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CRMWD president Perry hands over reins to Ed Barham

Special to the Herald

Charles Perry, longtime president of the board of directors of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, announced his intention to step down as president. The board unanimously elected 14-year member Ed Barham to the office, effective immediately.



Barham

Barham represents the city of Odessa and said he will be assuming the leadership role at a time when the water district

has excellent directors with a proactive philosophy.

"CRMWD is in good financial condition and we still have water in spite of the longest drought on record," Barham said. "That was possible because the board has been proactive and because it has benefited from the leadership of men like Charles Perry. I am very conscious of the large footprints I follow."

Perry was first appointed to the board in 1978 and was elected board president in 1999. He said

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Incumbents slowly refile for election to education boards

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Slowly but surely, candidates for area school board elections are stepping forward.

To date, no challengers have filed for the elections, but incumbents are starting to fill spots on the ballots.

Tony Kennedy, District 4 representative on the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees, filed for re-election this week, school officials said.

Kennedy, currently serving as board vice president, is seeking a three-year term.

As of this morning, no other candidates have filed for the BSISD elections, including District 2 incumbent Maria Padilla.

Coahoma ISD also had its first filing this week, when incumbent Jody Reid put his name on the ballot.

At-large seats currently held by Reid, James White and John Wayne Metcalf will be decided in Coahoma this year.

In Stanton, incumbents Pinky Jones, Danny Ireton and Ramiro Reyes have filed for the election, officials said. Jones and Ireton are both seeking to retain their at-large

Who's filed?

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| Harold Davis (I) |
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| BIG SPRING ISD |
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| COAHOMA ISD |
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| FORSAN ISD |
| Lewis Booker (I) |
| Misty Rhota (I) |
| STANTON ISD |
| Pinky Jones (I) |
| Danny Ireton (I) |
| Ramiro Reyes (I) |
| GLASSCOCK CO. ISD |
| No filings to date |
| SANDS CISD |
| Tommy Staggs (I) |
| GRADY ISD |
| No filings to date |

positions on the board, while Reyes is seeking another term representing District 2.

Glasscock County ISD reports no filings as of early today. At-large seats currently held by Carl Hoelscher, Andy Wheeler and Douglas Schaefer will be decided in May.

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Willie!

Fans fill the coliseum to see legends Willie and David Allen Coe

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Regardless of who you talked to at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Thursday night, there was one name that could sum it all up: Willie.

Music lovers from all over Texas — and beyond — made the trip to Big Spring for the first major musical show on the Howard College campus in quite some time, as legendary country music outlaws David Allen Coe and Willie Nelson took the Crossroads Area by storm.

David Bishop, of Odessa, said making the drive was a no-brainer for him.

"C'mon man, it's Willie Nelson," said Bishop.

"You can't pass up Willie, and with David Allen Coe, that's two legends right there! You just can't pass that up."

"This is my first Willie Nelson concert. I'm really excited about it. I drove more than an hour to get here, listening to Willie and David Allen Coe all the way. Willie, Waylon... I've been listening to all of them."

Bishop got a taste of "all of them" during the

concert, as both Nelson and Coe did a number of songs by artists like Waylon Jennings and Texas songwriter Cindy Walker. The coliseum crowd erupted in applause as the legendary Highwayman performed hit songs such as "On The Road Again," "Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys" and "If You've Got The Money



Shayna Acuff

"This is the first time to see Willie live for me. I'm gettin' broke in good! I'm just so excited, I don't know what to do with myself."

Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys" and "If You've Got The Money

Honey (I've Got The Time)."

Nelson's rendition of "Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain" brought the crowd to its feet, while Coe performed several songs that he wrote with Detroit native rock/rap star Kid Rock, including the hit song "Only God Knows Why."

Coe also performed several of his hit songs, including "Willie, Waylon and Me" and "Take This Job And Shove It."

Some said they attended because of the legends and their music. Others, like San Angelo resident Bill Scott, blamed their attendance on their

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GIMMIE YOUR DOORKNOB

PORT WASHINGTON, Wis. (AP) — A man who claims he is obsessed with doorknobs faces three years in prison for a burglary spree in which dozens of them were taken from construction sites.

A criminal complaint said Thor Jeffrey Steven Laufer told police he took a variety of items from the construction sites in the Milwaukee suburb of Mequon to disguise his obsession, "so that it would look like a typical burglary rather than someone just stealing doorknobs." Laufer, 43, of Racine, was sentenced this week by Ozaukee County Circuit Judge Joseph McCormack to the three-year prison term, plus five years of extended supervision.

PRESIDENT'S DAY

The city of Big Spring will close all offices, including the landfill and compost facility, Monday in observance of President's Day. There will be no sanitation pick up Monday. Emergency services — Big Spring Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services — will continue as normal.

All Howard County offices, except for the sheriff's office, also will be closed Monday.

A spokesman with the Big Spring Post Office said offices will be closed, and no mail deliveries will be made Monday.

Big Spring Independent School District classes and offices will be open, however.

DENTAL HEALTH FAIR

Howard College's Dental Hygiene Department will hold its annual Children's Dental Health Fair from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday in the Horace Garrett Building.

The event is free of charge to elementary-aged children.

There will be balloons, popcorn, goodie bags, games and door prizes, said Krista Moran, dental hygiene instructor at the college.

Also, officials will hold a toothbrush exchange.

Children who bring in their old toothbrushes can trade them in for new ones, Moran said.

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Obituaries

Margaret Johnson



Margaret Johnson, 56, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Rex Clayton, pastor of East Fourth Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 2, 1949, in Bronte to Dorothy and Jack Sharp. Margaret believed in helping those less fortunate and was a Baptist. She loved her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Eric Johnson of Big Spring; mother, Dorothy Turner of Big Spring; son, Daric Gill and his wife, Cara of Big Spring; daughter, Jerianne White and her husband, Robert of Willow, Okla.; five grandchildren, Dawnia Burney of Big Spring, Laura Burney of Willow, Okla., Rachel White of Willow, Okla., William Eric Gill, Daric Gill Jr., and Bhili Gill, all of Big Spring; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, William "Jack" Sharp and her brother, William "Bill" Sharp.

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

Paid obituary

Benito Marquez Jr.

Benito Marquez Jr., 54 of Desoto went to be with the Lord Monday, Feb. 13, 2006. He passed away at Baylor Hospital in Dallas Texas. Rosary will be today, Feb. 17, 2006, at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, at 2 p.m.

He was born in Big Spring. He worked as a real estate agent in the Dallas area.

He is survived by his loving wife, Connie Marquez; two daughters, Jennifer Robinson and husband, Keith and Julie Marquez; two sons, Anthony and B.J. Marquez of the home; his parents, Benito Sr. and Rosa Marquez of Big Spring; three brothers, Jerry Marquez and wife, Sue, Jimmy Marquez and wife, Melinda and Harry Marquez and wife, Shelley, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Katy Marquez of Abilene and Rosemary Marquez of San Antonio; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Cindy Machado.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of West-Hurt Funeral Home in Desoto.

Paid obituary

Charles Kenneth 'Chuck' Chrane



Charles Kenneth "Chuck" Chrane, 52, of Logo Vista, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006. Memorial services are 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. David Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 29, 1953, in San Antonio to Bill and Laverne Chrane and moved to Big Spring in 1957. He attended the Forsan schools. He worked in the oil field and later owned and operated the Downtown Car Wash until his retirement in 2004.

He is survived by his wife, Robyn; two sons, James Voight and Ferrel Jon Voight; one daughter, Kathy Chrane; parents, Bill Chrane and Laverne Chrane; two brothers, Tommy Chrane and Steve Chrane; four sisters, Caren Clackum, Sharon Wilkinson, Carla Ray and Cindy Casper; and six grandchildren.

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

Weather

Tonight...Cloudy. Patchy light freezing drizzle. Lows in the mid 20s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Cloudy. Slight chance of light freezing rain in the morning...Then a slight chance of light rain...Light freezing rain and light sleet in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 30s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday night...Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light freezing rain. Lows in the upper 20s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of light freezing rain in the morning...Then a slight chance of light rain in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Presidents day...Partly cloudy. Not as cool. Highs in the upper 50s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

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

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

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

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

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

Police blotter

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

- PRISCILLIA LOPEZ, 29, of 1402 Austin, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant.
- RICHARD MAXWELL JR., 37, of Colorado City, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- STEVEN BROWN, 41, of Midland, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 3900 block of Hamilton.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1200 block of Dixie.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2500 block of Ent.
- ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 3900 block of Hamilton.

Sheriff's report

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

- TAMIKA ROCHELLE DOUGLAS, 30, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft by check.
- IRMA MORIN YANEZ, 32, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- CHRISTOPHER JAMES SILVAS, 28, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of bondsman off bond for theft by check.
- BETTY JEAN MUNIZ, 40, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- CODY ALAN WINGO, 17, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- GINOVON ESPARZA ROJAS, 22, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of East 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of East 11th Street. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Northeast Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the 191 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Northeast Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Birdwell Lane and Yale. Three people were transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

FRIDAY
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church for a covered dish luncheon. Bring a covered dish and a valentine card, but no gifts. For more information, call 398-5522.

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

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

Bulletin Board

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

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. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

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

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
- Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. Frank Parker will discuss the Howard County jail issue. The public is welcome.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6968 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-17-33-34 (numerical order). Bonus Ball: 21.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$425,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-9-12-31-36. 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: 7-0-0

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San Angelo obstetrician accused of sexual assault

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A San Angelo obstetrician was arrested Thursday after being accused of sexually assaulting a patient while she was sedated.

Dr. Randolph W. Rountree, 53, was charged with sexual assault, a felony punishable by as many as 20 years in prison. He turned himself in at the Tom Green County Jail Thursday and was released two hours later on \$35,000 bond.

Police say that the alleged assault happened at Rountree's office about 6 p.m. Tuesday and was reported about 1:20 a.m. Wednesday.

According to an affidavit filed in Tom Green County justice court and signed by San Angelo Police Detective Kathryn Walker, the assault occurred after Rountree sedated a woman who was there to have stitches removed.

Rountree, the woman and her newborn were the only people in the office when the woman was sedated, the affidavit states.

The woman awoke "three or four times" during the procedure, the affidavit states. Each time, she told police, the doctor was assaulting her.

