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RELIEVER ROUTE MEETING

Maps of possible routes for the U.S. 87 truck reliever route, along with maps showing environmental restrictions along the designated path, will be displayed at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday during a public meeting at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive in Comanche Trail Park.

This will be a chance for local citizens to display their support for the project.

RELAY FOR LIFE

February is time to get your team together for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Call 267-3841 to request a team captain's packet and start your fund-raising now. Relay is May 9-10 at Blankenship Field.

FORSAN EYEING PROGRAM

Forsan Independent School District is trying to determine if there are 15 potential students for a pre-kindergarten program.

"With budget constraints as tight as they are in education, we must plan well in advance for changes like this," said Randy Johnson, Elbow Elementary principal. "So, we are attempting to locate families in our school district who have a child that fits the following guidelines:"

The students will be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2003, and the family qualifies for the free or reduced lunch program and/or, the child has a language barrier.

For more information, contact Johnson by calling 398-5444 (ext. 1 or 2). A minimum number of interested and eligible students must be met before the class is offered.

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Big Spring Rotary celebrating 75 years

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

After 75 years of existence, the Big Spring Rotary Club continues to be a strong, dedicated, community-minded organization and on Tuesday the club will celebrate its anniversary.

"Our district governor, Don Shinn, will have a special award for us from Rotary International," said club president Frances St. Clair. "We're going to have birthday cake and recognize the past district governors."

Club members will celebrate their anniversary during their noon regular meeting at the Howard College Cactus Room.

For St. Clair, the granddaugh-

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ST. CLAIR

ter of B. Reagan, a charter member of the club and past president, the club holds special importance.

No longer a resident of Big Spring, St. Clair still makes the two-hour drive from San Angelo to Big Spring every Tuesday to

attend the meetings.

"Becoming president has been one of my goals," she said. "I followed by my grandfather as president of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce 70 years after he was. I wanted to do this."

The Big Spring Rotary held its

first meeting in on Jan. 24, 1928, with 30 charter members. On Feb. 23 of that same year, the club was chartered by Rotary International.

Still a very active group, the Big Spring Rotary Club sponsors several educational scholarships, cultural exchange groups, a medical program to eradicate the disease polo and a project to help school children in Mexico purchase supplies and books.

Club members are also responsible for displaying American flags along Gregg Street on patriotic holidays.

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MAKING THE GRADE

Big Spring's Ontiveros selected to all-state band

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

He'd been wanting it since last year. He worked all fall to obtain it and then — he got it.

Big Spring High School band student John Ontiveros was one of only 21 Class 4A high school trumpet players in the state to participate in All-State Band this past Saturday.

He earned a spot in the band by placing second in area tryouts on Jan. 11 and becoming the only Howard County student to qualify for any all-state band this year.

"I had a taste of it last year," Ontiveros said. "I was the alternate. They took three last year and I got fourth."

The journey began this fall at all-region tryouts where Ontiveros competed not only against other BSHS students, but students from Andrews and Kermit.

"I've been working on this hard since summer," he said, adding he practiced two hours a day on average.

At area tryouts, Ontiveros knew he played well but wasn't sure if he'd made the cut.

"I didn't know what



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
All-state qualifier John Ontiveros practices on his trumpet after band practice at Big Spring High School. Ontiveros was the only Howard County student to earn all spot on any all-state band this year. The Class 4A All-State Symphonic band held its concert Saturday at the Lila Cockrell Theater in San Antonio.

chair I made," he said. "They took three this year."

On Thursday, Ontiveros left to attend the Texas Music Educators Association convention held in San Antonio to participate in sessions with Dr. Thomas Frascillo from the University of Southern Mississippi, the

conductor for the Class 4A Symphonic Band.

The band performed Saturday afternoon in the Lila Cockrell Theater in San Antonio.

A high school senior, Ontiveros plans to attend Angelo State University next year and major in music and psychology.

Last summer, Ontiveros was one of

three Big Spring High School students selected for a 25-day European visit with Sound of America honor band and chorus. The group consists of about 200 students nationwide.

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City's sales tax rebate declines

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Eight of the 19 area communities polled by the Herald for sales tax rebates each month, including Big Spring, suffered a setback in rebates for February, when compared to a year ago.

The information is provided by the State Comptroller's Office.

Three of the communities witnessed double-digit decreases.

Big Spring received \$395,012.61, just 1.67 percent less than the \$401,739.09 the Howard County seat received in February of 2002. For the year, Howard County has received \$645,120.10, some 0.75 percent off the pace of a year ago.

Coahoma experienced a 9.8 percent increase rebates this month. The community received \$4,599.75, compared to \$4,189.06 for February 2002. The community has received \$7,365.79 for the year, up 1.45 percent.

Forsan, which saw sales tax receipts plummet through the last few months of 2002 and into January 2003, witnessed a wild swing — not unusual for small communities. The city received \$4,263.78 this month compared to \$2,568.25 in February 2002, a difference of 66.01 percent. For

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Black enjoys job as a deputy county clerk

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

From her office at the Howard County Courthouse, Nancy Black sees it all.

"We do criminal work, probate, we work and record the instruments that are brought in," she said. "We record property records here. We take care of everything from when they're born to when they die."

Black, an assistant to County Clerk Donna Wright, handles birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, deeds, liens, wills, probate and criminal records.

"We enjoy our job and we enjoy each other, but we're not here to play. We're here to serve the public," Black said. "We take it seriously."

The Howard County native has been on the job

most recently since 1999, but originally started as a high school vocational student.

"I started working here when I was a VOE student in high school," Black said. "Then I got hired on full time working here with Margaret Ray. I worked in the county district court office in Sterling City when I lived there, then I came back here."

