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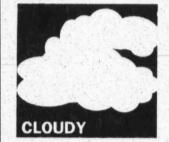
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#### COMING SUNDAY



Charles Osgood, the poet laureate of television news, celebrates the 25th anniversary of CBS' "Sunday Morning." The father of five has gained our nation's trust by bypassing the flashy "story of the moment" and instead focusing on offbeat people and places.

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### Missing 7-year-olds brought home safely

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

An impromptu search for two 7-year-old boys Wednesday evening may have frightened the children's parents, but the ending left everyone involved sighing in relief.

Howard County Chief Deputy Gray Pritchett said the children's parents reported them missing around 5 p.m. in the Tubbs Addition, near Kay and Hali roads.

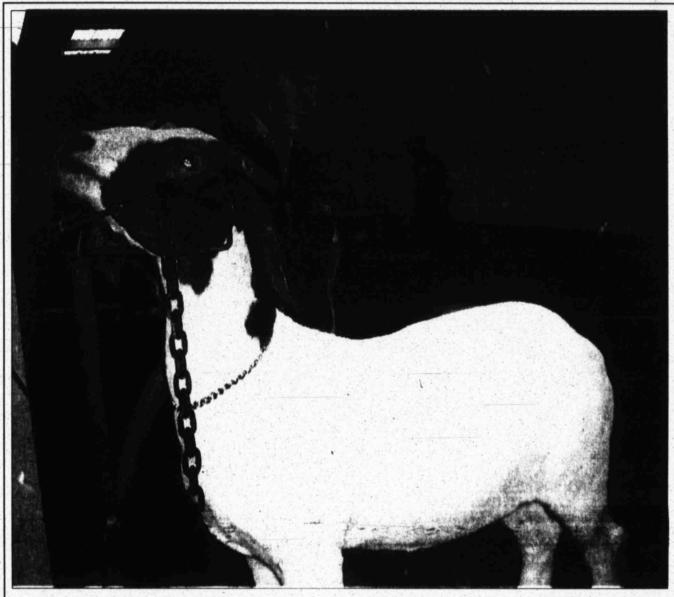
"From the time we received the call, it was between 90 minutes and two hours before the children were found," said Pritchett. "They were

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**County Deputy Clerk** Nancy Porter, left, and **Early Elections Voting** Clerk Terry Blackshear review the county's registered voting list. Early voting for the Texas Senate District 31 seat ends at 5 p.m. Friday at the Howard County Courthouse. The special election to replace former Sen. Teel Bivins pits seven candidates. **Election day is Tuesday,** Jan. 20.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody



Nick Bailey helps prepare his sister's goat for show at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show Wednesday. The event continues at 6 p.m. today with the rabbit show at the Howard County Fair Barns. The finale takes place Saturday with the appreciation luncheon set for 11 a.m., followed at 1 p.m. by the auc-

## Not baaaaad: County livestock show is under way at fair barns

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer It's baaack.

The Howard County Junior Livestock Show got off to a woolly start Wednesday at the Howard County Fair Barns with the judging of the goat and lamb shows.

Several area county 4-H and FFA participants showed off months of hard work in hopes of placing big and possibly earning money off the sale of the animal.

But for former Howard County 4-H student Nick Bailey, being a part of the organization gives members a mulStock show schedule

Today: 6 p.m., rabbit show

Friday: 8:30 a.m., pig show; 3 p.m., steer show

Saturday: 11 a.m., appreciation luncheon; 1 p.m., auction

titude of opportunities.

"The reason we started with 4-H was it teaches us responsibility and keeps us in a group of good people," Bailey said. "There are a lot of good people in 4-H and they are very

responsible."

Bailey was helping his younger sister, Brennan, wash and prepare her goat for show Wednesday. During the past nine months, the young Howard College freshman has actively helped with Brennan's project.

"We've had the goat about nine months," Nick Bailey said. "You have to feed the animal, exercise them three times a week and before you show, you give them protein drinks to help fill them out."

Howard County Extension

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# MAIN STREET

### **Entity continues** focus on historic Petroleum Building

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Big Spring Main Street Inc. took time to look back on the past year and prepare for 2004 Wednesday. afternoon, as it held its board of directors annual meeting.

Board President Tommy Churchwell said the labors of the past year haven't garnered the visi-

bility that some of the group's past projects have seen, but they are just as ambitious, focusing on a Big Spring landmark. The biggest focus was

the Petroleum Building. and trying to get some grants to remodel the

building," said Churchwell. "It carries a \$1.3 million price tag. We have several different businesses and non-profit agencies that would like to be in that building, so we have tenants ready to go, and their willingness to put money into the project. But the \$1.3 million needed to get to that point will definitely have to be a grant.



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#### **VA Medical Center** to hold program commemorating King

Special to the HERALD

The Big Spring VA Medical Center will observe the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Friday with a presentation entitled "The King and His Vision," by keynote speaker Elmer F. "Smiley" Williams. The program will begin at 11 a.m. and the community is invited to share in the remembrance of Dr. King.

Williams served as the first director of the Civilian Personnel Operations Center Management Agency. Guest soloist Milini Turner will provide music.

### Big Spring man still missing; family increases the reward

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The family of 40-year-old Arlin Bynum has raised the stakes in its attempt to shed light on the fate of the Big Spring man, upping the reward for information to \$10,000.

Bynum's brother-in-law, Landon Sturdivant, said he and the rest of the family are hoping the increase in the reward will entice someone with information to come forward and put an end to the family's search.

"We've now put up a total of \$8,000 for the reward," Sturdivant said. "That's in addition to the \$2,000 that Crimestoppers has put up. We hope the reward will help encourage anyone with information on Arlin's disappearance to come forward."

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Landon Sturdivant

Sturdivant said the holidays were a tough time for him and his family, as they faced the season without one of their own.

"It was really tough and emotional for all of us," he said. "We were all so used to having Arlin around during the holidays. It was very traumatic for everyone since he wasn't there to join in." Sturdivant said theories into

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### CISD board expected to name building for longtime educator

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The late Rob Ethridge, a longtime Coahoma educator, will be honored with a lasting memorial tonight by the Coahoma Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Trustees are expected to name the junior high school building after the man who served as its principal for 24 years during their 6:30 p.m. meeting in the administration board room, 600 Main St.

"We're excited about finally doing this," said Superintendent Dr. Bill Kingston. "It was requested of the board that they consider this better than a year ago by some people who worked for him and others who were students under him. That's where the initial push came from basi-



cally, from people who wanted to see some kind of recognition for him.'

After a 34-year career in public school education, Ethridge continued to be an active force in

the field by serving as a trustee for Howard College until his death in March 2001. A reception to recognize the

honor has been scheduled for Feb. 1, at the junior high school. "We encourage all of those who knew Mr. Ethridge to come and be a part of that ceremony.'

Kingston said. In other business, trustees will hold a public hearing on the dis-

trict performance report.

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### **Obituaries**

#### **Maberry Willbanks**



Maberry Willbanks, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004, at McKenna Memorial Hospital in New Braunfels.

He was 88 years old. Maberry was born on May 8, 1915, in Rotan. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. May Willbanks.

After attending Abilene Christian College, he served for four years in the Anti-Aircraft Coast Artillery during World War II.

He married Dora Paul Snively on May 26, 1946, in Colorado City and they had two children, Robert and Rhonda.

He was employed at Col-Tex Refinery in Colorado City and then transferred to Cosden Refinery in Big Spring in 1968. He retired from Cosden in 1980.

For the past two years, Maberry and Dora Paul have been living at Oak Tree Assisted Living in New Braunfels to be closer to their daughter and her family.

Maberry was a devout Christian and served as an elder and deacon at Colorado City Church of Christ and the 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring for a total of 35 years.

Throughout his life he enjoyed participating and watching all kinds of sports. He was a dedicated golfer until 2001 when he had a stroke.

He enjoyed his two grandchildren very much and they will miss him dearly. He will be missed by all of his family and friends who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Dora Paul; his daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Mike Ester; his grandchildren, Stacy and Michelle Ester all of New Braunfels; one sister and brother-in-law, Mary Jo and Glenn White of Abilene; one sister-in-law, Anna Don Hardison of Houston and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Willbanks; four brothers, W.H., E.B., Odell and Weldon Willbanks; and two sisters, Kara McCombs and Maurine Rutherford.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Colorado City Cemetery, Colorado City.

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

Moran "Stubby" Oppegard



Moran "Stubby" Oppegard, 86, of Big Spring died at 10:49 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, at his residence following a short

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul Lutheran Church with the Rev. Carroll Kohl and the Rev. Wayne Frost, officiating.

Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born April 17, 1917, at McIntosh, Minn. He was the son of Gustav Oppegard and Inga Rukke Oppegard.

He had been a resident of Howard County sine 1929. He graduated from Forsan High School. He attended Texas A&M and Draughan's Business College in

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps from 1941 until 1945 and was stationed New Guinea and Australia.

He was an independent oil producer in the Howard Glasscock Field beginning in 1945.

Mr. Oppegard was a wonderful father and grandfather who enjoyed visiting with everyone. He enjoyed his second home at Timberon, N.M.

He was a very active member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church, serving as elder, financial secretary and treasurer, as well as numerous other church offices. He was the eldest male member of the church.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Oppegard of Big Spring; one son, Kal Oppegard and his wife Vickie of Lenorah; two daughters, Jane O'Brien and her husband, John of Big Spring and Nancy Hamilton and her husband, Keith of Salemburg, N.C.; eight grandchildren, Jeff O'Brien, Jason O'Brien and his wife Anna, Denver Oppegard and his wife Cindy, Jud Oppegard, Ingrid Burgess and her husband Vince, Melanie Hamilton, Amy Oppegard and Whitney Oppegard; five great grandchildren, Cayley Oppegard, Macey Oppegard, Anna Burgess, Benjamin Burgess and Dylyn Aycock.

