



## Top notch

### Hansen, Wood Chamber's Man, Woman of Year

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Terry Hansen and Diane Wood were honored as 2005's Man and Woman of the Year at Thursday night's annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Hansen, executive vice president at Howard College, and Wood, one of the founding members of Big Spring's highly successful Relay For Life campaign, were honored before a large crowd attending the annual banquet at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Ron Logback — the 2004 Man of the Year — lauded Hansen as a true "star" in the community. "Remember when you were in grade school and you completed your task successfully? With what did your teacher reward you? A star," Logback said. "When you grow up, stardom isn't as easy to



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Business trainer and professional speaker Patrick H. McGaughey addresses the banquet crowd.

achieve as it was back then. But our Man of the Year for 2005 has achieved it."

Hansen has been active in numerous community and civic projects. He has served as president and

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Above, Diane Wood, who was named the 2005 Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year Thursday night during the organization's annual banquet, shares her surprise with her son, Justin. Man of the year is Howard College Executive Vice President Terry Hansen, at left, who accepts his award from 2004 recipient Ron Logback.

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## Jail woes grow

### Issue won't stay locked up, court says

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

The county jail and what to do about it are once again topics of conversation among Howard County commissioners.

A months-long moratorium on debating the issue ended this morning when commissioners held a news conference at the county courthouse to discuss a meeting with members of the state jails standards commission.

The meeting, which was held Thursday in Austin, concerned efforts to keep the jail in compliance with state standards.

"They very strongly suggested that we come back in three months and tell them what we're going to do to correct the problems with our jail," Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said. "What I got from them was ... they were saying, 'You better get to planning for a new facility.'"

Fellow Commissioner Gary Simer echoed Kilgore's comments.

"When we come back (to Austin) in May, they want us to be moving forward on a new project."

The county jail has been a major point of discussion and division at the county level for the past several years. The existing jail fails to meet state standards in several areas, but the state has granted waivers — or "variances," as the state commission describes them — on many of these areas, allowing the jail to remain in operation.

Jail problems that have been granted waivers include:

- Not having at least

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## Back in curlers: new exhibit set at museum Saturday

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Features Editor

In the tradition of *Trudy's* in "Steel Magnolias," Heritage Museum recalls the bee hive, the page boy and the Farrah, a time when a day-long Saturday trip to the beauty shop was a way of life for most women.

"Beauty in Big Spring" opens at 1 p.m. Saturday at the museum and the exhibit includes a variety of opportunities to see beauty and its roots from the beginning to the present popularity of botox,

What: "Beauty in Big Spring," a trip to the beauty parlor.

Where: Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry.

When: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

highlights and massages. "We all have hair stories. There was a time when it was nothing to see women everywhere, wearing curlers on Saturday, getting ready

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Magon Schreengost prepares one of the displays for "Beauty in Big Spring," the newest exhibit at Heritage Museum that opens Saturday at 1 p.m.

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### PASSENGER SHIP SINKS

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — An Egyptian ferry carrying about 1,300 people sank in the Red Sea overnight during bad weather, and rescue ships and helicopters pulled dozens of bodies from the water today, an official said. About 100 survivors in lifeboats were rescued.

The 35-year-old ship, Al-Salaam Boccaccio 98, went down 40 miles off the Egyptian port of Hurgada, the head of the Egyptian Maritime Authority, Mahfouz Taha Marzouk, told The Associated Press. The cause was unknown, and no distress signal was received.

The ship went down between midnight and 2 a.m., a maritime official said.

### SCOUT FOOD DRIVE

Area Boy Scouts will hold their annual food drive Saturday in Big Spring. The food drive, which is slated for 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., calls for area residents to place canned goods and non-perishable food items in plastic grocery bags which have been left on porches and door steps for the community-wide collection.

Citizens may also drop off food items at the organization's collection point, which will be at the Wal-Mart Supercenter's east entrance.

It's all part of the Good Turn for America program the Boy Scouts of America have been sponsoring for a number of years now.

### COOKIES! COOKIES!

An annual tradition continues Saturday with the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale.

Two events will mark the seat of "cookie season." Girl Scouts of all age levels are invited to create an architectural structure made of edible materials from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. The primary ingredient will be... cookies.

Also, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Girl Scouts will be at the mall and Ace Hardware to take orders for Dyess Air Force Base troops deployed overseas. The public is invited to stop by either location to show support for the troops and the Girl Scouts organization.

## Obituaries

### William "Lin" Wallace



William "Lin" Wallace, 74, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Dwayne Wheat, pastor of Berea Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 16, 1931, in Bude, Miss., to Daniel Clifton Wallace and Sara Elizabeth Wallace. He grew up in Bude and moved from there to Big Spring in 1957. He married Sharon Payne, June 22, 1960, in Big Spring.

Lin was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He worked hard all of his life, having worked for Decotty Coffee and later, for Price Construction as a truck driver and heavy equipment operator.

Lin was always willing and eager to help someone until a job-related injury caused him to have to quit work in 2004. Lin was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Wallace of Big Spring; two sons, Randy Wallace and Ricky Wallace, both of Big Spring; three daughters, Sheri Bailey and her husband, Rick, Sheli Buck and her husband, Scott and Kelsie Wallace, all of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren, Amanda Wallace and Jason Key, Rick Bailey, Joshua Bailey, Devin Buck, Ashley Buck, Madyson Buck, Karissa Denton and her husband, Justin, Chanez Reed, Amber Bedwell and Tamra Wallace, all of Big Spring and Danielle Johnson of Brownwood; two great-grandchildren, Neely Shea Key and Logan Reed, both of Big Spring; one special sister-in-law, Lessie Wallace of Zachary, La.; two sisters, Louise Oglesby of Meadville, Miss., and Gladys Vines of Natchez, Miss.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, William Linfield "Little Lin" Wallace Jr., three brothers, Cowboy Wallace, Woodrow Wallace and Jimmy Wallace and one sister, Beatrice Jones.

Pallbearers will be Rick Bailey Sr., Rick Bailey Jr., Jason Key, Scott Buck, Ronald Murphy, Chanz Reed, Joshua Bailey and Devin Buck.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Paid obituary*

### Jeanette Fields

Jeanette Fields, 72, of Big Spring died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Take Note

BSHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS THE 2006 WINTER REVUE "WE LOVE THE 80s" at 7 p.m. Feb. 9 in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. For more information, call the theatre department at 264-3641, ext. 165.

## EXHIBIT

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for church on Sunday. Thank goodness some of these trends have changed," said museum curator Tammy Schreengost.

She said she was able to determine the history of barbers and beauticians in Big Spring, beginning in 1912 with Union Barber Shop, which is still located in the oldest existing building in Big Spring, 121 Main.

"What I find interesting, with my list of barbers and beauticians, beginning in 1928, is that the number of barbers was at least twice the number of beauticians. In the 1960s we see about an equal number of both, but today, there are nearly twice the number of beauticians," she said.

The change, she explained, came when licensing guidelines changed. And other requirements of the job have changed as well, such as the cost of licenses, according to Gloria Rodriguez, manager and make-up artist for Uptown Salon and day

Spa. "Licenses are \$75 now, and they used to pay \$3. Continuing education is a requirement now," Rodriguez said.

Saturday's event at the museum offers a glimpse into current trends as well, with Uptown Salon and Day Spa offering demonstrations on facials, make-up techniques, massages and hair designs from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Various independent beauty consultants will be on hand from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Those attending the exhibit may register for a \$275 spa package from Uptown Salon and Day Spa to be given away April 29. The package includes a facial, a spa pedicure and manicure, a massage, lunch and a makeover.

"This has been a very interesting exhibit to create. I've met some very interesting people and I feel this will be a very fun and exciting exhibit opening," Schreengost said. For more information, call 267-8255.

Contact Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331 or e-mail [lfe@bigspringherald.com](mailto:lfe@bigspringherald.com).

## Police blotter

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

- JASON MUNDELL, 28, 305 Tucson, was arrested on capias and local warrants.
- JESSIE RIOS, 22, 701 N. Gregg, was arrested on charges of criminal mischief/family violence and aggravated assault/family violence.
- JASON MAURICE THREATS, 28, 2611 Fairchild, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief.
- NATHAN HOUSTON CAHOON, 44, 309 W. Fifth, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.
- MICHAEL SHANE SHULTS, 27, 2100 Grace, was arrested on three capias warrants.
- JERRY RAY MANN II, 25, 1200 W. Third, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- WILLIAM ALLEN TILLEY, 25, 2405 Gatesville, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- ERMILINDA CANO, 40, 2804 Parkway, was arrested on a charge of hindering apprehension.
- ANGEL VILLA, 32, 912 W. Sixth, was arrested on a parole violation warrant.
- ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported on the 900 block of Fourth.
- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported on the 900 block of Fourth.
- CLASS C ASSAULT was reported on the 500 block of Westover.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 400 block of Fourth and the 900 block of Fourth.
- DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED was reported on the 700 block of Third.
- DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID was reported in the 900 block of Avondale.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell.

