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Tonight:



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THIS EVENING**

Light of Hope:
The Light of Hope Candle Light Vigil honoring child and adult victims of abuse will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring. The free event is sponsored by Victim Services and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of West Texas.

Moving Wall
Closing ceremonies for the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial, 2800 Swords Ave., off FM 700. The Wall will stay up through noon Friday.

BRIEFLY
Benefit to assist CJHS cheerleaders
A barbecue dinner and auction will be held in the Coahoma Junior High School Gym beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Tickets for the meal are \$5 each and include a chopped sandwich, potato salad, beans, dessert and a drink. To-go plates will be available. Orders will be filled until 9 p.m. The auction will begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the junior high cheerleaders.

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Moore directors discuss, handle incentive loans

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**, Staff Writer
An incentive loan to a local business wanting to expand, payment or promise of loan payments from two other industries, plus discussion of guidelines for incentives, were the bulk of agenda items handled by Moore Development for Big Spring directors Wednesday. Directors approved a \$38,400 incentive loan to Rick's Automatic Transmissions to aid in expansion of a torque converter business. Owner Rick Morrow began remanufacturing torque converters about two years ago when he was dissatisfied with the quality of the remanufactured converters he was ordering. He said now the business is "really taking off." He plans to separate Rick's Automatic Transmission with a new business he will call Texas Torque



CHURCHWELL

Converters. "With this, he feels like he is going to be able to attract even more out-of-town and out-of-county business," said Ben Bancroft, Moore Development director and chairman of the board's Business Retention and Expansion Committee, which recommended the loan. The loan will be interest free over a five-year period. The business can pay off some or the entire loan through an incentive plan, which credits \$1 for every

\$10 of new payroll, created, Bancroft explained. The firm will have a 90-day grace period in which to acquire and install the new equipment. Moore Development Executive Director Kent Sharp updated the board on two companies that had had outstanding loans with the development corporation. He said that Freecom Inc. paid its \$30,000 note to become current with its lease.

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GAYLA'S GOING HAWAIIAN



Courtesy photo
Big Spring State Hospital's Denim and Diamonds Gala co-chairman Carol Scott dresses up the pink flamingo goes decorating the front yard of the Community Relations Office. The Denim and Diamonds Gala is incorporating a Hawaiian flair to this year's fund-raiser, which is scheduled for Friday night at the Big Spring Country Club. Tickets are still available and can be obtained by calling (432) 268-7535 or 268-7536.

Man charged in shooting death of wife

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**, Herald News Editor
Timothy Hunnicutt has been arrested and charged with murder in the March 9 slaying of his wife, Catherine.

Members of the Lubbock Police Department arrested the 43-year-old Big Spring man as he was being released from a Covenant health care facility Thursday morning. Detectives with the Big Spring Police Department took Hunnicutt into custody Thursday afternoon and transported him to Big Spring, where he is being held in the Howard County Jail. Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman set Hunnicutt's bond at \$200,000.



HUNNICUTT

According to police, a family friend found Mrs. Hunnicutt's body in the master bedroom of the couple's Indian Ridge residence on the morning of March 9. She had been shot in the back of the head one or more times.

The friend, who police said had come to the residence to do some work, then found Timothy Hunnicutt unconscious on a bathroom floor before calling police. A 20-gauge shotgun was propped up against the wall of the bathroom.

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Salvation Army invites all to 'Rock the Block'

By **Bill McClellan**, Herald News Editor
"Rock the Block," an outdoor praise concert sponsored by the Big Spring Salvation Army, is drawing a lot of interest and excitement as the date for the afternoon-long event nears. "We're excited about it," said Salvation Army Capt. Russ Keeney. "We've heard from a lot of people — including quite a few from out of town — who have said they plan to attend. Right now, we're just hoping for a nice, clear day." The concert is set from noon to 6 p.m.



Capt. Russ Keeney

"This is the Salvation Army's 75th year in Big Spring, and although we didn't plan this around that anniversary, it really works out great."

Saturday on a lot next to the Salvation Army office, which is at 811 West Fifth St. Keeney is looking for an alternate site in the event of inclement weather. Forecasters with the

National Weather Service are calling for a better than 50 percent chance of rain on Saturday.

"We love rain, we just hope it will hold off until that evening or Sunday," Keeney said with a laugh.

Bands lined up to play at "Rock the Block" are The Cornerstone Praise Team, Paid In Full, 4Given and The Violent.

"We're hoping to hear from one or two others that we've spoken with but they haven't gotten back to us yet," Keeney said.

Keeney said the idea to hold the concert

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Coahoma residents are asked to clean up their city Saturday

HERALD Staff Report
Coahoma residents interested in removing junk cars or appliances from their property can get it done without cost Saturday, as the Coahoma Cleanup Committee and the city of Coahoma plan a clean-up day. While the focus is on large items, the clean-up day is for large or small items and the committee encourages everyone to participate by sprucing up the area around them. "We just want our city to look nice," said committee member Warren Wallace. "We sent out letters to everyone a while back and people have already responded. We thank everyone who has responded."

Those who do have large items to pick up should call Wallace at 394-4310 or 270-3507, or city hall at 394-4287.

"We encourage people to put the items in the alley or in the front of the house where we can get to it and we will haul it off," said Wallace. "We'll be going down every street and alley, and if it takes a couple more days to get it done, we'll do that as well." Obviously, trash collectors will need special permission to remove automobiles, and even some other large items.

"We have someone who will haul off cars and trucks, but we'll need to have the owner's consent first," said Wallace. The committee is also asking for volunteers who will help haul off large items on Saturday. If you would like to help, call one of the numbers above.



WALLACE

Coliseum to be filled with arts and crafts this weekend

HERALD Staff Report
It's time again for the Spring City Arts and Crafts Show at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the main arena, foyer and concourse with original art, limited edition prints and hand-crafted items. There is no charge to attend the show, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and noon until 5 p.m. Sunday. "First-time exhibitors will offer items such as leather goods, tole painting, seasonal decorations, jewelry, purses,

book bags, book covers and receiving blankets," said Ron Prather, brother of the show's founder, Mel Prather. "We'll also have clothing, cinnamon roasted nuts, floral art, potpourri, scented rocks, canned vegetables, salsas, children's furniture, original pottery and bath lotions and salts." Also new are fabric crafts, wall hangings, rag dolls, embellished shirts, hand puppets, T-shirts, lotion bars, handmade purses, bedspreads, crystal jewelry, baby quilts, floral swags, ceramics, painted furniture, candles, Southwest artifacts, candy,

What: Spring City Arts and Crafts Show.
Where: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon until 5 p.m. Sunday.
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Obituaries

James C. Dunlap



James C. Dunlap Sr., 82, of Big Spring, died at his home Tuesday, March 30, 2004, following a long illness. Funeral Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with C. L. Lunsford officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born March 21, 1922, at Birthrite. He was the son of Oscar Ray Dunlap Sr. and Lillian Lucille Withrow Dunlap. He married Jewell Elizabeth Wood April 4, 1942, in Big Spring. He was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force, serving from 1942 until 1945. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and Odessa. He had worked in construction as a carpenter and was a life member of Carpenter's Local No. 14. He was one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

He is survived by his wife Jewell Dunlap of Big Spring; three daughters, Mary Lou Gowen of Midland, Carol Jeanne Wright and her husband Bud of Sand Springs, and Jannetta Lynn Penn and her husband Cal of Odessa; four sons, James C. Dunlap Jr. and his wife Barbara of Roswell, N.M., Gary C. Dunlap and his wife Ruth and Ronald E. Dunlap and his wife Cindy, all of Big Spring, and Gerald D. Dunlap and his wife Kenda of Terrell; two sisters, Faye Horton and Raenita Earnest, both of Big Spring; 23 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Sharon Walls, two grandchildren, Elizabeth Ann Dunlap and Mark Allen Dunlap, and two brothers, Foy and Ray Dunlap.

Pallbearers will be Jay Cooper, Jon Cooper, Terry King, Kevin Dunlap, James Dunlap, Allen Dunlap, Adam Dunlap and Paul Dunlap.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jeffery Dunlap, Michael Cox, Timothy Dunlap, John Dunlap, Chad McClintock, Chase McClintock, Braedon Cooper, Landon Cooper, Tyler King, Colton Mitchell, Christopher Baldwin, and Jeremy Green.

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

Paid obituary

Douglas Edward Plagens



Douglas Edward Plagens, 47, of St. Lawrence, died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at Midland Memorial Hospital following a long illness. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. today at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Rev. Bernard Getigan of St. Lawrence, Rev. James Plagens of Big Spring and Rev. Tom Barley of San Angelo officiating. Burial will be at St. Lawrence Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 24, 1956, in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of St. Lawrence. He graduated from Garden City High School. Mr. Plagens farmed all of his life in St. Lawrence and was a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Douglas Edward Plagens married Connie Sheppard April 16, 1983, in St. Lawrence.

He is survived by his wife Connie Plagens of St. Lawrence; two sons, Andrew Edward Plagens and Spencer Judson Plagens, both of St. Lawrence; one daughter, Lauren Elizabeth Plagens of St. Lawrence; parents, Edd and Bernadette Plagens of St. Lawrence; six sisters, Debra Schwartz and her husband Ernie, Denise Batla and her husband Mike, Donna Goodwin and her husband Duke, and Dinette Watkins and her husband Richard, all of St. Lawrence, Darla Brown of Fort Worth, and Deanna Plagens of San Angelo; mother-in-law, Dene Sheppard of Big Spring; two sisters-in-law, Teresa Sheppard of Big Spring, and Cindy Inman and her husband Mark of Midland; one brother-in-law, Scot Sheppard and his wife Julie of Coahoma; 20 nieces and nephews and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers will be Henry Chudej, Wayne Hirt, Scott Halfmann, Roland Halfmann, Sandy Wilson, and Darrell Halfmann.

The family suggests memorial to the American Cancer Society or other favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 10-28-29-33-39. Bonus Ball: 43. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$19 million.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-7-1

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-11-23-28-36. Number matching five of five: 3. Prize per winner: \$13,084. Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Dallas, San Antonio. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Mary E. Leek



Mary E. Leek, 84, of Sherman, formerly of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 2, 2004, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Monroe Teeters officiating.

She was born on Feb. 1, 1920, in Denton County and married Charles N. Leek on April 17, 1943, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Oct. 4, 1995.

She came to Big Spring in 1954 from Rosemark, Tenn., and was a homemaker.

Mary was a charter member of Berea Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Rebekah Lodge, the Big Spring Prospector's Club, the Odessa Prospector's Club, the VFW and the Friendship Club.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Thelma Leek of Sherman; one sister, Mamie Porter of Fort Smith, Ark.; one granddaughter, Mary Ford and husband Robert of Tulsa, Okla.; four great grandchildren, Teresa Duley, Elora Ford, Kenneth Gray and Michael Ford all of Tulsa, Okla.; and numerous nieces & nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be her great grandsons.

