

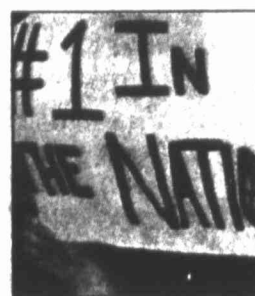
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Early voting going smoothly for March primaries

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Cold and rainy weather may have put the squelch on early voting in the political party primaries over the last couple of days, but according to election officials things are moving along smoothly.

Saundra Bloom, election administrator for the county, said early voting has slacked-off since it opened Tuesday, part of a common

trend in primary elections.

"It's pretty common to have early voting numbers drop the third or fourth day of the election," said Bloom. "We started out Tuesday with 215 ballots, then dropped to 181 Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon we only had 86."

Figures indicate that 140 ballots — 134 at the poll and 16 mail-in ballots — have been cast in the Democratic primary, while 364 —

350 at the poll and 14 mail-in ballots — have been cast in the Republican primary.

"We expect to see things pick back up next week, depending on the weather," said Bloom.

Early voting will continue through March 3 at the courthouse, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Republican and Democratic pri-

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Polls are open at the county courthouse until 7 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Mental health

Mileage, money key factors in addressing needs in rural Texas

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

When talking about crisis mental health care in West Texas, conversation always comes back to mileage and money.

Mental health care providers and clients spent much of Thursday at Big Spring State Hospital addressing a state committee tasked with recommending changes to the state's method of providing mental health crisis services and treatments.

And when talking about those services, especially in spread-out West Texas, miles and money were topics that couldn't be avoided.

Crisis care — a variety of issues dealing with non-acute and out-patient mental health care — has not been significantly addressed by state officials, a situation the committee aims to correct, said Dr. Steven Shon, co-chairman of the commit-

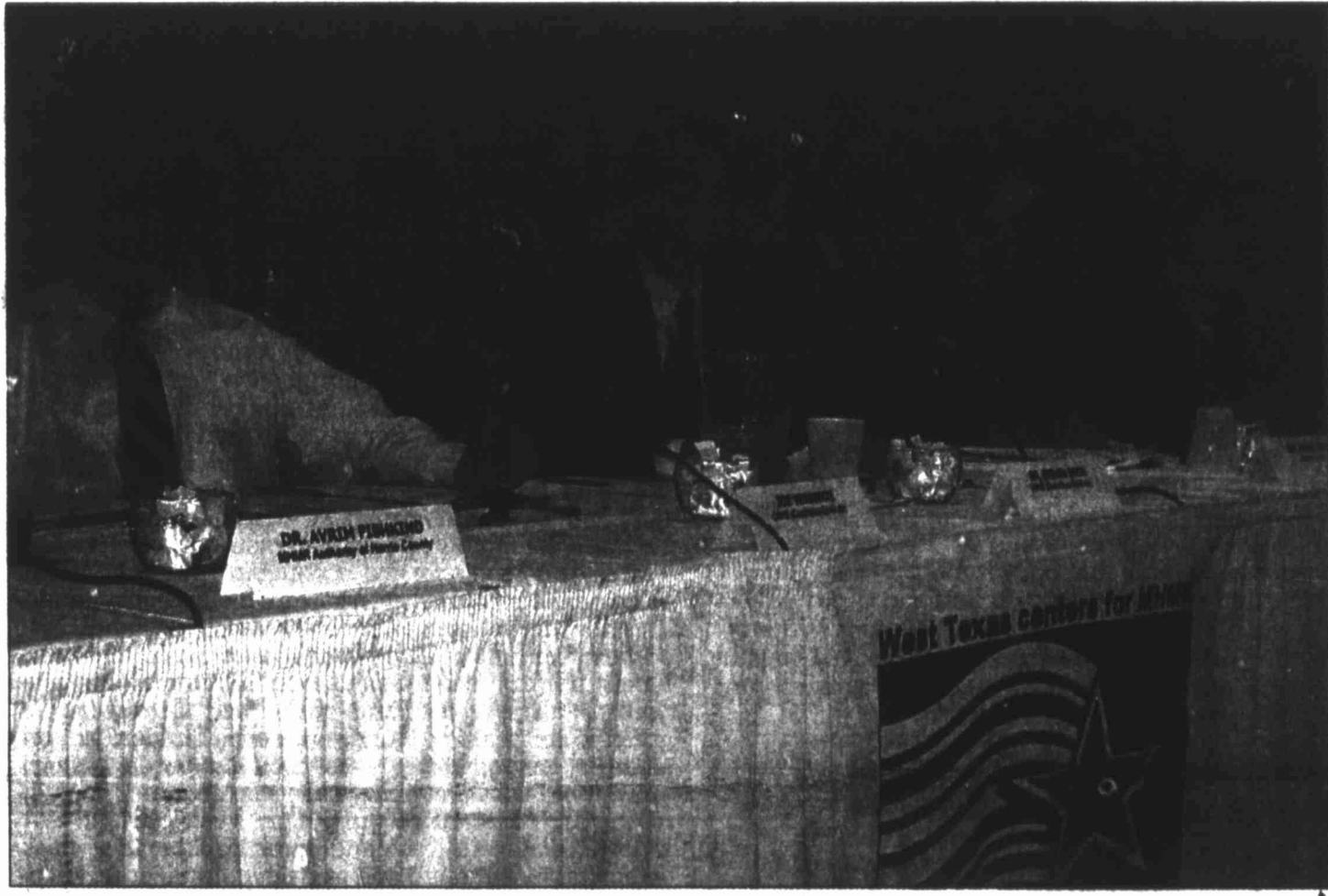
tee. "The committee's purpose is to develop and recommend a comprehensive array of services that best the crisis care needs of Texans," said Dr. Shon.

When devising those recommendations, area mental health officials hope committee members keep rural needs and problems in mind.

West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Retardation, which provides crisis mental health care to people in a 23-county area, sponsored the event, and officials took the opportunity to tell committee members about some of the special challenges faced by rural health care providers.

Shelley Smith, CEO for WTCMHMR, said that,

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Dr. Steven Shon, co-chairman of the Crisis Redesign Committee, addresses the audience during a public hearing at the Big Spring State Hospital Thursday. The committee is gathering testimony prior to submitting proposed changes in crisis mental health care practices in Texas.

Necessity mother of invention, area officials inform committee

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Making do with less is a fact of life for a lot of people — mental health care officials included.

In testimony before a state committee Thursday at Big Spring State Hospital, area government and mental health officials said they have had to become innovative when dealing with crisis care issues.

But that innovation was born out of necessity, they say, because of a

lack of funding and other resources.

Crisis care — which encompasses a large range of non-acute and out-patient mental health care issues — is becoming more and more of a priority among state and local officials. And with state hospitals at or near capacity, that trend is only going to continue.

Ed Moughon, superintendent at Big Spring State Hospital, said those efforts are much appreciated.

"We have seen a drop in our

admission from areas that have a real robust ... service program," Moughon said. "Some of the patients they could have sent us have been stabilized at home — which is good, because we're full."

Area officials told committee members that a number of alternative methods of dealing with crisis care are being examined.

Again, it's more a matter of necessity than anything else, they said.

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Researchers find virus in some men with prostate cancer

By **PAUL ELIAS**
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In a surprising discovery, researchers say they have found a virus in some prostate cancer patients, a finding that opens new research avenues in the most common major cancer among

men in the United States.

The virus, closely related to one previously found only in mice, was found in cancerous prostates removed from men with a certain genetic defect. The researchers, with the University of California, San Francisco and the Cleveland Clinic, warn

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—Dr. Eric Klein

that they have not discovered any links between the virus and prostate cancer, but they were nonetheless excited about the prospects for future

research.

"It is a very exciting discovery," said Dr. Eric Klein of the Cleveland Clinic, who will present the findings today at an American Society of Clinical Oncology prostate symposium in San Francisco. "There is now a suggestion that prostate cancer could be

caused by an infectious disease."

Infectious disease-causing viruses are already blamed for causing some liver cancers and cervical cancer. That has planted nagging suspicions in the minds of scientists that some diseases may play

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School board candidate workshop

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop Monday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Region 18 Education Service Center, 2811 LaForce Blvd., Conference Center, Rooms A & B, in Midland.

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information. Participants will also view A Call to Service, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

Return sender — to jail

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — A man who allegedly mailed a half-pound of marijuana without an address label on the package was arrested after authorities returned it to its sender.

Steven Coburn, 48, of Mill Valley was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of drug possession for sale and investigators found another 1 1/2 pounds of marijuana worth \$10,000 at his home behind Tamalpais High School, said Det. Matt Lethin of the Marin County Major Crimes Task Force.

The private Corte Madera shipping company where Coburn tried to mail the package on Feb. 16 followed company protocol by opening the package to see whether the label was accidentally sealed inside, Lethin said.

"Once they opened it up and saw what was inside, they immediately called law enforcement," Lethin said. Investigators said they are not sure whether Coburn forgot to affix the address label or it fell off, but it had a return address on it that led to Coburn.

Obituaries

Kerri Jo Read Lane



Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind," and, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

This is the testimony of the life of Kerri Jo Read Lane — loving mother, beloved daughter and devoted friend. Simply put, she loved the Lord.

No other words can capture her spirit; no list of accomplishments and achievements. The Lord was her light and His light shone gloriously through her eyes, her laughter and her precious daughters, Carlee and Jolee.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

Trust became the center of her courageous battle with cancer and blossomed from hope to fulfillment when she left us to rejoice in the Lord's presence Feb. 22, 2006, at age 44. Kerri's spirit testified to the conviction that she was healed, a truth that she realized fully in the presence of His angels on this day.

The legacy of her life and the heritage she leaves her children is the aroma of the grace, generosity, kindness, humility, forgiveness, trust, love and joy that she gave to all who were blessed to know and love her. A gift of the Lord, it was never about Kerri, always about Him.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-40

She will be dearly missed by her Highland Church of Christ family and her fellow leaders at Bible Study Fellowship. A dedicated volunteer at Highland, she served with the Hospice Singers, Oasis meals, Communion preparation, Ladies Bible Study class and with Joyce Doyle in designing several church directories. She was also an active volunteer in her children's Bonham Elementary classrooms.

Kerri was born Jan. 29, 1962, in Pleasanton and earned a degree in graphic arts from TSTI in Amarillo. She is survived by her husband, Tony and her daughters, Carlee, 9 and Jolee, 6 in Abilene.

She is also survived by her mother and father, Marilyn and Bob Read of Big Spring; one sister and brother-in-law, Kim and Gary Roberts of Perryton; one brother and sister-in-law, Jim Bob and Cindy Read of Lubbock; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Sue and Kenneth Lane of Big Spring; several beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles; and her extended family of Highland Church of Christ.

A family burial service is planned in Big Spring. The family will receive friends at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home today from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. at 906 S. Gregg.

