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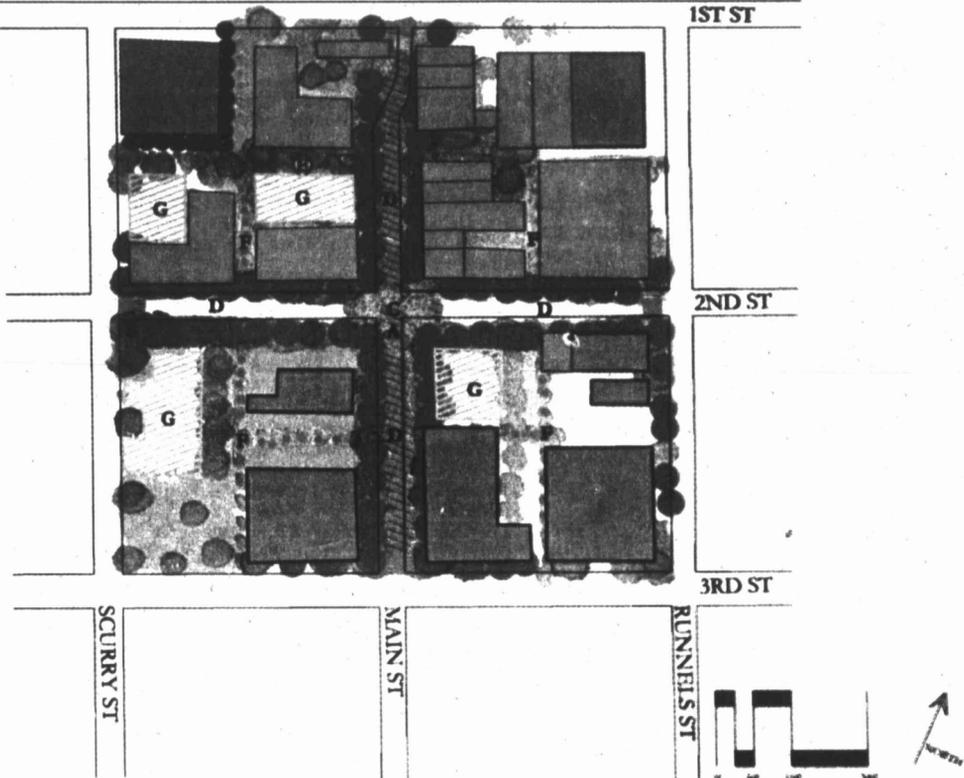
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**A new plan for downtown**

**LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN**



As part of an \$8 million development project, several buildings along Main Street in downtown Big Spring (shown in red) will be renovated for residential, light commercial and entertainment purposes.

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**Developer unveils \$8 million renovation project**

*Work expected to begin soon after closing on various properties in May*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Downtown Big Spring, once a vibrant center of the city and now more of an eyesore, will be getting an \$8 million shot in the arm.

Officials announced today an extensive renovation project aimed at revitalizing the downtown Main Street area.

Backed by \$8 million in private investments, developers unveiled plans for Heritage Square, which will include a two-block section of downtown Big Spring between Runnels and Scurry streets.

Renovation on many of the buildings is scheduled to begin soon after final closing on the properties in late May.

Big Spring native Ralph Mahoney, a developer with BCDM, said renovation efforts will be done with an eye on converting

**"The big difference is that these people are not coming in and saying, 'What can you do for us?'"**



—Mayor Russ McEwen

the buildings to residential, entertainment and various commercial purposes.

Mahoney said the area will become home to apartment and condominium units, restaurants and a variety of businesses.

"Our company's vision is to create a place where people can shop, dine, play, live, stay and

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**Gloria McDonald, left, and Mark Marchesseault look over plans for Heritage Square, an \$8 million redevelopment project in downtown Big Spring. The project, which is scheduled to begin in late May or early June, calls for renovation of several downtown buildings to home residential, entertainment and light commercial interests.**

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**Police investigating aggravated robbery**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Local law enforcement is currently searching for a man who allegedly held up a local convenience store Thursday night using what was believed to have been an improvised explosive device.

According to Lt. Terry Chamness, spokesman for the Big Spring Police Department, a Hispanic male — possibly in his 40s —

walked into Kwik Kash, located in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

"The man, who was on foot, placed the device on the counter and demanded money," said Chamness. "He was given an unknown amount of cash, after which he left, leaving the device on the counter."

Chamness, who also serves as the BSPD's bomb technician, was then called to the scene.

"I was called to the scene, along with the Big Spring Fire Department," said Chamness.

"The store was evacuated and we moved everyone back, just in case it was a real device. I examined the IED (improvised explosive device) and determined it was a hoax."

According to Chamness, the suspect was wearing a hooded sweatshirt, a blue jean jacket and a ball cap. No

injuries or property damage were reported.

No arrests had been made as of mid-morning today.

Anyone with information concerning the robbery is encouraged to contact Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS, or the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

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Obituaries

Mae Nell Cave Barclay



Mae Nell Cave Barclay, 86, of Brownwood, died Wednesday, March 8, 2006, in a Brownwood hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 2006 at the East Fourth Street Baptist Church in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 19, 1919, in Hillsboro and married Clyde Carmichael in Flower Grove. He preceded her in death. She then married James Houston Barclay on May 19, 1990 in Granbury.

She was a member of Lakeview Baptist Church in Brownwood and was a dedicated Christian.

Survivors include her husband, James H. Barclay of Brownwood; a step-son, Jimmy Barclay of Reno, Nev.; a step-granddaughter, Carolyn Stovall of Garland; two sisters, Murlene Williams of Ackerly and Francis Jones of Rowlett; one brother, Jack Cave of Ackerly; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cave; one sister, Delma Harold; and two brothers, Fred Cave and Doc Cave.

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

Naomi Brewer

Naomi Brewer, 66, of San Angelo died Thursday, March 8, 2006, at her residence. There will be no services at this time. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include daughters, Ann Johnston & Cheryl Audas, both of San Angelo; brothers, John Orville Shields & James Melvin Shields; sisters, Ester Louise Wicker, Ruth Marie Norris, Lois Irene Mirich, Martha Jean Rich, & Sarah Kay Wolf.

Take note

• UNITED WAY ANNUAL MEETING is 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. March 16 in the Dora Roberts Community Center. New officers and board members will be installed. RSVP by March 14 tp 264-5201.

• AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT CITIZENS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION for 21-month-old Madysyn Hillger, in care of her grandmother, Debra Hillger. Madysyn has been diagnosed with a rare neurological-genetic disorder, Rett Syndrome. Donations will be applied to travel, medical and lodging expenses. For more information, call 264-7340 or 816-1024.

• BLOOD DRIVE set from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Eastside Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The coordinator is Troy McClendon, 267-6025.

• CELEBRATE THE JOURNEY, a community-wide memorial service, is set for noon until 12:45 p.m. March 15 at Comanche Trail Lake, presented by Odyssey Healthcare. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be moved to the Old Settler's Pavilion. Call 263-5999 for more information.

• LIFE AFTER LOSS, presented by Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., continues Monday and is scheduled for the next five weeks from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. each Monday. The workshop is free. Call 264-7599 for more information.

• SPRING CRAFTING creating mini spring blossoms at the Spring City Senior Center March 16, sponsored by Mountain View Lodge. Call 267-1628 to enroll.

• LIMITED BOOTH SPACE FOR THE ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR, with this year's theme, "Don't Gamble on Your Health" is available now until March 17 for \$80. From March 18-31, booths are \$100. For more information or to reserve a booth, call Nancy Newell at 264-7641 or e-mail nnewell@bigspringchamber.com.

Support groups

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

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

**MONDAY**  
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and

Police blotter

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

• THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.  
• AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

Note: An arrest log was not available before press time.

Sheriff's report

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

• TONY DRUE WYRICK, 22, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of harassment.

• EPIFANIO HINOJOSA III, 21, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone.

• CHRISTOBAL LIMON MORENO, 46, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of a firearm.

• DENISE KAYLA HORTON, 42, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• RICARDO CASTILLO, 27, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of bondsman off bond for theft.

• CLETE MATTHEW STONE, 22, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• REYES CASTENADA, 47, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• NATALIE NICOLE HILARIO, 19, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• MELITON GARZA JR., 35, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• RUBEN ANTHONY GONZALES, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

• JORGE ARTEMIO RESENDEZ, 39, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - more than five pounds less than 50 pounds.

