of pre-confirmation classes for youth in grades five to eight during the Sunday School hour in February and March. Contact the church office to register. The first class is Sunday.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry.

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

### Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Church members take this opportunity to invite anyone to visit during the church services, located at 1512 Birdwell Lane.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is a very friendly church where Jesus Christ is lifted up daily.

Sunday evening at 5, there will be a Family Valentine Banquet. It will be catered by Gale's Sweet Shop and a nursery will be provided.

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

### Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone Church, a Morning Star International Church, invites children entering kindergarten through fourth grade to Sunday children's activities. This month, the children will be learning "Pete's Feet Step Out," based on Matt. 14:22-33, discussing Peter stepping out of a boat and walking on water.

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

### Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church welcomes all those who are looking for a place to worship.

Calvary Baptist Church is located at 1200 W. Fourth 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.

### St. Paul Lutheran Church

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

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

Big Spring ... a great home town, St. Paul ... a great home church!

### The Catholic Dioceses of San Angelo

Today is proclaimed by Pope John Paul II as a World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Bishop Michael Pfeifer will offer a special Mass of Healing, with the celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing, at Sacred Heart cathedral at 7 p.m.

February 11 is the Feats of Our Lady of Lourdes, which recalls the apparitions that Mary made to St. Bernadette at Lourdes in France. As a sign of who she was and as proof of her appearance, Mary left behind a stream of life giving water in Lourdes where a huge basilica has been built in her honor.

Millions of people visit Lourdes each year and thousands of people have received cures and healings from taking part in the prayers and the healing ceremony that are offered at the Basilica at Our Lady of Lourdes in France.

As of Feb. 7, \$100,138.89

has been collected from the communities of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo, which makes up 29 counties in West Texas, for tsunami relief. The \$100,138.89 is the largest special collection in the history of our Diocese.

The annual Catholic Diocesan Conference Day is Feb. 19 at the San Angelo Convention Center. The theme for the conference is Building a Community of Faith.

For more information, contact your local parish or the Office of Education and Information at 325-651-7500.

### First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on scripture taken from Matthew 4:1-11. Worship service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday School is 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 starts at 10:35 a.m.

Opportunities for the week include the Men's Breakfast Wednesday at 7 a.m. and Wednesday prayer service at 5:30 p.m. Confirmation class begins this Wednesday at 5 p.m. Classes are each Wednesday for those wishing to join the church. Choir practice is

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# Club News

## Howard County A&M Club

Howard County A&M Club has a business meeting at Feb. 26 at the Niklasch's home, 4510 Callahan. Hors d'oeuvres and spirits will be served. All club members are invited. Call 268-9649.

## Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association presents Big Spring's very talented artist, Dorothy Mckenzie, as the program for the Tuesday meeting in Howard County Library at 7 p.m.

She will pass along some of the techniques learned from years of study under some outstanding artists. The public is warmly invited to attend this and all meetings.

Dorothy Mckenzie Murray has spent most of her life being involved with art. Encouraged by three aunts, Jeannette Milan Jones, Annie Mckenzie Westerman and Laro B. Mckenzie, who were artists, she paints under the name Laras to honor these aunts.

She is married to Jim Murray, who is a talented photographer and who has an oil-related business.

She attended the

University of Mississippi. Following marriage and the birth of three children, she returned to art.

The artists she has studied with include Ben Konis of Amarillo, who has been a professional artist, teacher and friend for about 16 years. Ben is a well-known Southwest pastelist and colorist who has won many awards with his work.

Also, Ann Templeton of Ruidoso, N.M., who has been a strong influence and friend. Ann has won many awards with her painting and teaches oil and pastel classes as well.

And Ted Seth Jacobs, who taught at the Art Student League of New York City. He moved several years ago to Les Cerqueus sous Passavant, France. Dorothy went there to study with him. Ted is considered an authority on the effects of light and its use in painting.

The work of all these artists can be found in museums in the United States.

At the Tuesday meeting, members will show their photos and painting of favorite pets or other animals. This will be the results of a two-month project selected by the group.

Also members will bring "Tipping of the Brush" pictures that will

de displayed at many businesses in Big Spring. The B.S.A.A. is very appreciative of this opportunity given them to publicly display some of their works. Since this is the 50th anniversary of the Art Association, the group wants to thank the many who have provided support through the years.

Other art news in the area is the Adventures in Color: Ken Hosmer Watercolor Workshop, June 27-July 1 at Studio Twenty, 877 E. Interstate 20 in Colorado City. The cost will be \$270, with \$100 deposit due by May 1. Contact Leada Wood at 325-728-3497 for more information.

This workshop is for anyone wishing to paint with dramatically enriched, yet believable color. In this powerful workshop, he presents two valuable learning tools, a unique color system, which is unsurpassed for developing pure transparent color schemes and the Hosmer Design Modes, a simplified way to organize and creatively interpret painting ideas. This class is ideal for beginning and advanced students.

The Andrews Art Association Area Show is April 28-May 1. Contact Helen Clements in Andrews for more infor-



Dorothy Mckenzie will present a program at the Big Spring Art Association meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Howard County Library. The public is invited.

mation.

## Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, Feb. 7, at La Posada. Terri Blackshear worded the invocation and Pat Fleming was introduced as a guest.

Minutes were approved and Jan Foresyth gave the financial report.

The largest income check received to date came from Big Spring Salvage through alu-

minum cans sales.

A total of five members attended training sessions in Midland. The programs gave guidance on state-wide awards, clean-up efforts, grant writing and fund raising.

Lee Emerson reported that people from all over the area were in attendance.

Janice Bishop of Cornell Corrections thought the meeting was very helpful.

Sara Bavin said the Beautification Committee is pursuing a wildflower trail grant and hopes to make the trail a tourist attraction.

Fran Emerson reported on the Civic and Neighborhood committee activities and Debbie Wegman represented the Education Committee. Waste in Place training is April 30 at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Teachers are to be encouraged to put the information into their curriculums to get youth interested in being

involved.

Todd Darden of the Law Enforcement Committee was a guest on KBST Morning Magazine Feb. 9, making people aware of the penalties for dumping in illegal areas.

Pat Simmons said Saturday, April 1 is the annual Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off.

Kathryn Wiseman heads the Public Awareness Committee and said they are exploring how best to use a mascot at public events.

Recycling and Composting will work with the Waste in Place training.

Verna Davis and Willia Ledford of the Fund Raising Committee plan a community-wide flea market or garage sale April 23. Site will be the east end of the Big Spring Mall.

The public is encouraged to purchase booth space and set up their own groups to earn money for worthwhile causes.

# Church News

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munities.

This year, for the sixth

time, the season was launched at the United Nations during the Jan. 30 memorial anniversary

of Mahatma Gandhi and will close during the King April 4 memorial.

Since 1998, activities in

201 cities in 40 states and 10 countries have focused on this time, set apart for concentration on ways to promote peace.

Fifty percent of United States governors and many mayors have issued official proclamations for the 64-day period to encourage people to watch for ways to be the peace.

There will be no meeting at the Center this Sunday. Members will be carrying the Unity message to other places.

The Tuesday noon study of the "Rising in Consciousness" by Joel S. Goldsmith continues.

The Rev. Jim Sims leads the consideration of the ideas of this American mystic.

Spiritual counseling is also available.

