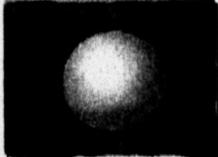


FRIDAY

February 18, 2005

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 43°-46° TOMORROW 64°-66°

BRIEFLY

Entities to close President's Day

Area school bells will ring but most government entities will take a day off Monday for President's Day. City of Big Spring and all Howard County offices will be celebrating the holiday. That includes the Senior Citizens Center, which in addition to other activities, normally would be holding its AARP Tax-Aide program. Officials noted that citizens can get help preparing their tax returns on Tuesday instead of Monday next week.

The landfill and compost facility will be closed Monday. There will be no sanitation collection.

Federal buildings, such as the Social Security Administration Building and the USDA Agriculture Research Station Building, will be closed.

Mail will be placed in boxes at the post office, but no home delivery will be made on Monday.

However, all area public schools, including Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and Sands, will have classes as usual.

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Meth lab dismantled

Task force, DPS, postal authorities combine efforts; one man jailed

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Narcotics officers dismantled a large methamphetamine laboratory at a Big Spring residence Thursday and took one man into custody for the manufacture and possession of drugs.

"It was the biggest methamphetamine lab I've seen in three years," said Scott Knight, investigator with the West Texas Narcotics Task Force.

Members of the task force, Department of Public Safety narcotics division and the U.S. Postal Inspector General's Office executed the warrant about 2:30 p.m. Thursday at 4617 Ash.

Knight said the set up, which was "in just about every room" of the residence, was a red phosphorous lab, less common than the anhydrous ammonia labs more commonly used in West Texas.

"It's about 10 times more dangerous, and we were really relieved to get this thing dismantled," said Scott, who

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BOUND FOR IRAQ



A crewmember works on a U.S. Marine CH-46 Sea Knight, one of three helicopters that made a hour-long stop in Big Spring Thursday afternoon. Marine reservists attached to HMM 764 at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. are ferrying the helicopters to Norfolk, Va. before departing on a tour of duty in Iraq.

BSISD begins switch from software system

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District has begun to wean itself from the troublesome Chancery SMS software system.

School trustees learned Thursday that a partial switchover of software has already been accomplished, and more changes may be on the way quickly.

Corey Wood, district technology director, told trustees that gradebook functions at the junior high and high school — which have caused the most nightmares for students, parents and teachers — have been switched from SMS to a system called Gradespeed, made by the San

"You say you understand, but I really don't think you understand what our parents, teachers and students have gone through."



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Antonio company Campus Ware.

And while Wood expects some problems as a result of the switchover, he predicted they would be "minuscule" compared to the seeming mountain of prob-

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Trustees plan, as best they can, for upcoming school year

Athletic director's contract not renewed. See Page 1B.

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring school trustees have to begin planning for the next school year. The problem is that they're not entirely sure what to plan for.

With school finance reform at the top of the agenda for this

year's session of the Texas Legislature, issues such as tax rates, school calendars and trustee elections are suddenly up in the air. Until those issues are decided at the state level, there is little that Big Spring ISD can do, at least specifically.

But with the new school year only months away, the district must at least begin laying the groundwork, and so they addressed several issues per

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Dental hygiene program slated here Saturday

Special to the Herald

Howard College dental hygiene students annual Children's Dental Health Fair is Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon in the Horace Garrett Building.

The event is free and a toothbrush exchange is part of the program. Also, balloons, goodies and door prizes are scheduled.

Contact Norma Garcia at 264-5065 for more information.

Eagles staging supper, dance in support of Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Members of Big Spring's Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie No. 3188 are encouraging the public to attend a stew supper and dance Saturday that will benefit Big Spring's Vietnam Memorial Committee.

The Eagles Lodge will be serving stew, corn bread, tea or coffee and dessert from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the lodge, 703



Wilson

W. Third. Tickets for the meal will be \$6 per plate for adults and \$3 for children under the age of 12.

The dance, set for 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., will feature the Nightwind Blues band.

Nightwind Blues will perform a variety of music, ranging from country to classic rock and blues. The dance's cover charge

will be \$5, but those wishing tickets for both the dinner and dance can save a dollar by purchasing a package deal for \$10 per person.

Vietnam Memorial Committee officials are already expressing their thanks to the Eagles for staging the fund-raising project.

"We're obviously extremely appreciative that the Eagles have decided to do this," said VMC

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DITCHED



The driver of this white automobile was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center Thursday after being involved in an accident on Simler Avenue close to the Federal Correctional Institute. According to BSPD officers, the driver swerved to avoid another vehicle that had failed to yield the right of way, and fell into a culvert.

Forum to compliment upcoming TASK program; parents, teens welcome

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Special to the Herald

Teens and sex will be the topic of a health forum sponsored by Big Spring Woman's Club on Monday at 7 p.m. in Trinity Baptist Church's Craven Annex, 810 11th Place.

Presenter General Echols said the program is geared toward parents of teenagers who will be participating in the TASK abstinence program in area high schools, but it would be a learning experience for any parent. There is no charge to attend.

"Any parent that is there will be better equipped to talk about sex

What: TASK abstinence forum.

Where: Trinity Baptist Church Craven Annex, 810 11th Place.

When: 7 p.m. Monday.

with their child," said Echols, prevention education director for The Life Center of Midland. "I recommend this to any adult in the community church leaders, school faculty, anyone."

Echols will be leading TASK (Teens Are Saying kNow) for Big Spring high schoolers in April, but has already given the

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## Obituaries

### Dr. James Wayne Kuykendall

Dr. James Wayne Kuykendall, 74, of Alto, formerly of Big Spring, died Feb. 12, 2005 at his home. Memorial services were 2 p.m. today, Feb. 18, 2005, at the First Presbyterian Church in Ruidoso, N.M., with Cathy Anderson officiating.

He was born Sept. 20, 1930, in Lubbock and married Jean Musselman on May 22, 1954, in Mechanicsburg, Penn. He served in the U.S. Army and was an obstetric/gynecologist in Big Spring and Fort Stanton, N.M. He moved from Big Spring to Lincoln County 17 years ago and attended the First Presbyterian Church in Ruidoso.

He is survived by his wife, Jean of Alto; two sons, Jeffrey Wayne Kuykendall of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Steven Craig Kuykendall of San Angelo; a daughter, Sandra Thomas of Colorado Springs, Colo.; his sister, Paula Niles of Albuquerque, N.M.; and eight grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church of Ruidoso.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

## Take note

□ **FRATERNAL ORDER OF THE EAGLES AERIE No. 3188 STEW SUPPER AND DANCE** to benefit the Vietnam Memorial Committee is set for 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday at the lodge, 703 W. Third. Tickets are \$6 per plate for adults and \$3 for children under 12. The dance with a \$5 cover charge featuring the Nightwind Blues Band is 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.

□ **BIG SPRING WOMEN'S CLUB** will sponsor a free seminar for parents whose children will be participating in the TASK Abstinence program through the high schools in the area from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Monday in the Trinity Baptist Church annex building, 810 11th Place. Parents with students of any age will benefit from the information at the seminar. Students are welcome whether alone or with their parents.

□ **LUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAM AT HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** featuring author Diane Thompson Dale, presenting her book, "Finding Billy, an Internet Odyssey." Lunch is from 11 a.m. until noon Feb. 24, and the presentation is from noon until 1 p.m. Dale will sign books from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. For more information contact the museum at 264-1999.

□ **VFW POST No. 2013 ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER** is set for 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at the post, 500 Driver Road. Dinner, including chili, beans, cornbread and desert, is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Open to the public. Call 393-5715 for more information.

□ **LOCAL CHEF CHARLIE SANDIFER IS TEACHING A SPECIAL EASTER BRUNCH COOKING CLASS** from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Feb. 26. The cost is \$24. Contact Howard College Continuing Education at 264-5131 to register.

□ **YOUNGLIFE ROUNDUP BANQUET** is set for Feb. 28 in the Dora Roberts Community Center. Round-Up provides community members an opportunity to enjoy a catered barbecue dinner while learning about the activities that take place during YoungLife club. For more information or to contribute to YoungLife, call leader Shelly Warren at 264-1234.

□ **THE BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY LUNCHEON** is set to begin at 11:45 a.m. March 1 in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The luncheon will feature the State of the City Address by Mayor Russ McEwen. Catered by Great Western Dining, the tickets are \$10 if a ticket is purchased by Feb. 23 and \$15 until Feb. 25. No tickets or reservations will be accepted after Feb. 25. Purchase tickets at the chamber office, 215 W. Third or call 263-7641.