Black said she didn't have any special training to get her job, but has had some schooling in the course of her duties.

"It helps if you know how to use a computer," she said. "I didn't have any special training. Since I've been here, I've been to probate school and then I have been to schools in criminal reporting to help me with

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Deputy County Clerk Nancy Black types in some records Friday. Black originally worked for the Howard County Clerk's office as a vocational student in high school, and returned to the post three years ago.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

James Dean "House" Householder



James Dean "House" Householder, 49, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, in Abilene. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

James was born on Dec. 3, 1953, in Big Spring. He lived most of his life in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School. He worked for the railroad for 28 years and retired in 2002 from Union Pacific.

James was a loving son, husband, brother, father and grandfather. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Denise Householder of Big Spring; one daughter, Mandy Jenkins and husband, Billy, of Abilene; two grandchildren, Chelsea and Taylor Householder of Abilene; his parents, James L. and Jeannette Householder of Big Spring; and one brother, Alan Householder and wife, Debbie of Big Spring; three step children, Brooke Latham of Arab, Ala., Josh Snider of Boaz, Ala., and Cicely James of Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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

Edna J. Malone Taylor

Edna J. Malone Taylor, 84, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, in Odessa.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Dec. 19, 1918 in Dallas. Edna married Paul Malone on June 19, 1937, in Crane. He preceded her in death on Aug. 28, 1989. She then married Owen Taylor on Nov. 2, 1991 in Big Spring.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband, Owen Taylor of Big Spring; two sons, Ron Malone of Edmond, Okla., and Don Malone of Licking, Mo.; a granddaughter, Lauren Malone of Norman, Okla.; one step-daughter, Marylan Duncan and husband, Jimmy, of Checotah, Okla.; two step-grandchildren, John Roberts of Checotah, Okla., and James Roberts of Austin; a great granddaughter, MaKayla Roberts of Checotah, Okla.; and one brother, Billy Gray and wife, Louise of Rankin.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

Lottery

Lotto Texas numbers draw Saturday night:

5-11-31-39-40-46.

Estimated jackpot: \$4 million.

Number matching six of six: zero.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: \$5 million.

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The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday: 8-15-24-27-29

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 3-3-1

Support groups

MONDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

New Voice Club support group for laryngotomies and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

TUESDAY

TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today:

• SYLVIA ANN CRAVENS, of 220 Brooks, Sand Springs, was being held at the city jail for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• LYNDON TRENT FRALEY, 42, of 801 W. Marcy was arrested for a local warrant.

• DANA ANNETTE BAILEY, 28, of 801 Highland was arrested for a local warrant.

• ROSENDO ESPINOZA RODRIQUEZ, 38, of Colorado City was arrested for two local warrants.

• RENEE SILVA, 30, of Colorado City was arrested for a capias warrant.

• CODY EUGENE PENNINGTON, 17, of Coahoma was arrested on charges of minor in consumption of alcohol and evading arrest or detention.

• RICKY JAY EDWARDS JR., 18, of 807 E. 16th, was arrested for three local warrants.

• THEFT, more than \$50, was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg where items worth \$57 was reportedly stolen.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, more than \$50 but less than \$500, was reported in the 1200 block of Rigeroad reportedly \$300 of damages was inflicted upon some automobiles.

• ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87 and in the 1100 block of North Bell.

• ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported at the Last Chance, in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King, in the 1600 block of South Main Street and in the 900 block of Northwest Second Street.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 500 block of South Gregg, in the 1100 block of North Bell, in the 500 block of Stadium Avenue and in the 900 block of E. I-20.

• CREDIT CARD/DEBIT CARD ABUSE was reported in the 900 block of West Highway 80.

Correction

Big Spring High School band student Lauren Chesworth was left out of the list that ran in the *Big Spring Herald's* Sunday edition of students that qualified for state solo and ensemble contest. Chesworth was in the percussion ensemble that included Brandon Herrera, John Giles and Curtis Osborn who earned a Division I on their Class I ensemble.

Take note

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH-1909 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking meeting last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to 1noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmcseley@erocm.net.

MONDAY

Senior Circle, Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., SMMC. People 50 years of age and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

Concerned Citizens, 7 p.m., Fiberflex conference room, Bethel St., in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. Everyone is invited.

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association, 11:30 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Evening Lions Club, noon, Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park.

Big Spring High School Band Boosters, 6 p.m., high school band hall. All parents are invited to attend.

Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. for dinner meeting to follow, First St. and Goliad. All Masons are welcome to attend.

Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle, Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m., SMMC classroom.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third.

THURSDAY

Gideon International, Big Spring Camp, U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 E. FM-700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 267-6479.

Friends of the Howard County Library, noon, Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Big Spring Main St., noon, Rail Road Museum, Second St. and Main.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Citizen's Police Academy Association, 5:30 p.m. RSVP office, 501 Runnels.

Arts, Craft and Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., call 263-2084.

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Fire vehicle

By LYNDEL M. STANTON
Staff Writer

Arson is the cause, two destroyed a vehicle this morning according to Fire Marshal Mars Condray.

Big Spring firefighters were kept busy two days reworking today's early fires and an residence fire block of S. Main.

"We responded to fires in the 1000 block of S. Main," Stanton said. "They were on fire and back and did

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the year, taken in \$6.4 still 16.25 percent last year's to two months.

Stanton through another loss. After dropped 31.9 January, the 24.97 percent February.

County sales tax \$11,176.09 compared to February a year, \$ received \$16, 27.35 percent.

Abilene \$2,881,254.09 down 8.32 percent to the received in 2002. The total is \$4,798 2.71 percent.

Sales tax up 14.42 percent Andrews, with \$85,145.75 compared to February of a year, Andrews in \$173,624.1 percent.

