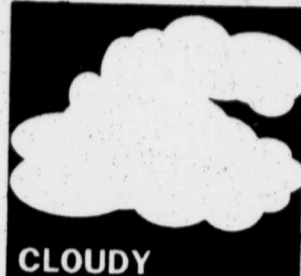


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Plays and art exhibit

Members of the Howard College theater and art program will present "A Couple of Short Plays and Art Exhibit" which will be held nightly at 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The plays and art exhibition will be held in the Practical Arts building, room 105.

Shriner fund-raiser

The Big Spring Shrine Club is taking sealed bids for a 1997 Chevy Cavalier four-door car through Saturday.

Bidding will begin at \$3,000.

Written bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and dropped off at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 E. Third St., or mailed to Bo Clawson, 1903 Alabama, Big Spring 79720. The vehicle is on display at Bob's Custom Woodwork.

Pancake supper

The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will be serving up pancakes Friday, March 5, for its annual fund-raiser.

The event will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard College cafeteria, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Tickets are \$5.

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Romance coming to Municipal Auditorium

By BILL MCCLELLAN

Herald News Editor

Big Spring Symphony presents its third performance of the season this weekend, continuing with the theme, "The Symphony is..."

For Saturday night's fare, featuring Grammy winning tenor Karl Dent, amour is the subject with "The Symphony is Love."

The concert begins at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are going quickly.

"We look forward to a large audience because it is going to be so wonderful to share this with everyone,"



GRAUMANN

What: 'The Symphony is Love,' featuring the Big Spring Symphony and tenor Karl Dent.

Where: Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday.

Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens, \$5 for students, available at the door.

said Keith Graumann, symphony conductor. "There are some marvelous pieces that we will be performing."

Dent, who is performing with the orchestra for a second time, has selected a variety of

pieces, Graumann said.

Among them are "The Flower," from the opera Carmen by Bizet; "Una Furtiva Lagrima" (The Hidden Tear), by Donizetti; "Music of the Night," from Phantom of the Opera; and "Bring Him Home," from Les Miserables.

"He will conclude with a beautiful serenade from 'The Student Prince' by Romberg," said Graumann. "Truly, this is something you don't want to miss."

For 10 years, Dent performed with Robert Saw, making his 1991 New York Philharmonic debut in Mozart's Grand Mass in C Minor. He debuted at Carnegie Hall in

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Rudy Pena of Pena Painting in Ballinger does trim work in one of the rooms of Howard College's new children's facility this morning. Construction on the new building, which will house Howard Cottage — the college's day care program — is expected to wrap up in April. The day care is expected to move into the new facility in May.

SENATE 31
Seliger camp finds a Spark

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Former Amarillo mayor Kel Seliger, embroiled in a race with Odessa businessman Kirk Edwards for the State Senate District 31 seat's Republican nomination, got a strong endorsement from the southern half of the district Thursday.

Midlander Don Sparks, who finished third in a special election to fill the senate seat's unexpired term earlier this year, said Seliger is the best choice for the district, and specifically, the Permian Basin.

"I hope this will help unify the district," Sparks said in a press release Thursday. "I believe this to be in the best interest of our community and businesses."

"When I entered the race for District 31 State Senate, one of my goals was to help unite the Panhandle and the Permian Basin in order that West Texas could properly meet the challenge of competing with the Interstate Highway 35 corridor. Throughout the race I tried to maintain my goal of a united district by encouraging both media and voters to look at the candidates' qualifications, not where he resided in the district." Sparks said he believes it's important for the people of the district to show their support for Seliger, who is the District 31 Senator-elect, and provide him with the input necessary to represent West Texas.

"I now believe it is in the best interest of the communities in the south-

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SPARKS



SELIGER

Lions to serve up pancakes for open house

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Hot, fresh pancakes, sausage and bacon will welcome families who attend the Coahoma Independent School District open house Monday, thanks to the efforts of the Coahoma Lions Club.

"It's a family atmosphere," said Coahoma Elementary School Principal Patricia Bennett. "We come together and have dinner and visit for a while."

"That's why we do this on open house," said club member John Mulkey.

The annual Lions Club fund-raiser will begin at 5 p.m. and continue until 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school cafeteria, 400 Ramsey Avenue. Plates are \$3.50 each for 6-



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Run for the Wall to make its way to Big Spring Vietnam Memorial

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

As Big Spring prepares to accept thousands of sojourners coming to view the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall in March, a pilgrimage of a different kind will be winding its way into the city in late spring.

The annual Run for the Wall will make its way to Big Spring in late May as hundreds of motorcyclists make a brief stop at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial on their journey to visit the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"It's a gathering of motorcyclists who start on a journey to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., and they strive to promote not forgetting the POW/MIAs," said Big Spring resident Bonnie Lambert, who is promoting the event locally.

The pilgrimage is also meant to create an atmosphere of fel-

lowship to help with the healing process of so many who suffered during wartime and were never welcomed home by their country, Lambert added.

"The 2004 southern route

"Anybody that was there last year could see how moved they were by it."



Bonnie Lambert

there is 100 percent accountability from all conflicts," Lambert said. "Their mission statement includes the promotion of healing among veterans, family and friends."

The southern route will begin in early May at Ontario, Calif., and wind its way across the American heartland before

heading to Washington, D.C., to catch up with Rolling Thunder, an annual march on Washington which includes around 200,000 motorcyclist.

"On May 22, they plan to stop at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial and hold a wreath-laying ceremony," said Lambert, whose husband, David, is also a Vietnam veteran.

Lambert added that last year's wreath-laying ceremony by the group of motorcyclists was an emotional event.

"We were just really moved by it," she said. "It brought tears to my husband's eyes and he never cries. I was touched."

On a disappointing note, Lambert said the turnout of residents to welcome the group was low last year, and she and her husband hope to change that when the group rolls into

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NATIONAL NEWS

DA zeroes in on Delay's PAC

AUSTIN (AP) — A few years ago, Republican state Rep. Tom Craddick set his sights on the Texas House speaker's job and quietly began lining up support from fellow lawmakers.

As Republicans inched closer to gaining control of the House, he began doling out \$152,000 to state House candidates, from a political action committee created by rising Republican Congressman Tom DeLay of Texas, who later became U.S. House majority leader.

In 2002, the Republicans won a majority in the Texas Legislature, and Craddick got his prize: He was elected speaker.

Now, prosecutors want to know whether the \$152,000 in payments amounted to influence buying, and whether DeLay's PAC, Texans for a Republican Majority, was used to violate campaign finance law in other respects as well.

District Attorney Ronnie Earle, a Democrat, has been conducting a grand jury investigation and has issued dozens of subpoenas in recent months.

Execs say they're cleaning up the airwaves

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Bubba the Love Sponge" is gone and radio shock Howard Stern is on hiatus from some stations. TV networks are time-delaying certain shows to make sure inappropriate material doesn't make it onto the airwaves.

Broadcast executives cited these and other examples Thursday as evidence they are taking heed of the government's call to clean up the airwaves.

"We at Fox have heard your concerns loud and clear," said Gail Berman, the network's president of entertainment. "We sincerely regret that a few incidents of inappropriate programming have overshadowed the good shows we proudly air on Fox each week."

It was the second time in two weeks that the House Energy and Commerce telecommunications subcommittee queried broadcasters about indecency. The first hearing came on the heels of the notorious Super Bowl halftime show that ended with singer Justin Timberlake exposing Janet Jackson's right breast to 90 million viewers.

NPS to allow drilling of eighth gas well

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Coastal Bend energy company can begin drilling what will become the eighth natural gas well on Padre Island National Seashore, federal officials say.

The National Park Service hopes to minimize the

effect on visitors and the environment by limiting to 20 the number of total round trips that trucks from Corpus Christi-based BNP Petroleum can travel on the otherwise undeveloped barrier island, Darrell Echols, chief of science and resources management division at the national park, said Thursday.

A national environmental group blamed President Bush for encouraging increased oil and gas exploration on federal land, instead of cleaner sources of energy.

"I think what we're seeing with the approval of the permit is the fruits of an administration that would rather spoil our natural heritage and our natural resources for the profit of a few, rather than protect our national parks and invest in renewable resources," Chris Wilhite, regional conservation organizer for the Sierra Club's Southern Plains region, told the San Antonio Express-News in Friday's online edition.

The Sierra Club last year lost a fight before the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals over the drilling. Environmentalists had argued that the government failed to comply with part of the Endangered Species Act when it adopted an oil and gas management plan for the seashore. The appeals court said the Park Service had identified possible effects of the project on the Kemp's ridley sea turtle.

Judge sets April 1 deadline for Enron trial prep

HOUSTON (AP) — Attorneys sparred Thursday over preparations for the June trial of several former Enron Corp. and Merrill Lynch & Co. executives accused of pushing through a sham barge sale to inflate Enron's earnings.

Attorneys for two former Enron executives and four former Merrill Lynch executives said they need documentation gathered by the Securities and Exchange Commission related to the late December 1999 deal, but have faced some resistance on the part of the Justice Department to get the material and pass it on.

Federal prosecutors said they have turned over multiple boxes of documents already, and will keep doing so as more turn up.

U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein said he was satisfied with prosecutors' efforts, and set an April 1 deadline for turning over documents to the defense as both sides prepare for the June 14 trial.

Prosecutors allege that in December 1999, Enron needed to sell several energy-producing barges off the coast of Nigeria to meet earnings targets, but couldn't find a buyer. At month's end the company enlisted Merrill Lynch to buy them, but the sale was a sham because former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow secretly promised to buy back the brokerage's \$7 million interest at a premium within six months, the indictment alleges.

LIONS

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year-olds and older. Children under kindergarten age eat free.

"The pancakes are made fresh but we have to start the bacon and sausage a little earlier," Mulkey said. "If there's a tray empty, we'll have one ready to go. We stay until everybody is full."

Besides generating money for the club's civic programs, the social event also helps to take the pressure off working parents who would have to cook a meal for the family before heading to the school function, Mulkey said.

Funds raised by the supper help to support the club's programs for purchasing glasses for Coahoma children in need and for scholar-

ships.

"If a kid needs glasses, we'll set up an appointment. And if he needs corrective lenses, we'll pay for it," Mulkey said. "Last year, I think we were able to help three graduates with financial assistance."

Several activities are planned for the district's open house.