An Abilene memorial service for friends and family will take place Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at 11 a.m. at Highland Church of Christ at 425 Highland Ave, Abilene.

The family will receive friends immediately following the Highland memorial service.

Memorials may be made to the As He Leads Ministry at Highland Church of Christ, 425 Highland Ave., Abilene 79605 or Bible Study Fellowship International, 19001 Huebner Road, San Antonio 78258-4019.

Big Spring arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Augustina Vejil

Augustina Vejil, 74, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at Hospice House of Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Goldie Elizabeth Anderson



Goldie Anderson passed away at home Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, following a cancer diagnosis in late November. Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at 1 p.m. at the Peace Chapel, Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

She was born Goldie Elizabeth Ellis Jan. 23, 1924, in Davis, Okla., to Robert and Loisie Elizabeth Wishard Ellis.

Mrs. Anderson is survived by four children and their spouses, SFC (US Army Ret) Ronnie and Ellen Anderson of Caney, Okla., Donald and June Anderson of Hawley, HM1 (US Navy Ret) Billy and Faye Anderson of Sterling City and one daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Wayne Stroup of Big Spring.

"Grandma" Anderson is survived by her grandchildren and their spouses, Stephanie and Cpt. Darryl Hammonds (USMC) of Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif., Carrie Godwin of Littleton, Colo., Amber and Kevin Rich of Big Spring, Bill and Linda Godwin of Blackhawk, Colo., Brett and Tera Anderson of Nacogdoches, Stacy and Ronnie Stokes of Lubbock, Neal and Janet Anderson of Ballinger, SSG Jason Anderson (US Army) and his fiancé, Heather Roberts, both of Abilene, Shane Anderson of Everette, Wash., and siblings Ashley, Jeremy and Laura Anderson of Washington state, Elizabeth and Daniel Ellison of Abilene and Kayne and Natalie Stroup of San Antonio.

The grandsons and grandsons-in-law will be serving as pallbearers and honorary pallbearers.

"MeMaw" Anderson waited patiently for 11 years after her first grandchild wed, without any great-grandchildren. Her patience was eventually rewarded and she is survived by eight great-grandchildren, Riley Grace Stokes, Nathan Rayne Rich, Ethan Zane Hammonds, Stephen Ross Anderson, Abby Lynn Ellison, Emma Leah Ellison, Brianna Lyn Godwin and soon-to-be baby girl, Reagan Faith Stokes.

Mrs. Anderson is also survived by her two beloved pugs, Millineum Babe "Millie," and Miss Wiggles of Big Spring and also her grand-dogs, Kata and Sadie of San Antonio.

Goldie married Floyd Anderson, who preceded her in death Jan. 18, 1999. Her parents also preceded her in death, as well as six siblings, her twin, John Ellis, brothers, Jack and Leroy Ellis and sisters, Inez Thurman, Willie Mae Dewees and Mary Louise Wheeler. Loved ones also preceding her in death included an infant grandson, Michael Anderson in 1972 and his mother, Dene Anderson in 2000.

Mrs. Anderson's formal occupation would be listed as homemaker. However, a past birthday proclamation lists her lifetime occupations as seamstress, hairdresser, farm equipment assembler, tractor driver and farm hand, first aid nurse, snake exterminator, milkshake maker, turtle-feeder and care-taker, bird-waterer, green cake maker, laundress, fence-builder, cotton stomper, coupon cutter, chief cook and bottle washer, babysitter, salesman and garage sale diva, nursemaid, tooth fairy assistant/tooth-puller, veterinarian, evil kineval, magic suitcase and trunk packer, first class detective, bloodhound and eagle eye, innkeeper, keeper of the games, costume-maker, tee-pee constructor, knife-wielder, pallet-sleeper and lunch-packer.

Goldie was honored with an 80th birthday proclamation in 2004. This is a quote from that proclamation: "All this, she did: and she did it before fast food, without credit cards, baby sitters, housekeepers, internet service or cell phones."

The family requests donations in lieu of flowers, to your favorite charity or to one of the following: Relay for Life in care of the SMMC Relay Team, 1601 W. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720; Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh Street, Big Spring 79720; the Diana Currie Nichols Scholarship Fund, in care of Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720; or the New Hope Christian School Scholarship Fund, 118 Cedar, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Delores Majors

Delores Majors, 69, of Edgewood, formerly of Coahoma, died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, in a Terrell hospital. Graveside services are Saturday Feb. 25, 2006, at 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Cemetery, with the Rev. Mark Winn, pastor of First Baptist Church of Sand Springs, officiating.

She was born Oct. 4, 1936, and married O.D. Majors Oct. 6, 1951, in Clovis, N.M. She was an artist and a hairdresser.

She lived in Coahoma from 1992-2005, when she moved to Edgewood.

She was preceded in death by her husband O.D. Majors in July of 2002, her son, Ricky Majors in April of 2002, her father, Alfred Ray, and her mother, Myrtle Ray.

Survivors includes two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Selicia Majors of Ardmore, Okla., and Christopher and Julie Majors of Edgewood; one daughter, Tresa Majors of Big Spring; five granddaughters; five grandsons; and five great-children.

Online condolences can be made at clarkcoskey@cox.net.

Joe H. Ratliff



Joe H. Ratliff, 92, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, in a local retirement center. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Joel Miller, pastor of North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

He was born Dec. 8, 1913, in Mills County and married Modene Singleton Aug. 17, 1935, in Goldthwaite. She preceded him in death Nov. 13, 1999.

Mr. Ratliff came to Howard County in 1940 and had worked for Continental Oil Company for 37 years until retiring. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include one son, Edell Ratliff of Buffalo Gap; one daughter, Omega Middleton of Moultrie, Ga.; one daughter-in-law, Mary Beth Ratliff of Fort Worth; one brother, Fadie Ratliff of Zephyr; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, John Weldon Ratliff and Dee Arvin Ratliff, one daughter, Blanche Miller, four brothers and two sisters.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Velma M. Ward

Velma M. Ward, 84, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, in a local care facility. Funeral services are 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo.

She is survived by her children, Dan Ward and his wife, Rita of Denver, Colo., Ron Ward of San Angelo, Herbert Ward of Austin and Ryon LeClaire of Lancaster, Penn.

Burial will be in Coahoma Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo.

Dorothy Odhong

Dorothy Odhong, 48, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mamie J. Roberts

Mamie J. Roberts, 100, of Big Spring died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- PATRICIA ROBERSON, 22, of 1312 Lindbergh, was arrested Thursday and held for the HCSO.
- MARGIE GONZALES, 39, of 112 Cedar Road, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- BRANDON JONES, 22, of 1109 Ridgeroad, was arrested Thursday on six local warrants and a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- CARMELITA JOHNSON, 42, of 2536 Langley, was arrested Thursday on two local citations.
- SANJUANA PEACOCK, 45, of 703 E. 15th Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOE LOUIS BARRERA, 37, of 703 E. 15th Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- OSCAR HERNANDEZ, 39, of 703 E. 15th Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while

- intoxicated.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 800 block of Owens.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 1600 block of Third Street.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 700 block of Settles.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1900 block of Scurry.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 500 block of State.

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Sheriff's report

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

- TONY RAY BINGHAM, 24, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- FRANKLIN KYLE CASEY, 44, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- STEVEN LOYD BATEMAN, 26, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief/family violence and unlawful restraint.

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CARE

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Mark Williams, Tom Green County chief juvenile probation officer, said that a majority of children processed through his office have mental health needs.

"I don't know why that is," he said. "I just know that every day, I see more and more children involved with drugs (and other mental health problems)."

The problem has become so acute that Williams has coordinated with local mental health and mental retardation officials to have a case worker based out of his office.

In dealing with adults, Tom Green officials have launched a program in which "mental health deputies" screen arrestees, then decide whether to refer them to MHMR officials or allow them to be incarcerated.

That approach, San Angelo officials said, has had two positive results — persons who need mental health care are getting it; and jail population figures are starting to trend down.

Senior citizens with mental health needs have not been forgotten, either. Bill Thaxton runs the Tumbleweed Care Center in Brownfield, a nursing home for patients with behavioral problems. The center, the only one of its kind in Texas, accepts referrals from across the state, which puts a burden on resources, he said. The problem is compounded because crisis mental health care costs are not covered by Medicaid, Thaxton added.

Officials also touted the need for more "respite care" facilities, centers which provide care for patients who are not in need of long-term hospitalization.

Janet Payne, mental health director for West Texas Centers for MHMR, said the center provides a 12-bed respite care facility for clients in WTCMHMR's 23-county service area.

Services at the facility range from overnight stays to "step down" care for clients recently released from state hospitals who are not quite ready to go home to acute, "arm's length" 24-hour observation with a case worker in constant attendance with the client.

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EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Young. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was trans-

ported to the VAMC.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 800 block of Abrams. Service was refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 700 block of West FM 700. Service was refused.

MHMR

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while the center's service area is sparsely populated, it is the largest MHMR center area in the state, covering 25,000 square miles, or 10 percent of Texas.

The large coverage area makes rapid crisis response a challenge, Smith noted.

WTCMHMR currently employs 39 case managers to cover the service area. With so few covering so large an area, avoiding

burnout is a constant battle, she said. In 2005, case manager turnover rate for the MHMR center was 52 percent, Smith said.

Other problems facing the center include:

- A limited number of private mental health care providers in the area.
- A relatively small number of law enforcement officers in the area. Smith noted that some counties have only one or two deputies per shift who could assist case managers when needed.
- Limited number of primary

health care providers in the area, compounded by a general lack of public transportation.

With the MHMR center's resources stretched so thin, Smith said increased financing is a must.

"We need increased funding for our area mental health services, because this is just a large geographic area," Smith said.

Landon Sturdivant, assistant director of WTCMHMR, said the center averages about 200 crisis calls and 100 response team activations per month, which keeps officials busy, to say the least.

The message behind all those figures, Sturdivant said, is that rural problems and needs can't be ignored when devising solutions at the state level.

"The message we're trying to get out is that you cannot devise just one solution to fit everyone in the state," he said. "You have to consider the particular area you're dealing with."

Smith echoed his comments: "The message we're trying to drive home is that there's not a 'one size fits all' approach to the situation."

VOTE

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maries will be held jointly, with election day set for March 7.

The county elections office has lined up several special dates and times for early voting, in an effort to give area residents as many chances as possible to cast their ballots.

Today, early voting will be held until 7 p.m. to accommodate voters who cannot get to the polls until after work. The early poll will also be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

This year's primaries feature a number of hotly contested local races.

Walter Brumley Jr. filed his candidacy to run on the Republican ticket for the Precinct 4 seat on the Howard County Commissioners Court in March, putting himself head-to-head with fellow GOP candidate Roy D. Beauchamp. The winner will face off against incumbent Gary Simer in November, who failed to draw an opponent on the Democratic ballot.