Pallbearers will be Jeff O'Brien, Jason O'Brien, Denver Oppegard, Jud Oppegard, Vince Burgess and Bobby Roever. Honorary Pallbearers will be Bob Hicks, James Underwood, Ned Crandall, Ken Moore and Roland Beal.

The family suggests memorials to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry, Big Spring 79720 or Home

Hospice, 600 South Gregg, Big Spring 79720. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com Paid obituary

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**Betty Keeling** 

Betty Keeling, 70, of Big Spring died at Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, at Hospice House in Odessa.

Funeral Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Arnold Tonn officiating. She was born May 31, 1933, in Big Spring. She lived most of her life in Texas, New Mexico and California. She returned to Big Spring in 1998. She married Herbert Keeling in 1978 in Madera, Calif.

She is survived by two daughters, Brenda Schooler of Abilene, and Rhonda Hanna and her husband Bill of Abilene; two sons, William Sidney Davis of Big Spring and Tim David Mitchell and his wife Lori of Wichita Falls; two brothers, William Sidney Birdwell and his wife Novie of Whitefish, Mont., and John Birdwell and his wife Betty of Big Spring; two sisters-in-law, Laura Pender of Modesto, Calif. and Diane Birdwell of Livermore, Calif.; nine grandchildren and two great

She was preceded in death by her husband Herbert Keeling; parents, William Sidney Birdwell Sr. and Martha Ellen Marsh Birdwell; and three brothers, Huey Long Birdwell, Daniel Lee Birdwell and Jerry Don Birdwell.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

### Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m.

· MICHAEL DEAN NALL, 25, of 1605 Bluebird, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft.

 MICHAEL YANEZ, 31, of 605 Bell, was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while license suspended and a local traffic warrant.

• JAMES SCHUMPERT, 21, of 1425 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants for minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage and failure to appear. · ASSAULT was reported in the 600 block of E. Sixth

Street.

· BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of Lancaster.

• FAILURE TO IDENTIFY was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.

## Sheriff's report

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

 LOST JUVENILES was reported in the area of Kay and Hali roads. Children were found.

• THEFT OF A FIREARM was reported in the 300 block of E. Davis Road. Contact was made and offense

 THEFT was reported in the 1300 block of Wilson Road. Contact was made, offense report taken.

### Take note

☐ A FUND HAS BEEN established at the First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, to help with the medical expenses of 30-year-old Misty McCullum Wilson, who was diagnosed with cancer more than two months ago. Wilson, who went to Coahoma High School before moving to Lubbock, requires radiation treatments expected to cost \$10,000 per visit.

☐ THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to

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

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

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

#### □ ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED. Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer

patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

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

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### **Bulletin board**

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Today

Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479 for more information.

Gideon International, Big Spring Camp UH2060, meets at 7 a.m. at Herman's Restaurant.

The Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's.

American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 West Highway 80. Call 263-2404 for more informa-

#### Friday

Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance is held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited to attend.

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Signal Mt. Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

#### Saturday

Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster streets.

Free eye glasses are given from 9 a.m. until noon at **Bob's Custom Woodworking** 

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. A one time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, located in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### Weather

Tonight...Cloudy. A 60 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds around 10 mpn. Friday...Cloudy. A 50 percent chance of showers.

Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. Friday night...Cloudy with a 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s. West winds 5 to 10 mph. Saturday...A 80 percent chance of showers and thun-

derstorms. Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 10 to 15 mph. Saturday night...Cloudy. A 40 percent chance of rain. Lows in the lower 30s. Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Sunday night through Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs around 60.

Tuesday and Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.Lows in the mid 30s.

### Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 15-16-27-34-38. Bonus Ball:

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball:

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$52 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-15-19-22-23. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$18,983. Winning tickets sold in: Eagle Pass, Amherst. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-6-6

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Customer Clara Meek orders dinner from Gill's Gold-N-Crips Fried Chicken employee Billy Alvares in the business' new location at 1101 S. Gregg St. The restaurant officially reopened at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

### Supreme Court ruling affects 1.5 million Texas children

Extension program in San Angelo.

by Megan Kothman. both are mem-

bers of the Howard County 4-H pro-

gram. Kothman also showed the

grand champion lamb. The reserve

champion lamb was shown by

The four-day event continues

today when rabbits take center

stage at 6 p.m.. Cottle County

Extension Agent Justin Nash will

Rosie Morgan of Coahoma FFA.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court made it far more difficult lions of people. Wednesday for state officials to renege on courtapproved promises to improve such things as nursing home care, prison conditions or health services for the

Those pledges can cost many millions of dollars and obligate states to lengthy and detailed scrutiny from federal courts. A ruling the other way could have disrupted agreements in dozens of states involving all man-

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nt Michael Brooks said the show

"We have 108 goats in the show

which is down a little bit from last

year," he said. "We had 119 entered

and we had 108 show up so that's a

The lamb and goats shows

wrapped up yesterday with the help

of Kyle Echert, assistant sheep and

tutions and affecting mil-

In their unanimous decision, the justices said once state officials sign onto court agreements called consent decrees, federal judges have the power to see that states live up to the bargain.

The ruling immediately affects about 1.5 million Texas children who rely on the government for health and dental care.

"Federal courts are not" reduced to approving con-

ner of services and insti- Anthony M. Kennedy wrote for the court. "Once entered, a consent decree may be enforced."

Consent decrees are a relatively common method of resolving classaction lawsuits against public officials and agencies over such things as health care, education and conditions in jails and prisons.

The Texas case at issue in Wednesday's ruling is typical.

Texas state officials did states for compliance," Justice agreeing to improve consent.

health services for poor children.

Two years after the 1996 agreement, lawyers for poor children returned to federal court to complain that Texas still was failing to provide services required under the federal Medicaid law.

The class-action lawsuit that led to the Texas agreement is typical, too. It named state officials as defendants, as opposed to the state itself, because are usually not admit wrongdoing but immune from such lawsent decrees and hoping signed a consent decree, suits filed without their

goat specialist with the Cooperative judge that show.

Friday's activities open at 8:30 The grand champion goat was with the pig show and concludes exhibited by Kelsey Jones while after the 3 p.m. steer show. The the reserve champion was shown judge for both will be John Senter, county agent for Mitchell County He'll be judging 89 pigs and 28 steers.

The finale takes place Saturday with the appreciation luncheon set for 11 a.m., followed at 1 p.m. by the auction.

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7331, ext. 234.

### **MAIN STREET**

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"We're going to continue to work with that and hopefully we'll be able to find that grant situation that works for us. That's the main thrust."

While the main focus of the group seems set on the Petroleum Building, Churchwell said they haven't lost sight of the smaller goals and accom-

plishments. "If you look at the properties here in downtown that Main Street owns that are rented, it's an ongoing process of trying to fix what needs to be fixed and keep the bills up," he said. "Like we always say, we're the catalyst. We try to provide the means by which we can get it done, the visionary part of it, and then to try those that are like-minded and will help out to make downtown what we remember it to be and what we want it to be. It just takes a lot of different people to work together."

Churchwell said he understands a project of that magnitude takes a great deal of time and effort.

"I would have liked to have been able to stand here today and say we accomplished our goal of putting together the petroleum building," said Churchwell. "However, I'm very much aware that good things come to those that are patient. I'm try-

ing to remain patient and I won't give up on that.

"There's a definite need to rehabilitate that building. It's a beautiful structure and very unique and it needs to be a focal point. Once that's done, and one day it will be, then we'll get to the Settles Hotel. Everything is a challenge."

Churchwell addressed the board for the last time as president during the meeting, handing the reigns over to newly appointed president Terry Hansen.

While Main Street Inc. was unsuccessful in attempts at grant writing in 2003, Hansen said it's something the entity won't give up on in the future.

"I think we need to look into grant writing," said Hansen. "We see it, as Mr. Churchwell has pointed out, as an opportunity for us to bring some money in to this effort and it could be a

catalyst to get the ball end up losing the buildrolling.

"We want to continue the efforts that the directors and Mr. Churchwell have started. We want to continue with that and do new projects and make the downtown all it can be."

Hansen said the board will continue its efforts to renovate the Petroleum Building in 2004, in an effort to save the historic structure from the same fate several other downtown buildings have met.

"We're trying to make it into a viable alternative for an actual lease property, to bring in some clients to get the building back in usable shape," he said. "That will help prevent further deterioration, so we don't actually

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"As everyone has seen, we've lost several buildings. The Petroleum Building is a historical building and it's very beautiful.

"Structurally they tell us it's in salvageable shape at this point, but we need to act on that to the extent we can and get that building back into everyday use.'

During the meeting, board men.bers also appointed Kathy Lusk as vice president and Sandra Waggoner as secretary treasurer.

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found by a volunteer that was helping with the search, near one of the houses the children was supposed to be at.

"We never really suspected foul play. They had just got out there playing and lost track of time."

Pritchett said a number of people volunteered to help with the search, and horses were brought out to help cover the rough terrain. The children were returned to their parents at approximately 6:20 p.m.

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the circumstances surrounding Bynum's disappearance continue to flood in, but as far as anything of substance goes, he and his family are still waiting.

"There have been so many different theories as to what has happened to Arlin it's baffling," said Sturdivant. "The family really hates to speculate as to what has happened, and without more information that's all it would be.

"Arlin hasn't accessed any of his personal property, funds in the bank or contacted any of the family thus far. Other than that, we're still waiting."