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

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

Sam E. Lewis



Sam E. Lewis Sr., 75, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, in a Stanton nursing home. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 2, 2004, in the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with Terry Johnson, chaplain for Hospice of Midland, officiating.

He was born on June 21, 1928, in Healdton, Okla. and married Rita Ray McDaniel on Dec. 21, 1954, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on Jan. 16, 1996.

Sam was a self-employed candy machine vendor. He served in the United States Army during World War II and during the Korean Conflict, receiving a Purple Heart. He was a member of Baptist Temple Church and was a member of the Men's Bowling Association.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Sam E. Jr. and Debra Lewis of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Paul Brown of Big Spring; one sister, Betty Watkins of Yukon, Okla.; one grandson, Jason Brown of Big Spring; three granddaughters, Jackie Brown of San Angelo, Jessica Lewis and Jennifer Lewis both of Big Spring.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

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

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

Jimmy Banister

Jimmy Banister, 62, died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at his home following a long illness. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff's report

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

• **ALREDO CASTILLO**, 19, was taken to the county jail Tuesday after being arrested by the Big Spring police officers on a Tom Green County warrant for assault causing bodily injury, and on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of controlled substance.

• **EARL PERRY HANKE**, 45, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

• **AMANDA LYNN MORROW**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license suspended, allowing a child passenger to ride without safety belt, violation of a promise to appear and no liability insurance.

• **ANDRES JUAREZ**, 44, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of violation of a protective order and a parole violation.

• **ROBERTO DUTCHOVER PEREZ**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a minor and a Texas Youth Commission warrant for a parole violation.

• **TIMOTHY MARK HUNNICUTT**, 44, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of murder.

• **SPLIT DIESEL** was reported on highway 350.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 400 block of Ritchey.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

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

• Arts, Crafts and Quilting Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main at 500 S. Main St.

• "Life After Loss," a grief support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one, meets from 6-8 p.m. for the next six weeks at Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg St. Registration is required. For more information contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

• Moving Wall closing ceremonies are set for 6:30 p.m. at the Vietnam Memorial, 2800 Swords Ave.

• Candle Light Vigil for CASA of West Texas and Rape Crisis/Victim Services is set for 6:30 p.m. in the Heart of the City Park.

• Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

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

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Country and Western Dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

• Barbecue dinner and auction from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Coahoma Junior High School gym. Tickets are \$5 and include a chopped sandwich, potato salad, beans, dessert and a drink. To-go plates are available. The auction will begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds go to the Coahoma Junior High cheerleaders.

• Big Spring State Hospital's Denim and Diamonds Gala is set at the Country Club beginning at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Spring City Arts and Crafts Show from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Free admission.

Police blotter

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

• **TIMOTHY HUNNICUTT**, 44, of No. 2 Indian Ridge was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for murder.

• **DAVID RIVERA JR.**, 18, of 1811 Nolan was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault, Class C/family violence.

• **RAUL RAMIREZ**, 20, of 2005 S. Monticello was arrested Tuesday on charge of public intoxication.

• **FABIAN AGUILAR**, 25, of 1713 Yale was arrested today on a warrants for probation violation.

• **CHARLES ROBINSON**, 42, of 1407 E. Third St. was arrested Monday on a charge of theft, more than 1,500 but less than \$20,000.

• **JOSHUA BURCHAM**, 23, of 604 Drake was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th, the 1100 block of Lamesa, the 400 block of Birdwell and the 1200 block of 11th Place.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 2000 block of Monticello.

• **INDECENCY WITH A CHILD** was reported on the west side of Big Spring.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper-50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy. A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Friday night...Cloudy with a 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. East winds around 10 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. A 40 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 40s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s.

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By LYNDEL MOO
Staff Writer

Four Big Spring students will visit for months of research when they introduce products at the Study Mentors Show. For the past year, Kendal Adams, Manoj Thangaraj, Villarreal have been of interest in d

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BSHS students to wrap up research with presentations

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Four Big Spring High School students will wrap up several months of research tonight when they introduce their final products at the Independent Study Mentorship presentation. For the past eight months, Kendal Adams, Brennan Bailey, Manoj Thangam and Veronica Villarreal have studied a field of interest in depth to create a

professional product with real world applications.

The purpose of the ISM class is to allow students a chance to explore a self-selected topic of interest, develop relationships with a mentor in that field and then create an innovated, professional product with real-life value.

Thangam, who last year placed second in the state Lincoln Douglas debate contest, created a 10 chapter how-to

6 tonight,
Big Spring High School
library,
707 E. 11th Place

guide for competition.

Both Villarreal and Bailey drew from their interest in the medical field to develop their respective products — a disabilities awareness book and an

activities book to explain day surgery to children.

Adams developed a product in the interior design field.

Each student will give a 45-minute presentation and then will be critiqued by judges who are experts in that particular field of study. They will be judged on their presentation, record keeping and the quality of the product.

Following the presentation, the students' work will be sent

to the state to be judged against students from across Texas in a similar program.

The two-and-a-half to three-hour program will begin at 6 p.m. in the high school library, 707 E. 11th Place, and the public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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

Guerrero, Taylor Niehues lead GCHS academic team to 13 first-place finishes

HERALD Staff Report

Garden City High School's Noemi Guerrero utilized her scientific sense and Taylor Niehues used his calculating skills to help the GCHS academic team to 13 first-place finishes at the University Interscholastic League District Academic Contest in Odessa Saturday.

Fifteen Garden City students qualified to advance to UIL regional competition set for April 23 in Levelland. Individual students who placed in the top three and teams that placed first advanced.

Guerrero dominated the science category with her first-

place finish. She garnered the top spot in biology, chemistry and physics and earned second high overall individual. She also placed first in computer applications and computer science.

Following close behind were teammates Taylor Niehues, who earned first in number sense and mathematics and third high individual overall; Allison Jansa, who captured first place in news and feature writing events; and Jessica Hoch, first place in accounting.

Also advancing were: Amanda Hirt, second in accounting and editorial writing; Leslie Jansa, third in

accounting; Kim Webb, third in computer applications; Taylor Niehues, second in science; Colton Schwartz, second in science and third in mathematics; and David Neufeld, second in computer science.

GCHS advanced five teams to regional contest which were: the number sense team of Taylor Niehues, Schwartz, Megan Niehues and Katie Gully; the science team of Guerrero, Taylor Niehues, Schwartz and Neufeld; the accounting team of Hoch, Hirt, Jansa and Anna Flores; the computer science team of Guerrero, Neufeld, Yesennia

Martinez and Ana Rodriguez; and the mathematics team of Taylor Niehues, Schwartz, Tyler Bednar and Guerrero. The spelling and journalism teams placed second in their respective events.

Other results from the contest were, number sense: Schwartz, fourth; Megan Niehues, eighth; Katie Gully, 14th. Editorial writing: Jansa, fourth. Spelling: Brecklyn Hughes, fourth.

Computer applications, Viviana Gamboa, fifth. Calculator, Megan Niehues, sixth; Taylor Niehues, seventh; Tyler Bednar, eighth. Accounting: Anna Flores, seventh. Computer science, Yesennia Martinez, fifth; Ana

Rodriguez, eighth. Prose, Tracy Eggemeyer, fifth. Informative speaking, Eggemeyer, fourth. Mathematics, Tyler Bednar, sixth. Coaches for the GCHS team are Jerry Cannon and Shea Gartman, number sense, mathematics and calculators; John Petree, news writing, feature writing and editorial writing; Linda Frysak, spelling.

Also, Reta Bell, computer application and accounting; Linda Jones and Randy Gartman, science; Cannon, computer science; Jill Tubb, for prose; and Koby Abney, informative speaking.

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porch swings, flutes and outdoor decorations.

Returning exhibitors will offer a wide assort-

ment of items, including wood wreaths, floral decorations, painted wood, baked items, fur covered animals, adult and children's clothing, wood and country crafts, spots quilts, throws, stained glass and dolls.

President Bush will sign fetus rights bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, eager to hand another victory to the social conservatives who make up his most loyal base of political support, decided on an elaborate ceremony to sign into law legislation expanding legal rights of the unborn.

The Unborn Victims of Violence Act makes it a crime to harm a fetus during an assault on a pregnant woman. Bush was signing the bill, which took five years to get through Congress, today in the Rose Garden. People on both sides of the fetal rights and abortion issue have said the new law will have far-reaching consequences.

Abortion opponents welcome it as a step toward more sweeping protections for the unborn, while abortion-rights proponents say the measure represents the first recognition in federal law of an embryo or fetus as a person separate from the woman.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., Bush's opponent in this fall's election voted against the bill.

Bush has said he doesn't believe the country is ready to completely ban abortions; he opposes them except in cases of rape or incest or when pregnancy endangers a woman's life. That position has become a standard line in most of his speeches.

"We stand for a culture of life in which every person counts and every person matters. We will not stand for the treatment of any life as a commodity to be experimented upon, exploited or cloned," the

president told GOP donors to his campaign fundraiser in Washington.

Bush has taken several actions that have pleased anti-abortion advocates.

As one of the first acts of his presidency, he reinstated the "Mexico City policy" that bars U.S. money from international groups that support abortion, even with their own money, through direct services, counseling or lobbying activities.

He has signed legislation that bans certain late-term abortions and that amends legal definitions of "person," "human being," "child" and "individual" to include any fetus that survives an abortion.

He has increased federal support for abstinence education, adoption and crisis pregnancy programs; placed severe restrictions on federal funding for human embryonic stem cell research to only a few existing cell lines; and extended state health coverage to "unborn children."

The measure Bush was signing into law is limited in scope, applying only to harm to a fetus while a federal crime, such as a terrorist attack or drug-related shooting, is being committed against the pregnant mother.

MOORE

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"I think this is good, I think it shows that Freecom is here to stay," Sharp said during a conversation prior to the meeting.

He also told the board that Solitaire Homes will pay off a note of \$123,542.10 by the end of April. Pete Hogstad, president of Solitaire, said plans are still in the works to reopen and expand the manufactured housing plant. By paying off the loan, it will allow Solitaire to reopen on its own timeline. The Big Spring Solitaire plant suffered a major setback when a fire destroyed the mill and cabinet area in May 2002.

In a discussion about criteria for incentives, director Tommy Churchwell told the board he was concerned that Moore Development had the reputation of being a place where businesses

could go for "free money."