Simer isn't the only commissioner who will have to go to the polls in 2006, as the race for County Commissioner Precinct 2 has drawn two candidates, incumbent Jerry Kilgore and challenger Kathy Lusk, both Republicans.

The race for Howard County Judge has drawn five candidates. Local accountant Mark Morgan is challenging incumbent Ben Lockhart in the Republican primary. On the other side of the ticket, Democratic candidates Woody Jumper, Ron L. "Smurf" Sawyers and Mark Barr will vie for their party's nod for the November election.

The race for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Place 2, will be decided in November as incumbent

Kathryn Wiseman faces off against challengers Laura Jeanne Wilson and Robert G. "Bob" Smith on the Republican ticket.

The seat drew a single Democratic candidate, as local resident Bobby Roever will go unopposed in the Democratic primary. Roever will face the winner of the Republican primary in November.

Several incumbent officials have filed for re-election and are currently unopposed, including District Judge Robert H. Moore III; District Clerk Colleen Barton; County Treasurer Teresa Thomas; Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 Quail Dobbs; County Clerk Donna Wright; and County Surveyor Michael McBrayer.

The District 85 seat on the Texas House of Representatives, current-

ly held by Democrat Pete Laney, who announced he would not run for re-election, is up for grabs in 2006.

The race has drawn three candidates, including Big Spring businessman and attorney Drew Mouton, who announced his candidacy on the Republican ticket. Mouton is the only Big Spring resident vying for a state seat during the 2006 primaries.

Mouton will be challenged in the March primary by fellow GOP candidate and Plainview businessman Jim Landtroop. Joe Heflin, county judge of Crosbyton, filed to run on the Democratic ticket, and is unopposed.

The race for the District 19 seat on the U.S. House of Representatives has drawn three candidates.

Incumbent Republican candidate Randy Neugebauer is set to defend his seat against the lone Democratic nomination, Robert Ricketts, as well as Libertarian candidate Fred Jones.

All three candidates failed to draw an opponent for the primaries.

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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:

- Coahoma city leaders, on their decision to hold a slogan contest as a way to attract attention to their community. Hats off, also, to the Rural Community College Initiative under the sponsorship of Howard College, which is helping with the effort.

- Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. for looking into the possibility of building a hangar at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark to attract business. We're not sure whether the idea is a sound one — that's not our expertise — but we definitely appreciate them looking into all avenues of economic development for our community.

- The tireless officials at the Big Spring State Hospital and West Texas Centers for MHMR for hosting and coordinating Thursday's forum on improving our state's mental health system. We hope the information gained from this forum and three others across the state will pay dividends for all concerned.

- Big Spring State Hospital Relay for Life team on another successful Razzmatazz. What a bunch of cute children!

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

On Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, I called the Herald to report that I had received no newspaper. On other similar occasions the person answering the phone said they would take care of it. Nothing ever happened. This time things were different.

I called at 5:30 p.m. The young lady who answered said she would call me back in 30 minutes. Yeah,

right! Well, at 6 .m. she called me back. She couldn't reach my carrier and said she personally would bring me a newspaper. At 6:10 p.m. She was at my home with a newspaper. Now that is customer service. Kudos to Rea Walton!! The Herald should be thankful to have an employee such as she.

SINCERELY,
WALTER PITTLER.

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An imperial presidency?

Surely no one paying attention to national politics could be missing the left's orchestrated effort to paint President Bush not only as a man infected with poor judgment and bad policies but as a power-hungry, would-be dictator.

You know the drill. The alleged litany of Bush's abuses is extensive. They say he's stubborn, won't listen to advice, won't admit mistakes and lives in a bubble. He wants to force his "fundamentalist" religious views down America's throat.

Liberal legend further has it that he made a "unilateral" decision to attack Iraq — as just the first step in his plan to enslave the world through democracy — both by ignoring the wishes of our allies and trying to sidestep, then dupe, Congress. He locks up enemy combatants and throws away the key, he and his henchmen have masterminded their abuse and torture, and he denies them the full protection of the Bill of Rights.

He and his fiendish vice president inhabit undisclosed locations, play hide-the-ball from the benign, well-intentioned Old Media, and conduct secret meetings to discuss schemes to deny health care to the uninsured, deprive the elderly of Social Security, and transfer the assets of the poor to the wealthy.

Worst of all, he spies on innocent Americans who deserve a little privacy when jawing with Osama. Why, he even found a federal judge for the Supreme Court — Samuel Alito — who'll facilitate his sinister scheme to consolidate executive power in his quest for world domination a la Austin Powers' Dr. Evil.

Think I'm exaggerating or effect? You be the judge.

Most recently, Newsweek's mis-

anthropic Jonathan Alter penned a column piling on Vice President Dick Cheney, titled "The Imperial (Vice) Presidency." He demonized Cheney as insular, arrogant, unaccountable and an integral part of "a government that increasingly believes it is a law unto itself."

But this idea has been brewing in liberal cauldrons for quite some time. Columnist Helen Thomas wrote in 2002, "The imperial presidency has arrived. On the domestic front, President Bush has found that in many ways, he can govern by executive order. In foreign affairs, he has the nerve to tell other people that they should get rid of their current leaders." Bruce Shapiro, writing for Slate in 2002, said, "The Bush administration rivals the Nixon White House when it comes to secrecy and unchecked power, with John Ashcroft as our modern-day John Mitchell."

The Nation editorialized in 2002 on "The Imperial Presidency," citing "the assumption of imperial war-making powers by George W. Bush and his coterie of close advisers."

John Dean, former counsel to President Richard Nixon and permanent darling of liberals everywhere, wrote in early 2004 of President Bush's "imperial presidency." As evidence, Dean cited the administration's "preemptive" and "preventive" military policy, its contentions that it can go to war regardless of whether Congress approves, its policies calling for American world domination, and its unprecedented blending of national security policy and domestic law enforcement.

Fast-forwarding back to the present, The New York Times wrote just last month that "Mr. Bush, however, seems to see no limit to his imperial presidency" and noted he would be aided by "Judge Samuel Alito, the man Mr. Bush chose to tilt the Supreme

Court to the right."

These examples were retrieved from the first page of a simple Google search. A Nexis search of "George Bush and 'imperial presidency'" was interrupted because it yielded more than a thousand entries.

You have to wonder where the likes of Jonathan Alter were when Bill Clinton openly flouted the rule of law. Was he not seeking to become a law unto himself? How about Hillary's penchant for secrecy and her frequent flights from accountability? What about Bill's "unilateral" bombings of Iraq and Serbia?

No, it's not expansions of executive power that bother the left, but when they occur under a Republican presidency. Indeed, the term "the imperial presidency" was made fashionable by historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. in his book with that title, lamenting the arrogation of power by the executive branch that culminated in the Nixon presidency.

Today, the left has resurrected the term as part of its strategy to avoid a debate on policy by scandalizing and criminalizing President Bush. The claims of Bush's dictatorial propensities are as unsupportable as they are preposterous, but liberals have run out of ammunition.

One of their greatest challenges for 2008 will be to figure out how to transfer their personalized defamation of President Bush to the Republican Party in general. Which is why we're hearing so much today about the supposed "culture of corruption" and why they are willing to go to any lengths to frame the Abramoff affair as an exclusively Republican scandal.

This is quite an ambitious undertaking, but don't underestimate their desperation.

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Campaign reform sorely needed

Cynics are fond of meditating on the evil done in the name of reform. I'm a great believer in perpetual reform myself, on the theory that political systems, like houses, are always in want of some fixing. However, I have seen some pluperfect doozies passed off as reform in recent years, starting with "Social Security reform."

Conservatives used to oppose reform on principle, correctly regarding it as a vile plot by goo-goo good government forces to snatch away their perks. This once led to a colorful scene in the Texas legislature in which the letters R*E*F*O*R*M appeared on the rear ends of six female members of a baton drill team, who turned and perched their derrieres pertly on the brass rail of the House gallery.

Reform follows scandal as night the day, except in these sorry times when it appears we may not get a nickel's worth of reform out of the entire Jack Abramoff saga. Sickness. A real waste of a splendid scandal. When else do politicians ever get around to fixing huge ethical holes in the roof except when they're caught red-handed? Do not let this mess go to waste! Call now, and demand reform!

Sheesh. Tom DeLay gets indicted, and all the Republicans can think of is a \$20 gift ban. Forget the people talking about "lobby reform." The lobby does not need to be reformed, the Congress needs to be reformed. This is about congressional corruption, and it is not limited to the surface stuff like taking free meals, hotels and trips. This is about corruption that bites deep into the process of making laws in the public interest. The root of the rot is money (surprise!), and the only way to get control of the money is through public campaign financing.

As long as the special interests pay to elect the pols, we will have government of the special interests, by the special interests and for the special interests. Pols will always dance with them what bring them. We have to fix the system so that when they are

elect, they got no one to dance with but us, the people — we don't want them owing anyone but the public. So the most useful reform bill is being offered by Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., and Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass. — public campaign financing. We, the citizens, put up the money to elect the pols. This bill won't cost us money, the savings will be staggering.

We're also looking for a way to control the system of earmarks, which has gotten completely out of hand. "The rush to revise ethics laws in the wake of the Jack Abramoff political corruption scandal has turned into more of a saunter," reports The Washington Post. The Republicans keep messing around with the gift ban idea (opposed by those stalwarts who claim "you couldn't accept a t-shirt from your local high school"). But the best anti-reformer is Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, the new House majority leader, elected as a "reformer" (puh-leeze), a man after Tom DeLay's heart. Boehner argues that gift and travel bans would amount to members of Congress being "treated like children." (Actually, children are seldom offered golfing vacations.)

The lobbyists, of course, have pulled together to work against efforts to control them. Fish gotta swim, birds gotta fly. Tom Susman, chair of the ethics committee of the American League of Lobbyists (it is a concept), is

reported in Legal Times as saying a gift ban would lead to "unnecessarily awkward dividing lines between lobbyists and members." God forbid.

The House Democratic leadership has proposed reinforcing a gift and travel ban with an attempt to control earmarks by prohibiting "dead of night" provisions — inserting language into a law without a chance for review. Members would be given 24 hours to read bills (which they don't, but their staffs can).

The cosmetic fixes — gift ban, travel ban, disclosure and slowing the revolving door between staff, Congress and the lobby — cannot stop the effects of the K Street Project. That's the cozy arrangement whereby lobbyists are Republican activists and Republican activists are lobbyists, and they underwrite campaigns in return for special privileges under the law — tax exemptions, regulatory relief, tariff dispositions, etc.

One of the most dangerous things about this whole corrupt system is that people who are given special privileges inevitably come to regard them not as special but as natural and right, and will fight furiously if you try to take them away.