□ **HOWARD COUNTY A&M CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2005-2006** are being accepted. Applications may be obtained from Mike or Jeane Niklasch at 1409 E. Highway 350 or by calling the club president, Dr. Tom Dawson at 267-7911, ext. 216. Application deadline is April 15.

□ **DEREK CHURCHWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** has been established at Howard College. Donations may be made to the Howard College Foundation in care of Jan Foresyth, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Designate the Derek Churchwell Scholarship Fund.

□ **HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD** is seeking financial donations to provide support for children in Howard County who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or mail donations to HCCWB P.O. Box 3101 Big Spring, 79721.

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

□ **HERITAGE MUSEUM** is also accepting donations of costumes to be used with the new theme party area opening in May. Call the museum at 267-8255.

□ **FRIENDS OF THE MARTIN COUNTY LIBRARY** have scheduled a used book sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. every Thursday in the new building across from the White Ford Motor Company, near the post office. The sale benefits the restoration of a library building. For more information contact Bud Lindsey at 756-2306.

## Police blotter

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

- **PATRICIA GROSSMAN**, 43, of 609 Circle, was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault/class C.
- **JESUS MARTINEZ**, 24, of 805 Willia, was arrested Thursday on three local warrants and a Crosby County warrant.
- **JOE LOUIS MIRAMONTES**, 33, of 1110 Johnson, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.
- **EMMIT HOWARD BARTEE**, 39, of 4617 Ash, was arrested Thursday on charges of possession of methamphetamine - under four grams and manufacturing/delivery of methamphetamine - under four grams.
- **GARY RUSSEL ROLEY**, 45, of Sweetwater, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JAN MARIE HANTEN**, 46, of Sweetwater, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JAMEY SCOTT JOHNSON**, 42, of 2004 S. Johnson, was arrested Thursday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **DANIELLE MARIE RAWLS**, 22, of 1011 N. Gregg Street, was arrested Thursday on a Howard County warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 1700 block of Gregg Street.
  - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
  - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported:
  - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
  - in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
  - in the 500 block of 12th Street.
  - in the 600 block of 18th Street.
  - in the 1300 block of State.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **DAVID BEDFORD**, 40, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of no Class C driver's license and no liability insurance.
- **THURMAN LEE BATEMAN JR.**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **SAUNDRA JO GARRARD**, 30, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid and displaying a fictitious inspection sticker.
- **CALVERT DWAIN JAMERSON JR.**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2900 block of S. Anderson Road.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Sunset Blvd. at 11:40 a.m. Thursday. One person was transported to the VA Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of E. 11th Place at 9:58 p.m. Thursday. Service was refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler at 4:11 p.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2500 block of S. Gregg Street at 8:02 p.m. Thursday. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Support groups

- SATURDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.
  - West Texas Gluten-Free Support Group (Celiacs Helping celiacs) meet from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Jan. 15 in the Odessa Regional Hospital. For more information, contact Barbara at 432-694-3614 days, or 432-520-2119 evenings.
- 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 - All widows and widowers are invited to the meeting beginning at 6 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Bring a covered dish and a valentine card (no gifts.) For more information call 398-5522.
- TUESDAY**
- The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

## 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. All area seniors are invited.

**SATURDAY**

- American Legion Post No. 506 fish fry from noon until 3 p.m. Delivery available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. \$7 per plate. Carry out available. 3203 W. Highway 80. Call 263-2084.
- Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie No. 3188 stew supper and dance to benefit the Vietnam Memorial Committee is set for 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the lodge, 703 W. Third. The dance is 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.
- 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.

**SUNDAY**

- The Coahoma First Baptist Church is having a blood drive from noon to 4 pm. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

**MONDAY**

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

## Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 11-19-29-35. Bonus Ball: 5.  
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$350,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 9-10-13-14-19.  
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: 9-4-2

## Weather

Tonight - Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Saturday - Mostly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.  
Saturday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.  
Sunday - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. West winds around 15 mph.  
Sunday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Presidents day - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.  
Monday night - Partly cloudy. Colder. Lows in the mid 30s.  
Tuesday - Mostly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the upper 50s.  
Tuesday night - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Lows in the upper 30s.  
Wednesday - Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 50s.  
Wednesday night - Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 30s.  
Thursday - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 50s.

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# Coahoma ISD hopes to have new superintendent by May 17

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Independent School District hopes to have a new superintendent named by May 17, officials announced.

School trustees held their monthly meeting Thursday evening, and spent several hours meeting in executive session with Russell Marshall, who was hired by the district to conduct the search for a new superintendent.

Interim superintendent Wayne Mitchell said trustees and Marshall agreed on a timeline for the search, which will find a replacement for Dr. Bill Kingston, who resigned in January.

"Hopefully, all our work will be done and we'll be able to select a superintendent at our May meeting," Mitchell said.

The timeline calls for trustees to interview an undetermined number of finalists in April before finalizing their decision

in May. "We're going to leave the number of finalists up to the consultant," Mitchell said. "We wouldn't want to set a number, and then have the consultant find somebody else who might fit better ... But, certainly, we're not looking at more than five or six finalists."

Trustees will likely hold several special sessions over the next several weeks to interview candidates, Mitchell said. Once a new superintendent is named, it is hoped he will be on the job by July 1.

In other business, trustees extended contracts for the campus principals, athletic director, business office manager and technology director.

The board's next scheduled meeting is for 7 p.m. on March 17.

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## FORUM

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program in Forsan. Coahoma is not on his schedule.

He said TASK uses facts to warn teens that the dangers of premarital sex are more than the risk of pregnancy.

"We use statistics and facts, such as the fact that condoms don't protect against many common STDs (sexually transmitted diseases). We challenge them to change their focus from pregnancy to disease, and then abstinence starts making sense to everybody."

The program also deals with relationships, Echols said. "We really talk

about relationships, (including) who they hang out with, and getting them to raise the bar on that. We have several illustrations, and we will draw out in great detail some aspects of a good relationship."

Teens who understand the components of a good relationship are less likely to settle for a bad one, he said, and a bad relationship often includes the pressure to have sex.

Echols said he emphasizes values, such as loyalty and respect, in a relationship.

"These techniques, if you apply them, you will never get burned in a relationship. It all comes down to values."

At the parents' forum,

Echols will present a version of his program for teens, and allow plenty of time for questions. Organizers say it should last about an hour and a half.

Charla Lewis of the Woman's Club said the group sponsors a health forum each year, and it seemed like the time was right to address teen sexuality.

"We just felt like the kids were getting the program in the schools and the parents were not as informed as they ought to be," she said. "We sponsored a forum on teen sexuality issues in the past and it was a huge success. This will help parents learn what their kids are getting in the school pro-

gram." Lewis, who has participated in a parents' meeting about the abstinence program before, said it was an eye-opening experience.

"There were some startling statistics that I was not aware of. Our teenagers don't always tell us what's going on, and his program helps fill in the gap quite a bit," she said.

Echols said his program would benefit people of all ages, because "facts apply to everyone."

"We communicate to teens on a teen level, but the message doesn't change a bit. The consequences of sex outside of marriage don't change whether you are 16 or 38."

## METH

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noted that investigators, who were later joined by a clean-up detail from Lubbock, were on the scene until about 3:30 a.m. today.

Scott said about 600 milliliters of methamphetamine oil was discovered at the residence, which he estimated could have been "gassed" into "a couple of ounces" of methamphetamine.

Investigators removed numerous chemicals involved in the manufacture of methamphetamine, including a 35-gallon barrel full of match plates — the source of the red phosphorous.

Arrested several hours before the drug bust was 39-year-old Emmitt Howard Barte. He has been charged with felony counts of delivery or manufacture of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance. Scott said Barte may later be charged with federal counts.

Other people were in the residence at the time the warrant was served, but were not arrested or charged, Scott said.

"We want to thank the Howard County Sheriff's Office for providing traffic control and special thanks to the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department. Every time we do this they have provided water, drinks and food, lights, whatever we needed. These meth lab scenes take a long time to work and we really appreciate their help. They are pretty awesome."

## SOFTWARE

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lems district personnel have experienced under the Chancery product.

According to administrators, the SMS system has been plagued with errors since it was installed in August 2004. School officials have cited major problems in grade reporting, transcripts and class scheduling, among others.

And Wood noted the switchover may continue through the next few months.

A committee, which

includes Wood, Superintendent Michael Downes and selected district teaching and staff personnel, will visit campuses in Frenship, Sweetwater, Seminole and Lubbock Cooper to look at different student management software packages currently in use at those respective schools.