## Life Church

Life Church at 600 E. FM 700, will begin offering two morning worship services Feb. 27, the first at 8:30 a.m. and again at 10:30 a.m. Children's ministries are available during both services for ages 0-12.

## Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints missionaries

Perhaps you have seen them. They wear suits and carry scriptures, walking down the street from house to house. Perhaps they have knocked on your door, asking if they could share a message about Jesus Christ. Who are these people? What are they doing in Big Spring?

They are missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and they are called to serve. There are about 60,000 such missionaries serving in nearly every country around the world, each taking one and one-half to two years out of their lives to serve those around them.

There are two missionaries serving in Big Spring right now.

Elder Steven Kearnes is from Liberty Lake, Wash., just east of Spokane. He was in the marching band in high school and played the trombone. He was on the

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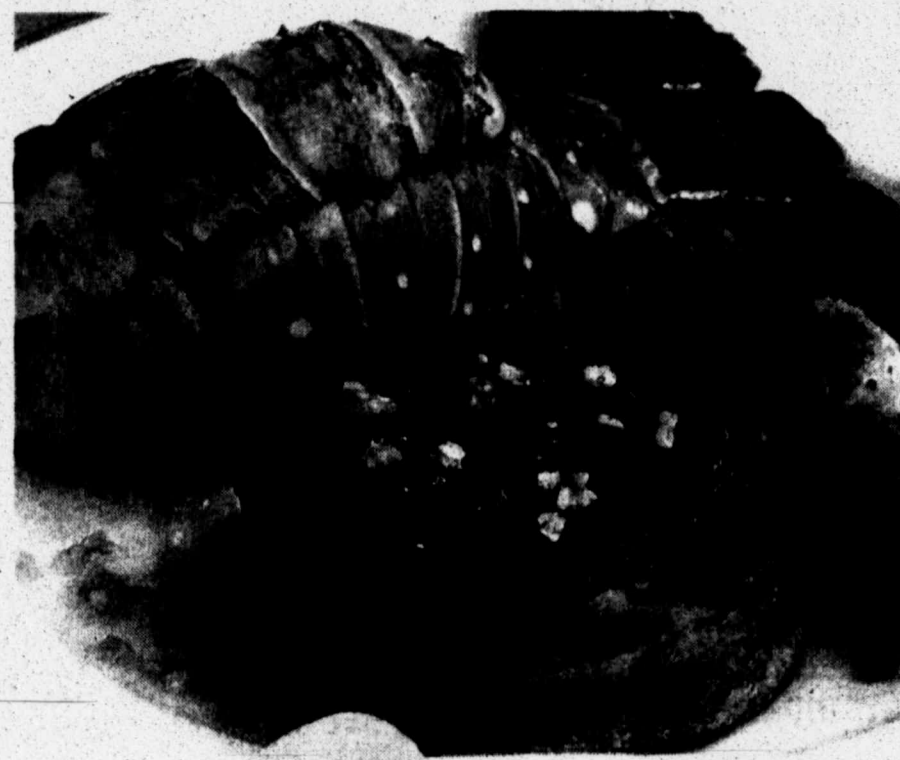


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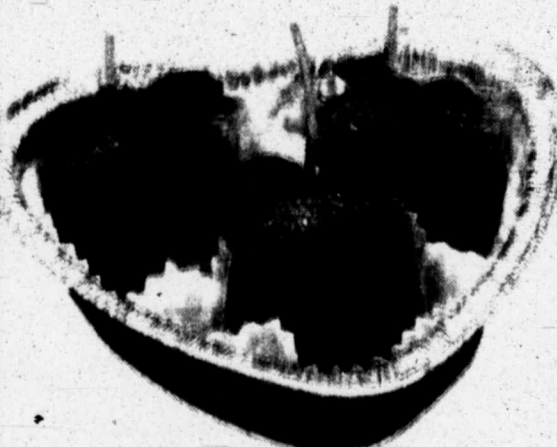
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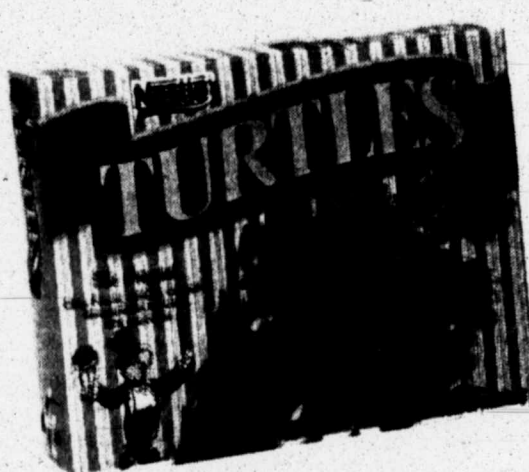


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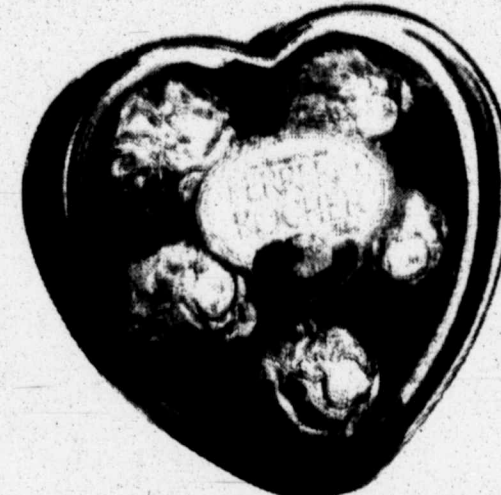
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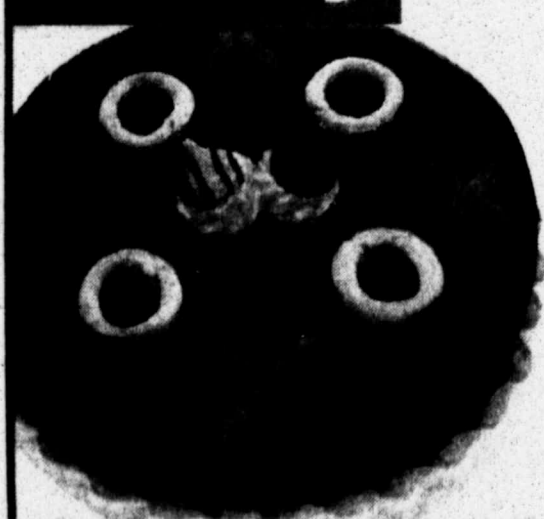


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## IN BRIEF

### Coahoma's softball 'Alumni Day' set

Coahoma head softball coach Robby Dickenson has announced that the annual Alumni Day softball game will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Coahoma softball field.

The game will feature this year's upcoming team against past Coahoma softball alumni.

For more information, contact Dickenson at the Coahoma ISD at 394-4536.

### Coahoma to host 'donkey basketball'

The Coahoma PTA will be bringing "donkey basketball" to the high school gym Saturday with two games scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.

The first game will feature students and/or faculty from Coahoma, while the second, which will begin at 7 p.m., will feature members from the sheriff's department, fire department and city of Big Spring.

Advance tickets will be \$5, but spectators can purchase tickets at the door for \$6. Tickets may be purchased at the Coahoma High School, Coahoma Junior High, Coahoma Elementary, chamber of commerce (open during lunch), KBST or by calling Laura at 267-8660 or Neasa at 399-4443.