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Fire marshal rules vehicle fires arson

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Arson is listed as the cause, two fires that destroyed a vehicle early this morning at the Park Village Apartments, according to Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray. Big Spring firefighters were kept busy the past two days responding to today's early morning fires and an accidental residence fire in the 1900 block of S. Nolan. "We responded to two fires in the 1900 block of Wasson Road," Condray said. "They set the vehicle on fire and then came back and did it again."

Firefighters responded to a call of a vehicle fire at the Park Village Apartments twice, once at 4 a.m. and the other a little after 6 a.m. The case is currently under investigation. On Sunday, a little before 6 p.m., firefighters responded to a residential fire in the 1900 block of South Nolan. According to Condray, the fire started in the laundry room and spread, causing extensive damage to two or three of the rooms. The resident was not home at the time of the fire, Condray said, and the blaze was ruled an accident.



Hundreds of Sand Hill Cranes rest in a field behind the Harley Davison Motorcycle Shop on Third Street this morning. The birds are known to migrate in flocks of thousands.

REBATES

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the year, Forsan has taken in \$6,441.85. That's still 16.25 percent below last year's total through two months.

Stanton staggered through another hefty loss. After its rebates dropped 31.94 percent in January, they dropped 24.97 percent for February. The Martin County seat received \$11,176.09 this month compared to \$14,897.03 in February a year ago. For the year, Stanton has received \$16,418.43, down 27.35 percent.

Abilene received \$2,881,254.09 this month, down 8.32 percent compared to the \$3,143,032.46 received in February of 2002. The year-to-date total is \$4,798,124.77, down 2.71 percent.

Sales tax rebates went up 14.42 percent for Andrews, which received \$85,345.75 this month compared to \$85,771 in February of 2002. For the year, Andrews has taken in \$173,624.53, up 28.24 percent.

Brownfield received \$91,606.81, up 10.88 percent when compared to \$82,617.93 in February 2002. Brownfield has taken in \$144,975.59 for the year, up 11.86 percent.

Colorado City noted a 6.04 percent decrease in rebates, comparing

\$47,377.74 received this month to \$50,427.20 received in February 2002. The Mitchell County seat has received \$74,746.68 this year, some 8.2 percent off the pace of last year.

Fort Stockton enjoyed a 21.94 percent increase in rebates, comparing the \$130,890.29 received this month to the \$107,331.48 taken in during February 2002. For the year, Fort Stockton has received \$234,978.06, up 29.92 percent.

Kermit received \$26,512.31 this month, a decrease of 21.25 percent, compared to the \$33,669.05 collected last February. For the year, Kermit has taken in \$57,345.64, down 0.63 percent.

Lamesa witnessed a decrease of 1.63 percent in sales tax rebates. The Dawson County community received \$100,118.29 for the month, compared to \$101,781.50 in February of 2002. The Dawson County seat has received \$160,149.34 for the year, down 2.31 percent.

Sales tax rebates were up 0.71 percent for Lubbock, which received \$3,398,742.21 this month, compared to \$3,374,479.29 last February. For the year, Lubbock has received \$5,418,403.33, down 0.58 percent.

Midland, which increased sales tax last

April, saw rebates go up 19.53 percent, comparing the \$2,471,287.98 received this month to the \$2,067,420.33 received in February 2002. For the year, Midland has received \$3,903,146.77, up 18.34 percent.

Rebates were up slightly in Monahans this month. Monahans received \$91,157.84, up 3.34 percent compared to the \$88,205.36 taken in for February of 2002. For the year, the Ward County seat has received \$144,584, down 15.67 percent compared to a year ago.

February's rebates for Odessa amounted to \$1,616,145.36, up 5.09 percent when compared to \$1,537,862.24 taken in a year ago. Odessa has received \$2,618,722.61 for

the year, up 4.51 percent. Rebates were down slightly for Pecos this month. That community received \$86,863.36, compared to \$89,763.48 for February of 2002. That's a decrease of 3.23 percent. For the year, Pecos has taken in \$140,790.32, down 3.07 percent.

San Angelo saw rebates tumble 12.39 percent, comparing the \$1,514,513.99 taken in this month to the \$1,728,746.03 received in February of 2002. For the year, San Angelo has received \$2,560,643.36, down 6.31 percent.

Snyder pulled in \$190,849.48, up 19.35 percent when compared to the \$159,896.36 it received in February of 2002. For the year, the Scurry

County seat has taken in \$308,846, up 13.68 percent.

Rebates took an 8.25 percent hike in Sweetwater, comparing this month's receipts of \$235,483.39 to \$217,521.20 taken in a year ago. For the year, the

Nolan County seat has received \$385,495.59, up 11.59 percent.

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BLACK

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Black said her favorite part of the job is the people she works with.

"My co-workers, my wonderful boss," she said. "I like it all. Waiting on the public."

The job doesn't really have a downside for her, but sometimes the more monotonous jobs make her tired, Black said.

"There's really nothing that I hate to do or dislike," she said. "Microfilming, I don't really love that. Putting records on microfilm for safekeeping. It makes me really tired."

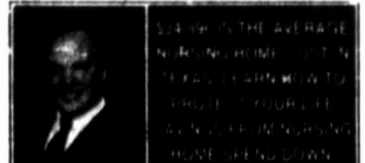
Black also helps with elections in the county.

"We have an election coming up in May," she said. "I phone in the results to Austin. Actually, we don't phone

them in any more. I do it by way of computer. That's my job. To send them electronically to Austin. They have a web site that we send them to."

Black has a son and a daughter, ages 13 and 11.