The committee will then report back to the district with recommendations as to which of those packages is preferred. The committee will also look at continuing with SMS in one form or another. Considering the many problems Big Spring has

faced with the Chancery product, one trustee said its retention at this point seems highly unlikely.

Dennis Savoy, an official with Chancery, addressed the board and asked for more patience as the company deals with its product's problems, but at least one trustee told him point-blank that he was wasting his time.

"I feel like your presence here today is just a little too late for us," Irene Bustamante told Savoy. "You say you understand, but I really don't think you understand what our parents, teachers and students

have gone through ... I don't think your product is for Big Spring ISD. We need to go somewhere else."

Afterward, Wood conceded that some aspects of the SMS package were operating near acceptable levels.

"We're not satisfied at all (overall)," Wood said, "but (some aspects) are going a lot better than they were at the start of the year ... I will say, however, that we have had issues with (Chancery) since August that have still not been addressed."

Downes was quick to tell trustees that switch-

ing to a new system would not necessarily mean the end to the district's software problems.

"The first year with a new system will be a problem. Period," he said. "Just because we're looking at a new system doesn't mean it will be a utopia ... It's going to be a problem regardless of what we run next year."

The committee is scheduled to report its recommendations by April, Wood said.

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## BSISD

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taining to the 2005-06 school year during their monthly meeting Thursday night.

Superintendent Michael Downes told trustees that district officials have already begun work on a budget for next school year, and based on how the school is currently financed, BSISD is look-

ing at a budget shortfall.

"We're looking at cutting about a half-million dollars out of the budget, unless the state comes to our rescue," Business Manager Sandra Waggoner told the school board.

New sources of state financing may very well be possible in the near future, Downes said, but nothing is set in stone, yet.

"All these figures are based on current law, and

there's no way to predict what changes will be made (by the legislature)," he said.

School officials also said they are looking at a plan to raise base pay for new teachers in the district from its current \$26,740 to about \$30,000 in incremental steps in the next few years. Those raises, if implemented, would cost the district an estimated \$350,000, Downes said.

Trustees also gave their OK to the 2005-06 school

year and the May 7 trustee election, although some changes may have to be done later, based on what the legislature decides.

In other business, trustees approved:

• The refinancing of bonds issued in 1996 to cover the construction of Big Spring Junior High School. The \$9 million refinancing, done to take advantage of lower interest rates, will result in a savings to the school dis-

trict of about \$420,000, Waggoner said.

• Extending the contracts of district administrators, directors and coordinators, with the exception of Athletic Director Dwight Butler, whose contract runs through the 2005-06 school year.

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## VMC

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President Gene Wilson. "The fact that the Eagles are wanting to hold this fund-raiser and help raise money is fantastic. We need this kind of support to keep the memorial the way I think we all want it to be. We really can't thank them enough."

The Eagles' decision to hold the fund-raiser is important, Wilson said, because the committee needs help in maintaining the memorial that draws visitors from all over the nation. Money is constantly needed for upkeep of the memorial.

And while any members of the VMC put their own money into that effort,

but there's simply no way they muster all the funds needed.

"We constantly need money just to keep the memorial kept up," explained VMC member Jerry Groves. "A lot of the members of the committee put a bunch of their own money into maintaining the memorial, but there's no way we can do this by ourselves. Thank goodness the community has always responded and come through for us."

"It costs us a minimum of \$3,000 per year just to pay our utility bills," he added. "And that doesn't include materials and equipment needed to keep the grounds and do essential maintenance. That's why it's such a blessing for us when groups like

the Eagles want to help us out like this."

All proceeds from the dinner and dance will be used by the committee to maintain the memorial's grounds.

Both Wilson and Groves also noted that the Eagles Lodge members' interest in helping the committee, allows the VMC to still have the two fund-raising events it is allowed to hold each year.

"Our charter as a tax-exempt organization limits the number of fund-raisers we can have each year, so we're doubly appreciative that the Eagles are taking on this project," Wilson said.

Those who will be unable to attend Saturday's supper and dance but still want to help support the upkeep

and maintenance of the memorial can do so by making make a tax-deductible contribution by mailing their donation to: Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854,

Big Spring 79720.

Managing Editor John A. Moseley can be contacted by calling 263-7331, ext. 230, or by e-mail at editor@bigspringherald.com

### Chamber luncheon tickets on sale

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Community Luncheon is set to begin at 11:45 a.m. March 1 in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, hosted by the Big Spring Rotary clubs.

The luncheon will feature the State of the City Address by Mayor Russ McEwen. Catered by Great Western Dining, the tickets are \$10 if purchased by Feb. 23 and \$15 until Feb. 25.

No tickets or reservations will be accepted after Feb. 25. Purchase tickets at the chamber office, 215 W. Third, or

call 263-7641.

### Business After Hours set Feb. 24

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce presents Business After Hours from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway.

Door prizes and refreshments will be part of the event and business owners are encouraged to attend and exchange business cards. Specifically designed to encourage and showcase local businesses, everyone is encouraged to bring a guest. Call the chamber at 263-7641 for more information.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

- June Moore, Big Spring Kennel Club member, whose Schipperke Nikki qualified for the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.
- The Big Spring Community Foundation, which, after only two years, almost doubled its assets and was able to issue three grants.
- Coahoma, Forsan, Grady, Sands, Stanton and Garden City schools, which all rated above state average on 2003 graduation rates.
- Big Spring High School students Ryan Yeats, Jon Volker, Regan Creswell and Curtis Osburn, who received Academic All-State football team honors.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not delay in our prayers and study of Your word, Lord.

Amen

When the cash crops is your cash

To balanced-budget believers, the first big mistake George W. Bush made as president was to not veto the 2002 farm bill. Not only did Bush sign the bill, but he also didn't try to stop Congress from larding the bill with corporate welfare -- which is like handing the car keys and a six-pack to a drunk driver on parole. The result -- a farm-subsidy package that cost the average American household some \$1,800 over 10 years, according to the Heritage Foundation.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Now, Bush is trying to atone. In his new budget, the White House has proposed a 5 percent cut in farm subsidies and, more important, a cap of \$250,000 per farmer. If enacted, this reform -- especially the \$250,000 cap -- would pull some big, overfed snouts out of the public trough.

It's about time. Big agribusiness has found ways to circumvent subsidy caps and rake in tax dollars. If you want to see how well some farming operations have fared, take a peek at the Environmental Working Group's farm-subsidy database (www.ewg.org), which lists the top recipients in each state. In California, the Farmers Rice Co-op of Sacramento leads with a pot of \$17.9 million in 2003. However, because the co-op represents many growers, Environmental Working Group president Kenneth Cook believes that the second largest California recipient -- Dublin Farms of Corcoran, with a take of \$2.4 million -- better illustrates what a program sensibly capped at \$360,000 per farmer, can mean to one happy

customer. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, describes himself as the only family farmer in the U.S. Senate -- which is why he wants to see reforms in farm subsidies.

"The payments are going to mostly large farmers, I wouldn't even say farmers, landowners," explained his spokeswoman Beth Levine. Small farmers and young farmers are forced to compete with the 10 percent of farmers who, according to the Environmental Working Group, hog 72 percent of the subsidies. Grassley wants to change how the system works so the money goes to the farmers it was supposed to benefit.

Who could oppose such a sensible reform?

Conservatives support it because it means less government spending. The National Taxpayers Union's John Berthoud recalls how distasteful it was when the administration believed "we fiscal conservatives had to accept this lousy farm bill." His group is about to ask Congress to cut even more than Bush has.

But conservative politicians oppose attempts to fix the pork-fest. Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss. and former chairman of the Agriculture Committee, pledged to fight Bush on this plan.

Liberals support reform because they aren't fans of big agribusiness, would rather see their tax dollars spent on conservation or don't support taxpayer dollars subsidizing food exports, but liberal politicians have opposed it.

In 2002, after voting in favor of a \$275,000 spending cap per farming couple, both California Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer changed their position and asked budget conferees to oppose that cap. In the end, Washington worked out the higher cap, which

is a picnic to work around. ("California tends to have larger farms, and so when you have those caps in place, it does disproportionately hurt California farms as opposed to other farms in the nation," explained Feinstein's spokesman Howard Gantman. Without the details of what a new cap, or the next budget, will look like, it's not clear what Feinstein's position would be.)

Clearly, this is an uphill fight. The more sense a spending reform makes, the less likely Washington is to go for it.

Then there is the administrative nightmare. Good luck to whoever has to write the new rules to stop agribusiness from dividing and evolving in order to qualify for more subsidies and circumvent any cap.