"When Moore Development was created, the reasoning wasn't to give away any money, it was to accumulate wealth to the community, basically through tax dollars," he said. "It looks like we've lost sight of the original intent of Moore Development. We talk a lot about jobs, but jobs are a side effect of creating wealth. The big picture was to bring more money into the community. Most of the complaints I hear are that we can't seem to prove to anyone we are successful. It seems like we are only gauging things by how many jobs we have created."

I have no problem with that (jobs), but we need to be able to show that here's \$100,000 in incentives and this is what it produced."

He went on to say he was concerned about the lack of jobs that are creating wealth in the community, and wondered if some criteria should be

established to eliminate consideration of some businesses or industries because they might not produce cost-effective results.

While other board members did not agree on establishing exact criteria for fear that would eliminate some viable companies or reduce the growth of others, they did agree with Churchwell that more information would be good in order to "track" the success rate of the funds Moore Development expends.

"If we put restrictions on it, we hamper our flexibility," said Duane Thomas, board president. "Each deal is unique."

Bancroft and Terry Hansen agreed, saying exact criteria would be too confining.

"I'd like to have something to show that would say 'here is what we did with the money, and here is what it was used for, and what it generated,'" said Churchwell.

The group agreed that it would be good if Moore

staff could put together some figures on future transactions that might better track the funds, showing for instance, tax base, wages, wage scales and employees.

Sharp said he would send directors some sample data sheets to see what information they wanted to include.

Directors also approved some routine items, such as the financials, the investment report and previous board minutes.

CONCERT

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came about because he and the Salvation Army staff wanted to give some-

thing back to the community.

"This is the Salvation Army's 75th year in Big Spring, and although we didn't plan this around that anniversary, it really

works out great," he said.

The concert is free, and open to everyone.

"It's for everybody, no matter what the age. We'll have a wide variety of music," he added.

MURDER

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"We are having lab tests done on the shotgun to make sure it was the murder weapon," said Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt, the department's public information officer.

Police are also awaiting toxicology tests on Timothy Hunnicutt, to determine what caused him to

become unconscious.

He was immediately taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment and was unresponsive for days, Sweatt said. He was released from that facility about a week ago, according to Sgt. Sweatt.

Catherine Hunnicutt had been a life-long resi-

dent of Big Spring and was an employee at Leonard's Pharmacy at the time of her death. The couple have a young child, who was not at home at the time of the incident, police said.

Timothy Hunnicutt turned 44 today, according to Sgt. Sweatt.

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Douglas Plagens, 47, died Wednesday. Vigil Services will be at 7:00 PM Thursday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Friday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with burial at St. Lawrence Cemetery.

James C. Dunlap, Sr., 82, died Tuesday. Funeral Service will be at 4:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jimmy Banister, 62, died Wednesday. Graveside Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



PUBLIC NOTICE

On March 25, 2004 TXU Energy Retail Company LP ("TXU Energy"), in accordance with Substantive Rule 25.41 of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), filed an Application to Implement Revised Price to Beat Fuel Factors. If approved, the filing will establish new fuel factors for TXU Energy to include in its Price to Beat charges for residential and small commercial customers. For a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month, the total electric bill will increase by approximately \$3.39 per month. For a small commercial customer using an average of 2,500 kWh per month, the average monthly increase will be approximately \$8.38. The proposed fuel factors, differentiated by rate class, voltage level, and season are as follows per kilowatt-hour (kWh):

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OUR VIEWS

Let's stop talking about beautification and really do something

We all talk about making a difference, but how many of us follow up by doing something about it. Well, here's your chance. Saturday is the Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off, a day to pick up bottles, cans, plastic bags and other debris in your community.

Bags used for picking up trash can be obtained at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce on Friday, or you can bring your own. The drop-off area for trash will be the Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring. Those who participate can enjoy refreshments and hot dogs, courtesy of H-E-B, at noon.

You can choose any area to clean up. A number of groups have already signed up to pick up trash in certain parts of the city, so our advice is to go to an area where no one is working, and get after it.

One other thing... it will be appreciated if you will separate aluminum cans from the rest of the trash you collect. Those cans will be sold to raise funds for Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

A clean community is a more inviting community, we all know that. But it's time to stop talking about it and start doing something about it.

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Terrorist commission very inexperienced

The president's decision to send National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice to testify publicly, under oath, before the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks is not likely to quell the furor sparked by former White House terrorism expert Richard Clarke's testimony before the panel last week. Clarke's testimony, which accused President Bush of ignoring the terrorist threat to this nation prior to the 9/11 attack, has so politicized and poisoned the commission's work, it is doubtful it can be salvaged. Thanks to Clarke, the commission has become just another forum for partisan bickering, score-settling and finger-pointing.



LINDA CHAVEZ

Clarke's motives may never be fully known. Certainly the desire to sell copies of his just-released book, "Against All Enemies," affected the tone of his testimony, which should go down as one of the most stunning displays of hubris in the history of Washington political melodrama. In a grandiose display of self-importance, Clarke opened his testimony by apologizing to the victims of the terrorist attacks. As Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said later, "Mr. Clarke's theatrical apology on behalf of the nation was not his right, his privilege or his responsibility."

Clarke made clear that at least one of his motives for attacking President Bush was his vehement disagreement over the war in Iraq. In answer to a question about why he hadn't raised some of his concerns earlier he said, disingenuously, "In the 15 hours of (previous) testimony, no one asked me

what I thought about the president's invasion of Iraq. And the reason I am strident in my criticism of the president of the United States is because by invading Iraq — something I was not asked about by the commission, it's something I book — by invading Iraq the president of the United States has greatly undermined the war on terrorism."

Most of all, Clarke seemed motivated by a Messiah-complex. He had the familiar air of a man who believes he is smarter and better than all the fools under whom he's labored for decades — and now, finally, the world was about to grant him the recognition he deserved.

But Richard Clarke isn't really the issue. His motives, the inconsistencies in what he has said and done, even his undeniable arrogance aren't the real problem, which lies with the commission itself. By inviting Clarke — whose timing, if nothing else, was suspect — to deliver his jeremiad in open session, the commission lost all pretense of serious inquiry.

From the moment its members were named, this commission labored under a cloud of suspicion. For the most part, commission members were not chosen because of their national security expertise, and some of the members have reputations for fierce partisanship, not to mention vested interests in the outcome of the inquiry.

Richard Ben-Veniste, former Democratic counsel to the Senate Whitewater Committee investigating former President Bill Clinton and a veteran of the Watergate inquiry that led to President Richard M. Nixon's resignation, has a well-earned reputation as a partisan attack dog. Jamie Gorelick served as both the Deputy Attorney General and the

General Counsel of the Defense Department during the Clinton administration, roles that put her in the line of fire with respect to questions about the Clinton Administration's own anti-terrorism policies.

Nor are some of the Republican members any more qualified or less actively partisan. Fred Fielding may be good at keeping secrets — Bush entrusted him with vetting Cabinet officers for the current administration and he served as White House counsel in the Reagan administration — but his foreign policy credentials are pretty thin. Former Illinois governor Jim Thompson, too, has little background in intelligence, national security or foreign affairs — and both Fielding and Thompson are unquestionably loyal Republicans.

You can go down the commission list on both sides of the partisan divide, and with the possible exception of former Sen. Bob Kerry, most of these members seem to be either inexperienced in the areas they are charged with examining or too political.

It's easy to say that these members can put aside partisanship in the national interest — but it is a great deal more difficult to do. This commission should not have been bipartisan but rigorously non-partisan. It is too late to fix now; the damage has already been done. The real tragedy is that we may never learn the necessary lessons from our past intelligence and policy failures to prevent future ones from occurring — and costing American lives.

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Christians and the proposed will

There is hardly a more resolute supporter of Israel in Congress than Rep. Henry Hyde, the venerable chairman of the House International Relations Committee. That is why his March 25 letter to Secretary of State Colin Powell is so important. It is a plea to deflect Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's wall around the Holy Land from its planned position blocking the Scriptural pathway of Jesus Christ.



ROBERT NOVAK

"I fear that important religious sites will become museums for commercial purposes and will no longer be maintained as places of spiritual worship shared by billions across the world," Hyde, a prominent Roman Catholic layman, told Powell. As Holy Week approached, he asked the secretary's help to "ensure that the Stations of the Cross are not cut off from each other, preventing the normal celebrations of Easter and the commemoration of the last days of Christ."

That raises the question of whether the Bush administration will confront Israel on this issue. Sharon's government last year abruptly cut off negotiations with the Vatican. Catholic clergy and laity from the U.S., inspecting the deplorable conditions for Christians in the Holy Land, have found the attitude of the Israeli military and bureaucracy ranges from uncooperative to hostile.

When worried Catholics first visited Hyde last year to tell him of the havoc wrought by Sharon's

wall, he told them to come back with proof. A delegation headed by the Rev. Donald Rooney of Fredericksburg, Va., and the Rev. John J. Podsiadlo of Baltimore did just that in March. They returned to Hyde bearing photographs, taken despite the objections of Israeli soldiers.

"If we do not turn the tide of events," Fathers Rooney and Podsiadlo wrote after they returned, "Christian charity, sacred sites and the living Christian community in the Holy Land will be destroyed." The wall, the priests said, "could forever change the Holy Land and the people who live in and visit this cherished historic land."

With corroborating evidence supplied by his own staffer sent to investigate, Hyde was convinced. In his letter to Powell, he laid out the problems created by the Sharon wall. An 8-meter high concrete wall will completely enclose the last passage from Bethany to the Mount of Olives, restricting the Palm Sunday procession from Bethpage into Jerusalem. Access will be blocked to the Sisters of Emmanuel Monastery north of Bethlehem. A proposed route of the wall will separate the convent and school of the Rosary Sisters. The process also is certain to accelerate the continuing Israeli expropriation of West Bank land still held by the dwindling Christian community there.

Henry Hyde is no Israeli-basher. "I would never criticize Israel for building that fence," he told me. He said he is just trying to set in motion "some negotiations" to protect the Christian holy places.

The problem is that the Sharon government won't negotiate. The

Vatican charges that Israel has violated the 1993 agreement between Rome and Israel guaranteeing West Bank land owned by the Catholic Church. Sharon has refused to enforce the concordat. The Rev. David Jaeger, representing the Holy See, is a native-born Israeli citizen who has been working on this problem for 27 years but has run into the Sharon wall. The Israeli government pulled out of negotiations with Father Jaeger Aug. 28. The response to me from an Israeli embassy spokesman in Washington was "no comment."

This state of affairs did not appear on screens of Bush administration policymakers until it was called to Hyde's attention and the congressman wrote his letter. Colin Powell, who clearly has not been enthusiastic about the wall, can be counted on to carefully study the problem in the Holy Land.