• JODIE LYN MILLS, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• RAUL MARTINEZ, 49, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• WILLIAM LEE GRAY JR., 29, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to appear.

• MARY SCHULTZ, 31, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft by check.

• TRAVINE ANTHONY BROWN, 42, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.

FIRE/EMS

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of South Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 2500 block of Albrook. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Fryar Road. Service was refused.

• TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

MORRIS VET

Virgil H. Morris has Museum Veteran of the Year award.  
A reception in his honor will be held in the briefing room of the museum.

GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout cookies obtained by calling 935-6228 and will be available Saturday and Wal-Mart. Cookie sales will be held at the following locations:

MARCH BLO

United Blood Services in Howard County this Saturday, a drive to Fellowship Hall from Troy McClendon, CA. March 29, the United Blood Services from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. All of the drives are a person must be in pounds and be 17 c

HEALTH FAI

It's not too late to With Your Health, the annual health fair. The annual event Dorothy Garrett Co. Limited booth space line of 5 p.m. March \$100 through March. For more information or e-mail nnewell@chamber office on 1

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Bulletin board

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

**TODAY**  
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.  
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

**SATURDAY**  
• Free eye glasses are available from 9 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. in the Event Center, 1607 E. Third.  
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

**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 Beacieants 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.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Windy. Highs in the mid 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph increasing to west 20 to 30 mph in the afternoon.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Windy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Monday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows around 40.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 5-8-17-34 (numerical order). Bonus Ball: 23.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 6-13-17-27-34.  
Number matching five of five: 2.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-4-6

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The family of Doris "Honey" Booth would like to express our grateful appreciation for all the kind expressions of sympathy we have received.

A special thanks to the Big Spring Police Department and to the EMT's of the Big Spring Fire Department for their quick response.

To the doctors and nurses at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, thank you for your compassion in caring for our Honey over the past several months. To our dear friends, especially, thank you for your cards, flowers and visits.

Your friendship is a treasured gift.

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**MORRIS VETERAN OF THE MONTH**

Virgil H. Morris has been selected as the Hangar 25 Air Museum Veteran of the Month for March. A reception in his honor will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the briefing room of the museum. Everyone is invited.

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ON SALE**

Girl Scout cookies are on sale now. They may be obtained by calling the Big Spring service unit manager at 935-6228 and will also be available at Harris Lumber Saturday and Wal-Mart Saturday and Sunday. Cookie sales will end March 19.

**MARCH BLOOD DRIVES SLATED**

United Blood Services will be conducting two more drives in Howard County this month. Saturday, a drive will be at the Eastside Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. To reach coordinator Troy McClendon, call 267-6025. March 29, the UBS Bloodmobile will be at Coahoma ISD from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. All of the drives are open to the public. To donate blood, a person must be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be 17 or older.

**HEALTH FAIR BOOTHS AVAILABLE**

It's not too late to reserve booth space for "Don't Gamble With Your Health," the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce health fair scheduled April 8. The annual event will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus. Limited booth space is still available at \$80 with a deadline of 5 p.m. March 17. After the deadline, booths will be \$100 through March 31. For more information, contact Nancy Newell at 263-7641 or e-mail nnewell@bigspringchamber.com or go by the chamber office on the corner of Gregg and Third Street.

**State briefs**

**Pilot error blamed in deadly Gulf crash**

GALVESTON (AP) — Two pilots' lack of attention to a helicopter's altimeter is to blame for a crash two years ago that killed 10 people in the Gulf of Mexico, investigators said. National Transportation Safety Board investigators said they were unable to determine the sequence of events leading to the 2004 crash because the helicopter did not have a flight data recorder. "However, since cockpit instrumentation was available to the pilots, the board concluded that the flight crew was not adequately monitoring the helicopter's altitude and missed numerous cues to indicate that the aircraft was descending toward the water," investigators wrote in a report released this week. Another factor in the deadly nighttime descent, as the helicopter's lack of a crash warning device common in airplanes, investigators found. Such equipment was not available for helicopters at the time. The NTSB has since recommended the Federal Aviation Administration require the devices on helicopters.

**Company that scans SATs says rain may have caused errors**

(AP) — Blame it on the rain. The company that scans the answer sheets for the SAT college entrance exam said Thursday that wet weather may have damaged 4,000 tests that were given the wrong scores. Abnormally high moisture content in some answer sheets caused them to expand so they could not be read properly at a scanning center in Austin, said Pearson Educational Measurement. The affected test day, Oct. 8, coincided with the beginning of a week of heavy rain in the Northeast, where most of the tests came from. Rain that week-end forced hundreds of people to evacuate their homes. As much as 10 inches fell on New Jersey. "When there's moisture in the paper, it actually grows," said Pearson spokesman David Hakensen. That causes the ovals students fill in "to move just slightly, enough so that it will be out of registration for the scanning head to read the answers." The answer sheets are carefully packaged but still could have been affected by high humidity, he said. The company was still investigating.

**VISION**

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work," read a BCDM statement. "The Heritage Square concept will provide the community ... with everything it needs to be a unique, exciting and inviting environment." Few specifics were provided as to future use, but Mahoney did say plans call for renovating the old Petroleum Building into an apartment complex, while the Fisher building on Main Street will be converted into a bed-and-breakfast. In addition, a conference center is planned for the first floor of the Fisher. Mahoney credited an

old friend, District Judge Robert H. Moore III, with helping to get the plan into motion. After visiting with Moore and touring the downtown area last year, Mahoney and BCDM conducted a feasibility study of the area, then negotiated a contract with Big Spring Main Street Inc. officials in late January. Main Street Inc. officials enthusiastically backed the renovation plans. "When Judge Moore called a meeting of the Main Street board, he asked if we'd be interested in a venture like this," said Main Street Inc. board member Gloria McDonald. "After looking very closely at the plans,



McDonald

we decided we were delighted at the opportunity for downtown Big Spring." McDonald conceded that past revitalization efforts have been less than resounding successes in the area, which is one reason why Main Street Inc. officials took their time in agreeing with BCDM's proposal. "We talked about it with them ... and we looked at every possible angle that could go (wrong)," McDonald said. "In the past, we'd see an opportunity, and just be so hungry that we took it at face value and didn't give it

due diligence. "We've spent so much time talking and planning this out, that I think the project has a much better chance of success," she added. The fact that the Heritage Square project will be financed exclusively by private investment was a big selling point to Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen. "The big difference (from past outside proposals) is that these people are not coming in and saying, 'What can you do for us?'" McEwen said. "They are bringing private investment into the downtown area ... Business people are going to see this and say, 'We want to be a part of this.'"

**State hospital employees fund volunteer program**

Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital employees recently donated \$3,959.50 to the Volunteer Services Council through the State Employee Charitable Campaign. The State Employee Charitable Campaign is held each fall and allows employees to donate a percentage of their paycheck or a one-time donation to the charity of their

choice. "This is the first year that the Volunteer Council was listed as a charitable organization for funding through the SECC," said Billie Christie-Morgan, the hospital's Director of Community Relations. "We are pleased that so many employees have chosen our volunteer group as the recipient of their hard-earned wages." "Any monies we receive

are spent after much discussion and contemplation of their best use." The State Employee Campaign Funds are not earmarked for a particular budget item but help fund numerous patient and staff projects, she said. Some of the volunteer-funded projects include nursing scholarships, the employee recognition fund, ongoing patient activities, and special projects such as

the tram which transport patients, the animal assisted therapy building, and the greenhouse. The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council will be participating in the fall 2006 State Employee Charitable campaign.

**Gasoline prices rise across Texas**

HOUSTON (AP) — Retail gasoline prices soared in Texas this week, according to a AAA Texas gas price survey released Friday. The average retail price of regular, self-serve unleaded gas averaged \$2.27 cents per gallon, up 12 cents per gallon from last week, according to the weekly survey. Regular-grade averaged \$2.35 per gallon nationwide, up 9 cents from last week. An auto club spokeswoman says the price jump may be short-lived, however. Spokeswoman

Rose Rougeau said the seasonal production switch from winter- to summer-grade gasoline reduces production temporarily and usually causes a price spike like this week's. However, the price spike is likely to reverse shortly with crude oil trading lower, government reports showing crude oil inventories at their highest levels since 1999, and OPEC saying it will not reduce production quotas, she said. The biggest increases were seen in Corpus Christi, where the aver-

age retail price jumped almost 18 cents to \$2.23 cents per gallon.