For more information, contact Laura Martin at 263-8421 or 466-1950.

### Lady Steer Booster Club meeting set

The Lady Steers Booster Club will meet Monday, Feb. 21, in the ATC at 6 p.m.

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

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

### Lady Steer Softball Booster meeting set

The Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet Monday, Feb. 21, in the ATC at 7:30 p.m.

All parents of girls involved with the softball program are encouraged to attend.

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

### Softball umpires needed for season

Anyone interested in becoming an ASA certified umpire for the upcoming softball season can obtain information from Francisco Ramirez at 466-3670.

### C.G.A. sets first tourney of new year

The Chicano Golf Association has set its first tournament of the year for Sunday, Feb. 20 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

For more information, call Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

## Rice, Richardson too much for Howard men

### Frank Phillips beats Hawks by 16, Howard drops to second in WJCAC Conference

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
BORGER — Howard's last meeting with the Frank Phillips men's basketball team resulted in a seven-point win at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum as the Hawks held 20-point scorers DeAndre Rice and Jerome Richardson to under 40 points combined.

However, Rice and Richardson were a little harder to contain in Borger Thursday night as the scoring duo combined to score 49 points in a 83-

67 win over the Hawks at the Frank Phillips Gymnasium.

Rice beat the Hawks with his 3-point shot in the first half. His 3-point put Frank Phillips up 9-4 early and then his back-to-back long balls pushed the Plainsman's advantage to 17-8.

Howard answered most of Frank Phillips' runs in the first half. After Rice's third 3-pointer of the game, Howard came back with seven straight points to get back to within two at 17-15. The run was capped off by a James Barrett slam.

The game went back-and-forth for a little while after that as the game was tied at 21-21 and 23-23. However, a 9-0 Frank



Phillips run gave the Plainsman a 32-23 advantage with just under four minutes to play in the half.

The Hawks only managed two free throws in the final 3:23 as Frank Phillips closed out the half with four straight points and grabbed an 11-point lead at the break.

Howard scored the first five points of the second half and closed to within six at 36-30, but Frank Phillips didn't budge defensively. Another Rice

3-pointer pushed the Plainsman's lead back to 21 before sophomore Munir Shakir got three points the old-fashioned way.

Frank Phillips maintained a double digit lead for most of the second half. A putback by freshman Brandon Sampay cut the Hawks' deficit to six with just under nine minutes to play, but that would be as close as they would get as Frank Phillips outscored Howard 23-13 in the final 8:30 to capture the 16-point victory.

The win pushes Frank Phillips' Western Junior College Athletic Conference record to 6-2 and drops Howard's WJCAC mark to 5-3.

Rice and Richardson finished with 25 and 24 points, respectively.

Rice scored 13 points in the first half and Richardson came through in the second half with 18 points.

Howard's balanced offensive attack was led by Sampay and Charles Burgess, who each finished with 12 points. Munir Shakir and Rashad Mintz added 11 points each, while Barrett and Dezmon Harris pitched in with eight points. The Hawks shot 18-for-26 from the foul line.

Howard's next game will take place Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum against Clarendon beginning at 8 p.m.

## Short-handed Hawks fall short in Borger

### Howard women compete with six players in loss to rival Frank Phillips

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
BORGER — The Howard College women's basketball team was forced to play with just six players Thursday against Western Junior College Athletic Conference rival Frank Phillips in Borger and the lack of depth plagued Howard down the stretch as the Hawks lost to the Lady Plainsman, 71-40.

Freshman Jennifer Pena, who starts at the point guard position, sat out of this game due to an ankle injury. And sophomore Ciara Tidwell

played through a knee injury and was not 100 percent. The Hawk women battled in the first half. Frank Phillips led for much of the first half, but never by more than six points.

Sophomore Lyndzay Longacre's 3-pointer midway through the first half tied the game at 12-12. The game went back-and-forth during the final minutes of the first half. Howard even grabbed a lead just before halftime, but Frank Phillips connected on a shot at the buzzer and grabbed a 21-20 advantage at the break.

"It was a great first half," said Howard coach Earl Diddle. "I thought we positioned ourselves

good for the second 20 minutes and physically and foul-wise we were all right."

The lack of depth caught up to the Hawks in the second half, however, as Frank Phillips slowly pulled away.

Rochelle Vance's 3-point play gave Frank Phillips its first double digit lead of the game at 42-30. Howard — after a layup by freshman Kristen Ray — then had four straight turnovers which allowed the Lady Plainsman to push their advantage to 18. Howard would not get any closer as Frank Phillips closed out the game by outscoring Howard 21-8.

"The girls prepared and did a nice job, but we just turned the ball over too many times," said Diddle. "Credit Frank Phillips for getting after us in the second half. They needed to win and they did."

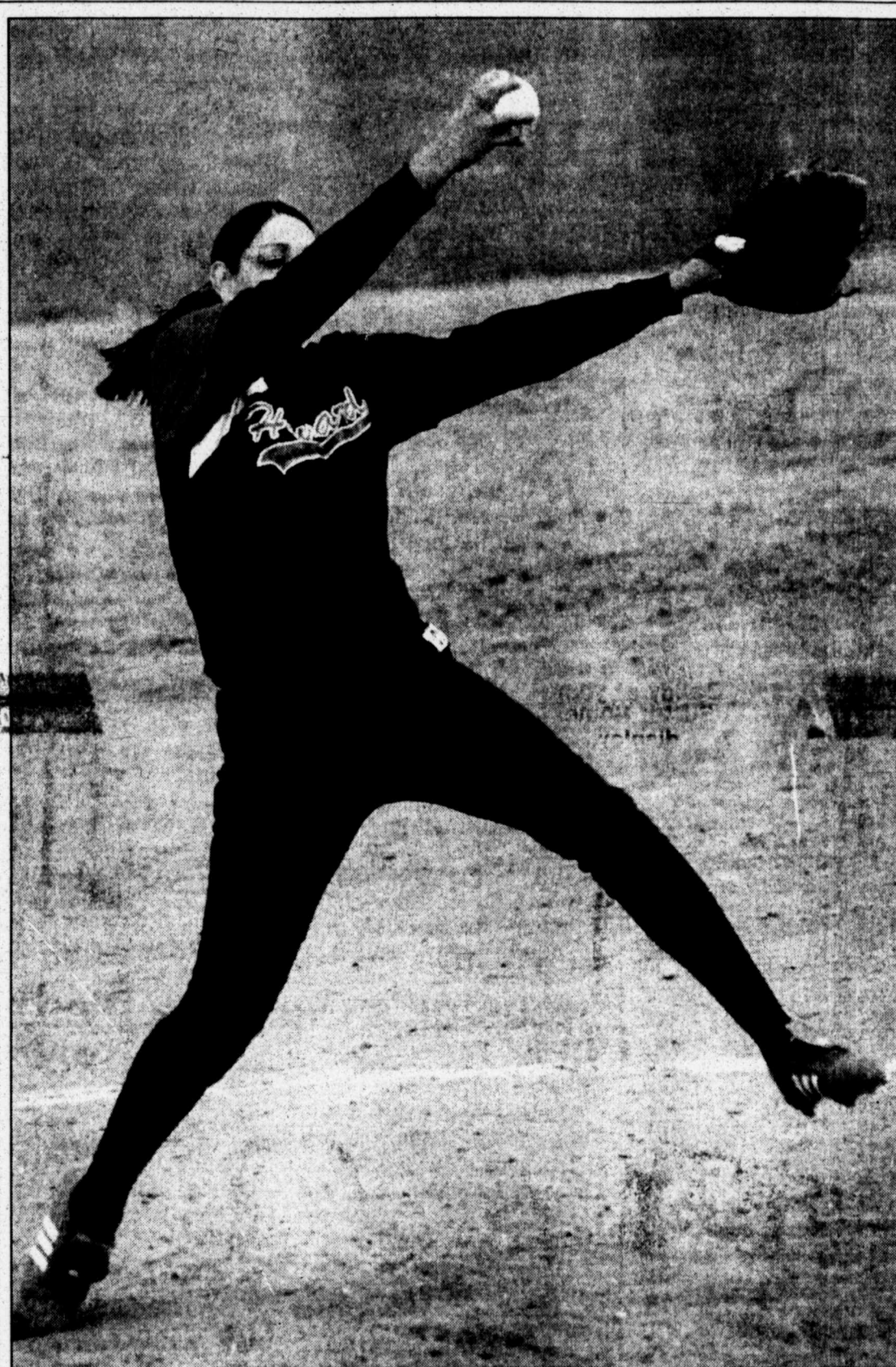
Freshman Latoya Fairley led Howard with 15 points, while Longacre added a season-high 11 points. Tidwell scored eight points with one good leg and freshmen Ariel Rhodes and Kristen Ray added three apiece.