## Sheriff's report

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

- JOSE ALFREDO MELENDEZ, 22, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.
- ANDREW BRICE GOOD, 27, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 65, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- JEFFERY DON CATE, 24, was arrested on charges of motion to revoke probation, DWI and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- WILLIAM EARL SHORT, 33, was arrested on a charge of failure to appear and driving while license suspended.
- JASON LARUE WOODRUFF, 23, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.
- MICHAEL NEAL BIRMELEN, 25, was arrested in charges of driving while intoxicated and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- WRECKLESS DRIVER was reported in the east bound lane of I-20.
- MAN WITH A GUN was reported in the 3200 block of East Highway 350.
- DRAG RACING in the Gatesville Road area.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3100 block of Sherrod Road.
- DOG PROBLEM was reported in the 400 block of South Main.
- LOOSE ANIMAL was reported on the south service road near the Salem Road exit.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 80. One person was transported to the VA Medical Center.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at mile marker 164 on I-20. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of East 16th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Dallas. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Bulletin board

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

**TODAY**

- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

**SATURDAY**

- A new exhibit, "Beauty in Big Spring" opens at the Heritage Museum at 1 p.m.
- Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Big Spring Symphony and Chorale presents "Happy Birthday Mozart," featuring pianist and child prodigy Peng Peng at 8 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

**MONDAY**

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- 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.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacients meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

**TUESDAY**

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- The Big Spring Symphony Association Board of Directors meeting is at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry.

**WEDNESDAY**

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics.


## Around Town

- BEAUTY IN BIG SPRING AT THE HERITAGE MUSEUM, 510 Scurry, is set for 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday. The new exhibit features barber, shoe shine and hair demonstrations at the opening, along with spa techniques from Uptown Salon and Day Spa. Register to win a full spa giveaway. The exhibit will be on display through April 16. Heritage Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

- HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.


- POTTON HOUSE, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

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vice president of Big Spring Main Street Inc., vice president of Moore Development for Big Spring and has been active with United Way, the YMCA and Keep Big Spring Beautiful, among other projects.

He has worked at Howard College for the past 27 years, and is a past president of the Texas Association of Public/Junior College Business

Officers. He was enshrined in the college's Hall of Fame in 1998 and voted the HC "Above and Beyond" award in 2004.

Jan Foresyth, the 2004 Woman of the Year, presented this year's honor to Wood.

"Though Big Spring has many outstanding persons and many yet undiscovered, this year's recipient richly deserves recognition as an outstanding woman of the year," Foresyth said.

Wood was lauded as a long-time supporter of agriculture in Howard County and is a past

recipient of the Ag Business Award.

She is perhaps best well known as one of the guiding lights in the formation of the local Relay for Life effort, which raises funds for the American Cancer Society.

Foresyth said the event has grown to be ranked both nationally and statewide. She served as Relay chairman locally for five years, was named to the state task force and is currently a member of the national RFL advisory committee.

Business trainer and motiva-

tor Patrick H. McGaughey was the keynote speaker for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which also recognized out-going president Joe Conciencie and incoming president Virginia Belew.

McGaughey spoke on how to maximize the Chamber's potential.

"The chamber of commerce is the most powerful powerless organization ever created," the Idaho native said. "We're powerful because the more members we have, the more people listen to what we have to say ...

and we're powerless because we have absolutely no authority."

McGaughey urged the chamber to be more out-front in advocating for its members.

"We are the issue center for every cash register in this community," he said. "Can the Chamber of Commerce guarantee results? No, but it's certainly a nice insurance policy to have."

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

**JAIL**

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two unobstructed exits from the jail.

- Inadequate fire suppression equipment.
- No reliable means of remotely unlocking and locking of cells.
- Exit doors that swing against traffic.
- Corridors that are too narrow.

"These are serious, life-threatening factors, and the standards commission is very concerned about them," Commissioner William Crooker said.

Kilgore said the state commission has granted waivers to the local facili-

ty since the mid-1970s, but hinted that its patience may be wearing thin.

"They very, very strongly suggested that ... if we violate one more standard, we're going to lose our accreditation," he said. "What I got out of it was that they are willing to work with us, but they've gone about as far as they're going to."

County commissioners have scheduled a public meeting to discuss the jail and plans for a new facility at 1 p.m. Feb. 13 in the county courthouse.

Kathy Lusk, who is running against Kilgore this year, does not necessarily oppose building a new jail, but accused commis-

sioners of using Thursday's meeting to garner support for a new facility.

Lusk said problems noted in the last two jail inspections — aside from those granted waivers — were relatively minor and said that the variances are not going to be rescinded anytime soon.

"They are not going to close (the jail) down in May, unless the people here are irresponsible," Lusk said.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Howard County Commissioners William Crooker, left, and Gary Simer listen during a news conference held to discuss the county jail issue.



**Club News**

**TOPS TX No. 21**

Wanda Lee voiced the opening prayer when Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 21 met Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 W. Third. She also gave the only reading titled, "Thou Leadest Me."

The TOPS pledge was recited by all present and the seven Keep Off Pounds Sensibly (KOPS) then repeated their pledge. Everyone joined in singing the fellowship song.

Genay Bertran called the roll with members answering with their gain

or loss of the week. Duffy Yancey was the TOPS best loser for the second week in a row and Pat Aaron was the KOPS best loser. Each one received a certificate.

Jennifer Shaffer presented an inspirational and informative program, "Crossing the threshold of inspiration, a personal plan for improvement." Points included were: be positive, have a plan, know yourself, continue learning and forgive yourself, among others.

For more information about TOPS, call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

**New pastor comes to First Christian Church**

**Special to the Herald**

The Rev. Dr. Ken McIntosh, Ph.D., has been named as the new pastor of First Christian Church. Ordained in 1979, McIntosh comes to Big Spring after serving nine years as the executive director of the Tarrant Area Community of Church in Fort Worth.

A descendant from a prominent Oklahoma family, Dr. McIntosh is a member of the Muscogee Nation. His grandfather, W.E. "Dod" McIntosh, was principal chief of the Muscogee Nation, 1961-1971.

The McIntosh Creeks were among the first to be forced west, locating near present day Checotah. His great-grandfather, Cheesie McIntosh, represented the Muscogee Nation in both the Sequoyah and Oklahoma Constitutional conventions, a service recognized by the naming of McIntosh County in Oklahoma.

A 1970 graduate of Edison High School in Tulsa, Okla., McIntosh has earned four degrees, culminating with a Ph.D. in American history from Texas Christian University in 1993.

He has recognition and standing as a minister in the Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ). In addition, beginning in 1988, he has taught as an adjunct faculty in American History, teaching courses at Texas Christian University, Tulsa University and Tarrant County College.

His previous ministries have included campus ministry at Bemidji State University, Texas Christian University and Tulsa University.

He also served as the executive director of an inner-city ministry in Tulsa, as well as served as pastor at Memorial Christian Church, 1994-1996.

As soon as his Fort Worth home sells, his family will be joining him in Big Spring. His wife, Eulaine McIntosh, has a master's of art degree in modern dance from Texas Christian University.

She is a noted dance instructor and choreographer currently working at the Creative Arts Theatre and School in Arlington.

She has choreographed many musicals at Bemidji State University, Tulsa University and at CATS.

The couple have three children, Tap, 14; Wiley, 12; and Mariah, 9.

For the past 27 years, McIntosh has been active in community and professional organizations. He served as president of the

National Campus Ministry Association for two years and he has served on the board of directors for the Council of Christian Unity.

He is a life-time member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. During his recent time in Fort Worth, he served on the board of directors for the Tarrant Area Food Bank, as well as a number of other organizations including the United Way, the Fort Worth Independent School District, the Crowley Youth Association and the University Area Kiwanis Club.

Under his leadership, his organizations founded Tarrant County Family Pathfinders, a 501 (c) (3) organizations dedicated to helping welfare mothers make the transition from welfare to independent living.

In 2002, McIntosh received the Human Relations Award from the city of Fort Worth for his work in bringing together religious and civic leaders following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the world trade center.

He preaches Sunday mornings, 10:50 a.m., at the First Christian Church, 911 Goliad.

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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:

- Terry Hansen and Diane Wood, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Man and Woman of the Year for 2005.

Hansen, executive vice president at Howard College, has been at the forefront of numerous civic organizations. Wood is a founding member of the local Relay For Life fund-raiser, which is one of the most successful per capita in the nation.

Also, we salute out-going chamber president Joe Concienne — a great job, Joe — and new president Virginia Belew.

- Forsan High School math team, which took first place in the Lubbock Coronado University Interscholastic League practice meet. Students also brought home eight individual medals and nine ribbons.

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# Debunking militant feminists

Kate O'Beirne's "Women Who Make the World Worse" is one of the boldest books challenging the orthodoxy of political correctness to be released in years. Above all, it documents the real damage inflicted on our culture by radical feminism and the women who lead that destructive movement.

O'Beirne makes a compelling case, substantiated by copious research, that radical feminism has been driven largely by disaffected women, devoted to undermining the traditional institutions that are indispensable for a healthy, vibrant society: motherhood, fatherhood and marriage.

In their relentless assault on gender distinctions and Mother Nature herself, they have tried to eliminate all differences between men and women, labeling them as social constructs engineered by dominant males in furtherance of their conspiracy to oppress women.

This book is not merely a polemical counterpoint to the subjective propaganda with which radical feminists have bombarded society in the last three-plus decades. It marshals impressive evidence shattering the bizarre, counterintuitive psychobabble feminists have promoted to "deconstruct" the pillars of our culture.

Radical feminist torchbearers publicly condemn marriage as the "chief vehicle for the perpetuation of the oppression of women" and a destructive institution that has harmed women's mental and emotional health.

But O'Beirne shows that when confronted with the hard evidence that refutes their premises, radical feminists cavalierly dismiss it as just further proof of men's successful subjugation and indoctrination of women.

For example, when study after study reveals that married women, on average, are happier, healthier and wealthier than their unmarried counterparts, feminists write them off as skewed because they don't comport with their militant conclusions.

O'Beirne cites a female sociology professor, Jessie Barnard, who says, "To be happy in a relationship which imposes so many impediments on her, as traditional marriage does, women must be

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slightly mentally ill." Another, Katharine Bartlett, the dean of Duke University's law school, attributes women's support for the traditional, nuclear family to deeply rooted ideology (read: brainwashing).