**Killer nurse faces sentencing in Pennsylvania**

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A week ago, a former nurse who killed at least 29 patients was sent to prison for the rest of his life and confronted by his victims' relatives in New Jersey. Friday, Charles Cullen was set to be sentenced in Pennsylvania, where he was expected to again face relatives of patients he killed. Cullen, 46, pleaded guilty to 29 murders and six attempted murders in both states. He escaped the death penalty after agreeing to help prosecu-

tors in seven counties identify patients to whom he had given lethal drug overdoses. He will serve his sentence in New Jersey. Cullen administered overdoses to seven patients at nursing homes and hospitals in Lehigh and Northampton counties, and tried to kill three others in one of the worst murder sprees ever discovered in the U.S. health care system. He was to be sentenced in Northampton County for a 1998 murder.

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## EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## 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:

• Party nominees in Tuesday's primary elections, and to those who sought office but were not successful. It is always important to have concerned individuals willing to serve their neighbors.

• Big Spring Prospector's Club members on their 37th Gem and Mineral Show at the Howard County Fairbarns. It was fun and educational, plus we bought a few items for future gifts.

• The Howard College theater department and associate professor Clay Grizzle, for the production of "The Boys Next Door," which won the award of excellence at the Texas Community College Theater Festival. Also to Becky Garcia, Eric Barton, Ray Robles and Clay Vickers, who won acting awards, and to Kourtney Graves, who took home the costume designer award.

• Virgil H. Morris, named the Hangar 25 Air Museum Veteran of the Month for March. Congratulations!

• The Howard College Hawks, for their convincing win over Grayson in the first round of the Region V Tournament Thursday night. Way to go, Hawks!

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we let You be our partner for life, Lord.

Amen

## Clinton conflicts, arrogance, duplicity

Given her husband's insatiable ego and unquenchable quest for public affection, presidential aspirant Hillary Clinton will face some hard choices during her campaign, which has already begun.

I'm not talking about her predicament of always being cast in Bill's shadow and thus having a difficult time establishing her own identity. I think she's already done that, even if it is somewhat of a moving target, depending on what persona she believes is expedient at the time.

Indeed Bill wants Hillary to be president, if for no other reason than in his mind it will validate him, not to mention that it will vicariously extend his tenure. He would not consciously do things to make her ascension more difficult because he does not intentionally hurt himself — except when overcome by an irresistible impulse, such as Monica Lewinsky, or perhaps, his unrelenting gravitation toward the limelight.

So it's not surprising that just when Hillary is attempting to submit herself as the Democrats' pre-eminent national security hawk by simulating outrage at the Dubai Ports deal as an "unacceptable risk," the avuncular ex-president is advising UAE leaders on how to convince American officials the deal poses no security risk.

Clearly unembarrassed by this contradiction, Hillary told the New York Post she was unaware her husband had given Dubai officials advice on the matter a few weeks ago.

Once Bill's conflict of interest

surfaced, Bill and Hillary scrambled to restore that familiar harmonious patina to their marital union. They both denied any conflict and insisted he stands behind her on the issue.

How can this two-for-one, ubiquitous presidential duo say no conflict exists when he is advising foreign leaders how to circumvent U.S. politicians such as his loving wife and has accepted between \$500,000 and \$1 million of donations from UAE for his presidential library?

I mean, shouldn't reasonable people question their sincerity? Does anyone believe for a New York second that the loquacious Bill Clinton, advice dispenser to any and all within reach, hasn't meticulously coached his power wife on how best to position herself on the ports deal?

Only the most oblivious among us could believe Bill is not insinuating himself into every aspect of her political odyssey. Even if you can't swallow that he would do it for her, you have to know he would do it for himself — so that they can be presidents again.

Even Bill Clinton's enemies concede he is nothing if not politically astute. Do you think it's even conceivable the acquisitive Hillary isn't going to imbibe wisdom from the best political strategist available?

So let's not fool ourselves. They both have grotesque conflicts of interest. But this is nothing new. This is just another episode in the Clintons' theater of the absurd. Since they got away with so many unseemly conflicts for years, there is no reason they should fear accountability now.

In my book "Absolute Power," I described how the Clintons had played this game before. Seeking to ingratiate herself to Puerto Rican voters during her New York Senate campaign, Hillary first said she supported clemency for the

FALN terrorists, provided they renounced violence.

But when a public backlash ensued against Bill's clemency offer, Hillary publicly called upon him to "immediately withdraw" his offer. They were orchestrating this public charade, pretending to be isolated from each other's decision-making processes, while spending the weekend together at Camp David.

The enormity of their public deception manifested itself when ABC News revealed the White House knew the clemency offer had been accepted a full two days before Mrs. Clinton publicly demanded that her husband rescind it. Hillary's blithe response to being caught red-handed was, "There's one thing I'm not going to talk about and that's my private conversations with the president."

These conflicts aren't that significant in themselves, except to expose the depth of Hillary's (and Bill's) arrogance and duplicity. It is nothing short of amazing that this congenitally antiwar woman is permitted to masquerade as a hawk.

But it's doubtful that even Hillary knows whether she'll be campaigning as a hawk or dove as 2008 draws nearer. There are too many unpredictable variables, including the situation in Iraq and the limits of tolerance of her already frustrated antiwar base.

The best she can hope for — along with the rest of her party — is that Iraq truly degenerates in a civil war, so that she can comfortably revert to her anti-military self without sabotaging her quest for the White House. In the meantime, she'll doubtless be wrestling with her incorrigible husband, with whom she can't live, but even more cannot live without.

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## Bill Napoli decides, that's who

South Dakota is so rarely found on the leading edge of the far out, the wiggy, the California-esque. But it has now staked its claim. First to Outlaw Abortion This Century. The state legislature of South Dakota, in all its wisdom and majesty, a legislature comprised of sons and daughters of the soil from Aberdeen to Zell, have usurped the right of the women of that state to decide whether or not to bear the child of an unwanted pregnancy. THEY will decide. Women will do what they decide.

These towering solons, representing citizens from the great cosmopolitan centers of Rapid City and Sioux Falls to the bosky dells near Yankton, are noted for their sagacity and understanding. When you think "enlightenment," the first thing that comes to your mind is "the South Dakota Legislature," right?

As well it might. The purpose of the law is to force a decision from the United States Supreme Court, where the appointments of John Roberts and Sam Alito have now shored up the anti-choice forces.

The South Dakota Legislature has made it a crime for a doctor to perform an abortion under any circumstances except to save the life of the mother. There are no exceptions for rape, incest or to preserve the health of the mother. Should this strike you as hard cheese, State Sen. Bill Napoli, R-Rapid City, explains how rape and incest could be exceptions under the "life" clause. Napoli believes most abortions are performed for "convenience," but he told "The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer" about how he thinks a "real-life example" of the exception could be invoked:

"A real-life description to me

would be a rape victim, brutally raped, savaged. The girl was a virgin. She was religious. She planned on saving her virginity until she was married. She was brutalized and raped, sodomized as bad as you can possibly make it, and is impregnated. I mean, that girl, could be so messed up, physically and psychologically, that carrying that child could very well threaten her life."

Please stop and reread the paragraph above. See? Clearly Napoli's exception would not apply to the South Dakota woman also interviewed by the NewsHour.

"Michelle" is in her 20s, has a low-paying job and two children. And says she simply cannot afford a third.

She drove five hours to the state's only abortion clinic.

"It was difficult when I found out I was pregnant. I was saddened because I knew that I'd probably have to make this decision. Like I said, I have two children, so I look into their eyes and I love them. It's been difficult, you know, it's not easy. And I don't think it's, you know, ever easy on a woman, but we need that choice."

But who is she to make that choice when Bill Napoli can make it for her? He explains: "When I was growing up here in the wild west, if a young man got a girl pregnant out of wedlock, they got married, and the whole darned neighborhood was involved in that wedding. I mean, you just didn't allow that sort of thing to happen, you know? I mean, they wanted that child to be brought up in a

home with two parents, you know, that whole story. And so I happen to believe that can happen again. ... I don't think we're so far beyond that, that we can't go back to that."