"Ciara did an adequate job despite being hurt," said Diddle, "and she didn't reinjure it so that was good."

Howard was outscored 50-20 in the second half and was called for three shot clock violations in the game. They connected on seven of 16 free throw attempts, as well.

The defeat brings Howard's current losing streak to nine games as new coach Diddle and assistant coach Eric Rodewald, who both took over the team in January, haven't found the win column.

Howard (11-14, 0-7) hosts WJCAC rival Clarendon Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum beginning at 6 p.m.



Howard College sophomore Andrea Renteria delivers a pitch to the plate against Ranger College Thursday at Foundation Field. The Hawk women split a doubleheader with Ranger. Renteria earned the win in game two with four shutout innings of relief.

## Renteria secures win

### Sophomore pitcher closes out Ranger as Hawks earn victory No. 1

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
Sophomore Andrea Renteria took the mound in game No. 2 against Ranger down 3-2.

But, it was her four shutout innings and a big offensive fifth inning that led the Howard College softball team to its first win of the new season.

The four run fifth inning gave the Hawks the lead for good as Howard came away with a 6-3 win in the team's home openers at Foundation Field Thursday.

Ranger scored all three of its runs in third inning as throwing errors plagued the Hawks.

Howard battled back in its half of the third, though. Amanda Kuramata's single



scored Bethany Rose before the Hawks cut the lead to one on an Amy Hitzfeld double which scored Becka Renfro.

Howard had plenty more chances in the third, but they stranded the bases loaded to end the inning.

Renteria took the mound in the fourth inning and was virtually flawless as she worked through four scoreless innings, giving up only a handful of hits. Her dominance gave Howard's offense a chance to come up big at the plate and it did.

Sophomores Hitzfeld, Michelle Teller and

Analisa Arellano led the charge at the plate. Arellano connected on a two RBI double and scored a run, while Hitzfeld and Teller both knocked in a run and scored a run. Howard added one more run in the inning and grabbed a three run lead.

That is all Renteria needed as she breezed through the final two innings for her first win of the year. She allowed one hit in the seventh inning and closed out Ranger.

The Hawks lost game one 8-5. They led 5-1 after five innings, but allowed Ranger score seven runs in the sixth inning. The sixth inning comeback by Ranger was assisted by two errors by Howard fielders and several

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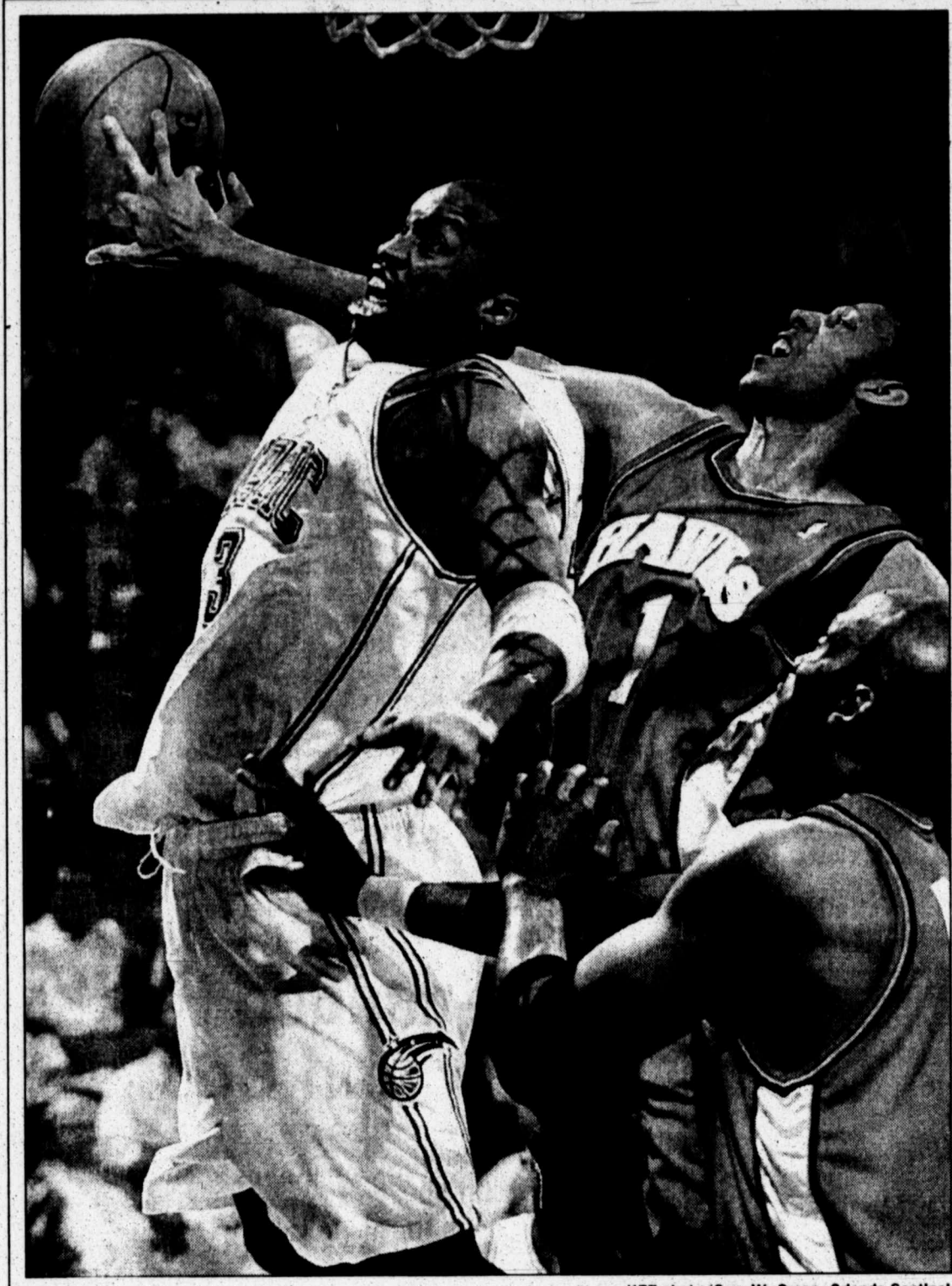
### Upcoming Events

**Today**  
Big Spring boy's basketball vs. Laka View, 7:30 p.m.  
Coahoma boy's basketball vs. Hawley, 6:30 p.m. (time change)  
Region 1-4A swim meet at Lubbock, TBA  
Howard College baseball at Tyler JUCO Tournament, 1 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Big Spring Tennis Invitational at Comanche Trail Park, 8 a.m.  
Big Spring Golf Invitational at Comanche Golf Course/Big Spring Country Club, 8 a.m.  
Big Spring softball at Midland Lee vs. Lee and Lubbock Coronado, TBA  
Region 1-4A swim meet at Lubbock, TBA  
Howard baseball at Tyler JUCO Tournament, 3 p.m.