If anyone is blinded by ideological conditioning, it's the feminists, who willfully ignore the stubborn data that refuse to conform to their prejudices. For their dogma to thrive, they have to discount such disturbing findings as "boys who grew up outside of intact marriages, were, on average, more than twice as likely to end up in jail as other boys, and twice as likely to use illegal drugs."

While radical feminists hold themselves out as champions of women's freedom and choice, they have sought to systematically undercut the natural bond between mother and child and put a guilt trip on mothers who would prefer temporarily to sacrifice their professional careers and stay home during their children's formative years.

No less a figure than Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote, "Motherly love ain't everything it has been cracked up to be. To some extent, it's a myth that men have created to make women think that they do this job to perfection."

And lest you draw the wrong

inferences here, O'Beirne's book is not a condemnation of women who choose to pursue their careers while raising their children. Rather, it is an indictment of the radical feminists who insist on women marching in lock step to the monolithic dictates of the radical movement.

O'Beirne also makes quite clear that she has long opposed discrimination against women in employment and education and is a strong believer in women pursuing academic and career excellence. It never occurred to her father, she says, that her chosen profession of law "was unsuitable for a woman."

Though O'Beirne has been a fierce advocate of equal opportunity for women, she abhors the radical feminists' goal of legally enforcing an equality of outcomes, which would include, for example, absurdly equalizing the percentage of cosmetology, welding and carpentry students between the sexes.

The feminists, O'Beirne correctly notes, are not about empowering women. They have no room in their utopia for accomplished conservative women, such as Margaret Thatcher or Condoleezza Rice.

"Women Who Make the World Worse" is, to be sure, an entertaining, often humorous expose of the modern feminist movement, but at the same time, it's a sober wake-up call, highlighting its destructive "advancements" and naming its primary culprits, including our would-be president, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

I have long admired Kate O'Beirne and her powerful work as a writer for National Review and a commentator on "The Capital Gang." But she has outdone herself with this book, which is a must-read for all who seek to understand radical feminism and the danger it poses to women, men, children, families, marriage, education and other essential societal institutions.

I have barely scratched the surface here. Get it and read it. You will not be disappointed.

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# Bush even lies about the weather

In a happy harmonic convergence, Groundhog Day fell only two days after the State of the Union Address this year. Some days, I'd feel better with Punxsutawney Phil in the Oval Office — at least he doesn't lie about the weather. The Bush administration is now trying to stop NASA's top climate scientist from speaking out on the need for prompt action on global warming. As far as we know, the groundhog isn't suppressing anyone, he just calls it as he sees it.

James E. Hansen, longtime head of the Goddard Institute for Space Studies, gave a speech last month calling for immediate reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases because global warming is so pressing. He says since then NASA has reviewed his coming lectures, papers, postings and requests for interviews from journalists. "They feel their job is to be this censor of information going out to the public," said Hansen. The top P.R. guy denies it, saying, "It's about coordination."

Yep, it sure is about coordination. According to the Environmental Working Group's Web site, there's a coordinated, multimillion-dollar campaign funded by polluters to convince us that global warming doesn't exist — or if it exists, it's not serious, or if it's serious, it's not an immediate threat. And so we get into another one of those weird debates where something as clear as elementary addition suddenly becomes, "Well, some say ... but then, other's say."

For instance, some call it domestic spying, whereas others call it a terrorist surveillance program. Actually, it's a domestic spying program being conducted without warrants.

The problem is not just keeping track of everything the Bushies are up to, but trying to evaluate the damage. For example, the man who has headed the Justice Department investigation into the

dealings of corrupt Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff for the last two years has been removed from his job. The Bush team decided to put him on the federal bench, so the Abramoff investigation will be headed by someone less senior and less experienced.

Now, is this real damage? I don't think so. The investigation continues and would be hard to bury at this point. This gesture is just Bush gesturing to the Democrats and the public: "See? Ha! I can do whatever I want, no matter how it looks." Whereas, six years of dragging, delaying and disinforming about global warming — now that causes irreversible damage.

Some damage is harder to see than others — and I offer two cases of suppression. First, there's a congressionally mandated report on outsourcing high-tech jobs. It was supposed to be released before the '04 election but wasn't, because it was politically embarrassing. More than a year later, they are still stonewalling, ignoring the federal law that ordered the study done and be released before November 2004.

Second case: According to the Project on Government Oversight, the Congressional Research Service has warned a senior analyst to avoid describing his research findings. The analyst, whose job it is to describe research findings of the nonpartisan service, specializes in separation-of-power issues, but was criticized over a report and comments he made concerning the plight of national security whistleblowers.

"It is undeniable that unprecedented numbers of government whistleblowers face retaliation with no adequate protections. We are stunned that the Congress is offended to hear the truth about its failure to help whistleblowers and are even punishing their own seasoned researchers for talking about it," said Danielle Brian, executive director of the project.

What we have here are two small examples of an entire lit-

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mate of secrecy and fear being created by this administration. As government officials keep more and more information from us, they are in turn increasingly less accountable for what they do, since we have no idea they're doing it. Those are small things with grave consequences.

And then there are the consequences that can never be counted. The New York Times broke a sad story about a duplicitous Bush policy that helped drive the elected president of Haiti, Jean Bertrand Aristide, out of his country.

Haiti has since descended into abysmal chaos. Perhaps no one person or policy should be blamed for Haiti's long-developing problems, but it has sunk to a new low after its one noble grasp at real democracy, which Bush claims to support. How sad. The worst damage is always the small, starving children.

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# Church News

## First United Methodist Church

Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday is Boy Scouts' Sunday and Holy Communion will be observed.

The Rev. Dave Ring's communion meditation is "Why One and Not the Other." The New Testament Scripture text is from Acts 28; 1-10. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday is also "Souper Bowl of Caring" Sunday. The youth will be collecting money and canned goods to help people in need in our community.

The Centered in Praise Ensemble meets at 3 p.m. Sunday. 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 evenings in the Partee Building.

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

Wednesdays begin with Children's Day Out at 9 a.m., lunch and Bible study is at noon and the Hispanic Ministry has Bible studies at 6 p.m. in the men's Bible class.

Also on Wednesdays is handbell practice at 6 p.m., Combined Youth Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, women's Bible study is 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.

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

## 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.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church is located at 401 E. Fourth St. For more information, call Amy at 267-2291.

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran worship services and Holy Communion are 9 a.m. Sunday. Sunday school is at 10:15 a.m., Adult Bible classes are 10:15 a.m.

Bible studies during the week are Genesis, Monday at 7 p.m.; Lord, I want to know You, Wednesday at noon; Hebrews, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.; The Case for Christ at 6 a.m. Friday and Acts at 6 p.m. Sunday. Call the church for locations.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League meets Feb. 9 for its yearly Prayer Pal revealing and salad lunch at the home of Doris and Bob Hicks. Cookbooks are still available for sale. Last Sunday the church was blessed to have the Rev. Dr. Alan Abel as guest speaker.

St. Paul Lutheran is located at 810 Scurry St. Call 267-7163 for more information.

## Friends of Unity

Groups seeking to grow in grace and knowingsness meet at the Center located at the Railroad Plaza in the east boxcar.

These groups meet to bring forth the truth of the one, wholeness, all-

ness, perfection of Christ. For more information, call 267-8783 or 263-6311.

## Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The Valentine Banquet is set for Feb. 12 and the ladies are planning a fun time. The church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

## Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

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

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Communion is celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001

S. Goliad.

## East Side Baptist Church

The Robby Wright Family will be in concert at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, at East Side Baptist Church. The group will also perform Feb. 12 at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday is Friend Day at East Side Baptist.

For more information, call 267-1915. The church is located at 1108 E. Sixth St.

## First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles will speak on text taken from Mark 1:29-39 at worship service Sunday. Church school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 is at 10:30 a.m., followed by worship at 11 a.m.

Tres Rios Presbytery is offering Fueling the Faith Workshops Feb. 24-25 at First Presbyterian Church in Midland. The workshop consists of 36 interesting and varied workshops divided into three sessions. There are flyers available at the church.

Wednesday, the youth group meets at 5 p.m.,

Bible study is at 5:17 p.m. in the chapel and choir practice is at 6 p.m.

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

## Salem Baptist Church

Sunday school is at 10

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a.m. and the morning service is at 11 a.m. This week there is a special evening service of worship music beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday. A fellowship meal will follow the service. Nursery services are

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available at all services. The Wednesday evening service is at Parkplace at 6 p.m. Contact the church office at 394-4655 for further information.

**College Baptist Church**

Tara Leigh Cobble will be in concert presenting "Things You Can't Stop With Your Hands" at 6 p.m. Sunday. The concert is free and a love offering will be taken.

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 - Don't wait. Get rid of the weight" Sunday at 11 a.m. Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to

Sunday children's activities. Childcare is available for newborns through preschool.

The church is located at 12th and Owens streets. Call 263-3072 with any questions.

**YoungLife**

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

**First Baptist Church**

This Sunday is Boy Scout Sunday at First Baptist Church. The church has been the home to Troop 5 for a number of years. They are having a luncheon following Sunday morning's worship in the Family Life Center. Donations will be accepted with the proceeds benefiting this troop's

activities.

The Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor of First Baptist Church, will share the sermon, "Obsessive-Compulsive Behaviors: Beware the Control Freaks," during the Sunday morning worship service which begins at 10:50 a.m.

Next Sunday, the Sunday Night Live classes begin at 4:30 p.m. Susie Teeters is leading the Beth Moore Bible study of the patriarchs. The pastor is leading the study based on the TV series, "Bonanza." The third study is an evangelism outreach course, "Faith," led by Chris Tucker. Also at this time, the youth meet for choir and the children are involved in Bible drill.