I find this so profound I am considering putting Sen. Napoli in charge of all moral, ethical and medical decisions made by women. Certainly lucky for the women of South Dakota that he's there, and perhaps that's what we all need — a man to make decisions for us in case we should decide to do something serious just for our own convenience.

Look at some of the incompetent women we have running around in this country — Condoleezza Rice and Madeleine Albright, now there are a couple of girls in need of guidance from the South Dakota legislature. Female doctors, lawyers, airplane pilots, engineers and, for that matter, female members of the South Dakota Legislature — who could ever trust them with an important decision?

In South Dakota, pharmacists can refuse to fill a prescription for contraceptives should it trouble their conscience, and some groups who worked on the anti-abortion bill believe contraception also needs to be outlawed. Good plan. After that, we'll reconsider women's property rights, civil right and voting rights.

For years, the women's movement has been going around asking, "Who decides?" as though that were the issue. Well, here's the answer. Bill Napoli decides, and if you're not happy with that arrangement, well, you'd better be prepared to do something about it.

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## Church

## First United Methodist Church

Worship service 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, the Rev. Ring's message. Mission Report. The Gospel Script will be Matthew 23:1-12.

The Centered Ensemble meets Sunday afternoon. Rehearsals for Children's Music Sunday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The prayer meeting is Sunday with GIG p.m., Junior High at 5:30 p.m., and High Youth at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday's Kid meets from 3:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Wednesdays be Children's Day at 9 a.m., followed by Bible study. The Ministry has Bible at 6 p.m. in the Bible Class. Practice at Combined Youth Study is at 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir meets at 7 p.m.

Thursday Women's Bible Study at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. prayer times are in the chapel Thursday and Friday. Friday at 9:00 a.m. Children's Day (The Lord's Act Oct. 7. To volunteer Murray Murphy.

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

## Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Birdwell Lane Church is located Birdwell Lane.

There is a Conference at the Baptist Church Lubbock at 7 p.m. 13-14.

Sunday services are 10:55 a.m. Midweek are 7 p.m. For more information call 267-7157 or

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

Church services are Sunday, school and activities classes are at Small group Bible are throughout. Call the church and locations. Wayne Frost is the pastor.

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**Church News**

**First United Methodist Church**

Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday, the Rev. Dave Ring's message is "My Mission Report to You." The Gospel Scripture text will be Matthew 16:21-25. The Centered in Praise Ensemble meets at 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Rehearsals for the Children's Musical are Sunday from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. The monthly prayer meeting is 5 p.m. Sunday with GIGsters at 5 p.m., Junior High Youth at 5:30 p.m., and Senior High Youth at 7 p.m. in the Partee Building. Tuesday's Kid's Club meets from 3:30 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. Wednesdays begin with Children's Day Out at 9 a.m., followed by a noon Bible study. The Hispanic Ministry has Bible study at 6 p.m. in the Men's Bible Class. Handbell practice at 6 p.m., Combined Youth Bible Study is at 6:30 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal is 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 at 9 a.m. is Children's Day Out. The Lord's Acre 2006 is Oct. 7. To volunteer, contact Murray or Diane Murphy. First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of these programs, call the church office at 267-6394.

**Birdwell Lane Baptist Church**  
Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. There is a Missions Conference at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Lubbock at 7 p.m. March 13-14. Sunday worship services are 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Midweek services are 7 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
Church services are 9 a.m. Sunday. Sunday school and adult Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m. Small group Bible studies are throughout the week. Call the church for times and locations. The Rev. Wayne Frost is the minister.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
Church is located at 810 Scurry St. Call 432-267-7163 for more information.

**Salem Baptist Church**  
Sunday school is at 10 a.m., the morning service is 11 a.m. and evening service at 6 p.m.. Wednesday evening prayer meeting is at Parkplace at 6 p.m. Stormie Barrett from the SouthWest Collegiate Insitutue for the Deaf, is the guest speaker at the March 19 evening service. She will speak about her upcoming mission trip to the Amazon. A fellowship meal will follow. Salem Baptist is pastored by the Rev. Monroe Teeters and located at the corner of Old Colorado City Highway and Salem Road.

**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 p.m. Choir practice begins Sunday night at 5 p.m. The evening service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study is offered for youth and adults at 7 p.m. The church is located at 401 E. Fourth St. For more information, call Amy at 267-2291.

**Coahoma United Methodist Church**  
A Communion service is scheduled for Sunday following regular worship to celebrate the beginning of the Lenten season. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and worship is at 11 a.m. The church is located at 401 N. Main in Coahoma. The Rev. Donita Lea is the pastor. For more information, call 432-394-4432. "Easter is not a passport to another world; it is a quality of perception for this one." W.P. Lemon

**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.)

**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 sermon is "Dunkin' munchkins and sprinkler systems," 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 during regular services. The Biblical Foundations class begins at 9 a.m. March 18. The church is located at 12th and Owens streets. Call 263-3072 with any questions.

**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.

**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.

**Coahoma United Methodist Church**  
Located at 401 N. Main in Coahoma, the pastor is the 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."

**North Birdwell United Methodist Church**  
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 June 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 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 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.

**Birdwell Lane Baptist Church**  
Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and at 5 p.m. Midweek services are at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

**First Christian Church**  
In addition to the traditional Homemakers Sunday school classes, two new classes have started. One is for girls preteen though early teen years and the other is an intergenerational class taught by the pastor, the Rev. Ken McIntosh. Classes start at 9:45 a.m. Worship will feature special music by Alex Edgemon, a counter tenor who is currently studying at Texas Tech. Alex will

be singing during the morning services as well as afterwards during the fellowship luncheon. Following worship, the church is hosting a dinner to meet the new pastor's family. The church furnishes the main course, while members and guests are asked to pot-luck the side orders and dessert. First Christian Church is one of the oldest congregations in Big Spring. It belongs to the denomination known as The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The church is located at 911 Goliad.

**Friends of Unity**  
The works of Joel S. Goldsmith and Eckhardt Tolle are studied at the Center at noon Tuesdays. These studies are designed to help raise consciousness of oneness with God and others. Also, the Gospel of John study group meets at 2 p.m. each Sunday and continues with Chapter 18.

**Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church**  
Kenny Venable of Lubbock P.B.C. is scheduled to be the guest minister at the Sunday morning worship service of the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 201 East 24 St. Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Bible study and prayer meeting is held each Wednesday at 7 p.m. For more information, call John Wayne Metcalf at 394-4067 or Dennis Walker at 264-1363.

**East Side Baptist Church**  
Lee and Nancy Warren are guests for a special service Tuesday. The service begins at 7 p.m. with gospel singing, followed by a message from God's word. Services are at 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. There is a nursery for 4-year-olds and younger. A junior church for ages 5 through 11 is available.

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**  
Sunday, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30

a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have its monthly meeting and breakfast this Saturday starting at 8 a.m. in the Chapel. The Vestry meets Monday at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Inquirers' Class meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. This is a class for adults who are interested in learning more of the ways and teachings of the Episcopal Church. St. Mary's Lenten program, "The Seven Deadly Sins," continues Wednesday. The All-Parish meatless Pot Luck Supper is at 6 p.m. and will end with a brief service of Compline. For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at [www.stmarysbst.org](http://www.stmarysbst.org). St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from Mark 8:31-38 at worship service Sunday. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 starts at 10:35 a.m. There will be a short congregational meeting Sunday after church. Activities for the week include a youth group meeting from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday. Also, Lenten Bible Study is in the chapel at 5:15 p.m., followed by choir practice at 6 p.m. Members are reminded that a clean up day is March 18 at the church. Also make plans to participate in the church-wide retreat at Fort Davis in June. First Presbyterian Church is located on Rannels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

**YoungLife**  
The Web site is working. Visit [www.younglife.bigspring.org](http://www.younglife.bigspring.org). For information or to donate to YoungLife, a nondenominational organization for high school students, or WyldLife, a comparable organization for junior high school students, call Shelly Warren, area director, at 432-213-4819.

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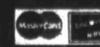
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IN BRIEF

**KBSB golf tournament announced for month of April**  
Keep Big Beautiful will be ing a golf tournament April 22 at the Spring Country. The tournament start at 9 a.m. cost \$60 per person. The tourney is a person scramble. For more information, contact the try club at 267-53.