But a dilemma faces Powell, Hyde and all official U.S. supporters of Israel. The wall manifests Sharon's policy of blood and iron, with severe collateral damage. While soldiers from the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) overrun church properties, the U.S. taxpayer is paying for much of the \$8 billion wall. The Christian pilgrim, stopped at IDF checkpoints, sees this graffiti at many places on the barrier: "The USA is paying for this wall." That underscores U.S. responsibility for what is happening in the Holy Land.

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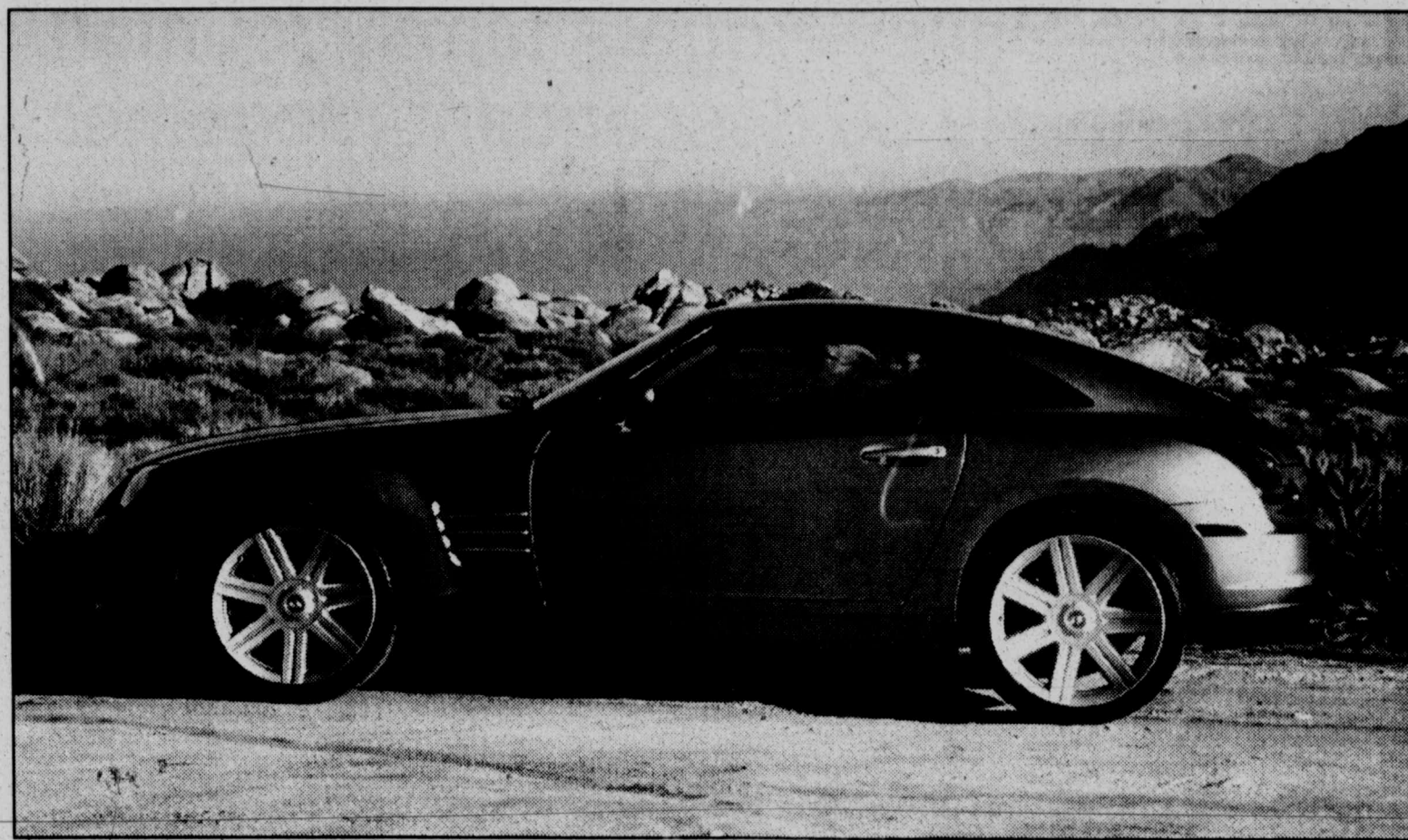
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Dubbed "the sports coupe of the future" by Chrysler Group CEO

Wolfgang Bernhard, I have to admit, the Crossfire is an absolute blast to drive today.

The Crossfire name originated during the development of the car's distinctive line, which moves precisely and rapidly from front to rear. The character line "crosses" to a negative formation as it travels quickly from the front through the rear fender.

The appearance is striking, moving from the 18-inch front wheels to broad



The 2004 Chrysler Crossfire Coupe.

shoulders of the rear wheel wells that envelop the 19-inch rear wheels.

Equipped with four-wheel independent suspension and gas-charged shocks, the Crossfire has a body structure that is twice as stiff as a Porsche Boxster and stiffer than a Porsche 911, which provides sedan-like ride comfort without sacrificing the handling characteristics of a true sports car.

I was extremely impressed at how well the Crossfire cornered. And while I didn't test the odometer's 160 mph top speed, I did manage to deploy the speed-sensitive rear spoiler that automatically extends when the vehicle reaches 60 mph.

The interior cockpit is just as impressive as the exterior. But there's not a lot of room. As I said before, you don't drive the Crossfire, you wear it.

Premium amenities feature power 8-way heated leather driver seat and 4-

way power heated leather passenger seat, power windows, telescoping steering column with leather-wrapped wheel, cruise control (and you'll need it), premium Infinity Modulus audio system with AM/FM/CD and 240-watt amplifier, dual-zone climate control system, remote keyless entry, universal garage door opener, and the Crossfire customized touring gear which includes three specially designed luggage pieces that feature design cues from the Chrysler Crossfire.

Standard safety features include four-wheel ABS, Electronic Stability Program to assist drivers in maintaining control during extreme steering maneuvers, all-speed traction control and dual front and side airbags.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Authorities seek murder suspect

MILLERTON, Pa. (AP) — Authorities continued searching early Thursday for a man accused of fatally shooting two sheriff's deputies who were serving a warrant for a minor offense at a junkyard in rural Pennsylvania.

Authorities were hunting for the suspect who got away, identified on wanted posters as Dustin F. Briggs, 27.

The shootings happened at Briggs' junkyard in Wells Township, a rural farming community about 10 miles southwest of Elmira, N.Y., said Walt Beach, the police chief in neighboring Lawrenceville.

Police described Briggs as armed and dangerous. They set up roadblocks in the area, stopping every car that passed. Schools were locked down.

Briggs had been wanted on a warrant for failing to appear in court and was previously convicted of criminal possession of a weapon, a felony.

"He's well-known to law enforcement all throughout this area," state police Trooper Tom Kelly said. "He's not afraid of authority in any way, shape or

form."

Kerry recovering from surgery

BOSTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry was recovering off the campaign trail Thursday after minor shoulder surgery that his doctor described as free of complication.

The four-term Massachusetts senator underwent the 45-minute procedure Wednesday to repair tendons in his right shoulder and bicep. Dr. Bertram Zarins, chief of sports medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, said Kerry would be in pain for a few days and probably need an ice pack and narcotic painkillers.

Kerry had no public schedule for the rest of the week.

Zarins said the presumed Democratic nominee was smiling and talking shortly after coming out of surgery.

The doctor also said Kerry would have to forgo temporarily the most time-honored tradition in politics: shaking hands.

New York budget delayed again

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York state

begins its 20th straight year without an on-time budget Thursday, a record of futility unmatched in the nation.

To the dismay of New Yorkers, there's plenty of finger-pointing, angry accusations and some weakly offered excuses but no progress and seemingly no stomach for change. Lawmakers were to observe the dubious milestone by leaving the Capitol on Thursday for a 12-day spring break.

Republican Gov. George Pataki, who offered up a \$100 billion budget plan in January, said state Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, a Democrat, simply wouldn't negotiate. Silver pinned the blame on Pataki.

"It is late and it's not my fault," chimed in Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, a Republican.

The governor on Monday sent the Legislature emergency appropriation bills to keep state government operating until at least April 18 without a new budget.

The Legislature is expected to approve the measures, worth more than \$9 billion, before it breaks Thursday.

Stewart requests new trial

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart

says she should be tried again because one of the jurors who convicted her last month didn't fully come clean about his background, including a 1997 arrest for assault.

Stewart lawyer Robert Morvillo said in papers filed in federal court Wednesday that he would have sought to strike juror Chappell Hartridge had he known about his past.

"Ms. Stewart's conviction cannot stand," Morvillo wrote.

The papers also accused Hartridge of seeking money for post-trial interviews. On the day of the guilty verdict, the juror said publicly that he believed the decision was "a victory for the little guys."

Marvin Smilon, a spokesman for the federal prosecutors who brought the case against Stewart, said "We are reviewing the motion and will respond at the appropriate time."

Hartridge could not immediately be reached for comment.


Stewart was convicted March 5 along with her broker, Peter Bacanovic, of obstructing justice and lying to the government about her sale of a block of stock in a biotechnology company just before the price dropped.

Seiler found

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Audrey Seiler's parents were always confident that the University of Wisconsin student would be found after her baffling disappearance from her off-campus apartment last weekend.

The 20-year-old sophomore was located alive and healthy Wednesday in a marsh near campus, four days after she vanished with no coat or purse.

"Audrey is doing well. She's happy to be back," said her father, Keith Seiler. "Needless to say she's thrilled to be home again with her family and friends."



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Lovelace-Bailey-Rogers family reunion brings nearly 50 descendants together



Nearly 50 descendants of Douglas and Eliza Lovelace attended a reunion in Big Spring March 13. This is the first Lovelace-Bailey-Rogers reunion in Big Spring since 1966.