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OTHER VIEWS

Buzzwords Don't Educate Our Children, Good Teachers Do

In his State of the State speech, Governor Perry highlighted some education ideas, tossing out buzzwords like "local control", "accountability", and "standards." That's good speech material, but what do those words really mean when our children step into a teacher's classroom to learn?

Unfortunately, the Governor failed to address the one thing most important to our children's education: recruiting the qualified teachers our children deserve and keeping our best-experienced teachers in the classroom.

Texans Republicans, Independents, and Democrats agree that public education is the top priority for state government. An overwhelming majority also believes that providing quality public education is a shared responsibility of state government, local school boards, and, to a lesser degree, the federal government.

These findings, from a major statewide poll conducted by a bipartisan team of nationally recognized pollsters, essentially tracks the agenda that has been promoted by George W. Bush as Governor and as President.

Although Texans support "local control" as a concept, we also expect local school districts to measure up to "standards" established by state and federal government. That's called "accountability" - the idea that we must leave no child behind.

There is a real possibility that the Governor and some legislative leaders in Austin will propose abandoning important state standards in the name of "local control." Such proposals fail the test of accountability, because standards that affect what goes on in our classrooms should not be part of a debate about which level of government "controls" our school system.

Let's face it, administrators at every level - state, local, and federal - have important roles to play in our children's education. That means cutting unnecessary paperwork and bureaucracy must be done at every level - it isn't a "local control" issue.

There are no bureaucrats in the classroom - just students and teachers, working and learning together - hour after hour, year after year. Both the polls and common sense tell us what every parent knows: the quality of the teacher is the most important factor in the quality of our children's education.

At least four out of every five Texans support "classroom quality standards."

- 88% oppose doing away with state funding for teacher health insurance;
- 88% oppose eliminating state standards for teacher qualifications;
- 85% oppose eliminating teacher planning periods used to prepare lessons and meet with parents;
- 83% oppose letting local districts increase class sizes by eliminating state class size limits that prevent overcrowding; and
- 81% oppose eliminating state-mandated discipline standards.

In his speech, the Governor talked about "priorities" and offered to reimburse teachers for the school supplies we buy. That's a nice gesture, but a few dollars for school supplies won't do the job.

Buzzwords and battles over state vs. local control do nothing to teach our kids. Tell your legislators - loud and clear - that our priorities are students, teachers, and the important issues that impact the work they do in the classroom. We cannot let our children fail. We must not fail our children.

Donna New Häsckke is president of the Texas State Teachers Association.

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may we use everything you have given us for service for you.

Amen

Burning the American Flag

Several weeks ago I received a telephone call from a man by the name of Ron Spradlin who lives here in our community. He had called to tell me how much he was enjoying this column and in the course of our conversation, he shared a very touching and heart warming experience involving the American flag. It seems his son, Danfel, had retrieved a badly soiled and tattered flag from a trash heap where someone had thrown it away. That same afternoon, as Ron was looking out through the back screen door, he saw something that brought tears to his eyes: Daniel was in the process of disposing of this tattered old flag in the proper way.

Ron was so moved by this experience that he wrote the following tribute, titled The Day My Son Burned The American Flag: "Some have cried and cursed those who burn the American flag and would have condemned the culprit to an impersonal body bag. Is it really so important as our wounded and dying fathers say? Well, I watched as my son burned it just the other

day. Just a filthy piece of cloth, never again to fly and wave in the air. Without the sun and light, with no respect and without care. Yes, my son burned the flag which he retrieved that day, all torn, tattered and stained with clay. With scissors he trimmed the fray and removed the clinging trash. He smoothed the banner bright and pulled together a gaping gash. He folded Old Glory to a military tuck, then made of sticks a supporting tripod, now a flaming benediction for this ensign, one nation under God. From the back porch I watched smoke curl from that burning rag, folded to a perfect pack, my son burning the American flag. He stood respectfully saluting and adding character to his stately manner. Grasping a harmonica in his left hand, softly played The Star Spangled Banner. I stood so very still, could speak nary a word, a lump in my throat, emotions within me stirred. He has properly learned to dispose of a used-up flag, no doubt. Yes, we are the happy parents of an honorable Eagle Scout."

What you have just read was a tribute written by Ronald Spradlin to honor his son, Daniel, for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. In relation to this, there are many things that could be said, but here are a couple that should be obvi-

ous. When our children are young, we should do our best to teach them to love, respect and honor our country. As parents, we just cannot assume that someone else is going to do this later on. I don't know how you feel, but I get very distressed when I see someone not showing the proper respect for or misusing our flag as a symbol of protest.

The American flag, which we often refer to as "Old Glory" symbolizes the very essence of what our country stands for. She represents millions of men and women who have fought on countless battlefields through the years, giving their lives and their all, to win our freedom and then to insure that our nation has remained free. I'm proud to say that I'm a past president of the Lions Club here in our community and we pledge allegiance to our flag at each of our weekly meetings. Make no mistake, our flag is very important and when it comes to disposing of a used-up flag, there is a wrong way to do it; but there is also a right way. Thanks, Ron, for sharing this with us in such a moving and stirring way and for teaching your children to honor and respect our great nation. It's my hope and my prayer that each person who reads this column will think seriously about what the American flag means to them.



JIM DAVIDSON

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"Congratulations! You made it just in time for our Wednesday night heavenly hoedown! You got a cowboy hat there, pardner?"

Bush's first justice?

White House Counsel Alberto Gonzales succeeded in weakening the government's intervention in the University of Michigan racial preference dispute, but at a potentially heavy personal cost. He increased the difficulty for his friend and patron, George W. Bush, to make him a Supreme Court justice.