Some see this Bush gambit as a PR stunt. "Every January or February, the White House trots out an audacious plan that heartens liberals, angers entrenched political interests, engenders a national debate -- and ultimately goes nowhere," wrote the New Republic. And it makes you think that if Bush were serious, an opening gambit of a 10 percent cut -- rather than 5 percent -- would have shown more resolve.

White House spokesman Ken Lisius said Bush is serious and is "exercising responsible spending restraint in order to achieve this president's goal of cutting the deficit in half by 2009."

The Environmental Working Group's Cook also believes that Bush means business. "It's pretty hard to talk about significant changes in Social Security payments and no changes in farm subsidies," Cook explained.

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Democrats need to organize, not mourn

Even with a new chairman, the Democrats lack a clear leader and a clear path to the future.

Terry McAuliffe, the outgoing chairman of the Democratic National Committee (DNC), believes the party must fill the gap.

"The next chair of the party has to begin to do message testing, message development in all 50 states. We need to start today," McAuliffe says. "We can't wait for a nominee in April of 2008 to say, 'OK, what's our message?' We don't have to wait for the nominee. By April 2008, we will know exactly what we have to do in order to win the presidential election."

But what if the nominee disagrees with the DNC-tested message? McAuliffe thinks that is unlikely to happen, because the nominee is going to want to win. "If we have done our job for four years of this testing and the polling and doing what we need to do, you're going to have a very good idea of what works and what doesn't," he says.

While McAuliffe suffered some initial criticism after the losses of 2004, this has been replaced by widespread praise for what he accomplished as a party-builder: The party is out of debt, has raised \$10 million since the last election and can raise \$100 million this

year at a touch of a button," McAuliffe says.

So what does the party need? "We need to be going into the Red States, we need to be going into their neighborhoods, talking about our Democratic values and what we stand for, and getting people comfortable with us," McAuliffe says. "We can't continue to allow Republicans to go in and distort our position on issues and scare people."

That may not be as easy as it sounds.

Bill Daley, Al Gore's campaign chairman, points out that Democrats have to get over certain hurdles that Republicans do not. "Sure, Sept. 11 made it very hard to win this time," Daley says. "But Vietnam totally moved Democrats to a party that conveyed weakness, and we are still living with that. Since Vietnam, since the '60s, since Woodstock and all that, Democrats have had to convince people we are pro-American and pro-military and have values. The Democrats have an obligation to prove it, but it is a given for Republicans, even though they may have fewer values than Democrats."

There are other factors. It seems clear that while presidential candidates don't have to be warm and fuzzy, neither can they be cold and aloof.

"People have got to feel comfortable with you," McAuliffe says. "They want to be able to say, 'You know, he's a nice guy.'"

Or a nice woman, considering that one of the current front-runners for the 2008 nomination is

Hillary Clinton.

"In 2008, it is going to be Hillary and someone else (seriously fighting for the nomination)," David Axelrod, a Democratic strategist, says. "The question is who the someone else will be." John Edwards, John Kerry's running mate, Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh and Kerry are all seen as currently vying to be the "someone else."

Some, including Daley, believe that the Democrats will simply never win if they keep looking to Washington for their presidential candidates. Asked if that meant that in 2008, only governors need apply, Daley said: "Absolutely, for the time being. Or a senator or congressman who hasn't been there long and hasn't bought into the routine."

Anita Dunn, a Democratic strategist, agrees: "History shows us governors get elected more easily than senators. We should look to people who have won in Red States, like Mark Warner (governor of Virginia) and Evan Bayh (formerly a two-term governor of Indiana)." Other governors thought to be interested in 2008 include Tom Vilsack of Iowa, Bill Richardson of New Mexico, Janet Napolitano of Arizona and Phil Bredesen of Tennessee.

Whichever way the Democrats end up viewing the last election and planning for the next one, Dunn has one piece of advice almost as old as the party itself.

"We should not mourn," she says. "We should organize."

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# Church News

**First United Methodist Church**  
Sunday, Hispanic Missioner Agustin Ypina's sermon is titled "Being Born Again." The scripture text is John 3:1-8.

Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes meet at 9:45 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal is at 2 p.m. It is not too late to join the choir for a special Palm Sunday Cantata.

Children's Choir rehearsal is at 4 p.m. Parent's Night Out begins at 5 p.m. Child care is provided. The church offices will be closed Monday for President's Day.

The Open Door Class invites everyone to Fun Night Monday at 7 p.m. Centered in Praise ensemble rehearses Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Prayer time is available to everyone Thursday at noon or Friday at 7 a.m.

Make reservations now for the Passover Seder Celebration, which will be March 24, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cost of reservations is \$5, which will be offered back that evening.

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

**Cornerstone Church**  
Sunday, the Rev. Robert Owens from the Every Nation Ministries church in Reno, Nev., is the featured speaker.

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

Cornerstone, located at the corner of 12th and Owens streets, offers a family atmosphere of praise and worship. Morning worship begins at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday worship is at 7 p.m. Childcare is available for newborns through preschool. Call Pastor Craig or Cherise Felty at 263-3072 with any questions.

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Calvary Baptist Church welcomes all those who are looking for a place to worship. Calvary Baptist Church is located at 1200 W. Fourth Street. Preaching services are at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sunday, Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and Wednesday Bible study is at 5 p.m.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

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

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

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

**Life Church**

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

**East Fourth Street Baptist Church**

East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 401 E. 4th St. (432) 267-2291, offers these opportunities for Christian growth and service for Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m., morning worship/Lord's Supper; 4:45 p.m. youth, Girls in Action, Royal Ambassadors, Mission Friends and Mission Babies; 5 p.m. choir practice; 6 p.m. evening worship/opportunity meeting; Wednesday 7 p.m. Bible study and prayer meeting, youth. From 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Feb. 28 Children's Fellowship Movie Night with hot dogs, popcorn and fun.

**First Presbyterian Church**

The Rev. Matt Miles, minister will speak on text taken from John 3:1-17 at worship service. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 is at 10:35 a.m. Worship follows at 11 a.m.

Opportunities for the week include: Encouragers at 6 p.m. Monday; Presbyterian Women at 2 p.m. Tuesday; Working Women's Bible

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Study at 7 p.m. Tuesday; Confirmation Class at 5 p.m. Wednesday; Prayer service at 5:30 Wednesday; and choir practice at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

There is a Relay for Life pot luck luncheon after church Sunday. A dessert auction at that time will benefit Relay for Life.

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

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

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

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have its monthly meeting and breakfast Saturday starting at 8 a.m. in the chapel.

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

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

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

**Friends of Unity**

Meeting times at the Center are Sunday at 1 p.m. for a continuing study of "The Quest and Adventures on the Quest," Tuesday at noon for "Rising in Consciousness," by Joel Goldsmith and Wednesday at 5 p.m. for prayer and exploration of spiritual prosperity.

All meetings are open and everyone is welcome.

**East Side Baptist Church**

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at 7 p.m. This weeks sermon is titled "It's Mine and You Can't Have It."

**First Assembly of God**

John Barba will be the special guest speaker Sunday in the 10:40 a.m. service. He is the pastor of El Paso Urban Ministries, a ministry that reaches out to the inner city of El Paso. God has used John in a wonderful way during the past several years and he has seen many souls saved and changed and numerous miracles. Everyone is invited to hear John Barba as he ministers and shares at First Assembly.

In the service at 6 p.m. the Rev. R.T. Havener will be speaking on the subject, "Faith For Today." Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the coming of Jesus." So if we can find the secret of Noah's faith, then we too can be victorious in these last days.

The congregation of First Assembly, located at the corner of Fourth and Lancaster streets, invites the public to join them Sunday for a great day in God's presence.

**Spchea Homeschool Symposium**

Spker Hamby will be the speaker for the Spchea Home School Symposium March 4 and 5 at Calvary Baptist Church, 5301 82nd Street in Lubbock.

Mark Hamby is founder and president of Cornerstone Family Ministries and Lamplighter Publishing.

During the past two years, Mark has conducted hundreds of seminars for parents, teachers, pastors, teenagers and married couples. As an author, speaker and Bible teacher.

Home Educators Resource has both new and used curriculums, including Bob Jones, A Beka, literature-based curriculums and living whole books to buy, sell or trade.

Tim and Lyndsay Lambert from the Texas Home School Coalition will also be at the Symposium to encourage, inform and support those who homeschool. Admission is free.

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**Symphony Tickets**

The Big Spring Herald has tickets to be given away for the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's presentation of "An Encore Performance" at 8 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Municipal Auditorium.

To receive two free tickets to the concert, call 263-7331, ext. 236 at 11 a.m. Monday-Friday.

