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March 5, 2003

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### ADDRESSES WANTED

The Big Spring Herald is seeking the addresses of all Big Spring and Howard County military personnel currently deployed to the Middle East.

Herald Publisher Hank Bond said the newspaper will be sending free newspapers to the service men and women helping to prepare for a possible conflict with



HAWKS SENDOFF

There will be a send off for the Hawks basketball team on Thursday as they travel to Dallas for the Region V Tournament. The send-off will be at 12:15 p.m. in front of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks' first game will be on Friday at 3 pm vs. Temple College at the University of Texas at Dallas Activity Center in Richardson.

# Foster families

Howard and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families.

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

For more information on becoming a foster/adoptive family, please contact the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

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# Murphy calls for TEA monitor

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Seeing no other resolution to a perceived unreconcilable division among trustees, Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Murray Murphy believes the Texas Education Agency should assign a monitor to oversee the board.

"I think the eyes of the

Texas Education Agency need to be here monitoring the board for a period of time," Murphy said.

Murphy's comment comes after several months of board controversy arising from a split in the board over numerous issues, complaints by some board members charging that others are attempting to micro-manage the district and the retirements and resigna-

"I feel like there are certain board members



Murray Murphy **BSISD Superintendent** 

trators.

TEA is expected to conduct an on-site investiga- Phil Furqueron tion during the week of attempted to "micro-manto a complaint filed by trustee Terry Wegman, the letter to TEA. vice president of the BSISD board, to "a defimembers as to how the Long, board president. school district should be managed.

Specifically, Wegman See TEA. Page 5A

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The complaint was also signed by trustee Irene nice split" among board. Bustmanate, and Frank In a written response to

# Mayor calls for positive focus

# Says state of the city 'is good'

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

"The state of the city is good. With those words. Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen started his

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Mayor Russ McEwen

State of the City address Tuesday before about 200 people in the Dorothy Garrètt Coliseum's East Room. Following

speech, McEwen said "passion" was the essence of his message. "Passion for

our community," he said.

"Taking your role in the betterment of our community is the key for us moving forward. Each and every one of us is going to make the difference.

McEwen, saying that he hopes the address will become an annual



HERALD photo Roger Cline

Mayor Russ McEwen is congratulated by city staff members and others who turned out for his State of the City address at Howard College. During the lunchtime speech, McEwen praised several local organizations, businesses and entities, and encouraged area residents to take pride in their community.

event, started off the meat of his College Campus, let me begin by presentation by accolading several—applauding the efforts that have local businesses and organizations.

"Since we are on the Howard See CITY. Page 3A

# luncheon tickets are ready

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor Spring Big Chamber of Commerce will present its "thank VOIL farmers and producers in

March. The event is the West Texas and Apprecia 0. 11-

Luncheon VALVERDE and it annu-

ally draws between 400 and 500 people to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The day-long expo features exhibits and seminars related to. agriculture. The noon luncheon is free to area producers and farmers.

The Exporallows different entities and business in Big Spring who would like to see farmers as potential customers to set

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# Kiwanians to serve up annual pancake feed

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Oohey gooey mmm, mmm

good! Pancake lovers will flock into the Howard College student cafeteria Friday to take advan-



fund-raiser.

"We'll have all the syrup and butter you need to make the pancakes all sticky and gooey and really good," said Kiwanis President Ann Duncan. "We want all the pancake eaters we can get in there.'

Along with the goldenbrown flapjacks, bacon,

of the annual sausage, juice and coffee Kiwanis Pancake Supper are included in the \$5 admission for the all-youcan eat dinner.

5,000 pancakes," Duncan said. "We'll make as many as we need until everybody is full."

ue through 8 p.m.

secret recipe.

The dinner begins at 4 p.m., a little earlier than

"We are hoping to catch See PANCAKE, Page 5A

folks leaving town before the spring break holiday. Duncan said. "If they'd like to come, they can fill-"We make probably up on good, homemade pancakes made from a

> Money raised from the supper supports the club's

> civic projects. "This is one of the

last year, and will contin- biggest fund-raisers we

# INFORMATION

What: Kiwanis Pancake Supper

Where: Howard College student cafeteria.

When: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per person, all you can eat

# Hangar 25 joins in effort to support military and families

By BILL McCLELLAN

**News Editor** 

organizational reception for Mission: POSSIBLE will be held Thursday in the briefing room of the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

**POSSIBLE** acronym for Provide Our Soldiers Support and Inspiration By Local Efforts.

Light refreshments will be served at the meeting. which is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

"We want families of military stationed anywhere — active duty, reserves, National Guard and friends, as well. And just anyone who just

"This is a kick-off meeting, to even see if there is a

need to do this. I can't help but

believe there is." Emma Bogard, president, Hangar 25 board

wants to show support to the military and their families," said Emma



Big Spring wildlife rehabilitor Bebe McCasland, right, demonstrates how a pelican walks during the annual Read Across America event held Monday at the Howard County Library. In celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday, the library held a puppet show based on the author's stories that have bird characters. Also pictured is Karen McIntyre, Howard County children's librarian.

# BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

# **Obituaries**

# E. H. "Buddy" Robertson

E. H. "Buddy" Robertson, 71, of Big Spring died on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, in a local nursing home.

Graveside funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2003, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Walter McCall, chaplain with Odyssey Hospice, officiating.

He was born on Oct. 13, 1931, in Colorado City and married Vera Mae Williams on Jan. 1, 1950 in Girard.

Buddy had lived in this area all of his life, moving , to Big Spring in 1965 from Colorado City. He owned and operated Country Produce for 10 years and then operated Country Computers for five years before retiring. After retiring, he worked for Cornell Corrections for a number of years.

He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Vera Robertson of Big Spring, two sons and one daughter-in-law, Mike and Sue Robertson of Midland and Brian Scott Robertson of Houston; two daughters, Patti Robertson of Big Spring and Vicki Martin of Lubbock; one brother, Claude Robertson of Big Spring; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Lillian Dossey of Colorado City and Faye and J. W. Adams of Brazoria; six grandchildren, Mandy, Caleb, Justin, Pete, Linsey and Jonie; and three great-grandchildren, Kaegan, Madison and

The family suggests memorials to Special Care Unit at Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, Big Spring, 79720.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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

#### Vernon Walters

Vernon Walters, 86, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, March 2, 2003, in a local hospital.

Graveside funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Walter McCall, chaplain with Odyssey Hospice, officiating.

He was born on December 27, 1916, in Simpson County, Miss., and married Pauline Batemen on September 17, 1955, in Greenville, Miss.

Vernon had lived in Big Spring since 1974. He was an automotive mechanic for 51 years. He enjoyed gardening, working with animals, reading and loved his

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World and Bougainville.

and Bougainville.
Survivors include his wife, Pauline Walters of Big
Charlotte and
Charlotte and Spring; his daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Scott Lindsey of San Angelo; two grandchildren, Tanner Gross and Chelsea Meyer, both of San Angelo; one brother, Exvelon Walters of Jackson, Miss.; one sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Joyce and Gene Schell of San Diego, Calif.; and one brother in-law, Albert Bateman of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and five brothers.

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

Lottery

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 7-10-16-19

Bonus number 32 Estimated jackpot: \$200,000

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by

the Texas Lottery: 7-12-21-26-33

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night

by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-1-4

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-0-8

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 laryngetomees 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.

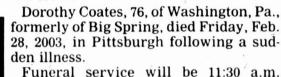
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### **Dorothy Coates**



Funeral service will be 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 6, 2003, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Wanda Hill and Rick Cunningham officiating.

She was born on March 11, 1926, in Pekin, Ill. She was the daughter of Thelma Elsie Nixon Soldwedel and Paul Soldwedel. She was a resident of Big Spring, from 1952 until 1980 when she moved to San Angelo. She moved to Washington, Pa., in September of 2002. She was a homemaker. She and her husband, W. Dub Coates, farmed in Howard County for 23 years. In addition to cotton farming, they also had caged hens, and she sold eggs to area grocery stores. She was later employed at Hall-Bennett Memorial Hospital and the Big Spring State Hospital. She was a member of the Congregational Church.

She is survived by one son, Dub Coates of Austin; five daughters, Donna Gannaway of Big Spring, Peggy Lee and her husband, Ray, of Coahoma; Debbie Livolsi of Washington, Pa., Barbara Jones and her husband, Dennis, of Tacoma, Wash., and Patricia Winkler and her husband, Ronnie, of San Angelo; one brother, Don Soldwedel and his wife, Luda, of Tucson, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren, Jay, Greg and Ryan Gannaway, Brandy, Maegan and Kelly Janea Lee, Sean Livolsi, Niki Fields, Carly and Cassandra Jones, Rea and Brooks Wrinkle and Rachel Winkler; four great-grandchildren, Tori and Joseph Livolsi, Isabella Fields and Sailor Lee; four nephews; and one niece.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Kelly Marie Jones.