The petition in the Michigan case, as it arrived at the White House from Solicitor General Theodore Olson, finally would have placed a president unequivocally against forcing racial diversity on university admissions. Gonzales, who has publicly supported racial preferences, revised the petition. Accepted by the president, it advocates the desirability of government-sponsored diversity if achieved short of quotas.

Such temporizing recalls side-stepping on racial questions by the elder President Bush, a model his son has sought to avoid.

Gonzales's role also adds to warnings from the younger Bush's conservative base not to repeat his father's grave political blunder: the selection of David Souter to the high court. Like Souter, Gonzales is a former state Supreme Court justice whose record promises easy Senate confirmation and subsequent liberal decisions.

The problem for the president was intensified by the Trent Lott affair. After Bush guaranteed Lott's fall as Senate majority leader by abandoning him, Democrats insisted that was not enough to make the president bigotry-free. He would be tested by

two forthcoming decisions: whether to reappoint District Judge Charles Pickering to the appellate bench and whether to intervene against the University of Michigan in the Supreme Court case.

The president was not intimidated, as his father often was when the race card was played against him. The Pickering reappointment was easy enough for Bush, but the Michigan case was more difficult. Counselors inside the White House, including Gonzales, advised the president to keep out of the case entirely - maintaining the avoidance by past presidents of evaluating the constitutionality of racial discrimination for the sake of diversity.

Ted Olson weighed in with a strong brief against racial preferences, arguing that discrimination cannot be used to achieve racial diversity. Bush agreed to intervene, but Gonzales started carving up Olson's language. This was not a matter of the president presiding over a debate between Olson and Gonzales. The solicitor general never got to talk to the president, except through Gonzales.

The result was a brief opposing the Michigan system because it resembles "rigid quotas" but defending other "measures that ensure diversity." According to associates of Olson, he was so disturbed by a defense of discrimination to support diversity that he had pangs of conscience in accepting it. As the government's lawyer, however, he had no choice but to argue in behalf of what the head of government approved.

Gonzales's views on affirmative action became widely known in Washington last year when, at a meeting of the conservative Federalist Society, he announced his support of preferences. Around

the same time, in Philadelphia at a Heritage Foundation forum, he engaged in sharp debate with racial preference foe Roger Clegg of the Center for Equal Opportunity. Gonzales used Bill Clinton's very words in saying Bush seeks an administration "that looks like America."

That added to concern about Al Gonzales as a Supreme Court justice-in-waiting that has been building within Bush's political base the last two years. Gonzales resigned after 23 months on the Texas Supreme Court (appointed by Gov. George W. Bush) to come to the White House, expecting to become the first Hispanic American on the U.S. Supreme Court.

He had pulled the Texas court leftward, including decisions favorable to trial lawyers on tort cases. What most disturbed conservatives was his majority opinion invalidating a statute requiring parental notification of abortion by a minor. Democratic senators who last year blocked confirmation of Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla Owen as a federal appellate judge repeatedly cited Gonzales's attack on her minority opinion as an "unconscionable act of judicial activism."

That alone led prominent Catholic conservatives and other foes of abortion to inform the White House that Gonzales is unacceptable for the high court. Now, he is blamed for a political misstep by the president. Diluting Bush's position on racial quotas did not abate the fury of the left (or even win full support from Secretary of State Colin Powell and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice). It did recall the mistakes of his father.

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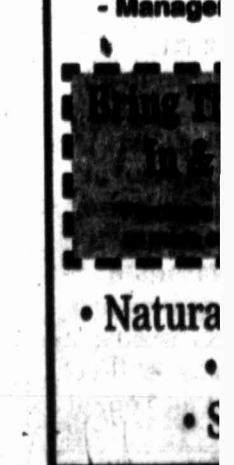
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Hawks gun for 25th win tonight vs. NMJC

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks have already established themselves as one of the best teams in school history. They won 21 straight games to start the year and clinched a berth in the Region V Tournament with more than two weeks left in the regular season.

What else can the Hawks do? How about 28 wins.

Howard College will take its first step toward becoming the second-winningest team in school history tonight when they play host to the New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds beginning at 7:30 p.m. A win tonight would give the Hawks their 25th win of the year and pull them to within six of the

school's all-time mark of 31 set in 1991.

In New Mexico, the Hawks will face a team struggling to get on track. The Thunderbirds fell to 10-15 for the year and to 2-8 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play Thursday night with an 84-72 loss to Frank Phillips.

The Hawks, on the other hand, seem to have recovered from

recent losses to South Plains and Odessa College. Howard College, now ranked No. 12 in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association poll, ran its season mark to 24-2 last week with a 63-60 road win over rival Midland College.

The Hawks are currently 8-2 and in second place in the WJCAC standings, trailing only South Plains (23-2, 9-0).

IN BRIEF

Lady Hawks garner MC Consolation title

The Howard College Lady Hawks claimed the consolation honors at the Midland College Classic Saturday afternoon by pounding out a 10-1 win over the Odessa College Lady Wranglers.

With the win, the HC women improved to 7-6 for the year.

The Lady Hawks will open WJCAC play Tuesday with a double-header against Midland. Games will begin at 1 p.m. at Foundation Field.

Coaches needed for Coahoma LL season

The Coahoma Little League baseball program is in need of coaches for the 2003 season. Persons interested in coaching a team should sign up at the Coahoma Community center by Wednesday, Feb. 19, or call Tessa Reid at 394-4563 or Jill Ringener at 270-4563 or 263-2789.

The last day for signing up is Feb. 19.

Coahoma LL sign-up set for Feb. 24-25

Youngsters interested in playing on a Coahoma Little League team this year can sign up at the ball park from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 24-25, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the CJHS gymnasium.

A coaches' clinic for all area Little League coaches will be conducted by Howard College's Britt Smith at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23. A fee of \$15 will be charged for all coaches not from Coahoma.