Bynum was last seen on Aug. 14, in the vicinity of the San Franciscan Bar and Grill, located in downtown Big Spring. According to police reports, witnesses claim he left the establishment

late in the evening, supposedly leaving with another man that has yet to be identified. Bynum's truck was later found near the bar.

Bynum is described as a white male with short, bleached-blond hair. approximately 165 pounds with blue eyes. He has multiple tattoos and was last seen wearing a white Harley-Davidson tanktop. blue shorts and sandals.

Bynum's description and information have been released nationwide in hopes of locating him. Anyone having information in the disappearance can contact the investigating detective, Jim Rider, at 264-2556, or contact Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477). When contacting Crimestoppers you may remain anony mous.

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#### CISD

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"The district performance report is based on the state's Academic Indicator Excellence System (AEIS)," Kingston said. "It's the system that rates districts and gives us information about how our different subgroups perform on the TAKS (Texas Assessment of

Knowledge and Skills) test. drop out and completer

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information and any number of things that are evaluated by the AEIS.

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The reports are broken down by both district and campus standings and. Kingston added, help the district to focus on areas of improvement.

"We're going to be looking at that to review where our scores are and it's kind of a prelude to where we feel like we need to be," he said.

For those unable to attend the meeting, copies of the report will be available at the district office or individual campuses following the meeting.

business, other trustees will:

· Consider consolidating polling places in



Vincent and Sand Springs into the Coahoma precinct.

· Consider a grant resolution from the National School Foundation and amend the budget to reflect a grant.

· Consider a finance agreement with First Bank of West Texas.. · Hear an appeal of stu-

dent disciplinary placement. · Consider appointment

for the textbook commit-Hear an update on the

delinquent tax collections report. · Review e-rate applica-

tion, enrollment and financial reports.

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

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Roberto O. Moralez, 68, died Monday. Funeral mass was at 10:00 AM Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Betty Keeling 70, of Big

Spring, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Moran "Stubby" Oppegard, 86, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be 10:30 Saturday at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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### OUR VIEWS

## Let's take time to reflect on the works of King

rea citizens will have at least two opportunities over the next few days to recognize the work of Martin Luther King Jr. and remember the message he

On Friday, the West Texas VA Health Care System, best known as the VA Medical Center, will observe the civil rights leader's birthday during a public presentation at 11 a.m. The program will be highlighted by Elmer F. "Smiley" Williams, the first director of the Civilian Personnel Operations Center Management Agency. He will speak on "The King and His Vision."

On Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the annual candlelight march will take place beginning at 6 p.m. Walkers will gather at 1000 Gregg Street and will proceed west on Martin Luther King Boulevard to FM 700. Those who participate are asked to bring a candle or flashlight.

Born Jan. 15, 1929, and assassinated April 4, 1968, Dr. King's legacy lives on. Many men and women have been civil rights leaders — leaders for all people — through the years, fighting for the simple right to live as equals among others. Perhaps no one, however, captured the nation's heart as well and eloquently as did Martin Luther King Jr.

We encourage you to participate in these events, and to take time to reflect on how the efforts of Dr. King and others have made our nation a better place.

# O'Neill: Bitter but not stupid

aving been fired by President Bush as Secretary of the Treasury, Paul O'Neill is now trying to even the score, but he may hurt himself more than the president. O'Neill's collaboration with former Wall

Street Journal reporter Ron Suskind on the book "The Price of Loyalty: George W. Bush, the White House, and the **Education of Paul** O'Neill" may soon land O'Neill in a heap of trouble. The **Treasury Department** is already investigat-

petty and clueless.

LINDA CHAVEZ

OPINION

ing whether the former secretary improperly took government documents with him when he left, some of which may have been classified. (O'Neill claims they were all cleared with the general counsel of the department.) And O'Neill's public appearances to date have made him look both

It's no fun getting dumped by the White House — I know, I've had some experience on this score when I was nominated to be secretary of labor in 2001. But like it or not, presidential appointees serve "at the pleasure of the president," and O'Neill clearly had lost the president's confidence by the time he was pushed out, and for good reason. O'Neill had serious policy disagreements with his boss; the only mystery is why O'Neill didn't quit before he was fired.

O'Neill was an implacable foe of tax cuts in the face of a growing deficit, brought on by a recession and the war on terrorism. O'Neill made his case directly to the president on a number of occasions, as

Suskind describes in careful detail in the book. But the president ultimately rejected O'Neill's deficit-hawk approach and went for a second round of tax cuts, which are now roundly credited with helping spur the economy out of recession and back to strong economic growth. O'Neill could have quit then - or at any point he felt he couldn't carry out the president's agenda. But he didn't. He hung on until Vice President Dick Cheney called him in to ask for his resignation.

O'Neill's description of the inner workings of the Bush White House and Cabinet is certainly fodder for the administration's critics. He depicts the president as disengaged, lacking intellectual curiosity and much personal warmth. O'Neill's description of his first meetings with Bush, when he was still being considered for the job of Cabinet secretary, certainly differs from my experiences at roughly the same time.

Bush and O'Neill met at the Madison Hotel, which was also the venue for my interview with the president as well.

Suskind describes, accurately, the cat-and-mouse game of sneaking potential appointees into the hotel through the underground garage and up service elevators, undetected by the press corps keeping watch outside. But the George W. Bush O'Neill met with seems a very different man than the one I encountered just a few days later. O'Neill's Bush is aloof, uninformed and downright unlikable.

O'Neill's account, as Suskind relates it, has Bush ordering chief of staff Andrew Card around like a servant, more interested in securing a cheeseburger than in asking his prospective Treasury secretary

any substantive questions.

"Bush looked impatiently at Card, hard eyed. 'You're the chief of staff. You think you're up to getting us some cheeseburgers?' Card nodded. No one laughed. He all but raced out of the room," Suskind writes.

The scene was certainly nothing like what I encountered. Bush and Card displayed an amiable, almost bantering relationship, and Bush was not only personable but well prepared to talk substance on labor policy with me. He asked good questions and had clearly done his homework on me, reciting some of my more controversial positions on everything from minimum wage laws to affirmative action. It was very much a two-way conversation.

Paul O'Neill now says that he wishes he had not described the president's performance in Cabinet meetings as "a blind man in a room full of deaf people." O'Neill told NBC's Katie Couric on the "Today Show" Tuesday, "if I could take it back, I'd take that back because it's become the controversial centerpiece. And I'm afraid that it will cause people to have an impression without actually reading the book.'

And O'Neill admits he'll probably vote for the president in November. "I don't see anybody that strikes me as better prepared and more capable," he told Couric. Paul O'Neill may be bitter, but apparently, he's not stupid.

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Letters should be submitted to Editor, Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR: Why is it that our city

provides personal transportation for it's employ-

During my entire working life no one ever provided me a car or truck to take home for my personal use. I don't mind paying

taxes to support the necessary city services, but I do object to providing vehicles, fuel and upkeep for city vehicles to be used for personal purpos-Every single one of our

city employees receives a

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paycheck. They should not also receive free transportation - at the taxpayers' expense - to go to WalMart or to Midland or wherever else they might wish to go to shop or for entertainment.

I do not object to police vehicles being driven home; these people actually may respond to emergency calls for which they should be driving city vehicles. No employee who is not on emergency call back should ever take a city vehicle home.

BENNY HOFACKET BIG SPRING

# Pivotal moment in American history

n the beginning, Howard Dean had no intention of winning the Democratic nomina-

In the beginning, he was resigned to being a lower-tier candidate, who would pipe up at the debates and be ignored in between them.

In the beginning, Howard Dean intended to be one of those semi-tiresome aspirants who enter a presidential race in a semi-serious attempt to force the media to consider his pet issues. And his pet issues happened to be

health care and early childhood develop-



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In other words, in the beginning, Howard Dean never intended to be more than a bore.

"There is no doubt in my mind that his motivation to run for president was to raise those two issues to the highest level of debate," Joe Trippi, his campaign manager, told me. "Pre-Iraq war, that is all he ever talked about. He's a smart guy, but he was under no illusions that he was going to be the nominee of the party."

Which gave Dean the freedom to fail. He could do whatever he wanted to do and behave in any manner he wanted. Dean was free to be Dean.

And, at first, those who didn't know him were shocked. His attacks on George W. Bush were far harsher than conventional politicking dictated. As were his attacks on the "Washington Democrats" who were running against him for the nomination.

Dean gave every appearance of being a candidate who didn't care whom he messed with and whom

he ticked off. Which he didn't. "Hey, I'm not going to win anyway,' that is how he felt," Trippi

Dean is a logical man, and not winning was a logical assumption for him to make. As of Jan. 31 last year, the Dean campaign had a staff of seven people, \$157,000 in the bank and 432 supporters. Today, less than a year later, the staff numbers 400, the campaign has raised \$41 million, and it has 560,000 registered supporters.

The Iraq war changed everything. To a degree few guessed, rank-and-file Democrats, as well as people new to the political process, were against the war, and Dean became their rallying point. But those in the Dean campaign

who were political veterans knew mere opposition to the war coupled with a few pet issues would not be enough. Dean, they argued, would have to transform himself from a conventional politician to an inspirational force.

And in a 10-page, single-spaced confidential memo written by Trippi and other staffers to Dean on June 11 last year, shortly before his formal announcement, Dean was urged not to be just another typical candidate "who has a health care plan," but to become a "transformational leader that rises to the historical moment, and leads a movement to save and restore America's ideals.

The memo says: "This is not about issues. It is about values. This is not about differences in health care plans, tax cuts or Social Security. It's about a fight for our values and our country, who owns it and who runs it. ... This is not Sgt. Pepper's Magical\* Mystery Tour. This is Howard Dean's Magical History Tour of the Greatest Nation on this Earth. And a call to reclaim what we

have lost."