For more information, call 267-8223.

**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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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.

**First Baptist Church Sand Springs**

Forty Days of Community begins Super Bowl Sunday at 11 a.m. The church is located at 8517 N. Service Road I-20. For more information, call 267-6006.

**Life Church offers Summit**

The Life Church annual Summit is Feb. 10-12 featuring John Ragsdale and Billy Hornsby.

Registration is free and childcare is provided for ages 0-3 Feb. 10-11 and for ages 0-9 Feb. 12. A free breakfast and lunch will be served Feb. 11 with pre-registration.

Feb. 10, the event starts at 7 p.m., Feb. 11 the Summit is scheduled for 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Feb. 12 the event starts at 10:30 a.m.

John Ragsdale is a preacher, teacher, singer and songwriter who is passionate about leading people into the presence of God. He is the co-worship leader, with Randy Phillips, of the internationally televised program "The Awakening."

He is also a frequent guest on the TBN and Daystar television networks. John has shared the stage with some of the most popular min-

istries in the world, including Michael W. Smith, Darlene Zschech, CeCe Winans, Max Lucado and Phillips Craig and Dean.

Billy Hornsby is director of the Association of Related Churches, a national Christian organization, and has worked internationally with church and business leaders. He is a published author who does seminars on maintaining strong, productive relationships and leadership.

His books include "The Cell-Driven Church," and "101 Rules for Relationships and Success for the Second in Command." He serves as the European regional coordinator for Dr. John C. Maxwell's EQUIP organization. He and his wife Charlene live in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

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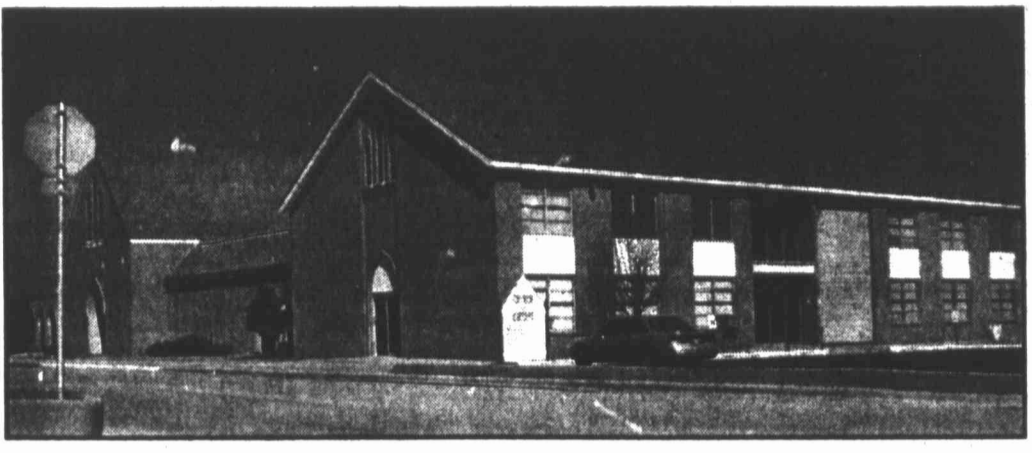
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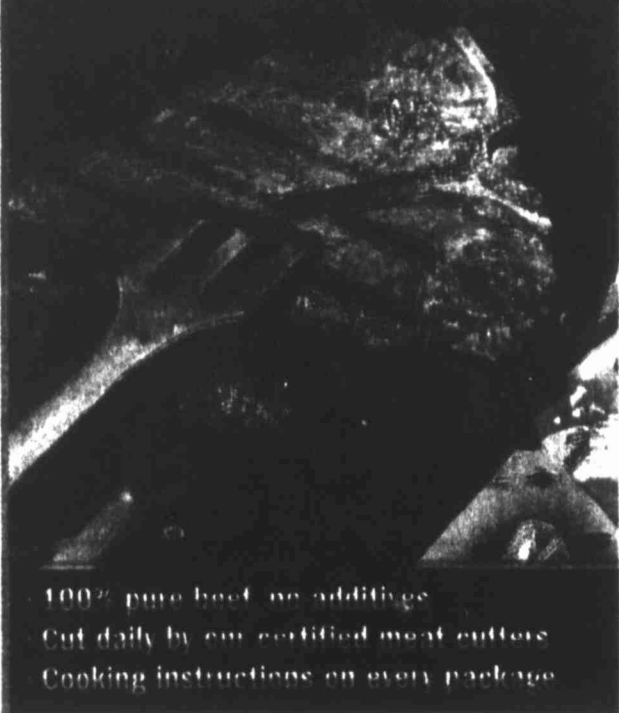
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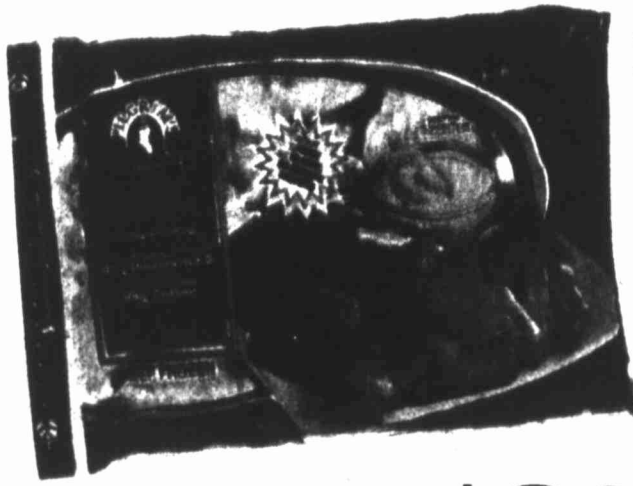
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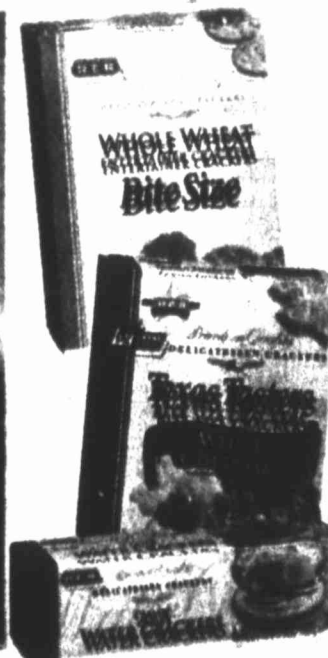
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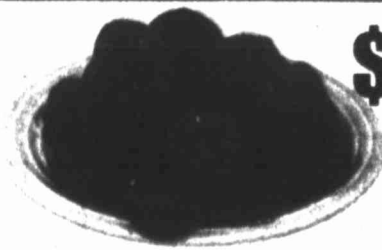


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For more information, contact 263-1345.

#### BSHS announces "Meet the Lady Steers" day

The 2006 Big Spring Lady Steers softball team, including new head coach Jennifer Reyes and assistant coaches Dee Dee Myers and John Sparks, will be introduced Saturday after a scrimmage against Greenwood.

Following the scrimmage, which begins at noon, the Lady Steers will take on the "Mad Cows" (BSISD facility) in a rag ball game starting at 2 p.m.

There will be chili dog meals available for \$5 with all proceeds going to the Lady Steer Softball Booster Club. Purchasing a meal deal will also put your name in a drawing to win a Big Spring Steer Quilt.

#### Big Spring Softball Association sets date for signups

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

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

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

#### Howard College to host regional cheer competition

The Western Junior College Athletic Conference Regional Cheer Competition will be hosted by Howard College at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday, Feb. 11, beginning at 1 p.m.

The Howard College cheerleaders will perform in the co-ed category against Midland College. There will also be an all-girl category. The competition is free to the public.

For more information, contact Linda Berry at 264-5024.

#### Martz, Lions call off talks about OC job

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Mike Martz backed out of the Detroit Lions' offensive coordinator position, and the ex-St. Louis Rams coach appears content to sit out next season.

Martz told The Associated Press he took the job, but "it just didn't work out with the money."

Martz was fired by the Rams Jan. 2, the day after they finished a 6-10 season.

## Local coaches feel comfortable with alignments

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Andrews will not play Big Spring the next two years in district play, but sports fans can expect to see the Steers' arch rival on the schedule in football and basketball.

Head football coach Tim Holt said even though the Mustangs will not be in Class 4A next year, they will still take on Big Spring during the nondistrict seasons in both sports.

"It will always be a good rivalry no matter what classification we play in,"



HOLT said Holt is happy overall with the new UIL alignment, which pits the same teams from the past two years minus Andrews. The Mustangs dropped down to Class 3A.

"It's about as positive as it can be for us," said Holt. "The best part about playing in five-team district is that teams that get two wins in the district have a chance to make

the playoffs. The problem is getting the nondistrict schedule filled and the fact that the open week will be during district play."

The hard part, according to Holt, is about fixed, however. Big Spring has tentatively scheduled nondistrict games against Odessa, San Angelo Central, Hereford, Sweetwater and Andrews and have just one more spot to fill. The Steers will open district play next season at Plainview Oct. 13 and will host Frenship the following week before



CATES For the most part, Coahoma, Forsan and Garden City are pleased with what transpired with their districts.

Coahoma head football coach Ken Cates did not want an eight-team district, but was glad that rivals Colorado City and

Stanton were kept around.

"I don't think anyone wants eight-team districts, but there is not much we can do about it," said Cates. "I am glad the UIL kept us with C-City and Stanton because those are pretty big rivalries amongst the schools."