"The elementary has its open house from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.," Bennett said. "The junior high is from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the high school starts at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m."

For more information about the pancake supper or to purchase tickets, call 270-8252 or 394-4000.

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WALL

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Big Spring this time around.

"We would like to see more people there to be supportive of this and to encourage them as they make the run to the Wall," she said. "They are a great inspiration. I think it's something our town needs to do. They appreciate the Vietnam Memorial so much. Anybody that was there last year could see how

moved they were by it."

SPARKS

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ern part of the district to reach out to our newly-elected senator and begin to work with him concerning the issues that may be unique to the southern portion of the district," he said, "along with the issues which are

important to the entire district. Input from the Permian Basin will be important to enable Kel to best represent the concerns of this area."

Earlier this month, Seliger defeated Edwards in a runoff election to fill the unexpired senate term left by Teel Bivins, who resigned after being nominated by President

Bush to serve as ambassador to Sweden.

Candidates in the special election also filed to seek Republican nomination for the full-term seat in the March 9 primary. Since that time, however, all of the candidates except for Seliger and Edwards have dropped out of the race. Their names still appear on the

ballot. Early voting in the primaries is already under way and runs through March 5.

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SYMPHONY

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1993 and as performed with symphony orchestras in Atlanta, St. Louis, San Francisco, Dallas, San Diego, Baltimore, Houston, Cleveland, Honolulu, and the National Symphony of Washington, D.C. More recently he has performed with the Seattle Symphony, New Mexico Symphony, Handel & Haydn Society, Flagstaff Symphony, Jacksonville Symphony, Austin Symphony and the Rundfunks Sinfonie Orchester of Berlin. He has performed with such eminent conductors as Hans Graf, Claus Peter Flor and Gerard Schwarz.

His many opera engagements have included portrayals of Alfred in Die Fledermaus, Almaviva in Il Barbiere di Siviglia and Rinuccio in Gianni Schicchi. He created the role of Conrad in The Goose Girl by Thomas Pasatieri, commissioned by the Fort Worth Opera.

In addition, he received the Grammy Award as a principal soloist on the Best Choral Recording for 1997, singing Rachmaninoff's "The Bells." he was also tenor

soloists on the Rachmaninoff Vespers with the Robert Shaw Festival Singers, a work which was awarded best technical recording for 1990.

Graumann has chosen pieces for the orchestra that will compliment Dent's vocal selections, and some that are especially dramatic and powerful on their own. They include "Overture to A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Mendelssohn, "Pavane" by Faure and "The Wedding March," also by Mendelssohn.

"A nice contrast is a duet to be played by two of our principal players, Marjory Jennings on flute and Don Turner on clarinet. They will be playing

"Tarantella" by Saint-Saens," said Graumann.

"We are extremely pleased to have such talented soloists for this concert," he added.

Tickets to "The Symphony is Love" are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students. Tickets are available at the Big Spring Symphony and Guild Office at 808 Scurry as well as the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry; Blum's Jewelers in the Big Spring Mall; Dunlap's, 111 East Marcy; the Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry; Faye's Flowers, 1013 Gregg; and First Bank of West Texas at 1810 FM 700 in Big Spring and 500 W. Broadway, Coahoma.

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Maurine "Queenie" Chrane, 83, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at The 14th and Main Church of Christ. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Carmen Gonzales, 81, died Thursday morning. Vigil service will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10:30 AM Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial with Military Honors will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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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:

• **DENTAL STUDENTS** at Howard College who put smiles on children's faces and some good hygiene tips in their heads during the Howard College Dental Hygiene Fair.

• **BIG SPRING AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TRUSTEES**, who to date have put together more than \$41,000 in its mission to establish a long-term method to provide financial resources to the community.

• **MEMBERS OF THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL COMMITTEE** and the many **VOLUNTEERS** and **BUSINESSES** who continue to help make preparations to bring the Moving Wall to Big Spring.

• **RYAN BEALL AND CALLIE PARTEE**, overall winners of the Big Spring Independent School District Science Fair, and to all of the other participants.

• Theater partners **KEVIN RITZ** and **JAMES BEST**, who held a free screening of "The Passion of the Christ" for local clergy and other community leaders, so they could judge for themselves whether to recommend the film to their congregations, families and friends.

• **DREW MOUTON**, for taking the lead on the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater project.

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

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Who slipped in an extra day on us?

"Where seldom is heard a discouraging word..."

I don't want to dwell on discouraging words but has anybody else noticed that someone added another day to 2004? What is THAT all about? Hasn't 2004 been crummy enough already without some smuck sneaking another 24 hours in on us?

Like everyone else, I started the year with enthusiasm and optimism. No way, I thought, can 2004 be as bad as 2003 or 2002 or 2001 or... you get the idea.

But the truth is, 2004 has been a series of trials and tribulations at best. Unfortunately, the glass keeps getting spilled before I can weigh in on that half-full, half-empty thing.

I told you about my computer dying. Well it's still dead. The manufacturer, from some place even the Chinese cannot pronounce, will send me the part if I give them several thousand yen and the deed to Texas. And that's just the downpayment.

I have a yen to do something to them.

The year of our Lord 2004 has already saddled me with a leaky roof, an even leakier radiator, enough doctor bills to pay for someone's island vacation complete with sea cruise, and... oh,

but you have troubles of your own, sorry.

In the category of things you don't want to hear — quick, how many of you are already completely and totally burned out on elections? How many of you have heard everything you want to hear from presidential candidates for the next 10 years? How many of you no longer care whether Bush spent a day in the military or whether Kerry is a decorated veteran who secretly shared his pillow with Jane Fonda? Well, tough folks; it's going to get a whole lot nastier. And it's only February.

February with an extra day, at that.

Speaking of troubled times, I bought two new tires yesterday.

They were a bargain at \$20 apiece.

Oh, you thought they were NEW tires? No, they're just new to ME tires. You know what I mean. It's like when you get a "new" house or a "new" car. They aren't really new, of course. I mean, nobody can really afford any of those things "new" anymore. So we call them new even when they are new only to us. We trick ourselves and smile about it when in truth we are just a bunch of scum-sucking liars.

Anyway, I no longer buy "new" tires because times are well... that tough. Financially, I am resigned to purchasing only a very few new "accessories," like food.

But alas, I had to either buy the tires or something cheaper, like a pogo stick, and I decided that wouldn't look too professional

when trying to talk on my cell phone in traffic.

Anyway, I pulled into a tire place in town just as the front passenger tire's soul drifted off to rubber heaven. The tire guy came out, took a look at me and said "You need used tires, right?" Sigh, right.

So he pulled out a pair of not-too-terribly-bad-looking tires left by a real customer — some guy who had them on his vehicle and after inspecting them thought "Oh my stars! I must replace these terribly worn tires before they burst whilst going along the highway and send my vehicle spinning madly out of control into another lane of traffic!" And so now I own them.

Actually, the guy probably never looked at the tires before he bought new ones. He just checked some chart, just like he does for an oil change or wardrobe, and thought "Oh my, I must get new ones."

I hate people like that.

He probably likes elections. He probably even knew about the extra day.

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Bush idea: Toothpicks and buffer balls

With so many delights on our political plate, it's hard to know where to begin. Take that knee-slapping joke by Education Secretary Rod Paige: He called our largest teachers' union "a terrorist organization." In fun, of course. Gosh darn, HEE-HAW! All over the nation, teachers are just chuckling away.

Paige is upset with the National Education Association because it is lobbying in Washington to give states more flexibility and more money in meeting the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act. If that makes the NEA a terrorist organization, what does it make the Utah legislature, where its House of Representatives voted 64 to 8 not to comply with any provisions of the law not fully financed by the federal government? And how are we to categorize the Virginia House of Delegates, which voted 98 to 1 to ask Congress to exempt Virginia from the law?

Ten other states have passed or are considering similar "terrorist" legislation. They include diehard Republican conservatives rebelling because the law is a monstrous unfunded mandate — the very thing Republicans used to complain about. President Bush said in his campaign opener to the Governors Association: "I know in my heart of hearts it's the absolute right role for the federal government — to provide money, but insist upon results. ... And (if the schools don't pass), there will be special help to make sure they do."

Except, as we find again and again with this administration, that's a bait-and-switch con job. For 2005, the administration has requested \$9.4 billion less for No

Child Left Behind than the bill supposedly ensures. Title I, the program to help poor kids, is underfunded by \$7.2 billion, leaving 5 million kids without academic help. In all, Bush has underfunded the No Child bill by a total of \$27 billion since he signed it with such fanfare.

Here's a lovely little item: The Bush campaign has a new category of top fund-raisers. The big deal used to be the "Pioneers," people who had raised \$100,000 for Bush. There are already 245 of them, but they're mere pikers. Now come "Rangers," folks who have raised \$200,000 — 156 in this more exclusive category. The new "Mavericks" only have to raise \$50,000, but they also have to be under 40 to qualify for this group. Youth power! And they'll all grow up to be Rangers! Anyone who knows the Texas Maverick clan, from whence the word comes, has to wince every time the Bushies say the word.

The Public Campaign Action Fund helpfully sponsored a contest to give better names to the Bush fund-raisers. The finalists are: "The Cash Cowboys," "the Funding Fathers," "Profiteers," "Robber Barons" and "Weapons of Mass Corruption." FYI: One of the Pioneers is Stephen Burke, executive vice president of Comcast, the outfit that plans to buy Disney/ABC, thus creating the world's largest media conglomerate. Bigger than Rupert Murdoch's Fox. Gee, I wonder if they could possibly want something from the Not-Very-Anti-Trust Division of the Justice Department.

My personal favorite among Bush's recent moves is the proposal in his economic report to Congress to reclassify fast-food restaurants, moving them from the service sector to "manufacturing." THIS is a concept. In case you're puzzled over why your burger-flippers should now be classified with autoworkers, it's so when the administration has to report the statistics on how many

manufacturing jobs we've lost, they won't look so bad. While in college, I had a job at an Aunt Jemima's Pancake House sticking toothpicks with curlicue-cellophane through butter balls — that's my background in manufacturing.

This administration is very clever about redefining its problems. For example, when the figures indicated the Bushies had lopsidedly benefited huge corporations as compared to small business, they just changed the definition of "small business" to include some of the biggest corporations in the country.

When Bush can't redefine, he occasionally has to resort to the outright lie. "We have been increasing Pell grants," he told the governors. Actually, they've frozen the top level of Pell grants at \$5,400 a year despite all the tuition increases and proposed cutting off aid to 84,000 college students.