The memo, which I have obtained, was supposed to crystallize some of the discussions Dean already had with the staff, and outline a blueprint for the future of the campaign. It contains several warnings.

"You are by definition the classic outsider," the memo says. "But think about the fear and anger you have engendered from the DLC (Democratic Leadership Council, a centrist think-tank), the other candidates and many in the Washington establishment. They are not afraid you are George . McGovern or Jerry Brown. No, what they are afraid of is that you are Jimmy Carter."

In other words, the memo was telling Dean he could be a winner. Written at a time when Dean was at single digits in the polls, it was outrageously, even hilariously, optimistic.

And even those who wrote it probably would not have guessed that seven months later, the hottest political story would be who is running second to Dean in the national polls or whether Dean can hold onto his lead in Iowa as caucus day looms on Jan. 19. In the memo, Trippi told Dean

that this was a pivotal moment in American history and "like it or not, fate picked you" to step forward.

We are not going to promise the American people a paradise," the memo says, "instead they are going to hear a summons to do their duty."

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we pray for each other, Lord, we lighten each others burdens.

### Female bounty hunter becomes target

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"To The Nines" is really just like that long-awaited holiday; from the very first pages, a deep chuckle starts to roll, and it continues through the final action.

The story is so absorb-

#### Newcomers

Jeff Angelo, formerly of Jacksonville, Fla., Michael Arts and Crafts, and wife April, daughter Brooke.

Chris Tucker, formerly of Olton, student minister First Baptist Church, and wife Sandy.

Michael Johnston, formerly of Seattle, Wash., associate minister Christ Community Church and wife Heidi.

Tray Ednes, formerly of Midland, self employed, and wife Brandi.

Roy Spencer Jr., formerly of San Angelo, San Angelo State School direct care provider, and wife Shay, cashier, Wal-Mart.

Kandi Clanton, formerly of Camdenton, Mo., retired shoool teacher.

Hernelinda Garza, formerly of Snyder, Federal Correction Institution warehouse supervisor.

Bonnie McGuire, formerly of Snyder, Star-Tek customer service respresentative, and daughter MaKenzie Cook.

David Rankin, formerly of Avon, Ind., retired school teacher, and wife Martha, retired teacher.

Mark Skidgel, formerly of Oklahoma City, Colorado River Municipal Water District, and wife Melody.

Joshua Brock, formerly of Oklahoma City, Rip Griffin's Truck Stop.

Rosemary Wilson, formerly of Frankfort, Ind., CNA at Texas State

Veterans Home.
Randal Gonzalez,formerly of Uvalde, manager of Aaron's, and father and mother, George and Linda Gonzalez, retired

school teachers.
Georgia Gardner, formerly of San Angelo, H-E-B maintenance, and

daughter.
Eduardo Aquino, formerly of Ponce, Puerto Rico, physician at VA Medical Center, and wife, Ofelia Rodriguez and daughter, Elizabeth.

Duane Norgren, formerly of Atwater, Calif., Federal Correction Institution, and wife Monica.

Mike Elliott, formerly of Midland, Big Spring Police Department, and wife Shara; son Michael.

Eli Reyes, formerly of Westbrook, welder at Hi Rollin Trailers, and wife, Tana, son Devin, daughters Sierra, Cheyenne and Rachel.

Luke Jewett, formerly of Houma, La., contractor for Henry Benning Assoc. of El Paso, and wife Sherry; daughter Kelsey and son Jacob.

Erin Bartlett, formerly of Vancouver, Wash., student at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, and self employed massage therapist.

Michael LeFors, formerly Blue Springs, Mo., photographer, and wife, Sharon, dispatcher for Hester's Mechanical, and daughter Michell Hanlin.

#### Herald Book Review

ing that it is disappointing when it's time to return to present-day concerns; rest assured, you'll soon be ready for another jaunt with this bunch.

Stephanie Plum makes her ninth appearance as a bounty hunter working for her cousin Vinny.

As a boss, Vinny is loath to make a stand, much less lose money on a failed bond issue, so he spends most of his time locked in his office, blaming those around him for his failures. He's still a member of the family, though, and blood in this case is thicker than water.

He may threaten Stephanie with assorted bodily harm or the loss of her job, but she's faithful as an employee, and surprisingly successful, so she keeps her job and gets her pick of the felons she wants to chase.

After an illegal alien, Samuel Singh, misses his court date, Stephanie is off on the hunt again. As she continues to question the man's former employers, they are less than forthcoming with infor-

mation; however, Stephanie is convinced they know more than they are willing to share.

While pumping various sources for information, Stephanie learns that Singh has traveled to Las Vegas; she and her eccentric entourage take the city by storm only to find the focus of their hunt permanently out of commission.

Various facts point to Singh's death being connected to a computer-generated game in which the players are challenged to make a specific killing.

When Stephanie continues to receive death threats, she realizes she has become one of the game targets.

This makes the search for the killer important, not just for the bounty, but to save her own life.

Janet Evanovich is as sharp as ever. In telling her tale, she has a sense of what is important; the chase and suspense make a good story, but her characterizations steal the show.

The author is able to make the story line plausible, yet exaggerating details just enough to make a mildly humorous situation truly, absolutely hilarious.

Evanovich often surprises the reader by inserting a giggly predicament in the middle of wild and deadly action.

As a superb background for the story, the author writes knowledgeably about typical ethnic New Jersey neighborhoods which are chaotic, odoriferous, loud, and filled with loving, yet hardedged people.

Evanovich gives Stephanie a love life that is varied and frequently borders on the bawdy; however, she presents it with such humor that it is easy to view it with a lighter eye and not be offended.

In this story, our favorite character of Grandma Mazur plays a somewhat smaller part, and, disappointingly, doesn't make any mortuary appearances in her casually unorthodox and idiosyncratic outfits. We can always hope she will play a larger role in future stories. The verdict:: "To The Nines" is a 10. Don't miss it.

To The Nines, Janet Evanovich, St. Martin's Press, New York, New York, 2003.

Pat Williams is a former educator.

# Local artist exhibits at Heritage Museum





HERALD photos/Marsha Allen

Estelle Howard of Big Spring is showing her painting talents in exhibit at the Heritage Museum.

Mrs. Howard began painting when she retired in the 1990s.

She has accumulated a wide assortment of subjects including the self-portrait, above, done in water color. The native Big Spring resident's exhibit continues through March.

# Schools include community service in curriculums

A surprising majority of American parents are encouraging their children to get involved in community service.

Many feel this is an important life lesson that kids should be learning in school, too.

According to the "Caring About America" Survey, 58 percent of parents think community service should be emphasized as much as, or more, than traditional subjects in their children's schools.

Beyond the classroom, 70 percent of moms and

Art workshop

slated Sunday

Association will meet at

2 p.m. Sunday in the

University of Texas

Permian Basin (UTPB)

Pam Price, art depart-

ment director, will con-

duct a workshop on com-

puter photo applica-

The workshop is free

and open to the public.

Refreshments will be

served. UTPB is located

between Loop 338 and

John Ben Shepperd

Parkway. For more

information, call 915-550-

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Many students are electing community service courses in school.

dads play an active role by taking time to volunteer with their children. In fact, nearly four out of 10 parents surveyed say they participate in community service with their children at least once a month or more.

month or more.

This strong influence has not been lost on their children. Nearly three-quarters of children in the U.S. say their parents are the ones who taught them the importance of caring about others.

#### **Serving America**

Will McEwell Allen, grandson of Rocky and Gina Allen of Big Spring graduated from Navy basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Base Dec. 23, 2003. His job specialty is Seabee/Eo. Allen's further training took place at Ft. Leodardwood, Mo.

"It's encouraging to see parents leading the way in teaching our children the importance of giving back to others in their communities," said Betsy Rogers, the 2003 National Teacher of the Year.

"Showing kids the difference they can make in the world, with even the smallest of gestures is an invaluable life lesson."

According to the survey, parents also can learn a thing or two from their children when it comes to optimism.

More kids, 83 percent, than parents, 68 percent, think the world we live in is a caring place. Children also are more apt to follow the "golden rule," with nearly half saying they do nice things for others because they would want to be treated the same way.

Students write essays and set goals for service within their communities, which might include service to senior citizens and day care centers. Other areas of community service include doctors and nurses, police, and firefighters, orphanages, food banks and homeless shelters.

Many students vote for service to the U.S. Armed Forces and ship food to troops stationed in Iraq.

### ▶ Club news

Big Spring-Howard County-RTA

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Valcee and Bettie Cox will share memories of the trip they made to Russia last summer. Members are reminided to turn in the total of their volunteer hours for 2003 to Community Volunteer, Services Chairman Mike Cowley. For more information, call Jean Warren at 263-3643.

### Music and antique shows

The American Music Series will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday at the Gillespie County Historical Society in Fredricksburg. Admission is

charged.
Window on Texas
Music Festival will be
held throughout the town
from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday; 1
to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.
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Lee has served his home community of Dumas for many years through his leadership in civic and professional organizations. Lee Gibson is committed to keeping our farming and ranching industries viable by fighting for a continuance of their tax exempt status.

As past president and active member of the school board since 1991, Lee gives our children's education top priority. He has the experience necessary to push for school finance reform. He will work to improve teacher salaries, health benefits, and retirement funding so that we can continue to recruit and retain great teachers.

Lee is a small business owner, too! And he understands the hard work and dedication it takes to succeed.

He realizes that more jobs and better jobs come through economic development. His plan for economic development is to create a business friendly atmosphere so that companies are encouraged to call West Texas "HOME." By working to improve the educational system and striving to make our communities safer, he believes this can be achieved.