Rountree's attorney, Tim Edwards, declined comment.

San Angelo Community Medical Center is investigating whether Rountree violated its policies by meeting alone with the woman, hospital spokeswoman Sheryl Pfluger told the *San Angelo Standard-Times*.

Dell braces for slower growth

DALLAS (AP) — The heady days of double-digit growth at Dell Inc. may be numbered.

The personal computer giant said Thursday that profit jumped 52 percent, to about \$1 billion in the three months that ended Feb. 3, helped by strong sales to businesses and international customers.

Sales, however, rose a much more modest 13 percent — and that was partly because the company's fourth quarter had one more week than the fourth quarter a year ago.

On top of that, Round Rock-based Dell offered a first-quarter outlook that called for a revenue gain of 6 percent to 9 percent. The forecast drew lots of attention Thursday because it was less than analysts were expecting and because Dell routinely promised increases in the mid-teens just a few quarters ago.

Dell shares fell 27 cents in late-session trade, after gaining 19 cents to \$31.96 Thursday on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Firefighters battle blazes across Texas

Firefighters battled a 400-acre wildfire near Palo Duro Canyon in the Texas Panhandle Thursday, one of seven wildfires in the state.

Traci Weaver, a spokeswoman for the Texas Forest Service, said in addition to that fire, two fires were reported in Young County and one each were reported in Hardeman, Brown, Denton and Montgomery counties.

Crews used aerial drops on the fire near the canyon to get to areas that trucks couldn't reach. Shane Brown, a regional spokesman for the Texas Forest Service, told the *Amarillo Globe-News* that the fire was 90 percent contained by Thursday night.

The Denton County fire threatened four homes but they were all saved, Weaver said. She said hay bales continued to burn.

Meanwhile, residents in a couple of Dallas suburbs worried about the smell of smoke in the air called fire departments. Richardson firefighters went out checking for flames briefly in response to the calls, but found no fires.

Judge blocks release of autopsy on man who died in custody

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A judge issued a temporary restraining order to block the release of an autopsy report in the case of a man who died in police custody, ruling that publication of the results could jeopardize investigations into the death.

The *Valley Morning Star* and *The Brownsville Herald* had filed open records requests for the autopsy report on Daniel Rivera Tamez, 21, who died Jan. 19. The death came a day after the Harlingen man was arrested on charges of evading and resisting arrest and reckless driving.

Cameron County District Attorney Armando Villalobos argued that the release of the autopsy report would compromise independent investigations being conducted by the Texas Rangers and the FBI, according to the *Valley Morning Star*.

State District Judge Abel Limas ruled in favor of Villalobos this week, stating that a "public display" of the report could contaminate candid witness accounts. Limas' ruling also barred the newspapers from publishing any information in the autopsy report or attempting to obtain a copy.

Computer shop tip leads to child porn arrest

ODESSA (AP) — A tip from a computer repair shop led to the Thursday arrest of an Odessa man on a child pornography charge, police said.

Kelly Shane Hughes, 42, faces a felony charge of possession of child pornography.

Odessa police Sgt. Paul Shepherd said repair workers found images of child pornography on a laptop computer that Hughes brought in for repair.

Police obtained a search warrant and found more child pornography at Hughes' residence, the Odessa American reported for its Friday edition.

Hughes was being held Thursday at the Ector County Detention Center.

WILLIE

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wives.

"The wife made me come," said Scott with a laugh. "She's a pretty big Willie Nelson fan. I'm a pretty big fan myself. I've seen him one time before, about a year ago. It's a great show."

And while people drove and flew from all over to come to the show, local resident Tom Hines was just one of the 3,000-plus music lovers that showed up to cheer on the pair of country music icons.

"We just wanted to



Hines

come and see Willie and David Coe," said Hines. "This is my first time seeing Willie Nelson, so I'm really excited about it. We've really been looking forward to it. In fact, we bought our tickets back in November."

For a few, Thursday's show was a chance to come back to Big Spring after time abroad.

"This is kind of like a homecoming for me. I haven't been back in quite a while," said Shayna Acuff, who was raised in Big Spring and now lives in San Angelo. "I came for Willie. I've been a Willie fan all my life. I got to see David Allen Coe in Odessa and I really loved it. He really rocked. I grew up on this kind of music."

"This is the first time to see Willie live for me. I'm

gettin' broke in good! I'm just so excited, I don't know what to do with myself."

And while the concert was a time to let go and have fun, the yellow T-shirt clad event staff members still had a job to do.

Of course, it never hurts when that job means you get to see Willie Nelson and David Allen Coe for free.

"I drive the sports bus for the college, and we try to help out with these things," said James Dubose, just one of many event staffers bustling about. "We get to see Willie for free, so it's pretty neat. We just make sure everyone gets to the



Country music icon Willie Nelson, left, shares a moment with fellow legend David Allen Coe on stage Thursday night at the duo's concert at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The pair performed a gospel song together for the crowd.

CRMWD

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he has no plans to leave the board at this time. About 15 months remain in his current two-year appointment to represent the city of Odessa and said he stepped down from the office of president to insure a smooth transition in leadership.

"Ed Barham is a busy man with many responsibilities in his businesses

and in the community but he was willing to accept the role because he knows how important the mission of CRMWD is to West Texas," Perry said. "I am confident, as is every member of this board, that Ed will be an effective and proactive leader and we will all do our best to support him in carrying out the district's mission."

Barham is the president of D&B Oil Inc. and vice president of Desert Energy Equipment Inc.

He is a former Odessa city councilman and was appointed to the board in 1992. He has chaired several committees and currently chairs the Employees Retirement Plan & Trust Committee.

"CRMWD is a critical service organization for the continued survival and growth of West Texas," Barham said. "Serving on this board is an important public trust. I am honored by the confidence of the Board and will do my best."

ELECTION

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Sands CISD officials reported one filing for the May 13 election as of this morning, when incumbent Tommy Staggs placed his name on the

ballot.

At-large seats held by Staggs, Steve Blgrave and Amy Parker are up for election.

No candidate filings have been reported at Grady ISD, where single-member seats held by Roy Cooper and Jody Yates

are up for election.

Incumbents Harold Davis and Don McKinney are the only candidates to-date for the Howard College board of trustees election, officials said.

Both Davis and McKinney are seeking six-year terms.

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Margaret Johnson, 56, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 4:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Charles Kenneth "Chuck" Chrane, 52, died. Memorial Services will be at 2:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lindel N. Koonce, 80, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 4:30 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends from 4:00 until 6:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Peggy Marie Allen, 61, died Feb. 7, 2006. Memorial Services will be at 1:00 PM Saturday at Coahoma Church of Christ.

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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:

- We'll start off with a half-hearted salute to Howard County commissioners, who, though they could not agree on the makeup of a jail research committee, did give approval for a feasibility study for a site west of the courthouse — which a consultant agreed to do for free. At least it's a start.

- And while we're at it, hats off to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for deciding to weigh in on the county jail issue. Our local businesses have a strong investment in the community's future, and that certainly gives them a right to an opinion on the type and size of a new jail.

- Speaking of the chamber, salutes to that group and to the Big Spring Independent School District for sponsoring Monday's candidate forum. It was an excellent opportunity for citizens to meet the candidates before the March primaries.

- Satchel, at 7-feet, 7-inches tall, certainly the biggest dog we've ever seen and maybe the largest in the world, and especially to owner Debra Ivie, who at about half Satchel's size (well, quite a bit smaller than he, at least) who gets our award for bravery.

- Big Spring City Council, which approved a settlement with TXU Electric that will recoup about a half-million dollars over the next four years.

- Texas Department of Transportation, on making Big Spring a priority by deciding to landscape the intersection of Interstate 20 and U.S. Highway 87. We're certainly in favor of improving the entrances to our city!

- We're not sure who exactly to salute — probably consumers — but we're sure pleased that sales tax rebates for Big Spring were up 34.21 percent this month compared to February 2005. We can stand a lot more of that.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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Democrats endorse domestic spying

In what can only be called a major reversal, two Democratic leaders, Rep. Jane Harman and former Senate majority leader Tom Daschle, admitted the controversial NSA surveillance program was necessary for fighting terrorism.

But necessary or not, they strongly question whether the president has the authority to conduct the warrantless searches without congressional authority.

Please don't miss the significance of this turnaround. It is reminiscent of the many flip-flops the Democrats made over the U.S. invasion of Iraq. One month they approved, the next they were appalled at the thought, the next they were on board again.

What changed their minds? New information? Not on your life. They had the same information as the president, though many of them weren't interested enough to study it in detail.

Similarly, with the NSA surveillance program, their key leaders were briefed on the matter, but just as with Iraqi WMD, they pretend it never occurred and act as though they were taken by surprise or duped.

What changed their minds on Iraq is the same thing that's changing their minds today on the NSA program: public opinion. Once again, their attempt to demoralize and hamstring the commander-in-chief has backfired. Once again, they have exposed themselves as the party frightfully weak on national security and dangerously tentative on the War on Terror. This is not where they want to be as we approach the 2006 elections. Thus their mad scramble, yet again, to revise recent history.



DAVID
LIMBAUGH

Watch for Democrats to insist they've always been supportive in principle of the NSA program but just concerned over the president's constitutional authority to conduct warrantless "searches." But this won't fly.

Their position before was that they might be in favor of intercepting these communications but not without a warrant. That's what the FISA court is for, they insisted. "Get the warrant and safeguard the Fourth Amendment and our civil liberties."

They went on to mislabel the NSA intercepts where at least one party was not located in the United States as "domestic spying." Both words, "domestic" and "spying," were calculated to paint the president in a negative light and to taint what these Democrats now acknowledge is a program that is "necessary for fighting terrorism."

The "domestic" label was clearly misleading in that it implied that all parties to the communication were located on American soil, which is not the case. By coupling it with "spying," they intended to conjure up images of Dan Aykroyd impersonating a paranoid Richard Nixon mulling his enemies list in the Oval Office, then equating George Bush with this ugly practice.

It fit nicely with their long-running scheme to depict the president as the autocratic "King George," who acts unilaterally, beyond his constitutional authority and in derogation of the people's rights, to spy on innocent American citizens. This has always been a pernicious lie. The NSA surveillance program specifically excluded purely domestic communications and was never targeted at innocent citizens but at conversations where at least one party was a known or suspected terrorist.