So here we are in the middle of an outsourcing, off-shoring, downsizing economy, full of temps and part-timers. The CEOs have increased their own salaries by tens of millions of dollars while cutting benefits for the workers. Burger-flippers aside, we are hemorrhaging manufacturing jobs in favor of Wal-Mart jobs — low pay and no benefits.

So what is our only president doing about it? He's come out for a constitutional amendment to outlaw gay marriage. On this issue, I'm taking the Dick Cheney position: Cheney doesn't think we need any federal laws on gay civil unions. "Different states are likely to come to different conclusions, and that's appropriate," said our only veep. Right, Dick.

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Looking for rocks in all the right places

By MARSHA ALLEN
HERALD Life Editor

They are hunters and gatherers. Members of the Big Spring Prospector's Club share a fascinating hobby.

They hunt and gather unique rock formations which they craft into polished items to use in jewelry and other items, such as belt buckles.

Members take frequent trips to nearby states to gather rock formations indicative of those states.

They have collected rock native to all 50 United States and created a rock map, fashioning each state shape to create

the masterpiece.

On Saturday and Sunday the group will hold a gem and mineral show at the Howard County Fair Barn in Big Spring. Shows run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

Dealers, demonstrators, displays, spinning wheels and snack bars will be part of the show.

Also there will be jewelry repair and stone setting. A snack bar concession will be part of the proceedings.

For more information on the club and the fair call 263-3340.



Pam Gomez of Forsan shows off jewelry she made from stones she found and polished on the equipment at the Prospector's Club house.



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Elaine Matteson melts beading material over a copper tubing. She strings together the Venetian beads for various jewelry items such as the necklace she wears around her neck.

A rough rock begins to take on a form after slicing is done on a saw. Soon the stone will be shaped and formed on a lathe, and the smoothing of the rock can already be seen as developing.



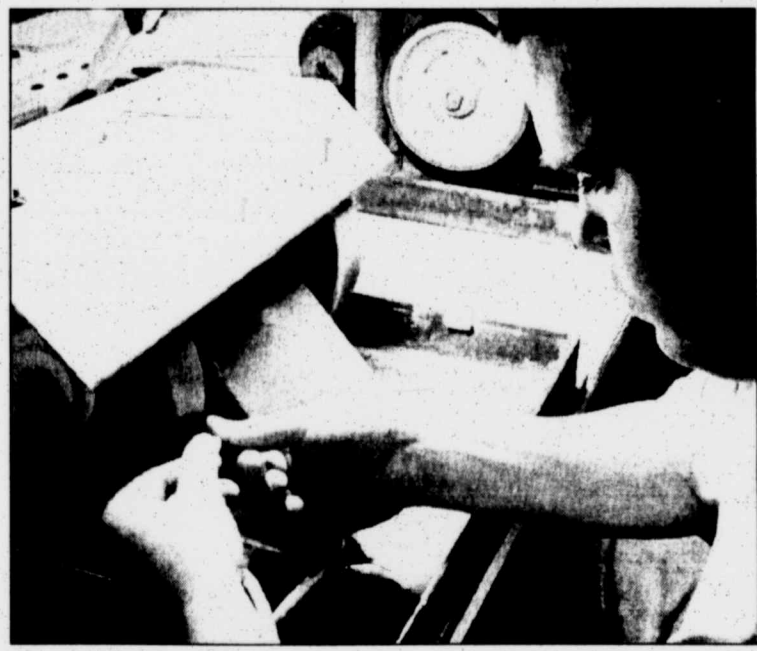
Annie Johnson teaches 7-year-olds, Mary Kate Mears and Ryan Mears of Lamesa, how to work with a blow torch to make beads.



Officers and board members of the club include left to right, Maurice Griffith and J.D. Carter, board members; Barbara Carter, vice president; Doyle McClain and Betty Dekeeper, board members; Elaine Matteson, second vice president and Lola Lamb, secretary, treasurer. Not pictured are Danny Martin, president and Bill Bohannon and Chester Faight, board members for the club.

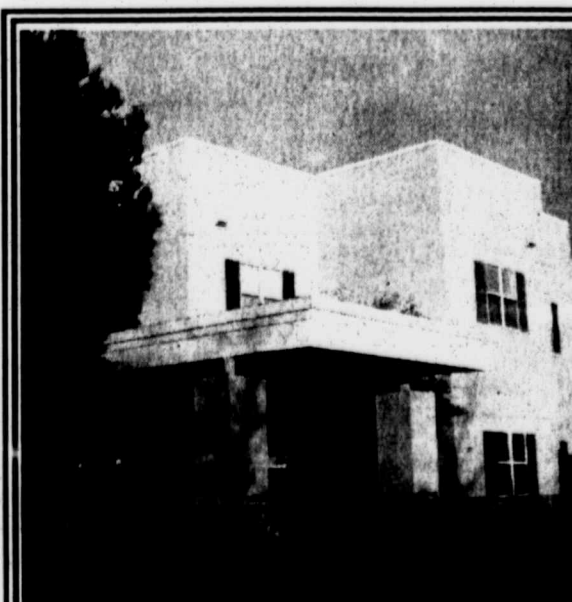


Mike Meares displays his recent arrowhead discovery.



Marvin Gross works at the lathe to shape and hone a rock he excavated. After the lathe process he will finish to hon the rock and finally polish it to a gleam.

A map of all 50 United States has been created by club members using rock native to each state. Each state was shaped on a lathe to conform to each state's shape. Texas is formed from palmwood rock.



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Church news

First United Methodist Church
On Sunday, the first Sunday in Lent, the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring's sermon will be "Leaping into Lent." Scripture text comes from Matthew 16:21-28. Special music presented by the Chancel Choir will be "Shepherd Me, O God."

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

At 5 p.m. the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Mark Warrington will be in the sanctuary. All members are invited to this special ceremony for Mark.

Sunday evening is "All in the Family," the Leap Day Talent Show is this Sunday. The Youth will serve an Italian dinner at 6 p.m. There is no charge for the dinner but donations to the youth program will be accepted. The talent show will

begin at 6:45 p.m.

Youth are still selling land shares as a fund raiser for the annual mission trip to Juarez, Mexico. The money goes to help buy materials needed for the house, food and gas. The trip is planned for spring break in March.

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

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles will present the second in a series of sermons for the Lenten Season. The series is entitled "Where Theology Meets Reality." Text for the sermon is taken from Luke 4:113.

Worship is held at 11 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten is held at 10:35 a.m.

The adult class held in

the McDowell classroom will begin a study of Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt. On Sunday evening, Rev. Miles will conduct a study entitled "The Great Ends of the Church." This study will be held in the chapel at 6 p.m. Other opportunities for the week include choir practice at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

Join the congregation for any of the activities. Everyone is always welcome at First Presbyterian Church, located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth.

First Assembly of God
First Assembly of God will hold special revival services with Evangelist Emil Solbrekken, Sunday through Wednesday to March 3.

Sunday services will be held at 10:40 a.m. and 6 p.m., and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

The ministry of faith

and love is evident as Solbrekken points the congregation to the miracle working Christ who has never changed. He believes that Jesus can still forgive sin, heal the sick and help people with their problems today.

During the meeting Solbrekken reaches out to everyone whether they be children, teenagers, middle-aged or elderly. He preaches the old-fashioned gospel in all of its purity and power and has a special time of prayer in every service for the sick and needy.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting at First Assembly at Fourth and Lancaster

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30

a.m. The Lenten program will begin Wednesday. The theme for this year is, "The Meaning of Lent for me and my congregation." The Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohi will speak at 6:30 p.m. The All-Parish meatless Pot Luck Supper is at 6 p.m. We will end with a brief service of Compline. During Lent the church will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:30 p.m. in the church. Both the traditional version of the Stations and the more modern Everyone's Way of the Cross will be used.

Church Women United World Day of Prayer is at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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

Coahoma United Methodist Church

Coahoma United Methodist Church, 401 N. Main, will have a fifth Sunday service at 11 a.m. Youth will lead the service.

There will be a service of singing and praising the Lord. Tamara Bishop will speak. Also come to

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Nursery is available.

First Christian Church

Join congregation members this Sunday at 911 Goliad to study God's word and worship God through teaching, fellowship, prayers, singing, communion and preaching. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and worship is at 10:50 a.m. The Rev. Cravens' message this week is taken from Luke 9:28-36, and is entitled "The Real Thing."

In conjunction with the Lenten season that begins next week, the pastor is leading a "Brown Bag Bible Study" which began Tuesday, and continues for the next seven weeks.

The title of the study is "The Common People Heard Him Gladly," by James W. Moore. The study will begin at 12:10 each Tuesday and will finish in time for participants to get back to work. Bring a lunch. Drinks will be provided. Cost for the study is \$5. Call the church office at 432 267-7851 if you are interested in participating.

The season of Lent began Wednesday with an Ash Wednesday service at the church at 7 p.m.

Dunk a taste other than donuts

If you crave solutions to satisfy a sweet tooth, consider a "dunkable" treat-biscotti.

Lovers of lattes, tea and cocoa understand the special appeal of cookies tailor-made for dipping. Easy to prepare, biscotti make handy snacks for serving to unexpected guests or for treating yourself and family members.

Chef Claire Criscuolo, award-winning restaurateur and cookbook author, offers a biscotti recipe that combines fruit and chocolate flavors. Caravella Orangecello and Chocolate Chunk Biscotti. "Chocolate and orange were absolutely meant to be paired," Claire said. "Prepare a batch of these delicious dunking cookies for your next cup of espresso and bring a little taste of Italy to your kitchen."



Chocolate, orange and latte are irresistible tastes.

Caravella orangecello and chocolate chunk biscotti
1 1/2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
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2/3 cup sugar
two teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup coarsely chopped semi-sweet chocolate, about four ounces

one tablespoon finely grated orange zest
two eggs
1/3 cup hazelnut or olive oil
three tablespoons Caravella Orangecello liqueur

Center the oven racks. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper or spray with cooking oil spray. Measure the all purpose flour, wheat flour, sugar, baking powder and salt into a bowl. Sift into the bowl a stand mixer. Attach the paddle attachment.

Add the chopped chocolate and the orange zest. Mix for a minute on low speed to combine.