"I'm Lee Gibson. As a farmer, I'm concerned, aware, and eager to be the voice of the West Texas communities. I believe that we never know how tall we stand until we are called to rise. For a long time I have felt that farmers, ranchers, small business owners, and teachers needed someone to rise up and represent them in Austin. If you believe that we need a voice for the working men and women in West Texas, please vote for me, Lee Gibson in the January 20th Texas State Senate race, Thank you!"

Make your voice heard - Vote for Lee Gibson Jan. 20th

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# Big Benz

### New SL600 roadster packs V-12 power, lots of luxury

ON THE ROAD

tion has taken place at and an electronically least 50 times (and I'm limited top speed of 155 being conservative) dur- mph? I'm pretty sure

one-week test drive the Mercedes-Benz SL600, which is for new 2004 the model year.

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"Woah! Way cool car. that the new SL600?" ME: "Yes it is."

"That's the one that

has the twin-turbo V-12 that puts out 493 horsepower and 590 footof torque, pounds right?'

ME: "You are correct." "Isn't the 0-60 mph time on that baby some-

The following conversa- thing like 4.5 seconds that's what

> . E M "That's what Mercedes says, honestly, haven't found the need to test that claim. I

I heard."

can tell you the that BY NEAL WHITE **SL600** is

quick and extremely responsive."

"And doesn't it have the retractable hardtop that converts from coupe to roadster in 16 seconds at the push of a button?"

ME: "That I did test, and you would be surprised how easy and quick it is to switch from



The 2004 Mercedes Benz SL600.

job?"

hardtop coupe to open top roadster while using just one finger. And I also had a chance to try out the trunk space - in a twoseater, there's no place else to put stuff. With the top down, there's still 7.3 cubic feet of trunk room. With the top up, you've got more than 10 cubic feet of cargo space."

"And I know I heard it has all those high-tech features like Distronic adaptive cruise control automatically

adjusts the car's speed to the vehicle in front, and DVD satellite navigation, automatic climate control and all kinds of super duty safety features?"

ME: "That's just the tip of the iceberg.'

"And doesn't it cost something like \$120,000 or \$130,000?" ME: "It's somewhere in

that ballpark. (Actual pricing hasn't been announced yet).' "Is it fun to drive?"

ME: "Oh yeah!" "How can I get your

ME: Responses varied. During more than a decade of being a working member of the automotive press, I have rarely driven a test vehicle that has generated this much attention. I don't think I

vehicle that so many peo-

ple knew so much about,

but had never seen one in

SL600 is an incredible driving machine. Although I think Mercedes could have done a better job with the cupholders.

Neal White has been covering the automotive industry for more than 10 years and is affiliated with the Texas Auto have ever driven a test Writers Association and the Midwest Automotive Media Association. Comments may be sent to Neal at neal white a waxa-The new Mercedes-Benz hachiedailylight.com.

#### THE NUTS AND BOLTS



MODEL: 2004 Mercedes-Benz SL600 Coupe/Roadster Rear-wheel drive

2-passenger seating \$ N/A

5.5-L V-12 (493 hp/590

TRANSMISSION: 5-speed adaptive automatic with TipShift EPA: N/A

BRAKES: Electronic, power assisted, 4-channel ABS with brake assist and electronic brake proportion-

STEERING: Speed-sensitive rack-and-pinion with hydraulic power assist

downfall.

Jeffrey Skilling.

Rental Rates

Space and design of homes Location of apartment complex SUSPENSION: Independent front and rear

with active electrohydraulic and load-dependent spring rates, gas-charged shocks, coil springs and level control. LENGTH: 178.5 inches

WHEELBASE .: 100.8 inches WEIGHT .: 4,429 pounds WIDTH.: 72 inches **HEIGHT.:** 51 inches TIRES.: 15-inch (16-inch LT) FUEL TANK: 16.6 gallons CARGO CAP .: 15.4 cubic

COMPETITORS: Toyota Camry, Honda Accord, Dodge Stratus, Mazda 6, Hyundai

d BMW's full maintenance

SAFETY: Two-stage front airbags, height-adjustable safety belts, rollover protection system, front seat side airbags, battery safety terminal, central locking.

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Fastow, wife plead guilty

HOUSTON (AP) - Andrew Fastow, whose off-the-

books deals set Enron Corp. on a collision course for

failure, pleaded guilty along with his wife in a deal

that could lead prosecutors to the top of the scandal-

because whatever Andrew Fastow knows about what

went on on the 50th floor, the Enron Task Force will

now know as well," said Leslie Caldwell, head of the

Justice Department unit investigating the company's

The former finance chief entered his plea

Wednesday in federal court in Houston and agreed to

a 10-year sentence. He will help prosecutors pursue

possible cases against the executives who once occu-

pied the most opulent offices on the company's top

floor: former chairman Kenneth Lay and former CEO

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### Kel's 40 Point Plan For Howard County

To Enhance & Protect Our Quality of Life & Natural Resources

#### **RESPONSIVENESS TO CITIZEN NEEDS**

Use volunteers to staff constituent offices in all 26 counties across Texas Senate District 31

Hold annual town hall meetings in all counties and appoint regional citizen advisory committees

Have all citizen phone calls returned in 24 hours

#### PROTECTING OUR LOCAL LAND & WATER Support/protect private property owner rights

Support groundwater conservation districts & regional water planning

Support protecting our children & grandchildren from unreasonable siphoning off of local water

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and oppose unfunded state/federal mandates Support teacher pay raise to national average and state funded teacher health insurance plan

Oppose mandatory vouchers without local ISD
Board approval; Support pilot voucher program
Oppose state regulation of home schooling
Support high tech & ag vocational school programs

Strongly support funding for Midland College, Odessa College, Amarillo College, UTPB, Howard College, West Texas A&M Univ., Frank Phillips College, and Texas Tech Medical Center

#### STIFFER PENALTIES FOR CRIME & DRUGS

Favor Texas death penalty for capital crimes Increase state and federal patrols along

Texas-Mexico border to stop drug smuggling Mandatory life in prison for drug smugglers

#16 Use "civil commitment" to keep sex offenders & child molesters in prison

Mandatory jail time for kids who attack teachers #18 Regularly ride with local law enforcement officers

#### LOWER TAXES, FAIR APPRAISALS

#19 Oppose Robin Hood property taxation

#20 Strongly oppose a state income tax

#21 Require voter approval of new school finance plan #22 Cut in half homeowner appraisal tax increases

JOBS, ENERGY, AGRICULTURE & ROADS

Support local economic development districts #24 Oppose abusive & frivolous lawsuits#25 Protect Permian Basin/Panhandle energy industry

by reducing burdensome regulations, changing well bonding rules & supporting new Texas Energy Planning Commission #26 Protect ranch & farm tax exemptions abatements

Support strong funding for West Texas/Panhandle state highways, farm-to-market road system. & our West Texas International Trade Corridor

#28 Improve broadband internet service to rural Texas **STAND UP FOR CONSERVATIVE VALUES** 

#### Support voluntary prayer & Pledge in schools

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#31 Oppose same sex marriages

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#32 Support Texas HMO reforms/patient protections Support Amarillo & Big Spring's VA Medical Centers

#34 Proper funding for nursing home care/senior centers #35 Make sure electric and phone deregulation

lowers consumer costs through fair competition Work with Tx Dept. of Insurance to expand options for lower cost homeowner & auto insurance

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### IN BRIEF

#### Lady Steers. Steers return to play Friday

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers and Steers will return to action Friday.

The Lady Steers, 5-14 and 0-2, will make their second road appearance in District 4-4A by traveling to Wolfforth to meet the Frenship Lady Tigers at 6 p.m.

The BSHS boys will open their District 4-4A slate tonight against Frenship. The boys' game will follow the girls' varsity bout.

#### Hawks, Lady Hawks to face Clarendon

The Howard College men's and women's basketball teams will open their home WJCAC schedules tonight by hosting Clarendon in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The HC men, 10-4 and 0-1, will face Clarendon at 8 p.m. The HC women, 9-9 and 1-0, will begin at 6 p.m.

#### YMCA swim team spots available

The Big Spring Family YMCA swim team has positions open.

To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, athletes must be at least six years of age and able to swim two lengths of the pool with proper rotary breathing. Swimmers are responsible for annual USS registration, all entry fees and equipment and all transportation and meals at meets.

For more information call Dolline Budke at 264-8252 or 263-4505.

#### Ten Star seeking all-star applications

**Applications** being accepted for the Ten Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible. For more information

call (704) 373-0873.

#### **BSHS** swimmers face 4-4A meet on Jan. 23

Big Spring High School swim team will try and nail down the District 4-4A swimming title on Jan. 23 when it travels to Ft. Stockton.

#### WJHS hoops tourney gets started today

Westbrook The Junior High School **Basketball Tournament** will begin this afternoon. The Wildcats will face Highland in the first round.

#### Spurs activate Manu Ginobili from IR

SAN ANTONIO (AP) The San Antonio Spurs on Wednesday activated guard Manu Ginobili, who had missed five games with a lower back sprain.

Ginobili, a secondyear player from Argentina, is averaging 13.5 points, rebounds and assists per game.

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Jan. 17 

# Hoch overcomes 'bug' to lead Lady Kats to win

By TOMMY WELL'S

Sports Editor

When Jessica Hoch woke up Tuesday morning, she only had one thing on her mind - survival. By Tuesday night, the Wink Lady Wildcats were wishing the same.

Despite feeling ill the night before, the Garden City senior persevered. She struggled out of bed Tuesday morning and attended school while managing to stomach only a little Pedialyte.

By lunch, however, life began

though a season's supply of Pedialyte will probably be on the next GCHS request list.