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## Club News

### Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Nancy Jones will speak about the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program.

All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

### TOPS TX 21

Co-leader Carol Smith presided when Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX 21 met Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 W. Third.

The opening prayer was voiced by Olnee Menges.

The TOPS pledge was recited by the nine members present and Shirley Jenkins led the group in singing the fellowship song.

Genay Bertran read the chuckle for the day, titled "Exercise Plan That Would Work" and Olnee Menges read the inspirational reading, titled "Love Overcomes."

Of the seven TOPS present, Hughetta Roberts was the week's best loser and the two Keep Off Pounds Sensibly (KOPS) present showed small gains but are both still in their allotted leeway. Roberts received the weekly best loser award and a certificate.

Members were reminded of the upcoming election of officers the first Monday night in March. They were also reminded

that to be elected for an office or to vote, they must be a member in good standing, both locally and internationally.

Carol Smith gave the program, titled "How Stress Makes You Gain Weight."

Interested in TOPS? Call 1-800-392-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758.

### Captain Elisha Mack Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

The regular meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution was Feb. 12 at 11:30 a.m. in the Big Spring Country Club. Those in attendance were Luci Schuelke Gabehart, Sue Ann Johnson Damron, Mary Thornton

Schuelke, Katie Lara, Sara Tipton, Heather Schuelke Schafer, Mary Skalicky, Carol Scott, Fern Alexander, Carole Lawson, Sherri Key and Charlene Ragan. Guests were Amanda Schafer of San Angelo, Dana Ruth Schafer of Garden City, Mary Brown of Stanton, Pauline Schuelke of Ackerly, Paula Gabehart of Hinton, Okla., and Janie Harrison of Big Spring.

Julia Cauble Smith gave a very interesting program, titled "Use it Up, Wear it Out, Make it Do or Do Without." The program was on the many uses women made of the feed sack fabric of the 30s, 40s and 50s.

The feed sacks were made into dresses, aprons, sheets, bonnets, kitchen towels and then the scraps were used to make quilts. Salt, sugar, tobacco, meal, flour and livestock feed were stored in these sacks.

Mary Schuelke, record-

ing secretary, has been invited to join the Alexander Love Chapter of the DAR at naturalization ceremonies in Houston March 25. She will represent the local chapter.

Anyone interested in more information about the DAR and how to become a member may call Mary Schuelke at 353-4337, Sue Ann Damron at 393-5790 or Lora Mae Pollard at 263-6473.

The purpose of the DAR is to perpetuate the memory of the men and women who served in some capacity to achieve American independence.

The DAR also educates the public about current political issues and encourages patriotic citizenship.

### Midland/Odessa Christian Women's Club

Midland/Odessa Christian Women's Club

will have a Texas Independence luncheon March 1 from 11:15 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. at Green Tree Country Club, located at 4900 Green Tree Blvd. in Midland. Kenney Dresel of Smith Barney will offer some tips on finances in Texas and Mike Sherrod will entertain with Tunes of Texas. Speaker Myrtis Anthony of Waxahachie will share how she lost a race while "Running the Race of Life."

Cost of the luncheon is \$11, payable at the door. A free nursery is provided at a local church and mothers are asked to bring a sack lunch for their child.

Midland/Odessa Christian Women's Club is non-denominational and has no membership or dues. All interested women are invited to attend. For luncheon and nursery reservations call Linda at 432-694-7014 or Alva at 432-520-4502.

## A Pastor's Message

Does your neighbor know what your church believes?

I was visiting with one of our church members the other day, and she told me about a recent conversation she had with one of her new neighbors.

After having invited this young man and his family to church, she was asked, "Well, what does your church believe?"



THE REV. GARY GROVES

Stumped for a moment, my friend replied, "First Christian is kind of a 'do you own thing' sort of place." The neighbor looked a little puzzled, but didn't ask for any further explanation. He and his family has yet to visit the church.

"Do your own thing," is one of my favorite expressions from the past. It rightly glorifies the value of individual expression and non-conformity. It also lifts up the importance of our uniqueness as human beings.

But then there's the flip side to the phrase. Do your own thing conjures up the image of one pursuing only selfish interests. Do your own thing can suggest a lack of focus, direction or conviction on the part of an individual.

Yes, do your own thing is an image we can use when talking about ourselves as a church and a denomination. But that's just one image — there's so much more to share. First Christian Church is certainly more than a hodge-podge of people

seeking to live out a faith in Christ on purely individualistic terms.

We are a church born in Big Spring some 123 years ago. As a denomination, we have a rich history and theology that has impacted the Christian community for more than two centuries. Who we are cannot be summed up by do your own thing.

We do, as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) claim certain beliefs. We do, as First Christian Church, have an understanding of the sacred. Every Sunday morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper and everyone in attendance is invited to share in the meal.

We challenge the individual to be responsible for one's own faith stances, growing in understanding through study, prayer and reflection. We believe in the unity that all Christians share in Christ.

As a church, we come together under the banner of Jesus Christ, even though we are a congregation of individuals from diverse backgrounds with diverse viewpoints. We come together — differences and all — to worship as the body of Christ. All of this is just a small part of who we are as First Christian Church and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Articulating who we are is an issue that confronts every Christian and every church member in every faith tradition.

Every one of us, whether we are Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal or non-denominational, must be ready to answer questions about our faith and about our church's beliefs. We

need not have to resort to murky statements like do your own thing when describing ourselves.

If we can't speak to a question like, "What does your church believe?" then we'll only see a lot of puzzled expressions along the way, while failing to have those important new faces with us on Sunday mornings.

The body of Christ is about forwarding the cause of Christ throughout our neighborhoods and our communities and throughout the entire world. We need to be about that business.

So, if you need some more hands-on information about First Christian Church of Big Spring and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), give me a call. I'd be honored to visit with you.

If you are a part of another church or faith tradition, call your pastor or church leader and get information that will help you speak confidently and passionately about your church.

I guarantee you will gain a whole new appreciation for who we are — not just as an individual church, but as members of the universal body of Christ here in Big Spring.

The Rev. Gary Groves is the interim minister of First Christian Church (Disciples

### Discover ASU days

Angelo State University has scheduled March 5, April 9 and April 23 as "Discover ASU" days. General information about financial aid, Carr Academic Scholarships, student organizations, residence halls and extracurricular activities will be presented. For more information, contact the ASU Admissions Office at 325-942-2058 or visit the Web site [www.angelo.edu](http://www.angelo.edu).

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## IN BRIEF

### 2005 Little League to hold signups

Sign-ups for the 2005 Big Spring Little League baseball season will take place this Saturday through Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

The league is for anyone ages five through 16 that live within the Big Spring little league boundaries. Registration is required even if a player has played before, at least one parent or guardian must be present and an original or state-certified copy of child's birth certificate is required.

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

### Class of 2005 to host fund-raiser

The Big Spring class of 2005 will be holding a softball fund-raiser at Cotton Mize Field March 11 and 12.

The entry fee will be \$125 and prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams. The final day to enter the tournament will be March 9.

For more information, contact J.R. Landin at 264-1736 or Able Rios at 213-2115.

### Lady Steer Booster Club meeting set

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

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

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

### Lady Steer Softball Booster meeting set

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

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

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 264-0023.

### Softball umpires needed for season

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

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

The Chicano Golf Association has set its first tournament of the year — the membership drive tourney — for Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. and all participants must be registered by 11 a.m.

This tournament was originally scheduled for Feb. 13, but the date has been moved up. For more information, call Billy Plineda at 264-7116.

## Trustees vote down Butler's extension

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Four Big Spring Trustees voted against extending Big Spring Athletic Director Dwight Butler's contract Thursday at the Big Spring school board meeting.

"I had an idea that there was some discussion about it," said Butler. "I work at the pleasure of Big Spring ISD and if they want me back or don't want me back then I guess I go from there."

"I have no negative things to say. Big Spring has been good to me and my family and the longevity has been great." Alan Partee made the motion to deny the contract extension and Maria Padilla seconded. Mike Dawson and Ricky



BUTLER

Robertson also voted for denial.

Phil Ferguon and Tony Kennedy voted against the motion, while Irene Bustamante abstained.

"Athletics is just part of life," added Butler. "There is always going to be ups and downs."

Butler became head football coach and athletic director at Big Spring in 1991.

He served as the team's defensive coordinator from the spring of 1988 until 1990.

"Our record speaks for itself," said Butler. "The current staff has a better overall record and more playoff appearances than any other staff in school history. We have nothing to be ashamed of."

"We are on a bit of a decline with athletes right now, but there are good kids coming up through the system."