In a separate bowl, whisk together the eggs, oil and the Caravella Orangecello to blend. Add this to the dry mixture, using a rubber spatula to scrape the bowl of its con-

tents. Beat on a low speed for about 2 minutes, stopping once or twice to scrape the sides of the bowl, until the mixture begins to come together and all the flour is mixed in.

Place mixture onto a cutting board. Cut the dough in half. Using your hands, form each half into a log shape, then pat into a loaf 11 inches long by 3 1/2 inches wide, and about 1/2 inch thick. You can use a long metal spatula to smooth the top for a smooth, even shape.

Carefully transfer each loaf to the prepared cookie sheet, reshaping the loaf as needed.

Bake on the center rack in the preheated oven for 30 minutes, then remove the cookie sheet of biscotti from the oven. Lower the oven temperature to 320 degrees. Carefully transfer each partially baked loaf to a cutting board. Using a sharp knife, cut each loaf into about 16 slices, 2/3-inch wide.

Arrange the slices, standing up but not touching, onto the cookie sheet. Continue baking in the 320 degree oven for 30 minutes. The tops and cut sides will be just firm to the touch. They will become crisp and firm to the touch as they cool.

Remove from the oven and cool to room temperature before storing in a covered container for up to a week-if you can resist them for that long!

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Fibromyalgia support group learns to cope

Dr. Jay Warren spoke at the February Fibromyalgia, Autoimmune Support Group. He is a clinical nutritionist in addition to working as a chiropractor.

He spoke on the importance of adequate rest, exercise, humor and positive thinking, and he focused on nutrition in the treatment of FMS (fibromyalgia). Notes from his talk will be available at a later date.

This is additional information for people who feel the need to have additional information now to help feel more in control of their health. People receive the following information when subscribing to the Fibromyalgia News Network on line.

These were compiled by other people who have FMS. These are general guidelines. Everyone with FMS is unique, with different capabilities and limitations. These tips are offered to help find what will work best.

On good days limit activities to three to four hours. On bad days, 20 minutes to two hours.

Rest frequently during the day. Establish a regular bedtime and wake-up time.

Find ways to make your daily tasks and routines easier and less strenuous.

Exercise regularly and gently. Stay active, but give up activities that are too taxing. Use best judgment when making deci-

sions about activities.

Find alternative ways to stay connected with others and have a social life.

Think through impulses and projects and plan how you'll prevent FMS pain flares.

Be a creative problem solver where there's a will there's a way.

Change what you can, accept what you cannot.

Monitor your health. Keep charts, diaries, logs, etc. of any changes.

Educate yourself and those around you. Keep documents up to date.

Become more assertive-

not aggressive-communicator. Speak up without attacking others or diminishing yourself.

Writing concerns/questions in list format will help you to document important information and provide a remedy to the fibrofog that plagues us so often.

Acquaint yourself with your spiritual resources. Pray for self and others.

Last, and most important, put your health first. Persist until you can find the right health care providers and treatments to help you.

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Those were the days, my friends

By Marsha Allen
HERALD Life Editor

She wanted to research a little bit more than the family tree to be left in the family Bible.

So Verma Lea Sandell Enfield, 74, of Big Spring, wrote a book. In it she chronicled family histories on her father's and mother's side of the family.

Enfield began compiling the book in 1989. A completed manuscript was lost at one juncture when it was ready to print. So she had to begin again and rewrite the entire manuscript.

Interesting times were shared by her generation, she said.

"We seemed happier," she continued. "Why we kids could play all day long and didn't have any of the stuff we have now." "The Way We Were" chronicles life as it was during Enfield's childhood and reviews the family tree.

Such stories as those following are in the book, reproduced here by permission from Enfield.

"Most of Daddy's broth-

ers and sisters lived in our community. We often had big dinners all together. Gran'ma had long tables on the side porch where we had the big dinners. Of course, us kids had to wait while all the grownups ate first. After they ate, they would visit, talkin' and laughin' so hard that I thought they would turn their chairs over and fall off the porch. Sometimes I wished they would, so us kids could go ahead and eat too."

She also reports about soap. "The lye soap was also made in the big iron wash pot. A fire was built around the wash pot again to boil the grease and lye. Potash was added, as it boiled, to make the soap white. When the fire died out and the soap cooled, it would harden. This big chunk of soap was then removed from the pot and sliced into smaller bars. A bar of lye soap was kept in the kitchen to wash

dishes. Another bar was kept on the water shelf out on the back porch by the wash pan and water bucket. A towel was always hangin' on a big nail by the water shelf. Everyone used the same towel after they washed up, and the towel was more black and white by wash day."

Also she writes about the peace the family had during her childhood. "Every evenin' after Gran'pa came in from the field, me and him and Gran'ma would sit on the back porch. I would fill the wash pan, from the big wooden water bucket, and wash Gran'pa's feet. He would sit on the edge of the porch, by the doorsteps, so I could set the pan of water on a lower step. I would sit on the next lower step and use the cool water to comfort those tired feet. This was a quiet time to rest, watchin' day turn into night, listen' to night crickets and the call of the whippoorwills. Now, many years later, when I



HERALD photo/Marsha Allen
Verma Lea Sandell Enfield

remember those evenin' times with Gran'pa and Gran'ma on the back porch, they are my idea of perfect peace, content-

ment and tranquility. I had no fears or worries and my world was happy and good.

Enfield's book was

reproduced by her daughter and is available for reading at the Heritage Museum. She has donated a copy to the museum.

Dedication poem

I can see the glow of lamp light, fields of corn, cotton and sweet potatoes, shocks of peanuts and John Brown peas;

Hills and valleys, Gran'mas gentle smile, dogwood and maple trees n springtime;

Wild honey suckle and huckleberries, Vaughn in his stripped overalls hangin' on his skinny body, with one galls and one leg rolled up,

Virginia's big dark eyes that could fill up with tears at the drop of a hat, Freida's blue, blue eyes.

I can hear Mama's shrill whistle when she called Daddy out in the field, Gran'pa and his fiddle;

Clocks tickin and strikin'; the rhythm of the cross cut saw when we cut wood....

Where did the time go? It's gone but not forgotten. Thank you, Lord, and my dear ones for the "precious memories."



Verma Enfield as she appears in the book when she was a young girl.



Photos from "The Way We Were"

Gran'pa and Gran'ma Sandell in Louisiana in 1941.



Mama and Daddy in Pyote in 1945

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Study: 4,392 priests are accused of sexual abuse

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two unprecedented studies that document pervasive sex abuse by U.S. Roman Catholic clergy found nearly 11,000 minors have claimed they were molested since 1950, and that bishops bear much of the responsibility for the crisis. One document says their failure to stop predators let the "smoke of Satan" into the church.

The studies — commissioned by America's bishops — found that 80 percent of the alleged victims were male and that just over half said they were between ages 11 and 14 when they were assaulted, a source who read the reports told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The abuse claims were filed against 4,392 of the 109,694 clergy who served over the last half-century — or about 4 percent of all clerics.

The National Review Board, a lay watchdog panel formed by the bishops, was scheduled to release the reports Friday in Washington. One is the church's first national accounting of molestation claims and was conducted by John Jay College of Criminal Justice. The other is the board's own investigation into how the crisis developed.

The John Jay findings are based on information provided by most of the 195 American dioceses. Victims said any study by the church is bound to underestimate the number of abuse cases and that many of those who were hurt still haven't come forward.

Dioceses nationwide received 10,667 abuse claims since 1950, according to a news release from the Diocese of Yakima, Wash. Of those, claims by approximately 6,700 were substantiated. About 3,300 were not investigated because the accused clergymen were dead.

Another 1,000 or so claims were unsubstantiated, the diocese said.

The national report also calculated abuse-related costs such as litigation and counseling at \$533.4 million. However, the John Jay report covered claims up through 2002, and many multimillion-dollar settlements have been reached since then.

The AP has been tracking reports from individual bishops of their own tallies of abuse costs and so far, 137 dioceses have already said they spent more than \$573.3 million to address the problem.

The report on the causes of the crisis was based on interviews with clergy, victims, experts on sex offenders and others who have studied molestation.

The findings are sure to fuel debate among Catholics on two controversial issues: whether the church should try to screen out gay priests and whether celibacy for clergy should be optional.

The board said celibacy was not a cause of the scandal, but that the celibacy requirement may have attracted candidates for the priesthood who were seeking an escape from their sexual problems.

The board came to no direct conclusions about whether gays should be ordained, the source said.

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Baylor inquiry reveals problems

WACO (AP) — Former Baylor University basketball coach Dave Bliss made payments to players, allowed major NCAA infractions and then tried to cover up the improprieties, the school president said Thursday.

In summarizing a seven-month internal investigation, President Robert Sloan said Baylor "failed to exercise appropriate institutional control" and missed clues that could have stopped wrongdoing by Bliss.

The school will send its report next week to the NCAA, which could impose even harsher sanctions or accept Baylor's self-imposed penalties of reduced scholarships, an additional year of probation and a one-year ban on postseason play.

Most of the violations had been acknowledged by the school before Thursday's news conference, which was much like a public apology and a declaration Baylor would fix the problems. Sloan provided new details on money improperly spent on players, and he disclosed that Bliss had solicited money from two university regents.

"The university is embarrassed," Sloan said. "There were red flags that should have been noticed."

The school began its investigation last summer, after player Patrick Dennehy was killed and former teammate Carlton Dotson was charged with his murder. The panel found that Bliss paid the tuition for two players, including Dennehy, and the program did not report some players' failed drug tests.

Lawyers for Bliss, who resigned in August and now works at a sporting goods store in a Denver See **BAYLOR**, Page 2B

BSHS netters shine in Odessa

By **BRANDON HALLFORD**
Special to the Herald

ODESSA — The Big Spring Steers tennis team hit the courts this past weekend in the Ector County Independent School District Tennis Invitational and finished eighth.