Coahoma's nondistrict schedule will feature games against Reagan County, Ballinger and Roscoe. The Roscoe game will be played on a

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## Hawk men extend school-record win streak to 22 games

### Howard women struggle to make shots in defeat

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

BORGER — Louis Rodgers returned from his suspension in a big way Thursday night on the road as the sophomore finished with 18 second-half points and helped the Hawks win their school-record 22nd straight game over rival Frank Phillips, 98-78.



Top-ranked Howard improved to 22-0 on the season and the Hawks are now 6-0 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

The Hawk women failed to find the basket consistently and fell to the Lady Plainsman, 69-58. The Howard women's basketball squad fell to 0-5 in WJCAC play.

#### Howard men 98

Frank Phillips men 78  
The Hawk men lead throughout against the Plainsman Tuesday night. The game was tied early at 4-4, but a 16-4 run by the Hawks gave Howard a 20-8 lead.

Freshman Benny Valentine hit back-to-back 3-pointers moments later to start at a 10-0 run. The run was ended by two inside baskets by freshman Phil Murphy and sophomore Charles Burgess. The Hawks continued to lead by double figures and took a 23-point lead at halftime.

The Hawks shot 15-for-24 from the field and made six out of nine from behind the 3-point line in the first half.

Burgess tore a chest muscle in the first half and was limited in the second half, but he is expected to play Monday.

Howard maintained its 20-point lead for most of the second half.

Sophomore Louis Rodgers, who missed the previous three games after violating team rules, caught fire in the second half and led the offense.

Rodgers finished with 25 points, made four 3-pointers and had three dunks. His fourth 3-pointer of the game put Howard up 62-39.

Frank Phillips cut it to 68-51 before a 3-point play by Rodgers put the Hawks

back up by 20.

Valentine and Rodgers stole the final 3:20 of the game for Howard as the 5-7 point guard scored 10 points and Rodgers added six points on three dunks. The Hawks maintained their 20-point advantage during that run and went on to win 98-78.

After Rodgers' 25 points was Valentine, who

Richard Forbes added 10 off the bench. Also adding some big bench points was freshman Bougari Konate, who finished with nine points.

#### Howard women 58

Frank Phillips women 69  
The Hawk women shot poorly Thursday night and lost to Frank Phillips in Borger, 69-58.

Frank Phillips used a 14-0 run early in the first half to take control and never looked back.

"We just couldn't make shots in the first half," said Howard assistant coach Eric Rodewald. "We got back in the game and then had too many turnovers at the end of the first half."

The Hawks made a run highlighted by eight straight points from sophomore Jennifer Pena and a 3-pointer by freshman Kim Gilyard made it 19-15. They tied the score at 25-25 after an 8-2 run highlighted by four free throws from Gilyard.

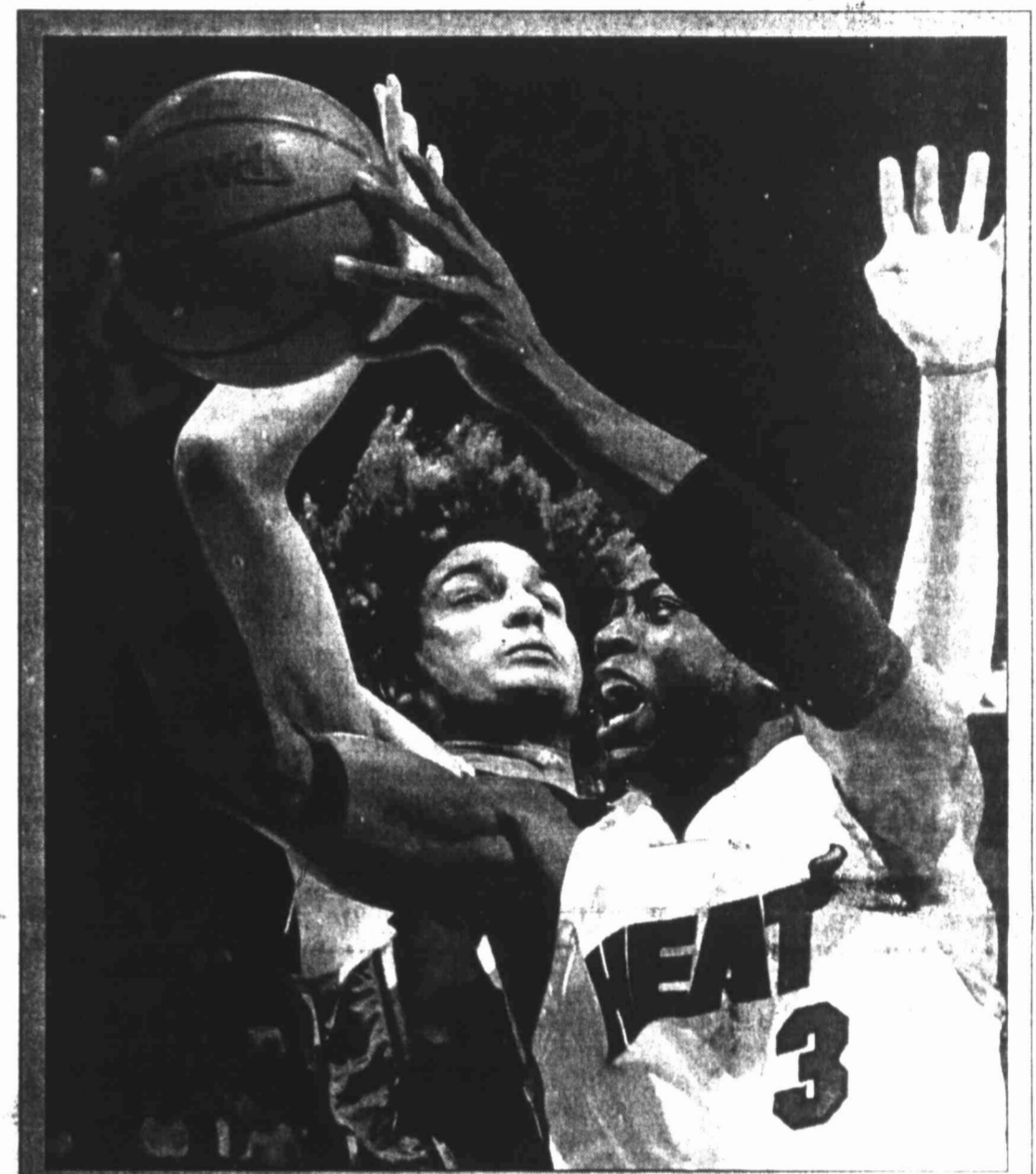
Then turnovers happened and Frank Phillips got back on top by seven, which is where the game ended up at halftime.

The Hawks just never got going in the second half. The got to within five on the opening basket of the half from freshman Chanel Jones-Delas, but that was as close as they got. Jones-Delas finished with nine points in the half.

"She stepped up in the second half and we also got nice games from Amanda Burrell and Valerie Burnam off the bench," said Rodewald.

Howard got just seven points in the first 12 minutes of the second half, but got things going late, but it was too late to overcome a deficit which reached 22 points. The Hawks scored the game's

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MIAMI (AP) — Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade takes it to the basket against Cleveland Cavaliers' Anderson Varejao to score in the first half during the Heat's 101-73 win over the Cavaliers at American Airlines Arena in Miami, Fla., Thursday.

## Wade leads Heat past Cavs

### Duncan shakes off bad game, helps Spurs beat G.S.

MIAMI (AP) —

Dwyane Wade scored 24 points and the Miami Heat rode two big scoring runs to beat Cleveland 101-73 Thursday night, snapping the Cavaliers' seven-game winning streak.

The Heat used a 22-0 first-half run to build their lead, then went on a 19-1 game-clinching burst in the fourth quarter while dealing the Cavaliers their biggest loss of the season.

Shaquille O'Neal had 21 points and eight rebounds, hours after he and Wade were named as Eastern Conference All-Star starters. Gary Payton added 14 points.

Antoine Walker had 12 and James Posey had 11 points and 10 rebounds for Miami, which won its fourth straight and moved a season-best 11 games over .500.

Unlike his soon-to-be All-Star teammates, LeBron James' day wasn't perfect. James, the East's leading votegetter in fan balloting, will start the midseason showcase for the second straight year. But he missed 10 of his first 13 shots before finishing with 29 points, seven assists and five rebounds for the Cavaliers.

No other Cleveland player scored in double figures.

S.A. Spurs 89  
G.S. Warriors 86  
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Tony Parker scored

23 points and Tim Duncan shook off a terrible game to score the San Antonio Spurs' final five points in their sixth straight victory.

Duncan managed just 16 points and 11 rebounds under tight defense from Troy Murphy, but the All-Star game starter emerged from a 15-minute personal scoring drought just in time to secure San Antonio's 28th victory in 32 meetings with Golden State.

Duncan also forced a key turnover in the final minutes by the Warriors, who lost for the sixth time in seven games despite plenty of chances to steal a win from the defending NBA champions.

Troy Murphy scored 22 points to lead Golden State.