Trustees would not immediately comment on the vote.

## N.M. knock out

• Howard men beat WJCAC rival Thunderbirds

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

HOBBS, N.M. — Freshman James Barrett gave the Howard men's basketball team the lead in the first half and freshmen Charles Burgess and Brandon Sampay, despite battling foul trouble, led the Hawks to the win in the second half as Howard defeated rival New Mexico JC, 71-61 in Hobbs, N.M.

Barrett scored 15 of his team-high 21 points in the first half, while Burgess and Sampay combined for 26 second half points.

Burgess failed to score in the first half, but finished with 14 points, while Sampay scored 12 of his 16 in the final 20 minutes. They both — along with starting point guard Rashad Mintz — played much of the second half with four fouls.

The game went back-and-forth in the first half as Howard was up 21-20

with about three minutes to play before halftime. Howard then scored six straight points before sophomore Munir Shakir connected on 3-pointer just before the first half buzzer, which put Howard up 30-22.

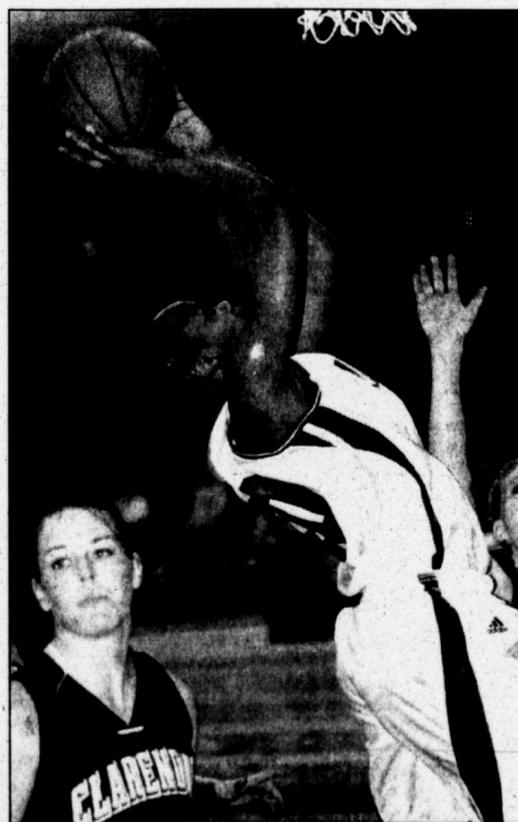
The Hawks began the second half with an 11-4 run led by Burgess' first six points of the game.

Howard led by as many as 15 points in the second half, but New Mexico got within four points late before Howard closed out the game at the free throw line. The Hawks outscored New Mexico in the second half 41-39 and made 16 of 24 free throws.

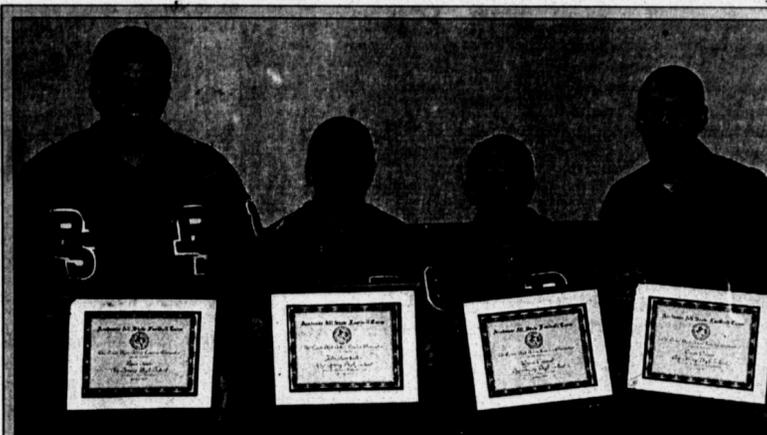
Burgess picked up his fourth foul with 12:15 to play in the game and Sampay got whistled for his fifth at the 10:30 mark. Neither played fouled out.

Todd McCoy led New Mexico JC with a game-high 22 points.

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Howard College freshman Latoya Fairley goes up for two points inside against Clarendon Monday. Fairley finished with a team-high 14 points Thursday during Howard's loss to New Mexico JC. Howard hosts Odessa College Thursday.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
Four Big Spring High School football team members recently were named to the Academic All-State team, including BSHS' first-ever first team selection. The honorees are, from left: First-teamer Ryan Yeats (3.9269 grade point average), honorable mention Jon Volker (3.5 GPA), second-teamer Regan Creswell (3.9231 GPA), and honorable mention Curtis Osburn (3.4166 GPA).

## B.S. foursome earns academic honor

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Four members of the Big Spring football team were honored at the Big Spring school board meeting for their selections to the academic all-state teams.

Seniors Ryan Yeats, Regan Creswell, Jon

Volker and Curtis Osburn were all selected to a team.

Yeats holds a 3.926 grade point average and was selected to the first team, while Creswell's 3.923 g.p.a earned him second team honors.

Volker and Osburn were both honorable mention selections.

Volker holds a 3.50 g.p.a., while Osburn isn't too far behind with a 3.41.

"They all exemplify everything that is good about athletics on and off the field," said Big Spring head football coach and Athletic Director Dwight Butler.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard freshman Rashad Mintz takes the ball to the basket against Clarendon Monday. The Hawks defeated New Mexico JC Thursday and improved to 7-3 in WJCAC play.

## Lady Steers get first wins at Fort Worth Tournament

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

FORT WORTH — Seniors Alex Watkins and Chelsea Abner pitched the Big Spring softball team to three wins Thursday at the Fort Worth Brewer Tournament. The Lady Steers defeated Fort Worth Brewer's 'white' team, Springtown and Nolan and improved their overall record to 3-1.

All games in the tournament consisted of four innings.

### Big Spring 5 F.W. Brewer White 1

Big Spring scored four runs in the second inning to claim a 5-1 win over the Brewer junior varsity team.

Brewer jumped out to a 1-0 lead after the first inning before Big Spring responded in the second. The Lady Steers scored their fifth run in the third inning.

Abner got the win on the mound as she pitched all four innings, gave up one run on five hits, while striking out two.

Big Spring's offense scored five runs, but only got two hits at the plate as most of its runs came from walks.

Senior Heather Vassar and sophomore Amber Sides each went one-for-two at the plate. Vassar scored a run and Sides added an RBI. Watkins, Abner, Courtney Rodriguez and Krista Chesworth scored the other four runs.

### Big Spring 9 Springtown 1

Big Spring scored seven of its nine runs in the first inning and cruised to a win over Springtown in game two of the tournament.

Watkins pitched all four innings, gave up one unearned run on two singles and struck out six batters.

Sides led the Lady Steers at the plate with three hits, a run and an RBI, while sophomore Katy Abner went two-for-

## Hawk women drop conference game to rival New Mexico

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

HOBBS, N.M. — The New Mexico Junior College Lady Thunderbirds started Thursday night's home game with Howard College 13-0 and never trailed by less than 10 the rest of the way as the Hawk women were defeated by their rival, 84-44.

New Mexico JC also used a 14-0 run just past the midway point in the first half and then ended the half on an 11-0 run. The Lady Thunderbirds led at halftime, 50-18.

"I don't know if we did anything very well," said Howard coach Earl Diddle. "New Mexico played a great game."

"We got into foul trouble and didn't rebound well," said Diddle. "Bad shots, bad rebounding and poor effort all led to the halftime deficit we

faceted."

Howard battled in the second half, but still managed to get outscored 34-26 as offensive rebounding by New Mexico (18-7, 5-4) plagued the Hawk women.

After a good start to the second half, Howard allowed New Mexico JC to roll of 14 straight points, which pushed the Lady Thunderbirds' lead to 70-24 with 12:24 to play.

Howard (12-15, 1-8) ended the game on a 10-0 run, but the margin at that point was too much to overcome.

"That was a little victory for us," said Diddle. "We played better defense in the second half after we shrunk the floor and cut down their easy baskets."

Freshman Latoya Fairley finished with a team-high 14 points, while freshman Ariel

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three and scored two runs. Vassar, Watkins, Chelsea Abner, Chesworth, junior Heather Policky, Rodriguez and senior Neisha Heinis all recorded one hit. Watkins also had two RBI.

Big Spring 3  
Nolan 0

Big Spring scored all three runs in the first inning and claimed its third win of the day against Nolan in the nightcap.

C. ABNER

Chelsea Abner pitched all four innings and struck out six batters in the shutout victory. She also had two hits and two RBIs at the plate.