Hoch scored a season-high 28 points - 12 via four three-pointers — and powered the Garden City Lady Kats to a decisive 68-36 victory over Wink in the District 7-A opener for both squads.

"Jessica was sick Monday night and half the day Tuesday," said her mother Melissa Hoch. "She drank Pedialyte all day and then went and played.

shooting," she laughed.

Hoch's shooting was also good for the Lady Kats. Garden City improved to 17-3 for the year and, more importantly, head into Friday's showdown with Rankin sporting a 1-0 record in District

Garden City, which had four players score into double figures, controlled the action in the first eight minutes. The Lady Kats outscored Wink by a 20-13 clip in utes of the contest. the period and took a slim 7-

to return to normal - even We've decided it was good for point cushion into the second.

Wink managed to stay close in the second quarter. Garden City outpointed the Lady Wildcats by a slim 15-13 margin and held a nine-point lead, at 35-26, at the break.

The Lady Kat defense - following a pep talk from head coach Brent Kirkland at the half dominated the third and fourth quarters, allowing Wink a mere nine points in the final 16 min-

See KATS, Page 2B

# Lady Hawks look to add to fast start

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks can take another step toward redemption tonight when they take to the floor of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. One win is all that stands in the Lady Hawks' way of making last season's woes nothing more than ink on paper.

Howard College can match last season's win total and, more importantly, double its mark for victories in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action by dishing out a bit of sweet revenge against the Clarendon College Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Hawks, 9-10 overall and 1-0 in conference, are schedule to begin play at 6 p.m.

The matchup will mark the second time this season the Lady Hawks will have faced Clarendon. The Lady Bulldogs claimed a stunning 72-56 win over Howard in the final game of the 2003 Western Junior College Athletic Conference Pre-

Season Tournament. This time around, however, Clarendon isn't facing a slumping HC squad. The Lady Hawks head into tonight's showdown as the WJCAC's thirdbest offensive squad, averaging just under 70 points a night. Clarendon, which heads into the game sporting a 7-12 and 0-1 mark, is averaging 63.

The Lady Bulldogs do have a top-notch weapon



**Howard College** 6 p.m. today at Dorothy Garrett Collseum.

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to rely on. Clarendon is led into the game by sophomore Stephanie Russell, who has averaged 17.2 points per game and knocked down a conference-best 62 three-point shots.

Lady Hawks fans probably remember Russell for her antics in the two team's last meeting in November when she sank nine three-pointers.

Camille Thompson gives the Lady Bulldogs their biggest presence inside, averaging 4.9 rebounds a night. Guard Chello McElrath is the team's top assist player, dishing out 3.7 a night.

Howard College is led into the contest by a series of standouts, including sophomores Kristen Valentine and See WJCAC, Page 2B

#### Mavs' owner: Nellie's job is not on the line

DALLAS (AP) - Don Nelson isn't going anywhere.

Despite growing speculation that his role as coach and general manager of the Dallas Mavericks could be in jeopardy because of the team's sluggish play this season, team owner Mark Cuban insisted afternoon Wednesday that he's not making any changes.

He even told that to Nelson in an impromptu half-hour meeting about 90 minutes before the Mavs played Philadelphia 76ers.

"He told me he's not firing me," Nelson said.

Cuban said he didn't give Nelson a vote of confidence "because that's the kiss of death." He added that their pregame chat "was so he'd know how to respond to questions more than anything



Miranda Hester and the Coahoma Bulldogettes will try and collect their first win of

District 3-2A play Friday night when they host the Forsan Lady Buffs. The two Howard

County rivals will square off at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Junior High School gym.

The Big Spring Lady Steers will gun for their first District 4-4A victory Friday against the Frenship Lady Tigers. Big Spring is 0-2 in loop play.

# Forsan JV tourney gets started today

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

FORSAN - No less than 14 teams from area high schools will converge on Forsan beginning today to take part in the annual Forsan Junior Varsity Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The three-day event gets started this afternoon Coahoma when the Bulldogettes face off against the Forsan B team beginning at 4 p.m. The other Forsan representative, the Lady Buffs' JV team, takes on the Water Valley Lady Wildcats at 6:40 p.m.

The Garden City Lady Kats and Sterling City Lady Eagles will begin action Saturday morning as they face the winners of the two first-round contests. Both of those games are slated for an 11:40 a.m. start.

On the boys' side of the bracket, seven teams will vie for the 2004 tournament championship including two teams from host Forsan.

The action gets started as the Forsan B team meets the Garden City Bearkats. The Coahoma Bulldogs face the task of trying to lasso the Sands Mustangs in the other first-round matchup, beginning at 5:20 p.m. Thursday evening.

Rounding out the first day's action will be the Borden County Coyotes, who are scheduled to battle the Sterling City Eagles in the old gym.

The Forsan IV team will close out 'ne action as they face W ter Valley at 8 p.m. in the new gym. Action will continue Saturday morning with consolation bracket games beginning at 10:20 a.m.

# Eighth grade Lady Steers storm past Merkel, Seminole

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Clarissa Carrisalez and the Big Spring Junior High School Lady Steers' eighth grade B team took a page from Britney Spears' life this past weekend. Ooops! They did it again.

Carrisalez scored 11 points and Meredith Morgan pulled down six rebounds and helped the Lady Steers extend their win streak to two games with a lop-sided 35-15 victory over the Seminole Maidens. Big Spring's first win of the new year came a week earlier in a 28-16 rout of Merkel.

Carrisalez and the Lady dominated Seminole offensively. Big Spring had six scorers etch their names into the score book. Joining Carrisalez in the scoringfest were Morgan and Randye Phillips with six Jeter, suffered a 24-22 loss

and four points, respect to Seminole Tuesday. tively. Emily Slape, Aguilar and Mistie Amber Simer all pitched in two.

Carrisalez and Phillips also played well defensively, collecting six and five boards, respectively.

Last Tuesday, Hali Torres spearheaded Big Spring's road win over Merkel. She scored a game-high 10 points in the Lady Steers' 28-16 win.

Morgan added to Big Spring's effort with eight. Carrisalez and Amber Simer contributed six and four, respectively.

Against Merkel, Morgan yanked down eight boards while Torres and Carrisalez netted six apiece.

The BSJHS eighth grade A team didn't fair as well in their two outings. Big Spring, despite seven points from Danielle

Chesworth Jordan

chalked up four points in the game while Lauren Sage added three. Desiree Yanez, Lauren Bryant, Maddy Hopkins and Amanda Caskey all added

Hopkins and Jeter led all BSJHS rebounders with seven and six, respectively.

Merkel opened the Lady Steers' troubles on Friday with a 32-17 win in Merkel. In the loss, Jeter led all

Lady Steers in scoring with eight. Sage, Bryant, Jeter and Callie Partee led Big Spring's rebounding effort.

The seventh grade A and B teams also suffered tough losses to Merkel and Seminole.

Against Merkel, the BSJHS seventh grade A team fell by a 22-12 margin despite seven points from Shelby Stewart.

They took a 27-15 loss on Monday to Seminole. In that game. Stewart led all Big Spring scorers with three points. Also playing well were Ariel Johnson, Whitney Worthan, Porscha White, Casey Carroll, Dominique Green and Andrea Claxton.

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Merkel dealt the Big Spring seventh grade A team a 28-24 loss.

Mirella Torres had a great game for the Lady Steers, finishing with 14 points. Crystal Torres chipped in six.

The B team endured a 31-16 defeat on Monday to Seminole. Torres, again, led Big Spring offensively, netting 10 points, Honee Moore scored six.

The Lady Steers' next game will be at home on Jan 19 when they host the Snyder Lady Tigers in the gymnasium. **BSJHS** Games will begin with both B teams at 5 p.m.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wel Garden City's Amanda Henson drives past a defender during recent Lady Kats' action. Henson scored 10 points and helped Garden City dump Wink in their district opener.

#### JV Steers improve to 8-7 with win over Mustangs the second. He nailed Piercefield and cruised to Parks added three and

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Kyle Piercefield scored 20 points and Brandon Boling added 19 more Tuesday night spurred the Big Spring Steers junior varsity to a 59-44 victory over the Sweetwater Mustangs in their non-district finale.

With the win, Big Spring climbed past the .500 plateau for the year, improving to 8-7.

Piercefield helped the Steers get off to a strong start in the first quarter. **BSHS** standout pushed in three shots from the field in the frame and keyed a 15-12 first-period run.

Boling took control in

down two shots from the floor and then, for good measure, tossed in a three-pointer and a free throw to spearhead a 13-6 spree that sent the Steers into the half holding a 28-18 cushion.

Sweetwater, which sank four three-point shots in the second half, cut Big Spring's lead to seven, at 40-33, in the third despite six more points from Piercefield.

The Steers closed out the win with a solid run in the final eight minutes. Big Spring collected fourth-quarter points Boling, Justin Thaddeus Green, McCallister, Kalan Whitehead and

a 16-8 spree.

Whitehead finished the game as the Steers' thirdleading scorer by netting eight points. Justin Green added seven, while McCallister and Wes

two, respectively.

Big Spring will return to action Friday night against the Frenship Tigers. The team will begin play at 6 p.m. in Wolfforth.

### Stars lower some tickets prices

Dallas Stars are drastical- certainty." ly reducing the cost of more than 2,000 season tickets and lowering the price of other seats, partly due to anticipated changes in the NHL's economic structure.

bargaining agreement reduce the burden esca-

DALLAS (AP) - The tem that guarantees "cost

. With the sides far apart, and no negotiations currently scheduled, next season is already considered to be in jeopardy.