**C.G.A. announce scramble for M**  
The Chicano Association will be hosting its annual Membership Drive a four-person scramble — at Com Trail Golf Course Sunday. The tournament begins a shotgun at 10:30 a.m. teams must be tery by 10 a.m. will be refresh served after the nament. For more information, contact Pineda at 264-71.

**Big Spring Softball Association set date for signu**  
The Big Spring Softball Association will be holding signups to register the upcoming season each Saturday through March from 10 a.m. to at the Big Spring Mail. The league girls and women 4 and up. The tration fee is \$ there is a \$5 di for a second ch. For more information, contact Shafer at 432-21.

**Umpires need B.S. softball s**  
The Big Spring Girls' Softball Association is looking for umpires for the upcoming season. Anyone interested in umpiring girls' ball games, Luci Ramirez 466-3670.

**Coahoma set for alumni co**  
The Coahoma Bulldogs will be holding their first alumni baseball game March 18 at 12 at the Coahoma ball field. For more information or to place contact Donna M at 432-394-453 or Barr at 432-965.

**Coahoma sets for softball s**  
The Coahoma United Girls' Softball Association will be holding registration divisions in and T-ball T March 18. Coahoma Center from 8 p.m. The signu also take place March 23 at day will be p.m. to 8 p.m. The fee is more info, contact Robinson at 3

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For more information, contact the country club at 267-5354.

### C.G.A. announces scramble for March

The Chicano Golf Association will be hosting its annual Membership Drive — a four-person scramble — at Comanche Trail Golf Course Sunday.

The tournament begins a shotgun start at 10:30 a.m., but teams must be registered by 10 a.m. There will be refreshments served after the tournament.

For more information, contact Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

### Big Spring Softball Association sets date for signups

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

The league is for girls and women ages 4 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.

### Umpires needed for B.S. softball season

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### Coahoma sets date for alumni contest

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For more information or to play, contact Donna Mansfield at 432-394-453 or Dutch Barr at 432-965-3408.

### Coahoma sets dates for softball signups

The Coahoma United Girls Softball Association will begin registration for all divisions in softball and T-ball Thursday, March 16, at the Coahoma Community Center from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The signups will also take place March 17, March 21 and March 23 and each day will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The fee is \$30. For more info, contact Pat Robinson at 393-5622.

## Free throws, defense lift Hawks to victory

### Howard loses Banogle to injury

By TROY HYDE

LUBBOCK — It wasn't exactly pretty Thursday for the top-ranked Howard men's basketball team, but a win is a win in March.

The Hawks shot 30 percent from the field, but played their typical defense, only committed seven turnovers and out-rebounded Grayson, 41-30, and advanced to the second round of the Region 5 Tournament after taking down the Vikings, 68-55.

"We had some first game jitters and a lot of why we weren't ready to play can be attributed to the coaches," said Howard head coach Mark Adams. "Grayson's a good team and it never gave up. We were able to make the right adjustments at halftime though."

Perhaps the biggest difference in the game came at the free throw line where Howard sunk 28 of 32 shots. Grayson was just five of seven.

"I think us hitting free throws and taking so many more than Grayson was the difference in the game," said Adams.

In other men's Region 5 Tournament action Thursday, Midland defeated Collin County, 71-62, McLennan took down Odessa, 74-66, and South Plains rolled past Temple, 86-66.

Howard, which improved to 30-1 with the victory, will face South Plains and the conference's leading scorer in Steve Harley, who scored 31 points in the first round game, in the semi-

finals Saturday at 7 p.m. And they may have to do it without backup center Herve Banogle, who went down against Grayson with an ankle injury.

"(Howard College head trainer John Overton) said it was probably broken, but we will get an X-Ray tomorrow," said Adams.

Howard struggled in the first half against Grayson. It did not take its first lead until back-to-back 3-pointers by Richard Forbes put the Hawks up 10-8 with 14:10 to play until halftime.

Phil Murphy's 3-pointer put the Hawks up 20-19 with 5:40 left, but the Hawks' offense was not at its best.

Sophomore stars Charles Burgess and Dezmon Harris had poor shooting nights from the field. Burgess was just three-for-12, but scored 19 points because he went 13-for-15 from the charity stripe. Harris was just one of eight from the field, but did go four-for-four from the line and scored seven points.

Two free throws by Trevor Guy, who scored 14 first-half points for Grayson, tied the game at 23-23 with 3:28 to go until halftime. The Hawks ended the half on a 12-6 run and grabbed a six-point advantage at halftime.

Guy started the second half with jumper to cut the Hawks' lead to four, but a 13-5 run by Howard after that put some distance between the two teams as the Hawks pushed the lead to 48-34. Freshman Benny Valentine scored seven

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Sophomore Dezmon Harris puts up a jumper from the corner during Howard's first-round win against Grayson at the Region 5 Tournament Thursday night in Lubbock at the Rip Griffin Center. The Hawks shot 30 percent as a team — Harris was one-for-eight — but still won the game by 13 points.

## Texas Tech advances, Baylor's season over at Big 12 tourney

### Cowboys knock off Iowa State, Cyclones, hoping for NIT bid

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer DALLAS — Considering all the great seasons they've had, Bob Knight and Eddie Sutton will probably want to forget most things about this one.

Unless their teams can build on what they did Thursday in the first round of the Big 12 tournament.

Knight's Texas Tech club fulfilled his modest goal of winning its tournament opener with a 73-65 victory over Kansas State, then Sutton's Oklahoma State team kept alive hopes of winning this event for a third straight year by beating Iowa State 79-70.

Sutton has been away from his team since a Feb. 10 car wreck that left him hurt and facing charges that include aggravated drunk driving. Still, the Cowboys' wins and losses go on his record — and this victory was No. 798. Two more would get Oklahoma State into the conference finals and would make Sutton the fifth major college coach to reach 800.

Tech's victory was the 869th for Knight. More importantly, it snapped a four-game losing streak, his longest in five seasons with the Red Raiders, and gives him a chance to



avoid his first losing season since 1970-71 at Army. He was satisfied simply with continuing his streak of winning a Big 12 tournament game every year since he's lived in Lubbock.

"I have always thought that you start out the season trying to win the national championship," Knight said. "When that's eliminated, you are trying to go to the NCAA tournament. ... Our goal was to win a game in (the Big 12) tournament and then see what we can do from there."

Tech's victory ended Kansas State's season, which in turn cost coach Jim Woodriddle his job. His bosses had basically given an NCAA-or-bust ultimatum, and with a 15-13 finish the Wildcats aren't going to make it.

In the other two first-round games Thursday, Colorado had to rally late to pull out a 65-61 victory over bottom-seed Baylor and Nebraska held off Missouri 71-64.

The Red Raiders (15-16) advanced to a quarterfinal game Friday against No. 8 Texas, the tournament's top seed. Oklahoma State (17-14) gets No. 17 Kansas, the second seed.

Texas A&M in what could be an NCAA tournament elimination game, and Nebraska (18-12) will play Oklahoma.

### Texas Tech 73, Kansas State 65

Big 12 scoring leader Jarrius Jackson shot only 4-of-17, but made 10 straight free throws over the final 1:10 to still end up with a Tech-best 21 points.

While he struggled, the Red Raiders' offense was propped up mostly by Martin Zeno's 17 points and reserve Tanner Ogden scoring a career-best 14.

"Before the game, coach told me to get ready. You never know. Some days he tells me to get ready and I never come in. You just have to always be prepared," said Ogden, who'd never scored more than eight points in 41 career games and had only 36 all season.