Vassar went two-for-two at the plate, as well, and added a run and an RBI. Watkins and Katy Abner each got a hit and scored a run, while Chesworth went one-for-two.

"The pitching from both Chelsea and Alex was very good," said Big Spring coach Lea Daggett. "We cut back on our errors and the girls stepped up and focused a lot more than they did in our opener."

"We started slow early in the day, got a spark at the midway point and then took a break in the third game. It was cold and the kids wanted to go home I think."

The Lady Steers will play Godley at 3 p.m. today. If they win, they play again at 5 p.m., but a loss would create a 7 p.m. start.

WOMEN

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Rhodes had one of her best offensive games of the year, finishing with eight points, seven assists and four rebounds.

C. IARORA

Ciara Tidwell finished with nine points.

Howard shot 34 percent from the field and 57 percent from the foul line, while committing 17 turnovers.

The Hawk women will not play Monday, but return to action next Thursday at home against Odessa College.

"We need to look at the tape and try to improve," said Diddle.

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Howard will travel to Roswell, N.M. Monday to take on the New Mexico Military Institute before heading back to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum next Thursday to host Odessa College.

Midland defeated South Plains Thursday, which created a three-way tie for second place.

Howard, Midland and South Plains are all 7-3 in conference play with four games to go.

The top four teams in the conference advance to the Region V Tournament in Lubbock next month.

Frank Phillips defeated Odessa College Thursday to improve to a WJCAC leading 8-2.

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Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHS** The annual solar transit into Pisces starts like a poignant distant oboe solo. Melancholic stirrings confirm that something profound is about to happen, and indeed it will. But the big event is in our heart, mind and spirit, not an external plot twist we must react to. The moon harmonizes, moving into moody Cancer. Home wraps us in comfort.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're taken in by glamour, but who isn't? When the fog clears, just be sure you're good to the ones who are good to you, Loosen the purse strings — it's not a crime to spoil yourself or loved ones once in a while.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Anything having to do with the building of wealth and power gets your attention. Try to lighten up around loved ones, though. Fun has a more important role in your life than you may realize.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're getting stern with your personal life. You may even eliminate someone from further contention for the position of Mr./Ms. Right. Hey — the competition is tough! Finances reflect your new attitude.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Nothing is out of your league — unless you believe it is. Your self-imposed limitations are obvious to you now. Try to stretch the boundaries. Interview an Aquarius or Sagittarius, and consider strongly what you learn.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Events reinforce the idea that every ending is a new beginning. Don't skip the final stages of a cycle in order to get on with the new thing. This will only stunt your progress. Get closure where necessary.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Oh, the games you'll play — especially when it's about love! You appear not to care at all what the object of your desire thinks of you — how seductive. When you're not attached to the outcome, you win.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are unlimited possibilities of who you can be and what you can realize. Having more choices doesn't make you feel any more in control, though. To prevent confusion, identify specifically what fits your mission.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What wit! What style! Share your sassy musings. Socializing with you now is like biting into a scrumptious truffle; it leaves a wonderful taste in the mouth accompanied by the wanting for more.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You needn't feel guilty or mad when the financial scene doesn't quite balance out. Chalk it up to a revenue shortfall, and move on. Keeping money in its proper perspective is a challenge. Put people first!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your tolerance is low for people who come across as powerless to improve things. You know it's an act, something they've convinced themselves of that has nothing to do with reality. Don't give in!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you are rich in terms of time and a sense of fulfillment, then you are rich indeed. Tonight, it's lucky to put yourself into a deeply relaxed and tranquil state to review and refine your goals.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You could come to the realization that you are the person who needs to change. Instead of seeing the weaknesses in the other person, re-direct your thoughts. Take the necessary action.

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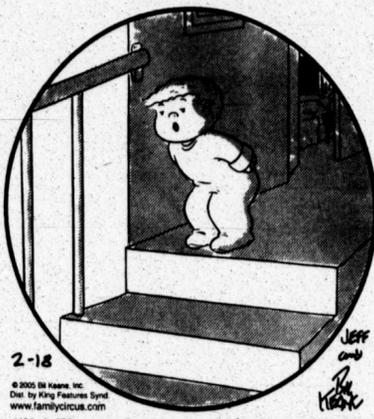
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 2005. There are 316 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 18, 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the United States for the first time.

Valley, Calif., by Vice President Nixon. In 1970, the "Chicago Seven" defendants were found innocent of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention. In 1972, the California Supreme Court struck down the state's death penalty. In 1977, the space shuttle Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its maiden "flight" above the Mojave Desert.

Answer to previous puzzle: A grid of letters forming words like PINTA, ANTE, STLO, ANAIS, MARX, THOU, COUGH, SYRUP, URLS, ENTREE, CEE, DOLT, ISTO, DRUSEUS, OPTS, OPS, TANG, ROO, URAL, OTHER, SOUS, TATAR, SPRY, OHGEE, HOVA, ULE, HATS, NED, RIES, SABBATH, RILE, EBRO, AOL, SAHARA, DOER, DOUGHMIXER, GIAN, ICKY, BRONC, ELKE, AHEM, SENDS.

Newsday Crossword

HI, SWEETIE by Ann W. Masten Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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# Golf Insider

By T.J. TOMASI

## BIRDIES AND BOGEYS

### Michelle's Fanny

Michelle Wie's father recently announced that with the recommendation of her teacher, David Leadbetter, Michelle will have Fanny Sunesson totting her bag at the Safeway International tournament in Arizona in mid-March and at the Kraft Nabisco Championship at the Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif., the following week.

Fanny, one of the best in the business, caddied for Nick Faldo for years before moving on to Sergio Garcia for a brief period, after which it was back to Nick. She is reported to be the first caddie to top the \$1 million mark in career earnings, making her the Cadillac of all loopers.

Fanny is used to the pressure and will be a stabilizing influence on the young teenager. If a few putts drop, they could make a little history at Mission Hills.

But that's not the only reason Michelle and Fanny are a perfect fit; Wie is a "professional" shopper and Fanny has her own clothing line — and on the LPGA Tour, these are the ties that bind.

### Quiz masters

Which name doesn't belong: Jack Nicklaus, Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen, Tiger Woods, John Ball, Ben Hogan, Gary Player, Arnold Palmer, Tom Watson?

If you said John Ball, I wouldn't blame you, but you would be wrong. Actually, this is a trick question. All the names belong because the list contains the names of the players with the most major championship wins (men's pro and amateur combined), ranging from the most — Jack Nicklaus with 20 — to the fewest — Palmer and Watson with eight. John Ball won nine majors (one British Open and eight British Amateurs) over a 22-year period from 1888 to 1912.

## GOLF BY THE NUMBERS

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Tag Ridings shot 33 on the back nine at the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic without making a birdie — that's zero birdies. How did he do it? He set a PGA Tour record by making two eagles and one double eagle. He made four bogies, two pars, a double eagle and two eagles for a 3-under 33.



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With his 41st win on the PGA Tour this winter at the Buick Invitational, Tiger Woods is halfway to the all-time tournament wins record of 82 held by Sam Snead.

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The number of shots David Duval missed the cut by at the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic at the end of January. The main culprit was his driver: He hit less than 50 percent of the fairways in regulation and only two in the third round (on his way to an 85 at Tamarisk). To add to his woe, Duval had an 82 on the Palmer course, the course where he shot 59 to win the Hope in 1999 — that's a 23-shot difference.

## EQUIPMENT

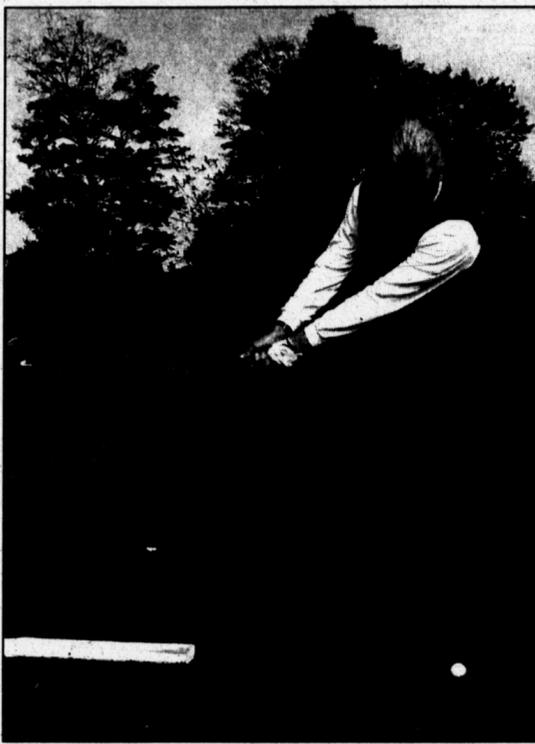
### That little black ball

With PGA Tour wins already in 2005 from two of its players — Tiger Woods and Justin Leonard — officials at Nike Golf almost felt like a third one came out of the recent FBR Open in Scottsdale, Ariz.