Lovelace-Bailey-Rogers reunion returns to Big Spring

By NILA ALLEN

Special to the Herald — Nearly four decades have passed since the descendants of Douglas M. and Eliza McMillen Lovelace, pioneer settlers of Glasscock and Howard counties, had a family reunion in Big Spring. But on March 13 at Gale's Sweet Shoppe nearly 50 relatives traveled to Big Spring from cities across the state to remember their past. Douglas Lovelace from Fannin County and Eliza Jane McMillen from Collin County married on Sept. 3, 1872. Their first child, Lewis, only lived five days. In 1874 their second son Ben was born. The family then moved to Fannin County where Riley, Della and Effie were born. Zula Almeda was born in 1882. The couple left Collin County in 1884 with their children and headed to West Texas, traveling by covered wagon and bringing along their sheep. They visited relatives in Comanche County, then traveled on to Hamilton County, where they had other relatives. While in Hamilton County another daughter, Rilla May, was born. When they left Hamilton County, they left behind Ascenith Lovelace, Douglas' mother. Eliza later recalled that Rilla May fell out of the wagon and was killed under its wheels before the wagon could be stopped. She was buried along the wagon trail somewhere near San Saba County. After arriving in Glasscock County, Stella Pearl was born. She lived only 1 year and 4 months. Then their last child, Charles Elliott "Eck" was born in Midland County. A few years later the family moved to Big Spring and opened a dray (freight wagon) business. The freight wagon was pulled by a team of mules. Douglas served as Howard County Commissioner of Precinct 3 from 1897 through 1898. He died in 1925. Eliza was honored so many times on Mother's Day for being the eldest mother in Big Spring that she finally told her children to stop putting her name in for the prize. She died in 1956 at the age of 103 years, 9 months & 12

days. Descendants representing the families of Ben Lovelace, Riley Lovelace, Effie Lovelace Bailey Rogers and Zula Lovelace Williams attended the reunion. Louise Rogers Robertson of Marble Falls and Effie Dell Williams Parker were recognized as the last surviving members of their generation. Robertson received a beautiful family-tree plaque for being the eldest. Stephanie Bradley and children Taylor and Trenton received a framed picture of Eliza and daughters Effie and Zula for having traveled the greatest distance. Karlee Wallace of San Angelo received a teddy bear for being the youngest and Nila Bailey Allen received a framed picture of Douglas with his sheep for having the most immediate family members in attendance (40). Mary Bailey Shanks brought some of her Lovelace pattern silver flatware as well as a beautiful 16-x-20-inch framed picture of her grandmother, Mary Effie, taken when she was 22 years old, prior to her marriage. There was a pearl necklace, small pocket knife, crocheted scarfs, a milk glass candy dish, and other memorabilia. A picture of Mary Effie Lovelace Bailey Rogers displayed on a memorial board generated excitement because there were six generations of her descendants present. Family members came from as far away as



Courtesy photos Douglas and Eliza Lovelace, circa 1872. This may have been their wedding photograph.

Houston, Garland, Salado, Del Rio, Austin and Marble Falls and as near as San Angelo, Odessa, Midland and Tarzan. The 42 adults and six children ranged in age from 20 months to 88 years. The last reunion here was in 1966, so many of those attending said this reunion was like coming home. It was agreed that a family reunion should be held in Big Spring again next year.

Deadline for Features' submissions is noon on Wednesday.
E-mail: life@bigspringherald.com

In the Military

Navy Petty Officer 3rd class Eric M. Gates

Navy Petty Officer 3rd class Eric M. Gates, son of Tina K. Thomas of Big Spring, recently graduated from the Navy's Nuclear Power School at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Goose Creek, S.C. During the six-month course, Gates received fundamental training in several technical fields related to the nuclear power program. Gates studied mathematics and physics for three months in preparation for hands-on training later in the course. In the latter half of the course, Gates spent hours becoming familiar with nuclear reactor theory and operations. With his newly acquired knowledge, Gates is prepared to operate a reactor on a nuclear powered submarine or aircraft carrier, ensuring the availability of propulsion and power. Gates is a 2001 graduate of Big Spring High School and join the Navy in November 2002.

Marine Corps Cpl. Joe G. Henderson

Marine Corps Cpl. Joe G. Henderson, son of Holly R. Moore of Big Spring, recently returned from a routine, scheduled deployment on board the USS Peleliu, home-ported in San Diego, while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), based out of Camp Pendleton, Calif. During the deployment, Henderson's unit conducted a humanitarian assistance, security and stabilization mission in Iraq. They also patrolled international waters in

the Red Sea and Horn of Africa to deter the transport of terrorist personnel and equipment.

Henderson is a 1999 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School of Midland, and joined the Marine Corps in July 1999. For more information on the deployment, and for high resolution photographs please visit the 13th MEU web site at <http://www.12meu.usmc.mil>

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Israel Martinez

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Israel Martinez, son of Anita Massey of Big Spring, recently returned from a routine, scheduled deployment on board the USS Peleliu, home-ported in San Diego, while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), based out of Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Martinez' unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operation in virtually any environment. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element. With this combination, Martinez's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

Martinez is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School and joined the Marine Corps in May 2001. For more information on the deployment, and for high resolution photographs please visit the 13th MEU web site at <http://www.13meu.usmc.mil>

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IN BRIEF

Lady Hawks split twinbill with Odessa

Howard College's Lady Hawks split a conference doubleheader with Odessa College's Lady Wranglers at Foundation Field Wednesday afternoon. After seeing Odessa take a 3-1 win in the opener — scoring two runs in the top of the ninth inning — the Lady Hawks rebounded for a 1-0 shutout win in the nightcap.

The Lady Hawks, whose record is now 18-13-2 on the season and 9-11 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play, were slated to host Odessa in a doubleheader at 1 p.m. today, closing out the four-game series.

Coahoma UGSA still offering last chance

The Coahoma United Girls Softball Association will be holding last chance sign-ups for Division I, II and III players with no late fees starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Coahoma Softball Complex.

Anyone needing additional information should contact association president Patricia Robinson at 393-5622.

A umpires clinic set for Thursday

An ASA Softball Umpire clinic will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Parties interested in umpiring should contact Francisco Ramirez at (432) 466-3670.

Umpires needed for Little League season

Umpires are needed for the Little League baseball season. Anyone interested in working with youth should call Jason Hester, president of the big Spring Little League Umpires Association, at 264-7777, or Don Booth, vice president, at 263-6597.

Teen League slates registration

The Big Spring Teenage Baseball League is holding registration at All District Screen Printing, 1005 E. 11th Place, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The league is open to all area youth ages 13-16, with sign-up continuing through April 16. The signing fee is \$65 and includes a team cap and shirt. For more information, contact Stan Parker at 264-2570.

Texas Peloteros Bash coming in April

Texas Peloteros' April Fool's Bash softball tournament will be held April 3-4 in Big Spring. Entry fee is \$125. First through third team trophies and T-shirts and a fourth place team trophy will be awarded.

For information, contact Manuel and Edna Gonzales at 263-8219 or 432-816-6159 or Pete Carrillo at 432 816-1179.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule Today		
Event, Time	Station	Time
Mavericks vs. Sacramento, 6:30 p.m.	1490	
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Event, Time	Station	Time
Hawks at Western Texas, 3 p.m.	1490	
Steers at Estacado, 7 p.m.	1490	

Steers, Lady Steers to host meet on Friday

By ROB LOFTIS

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Steers and Lady Steers track teams will host the AMBUCS Relays Friday afternoon at Blankenship Field in the last meet before the all-important District 4-4A meet set for April 15-16 in Andrews.

Both the Steers and Lady Steers have enjoyed a very good season in what Lady Steers head coach Jay Kennedy calls "the closest district race we've had."

"We are expecting several

"The athletes really like to run at their own stadium and it's always better when you don't have to travel."

Jay Kennedy
Lady Steers coach

teams to participate, some from our district such as Levelland, (San Angelo) Lake View and Frenship, and some from out of district," explained Kennedy.

A total of 34 events, 17 in each of the boys' and girls' divisions, will be contested Friday and both Big Spring squads want to make an impressive showing in order

to gain momentum for the district meet.

The Big Spring thinclads will have the advantage being at home and competing in front of family and classmates.

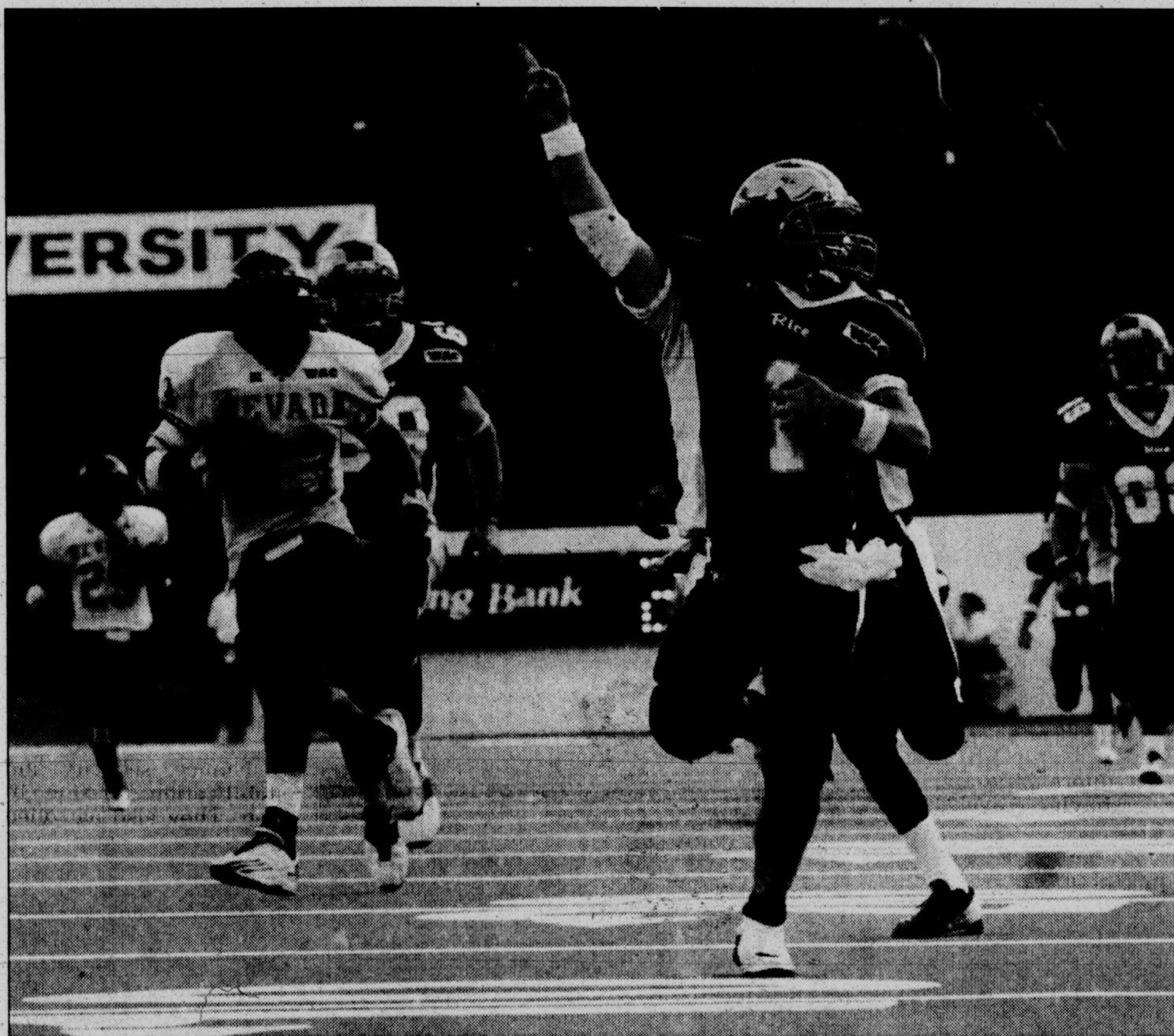
"The athletes really like to run at their own stadium, and it's always better when you don't have to travel," Kennedy

explained, adding that the Steers and Lady Steers have a number of "great athletes" that are ready to showcase their talents to home fans who haven't had a chance to watch them until now.