It is this endless series of earmarks — special little set-asides for one special interest, one home district after another — that is behind the hemorrhaging in the federal budget. Those who remember when conservatives called for fiscal restraint may get sour amusement from the situation. But what is truly not funny is the pathetic spectacle of the United States of America, a nation with the greatest political legacy the world has ever known, letting itself be gnawed to death by the greed in a corrupt system that can be so easily fixed.

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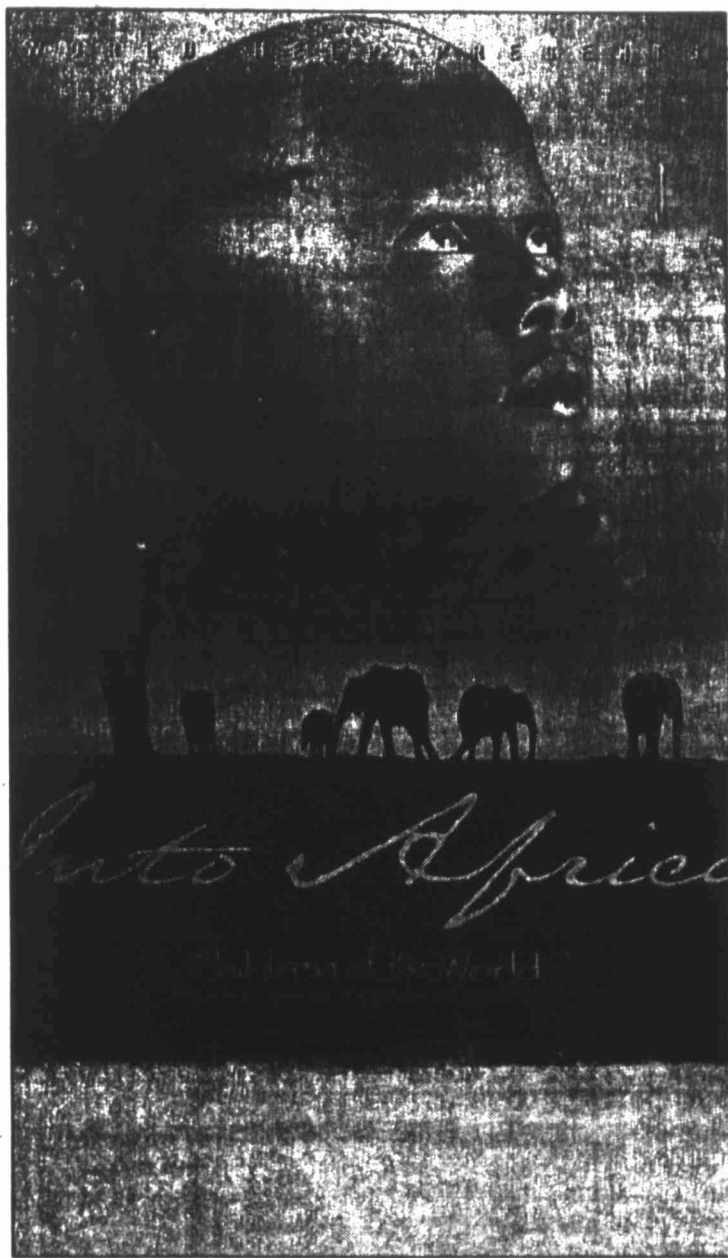
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Social scheduled following Children's performances



Midway Baptist Church presents "Children of the World" at 6 p.m. Sunday.

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These children are from India, Nepal, Uganda, Brazil and the Philippines.

The church is having a social immediately after the Children's presentation in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be finger foods, ice cream and desserts and the event is open and free to the public.



Courtesy photos
'Children of the World' perform at 6 p.m. Sunday at Midway Baptist Church with a reception after the concert. The event is free to the public.

Victim Services training scheduled
Victim Services has scheduled volunteer training for the week of March 20-25 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. These individuals assist victims of domestic crime as well as sexual assault. Volunteers carry papers and work with law enforcement.
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Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m., followed by morning worship at 11 a.m. Evening Bible study and Youth Church are both at 5 p.m. Sunday, Wednesday, Youth Church is at 6 p.m. The church is located at 630 Sgt. Paredes (NW Fourth St.)

College Baptist Church

The church, located at 1105 Birdwell Lane, offers Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and Sunday worship services at 11 a.m. Evening worship is at 6 p.m. Sunday and a Bible study meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 267-7429.

Cornerstone Church

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

YoungLife

YoungLife Banquet is Monday. Reservations are needed. For more information or to donate to YoungLife, call Shelly Warren, area director, at 432-213-4819.

New Covenant

Sunday morning worship services are 11 a.m.; the doors open at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 1607 E. Third street. For more information, call 264-0015 or e-mail nccwcl@yahoo.com.

McGee Chapel

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

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Berea Baptist Church

The church is located at 4204 Wasson Road. Service times are Sunday Bible study at 9:45 a.m.; worship at 11 a.m.; evening worship at 6 p.m. Youth meet for a mid-week Bible study Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Adults also meet Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. for Bible study and prayer. The church office is open from 9 a.m. until noon Monday through Thursday. For more information, call 267-8438.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Sunday school starts at

9:45 a.m. for all age groups and the worship service starts at 11 a.m. Acteens, Challengers, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends and Mission Babies are offered for children and youth of all ages Sunday nights at 5. Choir practice begins Sunday night at 5. The evening service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study is offered for youth and adults at 7 p.m. The church is at 401 E. Fourth. For more information, call Amy at 267-2291.

Salem Baptist Church

Sunday school beginning at 10 a.m. and morning service at 11 a.m. Nursery service is available for small children. Wednesday evening prayer service is at Parkplace at 6 p.m. Salem Baptist is located at the corner of Salem Road and the Old Colorado City Highway. Contact the church at 394-4655. The pastor is the Rev. Monroe Teeters.

First United Methodist Church

Sunday worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. This is Transfiguration Sunday. There will be a re-consecration of the sanctuary. The Rev. Dave Ring's sermon message is "Mountaintop Delights and Dark Valleys." The Gospel Scripture text is from Mark 9:2-9. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m.

Midland Community Theatre's Presentation of "CATS" is Sunday and tickets are \$15. Church members are leaving Garrett Hall at 12:45 p.m. Sunday at 6 p.m. is a Joint Area Methodist Worship at Coahoma United Methodist Church with The Rev. Agustin Ypina, Hispanic missionary, as the preacher of the evening.

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

Building. Tuesdays Kid's Club meets from 3:30 p.m. until 5:15 p.m.

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

Thursday features Women's Bible study at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Special prayer times are observed in the chapel Thursday at noon and Friday at 7 a.m. Friday 9 a.m. is Children's Day Out.

The church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information, call the church office at 267-6394.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Saturday, the junior and senior youth will enjoy a fellowship at the ice skating rink in Odessa and afterwards go to Mr. Gattis for pizza. Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek service is 7 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

Life Church

N.O.W., the Night Of Worship is Sunday at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:20 p.m. This event is presented by REVIVE, a Young Adult Ministry. Life Church is located at 600 E. FM 700, across from Sonic. Everyone is invited to join us.

For information, call 263-7714.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

Located at 401 N. Main in Coahoma, the pastor is the Rev. Rev. Donita Lea. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., church worship is at 11 a.m. and an area-wide worship is at 6 p.m. Sunday. Call 394-4432 for more information. "Worship is a way of seeing the world in the light of God."

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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. St. Mary's All Parish Planning Day with Angela Hock is Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The traditional St. Mary's Mardi Gras Party and Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Ash Wednesday is March 1. Lent begins with the Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 7 a.m. in the Chapel and at noon and 6 p.m. in the church. For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit the Web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

North Birdwell United Methodist

North Birdwell United Methodist Church's Vacation Bible School is June 12 through June 16 for children 5 years

through 12 years of age. The Vacation Bible School hours will be from 9 a.m. to noon. The night of the 16 will be the children's program and a church-furnished family cookout.

The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is "Adventure of the Treasure Seekers, Exploring God's Promises." All children are invited to attend. There will be no transportation provided. For more information, call Madeline Boadle, 267-2203 or Genie Miller, 267-4082.

The March Calendar for North Birdwell United Methodist is March 1 and 15, Bible study at 6:30 p.m.; March 9 and 23, United Methodist Women at 4:30 p.m.; March 25, Community-wide Chili

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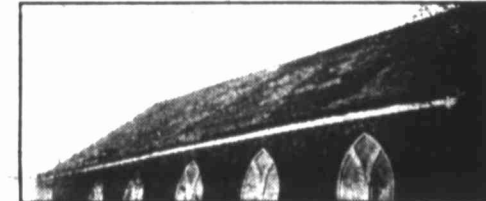
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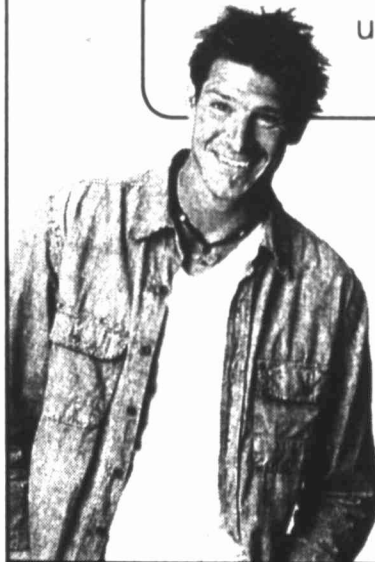
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Supper and Book Fair.

Services are every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:45 a.m. The church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane. The Rev. Joel Miller is pastor.

Friends of Unity

Study groups at the Center take the mystical approach to the study of Scriptures. Tuesdays at noon, a group is led by the Rev. Jim Sims, minister from Unity Church of West Texas in Odessa. Teaching from Christian mystic, Joel S. Goldsmith are being studied.

Club News

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

The Captain Elisha Mack Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met Feb. 11 at the Big Spring County Club. Those present were Katie Lara, Sue Ann Damron, Mary Schuelke, Carole Lawson, Lora Mae Pollard, Charlene Ragan, Sherri Key, Fern Alexander and Janie Harrison.

A program on the events leading up to the French and Indian War was given by Damron.

Damron and Lawson traveled to San Angelo Feb. 1 to represent the Chapter at the awards banquet at Goodfellow Air Force Base.

The Chapter provided gifts to the veterans on the fourth floor Valentines Day.

Jessica Mays Tipton was presented as a prospective member.

February 12, Damron, Schuelke, Ragan, Lawson, Pollard and Sara Tipton attended a George Washington Tea in Andrews. Chapters from San Angelo, Midland, Odessa and Big Spring were represented. Jenna Welch, mother of the First Lady, attended the tea.

A program on the free

East Side Baptist Church

Sunday Fun Time is at 9:45 a.m. There are classes for all ages. A new class offered is "Now That You've Believed." Sunday morning praise and worship is at 10:45 a.m. Sunday evening praise and worship is at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Fun Time is at 6 p.m. Wednesday. They are currently studying "The Teenage Years of Jesus." Mid-week Bible study and Praise time Wednesday is at 7 p.m.