These Democratic leaders are suggesting they would approve of these warrantless intercepts, pro-

vided Congress approved of the practice. But they can't have it both ways. If the intercepts were "domestic spying" then, they still are.

Are you following me? These leaders are now saying that all they've ever objected to is that the president has engaged in this practice without congressional approval. But such consent wouldn't do anything to answer their earlier-stated objection that the intercepts are unconstitutional.

The Fourth Amendment doesn't say that searches can be conducted without a warrant provided Congress provides its formal blessing. If protects the people from "unreasonable" searches and seizures. As we all know, the courts have long held that in certain special circumstances, searches without a warrant can be reasonable. But the last time I checked, there was no "congressional approval" exception to the warrant requirement.

Concerning the false charge that President Bush, through his NSA "signals intelligence," has been engaged in domestic spying, the Democrats have made their own bed and should not be let off the hook. (This mixed metaphor inspires amusing images that are too good to pass up.)

If the program constitutes domestic spying without the consent of Congress, it will involve domestic spying with it. The ordinary citizen will be no more protected from "unreasonable" searches with advance blanket legislative authorization than without it.

Of course, the program is emphatically not "domestic spying" in the sense that Democrat demagogues used that phrase a few short days ago. But since they coined the phrase, it must now be said that a few major Democratic leaders support "domestic spying."

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How about societal responsibility?

Of course the jokes are flying all over Texas — what's the fine for shooting a lawyer? — and so forth. Dick Cheney shooting Harry Whittington is fraught, as they say, with irony. It's not as though the ground in Texas is littered with liberal Republicans. I think the vice president winged the only one we've got.

Not that I accuse Harry Whittington of being an actual liberal — only by Texas Republican standards, and that sets the bar about the height of a matchbook. Nevertheless, Whittington is seriously civilized, particularly on the issues of crime, punishment and prisons. He served on both the Texas Board of Corrections and on the bonding authority that builds prisons. As he has often said, prisons do not curb crime, they are hothouses for crime: "Prisons are to crime what greenhouses are to plants."

In the day, whenever there was an especially bad case of new-ignoramus-in-the-legislature — a "lock 'em all up and throw away the key" type — the senior members used to send the prison-happy, tuff-on-crime neophyte to see Harry Whittington, a Republican after all, for a little basic education on the cost of prisons.

When Whittington was the chairman of Texas Public Finance Authority, he had a devastating set of numbers on the demand for more, more, more prison beds. As Whittington was wont to point out, the only thing prisons are good for is segregating violent people from the rest of society, and most of them belong in psychiatric hospitals to begin with. The severity of sentences has no effect on crime.

Texas still keeps the nonviolent, the retarded, senior citizens, etc. locked up for ridiculous periods — all at taxpayer expense. If we

could ever get to where we spend as much per pupil on education as we do per prisoner, this state would take off like a rocket. In 2003, we spend nearly \$15,000 per prisoner, while average per-pupil spending was just over \$8,000.

I am not trying to make a big deal out of a simple hunting accident for partisan purposes — just thought it was a good chance to pay tribute to old Harry, a thoroughly decent man. However, I was offended by the never-our-fault White House spin team. Cheney adviser Mary Matalin said of her boss, "He was not careless or incautious (and did not) violate of any of the (rules). He didn't do anything he wasn't supposed to do." Of course he did, Ms. Matalin, he shot Harry Whittington.

Which brings us to one of the many paradoxes of the Bush administration, which claims to be creating "the responsibility society." It's hard to think of a crowd less likely to take responsibility for anything they have done or not done than this bunch. They're certainly good at preaching responsibility to others — and blaming other people for everything that goes wrong on their watch.

Of course the Cheney shooting was an accident.

But is it an accident if your home and your life are destroyed by the flood following a hurricane? Especially if the flood was caused by failed levees, a government responsibility?

Is it an accident if you are born with a clubfoot and your parents are too poor to pay for the operation to fix it? Is there any societal responsibility in such a case?

Is it an accident when your manufacturing job gets shipped overseas and all you can find to replace it is a low-wage job at the big-box store with no health insurance, and your kid breaks his leg, and you can't pay the bill, so you have to declare bankruptcy under a new law that leaves you broke for good, with no chance of ever getting out of debt? Or was all of that caused by deliberate government policy?

Cheney is much given to lecturing us about taking responsibility. When and where does societal responsibility come in?

Cheney has a curious, shifting history on issues of blame and responsibility. He was vice chair of the congressional committee that spent 11 months investigating the Iran-Contra affair and author of its minority report. As John W. Dean highlights in a recent essay, the 500-page majority report concluded the entire affair "was characterized by pervasive dishonesty and inordinate secrecy." But Cheney's report said the Reagan administration's repeated breaking of the law were "mistakes ... were just that — mistakes in judgment and nothing more."

Those of you who saw Cheney's interview with Jim Lehrer last week may recall the passage on Darfur that ended with this:

Lehrer: "It's still happening. There are now 2 million people homeless."

Cheney: "Still happening, correct."

Lehrer: "Hundreds of thousands of people have died, and — so you're satisfied the U.S. is doing everything it can do?"

Cheney: "I am satisfied we're doing everything we can do."

His head still tilts over more to the right when he lies.

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Church News

First United Methodist Church

Worship services are 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday. The Rev. Dave Ring's sermon message Sunday is "A Winning Attitude: A Sermon for Sports Fans." The Epistle Scripture text is from I Corinthians 9:24-25. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m.

"God's Call" Lay Leadership Retreat is scheduled for March 31-April 2 at the Circle Six Baptist Camp in Stanton. Deadline for registration is Feb. 17.

Midland Community Theatre presents of "CATS" Feb. 26; tickets are \$15.

Sunday, the Centered in Praise Ensemble meets at 3 p.m. Rehearsals for the Children's Musical is Sunday afternoon from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. The Junior High Youth meet at 5:30 p.m. and the Senior High Youth meet at 7 p.m. Sunday evenings in the Partee Building.

Tuesdays Kid's Club is from 3:30 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. and the Disciple 1 Class meets at 6:45 p.m.

Wednesdays begin with Children's Day Out at 9 a.m.; Lunch/Bible study is at noon. The Hispanic Ministry has Bible study at 6 p.m. in the Men's Bible class. Also, Wednesday is handbell practice at 6 p.m., Combined Youth Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7 p.m.

Thursday Women's Bible Study is at 9 a.m. and evenings at 6. Special prayer times are observed

in the chapel Thursday at noon and Friday at 7 a.m. Friday at 9 a.m. is Children's Day Out.

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

Coahoma United Methodist

Worship service is at 11 a.m. and Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. The worship meeting is at 3 p.m. Coahoma United Methodist is located at 401 N. Main in Coahoma. The minister is the Rev. Donita Lea. For more information, call 394-4432.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have its monthly meeting and breakfast Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. in the Chapel. For more information about St. Mary's, call 267-8201 or visit the Web site at www.stmarys-bst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

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First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church will be hosting "The Singing Women of West Texas" at 6 p.m. Sunday. This group is comprised of women who mostly live in the Lubbock area. No tickets needed, but a love offering will be taken to support these women and their ministry.

The Sunday schedule will offer, in addition to the concert Sunday evening, Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., morning worship at 10:50 a.m., and Sunday Night Live at 4:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church provides many opportunities for spiritual growth for God's children, no matter their age. Adult Bible studies such as Beth Moore's are offered Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evenings.

"Right @ Home," a program for women who have left the work place to become stay-at-home-mother, is Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Mother's Day Out occurs Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The regularly scheduled worship services include not only the Sunday morning and Sunday evening, but Wednesday evening following a fellowship meal in the Family Life Center.

The Family Life Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. There are various workout machines, a walking track and other amenities. The center is available for birthday parties and other types of celebration. Call 267-3633 for more information.

Children's activities includes Bible drill, hand-chime choir, handbell choir, preschool choir, Music Makers, Young Musicians, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action and Kid's Club.

"Undivided," the youth choir meets, Sunday afternoon. The youth involve themselves with Bible study Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. "Disciple Now," a concentrated time of spiritual growth for the youth, is scheduled for Feb. 24-26, led by Billy Bob White and Chase Bowers. This is open to all area youth. For more information, call 267-8223.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Hour is at 7:30 a.m. on 1070 AM Radio. Sunday worship services are 9 a.m., Sunday school and adult Bible classes are 10:15 a.m. Holy communion will be served at the 9 a.m. services.

There will be a special voter's assembly meeting at 1:30 p.m. Small group Bible studies are Exodus, Monday at 7 p.m.; Tuesday at 7 p.m. is Relying on the Holy Spirit; Wednesday at noon is Lord, I want to know You; Thursday at 6:30 p.m. is a study of Hebrews; Friday at 6 a.m. is The Case for Christ; and Sunday at 6 p.m. is a study of the Book of Acts.

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First Church of the Nazarene

A Revival of Praise is in progress each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. during February.


The Rev. Byron Brown, senior pastor, is preaching in the mornings and the Rev. Keith Showalter is leading the worship music and preaching Sunday evenings. The Celebration Singers of

First Church of the Nazarene sing in each of the Sunday services, led by the Rev. Dana Brown.

The Children's Ministries Department offers age-specific Bible studies Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The youth meet each Wednesday evening for special studies. A Discipleship course, Marriage Enrichment, ladies only class, Biblical Financial Principles and Bible character studies are just some of the offerings of classes available for adults each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. during Family Ministries Night.

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A Donut and Coffee Fellowship is offered each Sunday from 9 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. and the morning Celebration of Worship begins at 10 a.m. with an infant and toddler nursery available.

The Sunday evening Celebration of Praise service begins each week at 6 p.m. and features the Celebration Singers and inspiring worship music in each service.

Call 276-7015 for more information. The church is located at 1400 Lancaster St.

Salem Baptist Church

Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning service is at 11 a.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. A nursery is available. The Wednesday evening service is at Parkplace at 6 p.m. The Rev. Monroe Teeters is pastor. Contact the church at 394-4655 for further information.