Enthusiastic spectators can make all the difference in an event, not to mention what a difference it can make for an athlete who needs that little "extra" to surpass the competition.

"We have good expectations this year and hopefully we will shock some people with our abilities," Kennedy said.

HE'S AGAIN OWLS' No. 1



Rice quarterback Kyle Herm (1) celebrates his team record-tying 95-yard touchdown run against Nevada during his senior season with the Owls. The former Stanton High School star closed out his collegiate career recently by receiving the George Martin Award, giving the Rice's most valuable player in football. It was the second time in his career that Herm claimed the Martin Award.

Herm again named Rice MVP, getting a second Martin Award

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

The honors just keep coming for Kyle Herm.

During the recent Rice University All-Sports Spring Banquet, Herm was honored by being named the recipient of the George Martin Award, signifying him as the Owls' most valuable player.

It was the second time in his career at Rice that the senior quarterback had won the Martin Award. He also claimed the honor following his sophomore season.

Earlier this year, during the Owls' Annual Football Banquet, Herm was named as one of three permanent captains of the 2003 Rice Owl team and received the

"Bloody Joe" Davis Award, given to the player who most displays the competitive spirit of the legendary Rice coach by rising above pain and injury to be the best player possible.

The former Stanton Buffaloes standout, who quarterbacked the Buffs to the 1997 Class 2A state championship and was named the Class 2A State Player of the Year in both football and basketball in 1998, finished his Rice career as the first player in Owls history to rush and pass for more than 2,000 yards in his career.

Despite having to continually overcome injuries that sidelined him during his collegiate career, Herm chalked up a number of impressive statistics at Rice.

Not only did he finish his career

with 2,028 yards rushing and 2,332 yards passing, his 95-yard touchdown run against Nevada this past season equaled the longest run in Rice history, tying the famous bench-tackle play in the 1954 Cotton Bowl when Rice's Dicky Maegle was tackled by Alabama's Tommy Lewis from off the bench.

Herm's 82-yard touchdown pass to Ben Wiggins against SMU's Mustangs in 2003 was the second longest passing play in Rice football history, as well.

He closes his college playing days as the fifth all-time rusher in Rice history and seventh all-time in total offensive yards.

His 35 career touchdowns (18 rushing and 17 passing) is the school's fifth best all-time mark in that category.

Bulldogettes roll past Crane, 8-2

HERALD Staff Report

CRANE — Coahoma's Bulldogettes opened District 3-2A softball play in impressive fashion Tuesday night, rolling to an 8-2 win over Crane.

The Bulldogettes got on the scoreboard first when Kali Roberts scored in the first inning after reaching base on a throwing error. Ashle New singled to left to plate the run.

The Lady Cranes deadlocked the game with a run in their half of the third inning, capitalizing on a

Coahoma throwing error and a hit — one of just New would allow in a distance-going effort that saw her strike out 10 batters and walk just two.

Coahoma got all the runs they would need to chalk up the win in the third inning with a four-run rally. Ruby Garcia led off the inning by drawing a walk and Liz Conley followed with a double to put runners at second and third. Roberts then reached base on an error that allowed Garcia to score. New, Sarah Dunn and Cheyenne Grice then added RBI hits.

The Bulldogettes wrapped up

their scoring in the fourth. Garcia again led off by drawing a walk and scored on Conley's second consecutive extra-base hit. Conley scored on a suicide squeeze bunt off Roberts' bat. And Roberts, who beat out the throw to first on her sacrifice attempt, eventually scored on a Crane error.

With the victory, the Bulldogettes improved to 8-3 on the season and will return to action Friday with a non-district game they'll host against Class 5A San Angelo Central's Lady Bobcats. Junior varsity action is set for 5 p.m. with varsity play to follow around 7 p.m.

Forsan netters shine

HERALD Staff Report

MERTZON — Forsan's Buffaloes again claimed hardward over the weekend with their showing at the Irion County Invitational Tennis Tournament.

The boys' doubles team of Josh Helmstetler and Brandon Burleson took first place honors, opening the tournament with wins over teams from Sanderson and Irion County before defeating a duo from District 3-2A rival Crane in the title match.

The championship game saw Helmstetler and Burleson come from behind to post a three-set victory over Crane's Nolan Henderson and David Sanchez. After losing the first set 4-6 and being down 0-3 in the second, the Buffs tandem battled back for three straight games to deadlock the second set and rolled to a 6-3 victory.

They kept the momentum in the third set and claimed the tournament crown with a 6-4 win.

In girls' singles, Lacy Eggleston took the tournament's championship for a second consecutive year.

After easy wins in the first two matches of the tournament, Eggleston ousted Crane's top player, Andrea Valdez, with a 7-6, 4-6, 6-3 win in the semifinals.

She faced Irion County's top player, Meghan Dennison in the title game, but breezed through to a 6-4, 6-4 victory.

Forsan seniors Heather Hise and Felicia Osburn took the girls' doubles consolation title. After an opening-round, three-set loss to Crane's Krista Henry and Crystal Sharp, they rolled past a Christoval team before taking

on teammates Tessa Montgomery and Kaylor Stanley in the consolation title match they won by a 6-1, 6-2 margin.

Haylea Belew took the consolation girls' singles title.

While the Forsan varsity was making waves in the Irion County tournament, their junior high cohorts were playing well at the Garden City Invitational.

Blake Grantham and James Marlow took the eighth-grade boys' doubles title with wins over teams from Crane and Westbrook.

And in girls' singles, Tara Kuykendall rebounded from an opening-round loss to roll through three straight matches and claim the consolation title.

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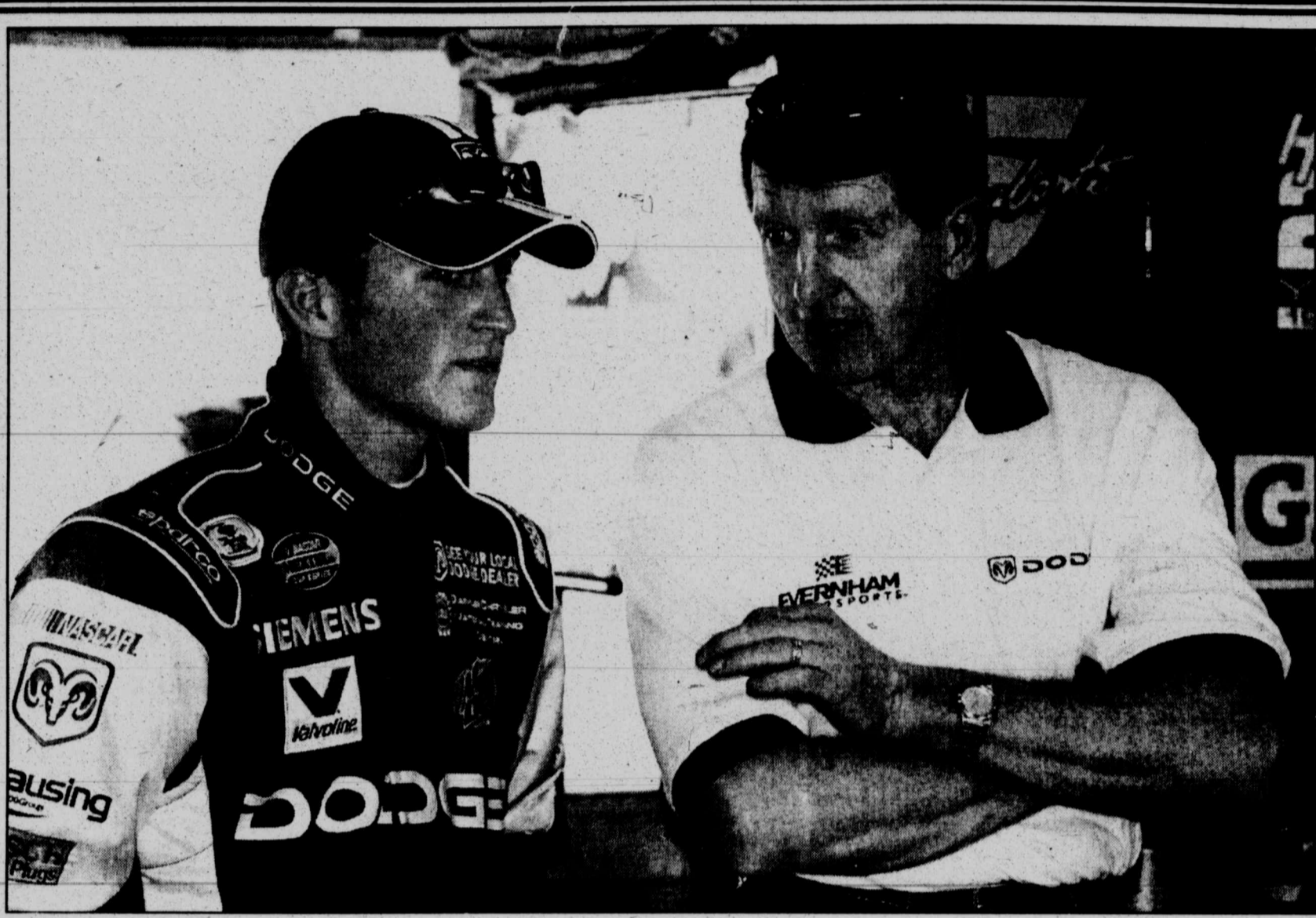
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Kasey Kahne gets some driving tips from longtime NASCAR driver Bill Elliott at Nextel Cup practice at Daytona International Speedway.

Learning the ropes

By JEFF WILSON
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Any 9-year-old moving to a different school can relate to the plight of NASCAR rookies: It's not easy being the new kid.

"You don't want to get any of these veterans on your bad side right off the bat," said Casey Mears, who is in his sophomore Nextel Cup season.

"You want to come in gracefully but competitive, and that's hard to do."

But some veterans say it's not as hard as it used to be. As the sport has grown, more drivers make their upper-division debuts with more experience, more talent and more support. The result is fewer rookie-induced wrecks and more top finishes by first-year racers.

"Probably racing experience-wise, he had a heck of a lot more when he came in than I had when I came in," the semi-retired Bill Elliott said of today's rookie. "You can't put that in as a true rookie."

As evidence, Elliott pointed to his teammate at Evernham Motorsports.