## Ming, James lead all votegetters, Shaq earns 13th straight selection

By TIM REYNOLDS

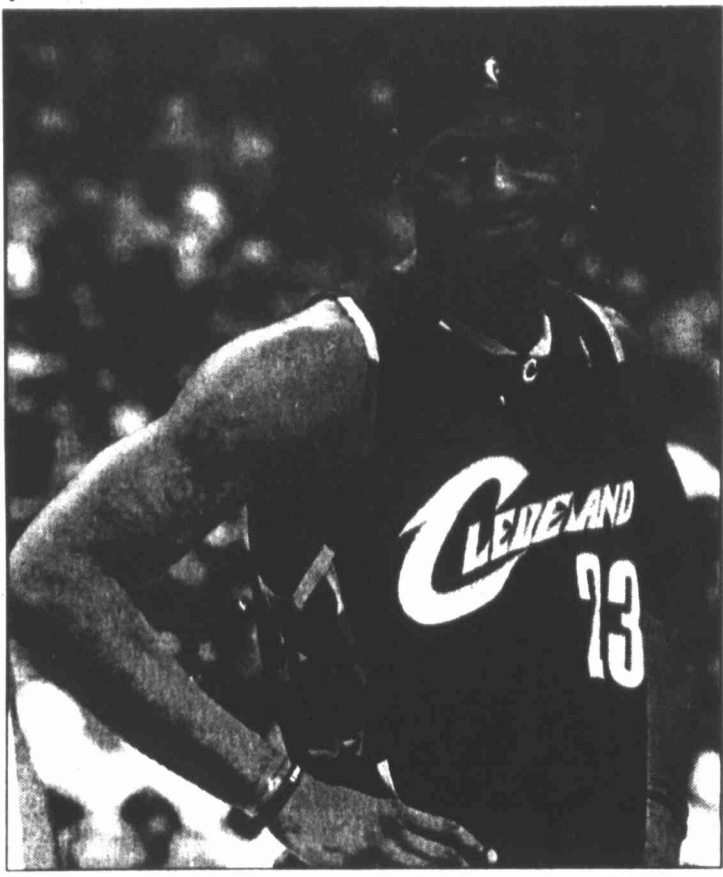
AP Sports Writer

Yao Ming edged Kobe Bryant as the top votegetter in fan balloting for the 55th NBA All-Star game Thursday, and Shaquille O'Neal became the fifth player in league history to earn 13 consecutive selections for the midseason showcase.

Yao and Tracy McGrady give the host Houston Rockets two starters in the Feb. 19 game. They were joined on the Western Conference squad by Bryant, San Antonio's Tim Duncan and reigning MVP Steve Nash of Phoenix — who will be a first-time All-Star starter.

Cleveland's LeBron James was the top Eastern Conference votegetter, edging O'Neal by 15,155 votes. It's the second straight All-Star trip for James, who says he's still drawing motivation from being snubbed during his rookie season.

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A smirking Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James on the floor as the Miami Heat dominate the first half during the Heat's 101-73 win over the Cavaliers at American Airlines Arena in Miami, Fla., Thursday. James will start for the East in this year's all-star game.

ALL-STAR

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"What happened two years ago, that really motivated me to come out and play even harder," James said.

Added Cleveland coach Mike Brown: "It's an honor to be around him, it's an honor to work with him and I'm excited for him and his family because he definitely deserves it."

Philadelphia's Allen Iverson, Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal and first-time All-Star starter Dwyane Wade of Miami rounded out the East's starting five.

"Hopefully, I can become a staple, like my teammate Shaq," Wade said. "I'm grateful that NBA fans think so highly of my game."

Jermaine O'Neal will miss the game with an injury; Detroit's Rasheed Wallace finished third in

the voting among East forwards, meaning he'll likely be a strong candidate for that starting spot. But no Pistons were voted into the starting lineup, despite the team's 38-6 record — the NBA's best by a wide margin.

Yao edged Bryant by 71,107 votes for the top overall spot in the balloting, despite missing 21 games following surgery to clean out an infection in his left big toe. It's the fourth All-Star trip for the 7-foot-6 center from China and the eighth for Bryant, who leads the NBA in scoring and had an 81-point effort — the second-biggest night in NBA history — last month in the Los Angeles Lakers' win over Toronto.

Yao finished with 2,342,738 votes; Bryant had 2,271,631 in the closest finish among the top two players in All-Star balloting since Vince Carter, then of Toronto, edged Miami's Alonzo Mourning by 33,385 votes

in 2000. Nash, meanwhile, is a first-time starter after improving the numbers that earned him MVP honors a year ago. Nash is averaging a career-high 19.1 points and an NBA-leading 11.3 assists this season, the first player since Magic Johnson in 1990-91 to average as much in both categories. He finished with 1,818,230 votes for the second Western guard spot behind Bryant. McGrady had 1,818,932 votes to lead the West's forwards, while Duncan had 1,518,796 — 39,410 more than Minnesota's Kevin Garnett, who was a starter seven times in his first eight All-Star trips.

Detroit's Flip Saunders will coach the East and Dallas' Avery Johnson will coach the West Feb. 19 in Houston. The All-Star reserves will be announced Feb. 9.

James got 2,207,697 votes — about 1 million more than Jermaine

O'Neal for the other forward spot on the East roster. And although James said there may be a time when his excitement level over the All-Star Game dips a bit, he thanked the fans for their backing.

"Without them, there's no us," James said.

Iverson had 2,062,206 votes and Wade had 1,499,664 for the guard slots, and Shaquille O'Neal had 2,192,542 to easily outdistance Detroit's Ben Wallace for the center spot.

"It's an honor. It's tough enough to make an All-Star team," said Iverson, last season's All-Star MVP. "When you're a starter it says a lot about being one of the faces of the NBA."

Since entering the league, Shaquille O'Neal has been chosen as an All-Star every season.

"Each time I'm selected as an All-Star, it's more special than the year before," Shaquille O'Neal said.

REACTIONS

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Thursday night at the Mustang Bowl in Sweetwater as a part of the Sammy Baugh Classic.

"I am excited about getting a game like that," said Cates.

Coahoma head basketball coach and athletic director Kim Nichols



said the main problem he has with the new alignment involves travel.

"Just when you think you have things figured out, the UHL does something totally different," said Nichols. "The trip to Haskell is going to be a haul. Its about a 2.5 hour trip one-way."

Nichols said he doesn't particularly mind the eight-team district, but scheduling will be difficult.

"We are going to have to start sooner with district play and will most likely play a few games before Christmas, which is not something we have had to worry about the past two years.



"I think overall Hoskins is going to be very competitive."

Both Terry McDonald and Tommy Thompson of Forsan feel very comfortable and are happy with the new alignment.

McDonald, who coaches the boys basketball team and is the school's athletic director, does not have a problem with the four-team basketball district, but knows scheduling games could be quite a chore.

"There is nothing wrong with it, but it is going to be tough to get nondistrict games in January when most other teams are playing district games," said McDonald.

"We are excited about the

new districts and look forward to the strong competition it will provide."

Thompson said things worked out well for his Buffaloes and that the travel was not that big of a concern.

"It is a good district and I am pretty happy with how things worked," said Thompson. "Menard and Eldorado are a pretty good way, but I am not really worried about that."

Forsan's nondistrict schedule next season will include Kermit, Seagraves and Stanton and Thompson, as much as he wants good competition, was not disappointed with losing perennial power Roscoe from the district.

"We're losing a team that is good, but it will make things easier for us and other teams to compete," said Thompson.

Garden City athletic director and head football coach Ken Hoskins was also happy with the new alignment, but thought the UHL would go to eight-team districts.

"I was a bit surprised they didn't," said Hoskins. "I think it will be a good district because we have a lot of good teams. Fort Davis, Grady and Rankin have all been to the playoffs in recent years."

The Bearkats head man is not concerned with travel because Garden City pretty much sits in the middle.

"I think everyone is going to have to travel a little farther than last year because teams may have to pass through a six-man 'small school' to get to a six-man 'large school,'" said Hoskins.

Sands will most likely be one of the smallest schools in the 'large school' Division I section, while Borden County should be one of the largest 'small schools.'

Hoskins also expects the new basketball district to be pretty competitive.

"The basketball district is going to be tough as nails," he said.

The new alignments for all other high school sports will be refigured at the end of April or the beginning of May.

HOWARD

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final six points to cut the Lady Plainsman lead to 11.

"We got hot late, but it was too late," said Rodewald. "I thought we took care of the half better tonight, but we just couldn't make shots."

Jones-Delas finished with 11 points in the game, while Pena added 10 — all of which came in the first half.

The Hawk men and women will both host rival Clarendon College Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The women tipoff at 5:50 p.m., while the men will hit the hardwood at around 7:50 p.m.

This weekend's area lineup

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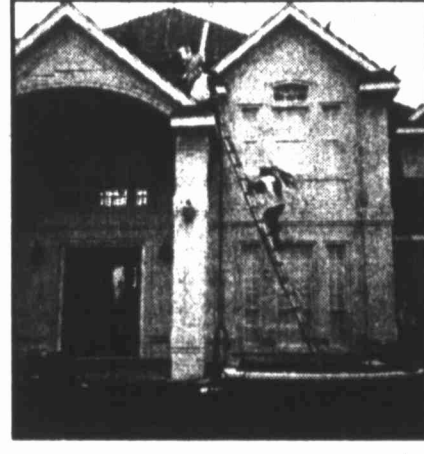
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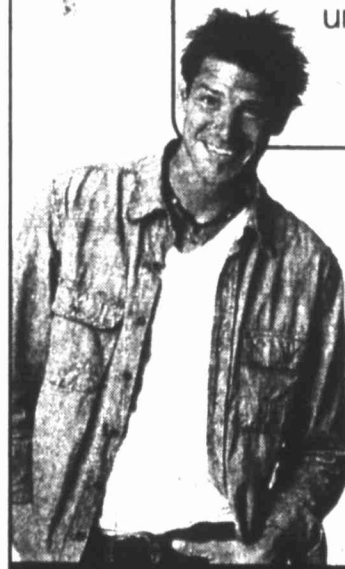
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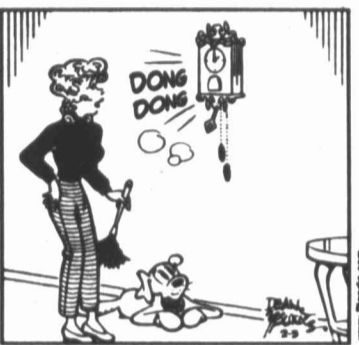
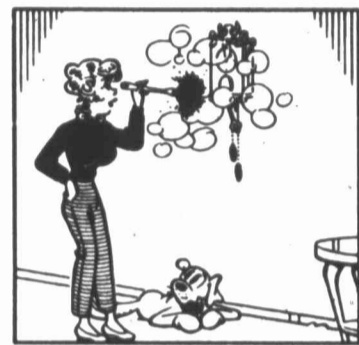