Pallbearers will be Jay Gannaway, Greg Gannaway, Ryan Gannaway, Rea Wrinkle, Brooks Wrinkle and Wendell Shive. Honorary pallbearers will be Jim Bob Coates, Daryle Coates, Roger Coates and Joe Soldwedel.

The family suggests memorials to Make a Wish Hawaii, P.O. Box 1877, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96805 or the American Cancer Society, Box 2121, Big Spring 79721. Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral

### Opal Dean

Opal Dean, 92, died at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2003, War II, from 1940 to 1945. He was a sergeant and at the home of her granddaughter in Snyder. Services served in the Pacific Theatre at Iwo Jima, Guadacara is are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Cecil L. Mackey, 88, of Midland died at 7:25 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers and Smith Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Joel Miller, pastor of Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

# Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows 30 to 35. Light and variable winds.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Light and variable winds becoming south at 10 mph..Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Friday...Mostly sunny and warmer. Highs in the lower 70s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the lower 70s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

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☐ 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

# **Bulletin board**

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

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 meeting, 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.

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday to 8 a.m. today:

 PABLO DEHOYOS, 20, of Goliad was arrested on three local warrants. • ERNESTO REQUEJO, 24, of Colorado City was

arrested on a local warrant. TIMOTHY FLORES, 27, of 538 Westover Road No.

141 was arrested on four local warrants. • GABRIEL TORRES, 22, of Stanton was arrested on charges of no driver's license and no insurance.

· ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 600 block of East Sixth Street.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at Wal-Mart and in the 900 block of West FM 700 and the 2000 block of

West FM 700. DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the

900 block of South Scurry Street.

 THEFT was reported: In the 1200 block of East 11th Place. Alcoholic

beverages worth \$64.92 were reported stolen.

- In the 1900 block of North Highway 87. Seven flourescent light fixtures worth \$420 were reported stolen.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block of Whipkey Drive. Heavy construction or industrial equipment reportedly sustained \$150 damage in the incident.

# Sheriff's report

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

• PROWLER was reported in the 500 block of Main

Street. POSSIBLE BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported on Walter Road. Upon investigation, deputies discovered that the incident was a case of criminal

mischief rather than burglary. THEFT OF VEHICLE PARTS was reported on Highway 350. Tires and rims were reported stolen.

 NEGLECTED ANIMALS was reported in the 2400 block of Neill Road.

 LOUD MUSIC was reported on Saunders Street. VANDALIZED MAILBOXES were reported in the

Wasson Road area. • NEIGHBOR DISPUTE was reported in the 5200 block of Longshore.

· MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Culp and First streets.

 ANIMAL PROBLEM was reported in the 2400 block of Neill Road.

• PARTY/LOUD NOISE was reported in the area of Aspermont and Snyder Highway.

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been made in recent years to make the college campus more and more appealing," he said. "The Howard College campus shines like a bright diamond and is a source of great pride for our community."

The mayor also praised the college's efforts to partner with Lubbock Christian University to make a bachelor's degree program available in Big

McEwen said he was proud to be a Howard College alumnus.

"My days at Howard College prepared me for my further education at the University of Texas." he said.

McEwen also gave kudos to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for their new emergency facilities and for reducing staff turnover by 34 percent; to ALON USA's Big Spring refinery for winning three safety performance awards last year, for investing in Big Spring with their new asphalt plant and a planned \$15 million catalytic gasoline hydro treating unit and for donating \$10,000 to purchase computer systems for 10 area sixth grade students; and to Moore Development for Big Spring.

'Many have asked what the Moore Board has done for Big Spring and Howard County," he said. "The following businesses have benefited from economic incentives provided by the Moore Board: Spencer Coatings, American Limestone, Mid-Tex Corrections now Cornell Corrections. Fiber Glass Systems. ALON USA, Western Container, Freecom, Phillips Fabrication, Composites, A&MLamun Lusk Sanchez Veterans Home and Fibercom.

McEwen addressed area residents planning a petition to recall the 1/2-cent sales tax that funds Development's Moore activities.

"We should all take pride in the continuing efforts that are being made by the Moore Board," he said. "It is my hope that the current recall effort concerning the Moore Board will fail. I call on the citizens organizing this effort to turn their energies to positive efforts for our community.

McEwen also recognized the efforts of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the Big Spring State Hospital and the School District.

"The district will hire a new superintendent in 2003," he said. "The school board will not face a more important task. It is incumbent on every citizen of Howard County to support the board in their decision."

The mayor also applauded retiring superinten-

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dent Murray Murphy.

"I can only hope that we will be able to find someone of Murray Murphy's caliber and character," he said. "Thank you, Murray, for 18 years of dedicated service to the children County.

McEwen also took time to recognize some of the city's own accomplishments and goals, including the double-seal coat program designed to surface all of Big Spring's unpaved streets, the new maintenance system at Roy Anderson Baseball/Softball complex, and the refinancing of the city's bond debt at a lower interest rate which

will save \$476,000 over the

life of the debt. "(This year) will see restrooms at the (Comanche Trail Park) Amphitheater, an irrigation system for the city cemetery, new and improved airport lighting and renovations to the ABC Park on West Fourth Street," he said. "There is a good possibility that the city will call for a bond election this September."

The county was also on the list for accolades.

"In the past few years Howard County has been progressive in moving the District Court into the old library building, continuupgrading County Library enhancing the downtown area by landscaping around the courthouse," McEwen said. "County Commissioner Bill Crooker has been a tireless worker for Howard County for over 30 years. He has been instrumental in his tireless work with Ports to Plains. Believe me when I say that Big Spring and Howard County would not be positioned so well if it weren't for the efforts of Bill Crooker.

Improvements at the VA Medical Center and the continuing service provided by the Colorado River Municipal Water District were also praised by McEwen.

When we set out to do something spectacular, we succeed spectacularly," he said of area charitable events such as the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the United Way.

The mayor also applauded the annual Festival of Lights Christmas wonderland in Comanche Trail Park, the YMCA and the Big Spring Symphony an Chorale.

McEwen devoted special praise to Dora Roberts and the philanthropic foundation founded in her name.

"Almost all of the organizations I have talked about today have been positively impacted by Dora Roberts," he said. newsdesk@crcom.net

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"It is impossible to enumerate the ways that the generosity of Ms. Roberts has affected the lives of all who live in this community."

McEwen urged Big Spring residents to have of Howard pride in their neighborhood and their communi-

> "We see pockets of pride but can't seem to get over the hump," he said. "What will it take? It is as simple as this: Our standard should be 'clean and green.' It is a simple standard. It is easy to understand. Look at your property. Is it clean and green? If not, what can you do to make it that way? Would it enhance my quality of life? Would it enhance the quality of life of my neighbors? Would it bring about a sense of pride to all who.

The mayor addressed far-reaching plans for the Comanche Trail Golf

saw my property?"

"I would like to see us make major renovations to the Municipal Golf Course and find a motel company that would like to place a motel adjacent to the Dora Roberts Community Center," he said. "Many companies, governmental agencies and organizations conduct regional conferences that include meetings, golf and tennis tournaments, along with activities for the families involved. We have the perfect setting around our lake and with proper planning and promotion, I feel that we could become the focal point for

meetings such as these." Big Spring must be creative in drawing people here, McEwen stressed.

"We must begin to explore alternative methods of attracting people to Big Spring and Howard County," he said. "The communities that will prosper in the future are the one's that dream the biggest dreams. We have shown the ability to be the best when we reach the highest. We can no longer accept mediocrity. We must reach for the stars.

The mayor ended his address with an appeal for prayer.

"As we look to the future of Big Spring and Howard County, we are in need of a miraculous transformation," he said. "This supernatural transformation will come if we pray asking for the Lord to watch over and care for us."

·The event, hosted by Howard College, was catered by Great Western Dining.

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# **HANGAR**

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Bogard, Hangar 25 Air Museum board president. A Military Support Group already exists for Howard County and Bogard made it clear that the Hangar 25 board is not trying to duplicate their efforts.

"It is a wonderful organization and they do so much to support families, particularly in prayer and worship. And the Vietnam Memorial group does a wonderful job in its efforts, too," she said. "We want to do something as well. The hangar (museum), being almost a military operation in itself, we feel a real need right now to support those families and we want to do some things for the troops as well. I don't think, at this time, we can do too much to show our support."