**Monday**  
Howard College basketball vs. Clarendon, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.  
Coahoma girl's basketball vs. Jim Ned at San Angelo, 7 p.m.  
Garden City girl's basketball vs. Spangor at Post, 6:30 p.m.





Orlando's Steve Francis is fouled by Atlanta's Josh Childress, top right, during the second half of their game in Orlando, Fla., Thursday. Francis led Orlando with 28 points.

## Pistons win finals rematch

• Magic defeats Hawks, Sonics come back against Sacramento Kings

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) —

These Lakers were no match for the Detroit Pistons, either.

Rasheed Wallace had 23 points and a season-high 15 rebounds, and the Pistons routed Los Angeles 103-81 Thursday night in the first meeting of last year's NBA finalists.

The Lakers look almost nothing like the team the Pistons manhandled to win the championship, but the game had a familiar feel to Detroit guard Chauncey Billups.

"It did because of the way the game went — with us being up so much," said Billups, who had 15 points and a season-high 11 assists.

The Pistons disposed of Los Angeles in five games while winning the finals by an average margin of 13 points per game with the same five starters and coach they have this season.

Shaquille O'Neal, Karl Malone, Gary Payton and coach Phil Jackson are no longer Lakers, and Kobe Bryant is out, too, with a sprained ankle.

In other games, it was Orlando 101, Atlanta 96 and Seattle 115, Sacramento 107.

Tayshaun Prince scored 25 points for the Pistons, who moved a half-game ahead of Cleveland in the Central

Division standings with their sixth win in seven games.

Detroit led the Lakers by 16 points about 4 minutes, and the game was never in doubt.

Los Angeles is 1-4 under interim coach Frank Hamblen, who replaced Rudy Tomjanovich when he suddenly resigned, and is 6-8 since Bryant went down with a sprained ankle.

Lamar Odom led the Lakers with 17 points and Caron Butler had 12. In his first game against his former team, Lakers guard Chucky Atkins scored just three points — 10 below his average — on 1-of-7 shooting.

Bryant wouldn't guess when he'll return, but said he plans on running during Saturday's practice after resting his ankle for a few days.

"It's tough to say because right now it's sore, sometimes it feels good, but with bad ankle sprains, you never know," said Bryant, who was booed each time he was shown on the videoboard above the court.

Ben Wallace grabbed 15 rebounds and Richard Hamilton scored 11 for the Pistons, who had a season-high 30 assists.

Not only are the Pistons clearly a better team than the Lakers, they were also better rested. Detroit had a game for just the second time in eight days while the Lakers played their fourth in five nights.

Prince seemed to take advantage of that by outscoring the Lakers 15-

14 in the first quarter. He scored 10 more points the rest of the game, making 11 of his career-high 20 shots.

The Pistons jumped out to an 18-2 lead as the Lakers had more turnovers (two) than field goals (one). Detroit led 30-14 after the first quarter, outrebounding Los Angeles 22-11.

**Magic 101, Hawks 96**

At Orlando, Fla., Steve Francis scored 11 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter, including a game-deciding 17-footer with 17 seconds to play.

Hedo Turkoglu added 24 points, and rookie Dwight Howard had 15 points and 20 rebounds for the Magic. Howard became the first rookie since Tim Duncan in 1997-98 to record two 20-rebound games in a season.

Antoine Walker led Atlanta with 25 points.

**SuperSonics 115, Kings 107**

At Seattle, Antonio Daniels scored 14 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter, helping the Seattle SuperSonics to their third victory this season over the Kings.

All-Stars Ray Allen and Rashard Lewis led the way for the Sonics with 34 and 23 points, respectively, but Daniels, Seattle's valuable reserve point guard, shined in the final period while playing the entire 12 minutes in place of starter Luke Ridnour.

Peja Stojakovic led the Kings with 28 points.

## New York's Giambi sorry, but for what is still in question

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Jason Giambi is sorry. He just wouldn't say for what.

The All-Star first baseman twiddled his thumbs, crossed his legs and fidgeted in his chair when he came to Yankee Stadium on Thursday to make his first public comments since it was reported in December that he told a federal grand jury he took steroids for at least three seasons.

"When I went into that grand jury, I told the truth," he said.

He said he was sorry five times. He apologized three times.

To the New York Yankees. To his teammates. To the fans.

He never said why. And he never talked about using steroids, never mentioned the word.

"I know the fans might want more, but at this present time because of all the legal matters, I can't get into specifics," he said. "Someday, hopefully, I will be able to."

Said his agent, Arn Tellem: "The answers are there if you look for them."

On this day, though, Giambi wasn't telling all.

"There's been a lot of distraction, definitely, over the last year, and I'm sorry for that, I really am," Giambi said. "I feel I let down the fans, I feel I let down the media, I feel I let down the Yankees, not only the Yankees, but my teammates."

"I accept full responsibility for that," he went on. "I'm sorry. I'm trying to go forward now. Most of all, to the fans, I'm sorry. I know it's going to be hard, and I understand how they feel."

Only 10 days before he's scheduled to report to spring training, Giambi met with print reporters

for 43 minutes, with general manager Brian Cashman, manager Joe Torre and Tellem at his side.

He later did another interview session for television and radio.

"If it was up to Jason, he would tell you everything," Tellem said.

Wearing a dark striped suit and black shirt, his face stubbly with several days of beard, Giambi's skin looked red, not pale as it did much of last season, when he was bothered by a parasite and a benign tumor. His weight was back up to about 235 pounds. He greeted fans outside the ballpark and signed autographs.

"It takes a hell of a big man to stand up and apologize to his teammates, to New York Yankee fans and to baseball fans everywhere and admit he was wrong," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said in a statement.

Giambi, who last year repeatedly denied using illegal steroids, is owed \$82 million from the Yankees as part of the \$120 million, seven-year contract he was given before the 2002 season. Steinbrenner spoke with him by telephone a few weeks ago.

"The biggest thing that I told him was I wasn't a quitter," Giambi said. "I told him that I was ready to play, and I was going to be that player that he had signed."

Yankees teammate Gary Sheffield said last October he unwittingly used substances that contained steroids. He was the Yankees' most productive hitter last season and faced less scrutiny than Giambi.

Giambi said he was pleased with the agreement between players and owners for more frequent testing for performance-enhancing drugs.