For more information or if for a ride, call 267-1915.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic

The schedule of services for Ash Wednesday is:

12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., church service with readings and ashes; and 7 p.m., church service with full liturgy and ashes.

March 4, Sister Malachy Griffin of the Newman Center, Angelo State University, is joining Big Spring Church Women United in Father Beasley Hall, the old cafeteria of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Sister Malachy will be presenting a program on social justice for Big Spring's Church Women United Day of Prayer.

World Day of Prayer is an international event that unites Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women and men in more than 170 countries in prayer. The Church Women United is

an ecumenical movement working to bring about peace and justice.

An open house of the church nursery in the old Rectory will be held after the 11 a.m. Mass March 5.

First Baptist Church

This is Disciple Now Weekend for the youth of First Baptist Church. Billy Bob White and Chase Bowers are here to lead the youth in disciple training. These young men will also be leading the Sunday morning worship service at 10:50 a.m.

First Baptist Church fellowship will join other Baptist churches at 6 p.m. Sunday evening for the Big Spring Baptist Associational Rally at College Baptist Church. The guest speaker is Gilbert Herrera.

March 7 is the Men's Prayer Breakfast, as is the senior adult group LLL (Living Longer and Liking it) at 11:45 p.m. Call 267-8223 for more information.

The Family Life Center is open daily for exercise indoors. Call 267-3633 for more information.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles will speak on text taken from Mark 9:2-9 at the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 is in the parlor at 10:35 a.m.

Activities for the week

include: Session Meeting Monday evening at 6; Presbyterian Women meet Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.; Youth Group is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the chapel, Bible study begins at 5:17 p.m. also in the chapel and choir practice is at 6 p.m. following Bible study, all on Wednesday.

Turn in reservations for the Men's Conference at Mo Ranch by March 1. Plans are also being made for the annual church-wide outing June 23-25 at Fort Davis.

The church is located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

rent. For more information on the rental of the building, contact Phillip Reid at 393-5545.

Vice-president Phillip Reid showed a film from the Leader Dogs for the Blind titled "Beside Me." The film depicted the process of training seeing-eye dogs and also the training of the person receiving the dog.

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The Sand Springs Lions Club meets the first and third Monday of each month in the Lions Community Center, 131 Scout Hut Road in Sand Springs at 6:30 p.m.

Sand Springs Lions Club

The Sands Springs Lions Club met Monday, Feb. 20, with Johnny Moore presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phillip Reid and the opening prayer was worded by Fred Franklin.

Betty Franklin read the minutes of the previous meeting and gave the treasurer's report. All district and international dues are paid and also Germania Insurance.

Moore will appoint a nominating committee at the March 6 meeting.

Franklin reported that all signs' advertisers have been contacted except TNT Electric. He also reported we have one new advertiser, Choate Well Service.

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Howard denies former coach 300th win

• Hawks extended win streak to 28 games after rout of Texans

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

LEVELLAND

Another huge second half resulted in another big Western Junior College Athletic Conference win Thursday night as the No. 1 ranked Hawks traveled to Levelland and defeated rival South Plains, 80-57, ruining former Howard head coach and current South Plains head coach Steve Green's bid at his 300th career win.

The Hawks trailed by five at halftime, but outscored the Texans 45-17 in the second half and cruised to the win and claimed at least a share of the conference championship. Howard, which improved to 28-0 overall and 12-0 in the conference, can win the WJCAC crown outright Monday with a victory over Frank Phillips, last year's champion.

"They were big and strong and they beat us up in the first half so we wanted to try to speed up the game in the second half," said Howard head coach Mark Adams. "We just wore them down."

Besides denying Green his 300th win, the Hawks also accomplished a few things that went against past trends. The Texans were 9-0 at the Texan Dome this year. Make it 9-1 after the loss to Howard. South Plains led by five at halftime Thursday and was 18-1 this year when leading at the break. Make it 18-2.

The Hawks also held Steve Harley to 12 points in the game. Harley entered the game as the conference's leading scor-

er with a 20.2 points per game and was coming off a 41-point effort Monday.

"Harley's their impact player and we knew we had to stop him," said Adams.

Harley scored 12 points, but seven of those came in the final five minutes of the second half.

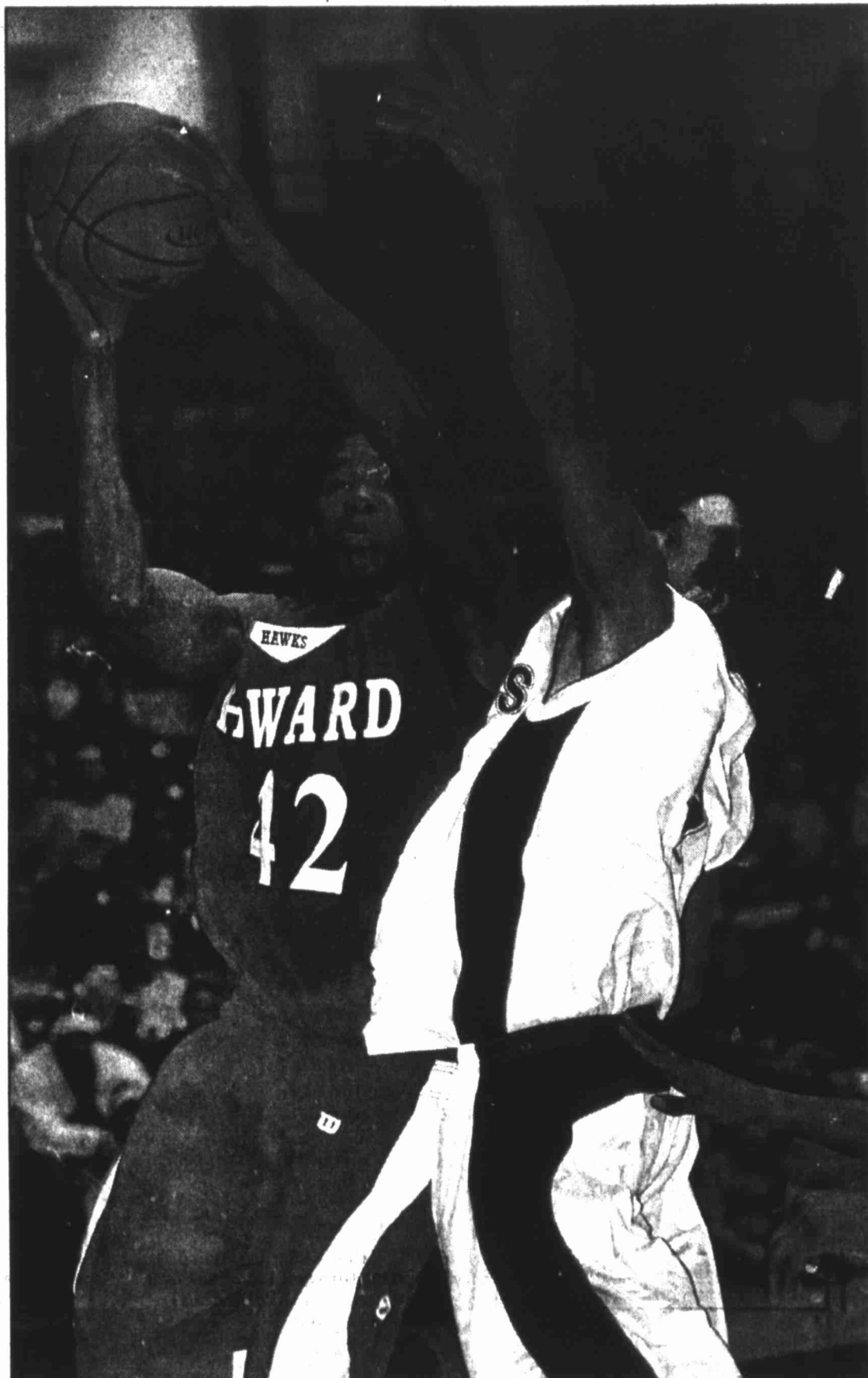
South Plains had the clear advantage early in the game. The Texans scored the first six points of the game and led 12-3 with 14:18 to play in the first half. Howard turned the ball over on its first four possessions, but only committed 15 turnovers in the game.

Sophomore Dezmon scored seven straight points to keep the Hawks within striking distance as the lead was cut to 17-10. The Texans led by as many as 12 in the first half and held a lead of 11 points on more than one occasion.

The final 11-point lead was countered by seven straight points from Howard as the Hawks cut the lead to four. Freshman Benny Valentine made three free throws with 4:23 to go until halftime to cut the lead to three. Back-to-back layups by sophomore Charles Burgess eventually tied the game and Harris hit two free throws to give the Hawks their only lead of the first half with 2:24 on the clock.

South Plains scored the final seven points of half and went into the locker room up 40-35. Coach Adams yelled, but he was just speaking the truth," said Valentine, who finished with a team-high 23 points. "He said we

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Howard sophomore Charles Burgess scores two points against South Plains' Steve Harley Thursday night as the Hawks outscored the Texans 45-17 in the second half and cruised to their 28th straight win, clinching at least a share of the conference championship.

Little League signups

needed signups for the upcoming season are taking place at the Big Spring Mall.

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

Anyone interested in umpiring Little League baseball games or for more information on the Little League signups, contact Chuck Rosenbaum at 432-816-9984 or 432-263-1792 or Randy Phillips at 432-264-6600 (day) or 432-263-6314 (night).

B.S. Country Club sets scramble

The Big Spring Country Club will host a four-person scramble Saturday and Sunday.

The tournament will begin a shotgun start at 1 p.m. on both days and the cost is \$75 to enter per player plus the cost of a golf cart. However, private carts are welcome.

The entry fee includes a BBQ on the course both days and practice rounds will be available today, but the cost of a cart will be extra.

For more information or to enter a team, call the pro shop at 432-267-5354.

Coahoma Little League sets sign up date for new year

The Coahoma Little League will be having baseball signups for any players age 5 through 15 in the Coahoma district Saturday at the Coahoma Junior High Gym from 9 a.m. until noon.

Anyone who has not played in the Coahoma district or ever before needs to bring their birth certificate.

The registration fee will be \$35 per child and \$30 for multiple children in the same family. The meeting is also for anyone interested in coaching or helping out with a team or becoming a board member.