Ideas the group might pursue include:

Gathering letters of support to military personnel from school children:

Gathering cookies to be sent to military per-

Collecting photographs of military per-

sonnel for an honor board and location map;

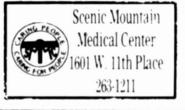
Monthly family journal updates;

- Military style briefings and support information for families.

an activity every month. One may be to provide a class for financial assisfor families. Sometimes when a family member is away, there are financial problems. There is help out there, and we can show them how to get it," said Bogard. "Another month, we might see about having children write letters. Another idea we talked about was a cookie campaign where we send cookies.

"We are going to set up a computer where people can come to the museum and communicate through e-mail," Bogard added.

"There are lots of ways we can help and we want to visit with families and friends and see what their needs are. This is a kick-



off meeting, to even see if there is a need to do this. I can't help but believe there is.'

The reception is open to anvone.

"If you cannot come. · "We are hoping to plan call and give us your name and number so we can contact you for future activities," said Bogard.

For more information. contact muséum coordinator Susan Lewis at 264-

Contact News Editor Bill McClellan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Dorothy Coates, 76, died Friday. Funeral services will be 11:30 AM. Thursday at the Peace Chapel at Trinity

Memorial Park. Cecil L. Mackey, 88, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

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# Family Medical Center of Big Spring



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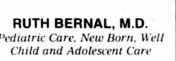
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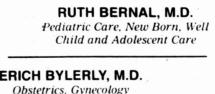
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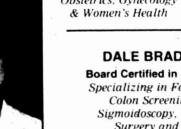
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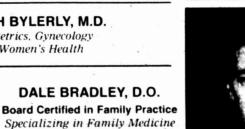


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# OUR VIEWS

# State of the City address pointed out the positives

ayor Russ McEwen delivered a powerful message Tuesday in his State of the City Address. It was summed up in his final words - "It is up to us to move forward and make this the place to live and raise a family in West Texas.

The mayor focused on positives, as well any address of this nature should. And, as he pointed out, Big Spring has a tremendous amount of positives. We won't go through them all, but the mayor touched on Howard College's rising enrollment, its partnership with Lubbock Christian University and the fact that it has been chosen as only one of four colleges in Texas to participate in the Rural Community College Initiative.

He spoke of expansions and improvements at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the VA Medical Center and the Big Spring State Hospital. He talked about continued grown and innovation at the ALON USA Refinery and its contributions to the community.

He stressed the importance of Moore Development for Big Spring and its willingness to consider projects other than business recruitment. He discussed the city's efforts on seal coating the streets, maintaining the Roy Anderson baseball and softball complex and outlined some plans for the future, such as restrooms at the amphitheater, an irrigation system for the city cemetery, airport lighting and renovations to ABC

He praised the efforts of the local public school system in its realignment plan for grades K through 6, handling of the junior high school building lawsuit and improvements to all campuses.

The mayor spoke about the county's progressive moves, including moving district court into the former library building, upgrading the existing library and enhancing the downtown area through landscaping.

He thanked the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for its hard work in presenting programs and activities such as the Health Fair, Ag Expo and Luncheon, Business After Hours and others.

And he justly commended the Colorado River Municipal Water District for setting the standard for water districts across the state of Texas.

Those were just some of the pluses touched on by Mayor McEwen, who also praised a number of leaders in our community for their dedication and vision. For it is individuals, working together, who make positive

As we said, his message was a positive one. Sure, we have our differences. That's common. But we have to work those out, and move ahead, never digress.

As the mayor said, "The communities that will prosper in the future are the ones that dream the biggest dreams. We have shown the ability to be the best when we reach the highest. We can no longer accept mediocrity. We must reach for the stars." And so we must.

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# A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, help us slow down life's race and look upon your heavenly grace.

Amen

# Plentiful hunting in the valley

urtis Bonner of Harlingen is a hunter. "I hunt to live and live to hunt," he says.

Three of his law school buddies taught him to hunt. His first deer hunt was near San Saba under a canvas tarp. "I killed my first deer there in

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He started bird hunting around Crystal City and fell in love with the sport. He says there's plenty of wildlife in the valley.

"We have mourning dove and white wing dove, deer, feral hogs and javelina. Some of the ranches here have exotic game.'

The white wing dove nests in the Rio Grande Valley and is a popular game bird. Curtis and his buddies hunt white wing dove in Mexico.

"One of them has a motor home. We have three Mexican guides. One is the driver, one is bar tender and one is the cook. We spend six weekends in August and September somewhere between the border and 150 miles into Mexico."

Curtis says they get their limit of birds and return to the motor home where nachos and margaritas await them. While they enjoy the appetizers, the boys are preparing the birds for supper. Sounds like a good life.

"Every trip is unusual and gives us new experiences. We have a good time down there. Mexico is a beautiful country

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with wonderful people and abundant natural resources.'

Curtis also hunts quail. "One of my hunting bud dies is an expert at calling quail. They'll get right up in the jeep with you. He just whistles, holding his mouth just right."

He starts deer hunting in October.

Although he doesn't do much goose hunting these days, he appreciates the sport. A picture titled "Hunting in White' hangs on a wall in his law office.

"That's a technique developed around the Houston area. It involves laying a bunch of white rags on the ground in a pattern that resembles a flock of geese. You're dressed in white and you lie down while somebody's working the call. The geese flying overhead think it's

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a flock of geese down there and they come in just like those rags were decoys. It's very effective. I've hunted many times like that.'

He says the hunters carry a couple of duffel bags full of white rags. "It's a lot of fun to watch those geese come in and set their legs in response to that call. It's some of the prettiest hunting I've ever done." He hunts snow geese, but the white rags attract other types of geese as well.

"I have some photographs of a hunt several years ago when I had one of my children with us. We had limited out and we had some geese landing among the rags and I've got close-up photos of one of my buddies crawling on his knees trying to catch one of those geese. We've laughed a lot about that."

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# Chao reacts by counterattacking

ne of the least pleasant duties of a Republican administration's secretary of Labor

is appearing before barons of organized labor at their annual meeting in Florida. Performing that mission last week,



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discourteous treatment by counterattacking. The result threatened a key White House campaign tactic.

For more than two years, President Bush's political operatives have reached out to the labor movement's more conservative elements - mainly Teamsters and the building trade unions. Chao, skeptical of this effort's value, has tried to get organized labor to obey a 44-year-old law requiring financial disclosure. That provoked a closed-door confrontation Wednesday between her and the **AFL-CIO Executive** Council, which the unions' propaganda machine immediately made public.

Teamsters operatives were on the telephone Wednesday night to White House political director Ken Mehlman, complaining that the secretary of Labor had

ruined everything. **Teamsters President** James P. Hoffa was described as especially upset. Presidential aides emphasized that Chao was acting on her own and that the White House was not pleased. More emphatically than the president's aides, she views Big Labor as a political organization wedded to Democrats and

plagued by corruption. Ironically, in view of Chao's outlook, this year's two-week long AFL-CIO Executive Council meeting was held at a symbol of what's wrong with organized labor: the beachfront Diplomat Resort and Spa in Hollywood, Fla. Chao's Labor Department has filed a civil suit against the Plumbers Union, alleging imprudent use of its pension fund by investing \$100 million to buy and

renovate the Diplomat. Earlier in the meeting, Democratic presidential candidates were welcomed as potential saviors. In contrast, according to one witness, the secretary of Labor was "treated shabbily" in a "highly unpleasant' atmosphere. Even Jim Hoffa, normally the most. amiable of men, was described as being in "a foul mood." Chao, a slight, happy-looking woman of 49, had to face some 65 labor leaders around a horseshoe desk and 75 more staffers

behind them - mostly

unsmiling middle-aged and elderly men led by AFL-CIO President John Sweeney

Chao delivered an upbeat, pro-worker speech that was everything unions could expect from a Republican, but that was not what interested them. Chao is trying to enforce for the first time the provision of the 1959 Landrum-Griffin Act aimed against labor union corruption and requiring unions to file LM-2 financial disclosure forms with the government. As recently as last year, Democratic Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa was able to frustrate Chao's efforts, but that is not possible with Republicans back in control of the Senate.

After her speech, Chao was besieged by a barrage of questions dealing with the LM-2. Especially confrontational was **Machinists President** Thomas Buffenbarger. In response, Chao opened a notebook and read from it the details of criminal corruption charges against Machinists officials. Union bosses, who revel in rudeness, complained bitterly that the demure secretary of Labor was impolite. A pro-labor version of the incident was promptly passed to reporters waiting outside at the Diplomat.