He said he had not read

the San Francisco Chronicle story, which cited transcripts of his 2003 grand jury testimony, and he would not say whether the newspaper's report was accurate.

The 2000 AL MVP with Oakland, his numbers dropped in the second half of the 2003 season when he had a knee injury.

He slumped to .208 with 12 homers and 40 RBIs and was never healthy last year. The Yankees even dropped him from their postseason roster.

"I think we're all curious to see how he's going to rebound from everything he went through last year," Torre said. "He certainly looks better than he did."

Torre toyed with batting orders last week and given the uncertainty, he didn't know where to slot Giambi, who could be supplanted by Tino Martinez at first base and become a designated hitter.

"There was a time a couple of years ago, you put him third or fourth," Torre said. "But right now, I don't know where he fits in our lineup."

One of the few topics Giambi specifically addressed was Jose Canseco's book, which is being released next week. The New York Daily News reported Sunday that Canseco says in the book that he, Giambi and Mark McGwire shot steroids together.

"I find that delusional to be honest with you. I don't even know where he would come up with anything like that," Giambi said. "I think it's kind of sad that Josie is that desperate, I think, to make a dime."

Cashman said the Yankees never discussed steroids with Giambi before they signed him, saying the environment in baseball was different then.

## Houston's Oswalt settles arbitration case

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Kyle Lohse and the Minnesota Twins went before arbitrators Thursday in baseball's first salary hearing of the year, while Houston pitcher Roy Oswalt settled his case and accepted a \$16.9 million, two-year contract.

After going 9-13 with a 5.34 ERA in 34 starts last season, Lohse was eligible for arbitration for the first time and asked for a raise from \$395,000 to \$2.4 million.

Minnesota offered the 26-year-old right-hander \$2.15 million. Arbitrators Robert

Bailey, Christine Knowlton and Elliott Shriftman were expected to make a decision Friday.

Oswalt, who had a hearing date next week, had asked for a raise from \$3,425,000 to \$7.8 million and had been offered \$6 million by the Astros. He went 20-10 with a 3.49 ERA last season.

Outfielder Jason Michaels and the Philadelphia Phillies, like Lohse scheduled for a hearing Thursday, instead agreed to an \$825,000, one-year contract.

with 10 homers and 40 RBIs in 115 games with the Phillies last year while platooning in center field with Marlon Byrd. Michaels made \$335,000 last year and was eligible for arbitration for the first time.

He had asked for \$925,000 in arbitration and had been offered \$650,000.

Nine players remain scheduled for hearings, including Twins pitcher Johan Santana, the AL Cy Young Award winner, and Milwaukee pitcher Ben Sheets. Hearings are scheduled through Feb. 18.

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walks by the pitchers.

Freshman Jody Clark started both games on the mound for Howard, but

was awarded two no decisions as the games were decided after her departure.

Howard's trip to Midland this weekend has been called off as the Midland Classic scheduled for Friday and

Saturday has been cancelled.

The Hawks' next games will take place Feb. 23 at Foundation Field against Western Texas College.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The moon enters Aries this morning, putting a zap and a zing behind the day's events. Ambition is on the rise, as we head into the weekend hoping to accomplish something more than a little rest and relaxation. Socializing that also serves a business purpose will be especially appealing now that Mars is transiting through Capricorn.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). A harmonious vibe surrounds your romantic relationship, soothing your frazzled nerves while firing up the libido. Reach a compromise with regard to what to do for fun. True victory is when both sides feel they've won.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You strike a fair balance between work and play as you move through your day. Keep your goals at the forefront of your mind. Success is achieved through perseverance, scholarly pursuit and basic decency.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). A newly emerging relationship is destined to be deeper and more fulfilling than previous engagements. If tension arises with a long-term sweetheart, know that you will work out any problems. All is well in your world.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Nothing says "home sweet home" like soup from scratch, a soak in the tub, and the company of those you love. You can have all of that as a go-with-the-flow vibe sweeps you blissfully along. No worries.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). People open up to you easily, confiding their innermost fears. And why not? You're a great listener! A new person in your life demands that you pay attention to details. Your efforts will be rewarded tenfold.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're notoriously good at saving money for a rainy day, but sometimes, you've got to cut loose and spend some dough so that more of it will come back to you. Consider it a karmic law of abundance. Happy shopping!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Feel the light slowly moving toward equilibrium. Your mood should be brightening as the days grow longer. Nevertheless, it's only natural for you to want to hibernate during winter. Friends understand why you haven't been around.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't know if you're coming or going? Try to think like a drop of water. Whether it's frozen solid as ice, floating on air as steam or in its natural liquid form, water is infinitely adaptable. Change is good.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). One of the most athletic of the signs, you like to work up a good sweat. Why not organize a group sporting event while the stars favor

friendship? Ice skating or hockey can be great winter fun!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As Mick Jagger says, "You can't always get what you want." You're such a dynamo at the office that you're bound to have the occasional setback. Just take it in stride. It will all work out in the end.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Things are zipping along so quickly, you feel like you're on a rocket ship to the stars, with all of life's little problems disappearing behind you like a tiny pinpoint of light. Can you hear me, Major Tom?

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). It's a misconception that fish are colorblind. The amount of color a fish can see depends on how much light is down there in the deep. Get the full spectrum. Life may be a lot more vibrant than you think!

**WEEKEND LOVE REPORT:** The prevalent Aquarian energy produces easygoing connections and light flirtations. If you're craving heart-wrenching passion, though, it's just not the time for dramatic displays. Be patient.

**ARIES:** You say that rules were meant to be broken. Well, try not to break them this weekend because the consequences are pretty steep.

**TAURUS:** You gravitate toward the very person who is best for you.

**GEMINI:** Notice the romantic pattern you're playing out now. There's a chance to interrupt it on Sunday.

**CANCER:** It's the perfect time to be more particular about romance.

**LEO:** Keep pursuing your career, and the love comes as a side perk!

**VIRGO:** You'll make beautiful discoveries about a person you thought you already knew everything about.

**LIBRA:** Give up your expectations, and you'll be romantically satisfied.

**SCORPIO:** Many are attracted to you now. You'll have to make a choice.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Your basic needs are met, but meeting deeper emotional needs requires more work.

**CAPRICORN:** With Mars now in your sign, you're turning heads on the street.

**AQUARIUS:** The phone keeps ringing. Prioritize your social schedule.

**PISCES:** Steer clear of that tortured, tragic person. You need to be around someone upbeat.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Capricorn and Pisces both need more affection and approval than either will let on. As a romantic experiment, Capricorn can practice giving Pisces loving attention even when Pisces acts embarrassed, shy or non-responsive. It won't take long for Pisces to open up and respond in kind. Both these signs are strong willed, but defenses melt away at the first sign of real compassion.