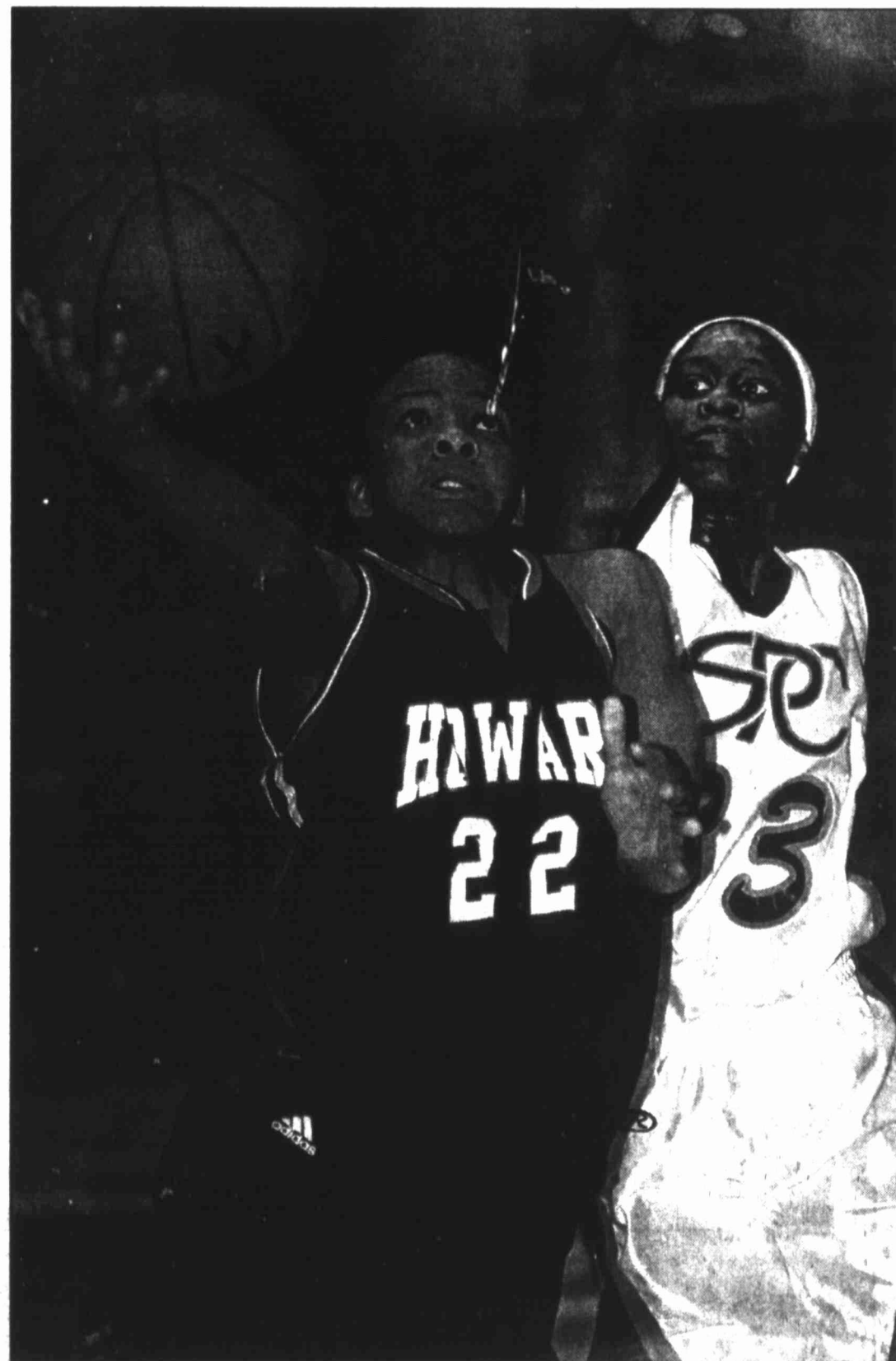
For more information, contact Jill Ringener after 6 p.m. at 432-263-2789 or 432-816-1532.

Cohen falls twice, settles for silver

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Shizuka Arakawa skated off with Japan's first medal of these Olympics — a gold in the showcase event.

The 2004 world champion stunned favorites Sasha Cohen of the United States and Irina Slutskaya of Russia to claim figure skating's biggest prize.

Arakawa did it with an elegance and technical brilliance that even had two-time Olympic winner Katarina Witt screaming and applauding. Cohen fell twice and finished with a silver.



Howard freshman Kim Gilyard takes the ball hard to the basket and scores two points against South Plains Thursday night at the Texan Dome. The Hawk women were tied with South Plains at halftime, but lost by 21 points.

Seals leads SPC to big second half

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

LEVELLAND — The Hawk women got down early to South Plains Thursday in Levelland, managed to tie the game at halftime, but couldn't stop two Lady Texans in the second half and were defeated, 62-41.

Howard (8-20, 2-8) was outscored 38-17 in the second half and most of the damage was done by freshman center Dominic Seals and Fallon Thomas as both Lady Texans had double-double efforts.

Seals finished with 16 points, 15 rebounds and also had four assists, while Thomas had 16 points and 10 rebounds.

"Seals is a big-time player and she's the best center in the league without a doubt," said Howard head coach Earl Diddle. "Fallon just stood outside and made some shots and we didn't match up with her."

The Hawk women started slow, falling behind by as much as 11 in the first half before climbing back into the game. They outscored South Plains 15-6 in the final 6:45 to go into the locker room tied at 24-24.

"We were a lot more aggressive in the first half and we took care of the ball," said Diddle. "We rebounded well in the first half, but we got tired in the second half and let them dominate us on the glass."



South Plains outbounded Howard 31-22. The Lady Texans won by 21 points and got 13 second-chance points and had 14 points off Howard turnovers.

"South Plains' defense was excellent and we responded to it at times, but they were just too quick," said Diddle. "You can do two things in this game no matter what — play defense and rebound. Well, when we don't score we don't do anything."

Howard started the second half with a 3-pointer by freshman Chanel Jones-Delas and grabbed its first lead of the game, but it was short-lived as the Lady Texans rolled off eight straight points after that and never looked back.

"South Plains converted our turnovers in the second half and we just stood around too much on offense," said Diddle.

A putback by freshman Tomisha Martin cut the Howard deficit to 48-39 late in the second half, but an 11-0 run by South Plains (21-7, 7-3) ended

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weren't playing our game and South Plains was kicking our tails."

The second half was a total 180 and total domination for the Hawks as they held South Plains to 17 points and 25 percent shooting from the field.

"You have to credit South Plains for its play in the first half," said Adams. "They played well and were able to capitalize on what mistakes we made."

Howard opened the second half with a 12-2 run and led by five early. South Plains scored to cut it to three, but a 12-0 run by the Hawks made it a 15-point advantage.

Valentine started the run with a 3-pointer and freshman Bougari Konate scored all five of his points during that stretch.

Howard continued to pull away from the Texans. Valentine scored nine of the team's final 12 points, including back-to-back 3-pointers late in the contest.

"I hadn't been feeling good lately and was told by the coaches that I was just playing average," said Valentine. "I wanted to start playing up to my potential and when I was open for some shots I

knew I had to knock them down."

The Texans entered the game 1-4 when trailing in the rebound category. Make it 1-5 after Thursday as the Hawks dominated the glass, 45-30, led by freshman Benson Akpan's nine.

Valentine scored 23 points on seven-for-17 shooting. He also had five rebounds.

Burgess finished with 21 points, seven assists and five rebounds and took another step toward proving opposing coaches wrong about his shooting as he went three-for-four from behind the 3-point line.

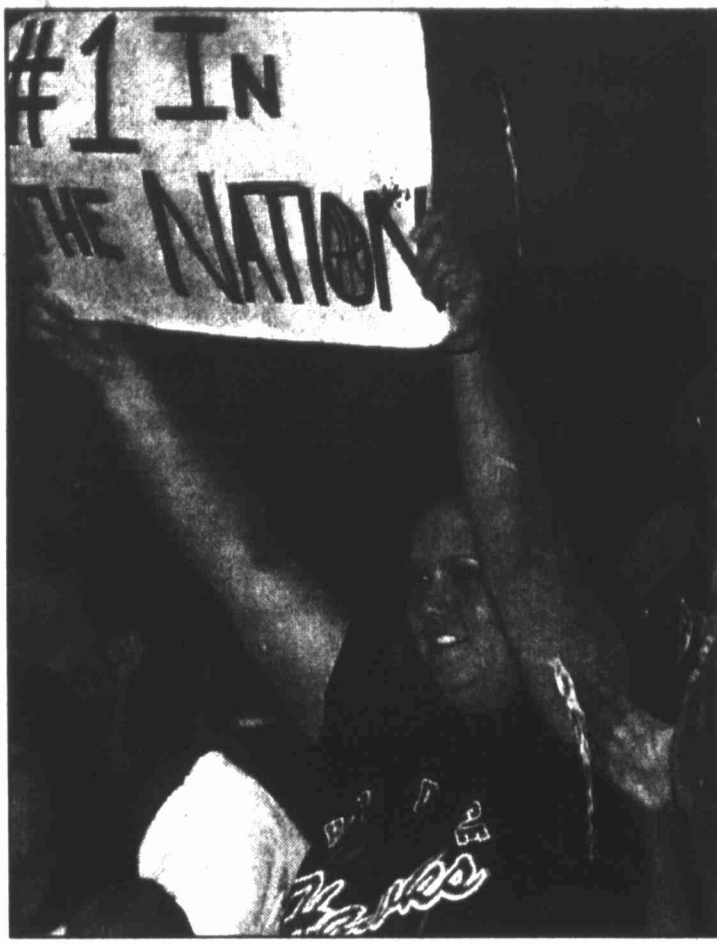
Harris was the only other Hawk in double figures, but he finished with 19 points and hit two 3-pointers and went three-for-four from the line.

Konate grabbed six rebounds and freshman Phil Murphy had five rebounds and five assists.

Kendall Clark led South Plains (21-7, 8-4) with 15 points and seven rebounds. Jeremy Baker finished with 13 points.

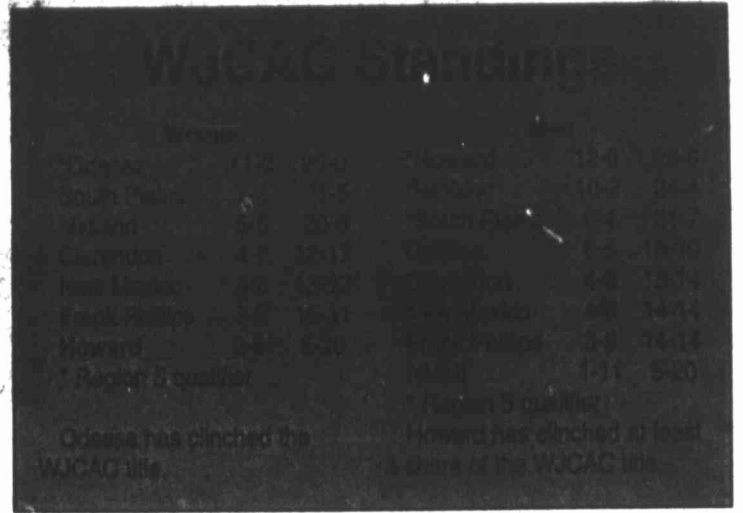
The Hawks have a two-game lead on Midland College with two games to go. A win for Howard Monday against Frank Phillips will clinch the conference title outright. But Valentine says the Hawks aren't done yet.