Not everybody was unhappy. One union president (identified by labor sources as Frank Hanley of the Operating Engineers) actually praised Chao, and was duly criticized by his colleagues. But Hoffa and Sweeney, divided on so much, were allied in deploring Chao's audaci-

Teamsters officials grumbled that Chao's indiscretion undermined years of conciliation with the GOP. Republicans who had been engaged in that effort mourned that chances to win Hoffa's endorsement of George W. Bush in 2004 had just vanished. Instead of sending the secretary to Florida to chide labor, one Teamster official told me, the White House should have dispatched aides to brief conservative union leaders on the Iraq war as a counterweight to the movement's Sweeney-led dominant left wing.

Yet, Chao and her associates at the Labor Department may be more realistic than the Bush team. She is reported to feel that the Carpenters (no longer in the AFL-CIO) constitute the only union that will give the Republicans close to an even break politically, and these Carpenters endorsed every incumbent Senate Democrat seeking re-election last year. Given how little the Republicans get from Big Labor, surrendering the right to criticize corruption in their ranks would be a high price.

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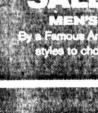
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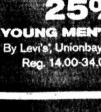
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the agency describing, by date, 10 to 12 incidences of concern since the 2002 board election, Murphy concurred with the issues raised by the three

trustees.
"There have been some governance issues that have bothered me personally," he said. "I feel like there are certain board members that have overstepped authority. My letter will show that I conwith Mrs. Bustmanate, Mr. Long issues they raised."

/ Murphy said he wrote the letter after a conversation with Dr. Jo Frazier, who will be serving as chairperson of the TEA investigation.

Murphy would not release the letter to media or go into any specific details. When attempting to retrieve a copy of the letter from the agency, a spokesperson for TEA requested the Big Spring *Herald* file a information under the request

and Mr. Wegman on the Freedom of Information the matter. Act. This process could at take 10 days or more.

Wegman declined to comment on whether a should be monitor assigned to the board, saying the issue should be left up to TEA.

determination," Wegman said. " They will look at things and determine if that is warranted."

denies the allegations and said he welcomes the investigation to clear up as superintendent.

declined to comment. reached for comment at press time.

Murphy has cited a split among the board, "That will be their lack of board confidence micro-managing issues by some board. members as the reason for his decision to retire Trustee Allan Partee in June. He said he did not see these issues being resolved while he served

The on-site investiga-Long and Furgueron tion will include interviews of members of the Bustmanate, Dawson and board, administrators, Sharp could not be staff and other persons who might be able to assist with the inquiry. The investigating team will also review minutes and agendas from board meetings, board policies, communications files,

> pertinent documents. Following the visit, the agency will submit a writwhich the district will newsdesk@crcom.net

have time to appeal if it so chooses. A final report will then be issued.

A variety of outcomes can occur from this investigation, ranging from dismissing the complaint, requiring board members to have more training, assigning a monitor to the board to appointing a master. A master has the news articles and other right to overrule board members.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331. ten preliminary report ext. 234, or by e-mail at

# AG

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up booths," said Debbye ValVerde, Chamber of executive Commerce director.

"Agriculture is a part of the Big Spring Area," said ValVerde. "We host the luncheon because we

want to thank the area per plate. Tickets are yet, ValVerde said. farmers for doing their business in Big Spring. All the contributions are from area merchants that want to thank the farmers for doing business with

them and in Big Spring." The luncheon is also open to the public for \$9

available at the chamber office, 215 W. Third.

A highlight of the event is the naming of the producer of the year and the

Some of the seminar topics from past Expos included row spacing. boll weevil management. drip irrigation and workag business of the year. A er protection standards, guest speaker is planned. farm chemicals, laws although that individual relating to agriculture has not been confirmed and even improving the

home landscape.

The ag expo is in this Chamber at 263-7641. 12th year. This year's event is set for March 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the coliseum and there is no admission charge.

For more information on the expo or the luncheon, contact

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# **PANCAKE**

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hold during the year." Duncan said. "We fund our scholarships and community projects through this event."

The club's primary focus is helping children. "Our motto 'Children, Priority One," Duncan explained. "One of our greatest accomplishments is our Big

Spring High School Key Club which has 150 members.

Members of the Key Club, a youth-arm of Kiwanis International, will also help serve dinners during the event.

Tickets for the pancake supper can be purchased from any Kiwanis member or at the door.

**Church News and Club News** should be turned in by Wednesday noon before the Friday they are to appear, are subject to earling and will run as space allows.



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that. address these three commodities. H. W. Brands is a distinguished professor and holder of the Merlbern



Glasscock Chair in American History at Texas A&M. He is the author of the bestselling biography of Benjamin

Franklin "The First

American" and "T.R." In "The Age of Gold" (979.404 BRA H), Brands explores the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill. Calif., in 1848 and the impact it had upon the United States. This is a very interesting book.

The nickname for diamond is "ice." The book is "Barren Lands: An Epic Search for Diamonds in the North American Arctic" (338-4762 KRA K) by Kevin

Krajick. In the 1970s, two men set out on a 20-year quest to find a North American gem mine. Along the way, Chuck Fipke and Stew Blusson will outwit rivals, including the DeBeers cartel. and make one of the world's greatest diamond discoveries. The stampede rivals that of the Klondike gold rush. "Barren Lands" will keep you up at night; you won't be able to put it down once you start!

You are a driver for Loomis Fargo, making \$14.50 an hour and shuttle millions of dollars from one financial institution to the next. You see all that money and want a piece of the pie. In "Heist! The 17 Million Loomis Fargo Theft' (364.1620 DIA J) by Jeff Diamant, you will meet those responsible for the theft. On Oct. 5, 1997. FBI agents watch a security videotape as David Ghant loads stacks of cash on a pushcart and then, disappears. This is the story of an unlikely crime destined to remembered, not for its sophistication, but rather for the crazy cast of characters who stole \$17 million dollars.

What do Pat Conroy (author of "Prince of

Tides"), Ralph Ellison, Charles Darwin, Lyndon Johnson, Sandy Koufax and Lafayette have in common? The library has received biographies of each of them. Pat Conroy defined himself (until age 21) as a baskétball player and in his book "My Losing Season" (B CON P) takes you through his last year of playing basketball. Ralph Ellison was a pivotal figure in American literature and history and quite possibly the father of African American lit-\* erature. "Ralph Ellison: Emergence of Genius," (BELL R) written by Lawrence Jackson, is a long overdue examination of Ellison's contribu-

tion to literature "Charles Darwin: The Power of Place," (B DAR C) by Janet Browne, is the story of Darwin's life after publication of "The Origin of the Species. An intensely private man, he is not prepared for the onslaught of publicity that emerges. Browne presents a sympathetic and authorita tive picture of Darwin as he copes with Darwinian revolution.

Robert Caro has just published his third volume upon the life of

Lyndon Baines Johnson. In "The Years of-Lyndon Johnson: Master of the Senate" (B JOH L), Caro\* writes of the master politician — from 1949 to 1960. This is an unprecedented examination of how legislative power works in America and how Johnson mastered the Senate as no politician had done before. This is a masterful book.

Sandy Koufax was only a teenager when Dodgers owner Walt O'Malley proclaimed him "the Great Jewish Hope" of the franchise. Old fashioned in his willingness to play when injured and in his acute sense of responsibility to his team, Koufax answered to an authority higher than O'Malley. Retiring from baseball at age 30, what has he done with his life? Read Jane Leavy's book "Sandy Koufax: A Lefty's

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# In **Sunday's**Big Spring Herald



# Where races are won and lost

It's high octane fun and 100° pure adrenaline Pit road is where races are won and lost and where the 14 second dance is a race to win respect. Plus, angel cookies and our picks



# Soups can warm the coldest day

The Associated Press

Soup is a major item in the cook's survival kit. It's always a warming thought. How heavenly to have an endless repertoire of wholesome yet easy variations to put on the table, to feed and cheer the hungry.

A few samples to consider:

of the Day" "Soup (Harper Collins, 2002, \$25.95) is cooking teacher and food writer Lydie Marshall's collection of 140 soup recipes for at least 140 well-fed days.

"We love soup for many reasons: when the weather is freezing, a good hot soup is always welcome; when we are coming down with a cold, drinking a hot vegetable or chicken broth can help make us feel better; when we want to save money for a vacation, we can eat soup, an excellent and inexpensive way to be nourished," she writes in her introduction.

Marshall, who lives part of the time in New York, and part in Provence, France, where she runs a cooking school, also rec-

ognizes the pleasure of small preces cold soup on a hot day the book's recipes cover \_all seasons.