First Christian Church

This week First Christian Church launches its new Prayer Shawl Ministry with the presentation of a handmade shawl to a member who recently lost her husband to illness. Started in 1998 by Janet Bristow and Victoria Galo in Connecticut, the Prayer Shawl Ministry had spread across the United States and into several countries. Prayer is provided as the yarn is selected, during the knitting or crocheting process and again when the shawl is presented.

Women who enjoy knitting or crocheting are needed for this ministry. Call the church office at 267-7851.

Worship services are 10:50 a.m. Sunday. The church is located at 911 Goliad.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles will speak on text from Mark 2:1-12 during worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday. Sunday school

begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 is at 10:35 a.m.

Opportunities for the week include Encouragers at 6 p.m. Monday; Bible study at 5:17 p.m. and choir at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

There is no youth meeting Wednesday. The youth will participate in Fueling the Faith. from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. Feb. 24-25 with all youth from Tres Rios Presbytery.

The Working women's Bible Study is 7 p.m. Thursday. The registration for the Men's Conference at Mo Ranch is March 1. Contact the pastor to register.

First Presbyterian Church is located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Ash Wednesday services are March 1 with a reading and ashes at 12:15 p.m., a reading and the ashes at 5:30 p.m. and a full liturgy with ashes at 7 p.m. Call 267-4125 for more information.

First Church of God

Teen Challenge from Midland shares testimony at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. The church is located at 2009 Main St. The Rev. Darrell Hendricson is the pastor. Call the church at 267-6607.

Friends of Unity

People who are interested in metaphysical interpretations of Scripture will find like-minded friends at the Unity Center, located in the Railroad Plaza. Study group times are 2 p.m. Sunday, noon Tuesday and 2 p.m. Thursday. Call 263-6311 for more information.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The Senior Saints meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in the fellowship all for dominoes and other games. Sunday services are 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. The church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-

7157 or 267-8214 for more information.

Salem Baptist Church

Salem Baptist Church meets Sunday at 10 a.m. for Sunday school, 11 a.m. for morning worship and again at 6 p.m. for evening worship. Nursery service is available for those with small children.

The Wednesday evening service is at 6 p.m. at Parkplace. The Rev. Monroe Teeters is pastor of Salem Baptist Church. The church is located at the corner of Old Colorado City Highway and Salem Road. Call 394-4655 for more information.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. This is for all age groups, babies through adults. The morning worship service begins at 11 a.m.

Acteens, Challengers, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends and Mission Babies are offered for

children and youth Sunday nights at 5. The evening worship service begins at 6 p.m.

Wednesdays at 7 p.m., there is prayer and Bible study for youth and adults. The Rev. Rex Clayton is pastor. The church is located downtown at 401 E. Fourth Street. For more information, call the church office at 267-2291.

Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m., followed by morning worship at 11 a.m. Evening Bible study and Youth Church are both at 5 p.m. Sunday. Wednesday, Youth Church is at 6 p.m. The church is located at 630 Sgt. Paredez (NW Fourth St.)

College Baptist Church

The church, located at 1105 Birdwell Lane, offers Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and Sunday worship services at 11 a.m. Evening

worship is at 6 p.m. Sunday and a Bible study meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 267-7429.

Cornerstone Church

Worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. Sunday and The Rev. Craig Felty presents "Back to the Basics - Open your eyes and speak your mind," Sunday at 11 a.m. Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to Sunday children's activities. Childcare is available for newborns through preschool. The church is located at 12th and Owens streets. Call 263-3072 with any questions.

YoungLife

YoungLife Banquet is Feb. 27. Table hosts are needed. Call Shelly Warren, area director, at 432-213-4819.

New Covenant

Sunday morning worship services are 11 a.m.; the doors open at 10:30 a.m. The church is locat-

ed at 1607 E. Third street. For more information, call 264-0015 or e-mail nccwc1@yahoo.com.

McGee Chapel

New leaders are Bennie and Debra Johnson. Sunday school is 10:30 a.m. and morning worship is 11:30 a.m. Wednesday service is 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 1000 N.W. Third St. For more information, call 267-6605 or 325-944-4891.

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Also of interest to local artists are several work shops that will be offered in late February and early March. Art instructors Jo Beth Gillam, Ann

Templeton and Sue Bagwell will be teaching classes in water color, oils and a technique of watercolor on rice paper using a wax resist.

For details about any of these workshops, contact Jo Beth Gillam at jobeth930@yahoo.com; for the Sue Bagwell workshop, contact Leada Wood at 325-728-3497 or studenttwenty_lw@hotmail.com; for information on the Templeton workshop, contact Norma Biman at 432-683-1466.

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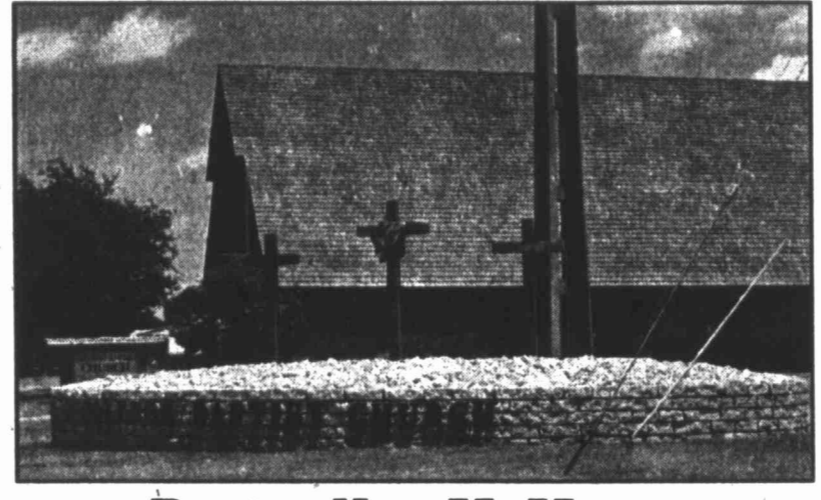
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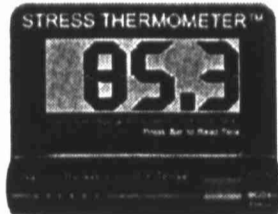
Warm hands, hot golf

The temperature of your hands indicates how much stress you're under. The colder your hands are, the more stress you're under. And for golfers, the more stress, the more difficult it is to play good golf. So if you could warm up your hands on call, it might improve your golf. Maybe that's where the term "hot hand" came from.

Being able to raise the temperature in your hands has several advantages: (1) It's hard to take the proper grip with cold hands. (2) Since warm hands equal a relaxed state, raising the temperature of your hands promotes relaxation, the state in which you play your best golf.

Here's how to learn this skill:

• **1. Buy a digital biofeedback thermometer** at www.bio-medical.com. It monitors finger temperature and is inexpensive (\$19.95) and simple to use.



• **2. Hook it up and follow the directions.**

• **3. Induce a state of relaxation**, using any one or a combination of the following techniques as recommended by the experts at www.bio-medical.com.

DEEP BREATHING — This is one of the most common ways to relax. It is accomplished by taking deep, diaphragmatic breaths and then exhaling for a longer count than the inhalation.

MUSCLE TENSING — This is accomplished through sessions of tensing muscles and then completely relaxing them.

IMAGERY — The relaxation response is activated in this method by having the person think about a very peaceful, warm and calm place, such as lying on your beautiful imaginary beach.

AUTOGENIC PHRASES — Positive, present-tense statements are said to oneself. Examples would be: I feel quite relaxed.

Once you have discovered a method that works for you, take time every day to practice your relaxation routine. Eventually you'll be ready to ditch the machine and raise the temperature of your hands by using directed mental focus. Then take this intervention tool to the course to improve your golf game.

GOLF SPOKEN HERE

"RELAXATION RESPONSE"

The relaxation response is a scientifically verified bodily process that, when implemented, will allow you to take control of your stress level. The relaxation response, a human-response pattern described by cardiologist Herbert Benson, M.D., an acclaimed Harvard Medical School researcher, produces the opposite bodily reactions to the fight/flight response. It allows you to keep your mental screen fluid and ready to image.

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The secret to successful chipping can be summarized as follows: one stroke for all situations, using different clubs for different distances. The longer the chip shot, the less-lofted (flatter-faced) the club. Shorter chip shots call for more-lofted clubs. The key to consistent chipping is maintaining the loft on the club face by keeping the cup in the trail wrist in place from start to finish, just as this golfer has done.)

Choosing the right club

The most common chipping error occurs before you even set the club in motion — trying to manipulate one club to fit all situations. It is much easier to develop a good short game by using your full arsenal of irons. This way, instead of adjusting your technique to your favorite club, you can fit the club to the shot and the particulars of the situation.

Your goal is to select the club with just enough loft to carry the ball 1 yard onto the green so that it rolls the rest of the way to the hole. The club selection chart below relates the ratio of flight-to-roll you get when chipping with each club.

| CLUB | FLIGHT | ROLL |
|----------------|--------|---------|
| Sand wedge | 1 part | 1 part |
| Pitching wedge | 1 part | 2 parts |
| 9-iron | 1 part | 3 parts |
| 8-iron | 1 part | 4 parts |
| 7-iron | 1 part | 5 parts |
| 6-iron | 1 part | 6 parts |

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|--------|--------|---------|
| 5-iron | 1 part | 7 parts |
| 4-iron | 1 part | 8 parts |
| 3-iron | 1 part | 9 parts |

Notice on the chart that the high-lofted clubs, such as your 9-iron and wedges, have a much more even balance between flight time and roll time. Thus, a chip with your sand wedge flies as far in the air as it rolls on the ground (50/50). Your higher-lofted clubs are used when the flag is cut close

to the edge of the green with little room for roll.

As the area between the edge of the green and the cup increases in distance, you need more roll, so your selection moves from the short irons, through the mid-irons and finally to the long irons, where the flight time is only one part and the roll time is nine parts.

Golfers who are measurement-orientated can eyeball the amount of roll to determine how many parts of roll are involved then subtract that number from the constant 12 to determine what club to use. For example, if the roll is four parts of the chip, then it's an 8-iron (12 - 4 = 8); if the roll is six parts, your club should be a 6-iron (12 - 6 = 6).

With practice, you can become adept at judging how many parts roll are involved in the shot, and then it's a no-brainer to do the math.