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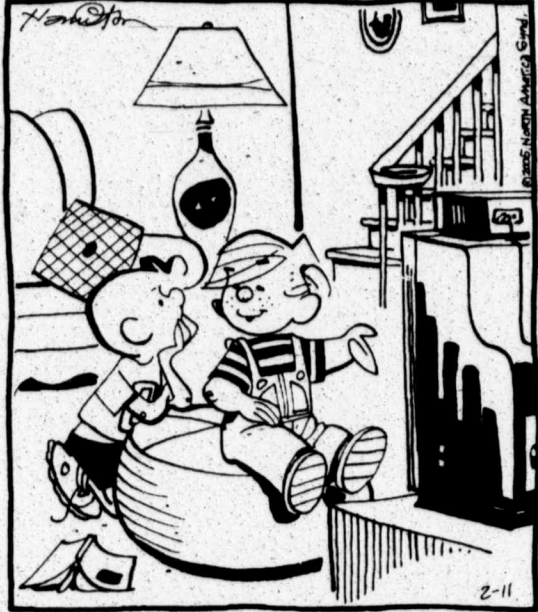


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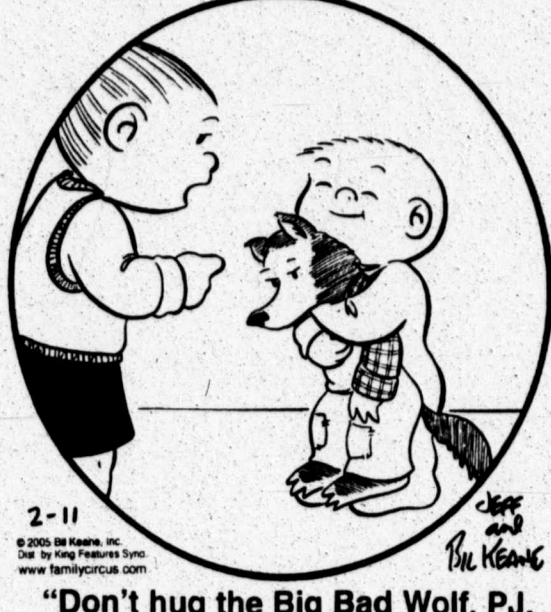
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I'M GOING TO MY ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASS. WHAT DOES SHE DO WITH THE STUFF SHE MAKES? THE YARD SALE, THE FLEA MARKET AND THE LANDFILL, IN THAT ORDER.

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I HOPE I GET A LOT OF VALENTINES THIS YEAR! NOT THIS GIRL. YOU DON'T LIKE VALENTINES? VALENTINES ONLY LEAD TO A MURKY CESSPOOL OF EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCY AND DEVASTATING INTELLECTUAL ENTANGLEMENTS. HAVE YOU BEEN READING YOUR GRAMMA'S DIARY AGAIN? IT ONLY TAKES ONE GOOD FROST TO AID THE PROMISING BUD OF WOMANHOOD!

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 2005. There are 323 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 11, 1945, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II. On this date: In 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a redistricting law favoring his party - giving rise to the term "gerrymandering." In 1847, American inventor Thomas Alva Edison was born in Milan, Ohio. In 1861, President-elect Lincoln departed Springfield, Ill., for Washington. In 1929, the Lateran Treaty was signed, with

Italy recognizing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City. In 1937, a sit-down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union. In 1972, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. and Life magazine canceled plans to publish what had turned out to be a fake autobiography of reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes. In 1979, followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seized power in Iran. In 1986, Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky was released by the Soviet Union after nine years of captivity as part of an East-West prisoner exchange. In 1989, the Rev. Barbara C. Harris became the first woman consecrated as a bishop in the Episcopal Church, in a ceremony held in Boston. In 1990, South African black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in prison.

Today's Birthdays: Author Sidney Sheldon is 88. Former Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen is 84. Actor Leslie Nielsen is 79. Actor Conrad Janis is 77. Actress Tina Louise is 71. Actor Burt Reynolds is 69. Songwriter Gerry Goffin is 66. Singer Bobby "Boris" Pickett is 65. Bandleader Sergio Mendes is 64. R&B singer Otis Clay is 63. Environmental Protection Agency administrator Mike Leavitt is 54. Actor Philip Anglim is 52. Actress Catherine Hickland is 49. Actress Carey Lowell is 44. Singer Sheryl Crow is 43. Actress Jennifer Aniston is 36.

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# Golf Insider

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## BIRDIES AND BOGEYS

### Who killed Bill?

One of the oldest golf jokes ends with the punch line, "Hit the ball, then drag Bill." The joke describes two avid golfers, one of whom (Bill) dies of a heart attack on the 12th hole. His friend, who loves his golf, refuses to quit, and since Bill is already dead, he finishes his round, dragging Bill in between shots as the morbid twosome closes in on the clubhouse.

As a joke, it's not that funny, but in reality it's not funny at all — especially if Bill killed himself with a golf-induced rage.

Golf is supposed to be a fun game, but for some golfers it can be life-threatening: the furious club thrower, the golfer who clams up, seething inside when things are not going well; the guy who blows his top with every missed putt. These poor souls spend what could be four delightful hours outside in a pastoral paradise, wreaking mayhem on their bodies by virtue of an anger that studies show could be pushing them closer to death.

A study published in the journal *Circulation* reports that those who exhibit hostile behavior are about three times more likely to have a heart attack. Even those whose anger is moderate face a significant risk of illness and death from coronary heart disease.

Basically, when you perceive a situation as "anger-worthy" this perception causes the companion chemicals to be produced in your body. If you get mad a lot, the chemicals can damage the inside of arterial walls, leading to plaque formation.

Another study at Ohio State University documents that the chemicals (called catecholamines) that pour into your body when you wig out are a group of stress-linked chemicals that can disrupt the electrical rhythm of your heart.

And all of this starts with the person's perception of the situation, which means that it wasn't golf that killed Bill; it was Bill who killed Bill.

### I'll never tell — unless my editor makes me

Once known in the English press as Nick Faldo for his occasional lapses coming down the back nine on Sunday, six-time major winner Nick Faldo knows a little something about the harshness of the world golf press. In a beautiful piece of revenge, after proving himself in a cauldron of pressure to win the 1992 British Open, he accepted the trophy and said thank you "from the heart of my bottom."

Now, in a new book, "Life Swings," Faldo reveals what he said he never would: the words he whispered in Greg Norman's ear as he consoled his adversary on the 18th green at Augusta in 1996 after Norman had frittered away a six-shot lead in one of sport's all-time collapses. Assuming the press would savage the great Norman, Faldo warned, "Don't let the bastards get you down over this."

In fact, as Bob Verdi outlines in his excellent article in *Golf World* on the subject, the press praised them both: Norman for his grace under the crushing stress of the loss, and Faldo for his masterful play (he shot 67), which allowed him to come from behind.



FALDO

## IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



Notice how the angle in his right wrist is identical in both photos. This is the key — the only way to follow the cardinal rule of hitting the ball first. Your lower and upper body movement must be synchronized as you turn back and through to support this right-hand angle.

# There's a good chipper inside of every golfer

If you practice chipping regularly but are not consistently hitting your chips within an 8-foot circle around the cup, you need to work on your technique. I say this because practically everyone has the talent to be a reasonably good chipper. Read the following, practice each detail and you'll do well — I guarantee it.

Stand close to the ball with a narrow stance and the ball played back — on line with your back ankle. Lean slightly forward so that about 70 percent of your weight is on your forward foot, and keep your hands well in front of the ball (the butt end of the club should be aligned with the inside of your front thigh).

This stance allows you to follow the cardinal rule of the short game, i.e., hit the ball with a slightly descending blow before you hit the ground.

The key to the stroke itself is the right hand (for a right-handed player). You must keep the angle formed between the back of the

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right hand and the back of the right forearm intact throughout the stroke.