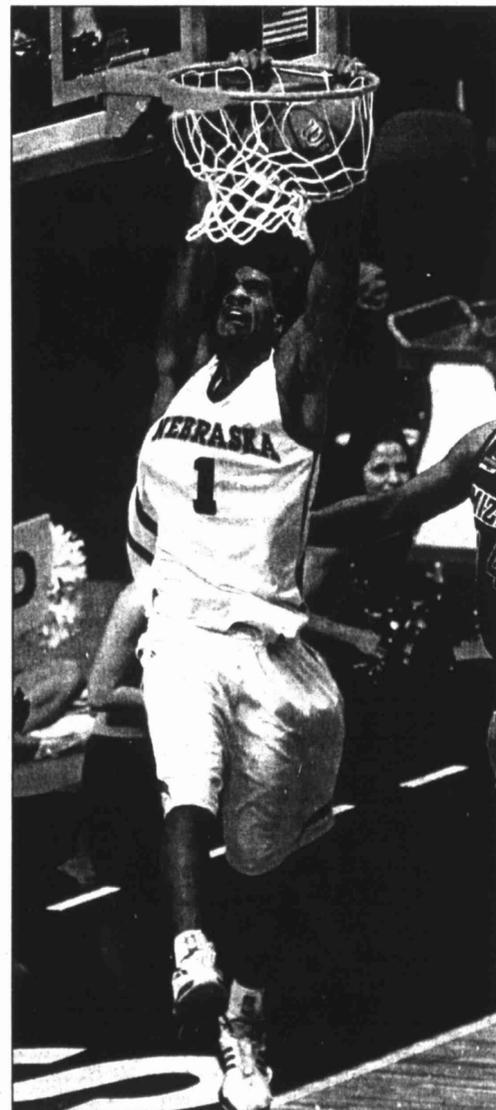
David Hoskins led Kansas State with 25 points, tying his career best, and Dramane Diarra had 12 points and 12 rebounds.

The Wildcats closed the season losing four of their last five games, dropping their record under Woodriddle to 83-90 over six seasons.

### Oklahoma St. 79, Iowa St. 70

Torre Johnson was asked to spark the offense

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Nebraska's Jimmy McKinney (1) slams home a shot to seal a 71-64 win over Missouri in the first round of the Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Thursday.

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and did, scoring 15 points in the first half, then adding two rim-rocking baskets late in the second half, when the Cowboys saw an 18-point lead dwindle to two.

Johnson finished 9-of-11 for 20 points, his most since mid-January.

"I told him this week, 'You've got to be productive, a big part of this, if we're going to have a chance to win,'" said Sean Sutton, who is running the team while his father, Eddie, is on medical leave. "I thought he responded."

Mario Boggan went 7-of-8 from the field and 9-of-9 on free throws for 23 points. JamesOn Curry scored 14, including a mid-range jumper with 1:40 left that started a 9-2 closing run.

Curtis Stinson had 22 points, 10 rebounds and five assists for Iowa State (16-14), which has lost seven of nine, but is still hoping to make the NIT field.

"Any experience we get to prepare for the future is positive," coach Wayne Morgan said.

**Colorado 65, Baylor 61**  
The Buffaloes missed their first 12 shots after halftime and had to overcome a seven-point deficit in the final 5 minutes. Marcus Hall ignited a game-deciding 16-5 run with a 3-pointer, then had a pair of free throws with 7.9 seconds left.

The Bears (4-13) came close to becoming the

first No. 12 seed to ever win a game in the Big 12 tournament. Still, after losing to Colorado 81-48 in January, coach Scott Drew's club showed what huge strides it has made during a season cut in half as part of NCAA penalties for numerous violations uncovered following the death of Patrick Dennehy.

"The biggest thing when you're building a program is being competitive. We've done that," Drew said.

Chris Copeland had 14 points and Richard Roby 12 for Colorado.

Curtis Jerrells led the Bears with 20 points and Aaron Bruce had 15.

**Nebraska 71, Missouri 64**

The Cornhuskers blew a 12-point lead in the second half, but scored the game's final seven points — starting with a 3-pointer by Jamel White with 1:15 left — for their first Big 12 tournament victory since 1999.

The win also ended a three-game losing streak that included a one-point loss to the Tigers (12-16) Sunday.

Jason Dourisseau led Nebraska with 20 points and Aleks Maric added 19. The Cornhuskers hurt themselves by going 14-of-28 from the foul line.

Jimmy McKinney led Missouri with 15 points. This was the Tigers' first opening-round loss in this tournament and it ended the school's 100th season, a tumultuous year that included coach Quin Snyder resigning and being replaced by Melvin Watkins.

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points during the run and freshman Benson Akpan added a 3-point play and Forbes ended the stretch with a 3-pointer.

The lead stayed around 14 points for much of the remainder of the half until a 3-point play by Grayson with just more than 3:12 to go in the game cut the Vikings' deficit to 11.

Howard scored its final 13 points from the line as it went 13-for-16 from the charity stripe in the final 3:12.

Burgess was six-for-eight during that stretch and Harris made all four of his shots from the line during that time as well.

Guy scored just four points in the second half for Grayson, but finished with 18 points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

"We didn't make an adjustment on him, but the adjustment was made in how we defended the post," said Adams. "The reason why we shot poorly and still won the game was because of our defense. And we rebounded well and didn't hurt ourselves with turnovers."

Valentine led the Hawks with 21 points, including three 3-pointers. Burgess added seven rebounds and three assists to his 19 points. Akpan finished with seven points and pulled down a team-high eight rebounds.

Midland and McLennan will meet in the other men's Region 5 semifinal Saturday with tip-off set for 5 p.m. The title game is Sunday at 5 p.m.



Fans of Howard College get off their feet during a timeout at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock Thursday night during the Hawks' first-round victory over Grayson.

ADAMS

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**Region V Tournament**

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Midland 71, Collin County 62  
McLennan 74, Odessa 66  
South Plains 86, Temple 66  
Howard 68, Grayson County 55

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Odessa vs. Temple, 7 p.m.

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- Howard softball @ Clarendon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. (today); @ Frank Phillips noon and 2 p.m. (Saturday)
- Howard men's basketball vs. South Plains @ Lubbock, 7 p.m. Saturday
- Big Spring baseball @ Levelland Tournament, TBA
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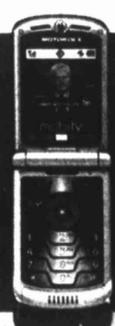
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Venus (love) and Saturn (lessons) oppose each other. In short, love hurts. And after the wounds and scars, your heart may be singing the lyrics of the old Nazareth song: "I really learned a lot/Really learned a lot/Love is like a flame/It burns you when it's hot." Whatever your unique misstep, you'll vow to never do it again. Until next time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The less you try to impress, the more you succeed. Stop worrying what someone thinks of you, and just ask. For many, an "ex" returns. Alimony payments and financial obligations are reduced through better communication.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Keep trying to connect with that person who is hard to reach. This one has a dire need for help, acknowledgement and love (don't we all?). But it takes a special person (like you) to respond effectively to the needs of others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are intrigued by the power of the unseen. Know that it affects you even more than it affects others because you are so sensitive. Also know that you actually can "see" it, hear it and name it. Keep trying.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Researchers say that visualization is helpful in learning to do something new. The mind behaves as though it's actually engaged in the activity. Use the technique at work. "Go there" mentally before you "go there" physically.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can make a difference in someone's life without even knowing it. Treat everyone as a good friend. A flirtation develops into something deeper — relish it slowly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If ever there was a day to let go of control, this is it. Allow chance to take a formative hand in your affairs. (You'll be surprised and delighted at what chance comes up with!)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Try to see the world through prejudice-free eyes, without ignoring the voice of reason. Yes, the clichés will tend to be true — that's how they become clichés. But every situation is different.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't worry about coming up with ideas. The strong ones will chase you down until you adopt them. Spending time with a Gemini or an Aquarius doesn't hurt, either!

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Work to counteract the mood you wake up in. Pessimism is a short view of life. Be brave — choose the long view, and you're likely to extend yourself further, be more gracious and work harder, too.

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7	Funnest Home Videos	Funnest Home Videos	Contra Viento y Marea	Nanny 911 (CC)	Ghost Whisperer	Tierra de Pasiones	Deal or No Deal (CC)	Friends (CC)	Update/Israel Alan Granger	Wash. Week NOW (CC)	The FBI Files (CC)	Movies: Random	CSI: Crime Scene Investg. (CC)	Movies: Saving Private Ryan	TBA	Movies: Spy Kids 2: The Calamity	ACC Quarterfinal	Big East Semifinal	Stargate SG-1 (CC)
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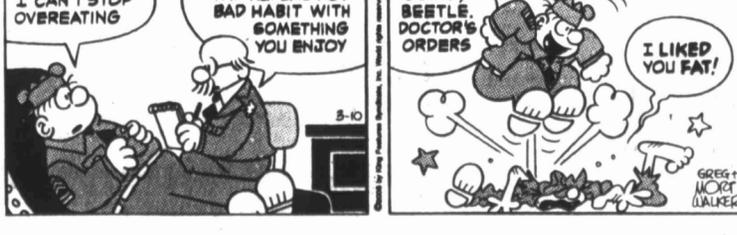
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This Date In History

Today is Saturday, March 11, the 70th day of 2006. There are 295 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 11, 1942, as Japanese forces continued to advance in the Pacific during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines for Australia, vowing: "I shall return." (He kept that promise nearly three years later.)