GOLF BY THE NUMBERS

68 percent choose sex?

By now many golf fans have heard about the Golf Digest poll where 32 percent of men and 31 percent of women chose a tee time at Augusta National in exchange for abstaining from sex for one year. But if you want to get serious about this important topic, I say the question wasn't asked correctly. Stay with me here.

Augusta National is one of the best golf courses in the world. It's not just any run-of-the-mill, everyday kind of place. It's a bell-ringing experience, the pinnacle, a rockets-going-off kind of place.

Playing at Augusta is the kind of experience that permeates your conversation for years to come. Somebody

says pass the salt, and that reminds you of the 16th hole — wow! And, you probably would be the only one in your group who has had this peak experience because Augusta is so hard to get into that the chances of two of you, either together or separately, having been to paradise is, well, remote.

I just don't think the question was fair: Golf Digest and its sister publication, Golf for Women, need to be more specific as to what exactly men and women would be having to give up to play a round at Augusta National. The answer to the question of sex vs. golf is all in how you frame the question.

TEERING OFF

Tracks of excellence

I have outlined in past articles how most golfers over-emotionalize their bad shots and under-emotionalize the good ones. But for the good of your golfing mental health, this process needs to be reversed. You need to use emotion to heavily tag the good shots and lightly tag the bad.

I suggest that you use this tagging process as a conscious intervention strategy during your practice and play. The strategy is to wait for the good to occur and when it does, immortalize it with emotion. Thus, you create a database that becomes the platform supporting your golf game for the rest of your career.

And what do you do while you are waiting for the good to happen? You prepare, you practice, and you sharpen your short game, all of which facilitates the arrival of the good.

I call it loading up on "tracks of excellence" (TOE), and the best player in the game right now is a prime example of how this can work for you.

When Tiger was 10, his father set up a course so he could drive the ball within 20 yards of the green. His mantra was "up and in for birdie." He learned to make very low scores and not be afraid to shoot low numbers — loading up on TOEs.

Now, no matter where Tiger hits it, he still relies on his huge database of TOEs, the beginnings of which were laid down long ago. His gritty 71 where others would shoot 78) keep him in the tournament until his 65s close the deal. He knows excellence is just a starting time away.

Unfortunately, most golfers, especially juniors, learn to shoot very high scores because they play on a golf course that's too long. They slog along with Dad and when they get to 12 or 15 swings, they are told to pick it up and get a move on to the next hole. There is no blueprint for excellence laid out.

Yes, Tiger has a great long game, and yes, he has a great short game, but he also has a great database of TOEs, and you can, too — if you put your mind to it.

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- Site: Los Angeles.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
- Course: Riviera Country Club (7,220 yards, par 71).
- Purse: \$5.1 million. Winner's share: \$918,000.
- TV: USA (Thursday, noon-3 p.m.; Friday, 3-6 p.m.) and ABC (Saturday, 3-6 p.m.; Sunday, 3:30-6:30 p.m.).

LPGA TOUR SBS Open at Turtle Bay

- Site: Kahuku, Hawaii.
- Schedule: Thursday-Saturday.
- Course: Turtle Bay Resort, Arnold Palmer Course (6,563 yards, par 72).
- Purse: \$1 million. Winner's share: \$150,000.
- TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday, 6:30-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 2:30 a.m., 6:30-9 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30-5 a.m.).

CHAMPIONS TOUR The ACE Group Classic

- Site: Naples, Fla.
- Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
- Course: TwinEagles Golf Club (7,155 yards, par 72).
- Purse: \$1.6 million. Winner's share: \$240,000.
- TV: The Golf Channel (Friday, 1:30-4 p.m., 10:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 1:30-4 p.m., 9:30-11 p.m.).

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR/ ASIAN TOUR Malaysian Open

- Site: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
- Course: Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club (6,938 yards, par 72).
- Purse: \$1.24 million. Winner's share: \$208,000.
- TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Sunday, 8-11 a.m.).

BIRDIES AND BOGEYS

Good fences, good neighbors

For a guy who bagged Stanford and his amateur career because he was miffed by stupid NCAA restrictions, Tiger Woods may find the new neighborhood he's moving into to be more than he can stand.

While still at Stanford, Tiger once had dinner with Arnold Palmer who, naturally, picked up the \$25 tab. The NCAA went ballistic, sending a letter of sanction and demanding that Tiger make this "terrible" violation right by reimbursing the king.

Here's what Tiger's father had to say: "The NCAA is an organization that has exceed-



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ed its usefulness in control and policing of collegiate athletics. The athlete is getting the short end of the stick. ... It seemed like there was a concerted effort to find something on Tiger."

So Tiger turned pro, prematurely ending his amateur career. Nice going, NCAA.

Now fast forward a few years and here's Tiger, moving into an area with some of the most restrictive building codes in the country. According to an article in *The Palm Beach Post*, there are a labyrinth of restrictions in Tiger's new neighborhood, ranging all the way from when you can mow your lawn to how high you can build a privacy fence (6 feet is the limit; probably not high enough for a connoisseur of privacy such as Woods).

And he thought the NCAA was bad.

ASK THE PRO

Q: I remember reading something you wrote about testing your stance width. Would you repeat it? — Jeff, from Moultrie, Ga.

A: A quick check for stance width is to select any club, take your address position and make a practice swing, holding your follow-through. Now check your knees to see if they just barely touch. If they do, you've got the correct foot width. If your right knee moves past your left, your stance with that club is too narrow. If your knees don't touch at all, your feet are spread too much at address.

While there are exceptions for unusual physical characteristics, such as bow-leggedness or an injury or condition like arthritis, the guideline is that your foot width, as measured from the middle of your heels (don't use your toes), should never be wider

than your shoulders or more narrow than your hips.

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Another way to peg your foot width is to take your normal stance then reach behind you and place a tee in the middle of each heel. Now use your club to measure the distance between the tees then raise the club to your shoulders and hips to check the relationships.

Still Undefeated

• Monster second half moves Hawks to 26-0, in control of conference championship race

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
MIDLAND — The nation's No. 1 team is still undefeated.

It took a strong effort defensively and an unreal second-half performance by future Texas Tech star Charles Burgess, but the top-ranked Hawks got a key road win in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference as they



knocked off No. 12 Midland at the Chaparral Center, 73-57.

Burgess virtually put the Hawks on his back in the second half, scoring 23 of his 28 points. He finished 11-for-20 from the field and pulled down six rebounds.

"I challenged Charles at halftime and told him that I was disappointed in the way he was playing and he answered the bell for us," said Howard head coach Mark Adams. "He was clearly the difference in the game."

The challenge from Adams came because Howard played a poor first half and Burgess had only five points. The Hawks trailed by as many as 16 points in the first half and went into the locker room down 36-28.

"When coach talked to me at halftime I took that he was talking to me as if I was his son and he told me I was playing up to my level," said Burgess.

"He put a little more pressure on me and I just zoned out. The rim was as wide as the ocean."

Burgess and the rest of the Hawks were hardly in a zone in the first half. Midland used playing the No. 1 team in the nation and the energy of the crowd to build an early advantage. Howard trailed 6-5 after a layup by freshman Benny Valentine, but

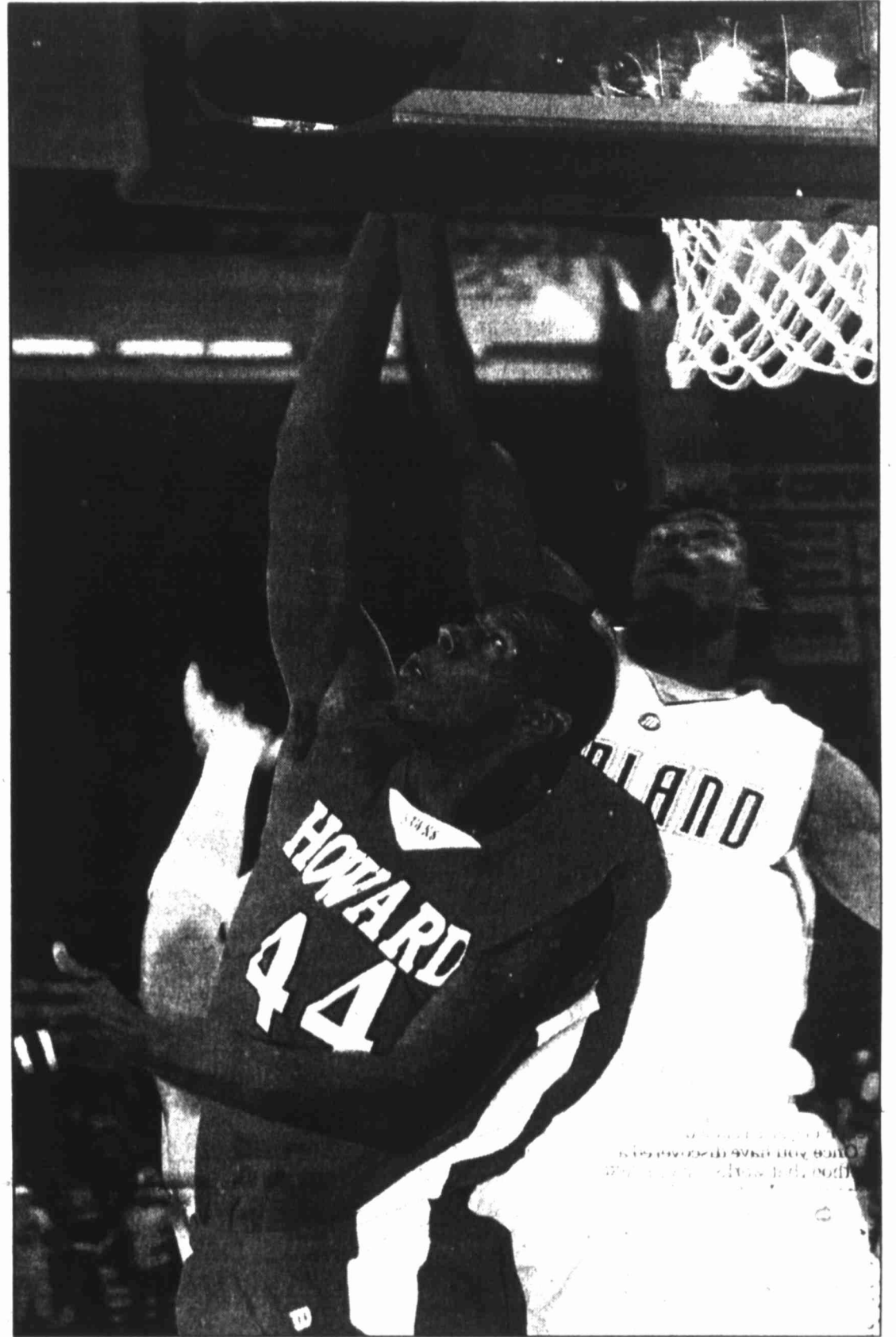
Midland went on a 15-0 run to take control. Howard eventually closed the half strong and only trailed by eight at the break.