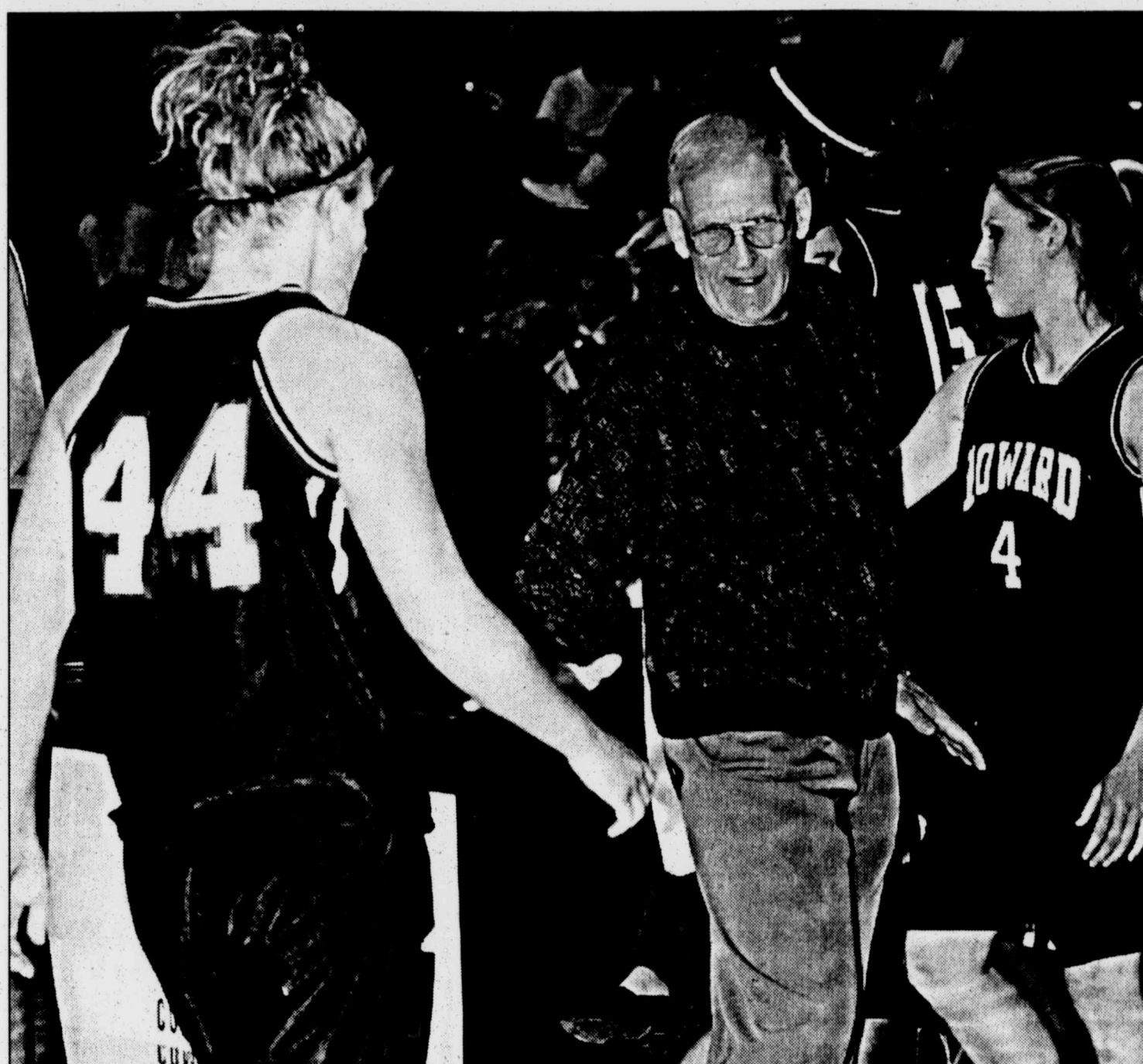
Although no BSHS player advanced to the championship bracket, the Lady Steers made a strong showing.

Heather Parnell led the charge by downing Andrea Wagner of Permian, 6-3, 6-1, to advance to the consolation semifinals against Odessa's Joy Pelopero.

In the finals, Parnell met her match as Brittany Newsome, who had defeated another BSHS teammate Amanda Farmer in the opening match of the day, claimed the consolation bracket championship, 6-4, 6-2.

In doubles action, Nicole Chesworth and Rodriguez outlasted teammates Alex Garipey and Natasha Neighbors by a 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 to claim 13th in the consolation bracket.

Garipey and Neighbors had advanced to face their counterparts by virtue of a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 victory over San Angelo Central High School.



HERALD PHOTO/Tommy Wells
First-year Howard College head coach Lorin Miller congratulates sophomore Erin Lohafer (44) as she walks off the court Thursday in Midland. Lohafer was among five HC sophomores playing in their final game for the Lady Hawks. Lohafer, who followed Miller to Big Spring from Kansas this summer, finished with six points.

Lady Chaparrals bring HC season to and end with loss

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

MIDLAND — The Midland Lady Chaparrals brought the Howard College Lady Hawks' season to an end Thursday night by pounding out an 83-58 victory at the Chaparral Center.

With the win, Midland College finished the Western Junior College Athletic Conference as the No. 3 seed and clinched a berth in the Region V Basketball Tournament. Howard College, under first-year head coach Lorin Miller, finished at 10-19 and 2-10.

Howard, which showed dramatic improvement as a team over a year ago, actually got off to a

strong start against Midland. The Lady Hawks picked up solid efforts in the opening minutes from sophomores Desire' Bostice and Kristen Valentine, jumped to a 12-8 lead.

The Lady Chaparrals, who suffered an 83-79 setback to HC in their first WJCAC meeting, rallied back. Midland College posted a 39-13 run — 17-1 at one point — over the final 12 minutes of the opening half.

Midland's Savannah Werner led the Lady Chaps' first half efforts, scoring 19 of her game-high 22 points in the frame.

Howard, which had three players score into double figures,

regained its composure in the second half. The Lady Hawks, keyed by the hot hand of Ciara Tidwell and Bostice, matched the Lady Chaps' over the final 20 minutes, scoring 33 points by shooting 43.5 percent from the floor.

Tidwell, who sank five three-point shots, led all HC scorers in the contest with 17. Bostice and Valentine added 12 and 10, respectively.

Bostice and Valentine were among a handful of HC players closing out the careers with the team. Joining the two in playing the final game were sophomores LaTasha Davis, Dana Davis and Erin Lohafer

Abraham, Jones combine for 28 in Hawks' season-ending loss to Midland

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

MIDLAND — Hakim Rasul scored 16 of his game-high 26 points in the first 10 minutes Thursday and led the Midland Chaparrals to an 88-66 win over the Howard College Hawks in the regular season finale for both squads.

With the win, Midland improved to 23-6 and clinched a share of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference championship and garnered the No. 1 seed heading into the Region V Basketball Tournament. Howard, one season removed from appearing in the Region V finals, finished the season at 14-12 and 5-9.

Rasul, a sophomore from Tucson, Ariz., helped the Chaps

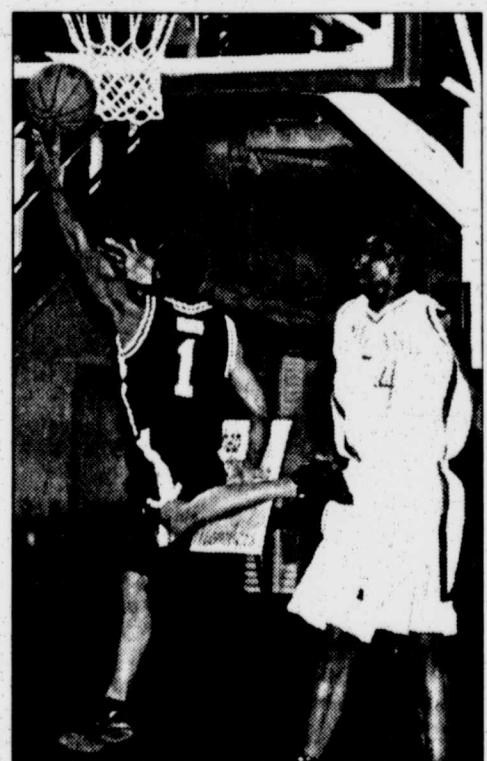
get off to a quick start. He pushed in eight shots from the floor in the first 10 minutes of the first half and sparked MC to a 36-27 half-time lead.

The Hawks used a hot hand from behind the three-point arc to stay close in the first half. Howard, which managed just two shots in close, sank six treys.

Abraham and Jones helped Howard remain competitive in the second half. Abraham tallied 12 of his 14 points in the opening 10 minutes of the second half.

Jones, a freshman guard, contributed to the Hawks' offensive arsenal. He hit scored 11 of his points in the same span — nine of which came via three three-point attempts.

Sophomore Finlay Brashears almost hit double digits with nine.



HERALD PHOTO/Tommy Wells
Howard College's Jamaal Fears drives past Midland's Mamery Diallo for a shot Thursday.

Foreman returning because he 'needs an adventure'

LAS VEGAS (AP) — George Foreman built a lucrative second career making fun of his waistline and love of hamburgers.

He insists he's not joking about his latest comeback attempt at the age of 55.

"I need an adventure in my life," Foreman said. "At 55, it's time to do it."

That adventure will take place on Foreman's terms, assuming he can get down in weight and get boxing regulators in

some state to allow him to fight.



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Holmes. He has no plans to fight a top heavyweight or try for another title.

Foreman wants one fight, on live network television against a decent fighter outside of the top 10 to prove a point to himself and his fans.

"It won't be a senior tour," Foreman, whose hometown is Houston, said in a telephone interview with *The Associated Press* on Wednesday night. "I don't want to meet up with guys like Larry Holmes and all of that. I don't want a circus, although it will be a circus. I want a competitive

fight."

Foreman denied promoter Don King's claim that he had agreed to a \$20 million deal for a comeback fight. Foreman fought only once for King, when he lost the heavyweight title 30 years ago in a big upset to Muhammad Ali in Zaire.

"I'm still looking for the half-million he was going to give me in Africa," Foreman said. "Everybody says they have a verbal deal because I laugh

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IN BRIEF

BSCC to hold 4-man scramble on Feb. 28

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a 4-Person Scramble on Saturday beginning with a 1 p.m. shotgun start on both days. Entry fee is \$75 per player plus golf cart.

For more information call (432) 267-5354.

Little League sign-ups now under way

Registration for the 2004 Big Spring Little League season is now being held at the Big Spring Mall. Registration will be held today from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Children ages 5 through 16 who live within the league's boundaries are eligible. Registration is required even if the child played previously.

For more information, call Chuck Rosenbaum at 263-1792.

Coahoma LL sign-ups set for Saturday

Coahoma Little League registration is scheduled to begin in Coahoma on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. at the high school.