Kasey Kahne has won two poles and finished second twice and third once in his first five Cup races as Elliott's replacement in the No. 9 Dodge. Kahne spent two years in the Busch Series before joining the Cup circuit and has a long list of open-wheel accomplishments on a racing resume he began building as a 14-year-old.

His other teammate, Jeremy Mayfield, has nothing but praise for Kahne, who will turn 24 on April 10.

"He already knows how to race," Mayfield

Rookies rely on experience, team in adapting to Nextel Cup racing

said, driver of the No. 19 Dodge. "I'm not worried or concerned when I'm running around him in practice or in the race."

Kahne has also benefited from his team, which finished the 2003 season with Elliott as the hottest driver on the Cup circuit.

"Right now, he is in the right stuff," said Matt Kenseth, the reigning Cup champion and 2000 Rookie of the Year. "I knew he was good all along, and if you put him in good stuff, he's going to run good."

But a fast start won't promote a rookie to the veteran ranks, nor strip the NASCAR-mandated yellow stripe from the back bumper of a rookie's ride. And Kahne knows that.

"I try to respect those guys and what they're doing," Kahne said. "I don't want jump in here as a rookie and act like I know what I'm doing. So I just try to go in there and be myself and try to learn from those guys."

But even the best rookies are prone to mistakes. Brian Vickers, the 2003 Busch Series champ, and Johnny Sauter triggered this year's version of "the Big One" during the Daytona 500, and Brendan Gaughan, winner of the past four Craftsman Truck races at Texas Motor Speedway, was involved in a wreck at the Subway 400.

"There are cars out there that cut down on you," Mayfield said. "They don't understand we're racing the leader, not each other. The rookie who doesn't figure that out, he doesn't make it in this sport."

NASCAR tries to help ease a rookie's development, conducting pre-race meetings at each event.

"Basically, they get a veteran driver in there and talk to you about the line and things about the track that might jump out and bite you," said Martin Truex Jr., a Busch Series rookie who drives the Dale Earnhardt Jr.-owned No. 81 Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

Strong teammates can also help a rookie from sliding down the learning curve.

"I have Rusty Wallace and Ryan Newman as teammates, and that takes a little more of that curve out," said Gaughan, who drives the No. 77 Dodge for Penske South Racing and also has coaching help from NASCAR great Buddy Baker.

"He's supposed to be my coach all year," Gaughan said of Baker, who also helped nurture Newman during his ascent to Cup racing. "I listen to everything he says, and he does a great job telling me what he wants and where he wants me to be. ... With any luck, he'll stay more than just a year."

With the right combination of experience, talent and support, rookie drivers hope they'll last more than a year, too.



Truex Jr.



Gaughan

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Last year's winner: Ryan Newman.

Also this week: Nextel Cup driver Kevin Harvick leads the Busch Series standings but is not running in Saturday's race at Texas. That will leave second-place David Green as the series de facto points leader. Martin Truex Jr., who earned his first series win last weekend, is 11 points behind Green.



Newman

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Should Dale Earnhardt Jr. be penalized for admittedly spinning out to bring the yellow flag in the 2004 Food City 500?

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

A potential lawsuit settlement in Texas could mean two fewer races in the Carolinas. Darlington and Rockingham would share one race, with each track running every other year. What's the right thing to do?

Number of votes: 7,686

Response	No. of votes	Percent
Go back to two races every season at each	5,345	70%
That rotation would work	1,013	13%
Drop Rockingham race	838	11%
Drop races at both tracks	344	4%
Drop Darlington race	146	2%

STOP 'N' GO

RANDOM THOUGHTS

A list of who's hot and who's not in Winston Cup racing.

WHO'S HOT

■ Matt Kenseth is the only driver with five top-10 finishes in 2004.
■ Sterling Marlin has climbed from 37th to 10th in points since Daytona.

WHO'S NOT

■ Four of the six rookies — Johnny Sauter, Brendan Gaughan, Brian Vickers and Scott Riggs — are 25th or lower in points.
■ Casey Mears has dropped from 10th to 23rd in points over the past three races.
■ Elliott Sadler is the only driver in the top 10 in points who has not led at least one lap this season.

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of March 28:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. M. Kenseth (17)	898	21. T. Labonte (5)	638
2. K. Busch (97)	877	22. D. Jarrett (88)	612
3. D. Earnhardt Jr. (8)	857	23. C. Mears (41)	606
4. T. Stewart (20)	804	24. R. Gordon (31)	579
5. R. Newman (12)	788	25. J. Sauter (30)	578
6. J. Johnson (48)	785	26. B. Gaughan (77)	555
7. K. Harvick (29)	773	27. K. Schrader (49)	524
8. J. Mayfield (19)	764	28. B. Vickers (25)	507
9. E. Sadler (38)	757	29. K. Petty (45)	506
10. S. Marlin (40)	727	30. J. Burton (99)	500
11. K. Kahne (9)	721	31. R. Craven (32)	494
12. J. Gordon (24)	722	32. R. Rudd (21)	480
13. B. Labonte (18)	708	33. J. Green (43)	477
14. J. McMurray (42)	684	34. M. Waltrip (15)	456
15. M. Martin (6)	677	35. S. Riggs (10)	434
16. G. Biffle (16)	675	36. D. Cope (50)	432
17. R. Wallace (2)	665	37. K. LePage (4)	426
18. S. Wimmer (22)	655	38. D. Blaney (23)	248
19. J. Nemechek (01)	650	39. J. Andretti (1)	205
20. W. Burton (22)	647	40. K. Sheldermine (72)	200

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of March 27:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. K. Harvick	790	11. B. Hamilton Jr.	623
2. D. Green	749	12. T. Fedewa	617
3. M. Truex Jr.	740	13. R. Hornaday	607
4. M. Waltrip	724	14. K. Wallace	572
5. G. Biffle	678	15. M. Bliss	570
6. J. Keller	673	16. J. Benson	518
7. R. Gordon	637	17. A. Lewis	509
8. K. Busch	637	18. K. Kahne	506
9. D. Stremme	634	19. S. Grissom	499
10. J. Sauter	628	20. J. Leffler	494

NEXT RACE: Saturday, O'Reilly 300, Fort Worth, Texas

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of March 13:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. T. Kvapil	340	6. S. Hmiel	276
2. C. Edwards	336	7. T. Cook	269
3. B. Hamilton	320	8. M. Skinner	264
4. D. Reutimann	313	9. C. Chaffin	262
5. D. Setzer	285	10. M. Crafton	261

NEXT RACE: April 17, Kroger 250, Martinsville, Va.

RANKINGS THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

- 1. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17):** Seesaws back to the top slot this week with another perseverant top-five performance. Last week: 2.
- 2. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8):** Admits to spinning himself to get the caution he needed at Bristol. He is his

father's son. Last week: 1.

- 3. Kurt Busch (car No. 97):** Knew he messed up by skipping pit stop at Bristol, but stepped up to win the race. Last week: 7.

- 4. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48):** Had a so-so day at Bristol. He's here because he's one of four drivers with a win this year. Last week: 3.

- 5. Ryan Newman (car No. 12):** Team didn't get its first race win until Texas last year either. Then it won

seven more. Last week: 6.

- 6. Kevin Harvick (car No. 29):** Another team that seems to be getting its competitive feet under it after a wiggly start. Last week: 8.

- 7. Kasey Kahne (car No. 9):** Poor finish at Bristol not totally his fault, but bad things happen to good teams, too. Last week: 4.

- 8. Tony Stewart (car No. 20):** At some point somebody needs to calm down the driver so the team can go to

work. Last week: 5.

- 9. Jamie McMurray (car No. 42):** Showed some spunk at Bristol race. That was OK, but he doesn't want to make a habit of it. Last week: 11.

- 10. Sterling Marlin (car No. 40):** Quietly putting together a good start to this season. Nothing flashy, but very solid. Last week: 15.

For the rest of the top-40 rankings, go online and visit www.thatsracin.com.

NASCAR appears to be making up rules as it goes

Based on what we saw over the weekend at Bristol Motor Speedway, NASCAR is working so hard to manage what's happening on the track this year that it doesn't have time to worry about next year yet.

With this year's trip to Texas Motor Speedway now atop the sport's appointment book, we can all look ahead to a week filled with speculation about what might or might not be on the 2005 Nextel Cup schedule.

Talk is rampant about a possible settlement of a lawsuit filed by Speedway Motors Inc. stockholders that would result in a second Cup date for Texas in 2005, and could trigger a significant reshuffling of the circuit's calendar next season.



That's a big story, and there will be much more conjecture about it leading up to Sunday's Samsung/Radio Shack 500. But there's a long way to go yet before it can be authoritatively written.

Right now, the people running NASCAR's show have enough to do just trying to get through a given weekend's races.

In Saturday's Busch Series race, officials were so intent on getting a green-flag finish they ignored two incidents that should have brought out the yellow flag in the final laps before finally throwing it after a third.

By that point, the event was largely in disarray. Mike Bliss didn't realize he still had another quarter of a lap to run to complete the event, so he pulled on pit road prematurely and went from a second-place finish to 17th. Other drivers almost made the same mistake,

and some cars that slowed down either out of confusion or deference to the rule requiring them to do so once the caution comes out were passed by some that didn't.

Sunday's Nextel Cup race was no Tupperware party, either.

Kasey Kahne was promising to avenge his early ouster after a wreck with Jamie McMurray put him behind the wall. Later, McMurray tried to exact instant revenge on Matt Kenseth following their late-race duel for position. Dale Earnhardt Jr. admitted to spinning himself out on purpose to get a caution. Tony Stewart got mad, again.

NASCAR, meanwhile, once again thought about keeping the yellow flag in its official pocket as the laps wound down. When Dale Jarrett hit the Turn 1 wall on Lap 493, it took nearly a full-lap for them to decide that the caution needed to come out.

As had been the case on Saturday, its desire to give fans a green-flag finish

was admirable. But just as a foul should be a foul in basketball no matter how much time is left, a wreck is a wreck in NASCAR. Jarrett's crash Sunday, just like the two that were overlooked Saturday, would have meant an instant decision to throw a yellow at any other point in the race.

NASCAR did some things right over the weekend, like being more vigilant in enforcing its minimum speed to get cars running too slowly off the track. But there have been way too many scoring and other procedural issues in this season's first six races.

If NASCAR can't enforce all the rules and procedures it has on the books, then it needs to streamline those procedures so fans and competitors have a reasonable understanding of what should and will happen in certain circumstances. Right now, it looks like NASCAR is making things up as it goes along.

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Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 22, 2004, for the consideration of selecting a city depository.