"We can't get satisfied



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard College sophomore softball player Amanda Kuramata supports the top-ranked Hawk men's basketball team Thursday in Levelland. Howard, now 28-0 on the season, defeated South Plains in the Texan Dome.

because that is when you get beat," he said. "We are still hungry. And I still think we need to work on putting together a full 40 minutes of play. We don't want to be known as one of the best second-half teams in the nation. We want to be known as one of the best teams in the nation."



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any hopes Howard had at a comeback.

Howard's leading scorer — Latoya Fairley — was held to three points as she did not make a shot from the field in seven attempts. No Hawk reached double figures in the game.

Jones-Delas led the Hawks with nine points, eight rebounds and seven

of the team's 18 turnovers. Freshman Kim Garcia and sophomore Jennifer Pena each had eight points, while Kim Gilyard finished with seven.

Brooke DeGrate added 12 points and five assists for South Plains, which remains in second place in the conference with a 7-3 mark.

Howard will play Frank Phillips in its final home game of the year Monday at 5:50 p.m.

Big Spring wins two at Midland

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

MIDLAND — The Big Spring softball team improved to 6-2 Thursday with two wins at the Midland Tournament. The Lady Steers defeated El Paso El Dorado in Game 1, 5-1, and played against El Paso Hanks late into the night and came away with a 5-0 shutout.

The Lady Steers got great pitching performances in both games. Mandy Walker got the win in Game 1 with a one-

hitter and struck out seven batters. Shelbi Stewart struck out six batters in three innings and got the save. Stewart threw Game 2 and allowed just two hits in seven innings and struck out eight batters.

Stewart led the Lady Steers at the plate in Game 1 with three hits, an RBI and a run. Megan Watton went two-for-three with an RBI.

Watton went two-for-three in Game 2 to lead Big Spring. Walker had one hit but knocked in two runs.

West Texas Classic
Scores from Thursday
Division I
Big Spring 8, El Paso El Dorado 1
Big Spring 5, El Paso Hanks 0
Cameron 7, Greenwood 5
Lubbock 10, Amarillo 3
Division II
Cameron 11, Permian 1
Odessa 10, Big Spring 4
Odessa 10, Permian 5
Amarillo 10, Big Spring 4
Today's Games
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Class 1A Area Championship

Garden City boys basketball vs. Whitharral @Lamesa JH, 7 p.m.
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Big Spring baseball doubleheader @Snyder, 3 p.m.
Big Spring boys/girls track @Frenship HS

• The Howard College softball doubleheader against El Paso C.C. has been postponed due to rain. The conference games will be played Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Foundation Field.

Playoff games at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

Friday
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Class 1A Area Championship

Levelland vs. Clyde, 8 p.m.
Class 3A Area Championship

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August 13	Four-man Scramble	10 a.m.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The Capricorn moon is on our side — really, she is! So, when she so rudely puts new demands on our schedule, forcing us to move faster and do more than we planned, she's only doing this out of love. The Pisces sun urges us to find our compassion

and apply it to those who don't seem to be getting with the program.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You feel that you don't have enough information to do your job. But more information won't help now since what you really need is a vision — a dream. Be the dreamer. Let moonbeams light your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It looks like you've come to a stopping point in a project. The road bends, but it doesn't end. Keep going. Talking with a Pisces or an Aquarius will help you push through your perceptions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You do something so remarkable on the job that you earn your wings. Singles: A new love interest is just around the corner. That puts a spring in your step, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Spell out instructions, speak your mind, and don't only (ugh) write the memo, but (double ugh!) make everyone initial it to signal they've ready it. Tonight, dare to root for your partner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You get what (who) you pursue — with the excep-

tion of someone shy and intimidated by your straightforward approach. But do you really want this person in your life? It's so much work!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Being honest and kind all at the same time is an art. Your ability to deal with difficult people is amazing. Someone in need of a diplomatic advisor is watching, ton. This could net you a job!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). An alliance you thought you couldn't do without shows itself to be outmoded. Don't fret, new ways of getting the job done appear quickly. You gain new confidence in your fellows.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your judgment is particularly keen this morning. One shrewd decision will favorably affect your finances. Show your wares. A backer, possibly Capricorn, is interested!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's a romantic day, and the slightest provocation has you all aflutter. A seeming rival in fact does not have designs upon your object of desire; jealousy is unfounded.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Get the inside scoop on your boss or company; you're promoted when you show initiative. Tonight, environments with the right ambiance turn the heat up on your love life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The stars urge you not to compare yourself with others. True improvement is made from the inside out. While you're in line at the market, keep in mind all magazine covers are seriously retouched.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Words can mean different things to different people. The planets suggest that you tread softly with a comrade, sibling or co-worker, especially if this person is a fire sign (that's Sagittarius, Leo or Aries).

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: Many play it cool tonight, but by tomorrow, it's clear that it was just an act — really, we all want to connect and are just not sure how to go about it. ARIES: You communicate telepathically with the one you love. TAURUS: You can finally relax about your love life. Take all good news and movement in the right direction as a sign of beautiful things to come. GEMINI: You are inspired to make a passionate commitment to someone. CANCER: The one who loves you reduces your stress. LEO: You'll be motivated to change a habit in order to become more attractive to yourself and others. VIRGO: You help organize a loved one's thoughts — one of the many ways you show your love. LIBRA: Surrender to your natural instincts — your intuition about love is hot. SCORPIO: You are more present with others, and because of this, they find you irresistible. SAGITTARIUS: Partners have definite ideas about what your next move should be — just ask! CAPRICORN: To say that a conversation with your object of desire is eye opening would be a serious understatement. You learn all. AQUARIUS: Rehearse a date in your mind before you leave the house. You'll be "on" all of Saturday and Sunday. PISCES: Accept an invitation. Adventure awaits.

COUPLE OF THE WEEK-END: Aquarius and Gemini feel completely safe and comfortable together. They are two air signs who are drawn to the same kinds of conversations, places and people — so there is seldom a struggle about where to go next, who to see and what to take from the experience. Other weekends, these two have to work a little to get the passion spark lit. Not this weekend — it's hot, hot, hot.

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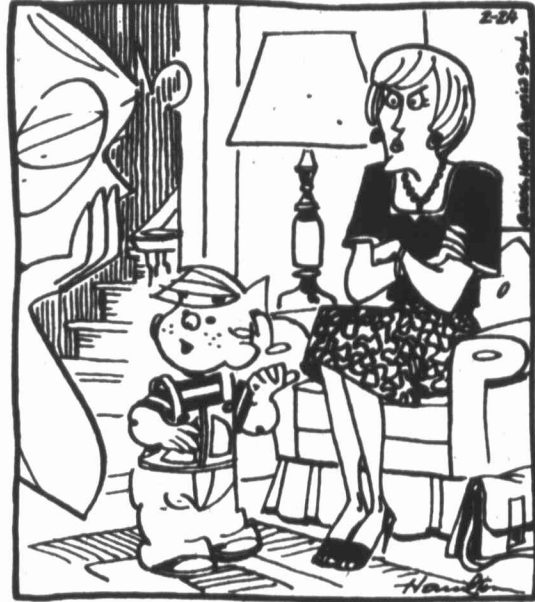
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This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 24, 1868, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

On this date: In 1821, Mexico declared its independence from Spain.

In 1863, Arizona was organized as a territory.

In 1903, the United States signed an agreement acquiring a naval station at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

In 1920, a fledgling German political party held its first meeting of importance in Munich; it became known as the Nazi Party, and its chief spokesman was Adolf Hitler.

In 1942, the Voice of America went on the air for the first time.

In 1945, American soldiers liberated the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese control during World War II.

In 1955, the Cole Porter musical "Silk Stockings" opened at the Imperial Theater on Broadway.

In 1980, the U.S. hockey team defeated Finland, 4-2, to clinch the gold medal at the Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, N.Y.

In 1981, Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Britain's Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer.

In 1981, a jury in White Plains, N.Y., found Jean Harris guilty of second-degree murder in the fatal shooting of "Scarsdale Diet" author Dr. Herman Tarnower.

One year ago: Pope John Paul II underwent an operation to insert a tube in his throat to relieve his breathing problems, hours after he was rushed back to the hospital for the second time in a month with flu-like symptoms.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Abe Vigoda is 85. Actor Steven Hill is 84. Actor-singer Dominic Chianese is

75. Movie composer Michel Legrand is 74. Actor James Farentino is 68. Actor Edward James Olmos is 59. Singer-writer-producer Rupert Holmes is 59. News anchor Paula Zahn is 50. Country singer Sammy Kershaw is 48. Actor Billy Zane is 40. Actress Bonnie Somerville is 32. Rhythm-and-blues singer Brandon Brown (Mista) is 23.

Thought for Today: "It is the individual who is not interested in his fellow men who has the greatest difficulties in life and provides the greatest injury to others. It is from among such individuals that all human failures spring." — Alfred Adler, Austrian psychoanalyst (1870-1937).

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- ACROSS
 - 1 Like a clear path
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 - 11 Amount of money
 - 14 Skywalker mentor
 - 15 Former Mideast leader born in Jerusalem
 - 16 Lao-__
 - 17 "Ape" man's study
 - 19 Middle muscles
 - 20 Bombshell
 - 21 Jim Jordan radio role
 - 23 Daisy starter
 - 24 Internet access points
 - 25 Button stuff
 - 28 Some tourist destinations
 - 30 Prefix with skeleton
 - 31 Sputnik stat
 - 34 Former CBS anchor
 - 38 The Ape Man
 - 41 Bed board
 - 42 West Side Story Oscar winner
 - 43 And the rest
 - 44 "Good grief!"
 - 46 Urban open space
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- DOWN
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 - 32 Big cats
 - 33 Start of many hymns
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Golf Insider

By T.J. TOMASI

BIRDIES AND BOGEYS

Bigger than Tiger

At Miyazato, all 5 feet of her, is bigger than Tiger Woods in Japan. "She's like the Tiger Woods of Japan," says Paula Creamer, last year's LPGA rookie of the year. "She's got cameras on her everywhere she goes."



The 20-year-old Miyazato, winner by 12 shots at LPGA Tour school, has the drawing power of a mega-star in her homeland. Case in point: In 2004, Miyazato and Tiger played the same week in golf tournaments in Japan and they both won, yet her tournament had three times the television ratings as Tiger's — and he lead all four rounds!

Despite all the hype, or perhaps because of it, Miyazato finished a disappointing 48th in her first LPGA tournament, the SBS Open in Hawaii. Morgan Pressel, the 17-year-old American newbie, finished fifth even though she forgot to pack her golf shirts with the logo of her new sponsor, Polo.