Her Italian tomato and bread soup is adapted from a Florentine version. She says it can be made with fresh tomatoes in season, or any time with canned tomatoes; the flavor comes not only from the tomatoes but from good beef broth and peasant bread.

#### Italian Tomato and Bread Soup (pappa al pomodoro)

1/2 cup extra-virgin Italian olive oil 2 garlic cloves, coarsely

chopped 1 medium red onion, cut

in half and finely sliced 1 1/2 pounds very ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded, chopped (3 cups), or 28ounce can Italian plum

tomatoes Large pinch of sugar 1 teaspoon red pepper

10 fresh leaves of basil 3 cups concentrated homemade beef broth, or commercial broth, or made from bouillon cubes

4 cups stale Tuscan bread (see note), cut into

Salt

Freshly ground black

Heat the oil in a large 4quart pan over low heat. Add the garlic and onion and braise for 10 minutes without burning the gar-

Meanwhile, puree the tomatoes in the food processor for 1 minute.

Add the tomatoes. sugar, red pepper flakes and basil leaves to the pan. Raise the heat and bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Add the broth. Bring to a boil slowly, then add the bread. Season with salt and pepper.

Simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally to mix bread and tomatoes. Turn off the heat, cover the pan and let stand for 1 hour.

Reheat before serving. Taste and correct season-

Makes 6 servings.

Note: Tuscan bread is made without salt. You may substitute a hearty peasant or country-style bread.

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> > health insurance.

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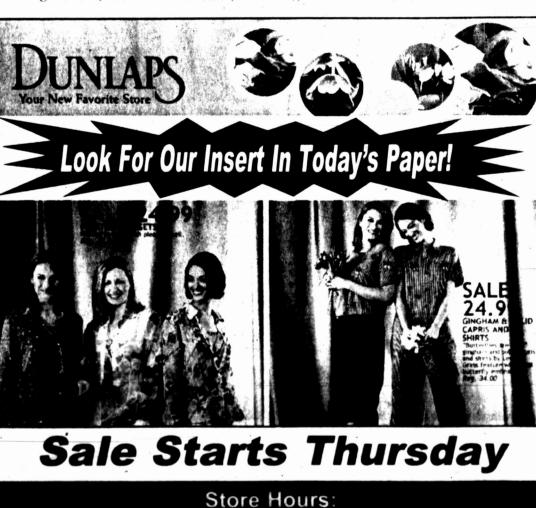
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Children in families who have health care insurance are more likely to have regular, well-child exams and to stay healthier. "Children who have health care coverage tend to be healthier and are better prepared to learn," said Jan Mann, TexCare program director for West Texas Opportunities, Inc. "that's why enrolling children who are uninsured in CHIP and Medicaid programs needs to be top priority for parents." West Texas Opportunities, Inc. and its partners are actively involved in efforts to increase the number of children enrolled through TexCare.

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# Seven teams to compete for Big Spring crown

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Local high School baseball enthusiasts will find themselves in the right spot at the right time beginning tomorrow morning when seven of West Texas' top baseball programs square off in the 2003 Big Spring Baseball Tournament.

The Big Spring Steers will highlight a strong field that includes two Class 5A programs in Abilene Cooper and Odessa High, three 4A schools — in Big Spring, Hereford and Angelo San View. Mexico power Portales High School will round of

the field.

Big Spring, anchored by a solid performance square off against the Hereford at the plate from Eric Chavez, Whitefaces. The game is slated to turned in a strong outing in their last game, rallying from a 6-run deficit before dropping a 7-6 deci- Brownwood will face Odessa sion to the Odessa Permian High beginning at 8:30 a.m. at

2003 Big Spring Baseball Tournament First Round

• Big Spring vs. Hereford, 8:30 a.m. Steer

• Brownwood vs. Odessa High, 8:30, Jack Barber Field.

 Cooper vs. Lake View, 11 a.m. Steer Portales vs. Cooper-Lake View winner, 1:30 p.m. Steer Field.

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begin at 8:30 a.am. at Steer Park. In other first round games,

Panthers. .

Jack Barber Field on the campus of Howard College. Abilene The Steers, Cooper and San Angelo Lake who have dropped four of View will meet at 11 a.m. at Steer Park. Portales will face the wintheir last five ner of the Cooper-Lake View will games, open the tourbout beginning at 1:30 p.m. Big Spring will face either nament tomor-

Brownwood or Odessa in the second round. A win over Hereford would send the Steers into an 11 a.m. bout at Jack Barber Field. A loss drops the Steers into a 4 p.m. consolation game at Steer Park.

The tournament is scheduled to run through Saturday afternoon.

# IN BRIEF

#### BS roots run deep for Memphis signee

Ashley Dixon's Big

Spring roots have taken her far. Arkanhigh school basketball stando u t signed a scholarship



**MENDOZA** 

deal recently to play for the University of Memphis next fall. The 5-foot-6 senior led Pulaski Academy to the state playoffs this past sea-

She is the niece of former Big Spring High School standouts Jay and Zay LeFevre. He grandfather is the late · Leroy LeFevre. Zirah Bednar of Big Spring is her greatgrandmother.

#### Send-off planned for Hawks tomorrow

There will be a sendoff for the Howard College Hawks basketball team as they travel to Dallas for the Region V Tournament. The event is set for 12:15 p.m. tomorrow in front of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawks , first game will be Friday at 3 p.m. against Temple Junior College.

#### Former BSHS coach dies in El Paso

Former Big Spring High School assistant football coach Tommy Moss died last week in El Paso. He was 55.

Moss was an assistant at Big Spring from 1973 to 1976. He was later the defensive coordinator at San Angelo Central.

### Tennis, gymnastics classes now forming

Registration is taking place now for tennis. gymnastics, swimming and martial arts classes at the YMCA. All classes are scheduled to begin today and meet two days a week for the ensuing four

weeks. Gymnastics classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning at 4 p.m. for preschoolers and 4:45 p.m. for school-aged children. Sandy Mc-Diffitt will be the lead instructor.

Swim classes will begin at 6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays for school-aged children, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays for preschoolers.

YMCA tennis classes will begin at 4 p.m. for preschoolers Mondays and Wednesdays and at 4:45 p.m. for school aged youths. Martial arts classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. and on Saturdays at 10 a.m.

For more information contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

### 'Hawk Talk' will air March 12 on KBST

Hawk Talk, a live radio show on Howard College sports, is scheduled to be broadcast on KBST-AM 1490 at 9 a.m. March 12.

Sam Stephens will host the show.

# 'Ettes whip SHS By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Sweetwater Lady Mustangs' pitching staff resembled a Wyle E. Coyote cartoon Tuesday afternoon - completely clueless.

The Coahoma Bulldogettes popped the Lady Mustang staff for 16 hits and raced to an easy 13-2 run-rule victory in front of a small crowd at the Sweetwater softball field.

The Bulldogettes, now 5.2 on the year, began bat-Sweetwater's pitching staff early, scoring twice in the top of the

Megan Young opened the CHS first by with a lead-off single. Ashley Lang then pounded out a double to put runners at second and third.

Tawna Jacobs didn't let the Lady Mustangs off the hook. She gave Coahoma the moments later with a two-run double.

Young got into the RBI act in the second. She delivered a clutch hit that scored Michelle Walker and Andrea Amaro and stretched the Bulldogette lead to 4-0.

Coahoma unloaded on Sweetwater in the third inning. En route to scoring nine times in the frame, the Bulldogettes garnered big hits from Walker, Ruby Garcia, Lang, Amaro and Sarah Dunn.

Coahoma held a 13-0 lead heading into the bottom half of the third.

Sweetwater used a pair of CHS errors to avoid the shutout in their ensuing The at-bat. Lady Mustangs, who managed just three hits in the affair, scored twice in the bottom of the third and pulled to within 13-2.

The game was called after the fifth inning due to the 10-run rule.

Walker picked up the win for Coghoma. She walked just one batter in the game.

The Bulldogette JV dominated Sweetwater in their matchup, taking a 15-2 win.

The Coahoma teams will return to action Saturday in Andrews. The JV will begin play at 11 a.m. The varsity will follow at 1 p.m.

# Coahoma JH meet begins tomorrow

The Coahoma Junior High School track meet will be held tomorrow at Bulldog Stadium.

The meet, which will feature several area squads, is scheduled to get under way at approximately 3:45 p.m.



the Fellowship of Christian

Athletes. In all, 51 area schools

Newton won't be the only Big

Spring-area star gracing the field

in June. Also selected to the North roster were Big Spring quarter-

back Tye Butler and wide receiver

Brandon Mendoza, Forsan run-

ning back Wes Longorio and

Coahoma all-everything standout

Newton was a key reason for the

Steers' ability to evolve into one of

the state's top passing teams in

a squad that rolled up nearly 400

Thanks to the work of Newton,

Butler — who recently signed a

Division I scholarship deal with

the University of New Mexico -

was able to put up some incredible

numbers last fall. En route to

guiding Big Spring to an 8-5

yards a game last fall.

will be represented.