On this date:

In 1810, Emperor Napoleon of France was married by proxy to Archduchess Marie Louise of Austria.

In 1861, the Confederate convention in Montgomery, Ala., adopted a constitution.

In 1888, the famous "Blizzard of '88" struck the northeastern United States, resulting in some 400 deaths.

In 1941, President Roosevelt signed into law the Lend-Lease Bill, providing war supplies to countries fighting the Axis.

In 1965, the Rev. James J. Reeb, a white minister from Boston, died after being beaten by whites during civil rights disturbances in Selma, Ala.

In 1977, more than 130 hostages held in Washington by Hanafi Muslims were freed after ambassadors from three Islamic nations joined the negotiations.

In 1985, Mikhail S. Gorbachev was chosen to succeed the late Soviet President Konstantin U. Chernenko.

In 1986, the state of Georgia pardoned Leo Frank, a Jewish businessman who had been lynched in 1915 for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan.

In 2004, 10 bombs exploded in quick succession across the commuter rail network in Madrid, Spain, killing 191 people in an attack linked to al-Qaida.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Terence Alexander is 83. Media mogul Rupert Murdoch is 75. ABC News correspondent Sam Donaldson is 72. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia is 70. Musician Flaco Jimenez is 67. Actress Tricia O'Neil is 61. Rock singer

musician Mark Stein (Vanilla Fudge) is 59. Singer Bobby McFerrin is 56. Movie director Jerry Zucker is 56. Actress Susan Richardson is 54. Singer Nina Hagen is 51. Country singer Jimmy Fortune (The Statler Brothers) is 51. Singer Cheryl Lynn is 49. Actor Wallace Langham is 41. Singer Lisa Loeb is 38. Singer Pete Dinklage is 37. Actor Johnny Knoxville is 35. Rock singer-musicians Benji and Joel Madden (Good Charlotte) are 27. Actor David Anders is 25. Actress Thora Birch is 24. Actor Anton Yelchin is 17.

Thought for Today: "Never vote for a tax bill nor against an appropriations bill." — American political maxim.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

TAKE A GOOD LOOK by Merle Baker  
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- ACROSS
- 1 First name in country
  - 5 They may be tested
  - 10 Did the crawl
  - 14 1994 NL Manager of the Year
  - 15 Liqueur flavoring
  - 16 Charter
  - 17 Word-processing command
  - 18 Something to let off
  - 19 Word-processing command
  - 20 Hoity-toity
  - 23 Compass reading
  - 24 Word with hat or hand
  - 25 Used a fork, perhaps
  - 27 Radiation band
  - 32 Smack ender
  - 33 Mauna
  - 34 Anklebone
  - 36 Tyrolean tune
  - 39 Belgrade native
  - 41 Glaze of egg white
  - 43 "Well done!"
  - 44 With respect to
  - 46 Appropriate, in a way
  - 48 Period
  - 49 Writer Ambler
  - 51 Put by
  - 53 Visibly moved
  - 56 It fell in March 2001
  - 57 Tie
  - 58 Back-burner

- DOWN
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  - 2 The Time Machine race
  - 3 Winner of five consecutive Wimbledon
  - 4 Write
  - 5 Taxed one's patience
  - 6 Worldwide: Abbr.
  - 7 In \_\_\_ of
  - 8 Exams for would-be attys.
  - 9 Mideast native
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  - 21 Black key, at times
  - 22 Not any
  - 26 Blessing
  - 27 Rick's love
  - 28 Thumbs-down votes
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- 37 Neutral tone
- 38 Bound
- 40 Gun-barrel diameter
- 42 Superlatively commodious
- 45 Mideast coin
- 47 Small combo
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- 52 Book insertion
- 53 "Don't worry"
- 54 Singer Judd
- 55 Card-reader instruction
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- 62 Ersatz swing
- 63 Thumbs-up votes
- 65 Switch positions

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# Golf Insider

## IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

### Ready, set, relax

By T.J. TOMASI  
Universal Press Syndicate

Great players make it look easy, don't they? Because they hit the ball using their abdominal core, professional golfers are rotators extraordinaire; you cannot rotate correctly when you're all bound up in poor posture.

Here I offer you two of the most relaxed-looking setups in the business — short but arrow-straight Fred Funk (in the top photo below) and power player Tiger Woods. They both look comfortable even though they're set in a ready, athletic position that prepares them for dynamic motion.

There is no hunch in the shoulders and no arch in the lower back, configurations that would severely limit hip action and disrupt balance. In the correct setup, you can draw a straight line from the buttocks through the lower back and up the spine.

Another line that helps produce the correct posture can be drawn from Tiger's back pocket through his hands and into the pile of practice balls he's working on. This is the angle of the hips that opens the way for athletic rotation.

This is an important angle because while the hips have a tad of tilt, they have much less tilt than the shoulders during the swing. This is why the correct starting position is so important in making a correct swing. You must bend from your hips (not your waist) in order to point the hip sockets more toward the ground. This way your hips have enough tilt to allow your shoulders to create the correct swing angle.

Another aspect of golf balance is the alignment of load-bearing joints whose role it is to allow movement while providing maximum stability. At address, the shoulder-knee-ankle joints are stacked on both sides. The hip joints are set back to facilitate the incline of the spine angle and the ballast of the extended fanny.

When these joints are not in their strongest alignment to accept the transfer of load during the swing, they buckle, unbalancing the swing motion.

I remember talking with the great Bob Toski some years ago about the importance of correct posture, and to make his point he suggested a foot race of 30 yards. I was very fast in those days, and it would have been no contest except for the way we lined up. He faced the finish line and positioned me pointing in the opposite direction. I protested that I couldn't win this race facing the wrong way, and his response was, "Exactly. And you can't get to the ball correctly from a bad start either." Point well-taken.



Both, Fred Funk (top) and Tiger Woods look comfortable even though they're set in a ready, athletic position that prepares them for dynamic motion.



Annika Sorenstam, winner of 10 LPGA events in 2005, urges patience with the new world ranking system. Critics say the rankings don't accurately reflect the game's top golfers.

# No doubt who's No. 1

By STAN AWTRY  
Cox News Service

More than a few questions were raised about the legitimacy of the women's world golf rankings when they debuted last month. But Annika Sorenstam, No. 1 in the Rolex Rankings, urged patience with the new standard — which has Michelle Wie ranked No. 2.

Sorenstam won 10 times last year and had more than twice as many ranking points as any other player. That's not the problem.

The rankings had the highly marketed Wie ranked No. 2 in the world. Wie played in the minimum number of tournaments required to be included in the rankings; she's not won a professional event, and her last amateur victory came at the U.S. Public Links in 2003. She did have three top-three finishes in pro events last year, but staggered badly on the final day of the U.S. Women's Open and did not play in the U.S. Women's Amateur.

Yet Wie is ranked ahead of established pros such as Paula Creamer, Christie Kerr, Lorena Ochoa, Jeong Jang and Natalie Gulbis, who each won more than \$1 million on the LPGA Tour in 2005. Creamer and Kerr both won two tournaments; Ochoa and

## ROLEX WORLD RANKINGS

1. Annika Sorenstam	18.13
2. Michelle Wie	10.03
3. Paula Creamer	9.40
4. Yuri Fudoh	7.18
5. Christie Kerr	6.48
6. Ai Miyazato	6.41
7. Lorena Ochoa	5.99
8. Jeong Jang	4.80
9. Hee-Won Han	4.27
10. Juli Inkster	3.92
11. Sakura Yokomine	3.79
12. Grace Park	3.68
13. Shiho Ohyama	3.59
14. Natalie Gulbis	3.48
15. Karrie Webb	3.42

Jang each won one. Even Nancy Lopez, the host of the Atlanta Charity Championship, admitted the players "are not as happy as they'd like to be" about the ratings.

Sorenstam encouraged all parties to give the rankings a chance. "It's a good starting point," Sorenstam said. "Will it have to be tweaked? Absolutely. They have to work out the kinks and hope it will be an accurate measurement of who is the best player in the world."