Lady Hawks reset games vs. Midland

Due to the current weather, The Howard College Lady Hawks rescheduled their games with Midland College.

The game will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at Foundation Field.

Lady Steers boosters to meet Monday

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will be meeting Monday at 6 p.m. in the high school ATC.

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

GC track meet set for Saturday

Track and field season will officially get under way this weekend when teams from throughout the area converge on Garden City for the Bearkat Invitational.

The meet will begin at 8 a.m. with the scratch meet. Competition begins at 9 a.m.

BSHS netters do well at ECISD meet

The Big Spring High School boys' tennis team turned in a solid outing at Ector County Independent School District Invitational.

Jake Smiley advanced to the championship semifinals before falling.

In the consolation bracket, Matt Islas dropped three matches.

The combination of Ferrell and Roshan Shroff claimed eighth place, dropping their final match 6-7 (5), 6-0, 6-3 to Midland Lee.

The BSHS duo arrived at the seventh place game because of an earlier 6-3, 6-2 defeat at the hands of Landon Farris and Dwight Byrd from San Angelo Central.

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Rangers have high hopes for Lewis

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — The learning curve is shrinking for Colby Lewis.

When Lewis made the opening day roster for the Texas Rangers in 2002, it was a surprise. The struggles that led to a midseason demotion last season were a disappointment.

Lewis was back in the rotation by the end of last season and had a solid finish. But now he has to prove himself again in spring training.

"He's had his apprenticeship," manager Buck Showalter said. "It's time to see if he can go to the next level now. ... He knows that 'prospect to suspect' thing is there at some point."

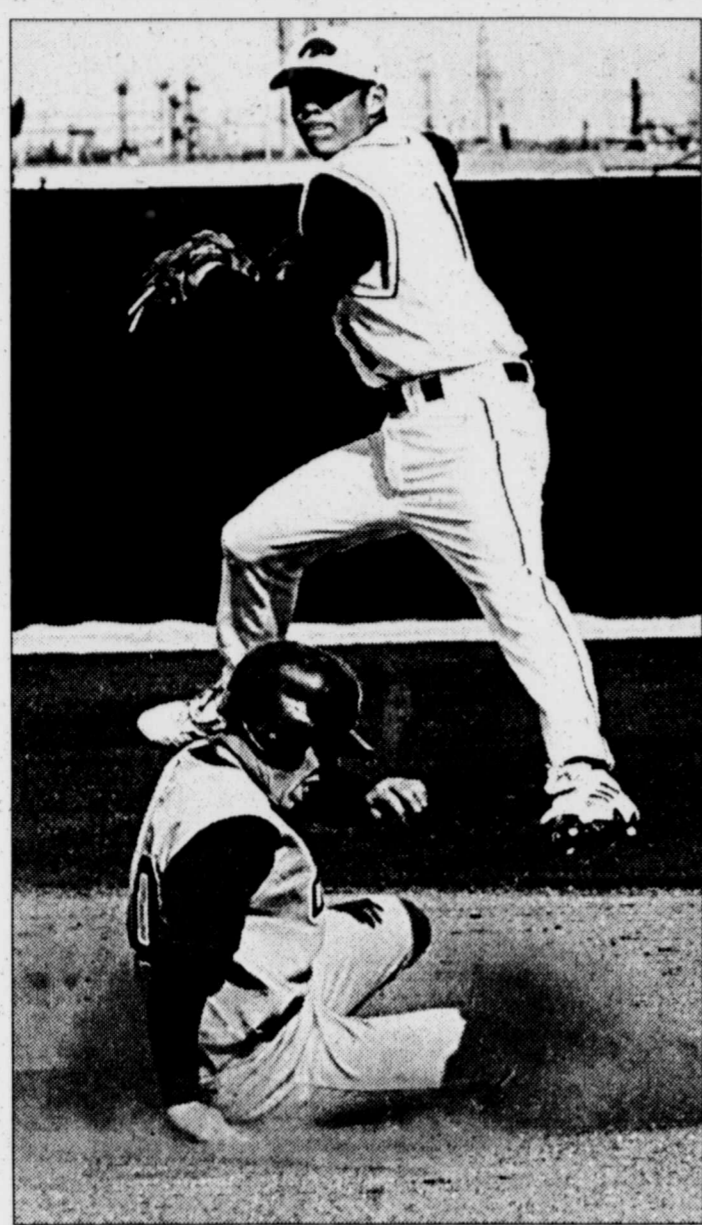
Kenny Rogers and Chan Ho Park are the only pitchers guaranteed starting spots. Just like last year, Lewis is competing with several other young pitchers to fill out the rotation.

"It's time, definitely, for me to have a good year, have a solid year and stay up all year," Lewis said. "Just set standards and go after them."

Last season, Lewis was 3-0 with a 4.43 ERA in his first four starts. Then the right-hander went through a 10-game stretch when he was 1-5 with a 11.37 ERA and didn't get past the fourth inning six times.

The Rangers sent him back to the minors with a list of objectives to accomplish. And he did.

"He came back a better product," Showalter said.



HERALD PHOTO/Tommy Wells
Ryan Femath and the Howard College Hawks will return to action today when they begin a two-day series with Western Texas College at Jack Barber Field. Games are slated to begin at noon.

Rangers sign Dickey, three other players to 2004 deals

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Catcher Gerald Laird and pitchers R.A. Dickey, Ryan Drese and Ben Kozlowski agreed to one-year contracts Thursday with the Texas Rangers.

The team wouldn't release financial terms.

Texas still has six players from its 40-man roster unsigned for this season, including shortstop Michael Young and likely starting center fielder Laynce Nix.

The other unsigned players are infielder Jason Bourgeois and pitchers Joaquin Benoit, Colby Lewis and Ricardo Rodriguez.

Young switched from second base to fill the void left by the trade of American League MVP Alex Rodriguez and allow two-time All-Star Alfonso Soriano, who came in that deal from the New York Yankees, to remain at second.

Ravens' Lewis pleads innocent to drug charges

ATLANTA (AP) — Star NFL running back Jamal Lewis pleaded innocent Thursday to federal drug charges that he tried to help a childhood friend buy cocaine in the summer of 2000.

The Baltimore Ravens' player was released on \$500,000 bond after a 15-minute hearing in federal magistrate court. Lewis didn't speak during the hearing, other than answering "yes" when asked by the judge and the U.S. attorney if he understood his rights and his plea.

Lewis, wearing a gray business suit, was escorted into the courtroom by U.S. marshals and flanked by four attorneys. Lewis was not handcuffed.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephanie Gabay-Smith refused to comment following the hearing.

Lewis had turned himself in to the FBI hours before the hearing. He

was not immediately available for comment because he was quickly escorted from the courtroom for processing before his release.

Lewis was indicted Wednesday on charges of conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute five kilograms of cocaine and using a cell phone in the commission of the first count. If convicted on the conspiracy count, Lewis could face 10 years to life in prison.

One of Lewis' attorneys, Ed Garland, said he did not try to help a childhood friend buy cocaine in the summer of 2000. Garland said a cocaine buy wasn't discussed during a restaurant conversation more than three years ago among Lewis, a boyhood friend, and a woman who turned out to be a police informant.

No drugs were ever purchased, according to the indictment.

"Jamal Lewis wants

everyone to know that he is not guilty, that he has not been involved in drugs," Garland said. "He's extremely disappointed that this is happening."

Ravens spokesman Chad Steele said the indictment came as a surprise to the team. "We had no clue," he said.

In a statement, the team said: "We believe in due process, and Jamal will have his day in court. There are two sides to every story. From what we know of the charges, these seem out of character for the Jamal we know."

The NFL declined to comment.

The indictment came out of a drug investigation that has led to 30 convictions and helped dismantle a cocaine-trafficking ring in the city, said U.S. Attorney William S. Duffey. He refused to say whether Lewis was tied to that drug ring.

After sluggish start, St. Joe's rolls over UMass

AMHERST, Mass. — St. Joseph's formula for victory — speed and deadly long-range shooting — is as effective as it is predictable.

The only questions are at what point in the game will the Hawks' opponents wither under the relentless pressure of the defense and how many three-point baskets will it take for them to become demoralized.

Wednesday night at the Mullins Center, second-ranked St. Joe's used an early second-half blitz to rattle Massachusetts, pull away to an 83-58 victory, and bring the countdown

to a perfect regular season to two games.

As usual, Jameer Nelson and Delonte West led the way. Nelson scored 17 of his 19 points in the first half, and West exploded for 15 of his 23 in the first 10 minutes of the second half, when the Hawks quickly lengthened a 41-31 halftime lead to 63-39.

Trying to become the first team since Nevada-Las Vegas in 1990-91 to run the table in the regular season, St. Joe's (25-0, 14-0 Atlantic Ten) moves on to Rhode Island for a game Saturday before returning home to face St.

Bonaventure on Tuesday.

In the first half, Nelson shot 6 for 9, and the Hawks went to the locker room with a 10-point lead.

St. Joe's got off to a lethargic start as UMass (9-16, 3-10) began the game by making its intentions clear. It was going pound the ball inside to 6-foot-9 center Rashaun Freeman and try to take advantage of the undersized Hawks. The strategy worked early as Freeman scored three baskets to help the Minutemen to a 13-6 lead.

When St. Joseph's and UMass met Jan. 21, the Hawks rolled to a 92-67 win.

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suburb, didn't return calls Thursday.

Already under a self-imposed ban on postseason play this year, Sloan announced one more year of probation and scholarship reductions for the next two seasons.

He also said there will be reduced contact with recruits by current coach Scott Drew and his staff. Sloan said he supports Drew, who was hired in August, but that he had no choice but to deliver tough penalties for past misdeeds.

"Baylor's honesty and integrity must be protected," Sloan said. "To underdeliver would be an error."

The school will cut scholarships from 13 to nine for next season and from 13 to 12 in 2005-06. The impact of the scholarship reductions may

not be as harsh as intended. NCAA rules allow schools to award a maximum of five in one year and eight over two.

Once the three seniors on the team leave, Baylor will still have as many as four scholarships to give next year. The bigger problem could come in restrictions against coaches contacting recruits.

The biggest hit came when three key players left last summer as the scandal mounted, and another key recruit never came to Baylor, which is 8-18 this season.

Drew tried to stay upbeat, saying he knew when he took the job that more sanctions were possible. Baylor currently plays only seven scholarship players, so next year's allowance of nine will be an improvement.