"We wanted to make it clear at halftime that the team playing better was winning," said Adams. "We weren't sure what team was out there. The objective, win or lose, was to go and play extremely hard for a half and it turned out to be one of the best halves of the season."

The second half was totally different for Howard as the Hawks outscored Midland 42-21. Burgess' 23 points outscored Midland's entire team. He scored 15 points in the first six minutes and put his team up 47-42 with 13:55 to play. The Hawks started the half on an 18-6 run.

It only got worse for Midland. After a media

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Howard freshman Phil Murphy takes the ball strong to the basket and draws contact with Midland's Rodrigue Meis during the top-ranked Hawks' blowout victory against the 12th-ranked Chaps. Howard is now 26-0 overall and 10-0 in the WJAC.

IN BRIEF

Lady Steer Booster meeting announced

The Lady Steer Booster Club will meet Monday in the Athletic Training Center (ATC) at 6 p.m. All parents of girls involved in volleyball, basketball, softball, track, cheerleading and trainers are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Carol Policky at 466-3800.

Big Spring Softball Association sets date for signups

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will be holding signups to register for the upcoming season and they will be held each Saturday from Feb. 18 through March 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

The league is for girls and women ages four and up. The registration fee is \$30 and there is a \$5 discount for a second child.

For more information, contact Ron Shafer at 432-213-3747.

Little League ump's needed, signup days announced

Little League signups for the upcoming season will take place Feb. 18-25 at the Big Spring Mall.

The signups will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Anyone interested in umpiring little league baseball games or for more information on the little league signups, contact Chuck Rosenbaum at 432-816-9984 or 432-263-1792 or Randy Phillips at 432-264-6600 (day) or 432-263-5314 (night).

Crossroads football league to hold board meeting

The Crossroads Youth Football Association will hold a board meeting Monday concerning the upcoming season.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and for more information or to be a coach or a board member, contact Daphne Castilaw at 432-714-4688.

Indiana's Davis resigns, will end tenure at year's end

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Indiana coach Mike Davis' rocky six-year stay as the successor to Bob Knight ended with his resignation, which takes effect at the end of the season.

The decision ended months of speculation and increased criticism during the Hoosiers' late-season slump.

IU president Adam Herbert said Davis initiated discussions about a coaching change earlier this month and then again after a loss to Connecticut Feb. 10.

B.S. girls move to 3-1 after big wins

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
NEW BRAUNFELS — The Big Spring softball team used three solid pitching performances — two by senior Mandy Walker — to start out the New Braunfels Tournament with a 3-0 record as the Lady Steers recorded shutouts against Three Rivers (10-0) and Canyon (1-0) and took down Big Spring Athletic Director Tim Holt's former school, Taylor, 4-2.

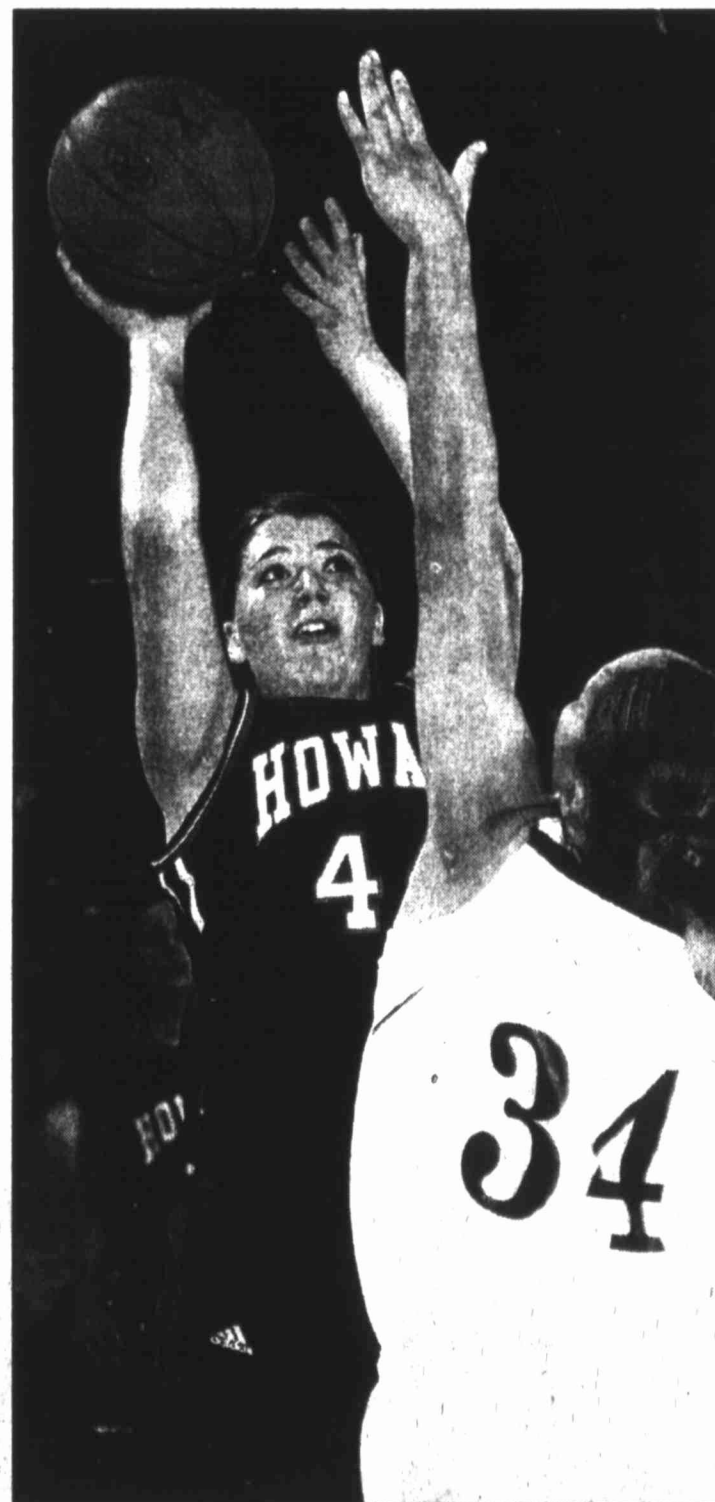
"I'm excited for our start," said first year Big Spring head coach Jennifer Reyes. "They are getting things done as a team and so far I am very impressed."

All three games went just four innings due to a time limit.

The Lady Steers jumped on Three Rivers early and didn't let up. They scored three runs in the first inning and added six runs in the third inning. Junior Amber Sides went three-for-three at the plate and scored twice while added one RBI.

Walker was sharp on the mound as she gave up

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Howard College freshman Valerie Burnam puts up a shot inside the lane against Midland's Nola Taylor during the Lady Chaps' victory at the Chaparral Center Thursday. Burnam finished with six points.

Midland cruises past Howard in must-win game

• Lady Chaparrals' defense holds Hawk women to 40 points

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
MIDLAND — Too many turnovers and a decisive rebounding disadvantage for the Howard College women's basketball team was the equation for a conference loss Thursday night as the Hawk women were defeated at the Chaparral Center by Midland College, 61-40.

The Hawks turned the ball over 24 times and got outrebounded 51-33.

"Midland did a good job defensively and it pressured the ball well," said Howard head coach Earl Diddle. "We just never got going."

Howard played well for a spurt in the first half. The game was tied at 7-7 a little more than four minutes into the game, but foul trouble for leading scorer Latoya Fairley plagued the Hawks. Freshman Valerie Burnam also missed most of the first half as she had a tooth knocked out for the second time this year.

Fairley picked up her fourth foul just three min-

utes into the second half and fouled out of the game with 11:44 to play.

"We are a team which stresses not to foul and Latoya getting into foul trouble killed us," said Diddle. "We knew they would go inside. Not having Valerie for most of the first half was big too."

The game was tied at 10-10 with 14:30 to go in the first half, but Midland took control after that. The Lady Chaps outscored the Hawk women 23-8 to end the first 20 minutes and led 33-18 at the break.

"The turnovers were a big deal tonight," said Diddle. "We had 14 in the first game and that is why the game was close. We have no chance to win if we turn it over 25 times."

Burnam hit back-to-back 3-pointers for Howard to cut the Midland lead to 11. The Hawks got the deficit down to 11 more than once, but couldn't get any closer than that. The second half was closer, but the Lady Chaps still outscored Howard 28-22.

"We got out of the gate well, but we beat ourselves too much tonight,"

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Bulldogettes get past Kermit, will play in quarters

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
SEMINOLE — Another strong defensive effort ended in a playoff victory for the Coahoma Bulldogettes' basketball team Thursday night as Bulldogettes held Kermit to two first-quarter points and won their Area Championship matchup, 42-35.