Billy-Bob Walker.

Big Spring tackle Kyle Newton (left) was one of five Big Spring-area football standouts selected to play in the Myrle Greathouse All-Star Football Classic this summer in Abilene. Newton, an all-stater this past fall, joins Big Spring's Tye Butler and Brandon Mendoza, Forsan's Wes Longorio and Coahoma's Billy-Bob Walker on the North roster.

# Five Crossroads stars garner invites to FCA All-Star Classic

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

As an offensive lineman, Big Spring tackle Kyle Newton knew he wouldn't get the star treatment reserved for quarterbacks, running backs and receivers. Newton knew he was destined to be a Menin-Black-type figure for the Steers there but never seen.

In that regard, the 6-foot-2, 240pounder proved more than capable during the 2003 high school football season. En route to helping produce a record-setting quarterback and receiving corps, Newton quietly turned more than a few heads — and opposing facemasks. Enough so that he was awarded honorable mention all-state hon-

The accolades continued to roll in for the leader of the Steers' font five last Sunday when Newton headlined a list of five area standouts named to the Myrle Greathouse All-Star Football Classic which is scheduled for June 7 at Shotwell Stadium in



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler After passing for nearly 3,000 yards as a senior, Tye Butler was was one of three BSHS players selected.

Abilene.

Players from all sizes of schools ranging from Class 5A to Class A — will participate in the all-star game, which benefits the Big Country/Concho Valley Chapter of

2002. He, along with fellow linemen Kaniel Miramontes, Jeff DeLos Santos, Scott DiFrancesca, Erin Partee, Bryan Stokes and David Partlow, cleared the way for

# **Quick start spurs Snyder** to 3-1 win over Big Spring

See ALL-STAR, Page 2B

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Snyder Lady Tigers pounded out three runs in the first two innings and then held on to claim a tough 3-1 win over the Big Spring Steers Tuesday afternoon at the Snyder High School softball complex.

With the setback, Big Spring suffered only its fourth loss of the year. The Lady Steers are 11-4-1 heading into Friday's home game with the Abilene High School Lady Eagles.

Snyder jumped out to a quick lead in the game. The Lady Tigers roughed up BSHS starter Alex Watkins for three runs in their first two at-bats.

Watkins regrouped quickly, however. The Big Spring standout shut out Snyder over the final five innings.

The Lady Steers, who managed just four hits in the contest, managed to avoid the shutout by driving in a run in the fourth innings.

The Big Spring junior varsity dropped a 3-2 decision to Snyder.



Howard College first baseman Jessica Stroud stretches for a throw from Angela Piper (background) during the Lady Hawks' win over Western Texas. Howard will play in Midland's Lead-off Classic this weekend.



Goliad fifth grader Jeremy Matthews prepares to swing at a pitch during Little League tryouts Tuesday afternoon at the Roy Anderson Baseball Complex. More than 100 youths tried out for 36 spots on the league's Major League roster.

# Smith, Bowlin lead Coahoma golfers to 4th at Robert Lee

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Jake Smith and Cade Bowlin each recorded scores of 92 and helped lead the Coahoma Bulldogs No. 2 golf team to fourth place at the Robert Lee Invitational Golf Tournament Tuesday afternoon.

The Bulldogs penciled in a final team score of 378 at the Mountain Creek Golf Course. Robert Lee, anchored by two golfers who recorded two sub-77 rounds, won the overall team crown by 16 strokes over Blackwell. Bronte was third.

Smith and Bowlin both turned in strong outings for the Bulldogs. Both played well over the final half of the course.

Trevor Bibb also turned in a solid game for the Bulldogs. He finished the meet with a final score of

Cory Mulkey, a member of the Bulldogs' playoffqualifying finished

Coahoma's fourth-highest player, scoring 100.

Willie Watts rounded basketball out the Bulldogs' efforts. as He shot a score of 115.

# Hawks begin tourney Friday

The Howard College Leopards would send the quest to winning the Region V Basketball Tournament Friday afternoon when they begin play against the Temple Junior College Leopards.

The game, which will be broadcast live by KBST 1490, will tip off beginning at 3 p.m. in the University of Texas at Dallas Activity Center.

Hawks will begin their Hawks, 27-3 and ranked No. 15 in the latest NJCAA national poll, into a second-round matchup with either Collin County or Clarendon at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

The Region V championship game is set for 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Western Junior College Athletic Conference champion South Plains win over the faces Hill College Friday.



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# UT remains in Big 12 title hunt with win over K-State

have a chance at winning the conference with borthe Big 12, Texas knew it der rival No. 5 Oklahoma couldn't repeat the five losses home the Longhorns had last sea-

So the No. 4 Longhorns set a goal to go undefeated at home this season, and they reached it Tuesday night with a 74-60 victory

over Kansas State. The Longhorns (21-5, 12and must win there Saturday to have any chance of sharing the league title with No.-6 Kansas, which is one

What's daunting is that Texas will have to beat Oklahoma on the road.

game ahead.

Sooners on Feb. 10.

To make the rematch count, Texas first had to dispatch a Kansas State team that came in on a five-game losing streak.

Texas did so with relative ease behind James Thomas' 22 points and 15 rébounds. Texas had an 11-point lead five minutes Texas went 14-0 at home in and despite a couple of this season, including a rallies, Kansas State

AUSTIN (AP) - To 3) are tied for second in 67-61 win over the never cut the deficit under 10 in the second

> Texas' undefeated home season was its first since 1994-95.

The Longhorns have been ranked in the Top Ten all season, unprecedented at a school where basketball is traditionally an afterthought to foot-

# **ALL-STAR**

Continued from Page B1

record and a berth in the Division II regional semifinals, he completed 56 percent of his passes, 176-of-310 completing passes for 2,738 yards and 29 touchdowns.

Mendoza, who agreed to play football next season

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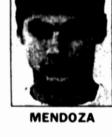
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a n d Reagan County had more players (4) selected to the game than Big Spring. Both schools landed four spots.

Few of those, however, compare to the overall talent of Longorio. One of West Texas' top athletes. Longorio will give the North a player capable of starting on both sides of the ball.

This past season, he received honorable mention all-state honors as a running back and defensive back.

A 4-year starter at Forsan, Longorio rushed for more than 2,000 yards in his last 20 games and led the Buffaloes to within one game of the Class 2A state playoffs.

This past season, he rushed for 940 yards and touchdowns and caught 10 passes for 198 yards and 3 TDs. He also returned 17 kicks for 415 return yards.

Defensively, he led the team in tackles, posting 100 stops.

Walker, standout line-North roster. Despite a broken bone in his hand played running back and offensive lineman for the Angelo Lake View landed

Coahoma Bulldogs this past year.

all-district selection as a linebacker. The North team, which

has won two of the first three games played, will backer, is one of the more be coached by Merkel players from throughout versatile players on the High School head coach north-central Texas are David Flowers. Bangs scheduled to begin prepahead coach Bo Robinson rations for the game with and a bad knee. Walker will lead the South squad. two-a-day workouts on

Two players from San June 3 in Abilene.

spots on the South roster, Making the team were Walker was a first-team Michael Simpson and running back Jamar Hall. Sterling City's Jake

Sparks also was named to the South roster.