There's no question that Sorenstam is No. 1. Sorenstam, who skipped the two LPGA

events in Hawaii, makes her LPGA debut this week at the MasterCard Classic in Mexico, an event she won a year ago.

"Last year I played probably as good as I can," Sorenstam said. "I had a great offseason, got some rest and have had a lot of practice for the last two weeks. I'm ready to go."

If Sorenstam, 35, can continue to dominate the LPGA Tour, she has a chance to break Kathy Whitworth's career mark of 88 victories. Sorenstam has 66 wins, 43 in the past five years; she's won nine majors.

"That's something I never thought possible, and I still have a long way to go," she said. "The competition is getting tougher and tougher."

Like her pal and No. 1-ranked male counterpart Tiger Woods, Sorenstam has taken great pride in her conditioning. She works with a personal trainer four to five days a week during the off-season, concentrating on strength rather than cardiovascular workouts.

"Conditioning is something that takes months and years," she said. "The last three years I've noticed a big difference. Being in good shape has a lot of advantages, especially on long days, rainy days. You really notice it at the end of the year."

## Wetterich hopes for a different ending

By GREG A. BEDARD  
Cox News Service

Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. It was like some cheesy sports movie of the week. The ending just needed a little work.

After not finding out until Monday that he was the final player added to the Honda Classic field last year, Brett Wetterich vaulted into the lead after 36 holes, and was tied at the top entering the final round. He held a one-stroke lead with six holes to play, but a triple-bogey on No. 13 led to a sixth-place tie behind winner Padraig Harrington.

"It definitely helped me just in the respect that I found out that I could compete out here and I was able to have a chance to win a tournament on the PGA Tour," Wetterich said this week before Monday's pro-am. "I had one kinda screw-up, but other than that I thought I held in there pretty well."

After struggling for two years on the

Nationwide Tour, Wetterich was just six holes from a two-year exemption on the PGA Tour when he drove into the left rough on the par-4, 13th hole. Wetterich had a terrible lie, but instead of punching out and swallowing a bogey, he swung wildly with a 7-iron and the ball flew the green into the left hazard. A muffed chip and two putts dropped him three strokes off the pace.

"I didn't think the ball was going to do what it did," Wetterich said. "Obviously if I did, I wouldn't have played that shot, but it did what it did and that's the end of it."

Wetterich, 32, earned his 2006 card — his first since 2002 — by finishing 26th at Qualifying School. He missed the cut in his first tournament this year at the Buick Invitational but tied for 64th at Pebble Beach and 24th at Tucson.

"My game's a little shaky," Wetterich said. "I could go out and shoot four under, I could go out and shoot four over. It's kind of in between."



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**Brett Wetterich** reacts to missing a putt on the final hole of last year's Honda Classic. He finished tied for sixth.

## SCHEDULE

All Times EST  
**PGA TOUR**  
**Honda Classic**  
• Site: Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.  
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday  
• Course: The Country Club at Mirasol, Sunrise Course (7,384 yards, par 72).  
• Purse: \$5.5 million. Winner's share: \$990,000.  
• TV: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and NBC (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

**LPGA TOUR**  
**MasterCard Classic**  
• Site: Huixquilucan, Mexico.  
• Schedule: Friday-Sunday  
• Course: Bosque Real Country Club (6,889 yards, par 72).  
• Purse: \$1.2 million. Winner's share: \$180,000.  
• TV: The Golf Channel (Friday, 4-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 1:30-3 a.m., 4-6 p.m.; Monday, 1:30-3 a.m.).

**CHAMPIONS TOUR**  
**AT&T Classic**  
• Site: Santa Clarita, Calif.  
• Schedule: Friday-Sunday  
• Course: Valencia Country Club (6,575 yards, par 72).  
• Purse: \$1.5 million. Winner's share: \$225,000.  
• TV: The Golf Channel (Friday-Sunday, 6-8:30 p.m., 10 p.m.-midnight).

**PGA EUROPEAN TOUR/ASIAN TOUR**  
**Singapore Masters**  
• Site: Singapore.  
• Schedule: Thursday-Sunday  
• Course: Laguna National Golf and Country Club, Masters Course (7,207 yards, par 72).  
• Purse: \$1 million. Winner's share: \$166,660.  
• TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-noon).

**NATIONWIDE TOUR**  
• Next event: Louisiana Open, March 23-26, Le Triomphe Country Club, Broussard, La.

## LEADERS

WORLD RANKINGS	
1. Tiger Woods	18.14
2. Vijay Singh	8.99
3. Retief Goosen	7.77
4. Ernie Els	7.34
5. Phil Mickelson	7.22
6. Sergio Garcia	6.85
7. Jim Furyk	5.44
8. David Toms	5.33
9. Adam Scott	5.27
10. Chris DiMarco	4.73
11. Colin Montgomerie	4.36
12. Luke Donald	4.23
13. David Howell	4.20
14. Davis Love III	4.20
15. Michael Campbell	4.19

MONEY LEADERS PGA TOUR	
Player	Money
1. Rory Sabbatini	\$2,219,294
2. Tiger Woods	\$2,033,000
3. David Toms	\$1,729,800
4. Chad Campbell	\$1,683,377
5. Geoff Ogilvy	\$1,548,234
6. Stuart Appleby	\$1,329,362
7. A. Oberholser	\$1,324,363
8. Vijay Singh	\$1,237,969
9. J.B. Holmes	\$1,108,620
10. Davis Love III	\$938,138

LPGA TOUR	
Player	Money
1. Meena Lee	\$173,082
2. Joo Mi Kim	\$154,822
3. Lorena Ochoa	\$120,415
4. Seon Hwa Lee	\$114,084
5. Soo Young Moon	\$77,722

CHAMPIONS TOUR	
Player	Money
1. Loren Roberts	\$813,880
2. Don Pooley	\$308,840
3. Jerry Pate	\$275,900
4. Tom Watson	\$252,900
5. Hale Irwin	\$233,267

## THE GOLF DOCTOR

### Tempo and balance go together

Don't you hate it when your golf swing gets short and choppy, and you feel completely rushed and out of sync? The good news is that there's an easy fix.

The most likely cause for this problem is that you're pitching forward toward the ball at the beginning of the swing, making the rest of the swing a battle to regain balance.

First, check your weight distribution at address. Bad balance often begins here, with the weight forward on the toes when it should be distributed from the balls of the feet backward to the heels. This puts your center of gravity straight down through the middle of your body so you won't be pulled forward toward the ball at the start of your swing.

Second, once your setup is balanced, focus on your tempo and make a series of smooth, unhurried swings with no leaps or lurches. Do this first with your practice swing, then with your actual swing.

All the while, think of your swing as being long and lazy vs. short and choppy. And hold your pose at the finish to make it look pretty.



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## ASK THE PRO

**Q:** I haven't taken any lessons yet, but I've read a couple of golf books and I watch the Golf Channel, but I'm not getting any better. I've been playing for about two seasons. I'm a good athlete, and I love golf, but I thought I'd catch on faster than this. Anything I can do to speed up the process? — John, from Rutland, Vt.

**A:** John, I'm going to bring you home the long way, so bear with me. Let me tell you something about your brain: It doesn't care what it learns; it's simply a learning machine.

It is a servo-mechanism that over millions of years of evolution keeps you (1) upright, (2) your

belly filled, (3) preserves your ability to reproduce and (4) readies you to fight or flee.

Your brain can learn ANYTHING (even golf) if it's presented correctly. Unfortunately, your brain doesn't have a quality detector. It learns the bad right along with the good, so it's up to you to choose your own learning.

In golf, your outcomes (the shots you hit, the scores you shoot, the enjoyment you have) are dependent on the quality of what you learn, so you'd better make sure that what you put in your database is quality information. If it's not, you will fail, and then blame yourself.

You probably already have a doctor, an accountant and a lawyer

who help you in areas that are outside of your expertise. Do you have a golf pro to help you with your game? Most golfers don't, so they're reduced to tinkering and fiddling with their swing. They change something that is right to something that is wrong and vice versa without knowing the difference. If you tried to learn your business like this, you'd go broke.

Your brain can learn good golf or it can learn bad golf. One way you can make sure it learns good golf is by managing your own learning just as you'd manage your business. Visit your PGA teaching professional and add him or her to your "inner circle." Come July, you'll be glad you did.



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