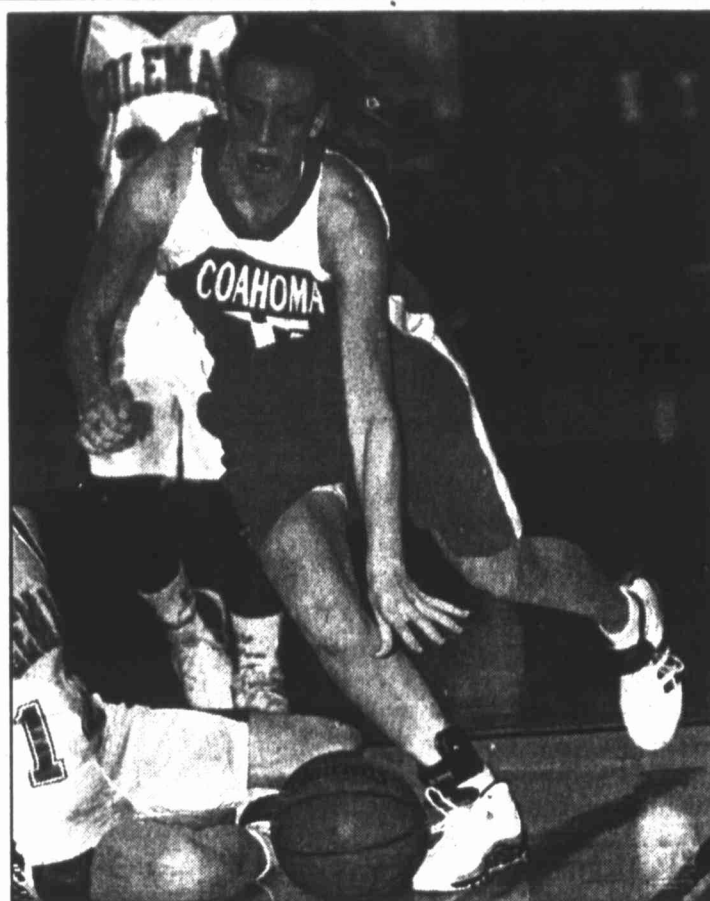
The victory sends Coahoma (22-11) to the regional quarterfinals where they will take on either Jim Ned or Mason Monday or Tuesday. Jim Ned and Mason play tonight.

"I'm excited for the kids," said first-year head coach Chris Sumrall. "They have bought into the system and the turnaround that they have had has been incredible."

The Bulldogettes led 6-2 after the first quarter, but went into the locker room up nine after a 15-10 second-quarter advantage. They pushed the lead to 13 after three quarters and wound up on top at the final buzzer by seven after being outscored 17-11 in the final frame.

"We did really well defensively again," said Sumrall. "Kermit has really good (post players), but we did well with our team defense."

Freshman Laci Sterling, who was fully recovered from a stomach virus, scored 11 points to lead Coahoma. Sophomore Christie Rich scored six of her nine points in the second quarter, while senior Sterling Gee and sophomore Janice Gonzales each scored seven.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Coahoma freshman Laci Sterling takes the ball to the basket during the Bulldogettes bi-district win against Coleman Tuesday. Coahoma knocked off Kermit Thursday and advanced to the regional quarterfinal of the Class 2A playoffs.

If Coahoma plays Jim Ned the game will most likely be in Merkel and if the Bulldogettes face

Mason the game could be in Ballinger. No official date, time or location have been set at this time.

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just one hit in five innings, struck out four and walked two. The one hit she gave up came in Three Rivers' final at-bat. Walker also had two RBIs at the plate.

"Mandy threw well and the defense is going a great job," said Reyes.

Big Spring scored 10 runs, but only got five hits at the plate. It was put on six times by either walks or hit by pitches.

The Lady Steers took on Taylor in Game 2 Thursday and played this game with a little added motivation.

"We knew Taylor was a real stout team and it thought they were going to just put it on us," said Reyes. "There was a lot of talking because of the Coach Holt situation. We wanted to prove ourselves and I like the way the result turned out."

Big Spring scored two runs in the first and third innings and won 4-2. Taylor got its two runs in the second and fourth.

Freshman Shelby

Stewart improved to 1-1 on the year as she got the win on the mound. She gave up four hits and struck out two, while walking one.

Stewart and junior Katy Abner both went two-for-two from the plate and scored two runs each. Stewart also had an RBI.

The final game of the day was a defensive game as Big Spring scored its only run in the final inning.

Sides got on base to start the inning and scored from first base on an RBI double by Stewart. It was Big Spring's only hit of the game, but it was good enough as the Lady Steers won, 1-0.

Walker improved to 2-0 on the mound as she gave up three hits and struck out seven in four innings.

Big Spring, which improved to 3-1 on the season, enters tournament play as the No. 1 seed in its portion of the bracket and will play at 3 p.m. today.

If they lose, they will play again at 7 p.m., but a win would mean they would not play again until Saturday.

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timeout with just under 14 minutes to play, the Hawks went on another run, scoring 10 straight points and grabbing a 15-point lead.

"They threw the first punch in the first half, but it didn't knock us out," said Burgess. "Our punch in the second half pretty much knocked them out."

The lead eventually grew to 20. They led by that margin two different times. Valentine hit a 3-pointer to put the Hawks up 68-48 and then a free

throw by freshman Phil Murphy gave Howard a 71-51 lead.

Midland sophomore point guard Tim Crowell was the only Midland player which did much offensively in the second half. He finished with 19 points in the game and scored 12 of Midland's 21 second-half points.

"It was the tale of two halves and you have to give Midland credit for playing a great first half," said Adams. "They were ready and prepared for our sets."

The win for Howard extends its school-record winning streak to 26 games. The Hawks are also in complete control

of the WJCAC with a two-game lead over Midland. Three of Midland's four losses this season have been to Howard. The Hawks are 10-0, while Midland drops to 8-2 in league play and there are just four games remaining in the conference season.

"It separates in the standings a bit and gives us a real good opportunity to win the league," said Adams.

Valentine finished with 20 points and six assists and was four-for-eight from 3-point range.

Midland's strategy against Burgess this year and in the regional championship game last season

was to make him beat them with the jump shot, but after Thursday night's performance that may change. He was five-for-eight from 3-point range.

Sophomore Richard Forbes scored 12 points. Freshmen Bougari Konate and Benson Akpan pulled down five and six rebounds, respectively.

Midland freshman Davlin Davis scored 11 points and had seven rebounds for the Chaps.

Howard returns home to play Odessa College Monday, while Midland travels to New Mexico Junior College.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard freshman Chanel Jones-Delas draws contact in the lane against Midland's Beta Widding Thursday. The Lady Chaps defeated Howard, 61-40.

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said Diddle.

The Hawks could prove to be crucial in the Hawks' race for the final playoff spot. Clarendon College lost to Odessa and dropped to 4-5 in the league and New Mexico did not play to remain at 3-5. Howard is one game behind New Mexico and one and one-half game behind Clarendon. Clarendon is currently in the fourth and final playoff spot.

"It was an important game, but I don't point to one game and aren't really looking at where we stand," said Diddle. "We just have to play hard every game and hope things work out."

Sophomore Jennifer

Pena led the Hawks with nine points and three assists, while freshman Tomisha Martin added eight.

Freshman Chanel Jones-Delas added seven points and six rebounds. Fairley finished with six points and four rebounds.

Rachell Brazell led Midland with 15 points. Aysun Akova added 10.

Howard freshman Krystle Childs did not dress out Thursday and has been indefinitely suspended for the rest of the season.

The Hawk women host No. 3 Odessa Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The game will tipoff at 5:50 p.m.



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Sage swims to record, no one headed to state

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — No Big Spring swimmers were able to qualify for the UIL state swim meet last Saturday at the Region 1-4A meet in Lubbock, but sophomore Lauren Sage broke a school record in the 100-yard butterfly.

Sage's school-record 1:08.06 was the best overall finish of the meet for Big Spring. She placed third in the event, but failed to qualify for the state meet.

The team recorded two fourth-place finishes. Senior Daniel Pike placed fourth in the 200-yard freestyle with a 1:57.81, while junior Ryan Hughey took fourth in the 200-yard Individual Medley (IM) with a time of 2:13.71. Both Pike and Hughey swam in the 400-yard freestyle relay in last year's state meet.

Big Spring followed up two fourths with two fifths. Sage took fifth in the 200-yard IM with a time of 2:29.85 and Hughey grabbed fifth in the 100-yard breaststroke as he hit the wall in 1:06.62.

Freshman Cameron Hughey finished sixth in two different individual events. He hit the wall in :23.79 in the 50-yard freestyle and was sixth in the 100-yard freestyle, as well.

Senior Steven Lucas grabbed an eighth-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle as he recorded a time of :24.39.

The boys' team competed in two relay teams, as well. The team of Pike, Ryan Hughey, Cameron Hughey and Daniel Shanahan placed seventh in the 200-yard freestyle relay, while the Pike, Ryan Hughey, Cameron Hughey and Anthony Richey took eighth in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Shanahan and Richey replaced Lucas, who was part of the team when it qualified for the regional meet at district earlier this month, on each of the relays.



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Surveys show that most people would rather die than endeavor public speaking.

Today's transit could temporarily turn the sentiment around. If you've long considered giving a speech, a toast or entering into a challenging debate, this is your chance to go for it with gusto! Mars, the warrior planet, enters the sign of communication, Gemini.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The good mood you had yesterday now seems elusive. Try adding a generous pat on the back to your routine. You not only deserve to recognize your own strengths, but it's actually counterproductive not to do so.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A sincere person is instrumental in helping

you complete a project. A Cancer, in particular, is practically incapable of telling you lies. Enthusiasm is rekindled where you had previously lost steam.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). At work, you have a hunch something is amiss. Rely on your own instincts; double-check your sources. Your personal life becomes stress-free once you get that certain fact off your chest.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Happiness is a thought pattern. Change your thoughts about that pesky situation in your love life. Maybe it's "their problem" and not a reflection of you, after all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The stars urge you to be indomitable. Inventors are people who are not afraid to fail. They often have over a thousand unsuccessful attempts before getting one winner. Determination is a talent in and of itself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What if you only pursued clients, projects and

jobs that were truly stimulating to you? To be guided strictly by your interests and curiosity is a daring move, and it takes courage. This kind of bravery pays off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Steer clear of that group of people who think things are bad and not going to get better. You can't afford to be brought down on as lucky a day as this, even by people you love very much.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A close, personal interaction has magic in it. What you tell your sweetheart also has a wider meaning. It applies to yourself, your father, your child ... It could be whispered as a prayer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be careful of a tendency to hoard beautiful, potentially valuable and completely unnecessary items. Your life could get cluttered with good junk that will only keep you from pursuing the real meaningful goals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're some-

one's favorite and will get preferential treatment. Scour magazines for answers to your love questions, or ask a wise Virgo what she really thinks.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you're calm in regards to money, you can look out into the world of jobs and intuitively sense where you really fit in. A fatter savings will help you relax. Ask a Capricorn for advice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your way is made easier because you are working with colleagues, not against them. In fact, on a deeper level, these people are gifts to your life, no matter how difficult they can be at times.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: This weekend after Valentine's Day is slightly less romantic and more friendly with lots of air-sign influences, raising intellectual interest and dampening our romantic curiosity.