Overall, more than 80

# **LEGAL NOTICE**

On February 6, 2003, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with seven hundred thirteen (713) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented in and between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and in many instances, exchanges of other local telephone companies. The application is filed based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26,221 titled, "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service

ELCS expands a local calling scope to include one or more additional telephone exchanges, if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot, the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not recoverable through the ELCS fee

In the application, VALOR proposes to implement on an interim basis a monthly per line surcharge of \$.99 for residential customers and \$1.98 for business customers beginning with the April, 2003 bill cycle. This proposed surcharge will apply in addit tion to any monthly ELCS fees. If rates at or above the level of the interim surcharges are not ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR will refund all or part of the interim surcharges, as directed by the Commission. Ultimately, VALOR seeks approval of monthly surcharges of \$3.38 for business lines and \$1.69 for residential lines to replace the interim surcharges. Additionally, the application proposes that customers currently billed ELCS fees lower than \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, will have those fees raised to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

The net annual effect on the revenues of VALOR will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses VALOR for the increased cost of service associated with ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$7,601,145 annually

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible and no later than April 14, 2003, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136

# **AVISO**

El 6 de febrero de 2003, VALOR Telecom de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados con sietecientos trece (713) rutas implementadas del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras companías locales de teléfono. La so icitud se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expándido de Llamadas Locales"

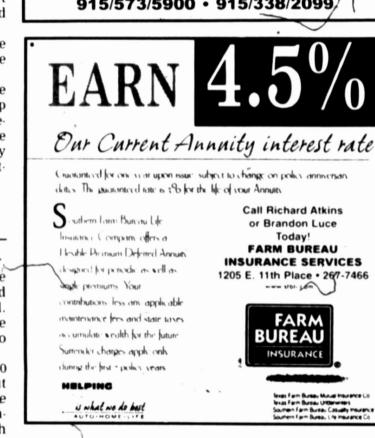
ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos,de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS

En la solicitud, VALOR propone implementar temporalmente un cargo mensual por línea de \$0.99 por cliente residencial y \$1.98 para clientes comerciales empezando con la facturación del ciclo de Abril, 2003. Este cargo propuesto se aplicará en adición a cualquier cargo mensual ELGS. Si las tarifas al o sobre el nivel de los sobrecargos temporarios no son ultimada aprobados por la Comisión, VALOR reembolsará todo o parte de los sobrecargos temporales, indicados por La Comisión. Ultimadamente, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciáles y \$1.69 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporarios. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial. El efecto anual en las ganancias de VALOR serán cero siendo que los sobrecargos solicitados reemplazan las ganancias per-

didas y reembolsa a VALOR por incremento en el costo del servicio relacionado con ELCS. El costo estimado total de las cias perdidas y el incremento de costos que VALOR tiene como fin recuperar a través de este procedimiento es

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propuestos o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o actre estos procedimientos debes notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del dia 14 de Abril 2003, fecha limite de la intervención. Para intervenir o pero más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información ilamendo a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oir con teléfonos de textos (TTY) puede: ree con La Comisión al (612) 936-7136.



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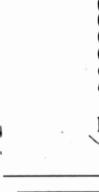
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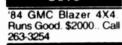
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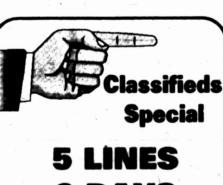
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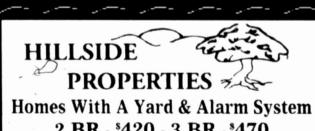
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sleeves even the big bosse's

will be getting their hands dirty today. And Mercury starts to take hold in Pisces, the sign of souls. Communication happens in all kinds of otherworldly ways.

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Everyone notices vour new attitude. Love tip: Mr. or Mrs. Right is someone who is loval, cheerful and a real help to you when you need it. Buying used helps the entire financial picture, and you get just what you need, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Ups and downs are more easily weathered when you reach out to others. Share what you know, and others respond in kind. Sex appeal is high. There is a surge of interest in your ideas; guard against potential

vampires. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You provide plenty for others — turn that nurturing spirit toward yourself. You can accomplish this without shopping, believe it or not. Besides, luxuries that seem affordable really arenit when you look at the whole financial pic-

ture. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Ask others what they think, and really listen. Youill get to the point you no longer have to ask - you can tell by the way they hold their body or shift their eyes. Sometimes, the isixth sensei comes from focusing on the other five!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Increase the sum total of this worldis happiness. Give some kind, sincere words to someone who is having a hard time of it. You may never know how a loving act affects the rest of the world, but you can be certain that it does.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 5). You attract more than your share of attention this year! A can-do attitude gets you promoted this month. Baby steps in the next four weeks up to a very satisfying romance, possibly with a Cancer or Sagittarius. Big money comes from utilizing talents with a side business in May. Money problems are solved in August when you're open to hard work. Your lucky numbers are: 34, 2, 19, 5 and 6.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may find yourself saying what you didnit think you had the courage to say. Once youive expressed your true feelings, you'll be tempted to worry about what will happen. Instead, detach yourself from the outcome.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov 21). Daydreams and idle notions bring luck. So get the to-do list over with (and eat right, too) because you need a block of unstructured time to let your mind surf the collective unconscious. Reconstruct a tired concept.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Special moments of solitude put you back in touch with your highest ideals - if you donit have time; make time. Personal ambitions are highlighted; get in touch with them. Set at least one goal to satisfy you alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Taking inventory clears the cobwebs. Make a list of what to keep and what to throw out - you don't have to do it for real just yet if itis too hard. Thereis a prime chance this afternoon to turn that flirtation into romance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's a lovely day to enjoy your friends, and, if given the chance to expand your circle of acquaintances, go for it! Even superficial conversations can lead to imporinsights. Demonstrate what kind

of person you are. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20), Big challenges are ahead, so sharpen your thinking skills (special vitamins can help, too). All new efforts at work are favored, as are relationships with co-workers — especially new people whom you can show the ropes.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I read you every day and want to know why my love life is so miserable. March 8 is my birthday.'

Pisces experience more than their share of genuine tragedy in love before finding a suitable companion. You have your moon in independent Gemini, which says you like to have plenty of free time to be with your own friends and pursuits. Yet your Mars in Taurus attracts mates who are possessive and want you to fill their needs first. You are meant to be in a serving profession and would make an excellent nurse, child-care worker or counselor. Through such fields, you'll gain plenty of love.

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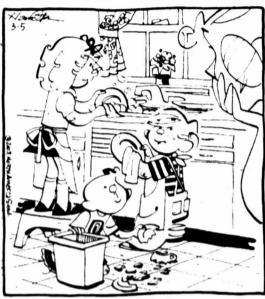
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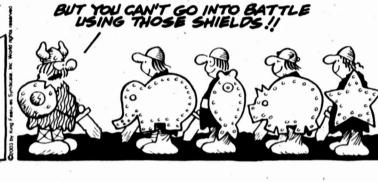


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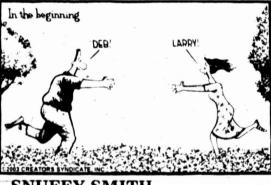
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# People In The News

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Tennis star Anna Kournikova and hockey player Sergei Fedorov were married and divorced, his agent said, confirming rumors that began 1 1/2 years ago.

"He was married to her. I honestly don't know when he got married to her - all I know is that he was married," agent Pat Brisson said Monday.

Asked about reports of a marriage, the Detroit Red Wings' forward told The Hockey News magazine for its March 14 issue: "They are true. We were married. albeit brief, and we are now divorced.

Approached after practice Monday in Columbus, Ohio, where the Red Wings were to play the Blue Jackets, the payout may be low Fedorov, 33, waved off questions on the subject, saying only, "Ask her."

Kournikova's agent did

a request for comment.

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) -Actress Bridget Fonda was recovering at home after being hospitalized with a back injury from a car crash late last week.

Her publicist, Nancy Seltzer, said Monday that Fonda "suffered a slight fracture of two thoracic vertebrae," and was expected to make a total recovery.

The 39-year-old actress flipped her car on a raindrenched section of the Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu on Thursday. She was alone in the car and no other vehicles were involved, authorities said.

Fonda was released from the hospital Sunday, Seltzer

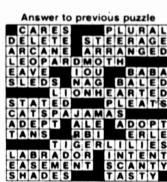
NEW YORK (AP) - The price of fame is high these days for "Joe Millionaire" winner Zora Andrich, and In the last month,

Andrich has gone from a chateau in France to making local corporate appear-

not immediately respond to ances and working the talk show circuit.

She appeared by herself Monday night at the Copacabana Club in New York City; Evan Marriott, her made-for-TV boyfriend, has been absent from allher events. She wasn't wearing the diamond ring Marriott gave her on the last episode of the Fox television series.

"It's really odd," the 29year-old New Jersey schoolteacher said. "For real celebrities, their entrance into the spotlight is gradual. By the time they make their \$20 million movie they're prepared to handle the fame. For me it was normal one day, crazy the next.'



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But they're still kids. And just as adults watch hours of the Sept. 11 out for their children tragedy, the MaMaMedia when it comes to what Peace they eat, or the books and toys they play with, parents should also be aware channel features peace of what their kids are themed activities such as doing online. Twenty-first puzzles. "Mail Bytes" century parents need to where kids can respond to "catch up"; they should questions, resources for take the time to find out what is available on the Web and guide their children accordingly

designed for kids, and intended to help families - nel since its inception. explore the Internet together

the only independent sites think about and share available for young peo- their feelings, display ple, this kids-oriented their digital creations, guide to the Net offers a and exchange ideas about variety of engaging activities to help users gain technological fluency and expand their minds through playful learning. Children can design and animate characters, make their own digital cards. invent games and share ideas -- all within a colorful, entertaining format.