"Whatever President Sloan decides on I fully support," he said.

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at everything they say."

Foreman, who made millions in the ring and many more millions selling hamburger grills, said he would take \$7 million for the fight if it could be shown on network television.

"I really want it on free TV because I want the world to see it," Foreman said. "I want it to be an extravaganza."

Foreman says he has no timetable for the comeback fight, other than losing about 40 pounds to get down to 225.

He was 260 for his last fight, in 1997 against Shannon Briggs, and he hasn't been 225 or below for 28 years, when he stopped Joe Frazier in the fifth round of their second bout.

"I got down to 229 with

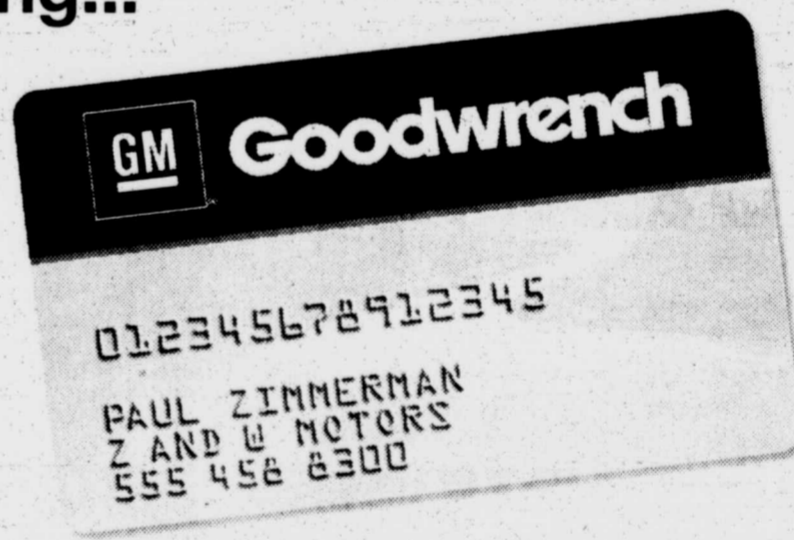
(Dwight Muhammad) Qawi (in 1988), though they announced 235," Foreman said. "But I didn't like the way I felt, so I got big purposely. This time, though, I want to go down and box and show skill."

Foreman, who became the oldest heavyweight champion ever when he stopped Michael Moorer in November 1994 at the age of 45, said he's more interested in the adventure than any money he can make.

Since retiring, Foreman has worked as a commentator for HBO. He's quitting that, though, and his last show is Saturday night when Jesus Chavez defends his 130-pound title against Erik Morales in Las Vegas.

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IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Constant swing plane delivers consistency

By T.J. TOMASI
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If you lack consistency, you may be guilty of changing the tilt of your swing arc (called "swing plane" or just "plane") between your backswing and forward swing. To be consistent, the tilt of your swing arc should match on both sides of the ball.

For example, if you have a flat backswing (i.e., more like a merry-go-round than a Ferris wheel), your hands should finish low, near your shoulder. If you finish with your hands high above your head, you will hit a push, push-slice or a pull-hook (depending on the position of the club face at impact).

Conversely (and more commonly), if you have an upright plane on your backswing (more like a Ferris wheel) and then finish with low hands (near your shoulder level), you will hit a pull, pull-hook or a slice that starts out to the left of the intended target.

The marker for consistent tilt is the position of your lead arm at the top of the backswing compared to the position of your trail arm at the "near finish" position. To illustrate, the accompanying photos show Kristy Gleason, an LPGA Futures Tour player who generates tremendous power with her strong rotary action.

At the top of her backswing (first photo), Kristy's left arm lies across her right shoulder. In the second photo, her right arm is across her left shoulder in the "near finish" position. This is the telltale sign that she has kept her swing plane constant throughout.

Kristy's finish position matches her swing arc. Some may say that her hands should be higher and that the club shaft should be tilted more toward the ground, but for a rotary player like Kristy, this is the perfect end to a powerful swing. The ball she hit in these photos carried 260 yards right down the middle.

To make sure your swing plane is constant, set up two mirrors in such a way that you can observe your swing at these two critical junctures (the top and the near finish). Then, slowly at first, go back and forth from one position to the other to feel the club head traveling on a constant arc.

Do this often to check your plane and to imbed the proper feeling. This is the same feeling you should have when you make your regular swing. If your swing is more upright than Kristy's, that's OK, just make sure you match on both ends.

One final note about Kristy's classic finish position: Notice that her right thumb has "fallen off" the handle. This is a sign that she has kept pressure off the pincher fingers (thumb and index finger), so much so that when her hands came to rest at the completion of the swing, aided by gravity her thumb simply fell away. The great Jack Nicklaus in his prime displayed this same characteristic.



Kristy Gleason, an LPGA Futures Tour player, generates tremendous power by keeping her swing plane constant.

Older, wiser, out to win

Current trend sees veterans playing better, longer

By CRAIG DOLCH
Cox News Service

West Palm Beach, Fla. Tournament scoring records disappear every year. Tiger Woods is almost halfway to Jack Nicklaus' mark of 18 professional majors. But there's one record on the PGA Tour that's been unapproachable for decades.

That could change, if last season's trend continues.

One of the more remarkable accomplishments of Sam Snead's career was he won 17 of his 82 PGA Tour victories after he reached age 40. This testament to longevity has stood around longer than most records. The next-closest player, Julius Boros, won 10 of his 18 career titles after 40, and his last win came in 1968.

Two other names of the past, Gene Littler and Dutch Harrison, won seven times in their 40s before three active players — Greg Norman, Hal Sutton and Loren Roberts — finally show up on the list with six wins after turning 40.

Don't expect that trend to change this year, the veterans say. While some point to the financial lure of the Champions Tour and a renewed interest in fitness as major reasons why some players refuse to act their age, others say it's because of more pragmatic factors.

"The greens on Tour are so much better than they used to be, you don't get guys getting the yips like they used to," Hall of Fame member Nick Price said. "That was notorious. Guys like Hogan and Snead fought it for so long. Then you see a guy like Jay Haas (who recently turned 50), and he's still a wonderful putter."

Turning 40 didn't hurt Vijay Singh, who won four times last year and won the money title. He also won the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am earlier this month. With four wins coming after his 40th birthday, and with Singh still in his prime, he might be the one player who can challenge Snead's record.

Kenny Perry, 43, who won a career-high three times last year and had eight consecutive top-10 finishes, also doesn't see an end to the old guys playing well.

"You can't put a price on the experience factor, because it's huge," Perry said. "I've been out here a long time, and I know these golf courses, what pins to hit at or not. And it's rare I'm going to come across a putt I



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Vijay Singh, who turned 41 Sunday, has a tournament win and more than \$2 million in winnings this season.

STILL MAKING IT

A look at the ages of some of the top money winners in the world:

Ranking	Player	Age	Winnings
1	Vijay Singh	41	\$2,003,140
9	Jeff Maggert	40	\$682,800
13	Kirk Triplett	41	\$576,343
19	Skip Kendall	39	\$486,000
20	Davis Love III	39	\$481,400
21	Jay Haas	50	\$459,553
22	Duffy Waldorf	41	\$442,958

haven't already had."

Then again, trends can change quicker on the PGA Tour than a downhill putt at Augusta National. Just two years ago, the focus was on youth as there were a record 18

first-time winners in 2002. Last year there were just seven first-time champions.

Who knows what 2004 will bring? There have been no first-time winners thus far.

Nicklaus still has one more goal to shoot for: His age

By CRAIG DOLCH
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West Palm Beach, Fla. Jack Nicklaus has won 18 professional major championships, 73 PGA Tour titles and was easily named the Golfer of the 20th Century. But there's one thing the Golden Bear has yet to do in his brilliant career.

Shoot his age in a tournament.

Don't think it's something Nicklaus, 64, brushes off as just another accomplishment. He was grinding away in January when he shot rounds of 68, 66 and 67 in the MasterCard Championship in Hawaii.



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"This year my goal is every I time I tee it up to shoot 64 or better," said Nicklaus, who pointed out he would have shot a 64 if all the putts counted in last month's Senior Skins Game.

"I'm thinking about doing it every day. I thought about it starting last year in Hawaii when I turned 63. Every time I tee it up, I felt like I should shoot 63. Last year I was choking like a dog every time I had a chance. I don't know how you're choking when you're shooting 63, but it feels like it."

Another area Hall of Famer, Gary Player, 68, has shot his age three times on the Champions Tour, most recently when he shot a 68 in the third round at MasterCard. He once held the senior record for being the lowest to shoot his age (64) at the 2000 BellSouth Classic at Oryland, but Walter Morgan eclipsed that mark in 2002 when the 61-year-old shot a 60 at the Canadian Senior Open.

"It's not a great big deal, but it's a nice feeling to know that you've played well for a long time and you've exercised and tried to watch your diet and stay in shape," said Player, who's always been one of the fittest golfers. "For some people, it's a very common thing. One of my dreams this year is to score my age in all three rounds of a tournament."

The one good thing about this task is it actually can get easier the older you become. As the late Sam Snead put it, "Once you get over 70, you're supposed to do it, aren't you?"

Snead holds the unofficial record as being the youngest player to shoot his age on the PGA Tour when at 67 he shot a three-under 67 in the second round of the Quad Cities Open in 1979. Snead felt so good about it, he bettered his age in the final round with a 66.

The PGA Tour didn't start keeping age-shooting records until 1986, but a spokesman said he believes only two other players have shot their age on their circuit: Jerry Barber, who did it many times in the early 1980s, and Arnold Palmer, who matched his age with a 72 in 2002 at the Bob Hope.

About a half-dozen players do it every season on the Champions Tour, including Palm Beach Gardens resident Bob Charles. But nobody will likely match Barber's longevity. In 1993, when he was 77, he shot his age or better 31 times in 41 rounds. Since '86, the tour says Barber shot his age or better 11 times in 237 times before he died in 1994.

"I don't think Jerry ever thought about shooting his age," Al Geiberger said. "He just expected to."

THE GOLF DOCTOR

Finding the right 'bounce' key to optimal wedge play

During an average round of golf, 65 percent of a player's shots are taken within 100 yards of the hole, so wedge play is a critical element of the game. To be a good wedge player, you should know how to match the bounce on your wedges to your swing and to the course conditions (grass and sand).