ARIES: Your expectations are changing, and some-

one fits the new mold perfectly. TAURUS: You and a partner connect over a common interest, such as animals or fine wine.

GEMINI: Extend a surprising invitation to put the flavor back in a relationship. CANCER: Avoid being too adult. Playfulness makes relationships fun. LEO: Let the other person do most of the talking. VIRGO: Travel is good for your personal life. LIBRA: The small differences between you and a loved one will melt away. You have a more mature way of handling your relationship now.

SCORPIO: Remember that finding the love of your life is a spiritual mission. SAGITTARIUS: Give loved ones a reason to trust you by being good for your word even in seemingly inconsequential ways. CAPRICORN: If you believe, romance happens just the way you imagined.

AQUARIUS: Look for love at a convention, festival or other public event. PISCES: Despite your feel-

ing like the consummate realist, this weekend's dates could really be magical — the kind of day you look back on later and think, "Did that really happen?"

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Gemini and Aquarius are highly compatible air signs who find it easy to trust each other. So even when they don't understand their partner, they tend to extend the benefit of the doubt and give plenty of freedom and leeway, believing that the other person will come back with something wonderful. This freedom is one of the reasons Gemini and Aquarius can form such a lasting bond.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am in my second marriage to a wonderful man. I have two adult children, and "Brandon" has three teenagers. We never have any contact with his children unless they want something. Because of this, Brandon has chosen not to have a relationship with them.

My 25-year-old daughter has been in and out of drug rehab for the last eight years. We have repeatedly gotten her out of financial jams, and she has come to live with us four times to get straight. She does really well for a while and then just disappears for months at a time. The last time we let her move in, we told her if she left again, that would be the last time we helped.

Well, she was here for three months and then walked out, this time leaving most of her belongings. I have called her cell phone numerous times, begging her to let me know she is OK, and have not received any response. I know she is still working because I checked, but that's it.

My husband wants to pack up her stuff and take it to her job or to Goodwill. I know she cannot be allowed to move back into our home, but I can't give her stuff away. Brandon already has told me he will not stay if I continue to help her. How do I get past the feeling that I am turning my back on my child? — Desperate

Desperate: Brandon sounds rather rigid in his dealings with your children and his own, and we wish he would be more flexible. Still, your daughter is a grown woman and has to learn to be responsible for herself. You aren't abandoning her by packing up her things and dropping them off at her job. You are simply telling her that she cannot take advantage of your generosity any longer.

Keep the lines of communication open by continuing to call her, and whenever possible, make plans to meet her for lunch or dinner or whatever. We hope, in time, she will get her act together.

Dear Annie: I am a 55-year-old woman and have been a self-employed hair stylist for over 30 years. While I love my job, it's beginning to take its toll — my feet burn from standing, and my whole



KATHY MITCHELL
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body aches at the end of the day. I don't have health insurance, and a new plan simply costs too much.

I shudder at the thought of doing hair for another 10 years and am petrified my health will fail. Selling the business won't bring in much, and at my age, I'm not likely to find a job that would provide benefits. What can I do? — Simi Valley, Calif.

Dear Simi Valley: If you are physically incapable of working, you may qualify for disability benefits. Here are a few other suggestions: Look into disability insurance that will cover you if you need to work part time. Invest in shoes with better support, and sit on a stool at least part of the time while you are styling hair. Cut back your hours, and use the extra time to look for a desk job. (Even one that doesn't provide benefits would get you off your feet.) Sell the business and work for a salon that pays benefits. Bringing along your own clientele could make you quite a catch.

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter from "In a Pickle," whose retired friend, "Louis," monopolizes the conversation.

I'm also retired and losing sharpness. I suspect that Louis' constant chatter is covering up the fact that he can't hear what others are saying. Your advice telling him to see a doctor was on track, and I hope the doctor checks his hearing. — J.K.

Dear J.K.: We heard from quite a few hard-of-hearing readers who saw themselves in that letter. Apparently, some folks would rather be thought boring and egocentric than admit they can't hear well. With thousands of Boomers getting closer to retirement, let's hope designer hearing aids become all the rage.

Dear Annie: I ran into an old friend not long ago,

and we renewed our relationship. "Frank" and I have been meeting socially for a weekly poker game. He has been remarried for many years, but I never have met his wife.

Recently I telephoned Frank to discuss a private matter with him. His wife answered. I said hello to her and asked to speak to Frank. He got on the line and a minute of uncomfortable silence ensued because it was apparent his wife was still on the extension, listening. Finally I said, "I called to talk to Frank. Would you mind hanging up,

please?"

She slammed the phone down, and Frank informed me that she was mightily insulted. I was shocked. In my home, no one would consider listening in on someone else's phone call. We'd consider that an invasion of privacy.

Frank said in their home there are no secrets, and if I want to discuss something privately, I should call him at his office. It is their home and their life, so I asked Frank to put his wife back on the line so I could apologize for the misun-

derstanding. She refused to talk to me. I called back the next day, fruitlessly, and yet again two days after that. In each case, I could hear her huffing in the background.

Her stubbornness and unforgiving attitude is reprehensible (and incomprehensible) to me. My attempts to correct the situation were affecting the friendship, so I have stopped. I am interested in your opinion. — Buddy in Fresno, Calif.

Dear Buddy: No one should be listening in on a personal conversation, but if this is the rule in

Frank's house, so be it. His wife sounds insecure and spiteful. You have made sufficient attempts to apologize and do not need to do so again.

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DENNIS THE MENACE



"I DON'T KNOW WHY MOM KEEPS SO MANY BREAKABLE THINGS AROUND THE HOUSE!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I'd like to wish on a star, but I don't know how to get there."

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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 2006. There are 317 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 17, 1801, the House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president; Burr became vice president.

In 1865, Columbia, S.C., burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in. (It's not known which side set the blaze.)

In 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, was founded in Washington.

In 1904, Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madama Butterfly" was poorly received at its world premiere at La Scala in Milan, Italy.

In 1964, the Supreme Court ruled that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population.

In 1972, President Nixon departed on his historic trip to China.

In 1986, Johnson and Johnson, maker of Tylenol, announced it would no longer sell over-the-counter medications in capsule form, following the death of a woman who had taken a cyanide-laced capsule.

In 1992, serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was sentenced in Milwaukee to life in prison (he was beaten to death in prison in November 1994).

In 1995, Colin Ferguson was convicted of six counts of murder in the December 1993 Long Island Rail Road shootings (he was later sentenced to a minimum of 200 years in prison).

Birthdays: Bandleader Orrin Tucker is 95. Author Margaret Truman Daniel is 82. Actor Hal Holbrook is 81. Mystery writer Ruth Rendell is 76. Singer Bobby Lewis is 73. Country singer-songwriter Johnny Bush is 71. Football Hall-of-Famer Jim Brown is 70. Actress Mary Ann Mobley is 67. Singer Gene Pitney is 65. Actress Brenda Fricker is 61. Actress Rene Russo is 52. Actor Richard

Karn is 50. Actor Lou Diamond Phillips is 44. Basketball player Michael Jordan is 43. Actor-comedian Larry, the Cable Guy is 43. Movie director Michael Bay is 42. Singer Chante Moore is 39. Rock musician Timothy J. Mahoney (311) is 36. Actress Denise Richards is 35. Rock singer-musician Billie Joe Armstrong (Green Day) is 34. Actor Jerry O'Connell is 32. Actor Jason Ritter ("Joan of Arcadia") is 26. TV personality Paris Hilton is 25. Actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt is 25.

Thought for Today: "We are what we pretend to be so we must be careful what we pretend to be." — Kurt Vonnegut, American author.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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- 1 Word on an invoice
- 6 Naval noncoms
- 10 Stitch
- 13 Rod Stewart ex
- 14 Cardiologist's concern
- 15 Islet
- 16 Miller's imprecation?
- 18 TNT alternative
- 19 Orient
- 20 Odds' counterpart
- 21 Do an accessory's job
- 22 Drastic diet in Duluth?
- 26 Straight up
- 28 "Caro" (Rigoletto aria)
- 29 Soup scoop
- 30 Massive power quantity
- 34 Lanka
- 35 Grand Canyon transportation
- 37 Card game
- 38 Deserts
- 41 Violin stroke
- 43 Sow sound
- 44 Antennae
- 46 Landscape with care?
- 50 Sweet debut of 1912
- 51 "It's ___ here!" (baseball announcer's cry)
- 52 In shape
- 55 Topper
- 56 Help from Hopalong?
- 59 Take advantage of
- 60 Altercation
- 61 Daily Planet reporter
- 62 La Méditerranée, e.g.
- 63 Seine tributary
- 64 Beasts of burden
- DOWN
- 1 Libertine
- 2 Essayist's alias
- 3 Newspapers + radio + television
- 4 Impart
- 5 Soft 55 Across
- 6 Ties that bind
- 7 Captive
- 8 NBA periods
- 9 Was in session
- 10 Breathing aid
- 11 Palliates
- 12 Father Knows Best mom in algebra
- 14 Choreographer de Mille
- 17 Hankerings
- 21 Some
- 23 Society column word
- 24 Benin neighbor
- 25 Doc bloc
- 26 Rick's inamorata
- 27 Something counted by dieters
- 30 Kay Miniver's title
- 31 Encumbrance, so to speak
- 32 Something exploited
- 33 Pulls along
- 35 Pro ___
- 36 X and Y, in algebra
- 39 Scrubbed, as a mission
- 40 It's cast at a casino
- 41 Press finish
- 42 Duel weapons
- 44 ___ Martin (car)
- 45 Cyberauction site
- 46 Boring
- 47 Wipe out
- 48 Discourage
- 49 Jazzman Blake
- 53 Words of comprehension
- 54 Chain components, for short
- 56 ___-Magnon
- 57 Avignon assent
- 58 Feathered wrap