One thing Pressel didn't forget to bring to her first professional tournament was her swing. She shot 7 under, three strokes behind winner Joo Mi Kim.

Which of the kids will win first, Ali or Morgan? I'll pick Pressel in a media blitz.

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- TV: ESPN (Wednesday-Friday, 2-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.), ABC (Saturday, 3-7 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30-6:30 p.m.) and ESPN2 (Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.).

LPGA TOUR Fields Open

- Site: Kapolei, Hawaii.
- Schedule: Thursday-Saturday
- Course: Ko Olina Golf Club (6,519 yards, par 72)
- Purse: \$1.1 million. Winner's share: \$165,000.
- TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday, 6:30-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 2-3:30 a.m., 6:30-9 p.m.; Sunday, 2-3:30 a.m.).

PGA TOUR

- Site: Tucson, Ariz.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
- Course: Omni Tucson National Golf Resort, Catalina Course (7,193 yards, par 72)
- Purse: \$3 million. Winner's share: \$540,000.
- TV: USA (Thursday-Sunday, 11 p.m.-1 a.m.).

CHAMPIONS TOUR Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am

- Site: Lutz, Fla.
- Schedule: Friday-Sunday
- Course: TPC of Tampa Bay (6,638 yards, par 71)
- Purse: \$1.6 million. Winner's share: \$240,000.
- TV: The Golf Channel (Friday-Sunday, 1:30-4 p.m., 9:30-11:30 p.m.).

NATIONWIDE TOUR/ AUSTRALASIAN TOUR New Zealand PGA Championship

- Site: Christchurch, New Zealand.
- Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
- Course: Clearwater Resort (7,137 yards, par 72)
- Purse: \$600,000. Winner's share: \$108,000.
- TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.).

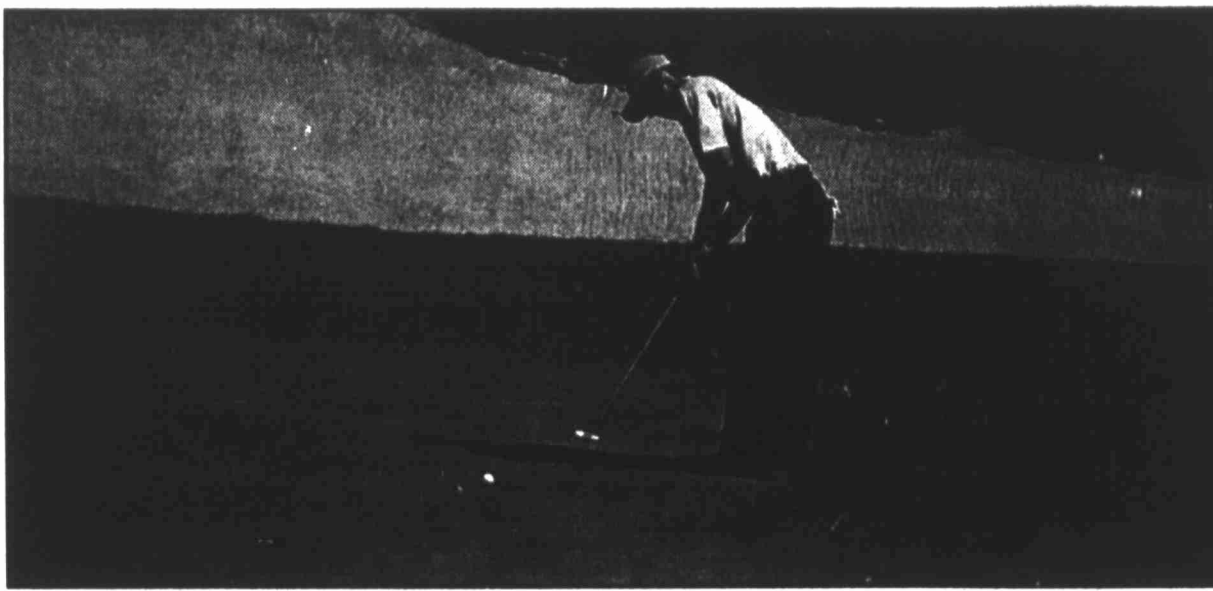
THE GOLF DOCTOR

Vacation tips

You may not play all over the world like the tour players, but should you visit Florida or some other warm golfing venue for a respite from the cold weather, here are a few putting tips to get you through your vacation.

- Pay attention to the area around the hole because the effect of the break is more pronounced as your ball slows down.
- Check your line for ball marks, pebbles and anything else that might knock your ball offline.
- While you can't test the green by rubbing to see which way the grain grows, you can test the collar or apron of the green without penalty. Just make sure it's the same kind of grass.

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



Charl Schwartzel (above) is an international player who dies the ball in the hole. Tour pros who recommend dying the ball in the hole play on perfect greens like the ones in these photos. But for most amateurs, the greens are bumpy, and the cups are crowned and located on slopes. Under these conditions, a jam putt is the better choice.

Hunter Mahan is a sophomore on the PGA Tour and one of its most aggressive putters. He finished 74th in putting in 2005.

Putts of choice

There are two ways to putt and, depending on the circumstances, you should use them both:

1. "die" the ball into the cup, using the curve of the green.
2. "jam" the ball into the cup, where every putt strikes the dirt on the back of the hole, just above the metal cup.

One advantage of the dying putt is there are three entrances your slowly moving ball can use to fall into the cup: the front of the cup and the two sides. And if you miss, your ball always finishes next to the hole.

But there are also some disadvantages. With a slight miscalculation, the dying putt won't get to the cup, especially on Bermuda grass. And late in the day, as the cup crowns and the grass grows, it's tough to judge the speed of a dying putt.

Also, because of the ball's slow

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speed, the break is increased and the ball is easily knocked offline by the imperfections in the green.

In my opinion, the dying putt is best for long putts with a lot of break, downhill putts and/or when the greens are so fast you must "cozy" your putt up to the hole.

The advantages of the jam putt are that it eliminates the break and, because of its speed, the ball holds its line despite bumps on the green.

DON'T MISS IT

Walking off extra pounds

Interested in "things medical" that could be applied to golf? Then don't miss www.prevention.com, where good health is always in style. Below is an excerpt from an article by Michele Stanten, the site's fitness director, outlining the health value of walking and playing golf.

"When 55 sedentary, middle-age men started playing golf two or three times a week, over a five-month period they ...

- Burned an average of 1,750 calories per game
- Walked 5 miles on average per game
- Decreased abdominal fat by 8 percent
- Lost 5 pounds"

For the entire article, go to www.prevention.com/article/0,5778,s1-2-69-242-456-1,00.html.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Golfers may be gullible, but they aren't stupid."

Jim Nugent, publisher of *Golfweek*

Nugent says the USGA is trying to convince the golfing public that the game is currently too easy, an argument that sets the stage for cutting back the distance the golf ball flies. And all of this just because a few tour players and some young college players hit the ball out of sight. In many cases, that is a problem for these players because they hit it "out of sight" and can't find it. The cut this year at Riviera was 1 over par — and these are the best players in the world. Guess the game is not all that easy.

TEERING OFF

Bad attitude

com-plain | verb | [trans.] To express feelings of [1] resentment [2] dissatisfaction, or [3] suspicion

Some people complain about everything and anything. And some are just as nice as pie. Gary Player is one of the most gracious athletes in professional sports.

He is famed for complimenting every course he's ever played and saying something nice to each tournament volunteer he comes in contact with. He's the kind of person whose energy pumps up those around him — when you leave Gary Player, you feel better about yourself and your game.

On the other hand, at the top of the list of great complainers is Vijay Singh, who treats workers like — workers. More than one employee at the golf course where he's a member would like to put the Speed Stik training aid he's always promoting where it will do him the most good.

Singh is unapproachable and curt, with the surly attitude of a barroom bouncer, which he once was. And he's always grouching about something.

[1] Feelings of resentment: As he left Sunday evening after winning the Masters in 2000, he announced loudly for all to hear, "Kiss my ass, everybody." What would he have said if he'd lost?

[2] Feelings of dissatisfaction: Singh doesn't want women playing in his tournaments. He said he would withdraw if paired with Annika Sorenstam at the Colonial two years ago.

[3] Feelings of suspicion: At the FBR Open this year in Phoenix, Singh had doubts about the legality of Phil Mickelson's driver. Not only did Mickelson beat him by two shots each day, he out-drove the Dour One by an average of 11 yards for the two days they played together. Officials checked Mickelson's club and found it to be conforming.

Here's what Singh and all complainers (you know who you are) need to do: Make a list of all the good things that have happened to you. Jot down the names of all the people who've helped you, all the breaks you've gotten, the lucky bounces in golf and in your life.

Why is this helpful? Because, as the saying goes, you can't be grateful and bitter at the same time.

GOLF BY THE NUMBERS

10 times

Phil Mickelson says he's working hard to get back in the winner's circle in 2006. "I think," he philosophizes, "that golf is the only sport where you can work 10 times harder than you ever have and get 10 times worse."



Mickelson

More 10 times

Mickelson is one of 10 left-handers on tour in 2006, the most ever for the PGA Tour. The others are Bubba Watson, Nick O'Hern, Mike Weir, Eric Axley, Greg Chalmers, Steve Flesch, John Engler Jr., Russ Cochran and B.J. Staten.

10 times plus 1

Tiger Woods had played the Nissan Open at Riviera Country Club 10 times without winning. This year he made it 11 losses in a row by withdrawing from the third round because of a cold after barely making the cut.

GOLF SPOKEN HERE

"BALL POSITION"

At address, your ball rests on an imaginary line extending toward the target. A ball placed "back in your stance" is farther away from the target, more toward your back foot. A ball that's "forward in your stance" is closer to the target, more toward your front foot.

ASK THE PRO

A few weeks ago, I wrote an article about swing plane and received an e-mail from "Coach," a teaching professional, who took me to task. Following is his version of swing plane; it's worth spending some time on because he's obviously very knowledgeable:

"Thanks for your (story) about the swing plane. I've scrutinized your explanation, but I cannot agree with your definition. Holding or swinging that same angle (as the shaft forms at address) throughout the swing is not a guarantee that you'll be on plane. We need a definition here. The plane of your swing is established by the target line and the angle of the right forearm pointing at the

target line. A plane is a two-dimensional geometric figure, like a page in a book, i.e. FLAT. The plane is angled, neither vertical nor horizontal, i.e. somewhere in between and not below the right elbow or above it!

"Ball position comes into play to establish the club angle you want or to be comfortable to make a good motion. One is not locked in at a specified angle. One adapts by changing ball position and shaft angle, but the plane line DOES NOT CHANGE! Ball positions are up and back, out or in. Body angle can be adjusted to meet the above conditions.

"Lessons for life, "Coach"