Bounce is the angle represented by a line drawn from the bottom (sole) of a wedge to the leading edge.

The rule of thumb is that players who come into the ball from a steep angle do better with clubs that have more bounce because it prevents the club head from digging into the

ground. Players who sweep the ball using a shallow angle of attack need less bounce to avoid skidding along the ground and contacting the ball in the middle — the dreaded "skull" shot that goes screeching over the green.

Your divots will tell you what type of wedges you need. If your divots are generally long and deep, use wedges with lots of bounce; if your divots are thin and short, use wedges with little bounce.

The conditions of the course are also important. If the ground and sand are soft, you need wedges with lots of bounce to avoid digging too deeply. If the ground and sand are firm, you need just

the opposite — a club with less bounce for a more solid hit.

Of course, different courses present different conditions, so be prepared to change wedges depending on where you are playing.

For example, at this year's Sony Open in Hawaii, 14-year-old sensation Michelle Wie said that the PGA Tour field staff made the sand more "fluffy" than she was used to. Such a condition should dictate the use of a sand wedge with more bounce.

Ask your professional which wedges are best for you.

—T.J. Tomasi

ASK THE PRO



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

Q: The other day, I bought a used putter that I really like. It's an Odyssey putter with a "Stronomic" insert. I have two questions: What is "Stronomic"? Is it some kind of metal (I looked it up, but couldn't find it)? And why does it feel so much better than my old putter? — Brian G., from the Web

A: Stronomic is a lightweight synthetic polymer. The name was made up by Odyssey. It feels good at contact because the insert is much softer, especially if you play with a hard-feeling, two-piece/solid-core "distance" ball.

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	WFAA (2) Dallas	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	WTBS (11) Atlanta	KMLM (12) Odessa	KOCV (13) Odessa	DISC (20) Discovery	AMC (21) Classics	TNT (23) Atlanta	BET (26) Black Ent.	DISN (27) Disney	ESPN2 (28)	ESPN (29) Sports	USA (30) New York	TMC (250)
6 PM	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	Amar Ora Vez	King of the Hill	News Ent. Tonight	Pasion de Gavilanes	News Sanfield (CC)	Sanfield (CC) Friends (CC)	Nueva Vida John Hagee	News-Lehrer	Monster House		Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live Movie: Waiting to Exhale	That's Raven Lizzie McGuire	Billiards	NBA Basketball: Tucson	Classic of Tucson	(CC)
7 PM	George Lopez Married-Kelley	George Lopez Married-Kelley	Veio de Nova	The Great American	Joan of Arcadia (CC)	Amor Descarado	DateLine NBC (CC)	Movie: Deep Rising (CC)	Update/Israel Richman	Wash. Week	Great Biker Build-Off 4	Movie: The Eiger Sanction	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)		Dream Job (CC)	Toronto Raptors at Boston Celtics	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: Kiss the Bride	
8 PM	Hope & Faith Life-Bornie	Hope & Faith Life-Bornie	Bajo la Misma Piel	Celebrity Spelling Bee	JAG (CC) (DVS)	El Alma Herida			Light of the Southwest	Now With Bill Moyers (CC)	American Chopper		Movie: Exit Wounds (CC)		Boxing: Friday Night Fights	Boston Celtics at Phoenix Suns	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: The Crow (CC)	
9 PM	Super Millionaire	Super Millionaire	Casos de la Vida Real	70s Show Dharma-Greg	48 Hours Investigates	Mujeres Apasionadas	Third Watch (CC)	Movie: Ghosts of Mars (CC)			American Hot Rod	Movie: Pinata		Comicview	8:50 Movie: Bug's Life (CC)		Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Seattle Sonics (CC)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Movie: The Crow (CC)
10 PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News The Tonight Show	Movie: Deep Rising (CC)	Rev. J. Hansen	Sign Off	Great Biker Build-Off 4	Survival Island (CC)	Movie: Out for Justice (CC)	Nightly News Music Special		Karate: ISKA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Play-Mate of the Apes	
11 PM	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Extra (CC) Jimmy Kimmel	Los Meiches	Becker (CC) Spin City	The Late Late Show (CC)	Al Rop Vwo	Show (CC) Late Night	Movie: Deep Rising (CC)	Carrie Davis		American Chopper	15 Movie: The House		Midnight Love	Even Stevens Sister, Sister	Karate: ISKA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	12:15 Movie: How to Get	
12 AM	Oprah Winfrey	Pad Program	Angela	Blind Date	Street Smarts	Corte-Familia	Fraser (CC)		Update/Israel Decker-LaG.		American Hot Rod	Movie: Maximum Risk	Comicview	Movie: X-Files	Wtr. X-Games	Outside-Lines SportsCenter	Movie: Kingpin (CC)	12:15 Movie: How to Get	

DENNIS THE MENACE

2-27

"BUT WHY DON'T YOU AND DAD EVER HAVE TO SIT IN THE CORNER?"

BC

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

2-27

"Daddy, are lions who live at the zoo still king of the jungle?"

HAGAR

2-27

DOES YOUR NONDESCRIPT LITTLE MONGREL DO ANY SPECIAL TRICKS?

YES

HE POINTS WHEN HE SEES A PHONY!

BLONDIE

2-27

YOU'RE UNDER A LOT OF STRESS, MY DEAR.

CAN YOU HELP ME?

NOT UNTIL YOU UNCLENCH YOUR FIST.

BLONDIE

2-27

BUMSTEAD, FOR SOME REASON I'M IN A RARE MOOD TODAY!

HOW RARE, BOSS?

AS RARE AS THE DIXIE CHICKS BEING THE GUESTS OF HONOR AT A WHITE HOUSE GALA!

BOY, MR. DITHER'S SURE WAS IN A RARE MOOD TODAY!

WIZARD OF ID

2-27

WHO IS THAT LITTLE RUNT?

THAT'S OUR KING

IS THERE A DOG CALLED "TOTO" AROUND HERE?

AGNES

2-27

DECLARE YOUR UNDYING ALLEGIANCE TO ME, AND I WILL TRANSFORM YOU FROM A BUNCH OF IDIOTS INTO A MIGHTY FORCE!

WHO ARE YOU YELLING AT?

UM... MY MINIONS.

THERE'S NO ONE THERE, AGNES.

I HAVE DOOR PRIZES!

HI AND LOIS

2-27

CAN I BORROW THE CAR TONIGHT?

CHIP, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A LICENSE!

JUST PRACTICING!

THE OTHER COAST

2-27

DOCTOR, I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING. ANTIBIOTICS, PAINKILLERS, POULTICES... I STILL CAN'T GET TOULOUSE OUT OF BED.

TRY DISCONNECTING THE CABLE.

COMING UP ON OPRAH...

SNUFFY SMITH

2-27

JAMEY'S HOME SICK, JUGHAID!! YOU CAN TAKE HIS BOOKS AN' HOMEWORK TO HIM!!

BUT, MIZ PRUNELLY, HE'S MY BEST FRIEND!!

DON'T MAKE ME KICK HIM WHEN HE'S DOWN!!

BEETLE BAILEY

2-27

THESE GUYS ARE GENIUSES AT FINDING WAYS TO IRRITATE ME!

WHAT IS IT NOW?

BEETLE'S TIP JAR

This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2004. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 27, 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, caught fire. The Nazis, blaming the Communists, used the fire as a pretext for suspending civil liberties.

On this date:

In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

In 1807, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine.

In 1902, American author John Steinbeck was born in Salinas, Calif.

In 1922, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to vote.

In 1939, the Supreme Court outlawed sit-down strikes.

In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The United States went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1972, President Nixon and Chinese Premier Chou En-lai issued the Shanghai Communiqué at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.

In 1979, Jane M. Byrne confounded Chicago's Democratic political machine as she upset Mayor Michael A. Bilandic to win their party's mayoral primary. (Byrne went on to win the election.)

In 1982, Wayne B. Williams was found guilty of murdering two of the 28 young blacks whose bodies were found in the Atlanta area over a 22-month period.

In 1997, divorce became legal in Ireland.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Joanne Woodward is 74. Actress Elizabeth Taylor is 72. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is 70. Actress Barbara Babcock is 67. Actor Howard Hesseman is 64. Actress Debra Monk is 55. Rock singer-musician Neal Schon (Journey) is 50. Rock musician Paul Humphreys (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 44. Basketball player James Worthy is 43. Actor Adam Baldwin is 42. Rock musician Mike Cross (Sponge) is 39. Actor Donal Logue is 38. Rhythm and blues singer Chilli (TLC) is 33. Rock musician Jeremy Dean (Nine Days) is 32. Chelsea Clinton is 24.

Newsday Crossword

B-PLUS by Norma Steinberg
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

1 Some Wharton grads

5 Season

9 Encircles

14 "That's ___ want to know!"

15 Washstand pitcher

16 Memo sent by modem

17 Top of the house

18 Sugar source

19 Impertinent

20 Pat melting on pancakes?

23 Job or lot preceder

24 Language suffix

25 Job seeker's document

29 "Take ___!"

31 Command to Fido

34 Home ___

35 Apiary residents

36 Ill-mannered

37 Diamond rhubarb?

40 ___ facto

41 "If it ___ broke, ..."

42 Contributed

43 Word before a maiden name

44 Bandstand boxes

45 Covetous

46 Fr. title

47 Journal

48 German boyfriend?

55 Hecuba's son

56 Paper source

57 Immediately following

DOWN

1 Hurt

2 Dollop

3 Baseball manager

4 Winnow

5 Leave the group

6 Honor

7 Give temporarily

8 Shoe stretcher

9 Stand up to

10 Picture

11 Humorous poet

12 Main meaning

13 Shrewd

21 My Cousin Vinny Oscar winner

22 Smallest

25 Netanyahu's predecessor

26 Eschew a big wedding

27 Fields, in *The Bank Dick*

28 "Do ___ others ..."

29 Adolescents

30 Massiveness

31 Napped leather

32 Ran in neutral

33 Sagamore Hill name

35 Slight disturbance

36 Taunt

38 Identified

39 North Dakota city

44 Cheers up

45 Yellow

46 Yellow

47 Not very strict

48 Musical units

49 Time periods

50 Some sheep

51 King of rhyme

52 Small flier

53 Stepson to Claudius

54 Leave

55 Golfers' org.

58 Lao-tzu's way

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