Country club slates 4-person scramble

A four-person scramble has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22-23, at the Big Spring Country Club.

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BS fems conquer Ft. Worth squads

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Not even inclement weather could stop the Big Spring Lady Steers from plundering Fort Worth. Big Spring, after having its original tournament plans erased by bad weather, regrouped and posted five wins over Fort Worth-area schools over the weekend.

The Lady Steers, who were slated to play in the Brewer Invitational, rode the arm of Alex Watkins to wins over Brewer, Castleberry, Western Hills and Weatherford Brock.

Against Brewer, on Thursday, the Lady Steers pounded out a 4-0 win. Whitney Hufford and Watkins both delivered clutch run-scoring singles in a 4-run first.

Watkins did the rest. She limited Brewer to just three hits in the contest. Only two Brewer baserunners managed to reach second base in the game.

After battling to a 0-0 draw with Gainesville, the Lady Steers downed FW Castleberry, 3-0.

Watkins was almost perfect in the outing. She struck out eight of the 11 batters she faced and hurled a no-hitter.

Castleberry's only baserunner of the contest came via a walk in the fourth inning.

Big Spring, 6-0-1 for the year, garnered clutch two-out hits from Hufford and Watkins in the third inning and downed Brewer 4-0 in the next outing. Hufford and Watkins both drove in two runs.

The Lady Steers, after routing Western Hills by a 12-0 margin, downed Brock — a 2002 state semifinalist — by a 1-0 score.

Leina Braxton set up Big Spring's only run by drawing a walk in the top of the fourth. She then stole second and third and scored on Watkins' RBI single to right — Big Spring's only hit of the contest.



Forsan's Josh Helmstetter drives past a Jim Ned defender during the third quarter of the Buffaloes' practice game with the No. 5-ranked Jim Ned Indians Saturday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Buffaloes are scheduled to open play-off action this week against either Ozona or Alpine.

Jim Ned hands Forsan 65-50 loss in pre-playoff warm-up

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

In a game that meant absolutely nothing, the Forsan Buffaloes proved they had everything needed to run with the big dogs in the Class 2A state playoffs.

Facing the No. 5-ranked Jim Ned Indians in a pre-playoff practice game, the Buffs battled their way through a slow start and battled its way back in a 65-50 loss in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The game showcased two district-winning teams that will be opening their playoff runs next week.

Jim Ned, 29-3 this season, got off to a quick start offensively. Junior Colt McCoy spearheaded a 22-7 run in the first eight minutes of the contest by pushing in three

shots from the field. He also added a free throw and accounted for seven of the Indians' first 22 points.

McCoy continued to hit the warpath in the second. He sank a pair of treys in the second and helped Jim Ned sneak out to a 26-9 lead before the Buffs found their game.

Forsan, which had three players score in double figures, picked up baskets from five different players in the closing minutes of the first half. Wes Longorio paced the Buffs' 13-point spree by knocking down a pair of field goals in the frame. Matt Ellis added a 3-point shot.

Jim Ned, which hit 45.5 percent of its offensive shots in the first half, carried a 38-20 lead into the

intermission. Jim Ned stretched its lead to 29 points, at 56-27, in the third quarter — thanks mainly to a 6-of-6 effort from the free throw line in the stanza.

Forsan, which is scheduled to face either Ozona or Alpine next week in its first playoff appearance since 1997, turned up its offensive game in the fourth. Josh Helmstetter pumped on 10 of his 12 points in the final eight minutes and helped spearhead a 23-9 run that whittled Jim Ned's advantage to 15 at the final buzzer.

Longorio finished the game as Forsan's top scorer, netting 13 points. Ellis, who knocked down two of his three 3-point shots in the fourth, finished with 11. Brent Huff added eight.

Hawks split twinbill with Odessa College

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks evened their Western Junior College Athletic Conference record at 2-2 Saturday

afternoon by splitting a Saturday twinbill at Jack Barber Field with the Odessa College Wranglers.

With the win on Saturday, the Hawks split four games with OC and

improved to 7-3 for the year.

Howard College claimed a nail-biting 9-8 win in the first game of the double-header. Odessa College managed to hang on to win a 13-11 slugfest in the

nightcap. The Hawks are scheduled to return to action Wednesday afternoon in Abilene against the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys. The game will begin at 1 p.m.

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The moon in Virgo reminds us that doing administrative work is necessary to propel the action forward. Acting as the boss and the worker can be tricky, especially when the worker you rebels against the boss you. And following the full moon, some will throw up their hands and say simply, "I don't feel like it, and you can't make me."

(February 17). Important chances mark this year. People admire your desire for knowledge and encourage your abilities through the next five weeks. Two heads are better than one in the business world, and your ideal partner comes along next month. April is a big money month, and the stakes just get higher. May brings drama, love and satisfaction. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 23, 32, 2 and 28. ARIES (March 21-April 19). The power structure is changing once again. Apply what you've learned, and the world takes notice. No longer the sweet, ignorant student, you're giving your