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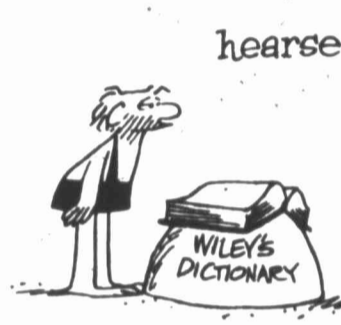


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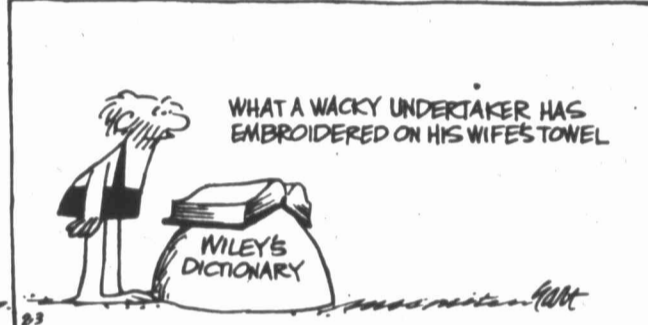
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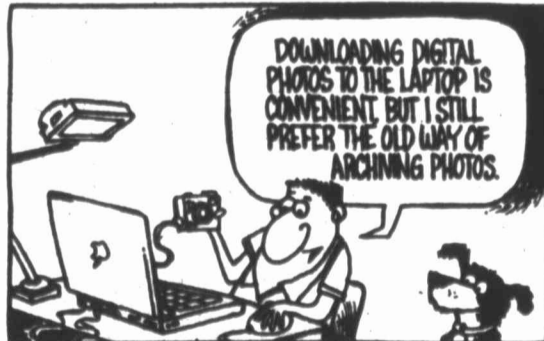
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of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington at age 67. In 1930, the chief justice of the United States, William Howard Taft, resigned for health reasons. In 1943, during World War II, the U.S. transport ship Dorchester, which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a torpedo. (Four Army chaplains gave their life belts to four other men, and went down with the ship.) In 1994, the space shuttle Discovery lifted off, carrying Sergei Krikalev, the first Russian cosmonaut to fly aboard a U.S. spacecraft. In 1995, the space shuttle Discovery blasted off with a woman, Air Force Lt. Colonel Eileen Collins, in the pilot's seat for the first time in NASA history. One year ago: An interim report detailed conflicts of interest and flawed management in the UN oil-for-food program. Birthdays: Comedian Joey Bishop is 88. Comedian Shelley Berman is 80. Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., is 73. Football Hall-of-Famer Fran Tarkenton is 66. Actress Bridget Hanley is 65.

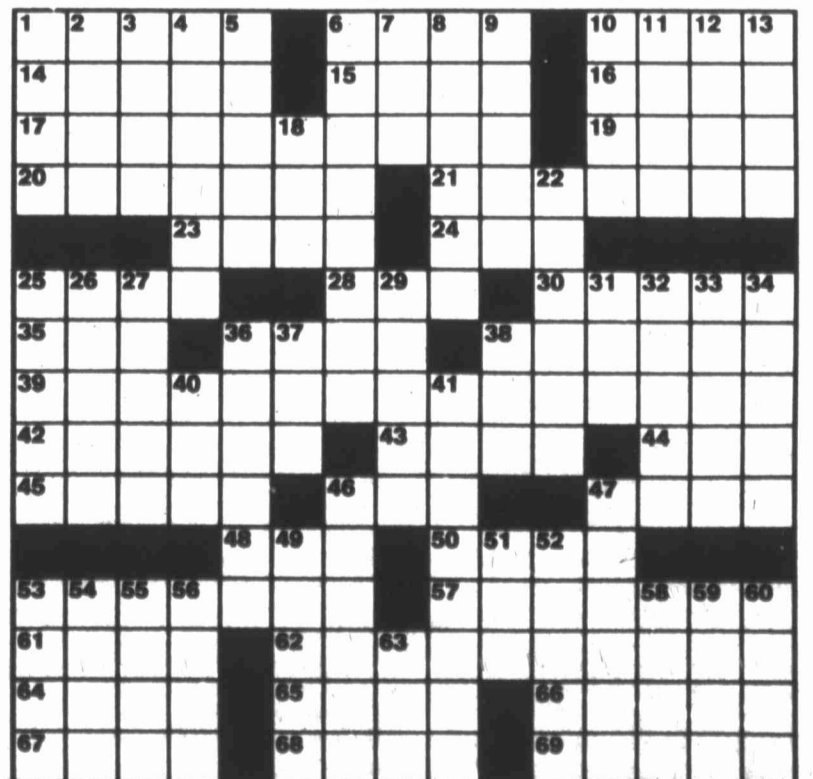
Actress Blythe Danner is 63. Singer Dennis Edwards is 63. Football Hall-of-Famer Bob Griese is 61. Singer-guitarist Dave Davies (The Kinks) is 59. Singer Melanie is 59. Actress Morgan Fairchild is 56. Actor Nathan Lane is 50. Rock musician Lee Renaldo (Sonic Youth) is 50. Actor-director Keith Gordon is 45. Actress Michele Greene is 44. Actress Maura Tierney is 41. Rock musician Nick Hawkins (Big Audio) is 41. Actor Warwick Davis is 36. Musician Grant Barry is 29. Thought for Today: "Your friend will argue with you." - Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Russian writer.

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# Golf Insider

By T.J. TOMASI

## BIRDIES AND BOGEYS

If you want to lead the orchestra, you have to turn your back on the audience

"I was often asked," said former NFL head coach Marv Levy, "how do you stand the stress, and my answer is, 'What stress?' I never felt a moment of stress during my 47 years of coaching. I've felt the adrenaline flow and sometimes I'd experience anguish, sometimes exhilaration, disbelief, disgust or satisfaction. But stress? Game day was pure fun."

What does this tell golfers about the role of "having fun" while we compete? Golf is a game to be played free of the baggage of worrying about what will they think of me — about the most un-fun thing you can do on the course.

Sometimes, no matter if you're on the NFL sidelines or the golf course, you just have to turn your back to the audience.

## SCHEDULE

**All Times EST**  
**PGA EUROPEAN TOUR**  
**Dubai Desert Classic**  
• Site: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.  
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday  
• Course: Emirates Golf Club, Majlis Course (7,264 yards, par 72).  
• Purse: \$2.4 million. Winner's share: \$400,000.  
• Television: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 9:30-11:30 p.m.).

**PGA TOUR**  
**FBR Open**  
• Site: Scottsdale, Ariz.  
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday  
• Course: TPC of Scottsdale (7,216 yards, par 71).  
• Purse: \$5.2 million. Winner's share: \$936,000.  
• Television: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

**CHAMPIONS TOUR**  
**Champions Skins Game**  
• Site: Wailea, Hawaii.  
• Schedule: Monday  
• Course: Wailea Golf Resort, Gold Course (7,044 yards, par 72).  
• Purse: \$770,000 (Nos. 1-6, \$30,000 each; Nos. 7-12, \$40,000 each; Nos. 13-17, \$50,000 each; No. 18, \$100,000).  
• Television: ESPN (Monday, 6:30-11 p.m.).  
• Format: Two-man teams, alternate shot.  
• Teams: Jack Nicklaus-Tom Watson, Arnold Palmer-Peter Jacobsen, Hale Irwin-Gary Player and Dana Quigley-Raymond Floyd.

**LADIES EUROPEAN TOUR**  
**AUSTRALIAN LADIES TOUR**  
**ANZ Ladies Masters**  
• Site: Gold Coast, Australia.  
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday  
• Course: Royal Pines Resort (6,397 yards, par 72).  
• Purse: \$600,000. Winner's share: \$90,000.  
• Television: None.

**LPGA TOUR**  
• Next event: SBS Open at Turtle Bay, Feb. 16-18, Turtle Bay Resort, Arnold Palmer Course, Kahuku, Hawaii.