All because of a black golf ball with a gold swoosh on it. Placed on a tee at your local municipal course, it would have been cool enough. Used at the TPC at Scottsdale by Nike staff members Leonard, Stewart Cink, K.J. Choi and Rory Sabbatini as a promotional tool for a black version of the Nike One Black, it was very cool, hyped by 35,000 mostly beer-goggled fans at the rowdiest hole in golf, the par-3 16th.

Cink holed his black Nike One Black

## IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



Your chest should be your point of concentration because it is the "master mover," meaning that when you move your chest, your arms and shoulders move. Your chest must move from its original position (left) straight back about 6 inches until it is over your back instep (right).

# Push-back drill improves takeaway

The first move you make with your golf swing is the most important. Make a mistake here and you'll have to compensate elsewhere during your swing to make it right.

Several mistakes are possible on the first move. You can reverse pivot — an error where you transfer weight to your front foot instead of your back foot. You can roll your arms too much — turn your lead forearm over the trail forearm.

You can experience arm "runoff" where you move your arms first with little or no shoulder movement. Or you can lift the club head too soon, using your arms and hands exclusively with no body coil.

The "push-back drill" cures all the above mistakes. That's why I like it.

Tee up a ball and place a two-by-four on the target line directly behind it, leaving enough room for the club head. Then take your nor-

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mal stance with a 7-iron, making sure that your lead arm and the club form a straight line from your shoulder all the way down to the club head. I am demonstrating this position in the left-hand photo above.

Now push the board back until it is well outside your back foot before allowing the club head to elevate. When you get through you should look like I do in the second photo.

In order to push the board back that far you will have to move your chest. Your chest should be your point of concentration because it is the "master mover," meaning that when you move your chest, your arms and shoulders move. Your chest must move from its original position in photo 1 straight back about 6 inches until it is over your back instep as mine is in photo 2.

When done properly, you should be able to notice these key points: Your lead shoulder has moved back 6 inches (the same amount as the center of your chest), while moving out toward the camera about 2 inches and dropping 6 inches. Also, your trail arm is higher than your lead arm.

Use a board and a mirror to practice this move (also called the "takeaway") until you own it. It is a fundamental building block of a sound, consistent swing.

## THE GOLF DOCTOR

### Handshake etiquette

Renowned golf instructor Bob Toski says: "A firm handshake doesn't reveal a thing about character. All it tells me is you're probably going to hold the club too tight." Good point; Toski said this to emphasize the importance of keeping your grip pressure soft enough to allow for the proper setting and releasing of the hands during the golf swing.

But according to a recent study at the University of Alabama, published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, a firm handshake is indeed related to some aspects of a person's personality. The study finds that those with firm handshakes are more extroverted, open to experience and less neurotic and shy than those with less firm or limp handshakes.

In the junior golf program at my club (Lyman Orchards, in Middlefield, Conn.), a firm handshake is part of golf etiquette education. We emphasize to the youngsters that when they join a group of golfers on the first tee, the first impression is important.

We use the Post etiquette recommendations (first Emily, and now her grandson Peter):

- Look the other person in the eye.
- Repeat the person's name and say you're pleased to meet him or her.
- Give him a firm handshake, but don't "bone crush" him.

Unfortunately, some of the people you meet in golf may not have gone through our junior program, so beware the "bone crushers" (especially if you have arthritis in your hands). Hall-of-fame golfer Gary Player has a special handshake to avoid injury: He slides his hand deep into the palm and locks in on the thumb area.

This prevents the squeezing of his hand at the middle joints of his fingers. Or you could send the Posts packing and politely refuse to shake hands at all, a la Donald Trump or author James Joyce. When a fan once asked if she "could kiss the hand that wrote 'Ulysses,'" Joyce declined, saying that his hand had done much more than just write "Ulysses."



## TEEING OFF

# Sleep learning can help with golf problems

Studies show that babies can learn while they sleep. Researchers from Finland, using a technique that records mental activity associated with the brain's learning center, have found that babies can distinguish sounds they have been taught while asleep.

The research did not cover how adults learn in their sleep, but it is true that in adults, part of the brain stays alert while sleeping as it performs its main function — problem-solving.

Sleep learning goes back to the earliest Babylonian cuneiform writing. The custom of "sleeping on a problem" comes from the ancient Greeks ("enkoimesis": sleeping in the sanctuary). I'm a firm believer in the power of sleep learning and I often recommend it to my students when they have a particularly difficult golf problem to solve.

A case in point: I experienced this for the first time as young pro, teaching a Vermont dentist who had problems with his hip action. I spent some time kneeling by his left hip (he's a right-handed player) as he hit golf balls, tugging on his left belt loops as he completed his backswing. The idea was to give him the feel of starting his downswing by turning his hips to the left before he had uncoiled his shoulders.

He understood what we were working on intellectually, but was having a hard time putting it into practice until one day he showed up and excitedly proclaimed: "I've got it. It came to me last night in a dream."

He went on to tell me that for days he had gone to bed thinking about turning his hips, but nothing happened. One night he dreamt he was playing basketball and the feeling he was looking for was the same one he had had in high school, when he faked a defender to the right and then took him off the dribble to the left. His brain had figured it out while he was sleeping, and his handicap, which had been stuck at four, dropped quickly to one and stayed there.

If there is something in your golf swing you need to figure out, write it down and read it before bedtime. In two weeks, if it's solvable, you'll have your answer.

## ASK THE PRO

**Q:** Over the last few years, I've played with some really long hitters. No matter what I do, I cannot keep up with them and I've come to grips with it. My problem is that no matter how hard I swing, my ball comes out of the gates smoking, but dies and drops fast. Whereas most people's golf balls continue to bounce forward when they land, mine generally stop where they land. Can I correct this? — Kyle D., from the Web

**A:** Without getting too technical, I can tell you this: No matter how fast you swing the club, you will hit it farther if you can launch it higher with less backspin. To accomplish this, try the following:

- Move the ball up in your stance, directly opposite your front big toe.
- Tee the ball much higher — use one of those new long tees (4 inches).
- Set up with your back shoulder slightly lower and place more weight on your back foot.
- Take care to keep your head behind the ball through impact.
- Flatten your swing plane by swinging the club more around you.
- Use a more flexible shaft with a lower kick point.
- Use a deep-faced, big-headed driver.

Hitting the ball a long way involves attention to a number of factors, the most important of which are your launch angle, your spin rate and the solidness of contact. When you have these under control, you can go after the ball as hard as you want.

## SCHEDULE

All Times EST  
PGA TOUR: Nissan Open

- Site: Los Angeles.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
- Course: Riviera Country Club (7,247 yards, par 71).
- Purse: \$4.8 million. Winner's share: \$864,000.
- TV: USA (Thursday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.) and ABC (Saturday, 3-6 p.m., Sunday, 3-6:30 p.m.).

### CHAMPIONS TOUR: ACE Group Classic

- Site: Naples, Fla.
- Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
- Course: The Club at TwinEagles (7,102 yards, par 72).
- Purse: \$1.6 million. Winner's share: \$240,000.
- TV: The Golf Channel (Friday-Sunday, 1:30-4 p.m., 9-11:30 p.m.).

### LPGA TOUR

- Next event: SBS Open at Turtle Bay, Feb. 24-26, Turtle Bay Resort, Palmer Course, Kahuku, Hawaii.



there for a 30-foot birdie. During the third round, Cink, Sabbatini and Choi wound up paired together, drawing even more attention to the black ball, which will be sold in limited quantities, with two added to each dozen of either the white Nike One Black or Nike One Gold's.

John Cook actually played the black ball first, at the Sony Open at Hawaii in January.

"You have to just forget about the ball and swing the club," Cink said. "It's hard to see it if you don't hit the green."

Nike's Dean Stoyer said the company made certain that changing to the black ball in midround would be legal, discussing it beforehand with both PGA Tour and USGA rules officials. A substituted ball must match specifications of the original ball, but paint color does not matter.

Stoyer said the ball might appear again at a high-profile par-3, perhaps this week at Riviera Country Club during the Nissan Open. There even is talk about the island par-3 17th at TPC Sawgrass during The Players Championship, but Stoyer said, "That might be a little risky."

—Glenn Sheeley, Cox News Service