Take a look at the angle the golfer is demonstrating in the photos above. At left, he's at the top of his backstroke, and at right, he's just after impact. Notice how the angle in his right wrist is identical in both photos. This is the key — the only way to follow the cardinal rule of hitting the ball first.

Other chipping fundamentals follow from this key. For example, your lower and upper body movement must be synchronized as you

turn back and through to support this right-hand angle. If your body doesn't move, or if it moves too slowly (out of sync with your upper body), you will not be able to hold this angle.

Don't listen to those who tell you that the lower body does not move. Notice that the glove in the golfer's right rear pocket is hidden in photo 1, but clearly visible in photo 2. This is evidence of significant body rotation.

More hints that will make you a good chipper: Do yourself a favor and practice your chipping technique with the 4-iron through the different lies and different distances. You'll find that the worse your lie and the closer you are to the hole, the lower the trajectory you'll produce.

Experiment to learn how much roll to expect after landing, using different clubs under varying conditions. Always pick a spot to land the ball on the green so it can roll the rest of the way to the cup.

## TEERING OFF

# Practice like you play

There's a type of practice you should perfect — the type that gets you ready to play toward a target. You need target practice to avoid "leaving your game on the range."

If you have played for any length of time, you've almost certainly experienced this phenomenon: You hit it great on the driving range, but on the golf course your ball-striking deteriorates.

The explanation for this unsettling experience is called the "one-ball success rate." On the practice tee, most golfers hit ball after ball with the same club, so they build up a rhythm that allows them to make swing adjustments based on the feedback from the previous swing. After a few swings they hone their mechanics enough to hit the ball pretty well.

But on the golf course, each shot is different and you have only one chance per swing. Then you have to go find the ball and play it again from a different location, using a different club.

The time that elapses between each swing is much longer on the course than it is on the driving range, so building up a rhythm while you play is more difficult. Without that rhythm, your one-ball success rate suffers.

It's possible to design a practice session that simulates actual playing conditions on the golf course: Place your bag with all your clubs in it next to your practice station. Then visualize a course you're familiar with, familiar enough to assign each "hole" a specific yardage.

For example: The first hole is a straight-away 400-yard par 4. Choose your driver (or any other club you feel comfortable with on the tee of this "hole"), pick a spot on the imaginary fairway you want to hit, go through your regular pre-shot routine and play the shot.

Let's say you make good contact, but hit the ball into the left rough. Now make an estimate of how far you are from the hole and pick a club that you think will do the job.

Get creative by giving yourself a lie on the practice tee that represents the type you are likely to have in the rough. Allow for the wind and any hazard that may be on this hole. In other words, make the experience as real as possible using your imagination.

Play a whole round like this, including pitch shots and chips. If you give yourself an automatic 2-putt, you can even record a simulated score.

This kind of practice can be fun, and it teaches you how to handle the situation you face on the course. If you don't practice it, you won't be ready to use the one-ball success rate when you have to.

## THE GOLF DOCTOR

### Making a mark

What's the proper procedure for marking a ball on the putting green if the player who's away asks you to mark the ball to the side?

First, mark the ball as you usually do (with a small coin behind the ball) and then ask the player which way he or she wants it moved. Once that has been established, proceed as follows:

- Pick out an immovable object (as close to you as possible) that is in the direction you need to move the marker. A sprinkler head or a tree is a likely candidate.

- Place the heel of your putter head on the side of the coin in line with the object and point the toe of your putter head toward the object.

- Pick up the coin and place it at the toe of your putter head.

- If your playing partner needs the coin moved farther, repeat the procedure, moving the coin another putter head length.

- Repeat the sequence (coin, putter head, coin, putter head, etc.) until your playing partner is satisfied.

Remember how many times you replaced the coin because you will have to repeat the procedure exactly in reverse after the player has putted to properly put your ball back into play.

## GOLF BY THE NUMBERS

51

This year, the LPGA will stage its first match play event in 51 years. The HSBC Women's World Match Play Championship will be held June 30 through July 3 at the Hamilton Farm Golf Club in Gladstone, N.J. The 64-woman field will include two playing on sponsor exemptions. I'll bet Michele Wie is one of the two. How about Annika and Wie in the finals.

12

Vijay Singh has won 12 times on the PGA Tour after the age of 40. Last year I predicted here that Vijay had a chance to break Sam Snead's record for wins after 40. Now Singh looks to be a lock. Snead, author of the book "Golf Begins at 40," won 17 times after his fourth decade. Singh passed Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, Miller Barber, Ben Hogan, Tom Kite, Greg Norman, Loren Roberts, Hal Sutton, Gene Littler, Dutch Harrison and Julius Boros with his nine victories in 2004, and now has only the Slammer in front of him.

42

Here is one record still owned by the King, Arnold Palmer. Arnie holds the record for most wins on the PGA Tour by a man in his 30s with 42 (over two-thirds of his 62 total). Ben Hogan had 40. This record may even withstand Tiger (he turns 30 in December), who has consistently reduced his schedule as he gets older, making four wins a year a tough pace to sustain for 10 years.



100

In 230 tournaments on the Champions Tour, spanning 11 years, 59-year-old Hale Irwin has finished in the top three 100 times (44 percent) and in the top 10 170 times (74 percent). That is simply astonishing.

## ASK THE PRO

**Q:** I hate it when my golf swing gets short and choppy and I feel completely rushed and out of sync. How can I stop it when I feel that coming? — *Kristi, from the Web*

**A:** In many cases, the problem is that you're pitching forward toward the ball at the beginning of the swing, forcing you to battle to regain balance. The solution is simple: First check your weight distribution at address. Bad balance often begins here with the weight too far forward on the toes. It should be distributed from the balls of the feet backward to the heels with a center of gravity that is straight down through the middle of your body, an arrangement that allows you to pivot in perfect balance.

Second, once your setup is balanced, focus on your tempo and make smooth, unhurried rotational swings with no lunges or lurches — first with your practice swing then with your actual swing. Think of your swing as being long and lazy versus short and choppy. And hold your pose at the finish to make it look pretty.

## DON'T MISS IT

### Winter warmth

Those of you are playing golf this winter in the colder climes should try Nike Golf's new cold weather glove. Strategically lined with a densely woven, quick-drying micro-fiber fleece on the back of the hand and wrist, it's engineered to keep the wind and cold out and body heat in. It's good in wet weather, too. The glove has a synthetic leather palm with a tire tread-like pattern that channels water away. I've tried it and it's more practical than the bulky old winter gloves — warmer, too. Suggested retail is \$24.



## SCHEDULE

All Times EST

**PGA TOUR: AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am**  
 • Site: Pebble Beach, Calif.  
 • Schedule: Thursday-Sunday  
 • Courses: Pebble Beach Golf Links (6,816 yards, par 72), Spyglass Hill Golf Course (6,862 yards, par 72) and Poppy Hills Golf Course (6,833 yards, par 72).  
 • Purse: \$5.3 million. Winner's share: \$954,000.  
 • Television: USA (Thursday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday, 3-6 p.m.; Sunday, 3-6:30 p.m.).

**LPGA TOUR: Women's World Cup of Golf**  
 • Site: George, South Africa.  
 • Schedule: Friday-Sunday  
 • Course: Fancourt Hotel and Country Club Estate, The Links (6,424 yards, par 73).  
 • Purse: \$1 million. Winner's share: \$100,000 per player.  
 • Television: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Sunday, 1:30-4 p.m., 9-11:30 p.m.).