Bids are to be opened at 2:00 p.m. on the above date and read aloud in the office of the Director of Finance, Room 102, City Hall, 310 Nolan St., Big Spring, Texas 79720, with final award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council at 5:30 p.m. on May 25, 2004 in the City Council Chamber at 307 W. 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas. Bid information and specifications may be obtained in the office of the Director of Finance, Room 102, First Floor, City Hall, 310 Nolan St., Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid opening and be clearly marked "depository bid".

The City of Big Spring reserved the right to reject any and all bids. Signed: Russ McEwen, Mayor signed: Peggy S. Walker, Director of Finance/City Secretary April 1, 2004
TAMI MATTHEWS
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
The Leo moon starts off this April Fools' Day. Pranks will be highly imaginative and can be pulled off with rather dramatic results. Just be careful, never putting health or well-being in harm's way. Unpredictable Uranus is just waiting for an opportunity to throw a twist into the mix. The Virgo moon finishes the day with restful, nurturing sleep.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Doing the work that will allow you to have a more honest and meaningful relationship with the world is what it's all about. You can approach this from the inside out, but it's perhaps easier to approach it from the outside in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Something to learn from everyone is the theme. Life-changing wisdom and perhaps



Joyce Jillson

even love are disgraced as a stranger now. It could be the person sitting next to you on the airplane or the one behind you in line.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be acutely aware of beauty, harmony and the interdependence of all things. Workaholics: Re-evaluate your need for inner balance as well as worldly gains. Don't worry about what others are expecting of you this afternoon.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Doing what is difficult is your winning ticket. Imagining good for your worst foe helps you succeed with that big task. Money crunch? It's fixed attitudes, not a lack of funds, that can keep you from growing financially.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). This April Fools' Day, you could play the ultimate fool and topple head over heels in love! No matter what your age, you could go for someone right out of that range and cause some eyebrows to raise in the process.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your unique abilities

are the ones that get you recognized. If you're not using them, start. Neglected talents disappear, and nurtured ones blossom. Tonight includes getting out in style. Let loose, and have fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Work you meant to do around the house is still not done. But you have a home, not merely a house. Your continuous focus on the people you live with makes you more fulfilled than being a perfect housekeeper ever could.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're a master of mystery, and you know how to reveal just the right thing at the right time. Therefore, take your time building the rapport between you and new people you meet. Singles have luck on the Internet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're a sophisticated individual, but be careful not to lose the childlike curiosity that drives you toward discovery. Experimentation brings back the old sense of

wonder, which is very attractive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can learn much from observing others today, but don't let that be enough. After all, that god is knowledge if you don't apply it? Interaction is what will bring you the business, money, friendships and love you crave.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In the spirit of April Fools' Day, you may pretend you are someone else. And why not? There is a secret star/politician/world-class athlete hiding somewhere inside you just trying to get out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Joyous experiences include a conflict -- the kind that only you could get into, perhaps because only you could get out of it. You present a challenge to closed minds, and you'll have the most interesting experiences and rewards.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My son is an Aquarian teenager. He's smart, and he always has a million

things going on, but he doesn't seem to finish anything. When I encourage him to get it together, he tunes me out. How do I motivate him?"

Aquarius is a sign that more often needs a nap than a motivator. This is one busy sign, always up to something, going somewhere and often overcommitted. He's also a fixed sign, notorious for being stubborn, so simply encouraging him, making requests or offering suggestions will only get on his nerves. If you find out what he wants and help him get it, he'll be more likely to respond to you. Aquarians ultimately are fair.

"How does it look for a creative partnership between a Virgo and an Aries? Can we make a mint writing together?"

Both Aries and Virgo are signs that are seldom satisfied with anything! Ambition and a love of work is a quality you share. Your Aries sun is more practical and down to earth. His nitpicking may aggravate you, but ultimately, your product is better for it. Windows

for getting a break are on and around: April 20, June 11 until June 18, July 10.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Eric Clapton is the only musician to be inducted three times into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame: as a member of the Yardbirds and of Cream, and as a solo artist. Clapton has had many iterations of music throughout his career, due to his Aries search for true identity. He also started Crossroads Centre, Antigua, a chemical addiction treatment facility in the Caribbean.

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am an 18-year-old high school senior, and I have a major problem. I met "Linda" in sixth grade, and we became fast friends. Later that year, a friend of mine said she'd heard a nasty rumor about me that morning.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

After some sniffing around, I found out that my good friend, Linda, told this horrible lie about me because she was jealous of my other friendships. Her tactic worked. The gossip ruined every friendship I had -- even the girl who asked me about the rumor never spoke to me again.

Linda transferred to another school after sixth grade, and I thought that was the end of it. However, I got into some trouble, and now Linda and I are both at the same high school. At first, I decided she was a changed girl and everything was hunky-dory. But last week, Linda and I got into a fight on the bus about some little thing and she threatened to use the same rumor against me, this time at our current school.

Annie, Linda is infuriating. She spreads rumors about everyone. She is loud, stupid, annoying and never thinks she is wrong. I am so sick of her that I don't want to be her friend any longer. However, I am afraid if I tell her goodbye, she'll spread this same horrid rumor about me and ruin my life yet again. What should I do?

Dear Between: We are eager to help any teenager who uses the phrase "hunky-dory." If Linda is as obnoxious as you say, other students will know not to believe her gossip. If necessary, speak up and tell your friends the truth.

It sounds as if Linda has some serious insecurity issues. Perhaps you could gently suggest that she might want to talk to the school counselor about the things that bother her. And it wouldn't hurt for you to enlist the counselor's help as well.

Dear Annie: I love my 75-year-old dad dearly. My children adore him, and we love having him around. The problem? He

have to give it back? And should I respond to her e-mail? -- Frustrated in Pennsylvania

Dear Pa.: The necklace belongs to you. If you want to mend fences, you might send a conciliatory reply to her e-mail. If you can't manage that, ignore her.

Dear Annie: Recently, my family vacationed with several other families. Four of us stayed in the same hotel. Since we all have 15-year-old sons, we allowed the boys to have a room to themselves. Two of us had rooms on either side of the boys.

About 2 a.m., I was awakened by rowdiness in the boys' room. I knocked on the door and asked to see my son. While standing in the doorway, I could smell alcohol in the room. My son said he had not been drinking, and I believe him.

What would be the right thing to do in this situation? The other boys are not my responsibility, and I don't feel right reprimanding them. I did not want to discipline my son and embarrass him in front of his friends for fear of his being ostracized. Should I tell the other parents about the drinking or just keep my mouth shut? I don't want to lose these friendships. -- Confused Parent in the East

Dear Confused: You have an obligation to inform the other parents that you smelled alcohol in the boys' room. What they do with that information is between them and their children. Try not to sound judgmental or upset, and if they choose to discuss it with you further, fine, but the choice should be theirs.

Dear Annie: This is in regard to "Stinky" in New York, who has terrible breath. There may be a less expensive and time-consuming evaluation and treatment of this symptom.

I am a practicing otolaryngologist, and I see many patients with halitosis. Probably the most common causes arise from gastroesophageal reflux disease, or the more recently described laryngopharyngeal reflux disease. Another common cause is chronic cryptic tonsillitis, in which food debris and

bacteria collect in the tonsils; and with lesser frequency, chronic sinusitis and an infected Tornwaldt's bursa (a pocket in the throat behind the nose). In the older population, chronic lung disease may be a factor.

Most of these diseases are relatively easily treated, and those patients in whom treatment is successful are extremely grateful. -- Hugh N. Hazenfield, M.D., F.A.C.S., University of Hawaii, John A. Burns

School of Medicine

Dear Dr. Hazenfield: Many thanks for your additional information and helpful suggestions. Here's one more on the subject:

Dear Annie: I bet anything that "Stinky" has celiac disease. Eating products containing gluten when you are gluten intolerant gives you AWFUL breath. Please have this person contact a specialist immediately. -- Lynne

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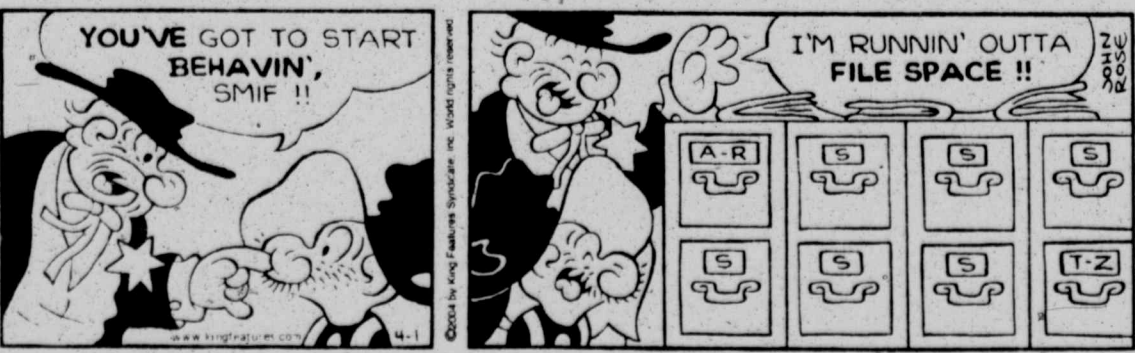
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 1, the 92nd day of 2004. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 1, 1945, American forces invaded Okinawa during World War II.

On this date: In 1853, Cincinnati, Ohio, became the first U.S. city to pay its firefighters a regular salary.

In 1918, the Royal Air Force was established in Britain.

In 1933, Nazi Germany began persecuting Jews with a boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.

In 1946, tidal waves struck the Hawaiian islands, resulting in more than 170 deaths.

In 1960, the first weather satellite, TIROS-One, was launched from Cape Canaveral.

In 1963, most of New York City's daily newspapers resumed publishing after settlement was reached in a 114-day strike.

In 1970, President Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after January 1, 1971.

In 1983, tens of thousands of anti-nuclear demonstrators linked arms in a 14-mile human chain spanning three defense installations in rural England.

In 1984, recording star Marvin Gaye was shot to death by his father, Marvin Gay Sr., in Los Angeles. (The elder Gay pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter, and received probation.)

In 1987, in his first major speech on the AIDS epidemic, President Reagan told doctors in Philadelphia, "We've declared AIDS public health enemy No. 1."

Ten years ago: The government reported the

nation's unemployment rate for March remained unchanged from February, at 6.5 percent.

Today's Birthdays: Author William Manchester is 82. Actor George Grizzard is 76. Actress Jane Powell is 75. Actress Grace Lee Whitney is 74. Actress Debbie Reynolds is 72. Country singer Jim Ed Brown is 70. Actor Don Hastings is 70. Blues singer Eddie King is 66. Actress Ali MacGraw is 66. Rhythm and blues singer Rudolph Isley is 65. Reggae singer Jimmy Cliff is 56. Jazz musician Gil Scott-Heron is 55. Actress Annette O'Toole is 51.

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Newsday Crossword

SEIZE THE DAY by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman

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