"We are taking these steps now to fulfill our The league's collective pledge to our fans to with its players expires lating payrolls have put before next season, and on ticket prices," said

#### **KATS**

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Led by Hoch and Leslie Jansa, Garden City expanded its lead to a commanding 20-point margin in the third quarter by reeling off an 18-7

Jansa, who sank nine of 10 opportunities from the free throw line in the game, finished the con-

test with 13 points.

Megan Niehues and Amanda Henson helped the GCHS girls close out the win in the final frame. Both turned in key plays in the Lady Kats' 15-3 fourth-quarter spree.

Niehues and Henson collected 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Anna Flores contributed three points to the win, while Krystal Sullivan and Lauren

#### **WJCAC**

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Desiree Bostice. Valentine led HC to a conference-opening win over Frank Phillips on Monday by scoring a season-high 22 points.

For the year, the Cloud Community County College transfer is averaging 10.6 points, 5.3 rebounds and is second in the conference in blocked shots.

Bostice, one of only three holdovers from last year's team, Tidwell and Alison Lopez also have scored into double figures for the year. Like Clarendon,

Howard College has a three-point sharp-shooter as well. Tidwell is second among WJCAC players in treys made this year with

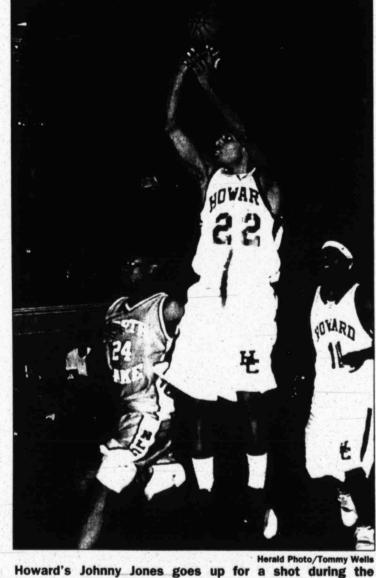
Defensively, the Hawks look to have a big advantage on the Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Hawks have three players averaging more rebounds than Thompson.

Erin Lohafer Bostice have averaged 7.9 and 6.6 rebounds a game this fall.

Unlike the Lady Hawks, the Howard College men will find themselves looking to escape the WJCAC men's cellar when they take to the court. The Hawks, 9-4 overall, suffered a tough loss to Frank Phillips last week marking just the third conference loss by the team in the past two years.

The HC men are expected to begin play at approximately 8 p.m.

Clarendon, 8-10 and 1-0, is led into the game by guard Alex Robles, who has scored 13.5 points a this season, Stanley Titsworth and



Hawks' recent win over North Lake College. Howard College heads into tonight's game with a 9-4 record.

and Lewis have tallied more than 10 points a game thus far.

Robles is the team's top threat from the outside, having hit on 37 attempts from behind the arc. from behind the threepoint arc.

Sophomore Marshall Winfrey keys the CC defense from his forward spot. He leads the team in rebounds with 68.

the three-pronged attack averaged 87.2 points a of Steve Goff, Johnny Jones and Finlay Brashears, Goff, who has hit a conference-best 43

Adrian Lewis. Titsworth games, is averaging 16.5 points a game. Brashears ranks among

the nation's top shooters from three-point range. He is hitting 60 percent

Clarendon College has struggled offensively this season. The Bulldogs have been outscored by a 868-841 margin this year. The Hawks, who have been a solid second-half The Hawks are led by team all season, have game.

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**Adjus** By DAVID POOR

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2004 NEXTEL CUP PREVIEW: FORD TEAMS

# A change for the better

### Adjustments to the Taurus boost the hopes of Ford teams

BY DAVID POOLE Knight Ridder Newspapers

att Kenseth is trying not to take it "At first, when they started talking about changing the points system I maybe took it as a little bit of an insult," said Kenseth, the 2003 champion of NASCAR's top series. "But actually the more I thought about it, I think it's more of a compliment than anything. It's a system that's been in place for 30-some years and we did such a great job last year that they want to change it, so I think that's a compliment.'

Kenseth can afford to take a silver-lining view of impending changes to the points system for what will be Nextel Cup racing in 2004. Despite the fact he won only one race in 2003, at Las Vegas, he used withering consistency in the first two dozen races to build an insurmountable lead.

But in winning car owner Jack Roush his first Cup title, Kenseth only put gold plating on a season that, for Ford teams overall, was really a lot more like pig iron.

Kurt Busch, Kenseth's Roush Racing teammate, managed to win four times. Greg Biffle and Dale Jarrett each won once, but after Fords won five of the season's first 10 races only Biffle, at Daytona in July, and Busch, at Bristol, Tenn., in August, found their way back to

Victory Lane. Mark Martin and Jeff Burton, meanwhile, failed to get victories for Roush.

After Jarrett won the second race at Rockingham, his team's season sank so badly it seemed to take teammate Elliott

Sadler's team with it. All is not doom and gloom in the Ford camp, however.

Jarrett's No. 88 ran fast enough in its test at Daytona last week to at least put it back in the competitive ballpark - at a place where Robert Yates Racing strives always to run well. Yates and Roush are also sharing engine technology that, in a perfect world, would harness the best qualities of both programs.

Ford teams will be working with a new cylinder head, too, and also have a new shape to the noses

and tails of their cars.

"It's not really a



Dale Jarrett's 2003 season gave him little reason to smile as he finished 26th in the standings.

Taurus shape with some improvements in the front and the back. Those improvements will have a slight effect on the performance, but they're not going to turn the world upside down. The cylinder head is going to have a slight performance enhancement, but it won't turn the world upside down.

"We as a team are the ones who have to turn the world upside down with the sharper tools that we're given. The real challenge is us. It's not the tools that we're getting that's going to make us run, it's what we do with them."

Martin's victory drought dates to May 2002 and has run to 60 races. Burton's situation is even more dire. He hasn't won a Cup race since late 2001 at Phoenix, 75 races ago, and his team opens 2004 without a primary sponsor for the No. 99 car.

Burton took a long look at jumping to Chevrolets with Richard Childress Racing this year, but his loyalty to Roush and to the work he's put in building the No. 99 team won out in the end.

Jarrett's win at Rockingham was his only

top-five finish last year, and he had fewer

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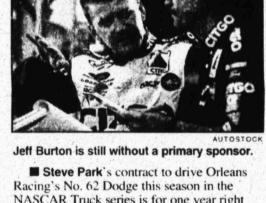
Jarrett's crew chief in April. Eventually, Shawn Parker moved over from Sadler's team to take over as Jarrett's crew chief, then Parrott returned to take over Sadler's

Parker, whose wife was killed in a tragic car crash in September, left the Yates team and has been replaced by Mike Ford, who was Bill Elliott's crew chief a year ago. There have also been various personnel changes at Robert Yates Racing as the team tries to right a ship that, frankly, ran aground in 2003.

Ricky Rudd got off that ship before things went awry, moving to the No. 21 Fords for 2003. He's back with a Wood Bros.' team that has moved from its ancestral home in Stuart, Va., to a shop in Mooresville, N.C., in an effort to make its affiliation with Roush Racing work more smoothly.

The offseason, meanwhile, has not brought much good news to the Bodine brothers, Todd and Brett. Todd's team, owned by Travis Carter, lost its sponsorship to Biffle's team and its prospects for being on the track at Daytona and beyond look grim. The same holds true for

Brett, who put the team he owns into dormancy last year and has not yet landed a sponsor to allow him to bring it out.



NASCAR Truck series is for one year right now, but Park isn't concerned.

"One thing that I've learned is that in the Truck series, it's not as big, 'corporate America as maybe the Nextel Cup Series," Park said. "So, from a formality standpoint we've got a four-page contract that really is small in compari-

"I told (Michael) Gaughan (team owner) when we talked that he's a guy that if he shook my hand and we made a deal, that'd be good enough for me. If it's one year or if it's 10 years, whatever his commitment is to me and my com-

mitment is to him, we can just shake on it and go ahead and win races.' The team is expected to unveil its new

sponsor within the next couple weeks, which should bring additional stability to the organization, which is based in Las Vegas. "You always look to the future, but the

main thing now is that it's not a step back. I hate for people to look at that," said Park, who has driven in the Cup series since 1998.

"This is a step forward to me. I'm just used to running good and winning races. I really just want to get back to that.'

Mike Skinner, who won a pole in the Cup series last season, hopes to compete in the Feb. 7 Budweiser Shootout at Daytona in the MBV Motorsports' No. 10 Chevrolet.

"They don't have the manpower or the cars to run in the (Daytona) 500. It's a shame," Skinner said. "It's my home track and I'd really like to do the 500."

- Jim Utter

#### quickly, culminating new car because it's with the dismissal Crew chief Robbie Reiser not a car that was and driver Matt Kenseth of team manager developed with a will defend their points title Todd Parrott and clean sheet of paper," his brother, in 2004. Martin said. "It's Brad, as JEFF SINER/KRT still the basic

## New '26-10' playoff plan a tough sell for fans and drivers alike

would be surprised at how violently a large majority of NASCAR fans object to the idea of a 10-race playoff had I not had the same initial reac-

The first time I realized NASCAR was seriously considering the concept, which vice president for communications Jim Hunter said last week will be part of the sport's structure this season, it was in a conversation with an official very high up in the sanctioning body's food chain.

"That," I am pretty sure I told him, "is the dumbest idea I've ever heard."

My position on the concept, which will doubtlessly be called the 26-10 plan since 26 races will lead up to the 10-race championship battle, has moderated considerably. That's because long before Hunter said what he did, I was convinced NASCAR was going to give some form of the concept a try.