teachers a run for their money. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Giddy excitement is in the air - it's as if cupid scattered some fairy dust over the workplace that caused everyone to start flirtatiously winking and blowing kisses. Enjoy the connection for what it's worth. GEMINI (May 21-June 22). Relationship tension gets frustrating. A friend has a drastically different view of your relationship. You'll get a glimpse of this and be surprised. Be more sensitive to where this person is coming from. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Get more of what you love in your life. Many moon children are developing new tastes and shouldn't feel guilty about losing interest in something of the past or being unsure about current personal preferences. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Business tip: Only partner up with true equals. A relationship between non-equals is a strategic disaster. You're craving a thrill this afternoon and could be taken in by a skilled raconteur. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Different ways of running your life are featured. It's easier to change today. You could adopt new-fangled organizing principles and be the talk of your circle. It's natural to focus on what's wrong with you instead of what's right. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Continue to think positive because you will begin attracting people who fit into the mental pictures you create, whether they are positive or negative. This afternoon, people push their way into stuff that's none of their business. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Tell everyone else what you want and what you are looking for no man is an island. Lighthearted romance is fun tonight, but singles long for true love. Couples may not be for more serious commitments. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In love, don't expect the scope of the relationship to be something you both immediately get, even if your vibes are hot now. Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither will be the metaphoric empire of your relationship. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Ponder your current state of affairs. Strategic alliances highlight your individual capabilities and use them for the good of the team. Don't get into a business arrangement with anyone you don't totally trust. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Nobody likes to rock the boat, but today, it might be necessary. It's lucky to extend invitations to long-

lost friends or someone you don't know well at all who has a good vibe. Favored signs to connect with are Gemini and Pisces. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Focus on special career goals, and other parts of your life fall right into place. In love, fundamental differences become apparent. But would you really want to be passionately involved with someone who was just like you? ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am seriously in need of changing careers and would like some astrological help in the choice. Relocation is likely with this change. My birth date is Sept. 7, 1954. Thanks for being so good at what you do!" You are a hard driving Virgo with Capricorn influencing your emotional moon. You do everything with great conviction, and you expect huge results. For this reason, it often feels like you are giving more than you are getting out of your work. Until you are on top, you're not satisfied. Sometimes, you blame the company, the people you work with or the kind of work you're doing, but the truth is that none of these elements have to do with the real reason you're dissatisfied. It's really about losing the need to please others and the fear of not being liked in order to permit your talent to shine, wherever you are, whatever you are doing. You'll have breakthroughs on this due to a project that comes in late March. It really pushes you to the limit. Relocating will be luckiest in June, when you'll find the perfect living arrangement. Lucky fields include computer programming, decoding and government work, especially anything top secret. CELEBRITY PROFILES: Songwriter Carole King's long list of hits has contributed much to the "Tapestry" of American music. Interestingly, there were four luminaries traveling retrograde at her time of birth. Retrograde planetary motion is tied to an introverted personality and the ability to be starkly honest in assessing one's emotions and inner world. It follows naturally that great art would spring from such star influences.

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	7:30	Veritas: The Quest		7:30	Joe Millionaire		7:30	Antiques Roadshow		7:30	Life-Sitcom		7:30	King Yes, Dear		7:30	Veritas: The Quest		7:30	Fear Factor		7:30	Movie: The Mummy		7:30	Las Vias del Amor		7:30	An Extremely Goody Movie		7:30	Down: Blast Witch 2		7:30	Movie: Zoolander		7:30	Real Sports		7:30	Joseph Good		7:30	Biography		7:30	Monster Garage		7:30	Law & Order		7:30	Trauma: Life in the ER			
	8:30	Practice		8:30	Queen and Country		8:30	Are You Hot?		8:30	Search for		8:30	Raymond Still Standing		8:30	Practice		8:30	The Watch		8:30	(DVS)		8:30	Entre el Amor y el Odio		8:30	WWE Raw		8:30	Movie: Scary Movie 2		8:30	Movie: Jay		8:30	Movie: The Majestic		8:30	Light of the Southwest		8:30	Midsomer Murders		8:30	Black Mummies		8:30	Law & Order		8:30	Maternity Ward			
	9:30	Miracles		9:30	70s Show		9:30	American Experience		9:30	Sexiest People		9:30	CSI: Miami		9:30	Miracles		9:30	M. Jackson		9:30	(45) Movie:		9:30	Cristina		9:30	Sister, Sister		9:30	Children of the		9:30	and Silent Bob Strike		9:30	Hour of Healing		9:30	Third Watch		9:30	Monster Garage		9:30	Law & Order		9:30	Trauma: Life in the ER						
	10:30	News		10:30	70s Show		10:30	News-Lehrer		10:30	700 Club		10:30	News		10:30	News		10:30	News		10:30	The Mummy		10:30	P. Impacto		10:30	Even Stevens		10:30	CSI: Crime		10:30	Com: Revela		10:30	Back		10:30	(35) Not		10:30	Hour of Healing		10:30	Third Watch		10:30	Monster Garage		10:30	Law & Order		10:30	Trauma: Life in the ER
	11:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live		11:30	Suddenly Spin City		11:30	Nova		11:30	Caroline Rhea Show		11:30	Show		11:30	Ent. Tonight		11:30	Show		11:30	(37) Late		11:30	En las Mejores Familias		11:30	Boy World		11:30	Blind Date		11:30	Movie: Hell-raiser: Blood		11:30	Movie: Joe-pers		11:30	Another Teen		11:30	Biography		11:30	Black Mummies		11:30	X-Files		11:30	Maternity Ward			
	12:30	Paid Program		12:30	Blind Date		12:30	Dinosaur!		12:30	Guthy-Renkner		12:30	Show		12:30	Live		12:30	Night		12:30	(CC)-Fraser		12:30	Movie:		12:30	Sister, Sister		12:30	V.I.P.		12:30	line		12:30	(12-05) Movie:		12:30	Update With		12:30	Midsomer Murders		12:30	Valley of the T-Rex		12:30	X-Files		12:30	Med. Mysteries			

DENNIS THE MENACE

"Was George Washington's father the 'grandfather of our country'?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"No, Billy's not on the computer! He's in front of it!"

HAGAR

Panel 1: Helga says we need more tranquility in our marriage. What does that mean?
 Panel 2: I don't know... But when I raid England, I'm going to try to get some!