Aimed at kids 12 and under, the site includes a number of innovative, interactive educational opportunities. A "Romp" channel allows kids to explore the Web safely by providing a visual directory organized into seven categories, each with hundreds of sites carefully selected by the MaMaMedia editorial team. Users can also visit "Zap" where they can make digital. creatures and screens,

"Surprise" where they can create stories and cartoons. The site also has companion areas that provide information and guidance for parents and educators

"MaMaMedia prides itself on creating innovative, meaningful ways to marry the power of the computer with the potential of the child," says Idit Harel, Ph.D., the founder and CEO of MaMaMedia. "The educational value of a Web site comes from stimulating the imagination, not just manipulating information," she explains.

According to Harel, there is a fundamental set new-media-literacy skills that all children should be expanding. "Activities on the site are meant to help kids develop the three X's: eXploration, eXpression, and exchange of ideas and creations with digital media and technology tools," says Harel. She considers these skills to be as important as the three R's to the develop-

("Good internet learning wise known as today's (tools are just like a painttech-savvy generation of brush or building blocks," children who are light says Harel. "Web experiyears ahead of their parences for kids should be ents when it comes to about learning by doing using computers almost 'al creative process, rather before they could talk, than being confined by linear stories or questions

> The site also provides a way for kids to respond to world events. Within 48 Project was launched.

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"The peace site provides is a safe and expressive MaMaMedia.com. One of space for children to peace, fear and hope. says Harel.

> Harel established MaMaMedia in 1995 after years of study at the MIT media lab.

The quality content. based on new leafning skills, attracts more than 20,000 children a day, almost 5 million member/users in total since it was launched. The site has won a number of awards, including the Computerworld Smithsonian Award and the Global Information Infrastructure Award.

To improve your new media parenting skills, start your adventure by visiting www.MaMaMedia.com



# More students going online to get ahead; Parents seek tutoring for live instruction A growing number of While many students links to other sites. An that allows continuous

ing the opportunities for dren. students to learn. In fact, ing can supplement and add increased value to what a child learns in the classroom, as is the case with online tutoring," states Pat Hoge, executive director of education and curriculum development for online tutoring service, eSylvan.

children are heading to are taking advantage of online tutor, who can prothe Internet for educa- the academic resources tional resources. In fact, that computers and the the U.S. Census Bureau Internet make available, estimates that 68 percent Opinion Research Corp. of school-age children will has found that students use the Internet to com- aren't the only ones going plete school research and online. In fact, 79 percent homework assignments of parents are heading to the Web for homework "Computers and the help and academic Internet are truly increase resources for their chil-

"Though many of the certain Web-based learn- tools necessary to complete homework assignments and review critical skills are available online, parents should take the time to sort through the options," states Hoge. "Many homework help Web sites only offer guidance on specific homework problems or

vide individualized assistance, may be what the student really needs."

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# MotorWeek lists its best family cars for 2003 Offering Many of us remember

being crammed into the back of a crowded, hot station wagon when we were kids. Penned in by suitcases or grocery bags, you had to crouch down to avoid bumping your head, and often the only entertainment available was kicking your brother or counting the signs on the highway.

The family car has come a long way since then. Today's kids ride in comfort, with personal headphones for their music, and videos to keep them amused. There are so many options and so many kinds of vehicles available now, that it's difficult to know what's best for your family.

There is MotorWeek, the critically acclaimed PBS weekly automotive magazine series, has some suggestions to help families evaluate cars on the market today. The annual MotorWeek Drivers' Choice Awards are presented to the best vehicles in 12 categories selected by a team of 10 judges, including writers, producers and crew members from the show.

"Our team test drives more than 150 cars and trucks annually, and their decisions are based on superior performance, technology, practicality, style and dollar value,' says John Davis, executive producer and host of MotorWeek.

Here's a preview of the 2003 winners, which will be featured online at www.pbs.org/motorweek:

Best Family Sedan: Saab 93

"This new Saab is yet another example of how mainline European manufacturers are discovering that they can build sedans that meet the needs of American families yet are still inspiring to drive,' says Davis. The car is more expensive than its domestic and Japanese competitors, but it comes with premium items such as leather upholstery, a power driver's seat, traction control and a huge trunk.

**Best Family** Sport Utility Vehicle: Ford Expedition

The team called this secgeneration Expedition "the new benchmark for full-size sport-utility vehicles." This is the first SUV to offer an all-independent suspension system, which provides a smooth ride and easy cornering that is superior to most cars. It

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tutoring products that are formulaic or prerecorded, each eSylvan program begins with a comprehensive online skills assessment to pinpoint a child's skill gaps. Using these results, eSylvan is able to create a program that is targeted to each child's individual needs, and includes a variety of "prescribed" lessons that help each child meet spe-

cific learning objectives. "With an online tutoring service, such as eSylvan, parents can schedule in-home tutoring when it's convenient for the family. Children can continue to learn online without missing any after-school activities," states Hoge. "It's a win-win situation for everyone."

For more information about online tutoring, parents and teachers can visit eSylvan's Web site at www.esylvan.com or call (877) eSylvan.



features like a power. folding third seat, side curtain airbags that can deploy in a rollover situation, and a stability system. "The Expedition is clearly the new king of big sport-utes," says Davis.

Best Mid-size Sport-Utility Vehicle: Kia Sorento

This vehicle is comparable in size to the best selling SUVs; it has a strong V-6 engine, and is available with an effortless-tooperate, on-demand, fourwheel-drive system. Most desirable features like air conditioning and power windows are standard. The best news is the Kia costs about 30 percent less than a comparable SUV.

Best Small Sport-Utility Vehicle:

Honda Element By thinking totally outbox, and clearly targeting—cab body, a well-designed young, active adults. Honda has delivered the most versatile little vehicle we've ever seen." says Davis. The Element has clamshell side doors, a washable floor, and seats that fold down for sleeping and up for cargo. The team called this car "a motorized box for just about any need." Adds Davis "This has got to be the sports enthusiast vehicle of the decade. The only problem is that some not-so-young adults will want one too.

Best Pickup Truck: Dodge Ram

The experts found that American products are still "king" in the big truck categories. For the family that needs some hauling power, the Dodge Ram Heavy Duty offers the most powerful motor available in a big pickup interior, and attractive styling.

Best Eco-Friendly: Honda Civic

"If one of your requirements for a family car is being environmentally friendly, there is none greener than the Honda Civic," says Davis. In a practical, spacious fourdoor sedan format, Honda offers two alternative fuel options: the Civic GX which runs on comthe gasoline-electric powcleanest running cars on the planet, without compromising reliability or performance.

Best Small Car: Mini Cooper

MotorWeek experts found that the Mini MotorWeek is nationally

is also the first to have side the proverbial SUV truck. It also has a wide. Cooper is more fun to drive than most sports cars. Built by BMW, it can seat 6-footers comfortably, and for less than \$20,000 can be outfitted with the most advanced safety features in the automotive world. "This little vehicle is not only packed with technology. it's also hard to ignore 'the cute factor,'" says

> For more details and the complete list of Drivers' Choice Award winners. pressed natural gas, or visit www.pbs.org/motorweek. Airing on PBS and ered Civic Hybrid. Even the Speed Channel, the gasoline-powered weekly automotive maga-Civics are among the zine covers all aspects of the automotive industry and offers consumers unbiased, cutting-edge news and features covering new vehicle trends, current safety information, and the results of practical road tests.

hope to children

To help parents and America's kids deal with children's uncertainty and fears following Sept. 11th, and the current environment of possible war and terrorist reprisals, the national children's crisis charity KidsPeace has compiled tips for talking to children. They also offer a Web site to help youngsters work through their fears.

KidsPeace president C.T. O'Donnell II and the clinical experts at more than 50 centers across the country suggest that America's parents do the following:

Listen to children. Allow them to express their concerns and fears.

Regardless of age, the most important issue is to reassure children of safety and security. Tell children that you, their schools, their friends and their communities are all focused on their safety and they will be protected by those around them. Have discussions about those dedicated to protecting us all like police, firefighters, etc.

When discussing the events with younger children, the amount of information shared should be limited to some basic facts. Use words meaningful to them (not words like terrorist, retribution, etc.). Share with them that some bad people have used violence to hurt innocent people in United States. Discuss that we don't know exactly by whom or why this was done, but yiolence has occurred. Do not go into specific details.

School-aged children will ask, "Can bad things happen here, or to me?' Do not lie to children. Share that it is highly unlikely that anything like this will happen to them or in their community. Then reiterate how safe and protected they are by all those around them.

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