There hasn't been nearly as much moderation in the fans' hatred of the concept, it seems. Message boards in the past few days have been lit up with people swearing they're done with stock-car racing if the 26-10 plan, in any form, becomes a reality

What's interesting, though, is how many drivers at Daytona testing came out opposed to the plan. It will be even more interesting to see how long that lasts. NASCAR

it has a selling job to do. When the UAW-GM Motorsports Media Tour goes to NASCAR's research and development center in Concord, N.C., there won't be many people skipping that stop.

can be very persuasive, and

That's when it's likely the details of the playoff structure will emerge.

Hunter revealed some details when he visited the Daytona media center last Thursday.

First, he said the 26-10 plan will provide for any driver within a certain number of points of the leader after 26 races to remain eligible to win the title. The range he gave was 300 to 600 points, and since 500 is a sum synonymous

with auto racing, it seems like that's as good a number

Nobody who's more than 500 points out of the championship race with 10 races to go was ever going to win the title under the old system. Mathematically is that possible? Yes. But realistically it just wasn't about to happen.

It makes sense NASCAR would allow the top 10 dri-

vers after 26 races plus anybody within 500 points of the lead to stay in the title chase. You can't make 500 points the only cutoff - you need to have more than three or four drivers in the hunt

with 10 races to go to get the benefits of a system like this. It's sort of like the 10shot rule used in golf's major championships — a certain number of players make the cut, but anybody within 10 shots of the leader also gets to play on the weekend.

Hunter also said the guys who qualify to race for the title in the final 10 races will not start at zero for that championship run. That's a good idea because it makes being first after 26 races mean something. The tough thing for NASCAR to do will be to determine how much that advantage should be, though. If the whole point is to increase the likelihood of a close title chase, then the gradations between first and second, second and third and so on can't be too

It is entirely possible the 2004 season could play itself out in a way that makes the 26-10 plan look horrible. A driver with a top-flight team gets hurt early in the year, for example, missing several

races and ending his shot at being close enough after 26 races to make the playoff. Then, he gets hot and wins six of the final 10 races but can't win the title. The truth is, though, that under the system used since 1975 he wouldn't win the championship either. So what has changed?

I've changed my mind once already on this idea and I reserve that right again. I believe NASCAR officials have thought this concept through pretty well, but something unexpected could jump up and bite them. If that happens, the true test will be how they react.

For now, though, they've decided to be proactive and make a sweeping change. Yes, it's primarily because they want a good points race to help the sport compete on television with football and baseball in the fall. That's the real world, folks. NASCAR is big time now, and it's swimming in the deep end of the pro sports economic pool. And just treading water is not an option.

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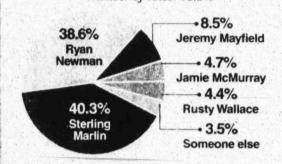
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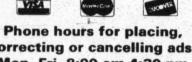
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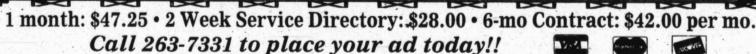
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

awareness on many levels. Mercury and Venus agree to make this the luckiest day of the week, bringing the love we want and the means to getting it right in line. The truth is, we can't attract love with money,

power or physical beauty. We have to make our hearts open to it and able to accept it when comes along.

ARIES Joyce Jillson (March 21-19).

April Interesting new people are featured. Take it as a cue to show off and let your hair down. It's your chance to be seen in a way you've never been seen before. Tonight, beware of a jealous fire sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Show up strong - don't plunk yourself in a corner and quietly observe. Life can be a party - yes, even your work life, if you make it that way. Someone is trying to sell you something complicated that you don't need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Mom always used to say, "Think before you speak," and today, you'll remember why that was such a persistent message of hers. Could be that you're back-pedaling your way out of some silly thing that sprang from your

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Why is it such a challenge to say what you mean and mean what you say? Because you're a caring person who doesn't want anyone around you to have even a moment's discomfort. Do business with

Aquarius and Gemini. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Energizing forces come in the form of a threat to your position. Adversity introduces you to your fighting spirit. Running on adrenaline is seriously underrated. Tonight, instead of watching TV, meditate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll get opinions from the peanut gallery about where you should take your project next. Don't let your mind wander from the bottom line. Succeeding in business is simple. Model the beliefs and

behaviors of the best. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're quite a star: tough, no-nonsense and ready to seize the attention of your wiling audience at your whim. Your dating strategy

is much less assertive than

your business mode of opera tion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 Dec. 21). It's time to decide between two different roads. You may consider the monetary aspects strongly, but the other factors are even more important. Many of you will be in a receptive mode and benefit from being the stu-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Interesting questions spark your curiosity - one of your sexiest qualities. After all, you flatter people by wanting to know more about them. At work, you can hold others' interest by never letting them be sure of your next move.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're in a mood to think independently, not to buy into the great lies that are propagated by the media and society. Chuck those beliefs that are designed to keep you in your place. Don't make impulsive financial decisions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Ideas, when they first occur, aren't finished products but fragile entities that need love and devotion in order to grow. Current obligations might get in the way of this. Prepare yourself to have a potentially difficult talk this afternoon

HIGHLIGHTING SEXIEST, MOST FABU-LOUS ASPECTS OF YOUR SIGN: CANCER: It's impossible to feel sexy when you're concerned about what other people are seeing. Call in the professionals to fill in the gaps where your friends just aren't qualified to help. Cutting-edge beauty treatments suit you, allowing you to relax and concentrate on other people instead of obsessing about how you look. LEO: You'll rise to whatever standard of fabulousness is in your line of vision. That's why you can't settle for being influenced by what the average person wears. Get those high-fashion magazines — the ones from overseas - and spice your own look up with your version of those hopelessly expensive and totally glamorous looks. VIRGO: Classics always suit you, but sometimes, you can get away with adding a little artificial help here and there to make a totally natural look. Like who is going to know those are hair extensions? Also, you'll be feeling much more vital when you're in the right job. This may be your year-long quest, but don't give up until you find something you really love.

### Annie's Mailbox •

Dear Annie: Many of the women at my office were on edge when we read the letter from "Miserable in Boston," whose husband refused to help around the house or with the children. That column was the topic of the day.

I lived with a man who did absolutely nothing for 13 years. After we divorced, he insisted he'd learned what I needed and asked for a second chance to rekindle our marriage. For six months things were great, but now, I am once again dealing with the "lazy husband." We both have full-time jobs, and on many occasions, I come home from work to find everyone waiting for me to cook and clean up.

Why are women expected to do everything? Come on, Annie, can't you give us a little more help than that? The women in the office are Anxiously Awaiting

Dear Anxious: Sorry if we let you down. We'll try again. A lot of men assume the women in their lives will do everything, and surprisingly, many women accommodate them, willingly or not. You have to tell your husband what you want and not expect him to read your mind. Some wives resent this. They think Hubby should know what needs to be done and do it without being asked. This is unrealistic and impractical, and builds resentment. Here are other useful ideas:

Dear Annie: As a retired professional counselor, I'd like to reply to "Miserable." She may not understand that men communicate differently from women, and some women are real sticklers for how they want things done (compulsive is a term that comes to mind). It might be that "Miserable" has inadvertently trained her hus-



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

band to leave the housework alone.

A good approach might be for her to ask lovingly if he would perform a specific chore. Say, "Sweetheart, I really could use a hand getting the kids ready for bed. Would you bathe them tonight, please?" Granted, her husband should not have to be reminded, but a reminder can be turned into sweet talk, and most men respond better to that. -Male Counselor in Louisiana

Dear Annie: My husband was the only son of an adoring mother, raised during the days of stay-at-home moms. After years of nagging, I decided to take action. I work until 7 p.m., so I told him dinner was his responsibility. The next night, when he asked what was for dinner, I said, "I'm having oatmeal. You may have whatever you like." It was the beginning of a new partnership. I no longer feel out of control, I don't nag, and I can give my husband affection without resentment. - Love My Life Now

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers col-

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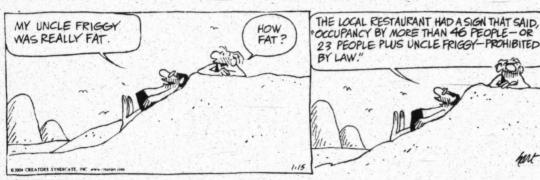
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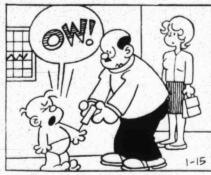
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### This Date In History

#### By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 2004. There are 351 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 15, 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta.

On this date:

In 1559, England's Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1844, the University of Notre Dame received its charter from the state of Indiana.

In 1870, the Democratic party was represented as a donkey for the first time in a cartoon by Thomas Nast in Harper's Weekly.

In 1942, Jawaharlal Nehru succeeded Mohandas K. Gandhi as head of India's National Congress Party.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, now the headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense.

In 1967, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League in the first Super Bowl, 35-10.

In 1973, President Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

In 1974, the situation comedy "Happy Days" premiered on ABC television.

In 1976, Sara Jane Moore was sentenced to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Ford in San Francisco.

In 1992, the Yugoslav federation, founded in 1918, effectively collapsed as the European Community recognized the republics of Croatia and Slovenia.

Ten years ago: President Clinton paid solemn tribute to victims of Stalinist purges and German occupation during a six-hour stop

in the former Soviet republic of Belarus before continuing on to Geneva. Singersongwriter Harry Nilsson died in Agoura Hills, Calif., at age 52.

Five years ago: House prosecutors prodded senators at President Clinton's impeachment trial to summon Monica Lewinsky, Vernon Jordan and others for testimony and "invite the president" to appear as well.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Margaret O'Brien is 67. Singer Don Van Vliet (aka "Captain Beefheart") is 63. Actress Andrea Martin is 57. Rock singer Martha Davis is 53.

#### Newsday Crossword BEASTLY BEGINNINGS by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman

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