BLONDIE

Panel 1: SKNXX-XXX-XXX!
 Panel 2: SKNXXXX-XXXX-XXXX!
 Panel 3: Nothing's better than waking up after a great night's sleep!

BC

Panel 1: What is this "Presidents' Day" on your calendar here?
 Panel 2: I ganged Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays together.
 Panel 3: What for?
 Panel 4: Celebrating honesty and virtue too often, these days, offends some people.
 Panel 5: Huh... it also gives them a 3-day weekend!
 Panel 6: Weekend! - That's right.

WIZARD OF ID

Panel 1: How do you feel about the separation of church and state?
 Panel 2: If you're into sin, you're protected by the state.

GEECH

Panel 1: I don't believe it. Believe what?
 Panel 2: You're on time. It's my stupid alarm clock.
 Panel 3: It worked?
 Panel 4: I hate it when that happens.

HI AND LOIS

Panel 1: I know it's hard, but we just have to find time to spend together like this!
 Panel 2: You're right, dear!
 Panel 3: He hit me!
 Panel 4: Even if it is only for ten seconds.
 Panel 5: I need a ride.
 Panel 6: Waa!

MR. HOUSEWIFE

Panel 1: At what point do we become middle-aged?
 Panel 2: Is it when you get married?
 Panel 3: When you have kids?
 Panel 4: Congratulations! Here's the keys to your new minivan. Now.

SNUFFY SMITH

Panel 1: Then L'il George Washington said, "Father, I cannot tell a lie." An' do you know what his paw said?
 Panel 2: Well, ya better larn how if you're ever gonna be president!!
 Panel 3: Father of our country.

BEEBLE BAILEY

Panel 1: Did you write down the advice I gave you, Beetle?
 Panel 2: Yeah.
 Panel 3: Well, what are you going to do about it?
 Panel 4: Did you want a little ceremony?

People In The News
 By The Associated Press

SAO PAULO, Brazil - Gisele Bundchen opened the Sao Paulo Fashion Week, donating a \$150,000 modeling fee to a new government program to fight hunger in her native country.

A smiling Bundchen handed over the money - her fee for one show - to Food Security Secretary Jose Graziano, who is coordinating the government's "zero hunger" plan. The program is expected to cost some \$1.5 billion annually.

Fashion week started Monday. Bundchen opened a show by designer Ricardo Almeida. She wore brown pinstriped overalls and a brown hat.

President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has made eradicating hunger among some 50 million poor Brazilians the top priority of his four-year term, which started Jan. 1.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - In an age of pop divas, Norah Jones avoids flashy videos, prefers quiet neighborhood restaurants to celebrity hotspots and travels without an entourage.

Jones, 23, has five nominations in leading categories at this year's Grammy Awards, including best new artist. Her debut album, "Come Away With Me," is nominated for album of the year.

The Grammys will be presented Feb. 23 in New York City.

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil (AP) - Danny Glover mingled with activists at the World Social Forum, talking about everything from women's rights to eliminating Third World debt and poverty.

"Even though my country, the United States, is engaged in a very intensive discussion about the possibility of war in Iraq, there are still other issues in the world that must be addressed," he said Sunday in an interview with The Associated Press.

Glover, star of the "Lethal Weapon" films, became chairman of the TransAfrica Forum in 2001, the 25-year-old advocacy group best known for protesting apartheid.

The 55-year-old actor said he plans to meet with activists representing groups trying to improve conditions for youth, women and the environment, along with artists and writers.

"I think there's a great deal we can all learn from each other," Glover said.

About 100,000 people are attending the six-day forum, which opened Thursday.

Newsday Crossword **DINNER'S ON US** by Sally R. Stein
 Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

- 1 Wall-calendar page
- 6 Like 41 Down
- 11 Remote
- 14 Love, in Venice
- 15 Make amends
- 16 Historical period
- 17 Santa (ship of 1492)
- 18 Computer-chip maker
- 19 Brother of Sneezy
- 20 Ironclad vessels' covering
- 22 Employ
- 23 Salon bottles
- 24 Velcro alternative
- 26 "Is that so?"
- 29 Film clip
- 31 Word form meaning "recent"
- 32 Moby Dick pursuer
- 34 Fate
- 38 TV antenna alternatives
- 42 Verdi genre
- 43 Extremely
- 44 Where Mork was born
- 45 Ruminates
- 47 Sports-standings stat
- 50 Newborn
- 53 German novelist
- 54 Partner of neither
- 55 Annual college football games
- 61 Half of MIV
- 62 Iliad author

DOWN

- 1 Doll's word
- 2 Actor Sharif
- 3 Standard
- 4 Vacuum tube
- 5 Town crier's phrase
- 6 Banshee sounds
- 7 Sicilian volcano
- 8 Mississippi senator
- 9 React to ragweed
- 10 Scandinavian capital
- 11 Out of patience
- 12 Got up
- 13 Indy entrant
- 21 Bicycle part
- 25 Carrots' partner
- 26 Not many words
- 27 Type of tide
- 28 Lavish affection
- 29 Overfills
- 30 "Good buddy" trucker
- 33 Bee colony
- 35 Greek letters
- 36 Insignificant
- 37 Inquires
- 39 Author
- 40 Sent up a rocket
- 41 Poet Thomas
- 46 Curly or Moe
- 48 Safe at second, perhaps
- 49 Isolate, as from a blizzard
- 50 Back-of-book listing
- 51 Raucous
- 52 On the (needing repair)
- 53 Telegraph inventor
- 56 Federal agent
- 57 Actor Danson et al.
- 58 Light-bulb unit
- 59 Are partial to
- 60 One with top billing

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