**NATIONWIDE TOUR**  
• Next event: Jacob's Creek Open, Feb. 16-19, Royal Adelaide Golf Club, Adelaide, Australia.

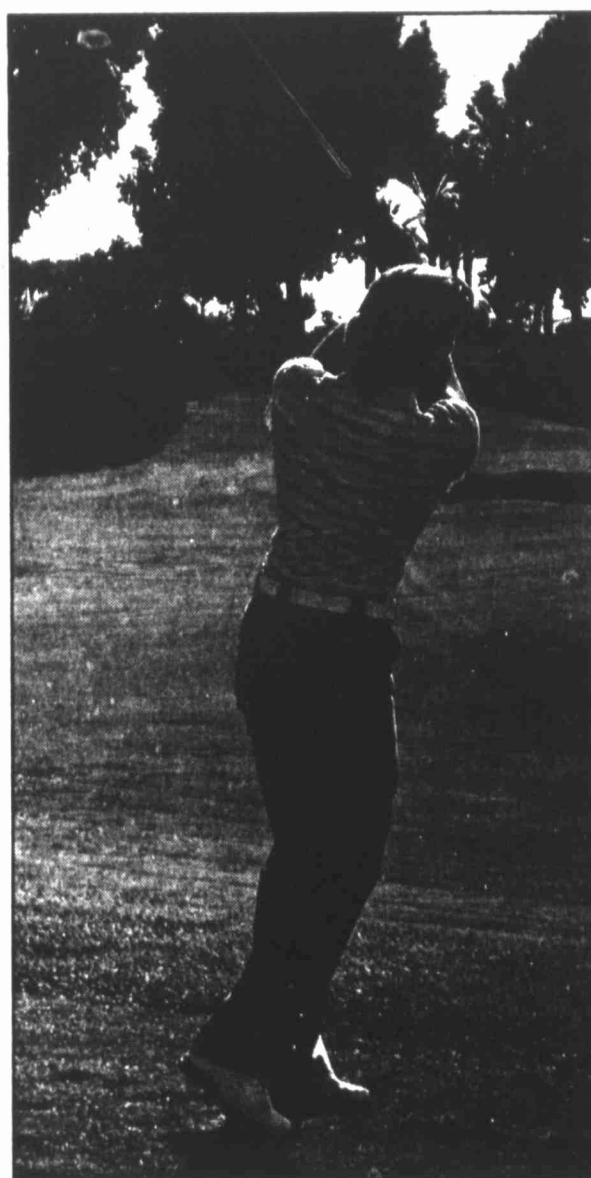
## GOLF SPOKEN HERE

### "DRIVER COURSE"

A golf course characterized by narrow fairways and hazards bordering landing areas; demands accuracy off the tee.

The greens on driver courses are often large and receptive if you meet the driving conditions. Courses like Royal Lytham and Carnoustie in Scotland, Tryall in Jamaica and Oak Hill in New York are good examples.

## IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME



Annika Sorenstam is one of the best short-iron players in the world, male or female. Last year watched her hit 20 warm-up wedges that her caddy could pick up by taking only one step for each ball. In fact, her caddy has a baseball mitt to catch her wedges when she practices, so it's no surprise that she leads the LPGA Tour in birdies (4.2 per round) and greens in regulation (77 percent). The stats support what your eyes can see: Annika's textbook positions at two key points in her swing, starting down and the follow-through, are perfect.

# Sorenstam turns in a perfect wedge

Good wedge players have a consistent arm speed because the arms and the chest are turning at the same rate, using the lower body as a stable platform. Minimum hip turn and a grooved rotation rate deliver the same force to the ball time after time, avoiding the sudden power bursts that destroy accuracy.

There are two key features that you need at impact for great wedge play: (1) the back of your lead hand should be square to the target with (2) your trail wrist slightly cupped to prevent the trailing hand from overpowering the lead hand.

Full rotation is another key to consistent wedge play. In the photos of superstar Annika Sorenstam above, notice the position of her chest. A great wedge player like Sorenstam keeps her

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body rotating all the way through the swing. If we had a series of photos, they would show her chest turning away from the ball, then back to the ball and finally pointing at the target during her follow-through, as it is in the right-hand photo.

Once she starts this swing, even though she's hitting it only 90 yards, she keeps everything mov-

ing. If any part (like the chest or the hands) breaks rank and stops for the hit, the club head will flip past the hands and ruin the shot.

Also note that the photos convey one overriding impression — balance. Annika has kept her trail foot firmly planted (left-hand photo) while she is in the process of shifting her body weight to her front foot, a move that allows her to rotate fully through the ball.

Failure to make this shift is the most common cause of the fat wedge shot, but Annika doesn't have to worry about that. Notice how her back knee leans in toward her front leg in her follow-through, bringing her to the inside rim of her back foot (photo 2). Sorenstam's lower body provides a solid platform for her swing, while at the same time, her leg action is subtle but dynamic.

## TEERING OFF

### Accentuate the positive

Researchers are exploring many methods to help the victims of violence recover from the trauma of their experience. One method involves a drug (propranolol) that may help erase bad memories. While the treatment targets much more serious memories than an OB tee shot or a yipped 3-footer, scientists doing the research are learning a lot about the role of emotion in storing memory.

Alain Brunet, a researcher at McGill University in Montreal, says: "It's amazing how a traumatic memory can remain very much alive. It doesn't behave like a regular memory. The memory doesn't decay."

The trauma memory is perfect in its recall, meaning that the same flight/fight chemicals released when the event originally occurred are released as soon as memory is triggered. Thus, once it is relived, the memory goes back into storage even stronger than before.

As part of the trauma treatment, the doctor asks the patient to relive the incident, and once the memory is retrieved, the drug is immediately administered, making it difficult to restore the memory in its odious form. It's like luring the target out into the open, then blasting it before it can run back inside.

Golfers no doubt store their stressed-out golf memories in the same way, so the first step in restocking your memory base is to stop immortalizing the memories of your golf failures and start replacing them with powerful neural networks of success — and you don't need to take a drug to make it happen. If emotionalizing an event can work against you, the same process, under your control, can work for you.

You can do this by selectively emotionalizing your positive experiences as you play, and treating the negative experiences with just enough disdain to make them useful. Most golfers over-emotionalize their bad shots, creating stress, and under-emotionalize the good ones. I am suggesting that you simply reverse the process — heavily mark the good shots and lightly mark the bad. You want to remember the bad shots, but only as information you can use later. Bad shots are saved as guidelines that will make you a better player; good shots are saved as proof that you can be a good player.

Next week I'll outline a technique that will allow you to do this — pill free.

## GOLF BY THE NUMBERS

55

The assumed age barrier in golf after which a golfer's game is supposed to fall apart. Except for Hale Irwin, who has proved this formula wrong by notching 18 of his 44 wins after 55. He's currently 60.

Following his lead, 13 of the 30 winners on the Champions Tour in 2005 were 55 years old or older.



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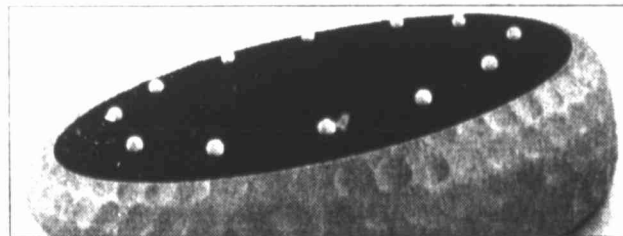
Nigel Risner, a peak performance expert, provides an explanation of how limits on what humans can do are often imposed by the humans themselves. He recounts the story of Roger Bannister, who was the first to run a sub-4-minute mile: "(A) psychological barrier had been crashed. By the end of 1957, 16 runners had logged sub-4-minute miles. To date, 955 runners have run sub-4-minute miles, accomplishing it an astonishing 4,700-plus times. ... Once those barriers are broken, we often look back and realize that the barrier was in our minds, not in reality."

## DON'T MISS IT

### A hill to climb

Ben Hogan called golf a game of adjustments, and he wasn't just referring to tweaking his swing or taking a bit off a 6-iron. Hogan recognized that golf requires constant re-evaluation of conditions like the wind and the lie of the ball, and the effect they have on a golf shot. These adjustments require the total concentration necessary for locating the target, evaluating its defenses (bunkers, water, trees, etc.) and then developing a strategy for getting from Point A to Point B based on your current resources.

But most golfers never practice the kind of lies they



encounter on the golf course, and that's where Hill Shot Golf Trainer comes in. I demonstrated it at this year's golf show in Orlando, and it's a winner. The only drawback is its price — about \$550. See it at [www.hillshot-golf.com](http://www.hillshot-golf.com).

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"He has such potential to be a unique and powerful voice of social conscience."*

— Richard Lapchick, chair of Sports Business Management, University of Central Florida, encouraging Tiger Woods to use his fame to promote social issues.

## ASK THE PRO

I've received a number of e-mails asking about the distance a golfer should hit various clubs. Here's my response:

It's definitely important to know how far you hit each of your clubs, but I can't tell you how far you SHOULD hit a club. I can outline a method for finding out what's right for you, though.

There are about 4 degrees loft between each of your irons, and since each degree represents about 2 1/2 yards in distance, there's about 10 yards' difference manufactured into each of your irons.

Pick one club, say an 8-iron, and figure out how far your average 8-

iron carries in the air. Go to the range and hit a bunch of 8-irons and watch where they land. Keep track of how far your 8-iron goes on the course — actually pace it off. Once you know the distance it goes on the fly, use this as a benchmark, adding and subtracting 10 yards for the rest of your irons.

For example, if your 8-iron goes about 120 yards, then your 7-iron will go about 130 yards, and your 9-iron about 110 yards. Jack Nicklaus in his prime hit his 8-iron about 145 yards, although he could hit it a lot farther when he wanted to.

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## THE GOLF DOCTOR

### A matter of degrees

If you're a beginner or have a very high handicap, you don't need a full compliment of wedges in your bag. In fact, you probably need to carry only a 3-wood, 5-, 7- and 9-irons, a pitching wedge and a putter.

But if you can break 100 regularly, it's probably time to pay closer attention to your wedges. I'd suggest you drop the long irons and make room for four wedges: a pitching wedge with a loft of say 48 degrees, a gap wedge of 52 degrees, a sand wedge of 56 degrees and a lob wedge of 60 degrees.

A pitching wedge has 45 degrees to 49 degrees of loft and 2 degrees to 5 degrees of bounce. It hits the ball the farthest of your wedges. The gap wedge is so called because it's between your pitching wedge and sand wedge. You should have about 4 degrees of loft between each wedge, so the loft of your gap wedge depends on the loft of your other wedges.

The sand wedge has a range of 54 degrees to 57 degrees of loft and a bounce of 10 degrees to 16 degrees, while the lob wedge has the highest degree of loft (more than 57 degrees) and a bounce range of 0 degrees to 10 degrees.

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